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Devotees pray at Peer Budhan Ali Shah Mazaar

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JAMMU, Aug 13: Large number of devotees visited the Peer Budhan Ali Shah Mazaar at Satwari and prayed for the well being of all.

While paying obeisance, R.L.Kaith said, Peer Budhan Ali Shah was such personality that his impression was there extremely and widely on human beings. He was firm a believer in the unity and oneness of Allah. He was all the time in deep meditation with Almighty. He had no relation with both of the

Adding further Kaith said Dargah which is next to the airport was very small at one time. It obstructed the runway. Airport authority ordered the demolition of the shrine. To everyone's surprise, difficulties began to surface and they failed to demolish this place. The planes that took off from the runway developed some or the other problems for which there was no specific reason. Later, the idea was dropped.

Imam sitting over there said that on every Thursday thousands of visitors come at the Ziarat and pray to Peer to get their problems

APSCC to field **Sikh Candidates** in upcoming JK **Assembly Elections**

SRINAGAR, Aug 13 (Agencies): The All-Parties Sikh Coordination Committee (APSCC) on Tuesday said that it will field independent candidates in the upcoming Assembly Elections in the Union Territory of J&K.

The APSCC said that the failure brought upon them by the successive political parties in the region has compelled them to make this move, which they said would "teach them (political parties) a lesson."

Condemning the reservation policy issued by the government, the APSCC said that it is unfortunate that the seats have been reserved for scheduled caste, scheduled tribe, and Kashmir Pandits while the Sikhs have been left out.

A statement by the APSCC said that they have met the retired judge Ranjana Desai who is heading the Delimitation Commission and that they are hoping to get represen-

tation in some seats. Terming the reservation as discrimination, the APSCC said tha

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Security tightened on Jammu-Srinagar Highway ahead of Independence Day

UDHAMPUR, Aug 13 (Agencies): Authorities have tightened security, including checking of vehicles on the Jammu-Srinagar Highway, ahead of the 78th Independence Day.

Security personnel were seen carrying out security checks for the safe and smooth conduct of the celebrations.

Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Udhampur Prehlad Kumar appealed to the public to report any suspicious activity to the police.



"The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and other security forces are conducting the security checks apart from the normal security checks conducted by the Jammu and Kashmir police," DSP Kumar said.

He added, "We are

checking different vehicles commuting on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway. We advise everyone to inform the police if they witness anything suspicious...."

Meanwhile, the Head Post Office in Udhampur took out a 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign on Tuesday. The post office staff and its customers participated in the campaign.

Assistant Superintendent of Post, Udhampur Postal Division, Mahesh Turn to page 9

Junior doctors, others summoned for questioning in Kolkata doctor rape-murder case

KOLKATA, Aug 13 (Agencies): Four junior doctors are among those summoned by Kolkata police for questioning on Tuesday in connection with the murder and alleged sexual assault case of a second year postgraduate student at a government-run hospital in the city last week.

The junior doctors of the RG Kar Medical College in the city have been summoned today at the Kolkata police headquarters in Lalbazar.

The doctors who had dinner with the deceased



are not accused but have been summoned for questioning according to police sources. "Four junior doctors who had dinner with her have been summoned again," they

"Kolkata police also summoned the Head of Department, Assistant

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Pakistani intruder shot dead by BSF along Punjab Border

JALANDHAR (Punjab), Aug 13 (Agencies): A suspected Pakistani intruder trying to infiltrate into India from the Punjab border was shot dead by the BSF amid an ongoing "high alert" ahead of Independence Day.

A Border Security Force (BSF) spokesperson said the man was spotted "surreptitiously" crossing the

international boundary in the Dal village of Tarn Taran district around 8:30 pm on Monday and approaching the border fence.

The BSF personnel on duty challenged the intruder but he did not stop and continued to advance towards the border security fence, the spokesperson said.

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Cong holds meeting of State Chiefs, General Secretaries ahead of key State polls

NEW DELHI, Aug 13 (Agencies): Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday held a meeting with all general secretaries, state unit chiefs and AICC state in-charges here as the party gets battle-ready for the upcoming round of assembly polls.

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi, gen-



eral secretaries Jairam Ramesh and KC Venugopal, among others, were part of the meeting at the AICC headquarters here.

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due to inclement weather SRINAGAR, Aug 13 evening, expressed hope

Amarnath Yatra suspended

(Agencies): The Amarnath Yatra was suspended on Tuesday on both the Pahalgam and Baltal routes in Jammu and Kashmir due to inclement weather following heavy rains earlier in the week. Ashish, a pilgrim from Bihar who had arrived in Srinagar on Monday about the Yatra resuming verv soon.

"We got to know that the Yatra has been shut down for some reasons. We received the input that Yatra would be resuming today. We will pay the obeisance for sure," he

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Policeman injured in Gurez road accident dies

SRINAGAR, Aug 13 (Agencies): A Special Police Officer (SPO), who was injured in a road accident on August 3, succumbed to his injuries in the hospital last night, reports said Tuesday.

Quoting officials, news agency KNC reported that the SPO identified

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JK Police say they arrested nine Army Commander reviews Anti-Terror after busting major terror module Operations in Chenab Valley

JAMMU, Aug 13 (Agencies): In a significant counter-insurgency operation, the Jammu and Kashmir Police said they have successfully dismantled a terror module operating in the Samba-Kathua sector, leading to the arrest of nine individuals accused of aiding Pakistani infiltrators. The group was allegedly responsible for facilitating the movement of militants from the International Border to the upper reaches of Udhampur, Kathua, and Doda districts.

The kingpin of the module, Mohammad Lateef alias Haji Lateef, a resident of Ambe Naal

in Kathua, was identified as the key facilitator, according to the details published in major newspapers. He is accused of providing shelter to infiltrators in remote dhoks (temporary shelters) after they infiltrated from Pakistan. Lateef's activities came under scrutiny

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JAMMU, Aug 13 (Agencies): Northern Army Commander Lt Gen M V Suchindra Kumar on Tuesday reviewed the ongoing anti-terrorist operations in the Chenab valley region of Jammu and Kashmir.

Lt Gen Kumar visited the forward locations of counter-insurgency

Delta force in Doda and Kishtwar and exhorted all ranks to maintain a high tempo of operations, ensuring security and safety for ongoing and upcoming events, the Army's Northern Com-

mand posted on X. The Army shared four pictures of the General Officer Commandingin-chief, northern command's interaction with the troops on the ground. "He (Lt Gen Kumar)

assessed the options for deployment of additional forces being inducted into the area and emphasised on synergy with Jammu and Kashmir police and paramilitary forces," the

Search operation

Kokernag four days

SRINAGAR, Aug 13

(Agencies): Search oper-

ation continued in the

Kokernag area of J&K's

Anantnag district on

Tuesday, four days after

the encounter in which

two soldiers and a civil-

Officials said that more

reinforcements had

already been rushed to

the Gandole Ahlan area

of Kokernag where the

encounter with the terror-

ists took place four days

are on in the area to

hunt down the terrorists.

The encounter broke out

between the security

forces and the terrorists

in the Gandole Ahlan

area of Kokernag in

which two army soldiers

and one civilian were

killed. Search operation

has been extended to the

Kishtwar-Doda axis which

is connected with Koker-

nag through mountain

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passes," officials said.

"Massive searches

ian were killed.

continues in

after gunfight

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OBITUARY

10TH DAY AND KRIYA/ UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Anant Ram Sharma, Ex. Director All India Radio S/o Late Bankey Bihari Sharma, Malhotra Street, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Chanchala Sharma - Wife Sh. Dev Raj Sharma - Brother Smt. Yash Chandan & Smt. Padma Sharrna (Sister)

Sh. Sharat Sharma - Son Sh. U.K. Sharma & Smt. Suman Sharma -Son-in-law & Daughter Smt. Anuja Gupta - Daughter Sh. Suresh & Smt. Shashi Sharma - Nephew

Kashmir Export Import Company, Bankey Bihari Market Mob.: 7006808200, 9622367331

With profound grief and sorrow we

inform the sad and untimely demise of

our beloved Sh Madhu Mehta Ji Sio Late

Sh Bansi Lal Mehta Ji R/o Ward No. 2

Nagri Parole, Kathua who expired on

10TH DAY will be performed on

13/08/2024 at 11 am and KRIYA/ UTHALA

(Advocate, Member SMVDSB)

M/s RAMA MOTORS Haria Chak

9596637998, 8716808058

Sunaina Mehta and Sandeep Mehta (SSP JKP)

TENTH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of

our beloved Smt Sheela Bhat W/o Sh Soom Nath Bhat

resident of Sogam Laloob presently residing at H.No.

Tenth Day will be performed at Muthi Ghat near DSE

on 16/08/2024 at 4 pm at our residence.

05/08/2024.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Rama Gupta (Wife)

(Daughter-in-law and Son)

Sudhanshu Mehta (Son)

Saransh Mehta (Son)

Deep Mala and Ajay Veer Mehta

BHABHIES AND BROTHERS

Renu Gupta and Raghu Mehta

Manjana Gupta and Daleep Mehta

Nirmal Gupta and Ashwani Gupta

Savita Gupta and Pawan Gupta

680/A Sector 3 Baisakhi Colony Muthi.

Sh Poshker Nath Bhat & Smt Phoola Bhat

Sh Ashok Kumar Bhat & Smt Sweety Bhat

Sh Dalip Kumar Bhat & Smt Beauty Bhat

Sh Vijay Kumar Bhat & Smt Rinku Bhat

Smt Sunita Koul & Satiesh Kumar Koul

Sh Chaman Lal Bhat & Smt Shanti Bhat

Sh Piyare Lal Bhat & Smt Sarla Bhat

Jammu on 14-8-2024 at 8 AM.

Sh Soom Nath Bhat -Husband

Sons & Daughters-in-law

Daughter & Son-in-law

Grief Stricken

Devar & Devrani

SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN LAW

& Daughter-in-law



Late Sh. Anant Ram Sharma, Ex. Director **All India Radio**

Sh Madhu Mehta Ji

KRIYA/UTHALA With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform

the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Shiv Dev Singh Jamwal S/o Late Sh Dalip Singh Jamwal R/o H.No. 110 Mohalla Narania Kachi Chawni Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 01-08-2024.

KRIYA will be performed at our residence H.No.110 Mohalla Narania Jammu on 13-08-2024 at 11:00 AM. UTHALA will be held at Arora Bans Sabha Library Chowk Kachi Chawni Jammu on 14-08-2024 from 4 pm to 5 pm.

FONDLY REMEMBERED BY:-Champa Devi -Wife

Brothers & Bhabis

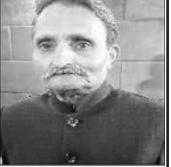
Dharm Paul Singh Jamwal & Smt Updesh Rani Varinder Singh Jamwal & Smt. Babli Rani

Son & Daughter-in-law Amar Singh Jamwal & Dr Samarika Jamwal

Daughters & Son-in-laws Minu Chauhan & Anmol Singh Chauhan

Sonia Sambyal & Sahil Sambyal

Grand Children: Dhwani, Aarav, Bhavya, Advaya & Aarya Contact No: 9717131359, 9419701014, 9419367561



SH. SHIV DEV SINGH JAMWAL

MASWAR AND VAHARWAR

One year has passed since our beloved mother Late Smt. Roopa Ganjoo W/o Late Sh. Piary Lal Ganjoo left his mortal coil to rest eternally at the DIVINE FEET of the SUPREME. He left an indelible mark of his personality in our lives.

MASWAR AND VAHARWAR will be performed on 13th and 14th August 2024 at our residence Tara Niwas Lane No.2 Hazuri Bagh Road Bohri Talab Tillo Jammu.

DEEPLY REMEMBERED AND MISSED BY

Smt. Veena Ji Kothidar Smt Santosh Ji Koul

Mr. Kuldeep & Bharti Ganjoo Mr. Satish & Bita Ganjoo

Mr. Dileep & Rewanti Ganjoo

Rohin, Vatsal & Irima, Surbi, Vardhan, Anmol, Rishab Master Myril (Shuhul)

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SMT. ROOPA GANJOO

KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you the sad demise of our beloved Mrs. Bela Gupta W/o Ravi Gupta.

KRIYA will be performed on 13-08-24 (Tuesday) at 12 noon at our residence H. No 95 P Ext. 1 Trikuta Nagar Jammu (Khuu wali gali). UTHALA will be performed on 14-08-24 (Wednesday) at Shiv Mandir sector 3 Trikuta Nagar Jammu from 4 PM to 5 PM.

Ravi Gupta (Husband)

Shradha & Manjul Jyoti Gupta (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Shreya Gupta (Daughter)



MRS. BELA GUPTA

GRIEF STRICKEN

Mob-: 9149752139

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With immense grief and great sorrow, we deeply regret to inform you about the sudden and untimely demise of our beloved Sh. Ravi Sharma, S/o Late Sh. Dina Nath Sharma, R/o H.No 53/B, Kucha Nahar. Singh Gall, Panjtirthi, Jammu. The **10th Day** will be performed on 13-08-2024 at 10

AM Rani Park, Jammu

Kriya will be performed on 14-08-2024 at 11 AM at our

Uthala will be performed on 14-08-2024 at 4 PM at Mandir Shri Baba Banwari Das, near Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Mubarak Mandi, Jammu.

IN GRIEF: Smt. Virta Sharma (Wife) Smt. Kesari Devi (Mother-in-law) Brother and Sister-in-law Smt. and Sh. Vipin Sharma Brother-in-laws and Sister-in-laws Smt. and Sh. Narinder Koushal

Smt. and Sh. Rakesh Koushal Smt and Sh. Vivek Koushall Divya Sharma (Daughter) Hiteshwar Sharma (Son) Sideshwar Sharma (Son) Brighu Sharma (Nephew)



Sh. Ravi Sharma (Rtd. Range Officer, J&K Forest Deptt.)

Tharmat and Koushal Family Contact: 7889351677, 9149457134

OBITUARY/10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Sh. Ram Krishan Saraf Sio Late Sh. Shambo Nath Saraf R/o Batpora Shopian A/P Laxmi Nagar Sector 1, H.No 29 Muthi Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 6th of August, 2024.

10th Day will be performed on 15 August 2024 Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education Jammu at 08:30 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Smt Shanta Saraf (Aunt) Smt. Renu Saraf (Wife)

Sh. Roop Krishan Saraf (Brother) Shivam Saraf and Ujiwal Saraf (Sons)

(Brother-in-law and Sister)

Late Sh Shuban Ji Raina and Prana Raina

Sh. Vinod Ji Raina and Filori Raina - (Brother-in-law and Sister)

Sunny Rains and Sandiya Rains

Bharat Saraf and Monika Saraf

Sahil Raina

Meerudaman Raina

Samast Saraf, Raina, Safaya, Tickoo and Rathore Parivar

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA

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

August 2024 Friday at 9.00 am at Kriya Ghat near Directorate of School Education Muthi. Jammu. In Grief

Smt. Phoola Bhat-Wife

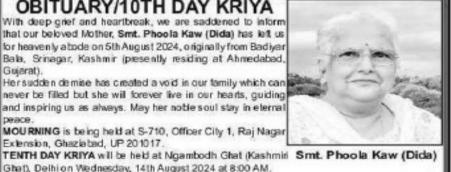
Smt. Daizy Bhat and Sh. Rattan Lai Bhat

Smt. Neena Pandita and Veer Ji Pandita Smt. Reenu Koul and Sh. Vidya Sagar Koul. Grand Daughter and Grand Son-in-law Smt. Sheetal Bharti and Sh Mohit Koul

Smt. Swati Bhat and Sh. Ashish Bhat All Grand Children and Great Grand Children 9622021041, 7889346422, 9797574510, 9419185547







Extension, Ghazia bad, UP 201017. ENTH DAY KRIYA will be held at Nigambodh Ghat (Kashmiri Smt. Phoola Kaw (Dida) Ghat), Delhi on Wednesday, 14th August 2024 at 8:00 AM. GRIEF STRICKEN:

OBITUARY/10TH DAY KRIYA

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

Grand Children: Om & Hannah

Fondly Remembered By: Samast Kaw, Pajnu, Mattu, Koul, Mattoo & Zutshi Parivar

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.

Tenth Day will be held at Muthi Ghat on

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

Phone Nos. 7006675916, 7889911387

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



Smt Santosh Kaul

BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the said denrise of our beloved **5. Balak Singh** S/o S. Khem Singh R/o H.No. 12-A, Indira Colony Talab Tillo, Jammu, who expired on 7-08-

ANTIM ARDAS will be performed on 13-8-2024 (Tuesday) our residence at 9 AM and at Gunudwara Tali Sahib Talab Tillo from 10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon bilowed by Guru Ka

Langar. GRIEF STRICKEN Smt. Jagdish Kour - Wife Amitoz Singh - Daughter

Amtice Singh - Daughter Sohrab Singh - Son S. Himmat Singh - Brother S. Onkar Singh - Brother S. Janak Singh - Brother

S. Janas Sings - proceed Smt. Manjest Kour & Harpsl Singh - Sister & Husband Smt. Deject Kour & Harpsl Singh - Sister & Husband Smt. Mchinder Kour - Sister All Nephews & Niece S. Rakash Pal Singh - Brother-in-law

S. M.P. Singh - Brother-in-law S. Ranjodh Singh Nalwa (State president BJP Minority Morcha)- Brother-in-law

Kehar Singh - Brother-in-law Saudagar Singh - Brother-in-law Mob.: 9419168062

10TH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR RESPECTED MOTHER SMT. SHARIKA LABROO W/O LT. MOTI LAL LABROO ORIGINAL RESIDENT OF BUL BUL LANKER ALI KADAL SRINAGAR KASHMIR AT PRES ENT HOUSE NO. 108 BLOCK-B LANE 2/5 ROOP NAGAR ENCLAVE JAMMU (DOCTOR CHOUWDHARY LANE).

THE 10TH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST 2024 AT MUTHI GHAT NEAR OFFICE OF DIRECTOR SCHOOL EDUCATION AT 9 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN (SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW) RAMESH CHANDER LABROO & VEENA LABROO MITLESH LABRU & SHRENG LABRU (SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW) BUNTI RAINA & M.K.RAINA (DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW)

GRAND CHILDREN AKSHAY LABROO& ABHISHRI MOHIT RAINA & MRS. JENNY ARPITA LABROO, DIWA LABRU, ABHAY LABRU, MONIKA & ANKIT ARORA MANIK RAINA MASTER AADIV (GREAT GRAND SON)

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our Respected Father Dr. Kavi Raj Sharma (Deputy Comdtt BSF) S/o Late Sh Bali Ram Sharma at their residence 13/167 Pannu

SH. SHAM LAL BHAT

11:30 am.

Chowk Akhnoor.

ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥ It is with an ultimate sense of anguish that winform the sad demise of our beloved 'Daddy ji', Sh. Sham Lal Bhat Sto Lt. Nee! Kanth Bhat swith le resident of Dever, Tral (Kashmir) presently esiding at H.No.808, Lane 7D, Suryavansi

TENTH DAY will be performed as per the rituals of 16-08-2024 at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of Education at 8:30 AM. GRIEF STRICKEN Smt. Sham Rani (Pyari) - Spouse

Smt. Snam Ran (Pyan) - Spouse Stater & Brother-in-law Smt. Mohini & Lt. Sh. Kanyalai Raina Stater-in-law & Brother Lt. Smt. (Nahini (Choti) & Lt. Sh. Makhan Lai Bhat Lt. Smt. Vijay & Sh. Cheman Lai Bhat

mt. Lucky & Sh. Nanaji Bhat Smt. Isha & Sh. Rajoev Bhat

Daughters & Son-In-laws Smt. Beauty & Sh. Amit Sopori Smt. Neeru & Sh. Sunil Koul. Smt. Kornel & Sh. Chandrakant Bhat Grandchildren: Narmata, Nitia, Ravant, Ayush, Ratish, Sayail, Danish, Disha, Harsh, Bhavika, Saksham, Kaira, Ahayee, Bulbul

Smt. Sun to & Sh. Avinse h Bhat

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh Arun Sharma Slo Lt. Sh Padam Nabh

residence 430 Shastri Nagar at 11 am. Kriya will be performed on 14-8-2024 (Wednesday) at our re-idence 4:30 Shastri Nagar at 12 noon.

Sh Ajay Sharma & Smt Promila Sharma Dr Rajeev Sharma & Smt Vidushi Sharma Sons & Daughter-in-law Arjun Sharma & Sharuti Sharma Manish Sharma & Meenakshi Sharma

Palvi & Pardeep Raina Sonali & Varun Sharma Shriya & Shubhangi Grand Children:

Contact No. 9797625161 M/s Kashmir Spun Pipe & Allied

UTHALA With profound grief and sorrow we

the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Mrs. Raj Mohani Sharma (MOHANI MADAM) W/o Sh.Ved Parkash (Founder R.k Group Of Colleges) R/o H.No. 34 Apna Viha Kunjwani Jammu on 02-08-2024. Kunjwani Jammu on 02-08-2024. UTHALA Will be performed on Wednesday 14.08,2024 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 PM at Panch Mandir near Nexus Shopping Complex Channi Himmat Jammu. GRIEF STICKEN

Husband Sh. Ved Parkash (Chairman R.K Group of Colleges) Brother & Sister in law Smt Dayawanti & Late Sh Jai Dev Smt Pooja & Sh. Hans Raj

Son & Daughter in Law Rajesh Kr. Sharma & Rilu Sharma (MD.R. K Group Of Colleges) Vijaypur Dr.Suchant Kr Sharma & Dr.Karishma Sharma Grand Children: Ridhima, Aditya, Tanishqa, Aarav

TENTH DAY Jagmohan Abrol S/o Lt. Sh Ram Chand Abrol R/o Gandhi Nagar, Jammu

Tenth Day will be performed on 13-08 24 (Tuesday) at 10:00 AM at our resi dence H.No. 605-A Gandhi Nagar GRIEF STRICKEN:

Smt. Usha Abrol - Wife Brother & Sister-in-Law Sh. Suman Abrol & Smt. Neelam Abrol Sons & Daughters-in-Law

Amit Abrol & Poonam Abrol Surnit Abrol & Meenakshi Abrol Maniesh Abrol & Radhika - Nephew & Daughter-in-law Pankaj Gupta & Rupali - Niece & Son-in-law

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S. Balak Singh





The 10th Day Kriya will be Dr. Kavi Raj Sharma performed on 14/08/2024 at (Deputy Committ BSF)

Grief Stricken

Sunita Sharma (Principal, Wife)

Anshdeep (Son, NRI Canada),

Shishank (Daughter, founder, CEO - The TechnoEra, New Delhi.)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

Sister & Brother-in-law Smt. Vijay & LL Sh. Sham Sunder Raina Daughter-in-laws & Sons Smt. Suman & Sh. Ramesh Kumar Bhat

rma R/o 430 Shastri Nagar Jammu who left for heave ny The 10th Day will be performed on 12-8-2024 (Monday) at or

GRIEF STRICKEN Smt Chander Bagha Sharma -Mother Smt Sushmati Sharma -Wife Brothers & Sisters-in-law

Adity Sharma Daughter & Son-in-law Arshiya Sharma

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Mrs. Raj Mohani Sharma (MOHANI MADAM)

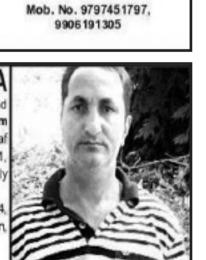
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Smt Sheela Bhat

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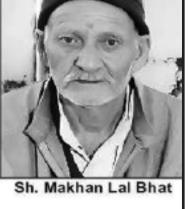
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Sh. Satish Safaya and Romi Safaya

Jammu. Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 16th of

Daughter-in-Laws and Sons Smt. Dulari Bhat and Sh Maharaj Krishan Bhat Daughters and Son-in-laws

Grand Daughter-in-Law and Grand Son



Substance abuse harms not only individual but also their family, society: Sham Lal

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 13: Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic sansthan Trust organized an awareness rally in Kangrail village from Government High School Kangrail to promote the divine language Sanskrit and to raise awareness about drug prevention as part of Sanskrit Month.

The rally sent a message to the community to stay away from drugs and emphasized the importance of Sanskrit. Tree planting and distribution were also part of the event. The chief guest at the event was former minister Sham Lal Sharma.

On this occasion, Sham Lal Sharma said that organizing an anti-drug rally to raise awareness about the harmful effects of drug use is a commendable initiative by the Trust. Education is the only way to



eradicate the evils of drug abuse, and if one must indulge, let it be in education, as it is the powerful path forward.

Mahant Rohit Shastri is making an invaluable contribution to the promotion and development of the Sanskrit language in India. We should make every effort to promote Sanskrit, which is the foundation of all languages.

Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal stated that efforts should be made to teach Sanskrit language to children at home, and only then can we advise others to use this language.

Rajan Sharma explained how drug addiction not only deteriorates our physical health but also affects our mental, economic, and family life. If someone is caught in its

among the regions for

He said that the Apni

Party believes in unity

among the community,

communal harmony,

peace, and development.

employment, land,

resources, reservation of

local youth in the industri-

al sector, and protection

of the rights of locals in

Meanwhile, he said that

the Party would leave no

stone unturned to resolve

the issues of the people

and represent every sec-

tion of the society.

mining," he asserted.

"We will ensure the

their political gains.

grip, we must make efforts to bring them out of it with strong willpower. I hope that efforts by Mahant Rohit Shastri to promote Sanskrit will be supported by other parts of society, and Sanskrit will once again become a prevalent language in Jammu and Kashmir.

Mahant Rohit Shastri mentioned that without the divine language Sanwritten as it is spoken. promotes Sanskrit.

present.

incomplete. Sanskrit is Many words from the Sanskrit language are used in Hindi and other Indian languages. The dictionary grows from Sanskrit. Language is the medium through which humans think. Therefore, to enrich our thinking language, we must follow the path that

On this occasion, the school principal Rakesh Verma, former Sarpanch of Kangrail Dr. Shallu Sharma, Naresh Raina, Uttam Chand Sharma, Master Vijay Sharma, Kailash Sharma, Brahma Nand, Subhash Chandra, Vinod Sharma, Sunny Jaat, Manisha Devi, Dwarka Nath, Ramesh Chandra, Dershna Devi, Ravinder Sharma, and other Trust members were

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Suharawardhy former minister and Vice President Jammu Province, Qazi Jalal Ud Din former MLA, Sheikh Bashir Ahmed former MLC and Provincial Secretary. Ajaz Jan former MLA and Provincial President YNC, Babu Rampal former minister and Central Zone President, Sajjad Ahmed Kichloo former minister and Zone President Chenab Valley, Babu Jagjeevan Lal former minister and District President Reasi, Dr. Shamshad Shan DDC Chairperson Ramban, Pyare Lal, Mehboob Igbal Incharge Bhaderwah, Ghulam Ali Malik DDC Chassana, Sunil Verma District President Udhampur Urban, Ramparshotam District Pres-

ident Udhampur Rural,

Eng. Khurshid and Tario

Bhatt.

terror activities: IGP Kashmir

Compact Security plan in place

for Aug 15 keeping in view recent

smooth conduct of August

"We are aware of recent terror activities. There is an ongoing operation in Kokernag. So we have laid a multi-layer security grid for smooth functions on August 15 across Kashmir," he said after taking stock of the full-dress rehearsal at the main venue. LG Manoj Sinha

PTTI Vijaypur organizes Tiranga

Rally, plantation drive

will unfurl the tri-colour at Bakshi Stadium while one of his advisors, will take salute of the parade in Jammu.

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vidhi Kumar Bhiduri while speaking to reporters, said in the full dress rehearsal, school children and others showed a great enthusiasm and locals are ready to join the event in large numbers. "I urge the people to come early and be seated. Those having smoking habits need to keep cigarette packets at home for some time and enjoy the great event," he said, adding that there was an open invitation to

Manjit Singh gears-up assembly election campaign in Samba



Top News Report

SAMBA, Aug 13: Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, Manjit Singh has intensified door to door campaign in Samba District ahead of proposed assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

As per a press release, the political situation apparently gaining momentum with the proposed assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir.

In this regard, the Apni Party under the leadership of Manjit Singh has increased the political activities across the districts in Jammu region.

Accordingly, as a part of a series of public outreach programs, a meeting was organized at Parmandal Block to discuss various issues being faced by the people.

The main concern of the people was about underdevelopment, and lack of facilities from the Govt.

Addressing the meeting, the former Minister, Manjit Singh said that the Apni Party has aware of the problems of the people and the failure of the Govt in Jammu and Kashmir and widening the gap between the bureaucracy and the people.

"The deserted look at the Civil Secretariat and restrictions on the entry

of people in the power corridors shows the seriousness of the Govt towards the redressal of issues that remains persistent and unaddressed," he stated.

He said that the change in the style of governance is must that would be possible with the assembly elections.

"The people should get ready and vote in support of a political party candidate i.e., Apni Partv candidates that remain answerable to the people, and address their issues without any kind of biased approach," he said.

He said that the tr tional political parties ruled in Jammu and Kashmir for the last seven decades, but they were unable to fulfill the aspirations of the people that are mostly related to the employment, development and protection of

land and jobs. "The Apni Party is committed to the equitable development of Jammu and Kashmir and to end any kind of discriminatory approach," he said, urging the people to support the Apni Party in the proposed assembly elections.

He said that the traditional political parties have emotionally exploited the people for their vote bank politics, and saw a seed of discontent

the bereaved family.

Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah prayed for peace to the departed soul and expressed solidarity with other members of the family.

Farooq, Omar conveyed condolences

JAMMU, Aug 13: National Conference President Dr Faroog Abdullah and Vice President Omar Abdullah expressed grief over the passing away of Haji Abdul Rashid Malik former Block President Gool Gulabgarh father of Abdul Gani Malik former minister and Zonal President Udhampur- Reasi Zone, JKNC R/o Sarh Bagga Tehsil Mahore District Reasi and conveyed condolences to

In their messages, Dr

In the condolence message, General Secretary Haji Ali Mohammed Sagar, Dr Sheikh Mustafa Kamaal, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra Additional General Secretaries, Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President Jammu Province, Khalid Najeev

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SRINAGAR, Aug 13

(Agencies): Stating that

the police were fully aware

of the emerging security

challenges in Kashmir,

Inspector General of

Police (IGP) Kashmir V K

Bhirdi Tuesday said that

a compact security plan

has been framed for the

smooth conduct of August

15 functions across Kash-

mir keeping in view the

Talking to reporters at

Bakshi Stadium Srinagar,

the main venue for August

15, IGP Kashmir, said

that police is aware of the

recent terror activities and

keeping the same in mind,

a "compact security plan"

recent terror activities.

VIJAYPUR, Aug 13: Ahead of Independence Day celebrations and in remembrance of the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the freedom of our country, Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur organized Tiranga Rally and Planta-

tion Drive at the Institute. The officers/officials paid a tribute to the martyrs at the martyrs memorial and thereafter a Tiranga Rally was held as a part of Pre-Independence Day celebrations aimed to foster national unity and pride.

The Rally was inaugurated by Principal PTTI Vijaypur, who highlighted the significance of Independence Day and the responsibility of police personnel in safeguarding the nation's unity and



The event began with the unfurling of the national flag followed by a procession around the Institute by the participation of entire staff/trainees.

After the culmination of Rally, a plantation drive under the theme "Ek Ped Shaheedin Ke Naam" was also organized on this occasion in which various types of plants, including ornamental, medicinal, herbal, and fruit-bearing plants, were

planted within the Institute's premises.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from the institute's staff and trainees, highlighting their commitment to environmental sustainability. Among others, Ziaul-Haq-DySP (Outdoor), Inspr. Surinder Singh (CDI), Inspr. Javeed Ahmad (RI), Inspr. Ram Lal (CLI), SI Sulinder Singh (SM-Outdoor), were present on the occasion.

<u>JALSHAKTIDEPARTMENT,JAMMU</u>

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI(PHE) CITYDIVISION NO-1, JAMMU

NOTICE INVITING SHORT TERM E-TENDER E-NITo.JS/PHECD-I/16 of 2024-25

For and on behalf of The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jammu, of J&K Union Territory, E-Tender (Item Rate Based) is invited by the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) City Division No-1, Jammu, from approved and eligible contractor of appropriate class registered with UT of Jammu and Kashmir/ other UT's or State Govt./CPWD/MES registered firms/contractors under two cover system, Cover 1 comprising of technical bid and cover 2 comprising of financial bid for the following work:-

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| 2 | Improvement of water supply | Rs.2.35 lacs | Rs.200/- | Rs.4700/- | A to D | 30 days |
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| | WSS Bakshi Nagar) in Bakshi | | | | | |
| | Nagar section.under UT Capex | | | | | |
| | (Financial Assistance to JMC). | | | | | |
| 3 | Providing of water supply to | Rs.4.51 lacs | Rs.200/- | Rs.9020/- | A to D | 45 days |
| | newly developed Kaliveer | | | | | |
| | Colony W.No 59.under UT | | | | | |
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| | JMC). | | | | | |
| | Improvement of water supply | Rs.1.92 lacs | Rs.200/- | Rs.3840/- | A to D | 30 days |
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| | Khajuria Mohalla at Thather | | | | | |
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| | (Financial Assistance to JMC). | | | | | |
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Balidan Stambh to be thrown open for public on **Aug 15: Commissioner SMC**

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SRINAGAR, Aug 13 (Agencies): The Balidan Stambh, a memorial constructed in the heart of city in the memory of martyrs who have laid down their lives for the nation, is ready and will be thrown open for public on August 15.

This was stated by Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Dr Owais Ahmad on Tues-

Talking to reporters, the SMC Commissioner said

"We had committed to keep the Balidan Stambh ready by August 15. It is ready now and people are requested to do visit the place and pay tributes to the great heroes," he said. Reported by news gath-

ering agency Kashmir News Corner (KNC) the Commissioner SMC said there will be no entry fee for visiting the place. The total cost of the

project was rupees 4.8 Cr. On August 15 all necessary arrangement will be made available at the destination, he added.

NCC, NSS units of GDC Udhampur organize Tiranga Rally

Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Aug 13: In a vibrant display of patriotism and unity, in compliance with Swantrata Pakhwara, the NCC Wing of 2 JK Boys Battalion, 2 JK Girls Battalion, and the NSS Unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Udhampur and APS Udhampur, came together to organize a grand Tiranga Rally ON Tuesday

The rally was part of the college's initiatives to celebrate the 77th Independence Day of India and to instil a deep sense of national pride among students and the local community.

The Tiranga Rally, which commenced from the college premises, saw enthusiastic partici-

pation from NCC cadets. NSS volunteers, faculty members, and students of GDC Udhampur.

The rally was flagged off by the Principal of the college, Prof (Dr) Sanjay Verma, who in his address highlighted the significance of such events in fostering a sense of patriotism and responsibility among the youth.

The rally was organised under the instruction of Commanding Officer of 2JK Boys Bn, Col Rajesh Jasrotia and Commanding Officer of 2JK Girls

Bn, Col Munsih Jasrotia. Holding the tricolour high, the participants marched enthusiastically, chanting patriotic slogans and singing national songs, resonating throughout the town. The rally was a visual spectacle, with participants donning the colours of the national flag, creating an atmosphere charged with nationalistic fervour.

The route of the rally covered key areas of the town—Dak Bungalow, Omara Morh, Bus Stand, and MH Chowk-allowing a large number of residents to witness the event and join in the celebrations

The purpose of the Tiranga Rally was not only to celebrate the upcoming Independence Day but also to remind the community of the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters and the importance of upholding the values of democracy, liberty, and justice.

The rally served as a powerful message of

unity, reflecting the collective spirit of the nation. The event concluded back at the college,

where the Principal along with the NCC and NSS officers, addressed the gathering. He praised the participants for their enthusiasm and dedication, emphasizing the need to continue fostering such patriotic activities in the future.

The Tiranga Rally organized by the NCC and NSS units of GDC Udhampur was a resounding success, leaving a lasting impact on all who participated and witnessed the event. It not only celebrated the nation's independence but also strengthened the bonds of unity and patriotism within the community

EDITORIAL

Full Dress Rehearsal

full dress rehearsal for Independence Day is a significant event in India, serving as a comprehensive practice session before the actual celebrations on August 15th.

This rehearsal, typically held a few days before Independence Day, involves a meticulous run-through of the various components of the official ceremony. Here's a detailed overview of what a full dress rehearsal on Independence Day entails:

The primary purpose of the full dress rehearsal is to ensure that every aspect of the Independence Day celebrations runs smoothly. It allows the organizers, participants, and security personnel to identify and rectify any potential issues. This rehearsal is crucial for the success of the event, as it helps in synchronizing the various elements of the ceremony, including the parade, cultural performances, and security arrangements.

The rehearsal involves a wide range of participants, including members of the armed forces, police personnel, school children, and cultural troupes. Each participant is required to follow a strict schedule to ensure that everything is in place for the final event.

The armed forces and police personnel play a critical role in the Independence Day celebrations. They participate in the parade, showcasing the country's military strength and discipline. The rehearsal allows them to practice their formations, timings, and coordination, ensuring that everything is executed perfectly on the day.

School children and cultural troupes participate in various performances that showcase India's rich cultural heritage. These performances are an integral part of the Independence Day celebrations, and the rehearsal helps in fine-tuning their presentations.

Dignitaries, including the Prime Minister, the President, and other prominent officials, also participate in the rehearsal. This helps in coordinating their movements and ensuring that the ceremony proceeds smoothly.

The full dress rehearsal is a comprehensive run-through of the entire Independence Day ceremony. Here are some of the key components of the rehearsal:

The rehearsal begins with a mock flag hoisting ceremony, where the flag is hoisted in the same manner as it will be on Independence Day. This is followed by the national anthem, which is sung by the participants and attendees.

The parade is a major highlight of the Independence Day celebrations. The rehearsal involves a detailed run-through of the parade, with participants practicing their formations, timings, and movements. This includes marching contingents from the army, navy, air force, and police, as well as bands and other performers.

Cultural performances are an important part of the Independence Day celebrations. The rehearsal allows the performers to practice their routines and ensure that they are synchronized with the overall flow of the ceremony.

Security is a top priority during the Independence Day celebrations. The rehearsal provides an opportunity for the security personnel to practice their drills and ensure that all security measures are in place.

The full dress rehearsal is crucial for the success of the Independence Day celebrations. It helps in ensuring that all participants are well-prepared and that any potential issues are identified and addressed. This includes checking the sound systems, rehearsing the timings of the various segments, and ensuring that all logistical arrangements are in place.

The full dress rehearsal for Independence Day is a vital part of the preparations for the celebrations. It ensures that every aspect of the ceremony is meticulously planned and executed, allowing the nation to come together to celebrate its independence with pride and joy. The rehearsal not only highlights the discipline and coordination of the participants but also showcases the rich cultural heritage of India.

Tech-driven initiatives are redefining judiciary

By: Justice DY Chandrachud (Chief Justice of India)

TAM delighted to deliver the inaugural address at this Lnational conference, which aims to explore the transformative impact of technology on India's courts and map our future trajectory. The convening of this conference underscores the significant progress we have made in harnessing technology to enhance justice delivery. Even before I assumed the office of Chief Justice of India, I had the privilege of serving as the chairperson of the Supreme Court's e-committee. I have closely observed the remarkable evolution in our discourse on the subject over the last four years, progressing from discussing the need for technology to delving into its intricacies and best practices. Today, technology is acknowledged as an indispensable catalyst for accessible justice.

There is no better evidence of the depth of our discourse than the agenda of this conference, carefully curated by our colleagues from the High Court of Punjab and Harvana. The discussions on themes ranging from technical strategies to critical issues like artificial intelligence (AI) and data security highlight how we are no longer debating whether to adopt technology but rather how best to harness it. When I was a young judge of the Bombay High Court, most judges didn't even know how to operate a desktop. Yet, look at how much we have transformed as an institution and as individuals. People often remark when I approach the desk, "Oh Chief, are you going to talk about technology once again?" But what they may not realise is that technology, as a tool to access justice,

is deeply intertwined with the very foundations of our republic. It enhances transparency, democracy and equitable access to justice — values that are the cornerstone of our republic.

One quintessential example of technology augmenting transparency in our judicial system is the live-streaming of cases and the facility of hybrid hearings. Virtual hearings are now a normative practice across the country, from the Supreme Court to tribunals, and have been used to hear over eight lakh cases. This shift amplifies transparency and accountability for litigants, lawyers and the public. With hybrid hearings, lawyers can appear before courts across the country, ensuring that the best legal representation is accessible to our citizens. Even litigants can log into their hearings and witness proceedings firsthand, holding us judges accountable for our words and actions.

Innovative initiatives like the National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG) have revolutionised transparency in our judicial system. The NJDG provides real-time data on case pendency and disposal rates, empowering citizens to monitor court efficiency. I invite the chief justices to encourage all administrative judges of the high courts to use the NJDG. The virtual justice clock installed in courts across the country takes this a step further, offering a visual representation of key parameters. AI-generated transcripts of arguments before the Supreme Court's Constitution Benches have created a valuable, freely available resource for researchers, legal practitioners and academics. These transcripts offer a reliable record of deliberations, and I find them extremely helpful when crafting judgments on complex questions of law.

Transparency not only makes our institution more accountable but also enhances the quality of our jurisprudence. When I was invited to become a judge of the high court in 1998, I consulted many learned people. One of them, Justice AP Sen, told me that a judge always leaves footprints in the sand — the written word. Today, with the benefit of modern technology, the transcripts of legal arguments presented would be an eternal resource for future generations to understand the legal minds that shaped our decisions.

The facility of hybrid hearings also plays a vital role in increasing access to justice. A classic example is a special Lok Adalat organised by the Supreme Court recently, which successfully disposed of over a thousand pending cases. This lok adalat would not have been possible without technology. Members of District Legal Services Authorities, litigants and lawyers from across the country participated effortlessly, enhancing efficiency and promoting equity and accessibility.

For democracy to flourish, every citizen must feel connected to our institutions. One significant barrier preventing citizens from engaging with the judiciary, especially the high courts and the Supreme Court, is language. Our higher judiciary predominantly carries out its official work in English. However, with the help of the Supreme Court Vidic Anuvad Software (SUVAS), we are actively translating judgments into regional languages. To date, 69,841 judgments have been translated and uploaded, including 36,280 in Hindi, 20,119 in Punjabi, and others in languages like Malayalam, Marathi, Tamil, Telugu and Gujarati.

Democratising the judicial

system requires more than just installing world-class technological infrastructure. We must ensure that this technology reaches and benefits every corner of the country. The establishment of e-seva kendras nationwide is essential to complementing our virtual infrastructure. These centres empower litigants to access case information, facilitate e-filing and bridge the access-to-justice gap for citizens who may not have access or need support to utilise our virtual facilities.

As part of our mission of inclusion, we have been holding training programmes for differently abled staff across high courts in India, making them aware of the technological tools available for effective work. This address would be incomplete without discussing the role of AI in the judicial process and the legal profession. While AI can augment tasks that can be automated, it cannot replace the innovative spark, emotional intelligence and nuanced judgments that define our humanity.

The Supreme Court has opened up its web portal for a second hackathon focusing on AI, with themes like using AI to lift metadata from case files and developing intelligent chatbots for litigants. The world is moving at an enormous pace and we must be open to absorbing ideas from beyond the judiciary. The legal profession can deeply benefit from AI and automation for routine tasks, leaving lawyers with more time for high-value activities like legal strategy and innovative argumentation. While we must welcome AI and technology, we must ensure they serve to augment our human capabilities and not replace them.

Excerpted from CJI's address held at the Chandigarh Judicial Academy on Saturday

Too early for India to intervene in Bangladesh

By: K. P. Nayar

HE best option for India in dealing with Bangladesh after the exit of Sheikh Hasina into exile is not to do anything now. With a torrent of advice, suggestions, tips and hypothetical expertise flowing from the humble teashops of Siliguri in West Bengal to think tanks in New Delhi brimming with erudition, it is not easy for policymakers in the national capital to sit tight while an important neighbouring country is in turmoil.

The government was particularly vulnerable to criticism by the political class because Parliament was in session when Hasina left her country and arrived in India. Ministers and senior officials had to be seen as being responsive to the situation across the eastern border or face flak. Besides, the evolving national mood in India in the last decade has been one of assertion, be it in foreign policy or sports, to mention two spheres of activity that are currently dominating the 24-hour news cycle.

Beyond urging restraint and perhaps making an issue of Hinduphobia at the UN, can India do anything to stop the attacks on minorities in Bangladesh?

To borrow from the memorable phraseology of then US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld in the run-up to the invasion of Iraq two decades ago, there is little point in discussing the 'known knowns' about Bangladesh. That has been the essence of public discourse in this country since student protests erupted in Bangladesh. What is important are the 'unknown unknowns' about Bangladesh. Rumsfeld had said in 2002 that

these are "the ones we don't know that we don't know. And if one looks throughout the history of our country and other free countries, it is the latter category that tends to be the difficult ones."

That being the case, India must pause until the unknown unknowns about Bangladesh — the domestic evolution there, its external dimensions, the fallout on India, etc translate into the first category, that is, the known knowns. As a rule, governments and their image-makers are loath to accept inaction as policy. Former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao was an exception to this. He once famously remarked that "even not taking a decision is a decision." Rao practised this dictum in many spheres when he was the head of government in a fluid political environment, often with remarkable success. India's best recourse now is to follow this truism in dealing with the uncertain situation that has unfolded in Bangladesh. In any case, the stark reality is that India is currently in no position to influence the events there. Beyond urging restraint and perhaps making an issue of Hinduphobia at the United Nations, can India do anything to stop the attacks on minorities and prevent further destruction of Hindu temples in Bangladesh? Surely, the Indian Army is not going to march across the border to provide security to temples and preserve them! At television studios across this country, panellists who seek their 15 minutes of fame are not going to accept that India is helpless in this matter. Even if it were feasible, the Indian government is not foolhardy enough to resort to any such course. If there is a fundamental threat to India's national security, the Cabinet Committee on Security will surely act, as it has done many times before. But we are not there yet. Incendiary rhetoric, a sadly familiar feature of Indian society now, must stop.

If India is to have a realistic Bangladesh policy once things settle down in Dhaka, it must not fall for fanciful depictions of how good things were in the neighbouring country during Hasina's rule. It is a safe assumption based on extended conversations and the fallout of public opinion from Kolkata to Kochi and from Gurugram to Gandhinagar that most Indians have come to believe that the best is behind for Bangladesh. And that it is now staring into an abyss of regressive forces and Islamic nationalists whose agenda is to destroy the friendship that Hasina struggled to create with successive Indian leaders. There is, of course, no polling or any scientific evidence to support this assertion.

No one will dispute that Bangladesh's performance in many sectors was worthy of emulation by other similarly placed nations. After all, how many other countries in our time have pulled themselves up by their bootstraps and graduated out of the Least Developed Country rankings by global parameters? Dhaka would have done just that in two more years, but that outcome is now in doubt - unless its new, interim leader, Muhammad Yunus, can perform a miracle of creating national cohesion and sustaining human development alongside.

Even those who have only dabbled in foreign policy — though for decades — know that India has gone through this before. When the Shah of Iran had to flee his country in 1979, much like Hasina now, Indians were similarly sorry because he had tried to be friends with India in his later years as a monarch. He had downgraded relations with Pakistan in a zero-sum game. Most Indians failed to grasp the meaning of Iran's historic Islamic revolution. New Delhi had a tough time building bridges with Qom, and relations did not stabilise until Rao visited Tehran in 1993.

A serious mistake that Indians are making in forming their opinions about Hasina's troubles and Yunus' challenge is to conclude that Bangladesh was a peaceful country during the now-exiled Prime Minister's rule. Bangladesh was created because the blood of East Bengalis was being shed before Partition and after it became East Pakistan. Its bloodletting has continued throughout. If Hasina had not fled, she would have likely met the same tragic fate as her father.

Counting mutinies, revolts and coups d'état — all with fatalities Bangladesh has encountered 15 attempts to change its governments by force. Two of its Presidents have been assassinated. In addition, the army has intervened to change governments peacefully. No other country in South Asia has experienced such violent transfers of power. By comparison, Pakistan has had only five successful coups. 'Wait and watch' is one of the more popular clichés in diplomacy, although in reality it has no meaning. It is to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's credit that he did not use this worn-out cliché when he briefed Parliament on August 6 about developments in India's eastern neighbourhood. With formidable resources, both overt and covert, India will hopefully be in a position to act if the situation demands in a few months. Now is not the time

"Yeh Science Hai": Amitabh, Manoj Pahwa partner with GSK for new shingles awareness, prevention campaign

Patient Empowerment

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 13: GSK today launched a new campaign on Shingles awareness, featuring veteran actors Amitabh Bachchan and Manoj Pahwa, explaining the scientific link between chickenpox and Shingles. The campaign films use everyday conversations between two friends to talk about shingles and the increased susceptibility of shingles

susceptibility of shingles in people with diabetes.
Commenting on the campaign, Manoj Pahwa said, "I am in an age group that is susceptible to shingles, and throughGSK's shingles awareness campaigns I have understood more about this painful disease and its associated risk factors. I have faced multiple health problems and know how difficult

it is to lead an active and fulfilling life when affected by infectious diseases. I am proud to be a part of this initiative to educate people about the cause of shingles and the importance of prevention. I encourage adults over 50 years, to talk to their doctors about shingles and its prevention."

Shingles is caused by the re-activation of the virus that lies dormant in the nerves if a person has had chickenpox. [iv]People with a history of chickenpox who also have diabetes face a 40% higher risk of developing shingles.[v] High blood sugar levels can weaken the immune system,[vi]and when that happens it can increase the risk of reactivation of the chickenpox virus and emergence of shingles.

Vigyeta Agrawal,

Head, GSK said, "The 2023 API-Ipsos survey showed that even those who had shingles did not know the cause of this painful disease.[viii] It is essential that all people above the age of 50 years know about shingles and its prevention. We wanted to explain the science behind the cause of shingles and the link between chickenpox and shingles in a simple manner. Amitabh Bachchan has an unparalleled ability to connect with people across all demographics. We are confident that having him as the face of the campaign will help us reach and encourage more people, especially ageing adults, to talk to their doctor about shin-

gles and its prevention."

co-founder and CEO,

Harikrishnan Pillai,

paign comprises of two campaign films. One film shows two ageing friends reminiscing about school days and establishes the link between chickenpox and shingles, while the other depicts a caring bond between two friends and focuses on increased vulnerability of people with diabetes to shingles. The 'Yeh Science Hai' campaign urges adults above the age of 50 to talk to their doctor about shingles and its prevention. The messages that come through are clear and memorable." R. Balki, the Director,

Blitzkraig, an arm of

TheSmallBigIdea Net-

work, said, "The cam-

R. Balki, the Director, commenting on the creative insight for the film said "Shingles is a disease that is misunderstood by many people. The challenge was to talk

about the link between shingles and chickenpox in an easy-to-understand and engaging manner. I was instantly aligned with how TheSmallBigldea crafted a simple and strong message. In this case, clarity, not creativity, was the need of the hour."

The campaign films will

be released across multiple platforms, including YouTube (mobile and connected TV), Google Display, Meta, select OTT platforms, Paytm, Google Pay, and various TV channels spanning multiple genres such as general entertainment channels (GEC), movies, and news in both Hindi and regional languages. Additionally, a partnership has been established with the popular television quiz show Kaun Banega Crorepati (KBC) for this campaign.

Muslim Rashtriya Manch J&K carries out plantation drive

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 13: Muslim Rashtriya Manch (MRM) Jammu and Kashmir organized a plantation drive under the "Ek Paid Maa Ke Naam" campaign at Ranbir Canal pathway Akhnoor road here on Tuesday

Office bearers of MRM actively participated in the drive. On this occasion, the MRM legal advisor J&K, Ladakh UTs Adv. Malikzada Mohd Shahzad led the initiative by planting a sapling, symbolizing the commitment to a cleaner and greener environment.

"The event was aimed at raising the awareness about the significance of tree plantation in promoting environmental sustainability and enhancing air quality and the activity was also to involve civil society members to create sense of belonging towards the delicate environment," Adv Malik asserted.

He further stated that the "Ek Paid Maa ke Naam"



campaign is dedicated to fostering cleanliness and hygiene in communities.

It worthwhile that the plantation drive at Akhnoor road park not only contributed to the beautification of the area but also emphasized the importance of tree plantation in combating climate change and providing a healthier living environment. "Such initiatives are crucial in instilling a sense of responsibility towards nature and encouraging collective efforts to maintain clean-

liness and greenery," he maintained.

Prominent among those who were present on the occasion included, Gulshan Kumar (Organiser J&K, Ladakh UT's), Amir Iqbal Khan Spokesperson and Media/IT J&K, Ladakh UT's, Adv. Prithvi Raj Darora, Jagdish Choudhary, Yash Pal, Rayees Ahmed Sheikh State Secretary Jammu province, Fayaz Ahmed Wani Co-Convenor Jammu province, Anwar Khan, Jeet Kumar Sharma and others.

'Operation lotus not working for AAP'

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 13: In a press statement, Kuldeep Kumar Rao, Senior AAP leader in Jammu and Kashmir, expressed that "Operation Lotus" has failed to make an impact on AAP leaders like Manish Sisodia, Satyinder Jain, Sanjay Singh, and other AAP councilors in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) as well as the ministers and MLAs in the Delhi and Punjab governments.

He claimed that the BJP-led government has been exposed for making what he termed as "white

He also questioned the government's promises regarding transferring Rs 15 lakh to every



household, doubling farmers' income by the end of 2022, ensuring Minimum Support Price (MSP) benefits, generating 2 crore jobs annually, reducing corruption, and various other promises.

Rao criticized the perception of progress following the abrogation of Article 370, stating that the expectations of reducing corruption

in key departments like Rural Development, Health, Education, and Roads & Buildings, and ensuring transparency, remain unmet. He highlighted the lack of change in the contractual system of appointing lecturers in higher education, and criticized the ongoing issue of appointing cor-

Furthermore, Rao pointed out the ongoing unemployment issues, particularly among the educated youth in J&K, leading to delays in marriages, depression, and even pushing them towards drug addiction and militancy.

rupt bureaucrats.

He asserted that the existing political system, which he perceives as corrupt, commission-

based, and caste-based, does not ensure safety for any community, including Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists, Sikhs, and Christians.

He called for those disillusioned with the current political system in J&K. regardless of their caste, creed, or color, to support the Aam Aadmi Party. Rao advocated for the Kejriwal model of development, which emphasizes world-class education and healthcare, as well as affordable electricity and water, similar to the initiatives implemented in Delhi. He dismissed the formation of new political outfits in J&K as merely repackaging old ideas without genuine change, labeling it as "old wine in

new bottles.'

SSP Kishtwar chairs SMAC meeting to ensure security ahead of forthcoming I-Day

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Aug 13: In a concerted effort to bolster security and intelligence collaboration, SSP Kishtwar, Abdul Qayoom chaired a pivotal Subsidiary Multi-Agency Centre (SMAC) meeting at the District Police Headquarters Kishtwar on Tuesday. The session saw the attendance of officers from the Police, Army, CAPF, and various intelligence agencies operating within the district.

The meeting involved a comprehensive discussion on the current security landscape, particularly in view of recent terrorist activities. Participants exchanged critical insights, suggestions, and assessments, with a



primary focus on formulating joint strategies for efficient ground monitoring. This included plans for effective area domination, surveillance on antisocial elements, realtime intelligence sharing, and social media monitoring in preparation for Independence Day-2024. Specific instructions were issued to ensure robust security measures during these significant occa-

sions.

SSP Kishtwar emphasized the necessity of a unified approach to maintain the district's peaceful atmosphere. Strategies were carefully devised to preempt disruptive activities and counter rumor dissemination, particularly during the Independence Day celebrations and other festivals. Officers were encouraged to work in unison to ensure

a coordinated response to potential challenges, with special attention to the unique security needs of these events.

Stressing the importance of coordination and high-level synergy, SSP Kishtwar advised that all security forces share any potential information promptly for real-time

The meeting concluded positively, with a strong commitment to enhanced cooperation among all agencies. SSP Kishtwar expressed optimism that these collective efforts would significantly contribute to maintaining security and tranquility in the district during the upcoming Independence Day and associated festivities.

Anti-Ragging Day observed at GCoE

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 13: The Government College of Education (GCoE) commenced its Anti-Ragging Week with the observation of Anti-Ragging Day.

The event began with an Orientation and Sensitization Programme specifically organized for the newly admitted students of the B.Ed course, which will be followed by a series of activities and awareness programs throughout the Anti-Ragging Week, running from 12th August to 18th August 2024.

Principal Dr. Jyoti Parihar addressed the students during the event, emphasizing the critical importance of main-



She highlighted the college's firm stance against any form of ragging, encouraging students to contribute to a culture of respect and harmony within the institution.

Dr. Parihar also underscored the legal and ethical responsibilities of students in creating a safe and inclusive educational environment.

Dr. Rakesh Bharti, Con-

vener of the Anti-Ragging Committee, also spoke at the event. He reaffirmed the college's unwavering commitment to providing a safe and secure learning environment for all students.

Dr. Bharti elaborated on the robust measures and support systems in place, ensuring that students can pursue their education without fear or intimidation

The programme was

attended by esteemed faculty members, including Prof. Satish Kumar, Dr. Rajinder Kour, Prof. Sunanda Rani, Prof. Priyanka Mahajan, and Prof. Rupa Kumari, who collectively expressed their support for the college's anti-ragging initiatives.

The Anti-Ragging Week will feature various activities, including anti-ragging video messages, slogan writing, poster making, social media posts and interactive sessions, all aimed at raising awareness and educating students about the consequences of ragging and the importance of maintaining a respectful and supportive academic environment.

GDC R S Pura attends sensitization programme

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 13: Department of Botany, GDC RS Pura, attended one day sensitization programme on agri-entrepreneurship, its scope and various schemes related to RKVY RAFTAAR at SKUAST.

A total of 22 students along with HOD Botany Dr. Rajinder Sharma, Dr. Neeti Chibber and Dr. Renu



Sharma participated enthusiastically in the programme.

The students were informed about the various schemes for the new innovation and start ups.

They were also informed about the use and benefits of nanofertilizers over traditional fertilizers.

Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour appreciated the event and impressed upon the students to attend such programmes on regular basis and derive benefit out of it.

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| 6 | Improvement and upgradation of water supply of Dhok Paloura near the house of Anil Kumar Chouhanunder UT Capex (Financial Assistance to JMC). | | Rs.200/- | Rs.3140/- | A to D | 30 days |
| 7 | Improvement of water supply to Poonchi Mohalla at Thathe runder UT Capex (Financial Assistance to JMC). | | Rs.200/- | Rs.1500/- | A to D | 30 days |
| 8 | Improvement of water supply of lane no.8 Rajpura mangotrian ward no.29 under UT Capex (Financial Assistance to JMC). | | Rs.200/- | Rs.6690/- | A to D | 45 days |
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Truth behind Abhishek Bachchan 'denying divorce rumours' with Aishwarya Rai

Abhishek Bachchan and Aishwarya Rai married in 2007, and welcomed their daughter Aaradhya Bachchan in 2011. Over the last few months, rumours of the actors' divorce have resurfaced. Recent reports raised a hullaballo when they claimed that Abhishek had finally broken his silence on divorce rumours with Aishwarya. However, it turns Abhishek's statement was from an old interview and not a recent one as was widely reported by many news portals. What Abhishek Bachchan said

Contradictory to fresh reports, Abhishek made a statement about his marriage days after attending the premiere of Aishwarya's 2016 film, Sarbjit. While speaking with media, when asked by a reporter if 'things were not good' between him and Aishwarya based on their recent public appearances together. Abhishek had said, "I don't have to say anything to you all about



He also showed off his wedding ring and confirmed that he was 'still married' to Aishwarya. Abhishek said, "I think, you all have blown the entire thing out of proportion, sadly. But I understand why you do it. You all have to file some stories. It's okay, we're celebrities, we have

Divorce rumours Abhishek and Aishwarya once again sparked divorce rumours when they arrived separately for Anant Ambani and Radhika Merchant's star-studded wedding in Mumbai on July 12. Abhishek made a grand entry with Amitabh Bachchan,

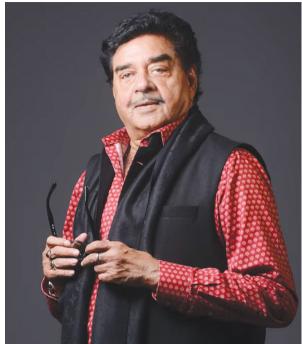
to take it. Still married, sorry."

Jaya Bachchan, Shweta Bachchan, Navya Naveli Nanda and Agastya Nanda. Meanwhile, Aishwarya arrived separately with daughter Aaradhya Bach-

Around the same time, last month, Abhishek also made headlines after he 'liked' an Instagram post on divorce amid separation rumours from Aishwarya. The text on the post read, "When love stops being easy."

The caption read, "Divorce is never easy for anyone. Who doesn't dream of a happily ever after or envision recreating those heartwarming videos of elderly couples holding hands as they cross the street? Yet, sometimes life doesn't unfold as we hoped. But how do people cope when they separate after decades together, after spending a significant portion of their lives relying on each other for both big and small things?"

Shatrughan Sinha says daughter's marriage not 'illegal & unconstitutional'



Politician and veteran actor Shatrughan Sinha has spoken about his actress-daughter Son-

akshi Sinha's wedding with Zaheer Igbal and said it is not "illegal and unconstitutional".

Shatrughan said, "This is a matter of marriage... Secondly, if the kids got married, it is not illegal and unconstitutional. They did it with their own wishes and our blessings. So, I appreciate it.

"Who will stand with my daughter if I don't... My wife Poonam Sinha and I, got together to celebrate her wedding. This is about their happiness." Tagging them as "made for each other", Shatrughan said, "Parents will always stand for their children's happiness and I feel that our children are happy. I call them made for each other and we are very happy for them." On June 23 Sonakshi married her long-time beau Zaheer.

Siddhant joins Shaitani Rasmein

Siddhant Issar, son of renowned actor and villain Puneet Issar, is set to portray the character of Maalikin in Star Bharat's show Shaitani Rasmein. Says Siddhant, "I manifested this opportunity for years. I have a wardrobe filled with long black clothes and silver jewelry because I've always been drawn to devilish characters. I am a fan of series like Lucifer and The Witcher, and had been waiting for something like this. When I got the call, I couldn't believe it fell into my lap. It's a neverbefore-seen portrayal on Indian television. My father, Puneet Issar, was the first Duryodhan on Indian TV, and I will be the first Shaitaan. My dad always told me that playing a negative role would unexpectedly

He adds, "Life comes a full circle. If the universe has given me the chance to live my dream, then with Maalik, I aim to present audiences with the most

polish my skills."



charismatic, charming, smart, stylish, and suave villain Indian screens have ever

seen. Shaitani Rasmein is a blessing for me, and working with Nikhil sir is literally a dream."

'Rockstar' Lisa sets the record straight on Blackpink's group status amid members' solo careers

In case you missed it, Blackpink is here to stay. However, if there's even the slimmest sliver of doubt about the K-pop girl group's future, Lisa Manobal just spilled the beans, AGAIN, for your peace of mind.

Almost a month after YG Entertainment's founder Yang Hyun Suk laid out the artistic plans for all groups under the agency's banner, the Thai rapper has addressed the status of group activities for the quartet. Given the music act's current chapter, rife with group silence, as all four members chart out their separate courses in different directions as soloists, fans have been severely concerned about Blackpink projects.

Dealing with a K-pop group's radio silence era is no job for the faint-hearted, and the same scenario was fleshing out in Blackpink's backyard until YG announced a cohesive schedule brimming with



world tours all around. In June 2024, Lisa released her first solo single - Rockstar - in three years, which also marked her first release since departing YG Entertainment and launching her own label, LLOUD. The hiphop track's cyberpunk visuals paid homage to Lisa's Thai roots, revealing a new side to the beloved artist. Soon after that, YG confirmed that Blackpink members would soon be reuniting for a new comeback and world tour series, ready to kick-off in 2025.

The simple and straighforward answer is yes. Although all four members - Jisoo, Jennie, Rosé, and Lisa - declined renewing their solo contracts with the label, their group still remains signed to YG as an entity – hence the world tour announce-

Further dispelling any fears of a potential disbandment, Lisa came clean in an August interview with ELLE. "Of course we're continuing, for sure," the Thai "Rockstar" confirmed.

"We're so proud of Blackpink, and I love Blackpink. It is not just because of our fans, it's for ourselves." she added before switching to Korean to say, "There was no doubt. This is our life."

However, that's not to say that her solo endeavours will be taking a back seat in the meantime.

The 27-year-old rapper is set to take on her first acting role in the Thailand-set The White Lotus Season 3. Filmed in Bangkok, and the islands of Phuket and Koh Samui, the HBO hit sensation is expected to arrive sometime in 2025.

In the meantime, Lisa's brand-new collaborative track, New Woman. featuring Spanish star Rosalia is almost here. The exciting music release will officially roll out on streaming platforms on August 15.

Keerthy Suresh was supposed to play a 'human' role in Kalki 2898 AD



Keerthy Suresh, who shares a close association with director Nag Ashwin due to their hit film Mahanati (2018), revealed that she turned down playing a 'human' role in his sci-fi film Kalki 2898 AD. In an interview with Galatta Plus, the actor shared that she was offered another role before the Al bot Bujji.

'I wasn't sure of it' Keerthy shared during the interview that she turned down a role because she wasn't sure of it but knew she wanted to be a part of

the film somehow. She said, "Nagi offered me another role in the film, which I wasn't sure of. It was a human role, I'm glad I said no to it now. He later messaged me one day and said, do you want to peep through the wall at least? I said I would love to do it." Keerthy also clarified that she wasn't talking about the role Anna Ben played in the film, a rebel named Kyra, which she called

'really nice'. "I didn't understand initially when he said he wanted me to voice an Al bot. I dubbed for Bujji & Bhairava (on Amazon Prime) before I worked on the film. I had a ball

dubbing for the role in multiple languages, giving 5-6 modulations in each language to see which would suit it best. Dubbing for a film is normally easier," she added.

About Kalki 2898 AD In the film, Keerthy played BU-JZ-1, aka Bujji, an Al droid for whom Bhairava (Prabhas) builds a 'body'. Bujji & Bhairava was an animated prelude released ahead of the film, setting up the world of Kalki 2898 AD, apart from the characters. Deepika Padukone played SU-M80, aka Sumathi, in the film, Kamal Haasan played Supreme Yaskin, and Amitabh Bachchan played Ashwatthama. Disha Patani played Bhairava's on-again, offagain girlfriend Roxie.

Upcoming work Keerthy will soon be seen in the Tamil films Raghu Thatha, Revolver Rita and Kannivedi. She is also debuting in Bollywood with Baby John, starring Varun Dhawan. The film is a remake of the Tamil film Theri, directed by Atlee and starring Vijay.

Taapsee in a happy space



Bollywood actress Taapsee Pannu is happy with the response her latest film Phir Aayi Hasseen Dillruba is getting and said she is already looking forward to what all can be done in the next part. Taapsee said, "Doing a sequel is always tricky because the first one comes with no expectations and if people like it, it becomes a hit. But with sequels come expectations, which are always tricky to meet."

The actress said she is glad people have loved her character of Rani and the film more than the first one. "I knew how much people loved Rani from part one, so I kept those expectations in mind when I approached the next part," she said.

Looking forward, the actress said, "This response has been so validating that I'm already looking forward to what all we can possibly do in the next part."

The first part, which was titled Haseen Dillruba, is a romantic thriller directed by Vinil Mathew and written by Kanika Dhillon. It stars Taapsee, Vikrant Massey and Harshvardhan Rane.

Phir Aayi Hasseen Dillruba has been directed by Jayprad Desai. Taapsee and Vikrant reprise their characters, and Sunny Kaushal joins the cast.

From a loving sister, Secrat becomes a scheming antagonist

Every character in a show has a journey, an arc, which allows the actor to explore and develop their role ceaselessly. This progression not only keeps the storyline engaging, but also enables the actor to showcase their versatility. Seerat Kapoor's portrayal of Mannat in Rabb Se Hai Dua is a perfect example of this dynamic evolution. From her initial appearance as a loving sister to her current role as a scheming antagonist, Seerat's character has grown and transformed, captivating audiences along

Seerat said, "Portraying Mannat has been an incredible journey. Her evolution from a loving sister to a character filled with jealousy has been challenging, yet rewarding. It is difficult to portray her on screen every day because she is the opposite of me. But at the same time, it is fascinating to delve into the complexities of her emotions. Often, I would sit with my director, who would guide

the way



me through Mannat's intricate layers, offering insights into her motivations and helping me tap into her darker side. His guidance has been instrumental in shaping my portrayal. This role has pushed me to explore different facets of my acting abilities, and I am grateful for the opportunity to bring such a character to life."

'Bail is rule, jail is exception' for offences even under special statutes: SC

A bench of justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih said if courts start denying bail in deserving cases, it will be a violation of fundamental rights.

NEW DELHI, Aug 13 (Agencies): The legal principle 'Bail is rule, jail is an exception' is applicable to offences even under special statutes like the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, the Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled while granting bail to a man accused under the stringent anti-terror law.

A bench of justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih said if courts start denying bail in deserving cases, it will be a violation of fundamental rights.

"Allegations of the prosecution may be very serious, but it is court's duty to consider the case for bail in accordance with law. Bail is the rule and jail is the exception applies even to special statutes. If courts start denying bail in deserving



cases, it will be a violation of rights guaranteed under Article 21," the bench said while pronouncing its judgement.

The verdict came while releasing a man named Jalaluddin Khan on bail.

Khan was booked under the stringent provisions of the UAPA and other sections of now-defunct Indian Penal Code for renting out upper floor of his house to alleged members of the banned organisation Popular Front of India (PFI).

According to the National Investigation Agency, probe revealed that the criminal conspiracy was hatched with the intention of carrying out acts of terror and violence, leading to an atmosphere of terror and endangering the unity and integrity of the nation.

In furtherance of their conspiracy, the accused arranged rented accommodation in Ahmad Palace in Phulwarisharif (Patna) and used its premises for imparting training in commission of acts of violence, and holding criminal conspiracy meetings.

The Bihar Police had received information about a plan of accused persons to cause disturbance during the proposed visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2022. On a tip-off, a raid was conducted by the Phulwarisharif Police on July 11, 2022, at the house of Khan.

Delhi Lt Governor's instructions to implement new criminal laws with transparency



NEW DELHI, Aug 13 (Agencies): Delhi Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena conducted a review meeting on the implementation of three new criminal legislations in the national capital, stressing a collaborative and streamlined approach to ensure justice and transparency across all departments.

Delhi Home Minister Kailash Gahlot attended the meeting, while Law Minister Atishi was absent due to a family medical emergency. LG Saxena instructed officials to set specific timelines for ongoing projects related to the new laws.

The discussions in the meeting included training health department nodal officers for the MedLEaPR portal, with all central government hospitals in Delhi now onboarded with the portal. MedLEaPR is a web-based reporting system to capture the Medico-Legal Report (MLR) and Post-Mortem Report (PMR) for the Directorate of Health Services in Delhi. A total of 186 Delhi government and 32 Central government doctors are registered, generating 81 reports on the portal.

The meeting also covered the procurement of mobile forensic vans, infrastructure for video conferencing in all 691 courts in Delhi, and the filling of 165 junior scientific assistant vacancies at crime scenes, with a target completion date of September 21.

Besides, recruitment rules for vacant posts in the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) and Directorate of Prosecutions were discussed, along with plans for a new building for the Directorate.

The three legislations — Bharatiya Nyaya Samhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA) which replaced the colonial-era Indian Penal Code (IPC), Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), and Indian Evidence Act, have been in effect since July 1.

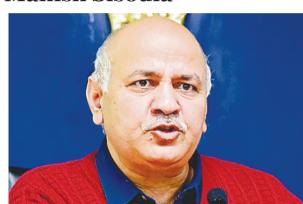
Elected minister should hoist tricolour on Independence Day, politics over it unfortunate: Manish Sisodia

NEW DELHI, Aug 13 (Agencies): Amid a controversy over who hoists the flag at the Delhi government's Independence Day ceremony here, senior AAP leader Manish Sisodia Tuesday assailed Lt Governor V K Saxena, saying there should be no problem with an elected minister doing it.

The Delhi government's General Administration Department has refused to comply with its minister Gopal Rai's direction to make arrangements for Education Minister Atishi to hoist the national flag as per a letter by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to the LG.

However, the LG office has maintained that no letter from Kejriwal, who is in judicial custody, has been received. Tihar jail authorities have said the CM's letter was not sent to the LG because it was not permitted according to prison rules

Sisodia said it is "very unfortunate" that "such petty politics" is being



done on the auspicious occasion of Independence Day.

"I read in the papers that when a conman Sukesh writes letter. the Tihar administration duly submits it to the LG office.

The LG too promptly takes action on it. But, when the Delhi chief minister writes a letter, the LG asks Tihar officials not to send it to him," said Kejriwal's former deputy.

The LG office should

ideally have asked the Tihar Jail director general's office to send Chief Minister Kejriwal's letter, he said. "But, they have nothing to do with independence or the country. People like Sukesh are beloved to them."

The elected government or any minister should hoist the flag, he asserted. "I do not see any difficulty in it."

"But, expecting democratic, constitutional (norms) from the LG and his boss is meaningless. Only dictatorship is expected from them and that is what we do," Sisodia charged.

Chief Minister Keiriwal. who would have hoisted the flag at the Delhi government's Independence Day function, is currently lodged in the Tihar jail in an excise policy-related case.

Maharashtra Think Tank roadmap aims to make state "AI capital of India"

MUMBAI, Aug 13 (Agencies): Maharashtra Institution for Transformation (MITRA), established by the state government on the lines of NITI Aayog, in its roadmap to a one trillion dollar economy, has made a strong case for increasing investment to 37 per cent of the gross state domestic product (GSDP) from the current rate of 25 per

MITRA, in its presentation to Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, has said that with the rise in investment, the state will have a 1.5 trillion dollar economy by 2028.

It has strongly recommended that the state government actively consider raising international capital and monetise ideal public assets to boost gross capital formation. It has also suggested the development of sovereign AI for Maharashtra to become the AI capital of India. MITRA has cited several challenges the

state government faces



"Maharashtra's budget has only 12 per cent outlay on capital formation. State's gross capital formation as part of GSDP is only 23-24 per cent and to reach a 1 trillion dollar economy by 2028 the gross capital formation must reach 36.9 per cent. Raising taxes or reducing subsidies is not a viable option and other options need to be explored for raising international capital and the monetisation of idle public assets."

As a part of MITRA's strategy to tap various funding sources, the state government has raised 188 million dollars from the World Bank for the strengthening of dis-

tricts, 500 million dollars from ADB for strengthening tertiary health care, 280 million dollars from World Bank under SMART project, 500 million dollars for flood water diversion wherein Krishna River water to be diverted to droughtprone areas and 1 billion dollars from Allied Irish Bank (AIB) for providing

ing incomplete irrigation projects.

5 lakh solar pumps to farmers. Furthermore, the state government will mobilise 15,000 crore from the National Computing startups. Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for complet-

Additionally, MITRA has suggested that the state government focus

development to achieve the 1 trillion dollar economy goal. In a bid to develop Maharashtra as the Al Capital of India, MITRA has recommended the development of sovereign AI with the establishment of a joint government and private sector company with 49 per cent - 51 per cent equity holding through a competitive selection process involving credible IT companies. IT firms specialising in AI, machine learning (ML) and Quantum Computing will have free access to large, highquality, machine-reachable public datasets for the first two years. It has emphasised the need for establishing an Investment Fund to finance AI and Quantum

on IT and ITeS, Agricul-

ture, Logistics and Skill

In the case of Agriculture, MITRA has recommended setting up FPO (Farmer Producer Organisation) incubators with all agricultural universities to support and nurture FPO growth. Besides, it has recommended the introduction of a PPP scheme to strengthen the Agriculture Produce Market Committee (APMC) infrastructure (One APMC per district).

As far as logistics are concerned, MITRA has recommended competitive power tariffs for logistics parks (cost-free access to the national power grid and captive power), modified Logistics Policy to incorporate height relaxation and given a mandate of 10-25 per cent apprentice to all Logistics Parks.

To push skill development, MITRA has recommended introducing job-ready certification courses with the involvement of corporates, developing a mobile application for all available shilling courses, matching job vacancies and generating an employable pool through interventions in apprenticeship.

One injured as government bus ploughs into multiple vehicles in Bengaluru



BENGALURU, Aug 13 (Agencies): One person was injured after an out-of-control state-owned Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation bus ploughed into multiple vehicles on a flyover here, police said on Tuesday.

The accident caught on CCTV camera installed inside the bus showed the driver crashing into multiple bikes and cars moving ahead, apparently after losing control of the vehicle, they said.

This even as the conductor of the bus was seen asking him to apply the brakes. On stopping the bus, the conductor and the driver can be seen rushing out to assist a person writhing in pain after being hit by the bus.

The incident occurred on the Hebbal flyover at around

9.30 am on Monday, police said. One person was injured and is being treated for a leg fracture at a hospital, a BMTC official said, adding there were no casualties.

According to BMTC, the vehicle was en route to HSR layout from the international airport and the mishap occurred near Esteem Team mall.

"Authorities are currently investigating the circumstances surrounding the accident to ensure that all relevant factors are thoroughly examined," it said in a statement.

Hindenburg charges against SEBI chief now beyond ruling party-opposition debate: Mayawati

LUCKNOW, Aug 13 (Agencies): Hindenburg Research's allegations against the SEBI chairperson have now gone bevond a debate between the ruling party and the opposition and are affecting the Centre's credibility, BSP chief Mavawati said on Tuesday.

She also said that it would have been better if the Centre had ordered a highlevel inquiry into the matter by now.

Hindenburg Research on August 10 alleged that SEBI Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch and her husband Dhaval Buch had stakes in obscure offshore funds used in the alleged Adani money siphoning scandal.

Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati said in a post on X, "First the Adani Group and now the SEBI chiefrelated Hindenburg report are again in the news, and the allegations and counter-allegations are continuing to such an extent that it is being said to affect the national interest. Despite the clarifications provided by Adani and SEBI, the issue remains on the boil."

"By the way, this issue is now beyond debate between the ruling party and the opposition and is affecting the goodwill ('saakh') and credibility of the Centre itself. It would have been better if the Centre had ordered a high-level inquiry, i.e., a JPC or judicial inquiry, by now," she said in Hindi.

Hindenburg Research's allegations against Buch have triggered a political suggest with the Congress and other INDIA bloc parties demanding



her removal and a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) probe, while the BJP accused the opposition of being a part of a conspiracy to create financial instability and chaos in India. The opposition parties also urged the Supreme Court to step in on the issue.

Buch and her husband dismissed the charges as baseless and alleged that Hindenburg Research was attacking capital markets regulator SEBI's credibility and attempting a character assassination of its chief instead of replying to a showcause notice served to it for "violations in India."

SEBI said the allegations against the Adani Group had been "duly investigated" and its chairperson disclosed and from time to time "also recused herself in matters involving potential conflicts of interest".

Adani Group termed the allegations 'malicious' and based on manipulation of select public information. The company said it had no commercial relationship with the SEBI chairperson or her husband

Rajasthan shocker: Woman dragged by husband behind bike as "Punishment"

JAIPUR, Aug 13 (Agencies): A woman - legs bound - was tied to a motorcycle and dragged, screaming for help, across rubble and rocky ground for several seconds by her husband in Rajasthan's Nagaur district

Then the man gets off his bike and stands over the woman, who is injured, in pain, and crying from the physical and mental trauma of the past few seconds, and sullenly surveys his 'handiwork'.

The arrogant pose - hands on hips as the woman writhes at his feet - underlines the shocking abuse Indian women

A 40-second video of the assault believed to have been perpetrated last month - has been shared online and reveals a stomach-churning detail.

Not one person - and there were at least three people, including another woman and the man (presumably) who filmed the attack - intervened. Not one person from the village, to the gates of which the husband dragged his wife, emerged.

The horrific video also underlines the violence Indian women face on a daily basis, and emerges as the country is up in arms over yet another in a long list of such atrocities - the rape and murder of a doctor at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital

So far as the Rajasthan video is con-

cerned, it is unclear who the man is. There are reports that suggest he is the husband and attacked his wife

because she wanted to visit her sister in Jaisalmer. It could, however, also be a case of bride being 'bought' - a reference to an appalling custom of 'buying' a wife from another state, reported from districts like Jhunjhunu, Nagaur, and

Women 'purchased' in this manner suffer the worst of physical, mental, and sexual abuse from their 'husband' and, in many cases, from other men in the village. They are consigned to the status of forced labour in the farms and forced into doing housework, and serving to satisfy the 'husband' in bed.

Local police say they will investigate both angles, the second of which is human trafficking.

Sources told agency the woman may have been 'bought' by the man - identified as Prem Ram Meghwal, in his 40s, unemployed, and reportedly addicted to drugs - around 10 months ago for 2 lakh.

The police have taken him into custody and have contacted the woman, now in Jaisalmer.

A FIR has been filed and the person who filmed the attack but did not intervene will be prosecuted too. "We have taken the matter very seriously. It is believed the man and the woman had some dispute as she wanted to go to her sister. We have contacted her... she will be coming to Nagaur, after which we will take further action," Nagaur Police Superintendent Narayan Togas told agency.

Crews battle scattered fires in Athens suburbs, helped by calmer winds and reinforcements

Firefighters in Greece were battling scattered fires as Tuesday broke, hoping to end the major wildfire that burned into the northern suburbs of Athens, triggering evacuations and leaving at least one person dead

ATHENS, Aug 13 (Agencies): Firefighters in Greece battled scattered fires as Tuesday broke, hoping to contain the remains of the major wildfire that burned into the northern suburbs of Athens, triggering evacuations and leaving at least one person dead.

With strong winds that had fanned the flames on Sunday and Monday dying down overnight, the fire department said the fire no longer had any active, advancing fronts and firefighters were concentrating their efforts on extinguishing the flames in hundreds of slowburning areas.

Authorities were racing to extinguish as much of the blaze as possible ahead of Tuesday afternoon, when winds were predicted to pick up again, with a forecast of gusts reaching up to 60-70 kilometers (37-43 miles) per hour.

Reinforcements in the form of water-dropping aircraft, firefighters and vehicles were arriving from France, Italy, the Czech Republic, Turkey, Serbia and Romania.

The blaze began Sunday afternoon near Lake Marathon, about 35 kilometers (22 miles) northeast of Athens, coursed across Mount Pendeli and descended onto the northern and northeastern suburbs of Athens.

Firefighters found the burned body of a woman in an industrial building in the suburb of Vrilissia just after midnight. The woman was believed to have been an employee who



became trapped inside the building in an area that had been under evacuation orders. More than a dozen people were treated by paramedics, mostly for smoke inhalation, while five firefighters suffered light burns and breathing problems, the fire department said.

Three hospitals, including a children's hospital, two monasteries and a children's home were evacuated on Monday afternoon. At least 30 push alerts were sent to cell phones in the area warning people in several Athens suburbs and settlements further from the city to flee.

The flames, which reached heights of about 25 meters (80 feet), were fanned by strong winds that hampered the efforts of more than 700 firefighters and nearly three dozen water-dropping planes

and helicopters on Monday.
Six water-dropping plans and six helicopters took off at first light on Tuesday, the fire department said, to back up the hundreds of firefighters on the

(nine miles) from the heart of Athens — typically have thousands of residents. However, it was unclear how many were away on vacation at the height of the summer season, and how many had obeyed the evacuation orders or stayed on their own to fight the blaze. Meteorologists warned of the increased danger of wildfires have burned, although authori-

ties did not yet have an exact

The wildfire raced through

pine forests left tinder-dry

by repeated heat waves

this summer. June and July

were the hottest months ever

recorded in Greece, which also

recorded its warmest winter

ever. An early start of the fire

season this year has strained

"Firefighters have been

working at full tilt for months,"

said Nikos Lavranos, head

of Greece's main firefighters'

union. "They are exhausted."

On Monday, police said 380

police officers had assisted in

evacuations, helping to move

more than 250 people away

from the path of the flames. It

posted a video on social media

showing officers carrying elder-

ly people out of their homes to

waiting vehicles against the

backdrop of a flame-red night-

Authorities said some people

time sky.

Greece's firefighting force.

number.

Meteorologists warned of the increased danger of wildfires because of weather conditions from Sunday until Thursday. Dozens of other wildfires also broke out in several parts of Greece on Monday.

who refused to leave their

homes later became trapped

and required rescuing, endan-

gering the lives of firefighters.

The affected areas — at the

closest, some 15 kilometers

Wildfires are frequent in the Mediterranean country during its hot, dry summers, but authorities have said climate change is fueling bigger and more frequent blazes.

In 2018, a massive fire swept through the seaside town of Mati, east of Athens, trapping people in their homes and on the roads as they tried to flee in their cars. More than 100 people died, including some who drowned trying to swim away from the flames.

Last year, wildfires in Greece killed more than 20 people, including 18 migrants who became trapped by the flames as they trekked through a forest in northeastern Greece and were caught by a massive blaze that burned for more than two weeks.

Murder case filed against Bangladesh's ousted PM Sheikh Hasina



DHAKA, Aug 13 (Agencies): A murder case has been filed against Bangladesh's ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina and six others over the death of a grocery shop owner during last month's violent clashes that led to the fall of her government, media reports said on Tuesday.

The case was the first to be filed against Hasina, 76, after she resigned and fled to India last week following widespread protests against her Awami League-led government over a controversial job quota system.

The case was filed by a well-wisher of the grocery store owner Abu Sayed, who was killed on July 19 in police firing during a procession in support of the quota reform movement in Mohammadpur, the

Dhaka agency reported.

The other accused are
Awami League Gen-

eral Secretary Obaidul Quader, former Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, and former Inspector General of Police Chowdhury Abdullah Al Mamun.

among others.
Besides, several unnamed high-ranking police officials and government officials were also accused in the case, according to the report.

Over 230 people were killed in Bangladesh in the incidents of violence that erupted across the country following the fall of the Hasina government on August 5, taking the death toll to 560 since the anti-quota protests first started in mid-July.

An interim government was formed after the fall of the Hasina-led government, and its Chief Adviser, 84-year-old Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, announced the portfolios of his 16-member council of

advisors last week.

On Monday, seven political parties, including the Awami League's arch-rival Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), met Yunus separately and said the interim government could take the time necessary to create a conducive environment for holding free and fair elections, The Daily Star newspaper reported.

"We have given this interim government the time required to create a proper environment for holding an election," the report quoted BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir as saying.

He said they did not discuss the election and that the BNP did not mention any specific time frame for holding the next election. The BNP was extending its full support to all the activities of the interim government, he said.

Quoting sources, the report said that the party urged the Yunus to have all the cases against its leaders, including those against party chairperson Khaleda Zia and acting chairman Tarique Rahman, withdrawn.

Former prime minister Zia, 79, was released from jail after Hasina's ouster. She was sentenced to 17 years in prison for graft in 2018.

Palestinian freed during gaza ceasefire killed by Israeli forces in West Bank

Monday.

NABLUS, Aug 13 (Agencies): A Palestinian prisoners watchdog said Tuesday that a man shot dead by Israeli forces in the occupied West Bank the previous day had been freed during the November truce in the Gaza war.

The Palestinian Prisoners' Club said the 18-year-old had been released on November 25 during the one-week truce that saw scores of Palestinian prisoners exchanged for dozens of Israeli hostages held in Gaza since October 7.

The Palestinian health ministry in Ramallah

said Tariq Ziad Abdul Rahim Daoud was killed "by the occupation forces' bullets near the town of Azzun, east of Qalqilya", in the northern West Bank, on

The Israeli military said the alleged attacker had "fired at an Israeli civilian who was in the city" of Qalqilya, despite Israel forbidding its citizens from visiting Palestinian built-up areas.

The Israeli civilian was wounded along with two Palestinians, the military said in a statement.

Hamas later issued a statement mourning the death of Tariq Daoud

and claiming he was a member of its armed wing.

Violence has surged in the West Bank since Hamas's unprecedented October 7 attack on Israel triggered war in Gaza.

At least 619 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli troops or settlers, according to an agency tally based on Palestinian official figures.

During the same period, at least 18 Israelis, including soldiers, have been killed in Palestinian attacks in the territory, according to Israeli official figures.

FBI says it is investigating after Donald Trump campaign said sensitive documents were hacked by Iran

WASHINGTON, Aug 13 (Agencies): The FBI is investigating allegations that sensitive documents from Donald Trump's presidential campaign were stolen in a cyber-intrusion, as well as attempts to gain access to Vice President Kamala Harris' campaign, days after the Trump campaign declared it had been hacked by Iran.

The FBI released a brief statement on the Trump matter reading, "We can confirm the FBI is investigating this matter".

The Trump campaign provided no specific evidence of Iran's involvement, but the claim came shortly after Microsoft issued a report detailing foreign agents' attempts to interfere in the US election in 2024. The report cited an instance of an Iranian military intelligence unit in June sending "a spear-phishing email to a high-ranking official of a presidential campaign from a compromised email account of



a former senior advisor". Two people familiar with the matter said the Biden-Harris campaign was also targeted in the suspected Iranian cyber intrusion that is under FBI investigation. The people spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to discuss the details of the investigation.

Politico reported Saturday that it began receiving emails on July 22 from an anonymous account. The source -- an AOL email account identified only as "Robert" -- passed along what appeared to be a research dossier the campaign had apparently done on the Republican vice presidential nominee, Ohio

Sen. JD Vance. The document was dated February 23, almost five months before Trump selected Vance as his running mate.

"These documents were obtained illegally" and "intended to interfere with the 2024 election and sow chaos throughout our Democratic process," Trump campaign spokesperson Steven Cheung said.

At least three staffers in the Biden-Harris campaign were targeted with phishing emails, but investigators have uncovered no evidence the attempt was successful, one of the people said. The attempts came before President Joe Biden dropped out of the race. The FBI began inves-

tigating that cyber incident in June and intelligence officials believe Iran was behind the attempts, that person said. Officials have also been in touch with tech companies in recent months about the possibility that people linked to the Trump and Biden-Harris campaigns were being targeted through email

Harris' campaign said in a statement, "Our campaign vigilantly monitors and protects against cyber threats, and we are not aware of any security breaches of our systems." It declined to address whether it had identified any state-based intrusion attempts.

Iran's mission to the United Nations, when asked about the claim of the Trump campaign, denied being involved.

However, Iran long has been suspected of running hacking campaigns targeting its enemies in the Middle East and beyond. Tehran also long has threatened to retaliate against Trump

over the 2020 drone strike he ordered that killed prominent Revolutionary Guard Gen Qassem Soleimani.

In its report, Microsoft stated that "foreign malign influence concerning the 2024 US election started off slowly but has steadily picked up pace over the last six months due initially to Russian operations, but more recently from Iranian activity".

The analysis continued: "Iranian cyberenabled influence operations have been a consistent feature of at least the last three US election cycles. Iran's operations have been notable and distinguishable from Russian campaigns for appearing later in the election season and employing cyberattacks more geared toward election conduct than swaying voters."

"Recent activity suggests the Iranian regime -- along with the Kremlin -- may be equally engaged in election 2024," Microsoft concluded.

Japan Airport runway shut after us cargo plane makes emergency landing

TOKYO, Aug 13 (Agencies): One of the two runways at Japan's Narita Airport was closed on Tuesday after an American cargo plane made an emergency landing due to an issue with its hydraulic system, officials said.

An Atlas Air Boeing 747 cargo jet en route to Los Angeles turned back to Narita for an emergency landing after the problem became apparent at 1:10 am (1610 GMT), a transport ministry spokesman said.

"The seven crew members of the Boeing 747 were not injured, but tyres were found ruptured and the wheels damaged," the spokesman told agency.

Narita's runway A was closed for at least seven hours, but the "tyres



were changed and the operation of the runway is expected to resume at 8:30 am," he said.

The closure's impact on other flights had been minimal, he added.

No further details of

the mechanical issue were immediately available.

The incident comes

The incident comes after a brake glitch on a Singapore Airlines plane forced a runway closure at Narita on Monday

at Narita on Monday.

Fire engines and ambulances rushed to

the scene after smoke was reported as coming from the arriving Singapore Airlines plane, though responders found no signs of fire

and no one was injured.
The company later clarified that the flight had "experienced a technical issue with its brakes upon landing".

Narita's runway B was closed for just under an hour after the flight landed around 7:40 am, airport and fire officials said.

Iran rejects European leaders' call to refrain from any retaliatory attacks

TEHRAN, Aug 13 (Agencies): Iran rejected a call Tuesday by three European countries demanding it to refrain from any retaliatory attacks that would further escalate regional tensions.

French President
Emmanuel Macron,
German Chancellor Olaf
Scholz and British Prime
Minister Keir Starmer
issued a joint statement

Monday endorsing the latest push by mediators Qatar, Egypt and the United States to broker an agreement to end the Israel-Hamas war. The European leaders also called for the return of scores of hostages held by Hamas and the "unfettered" delivery of humanitarian aid, and asked that Iran and its allies to refrain from retaliation that would



further escalate regional tensions after the late-July killing of Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran.

Mediators have spent months trying to get the sides to agree to a three-phase plan in which Hamas would release the remaining hostages captured in its Oct. 7 attack in exchange for Palestinians imprisoned by Israel, and Israel would withdraw from Gaza. Talks were expected to resume Thursday.

After more than 10 months of fighting, the Palestinian death toll is nearing 40,000 in Gaza, according to the Health Ministry there.

Youngistan held at MV International School

Top News Report

SAMBA, Aug 13: MV International School celebrated 'International Youth Day' under the theme "Youngistan".

Festivities highlighted the power of youth, their responsibilities, future aspects and their role in nation building. Renowned poet and author Padma Shri Mohan Singh resident of Gurha Slathia presided over the function as the Guest of Honour.

Mohan Singh is a script writer and director of 20 TV serials & 25 documentaries for Doordarshan, he has written 40 dogri books, and has displayed his acting talent in famous serials namely CID for Sony channel, Doli Armanon

Ki for ZEE, Ye Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai for Star Plus & Tere Shehar Main for Star Plus, he has played character roles in 4 Dogri films & 1 Hindi film. He has won various awards and recognitions for his achieve-

Proceedings of the

event were decorated by the august presence of youth icons as special quests - Heritage Conservation Architect Rahul Bhola; founder of Pause Tribe and Podcast host namely 'PauseCast' Tanvi Mahajan; Social worker and entrepreneur Tarun Uppal; Mentor Arush Mahajan & co founder of startup 'Via ENS' along with young and dynamic officers from JKUT Bhu-

School Chairman Hira Lal Abrol, Director Gourav Abrol and Principal Kundan Lal Dogra graced the occasion by their presence.

Motivated students of the school presented talk show on youth achievers of the country who have made landmark contribution in the field of sports. social media, business, technology, entrepreneurship, politics, civil services, innovation and social service.

They shared key points about the achievers who later became role model for millions of people across the globe.

Students from classes 9th to 12th presented a colourful cultural program that was a mix of

music mesh-up, dance performance on Olympian Mary Kom, magic painting in honour of para archer Sheetal Devi and a RAP presentation on the theme 'Jago Yuva Jago'.

The event for curated by the students of the school cabinet, under the able guidance of cultural and academic coordinators

All the guests gave motivational talks on their ride to success, they shared their fears, failures and life lessons that helped them to shape their careers.

stories and participated in question answer sessions to know more about them.

Students heard their

Padma Shri Mohan Singh summed up the session in his poetic style, he complimented the special guests for their consistent efforts and perseverance that has helped them to go beyond routine to become role model for the youth.

He appreciated the school management, staff and students for presenting a unique amalgamation of cultures and motivating interaction that shall go a long way in giving these students an opportunity to look into the future with a nonconventional view.

School management thanked the guests for sparing their time and giving an opportunity to the students to meet and learn from the modern day achievers.

Irrigation Dam in Verinag completed in 2013, now a playground due to inactivity Unused for eleven years, dam claims three lives so far: Locals

Top News Report

ANANTNAG, Aug 13: The irrigation dam, intended to provide irrigation facilities to many surrounding villages in the Chenigund Dooru area of South Kashmir's Anantnag district, has turned into a cricket playing field due to neglect by the department. So far, it has claimed the lives of three innocent people.

Sources said that in 2014, the dam was damaged due to floods. Around Rs 15 lakhs were sanctioned and utilized for its repair. However, the dam has remained inactive since eleven

Locals said that the irrigation dam project, completed in 2013 at an estimated cost of Rs 6.69 crores, has been neglected by the Irrigation and Flood Control Department, rendering the entire process a waste of seven crores rupees

Social activist Javid Ahmad Khan said that the irrigation dam at Chenigund was completed in 2013. At that time, several low-lying villages in Dooru tehsil, including Keeri, Noopora, and Bragam, which together have 15,000 kanals of land, was suffering due to inadequate irrigation water facilities

The dam was intended

to provide irrigation for drought-prone areas and was a commendable initiative. "The locals willingly gave up their own land for the dam at Chenigund for the betterment of farmers. However, the dam is currently of no use due to engineering failures, and between 2018 and 2019. three innocent children lost their lives."

He added that there has been zero benefit from the dam. "The government should investigate how 7 crore rupees were misused, why there were engineering failures, and the dam needs renovation so that people will not face drought conditions", he added.

My Youth My Pride" Phase-IV 2024: **Hockey Tournament held**

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Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 13: The "My Youth My Pride" Phase-IV 2024 Special Summer Activities have officially begun with an energizing Hockey tournament at KK Hakku Stadium Jammu. The closing day saw enthusiastic participation from over 125 players, with 12 officials and a vibrant crowd of 150 spectators supporting the

Successful event made by J&K sports Council total 6 teams from men section were participated in 2 days competition, 2 teams from women section . On Closing day the 2 teams from man section GNN hockey club and Bandhurakh Hockey club played final, GNN Hockey Club won by 2-1 and Women section KIC women team Jammu won

by 7-0 over Sahara warrior hockey team.

Today's closing ceremony, we were having our guests Hanif CSO J&K Šports Council, Rajiv Sharma Member J&K Sports Council, Baljinder Singh DSO Jammu J&K Sports Council, Sharat DSP Jammu PCR Parade and Ajay Gupta Manager KK Hakku Stadium

Jammu. Under the supervision of Sushma Jamwal Chief Basketball Coach, Rachna Fencing Coach Ritika Incharge Bhagwati Nagar stadium Jammu, Pawandeep Kour Athletic Coach, Vinay Handball Coach, Jagjit Singh Hockey Coach, Dalvinder Singh Hockey Coach, Vikas Manager Science College Ground, Anil Manager Green Field and Anjali Thakur KIC

Mentor KK Hakku stadium

Jammu

The matches were successfully conducted under the guidance of technical team Saksham Sharma, Sukhchinder Singh, Anju, Gargi, Geeta, Supriya, Dhani, Manjot Singh and Kirandeep Singh.

Participants, local community and spectators alike extended their heartfelt thanks to Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul, for her dedication to providing platforms that nurture and celebrate youth potential. Her continued support in organizing these events is a testament to her commitment to enriching the lives of young athletes and encouraging their active participation in sports.

Today's successful kickoff is a promising end to what is anticipated to be a month full of dynamic and inspiring events

Puneesh Puri of Heritage School shines at National Roller Skating C'ship

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 13: Puneesh Puri, an exceptional athlete from Heritage School, class 8, has brought remarkable glory to his school and family by winning three gold medals at the 2nd India Skates Roller Games. This prestigious event, organized by the Roller Skating Federation of India, was held in Pollachi, Tamil Nadu, from August 7th to 11th, 2024.

Competing in the Under-14 Boys category, Puneesh showcased his exceptional skills and determination by clinching gold in the 1500 meters Road Race, 500 meters Rink Race, and 1000 meters Rink Race.

His outstanding performance outpaced over 1500 players from across the country, once again earning him the title of National Champion in his age group

Puneesh Puri's impressive achievement not only adds to his already remarkable tally of wins but also establishes him as a rising star in the world of roller skating. His dedication, hard work, and perseverance continue to bring pride to his school and community.

The entire Heritage School community extends its heartfelt congratulations to Puneesh for his stellar performance and wishes him continued success in his future endeavors

Prof Salgotra addresses KCPS students on India Week Celebrations 2024

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 13: India Week is celebrated at KC Public School every year around the Independence Day. This year, the celebration includes keynote addresses by eminent scholars. Prof Romesh Salgotra, Director of Institute of Biotechnology, (SKUAST, Jammu) addressed senior students of KCPS today morning and marked the beginning of the celebration.

In his address, Prof.Salgotra dwelt in detail on the significant strides India has undertaken since Independence in the field of agriculture. He referred back to human history to pinpoint the time when human beings started cultivating grains about 105000 years ago and started domesticating animals

just about 10000 years ago. Cultivation of plants occurred independently in at least eleven regions on the planet earth. He added that man's agricultural endeavours still continue to dominate human beings' guest for further growth and development.

Stressing on the exceptional work being done in the field of agriculture at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agriculture, Prof Salgotra apprised KCPS students of the efforts being made by the University to achieve high standards of excellence in the education, research and extension areas for the betterment of the farming communities in Jammu and Kashmir region. He informed the students that there are several Research Stations/Sub Stations of the University

located in different agro-climate zones of J&K which are catering to location specific needs of farming communities.

Prof Salgotra concluded his address by inviting KCPS students to visit and observe for themselves some of the outstanding research projects being carried out by the SKUAST.

In his thanks giving address, Principal AK Mishra expressed his gratitude towards the keynote speaker and the guests of honour Prof Vikas Sharma (HOD, Faculty of Agriculture, SKUAST) and Prof Vivek M Arya (Professor & Nodal Officer, SKUAST) for sparing their valuable time to spread awareness among KCPS students about agricultural research being conducted for the

Security tightened on Jammu-Srinagar Highway ahead of **Independence Day**

Singh Jasrotia, said, "The postal department has participated in the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign. The national flag, 'Tiranga', is available at all the post offices. Anyone who wishes to put up a 'Tiranga' at their house can get it from our counters... I request everyone to be a part of this campaign..."

Har Ghar Tiranga' is a campaign that forms part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. It was started in 2021 to encourage people to bring the Tiranga home and to hoist it to mark the 75th year of India's independence. The idea behind the initiative is to invoke the feeling of patriotism in the hearts of the people and promote awareness about the Indian National Flag

On August 9, Prime Minister Narendra Modi also urged the citizens to make the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign a mass movement by hoisting the national flag at their homes. Changing his profile picture on social media to 'Tricolour', PM Modi further urged everyone to change their profile picture to

Junior doctors, others summoned for questioning in Kolkata doctor rape-murder case

Super, male-female nurses, group-d staff and security members today at Kolkata police headquarters in Lalbazar," they said.

The body of the woman postgraduate trainee doctor was found raped and murdered inside the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata on August 9, sparking widespread outrage and protests.

Earlier, three junior doctors and one house staffer were summoned by the Kolkata police in connection with the case. According to Kolkata Police sources, the summoned junior doctors and house staff were on duty on the night of the incident.

In a strong display of support, doctors, and students in several hospitals across multiple states went on an indefinite strike, demanding justice for the victim.

Mamata Banerjee said on August 12 that she had asked the police to arrest the accused as soon as possible adding that if the police are unable to solve it, then the case will be handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

"The day I got to know about the incident from the Kolkata Police Commissioner, I told him that it is a sad incident and immediate action should be taken and a fast-track court should also be set up immediately... There were nurses and security, but I am still unable to understand how this incident took place.

Police have informed me that there was someone inside (Hospital). The Principal of RG Kar Hospital has resigned..Police, Dog Squad, Forensic department and other teams are on the job.

Investigation has been started to arrest the accused and police are trying to arrest him as early as possible.

If the Police are unable to solve this case by Sunday, then we will not keep this case in our hands, we will hand it over to CBI," she said.

l he doctors are demanding a CBI inquiry of the case, a fast-track court and the formation of a committee for the implementation of the Central Protection Act in all hospitals.

Amarnath Yatra suspended due to inclement weather

He also hailed the security personnel for their cooperation with the pilgrims. "The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and all the local police authorities here are cooperating with the pilgrims. We are getting good treatment.'

He said that everyone should visit Kashmir (owing to improvements in the security situation). "Everyone should visit Kashmir. Now the situation has completely changed. Thanks to the Government of India."

The annual pilgrimage to the Amarnath shrine began on June 29. This year, the 52-day-long pilgrimage would culminate on August 19.

Cong holds meeting of State Chiefs. General Secretaries ahead of key State polls

Sources said the party chief took stock of the preparations for the upcoming polls in Haryana, Maharashtra and Jharkhand later this year. Polls could also be held in Jammu and Kashmir this year.

With assembly polls in key states coming up, Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi had said at a parliamentary party meeting recently that the "mahaul (public mood)" is in the party's favour but had cautioned against complacency and over confidence after the goodwill generated for it in the Lok Sabha elections.

Leaders of poll-bound states have been holding meetings with Venugopal and the party leadership separately to apprise them about the preparations for the polls.

Earlier this month, the Congress had set up screening committees for Haryana, Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Jammu and Kashmir to zero in on candidates for the upcoming assembly elections.

For Haryana, Kharge has appointed Ajay Maken as the chairman of the screening committee and for Jharkhand, Girish Cho-

dankar has been named the chairman. Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa has been named the chairman of the screening committee for Jammu and Kashmir. Madhusudan Mistry has been named the chairman of the screening committee for Maharashtra

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Pakistani intruder shot dead by **BSF along Punjab Border**

"Sensing imminent danger and keeping in view the high alert situation on the border in the wake of the forthcoming Independence Day, the troops on duty fired upon the advancing intruder, neutralising him on the spot," he said.

"Vigilant BSF troops once again successfully foiled the nefarious intentions of crossborder terror syndicate to carry out this infiltration bid into the Indian territory from across the border," said the spokesperson.

The BSF, which guards the 553-kilometrelong India-Pakistan frontier in Punjab, has declared a high alert on the frontline from August 10 in the wake of Independence Day events on August 15.

Policeman injured in Gurez road accident dies

as Muhammad Magbool, resident of Gurez in north Kashmir's Bandipora, was hit by a speedy vehicle when he was driving his Scooty in Bandipora.

The injured was shifted to CHC Dawar wherefrom he was shifted to SKIMS, Soura. However, he breathed his last late night, they

Police have registered the case and investigations have been taken up, it reported.

JK Police say they arrested nine after busting major terror module

following the elimination of three militants in the Gandoh area of Doda district and two more in Hiranagar. These militants were reportedly sheltered by Lateef before their encounters with security forces.

According to police officials, Lateef had been absconding since the Hiranagar operation but was apprehended as part of the ongoing investigation. The police have said they conducted a thorough investigation, questioning over 50 residents living in the mountainous dhoks used for grazing livestock. Some of these individuals were found to have provided food, shelter, or communication assistance to the militants. However, only a few failed to report their contact with the militants to the authorities, with some even accepting money for their assistance. Those who reported the encounters promptly

are being treated as innocent. The investigation revealed that Lateef and his associates played a crucial role in receiving the infiltrators after they infiltrated India from the Samba-Kathua sector. The module provided initial shelter, food, and logistics before guiding the militants to the upper reaches of Udhampur, Kathua, and Doda districts, particularly around the Kailash mountain, which serves as a tri-junction for these regions.

The other arrested individuals have been identified as Akhter Ali, Saddam, Kushal, Noorani, Magbool, Liaquat, Kasim Din, and Khadim, all hailing from Kathua district. Their roles ranged from providing logistical support to serving as guides for the terrorists as they moved through the area undetected.

Police officials disclosed to the newspapers that the module was busted based on leads from central intelligence agencies following the killing of three foreign militants in Doda's Gandoh area last month.

During interrogation, the arrested members confirmed their involvement in aiding the militants, including those responsible for the killing of five Army soldiers, including a Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO), in Badnota, Kathua, on July 8.

The security forces have intensified combing operations across the region to apprehend any remaining militants. As part of the efforts to capture or neutralise these assailants, sketches of over half a dozen militants have been released, and a cash reward of Rs 5 lakh has been announced for information

leading to their capture. Reports said the arrested people are being booked as enemy agents.

Army Commander reviews Anti-Terror Operations in Chenab Valley

post read. While higher reaches of Doda district of Jammu region have witnessed over half-a-dozen encounters at different places since June 12 that left four soldiers, including a captain and three foreign terrorists dead and some security personnel injured, a brief gunfight between terrorists and security forces took place during search operations in Nownatta and Naagseni Peyaas in Kishtwar district on August 11.

Security forces are engaged in a massive search operation in the upper reaches of both the districts to track down and neutralise the terrorists who are believed to have infiltrated from across the border and managed to reach the dense forests in their effort to revive terrorism in the peaceful Jammu

Search operation continues in Kokernag four days after gunfight

After reports of 40-50 hardcore foreign mercenaries operating in the hilly districts of Jammu division, the Army deployed over 4,000 highly trained soldiers, including elite Para commandos and those trained in mountain warfare, in the mountainous areas of Jammu division.

These terrorists operating in Poonch,

Rajouri, Doda, Kathua, Reasi and Udhampur districts have carried out hit-and-run attacks against the Army, paramilitary forces and The tactics adopted by them have been to

carry out surprise ambush attacks and then disappear in the densely forested areas. To defeat the tactics of the terrorists, the Army and CRPF have been deployed on

mountain tops of these districts. The J&K Police have already released sketches of some terrorists active in these areas. A reward of Rs 5 lakh each has been announced for anyone giving actionable information about the presence of these ter-

Police also said that the identity of the informer will be kept secret and there should be no fear in the minds of the people willing

to volunteer information. It is believed that the presence of the terrorists in the hilly areas adversely affects the routine life and safety of the families living close to the forest areas where the terrorists are reported to be hiding.

APSCC to field Sikh Candidates in upcoming JK Assembly Elections

they will field their candidate from the seat where there is a majority of Sikhs who can be a "game changer."

While appealing the Sikh community of J&K, the APSCC said that they will announce the seats and the name of the candidate after the things have been finalised.

Expressing their criticism of the successive political regimes, the APSCC said that these political parties didn't take any steps "towards the betterment of the Sikh community and only used the community for vote bank politics.

The APSCC also said that the "discriminatory job packages should be probed and that they will pressure the administration to change it.

It also said that after the abrogation of Article-370, a shadow has been cast over

the Punjabi language in J&K. "Since the language was recognized by the constitution of erstwhile state of Jammu & Kashmir it does not hold ground since Jammu & Kashmir has been downgraded into a union territory," read a statement by the APSCC.

They demanded the restoration of the Punjabi language which they said has a strong base in education models of the overall education system of J&K.

The APSCC also demanded that sufficient electricity should be provided to the people

"The National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) should supply 50 percent of the power produced in Jammu & Kashmir projects to the people of this union territory. This will solve the power shortage issue," the



Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar taking salute in the full dress rehearsal for celebration of Independence Day 2024 in M A Stadium Jammu on Tuesday with patriotic fervor. The contingents of Army, CRPF, JKP, SSB, NCC cadets and school students presented an impressive March past. Pic by AMAN SHARMA

Zorawar releases devotional Dogri album "Chandi Maiya Ji"

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JAMMU, Aug 13: Chairman, Team Jammu and BJP leader, Zorawar Singh Jamwal released devotional Dogri Bhajan "Chandi Maiya ji" sung by renowned Dogri singer Deepak Kumar, during a function held at Press Club of Jammu, here today.

Subash Nanda, Regional Marketing Head Kamdhenu Paints, Suneet Raina, Director Shree Institute of Education, Darshan Kumar Pataka, President, J&K Jagran Sewa Samiti were special guests on the occasion.

Produced and presented by Deepak Kumar, the music has been given by the renowned artist of Jammu Sahil Nath, lyrics penned by Vikrant Sonu and the album has been



various locations of Jammu. Speaking on the occasion, Chairman, Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal congratulated the entire team of devotional video album "Chandi Maiya Ji" and

hoped that this will make

waves in music industry,

besides, is liked by neti-

zens and people across

the country. He appreciated the tireless efforts of singer Deepak Kumar who is also popularly known as "Jammu Ka Kishore Kumar" and has sung numerous bhajans as well as Dogri songs that had hit the stands in the past few years.

Team Jammu chief asserted that Jammu and Kashmir UT government must open its door to the world of

pation of youth in such devotional and spiritual activities will not only keep away the youth from indulging in social crimes but will also keep them in good health and sound mind. Zorawar emphasized the essence

needs to be harnessed

for their optimal self-

He said that the partici-

actualization.

of Jammu and Kashmir's rich cultural heritage, highlighting the importance of communal harmony and the profound belief of the people in their deities. "J&K has always been a land of diverse cultures and faiths. The belief in deities like Chandi Mata, Vaishno Mata Sukrala Mata is a testament to our shared heritage and communal harmony," he

BJYM, RBD hold protests against Farooq Abdullah in Jammu



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JAMMU, Aug 13: The Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha and Rashtriya Bajrang Dal staged protests here on Tuesday against National Conference president Farooq Abdullah for his remarks against the army, and asked him to apologise for allegedly hurting the sentiments of the armed forces and the people.

Voicing concern over the increasing encounters between terrorists and security forces in Jammu and Kashmir, Abdullah had questioned the infiltration of terrorists from across the border despite heavy military deployment, and said "they are all in close collaboration.'

Led by BJYM Jammu and Kashmir State president Arun Prabhat, scores of workers staged a protest here against Abdullah's statement.

BJP Govt adopted anti people policies: Bimla Luthra

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JAMMU, Aug 13: Bimla Luthra State Vice President Women wing and former MLA addressed the National Conference women workers meeting at village Plata Tehsil R.S

While addressing the meeting, Bimla Luthra stated that BJP befooled the people with its hollow promises before the elections and now the people of Jammu and Kashmir have today realize that they have been totally betrayed by the saffron party. She said that the people across the state are being made to suffer in absence of a representative government for no fault of theirs

She asserted that the government has virtually broken the spine of



common people due to its anti-people policies, the results of which are easily visible to everyone.

Luthra said that due to the anti-people policies of the government, unemployment is at its peak, inflation has gone out of control amid the sky rocketing prices of essential commodities while the claims of unprecedented development stand exposed with the snail's pace of almost all the works.

She called upon the women of Jammu and Kashmir to come forward and play a vital role in the upcoming Assembly

Those who were present in the meeting included Joginder Kour District President Jammu Urban women wing, Bharti Panch, Savita, Raji and

Full Dress Rehearsal held at Ramban: ADC takes the salute

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RAMBAN, Aug 13: A Full Dress Rehearsal for the 78th Independence Day celebrations was held with great patriotism at the District Police Lines in Ramban. The event was marked by the unfurling of the National Flag by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Ramban, Varunjeet Singh Charak, who also took the salute from the contingents present.

The ADC inspected the parade and observed the March-Past, which included contingents from the Police, IRP, Home Guard, Forest Protection Forces, and various schools. In his address, he emphasized the themes of "Har Ghar Tiranga," "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam," and "Ek Ped Shaheedon Ke Naam," underscoring their significance in the context of the Independence Day

celebrations.

He also expressed his appreciation for the meticulous arrangements made by various departments to ensure the smooth conduct of the Independence Day 2024 celebrations.

The march-past was followed by vibrant cultural programs performed by students and local artists from different educational institutions in the district adding to the festive atmosphere of the event.

Additional District Development Commissioner Roshan Lal, along with senior officers including Additional SP Gourav Mahajan, ACR S. Harpal Singh, ACD, ACP, CEO, DIO, Tehsildar, DSWO, and heads of various departments and institutions, were present on the occasion. The stage proceedings were skillfully conducted by Ranjay Kumar and Ruhi

Kidzee Pre-School Paloura celebrates I-Day with enthusiasm

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JAMMU, Aug 13: As part of its Independence Day celebrations, Kidzee School Sidhra organised a special visit to the nearest Police Station to honour the brave police personnel who serve the community with unwavering dedication. The event took place on Tuesday where students of class Sr.KG accompanied by their teachers, extended their heartfelt gratitude to the officers.

The children presented handmade cards as a small token of appreciation to the police officers, acknowledging their commitment to maintaining law and order.

The police personnel were deeply moved by the gesture and took the time to interact with the students.

Speaking on the occa-



sion, the Principal of Kidzee School sidhra .Sana shah said. "We believe it is crucial for our students to understand and appreciate the sacrifices made by our police force. This visit not only instilled a sense of respect in the children but also allowed them to express their gratitude to the officers who work tirelessly to keep our

The event was a part of Kidzee School's broader initiative to engage students in activities that promote civic responsi-

community safe.

bility and national pride. The school aims to make such visits a regular feature of its annual calendar, fostering a strong bond between the students and the local community.

GGM Science College hosts Tug of War event, Pledge for Drug-Free India



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JAMMU, Aug 13: GGM Science College held a vibrant Tug of War event on Tuesday, as part of the Swachhata Pakhwada and Independence Day celebrations

The event, which took place on the college premises, brought together teaching staff, non-teaching staff, and students for a day of spirited competition and unity.

Under the esteemed leadership of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, and with meticulous organisation by Dr. Vinod Bakshi, Director of Physical Education, the event was a

notable success

The competition was intense, with the final match between the students and a combined staff team drawing enthusiastic support from the audience. The staff team emerged victorious.

Another significant event was the collective pledge for a "Nasha Mukt Bharat" (Drug-Free India). The pledge was a commitment to make our country drug-free.

Staff, students and nonteaching staff pledge to actively contribute to the fight against substance abuse by promoting awareness, supporting healthy lifestyles, and advocating for a drugfree environment

"This event was a testament to the strength and spirit of our college community," said Principal Prof. Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta.

"We are thrilled with the enthusiastic participation and the sense of unity it fostered among everyone involved. Our pledge towards a drug-free India reflects our dedication to creating a positive and supportive environment for all," he added.

The event was further enriched by the participation of NCC Officers Lt. Prof. Devinder Kumar Sharma and Dr. Shafia Saleem, and NSS Programme Officers Dr. Rahul Kait and Dr. Neha Sharma, whose collaboration ensured the smooth execution of the day's activities.

Dr. Chaman Lal, Prof Kamaljeet Singh, Dr. Amit Bali, Dr. Lokinder Singh and Prof. Altaf Ahmed members of NCORD participated in the webcasting of the Pledge taking ceremony.

Rotary Club Helping Hand organizes Langar on Annapurna Day

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JAMMU, Aug 13: The Rotary Club Jammu Helping Hands commemorated "Annapurna Day" by organizing a Bhandara Langar beside the premises of Jangam Temple, adjacent to the Agarwal Dharamshala.

Annapurna Day is celebrated nationwide as a tribute to the "Goddess of Nourishment," and the theme of the celebration is to provide nourishment to all, regardless of caste, creed, or religion.

The initiative aimed to provide nutritious food to those who cannot afford a balanced diet, thereby promoting the agenda of universal brotherhood in a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

The distribution of Bhandara was inaugurated by Mahant Rajesh Bittu, President of All J&K Sant Samaj, who delivered a holy message of peace, brotherhood. and the importance of Annapurna Day as per Hindu scriptures, honoring Goddess Annapurna, an avatar of Maa Parvati.

The event was organized by Club President Rtn. Jaswinder Kuku, Chartered President Karuna Gupta, Secretary R.K. Chohan, and other Club members including Rtn. Sushma Shaini, Rtn. Jaswinder Singh, Rtn. Jatinder Mengi, Rtn. Prem Sharma, Rtn. Rohit Gupta, Rtn. Venu Jamwal, Sunny Gupta, and Rtn. Sanjay Gupta. Their efforts were supported by Mahant Mohan Giri and the devotees of the temple.

A large number of people from diverse backgrounds participated in the Annapurna Day celebrations organized by the Rotary Club Helping Hands, Jammu. The Langar was inaugurated by the Chief Guest. Mahant Raiesh Bittuii, accompanied by DDC member Narayan Dutt Tripathi, Md. Rajesh Gupta of Perfect Time Line, Varinder Gupta, Denish Mahajan, Sonu, Anil, Mahant Mohan Giri, and Mahant Jasmeer.

78th I-Day celebrated at Sant Hare Ram **Dass Public School Mandal** member louded the efforts



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JAMMU, Aug 13: The 78th Independence Day of India was celebrated with immense patriotic zeal and enthusiasm by the students and staff of SHRD Public School, Mandal on Tuesday.

The students showcased their patriotism and pride for the nation through a series of spectacular dance and music performances

The celebration commenced with the flaghoisting ceremony was followed by the National Anthem.

The Principal, Prof.

Aekta Gupta, addressed the gathering by reiterating the way our brave freedom fighters sacrificed their lives, happiness and families - just so we could enjoy the taste of liberty. She encouraged the students to remain Indian at heart, whichever part of the world they decided to

less and guiding the lost. She concluded by saying that she takes pride in her students and staff, and thanked them for their enthusiastic par-

live in. She also empha-

sized on helping the help-

ticipation in the event. Kalbhushan Khajuria ,one of the trustee of school for presenting spectacular performances especially the Dogri Dance. He stressed upon inculcating moral and ethical values in students. The students, dressed

in the vibrant colours of the nation – green, white and saffron – performed a medley of heart touching patriotic songs complemented by the harmonious tunes of the keyboard.

This was followed by the much-awaited dance performance Titled JALWA

choreographed by Dance Teacher Sushant Bhardwaj. Present on the occasion members of the trust Parshotam, Devki Nandan, Parents of the participants and both teaching and non teaching staff of the school.

The programme was conducted by Natasha and Harleen and Vote of thanks delivered by Shivani Chib.

'Rohit Sharma can play for 2 more years, Virat Kohli...": Harbhajan Singh makes big prediction

Harbhajan believes that Test cricket is one format where you need both of them

NEW DELHI, Aug 13 (Agencies): Former India great Harbhajan Singh believes that Virat Kohli with his supreme fitness can easily survive the rigours of international cricket for another five years while Test and ODI captain Rohit Sharma will last at least another couple of years. "Rohit can easily play for two more years. You never know with Virat Kohli's fitness, you can see him competing for five years. He is probably the fittest guy in the team," Harbhajan told agency in an exclusive interview. "You ask any 19-yearold competing with Virat (on fitness). Virat will beat him. He is that fit. I believe Virat and Rohit have a lot of cricket left in them and it is entirely up to them. If they are fit enough, they are performing and the team is winning, they should continue to play. As simple as that," the man with 700 plus international wickets said.

Harbhajan believes that Test cricket is one format where you



need both of them.

"Red ball cricket, you really need these two guys to play a little bit more than what people are asking. You need experience in all formats whether its limited overs cricket and Test cricket. You need experienced cricketers to nurture the talent that is coming up.

"Selectors need to see, that if someone is not performing

well, they should be dropped. Whether they are senior player or juniors. But as long as everyone is fit, they should be able to get selected in the team." He further said: "And if they are not contributing in any manner, whether its fitness or number of runs, then the time has come. They should be making way for

"At the end of the day, it's an

the youngsters.

individual decision and selectors are there to watch these steps as to who are capable to perform at what age. Obviously, they are considering all those factors before picking them." Harbhajan does believe that youngsters have way more hunger than senior players as they are yet to establish themselves.

"I always believe that youngsters have much more hunger than the seniors. If you play for 15 years your hunger a little bit comes down. Great to see Riyan Parag getting the opportunities and the way Yashasvi Jaiswal is coming up and Shubman Gill is playing." Harbhajan played down India's 0-2 loss to Sri Lanka in the ODIs.

"It was one of those things. Sometimes you win it, sometimes you lose it. It's sports after all. All teams go through these periods. You play well but you still don't win. I will give credit to Sri Lanka. They played well. They played better than India."

Para shuttler Pramod Bhagat suspended for 18 months, to miss Paris Paralympics



NEW DELHI, Aug 13 (Agencies): Tokyo gold medallist Indian para shuttler Pramod Bhagat will not be able to defend his title at the Paris Paralympics after he was handed a 18- month suspension for breaching BWF's antidoping whereabout clause.

"The Badminton World Federation can confirm India's Tokyo 2020 Paralympic champion Pramod Bhagat has been suspended for a period of 18 months and will miss the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games," the governing body said in a statement on Tuesday.

"In 1 March 2024, the Court of Arbitration of Sport (CAS) Anti-Doping Division found Bhagat in breach of the BWF anti-doping regulations for committing three whereabouts failures within 12 months."

The 36-year-old, an SL3 athlete, had appealed this decision to the CAS

Appeals Division but it was rejected last month.

"On 29 July 2024, the CAS Appeals Division dismissed the Bhagat's appeal and confirmed the CAS Anti-Doping Division decision of 1 March 2024. His period of ineligibility is now in effect," the statement added.

His suspension is effective till September 1, 2025.

Bhagat had won a gold medal at the Tokyo Paralympics in men's singles SL3 category, beating Daniel Bethell of Great Britain in the final.

The 36-year-old Bihar-born shuttler had equalled the legendary Lin Dan of China by winning a fifth World Championships title in February last year at Pattaya, Thailand.

"It is extremely sad and unfortunate. He was a sure shot medal for India at the Paralympics but he is a fighter and I am sure he will come back stronger," Indian para-badminton head coach Gaurav Khanna told agency.

Bhagat, who had contracted polio, resulting in a disability affecting his left leg at the age of five, is also a two-time Asian Games gold-medallist and is the current world No 3 in his category.

"Received rs 1.50 Crore from whom?": Badminton star ashwini ponnappa refutes olympics funding report

NEW DELHI, Aug 13 (Agencies): Following Indian badminton stars' dismal campaign at the Paris Olympics, many shuttlers have been criticised for their performance in the quadrennial event, especially considering the support they have received from authorities and the government. Even Prakash Padukone, former All-England winner and Lakshya Sen's coach, tore into the athletes for their failure to step up and deliver a medal. Reflecting on India's poor badminton show in the Paris Games, a report in agency highlighted the sort of money that badminton stars received from the TOPS scheme. However, shuttler Ashwini Ponnappa has called the report 'a lie'.

A report in agency stated that HS Prannoy, a bronze-medallist at the 2023 World Championships and Asian Games, received Rs 1.8 crore for training. His performance in the Paris Olympics was hindered by Chikungunya, leading to a loss in the

pre-quarterfinals.
The report also said that Ashwini and Tanisha, women's doubles partners at the Paris Olympics, on the other



hand, received Rs 1.5 crore each in support. They were eliminated in the group stage itself. Reacting to the report,

Reacting to the report, however, Ashwini fumed, saying she didn't receive any money at all.

"How can an article be written without getting facts right? How can this lie be written? Received 1.5 CR each? From whom? For what? I haven't received this money. I was not even part of any organisation or TOPS for funding," she wrote on X (formerly Twitter).

The government also reportedly spent a total of Rs 5.62 crores on men's doubles duo of Satwik-Sairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty but they were upset by Malaysia's Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik in the

quarter-finals, prompting their Danish coach Mathias Boe to quit coaching.

The government had also reportedly spent Rs 26.60 lakh and Rs 9.33 lakh sanctioned for Sindhu and Lakshya's training in Germany and France, respectively.

PV Sindhu, India's marquee women's singles Player, is said to have received Rs 3.13 crore in support from the government. She was unable to progress beyond the pre-quarter-finals.

As a whole, the Sports Authority of India's (SAI) Mission Olympic Cell reportedly allocated Rs 72.03 crore on the badminton contingent alone, from the total pool of nearly Rs 470 crore spent on India's Olympic preparations across 16 disciplines.

R Ashwin embraces fearlessness over safety in life, cricket

NEW DELHI, Aug 13 (Agencies): Engineer, cricketer, popular YouTuber, and now author—Ravichandran Ashwin embodies the art of parallel processing, seamlessly juggling multiple roles. The 37-year-old off-spinner, renowned for his sharp mind and candid views, has embraced a philosophy that transcends both life and cricket: he would rather fail than play it safe.

Ashwin, who has taken 516 Test wickets, is currently basking in the critical success of his book, "I Have The Streets: A Kutti Cricket Story," co-authored by Sidharth Monga and published by Penguin Random House. The book chronicles his life up until 2011 and offers a glimpse into the mind of a man who enjoys probability analysis as much as decoding a difficult batter.

"I am living my life, that's it. I am not thinking about accomplishing 'A,' 'B,' or 'C' (targets). I am staying in the moment. I am a creative person in general, and if I feel I want to do something, I will go ahead and do it. Whether it's right or wrong is something that I will assimilate later," Ashwin told agency in an exclusive interview.

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He wasn't always this fearless, though. As a child, Ashwin had an insecure side, but over time, he realized



that these fears were paralyzing him. Once he dealt with them, he became more unflappable—a quality that has been evident in his growth as a cricketer. From bowling carrom balls on Chennai's streets as a kid to becoming India's premier spinner, Ashwin's journey has been marked by resilience. He has taken criticism on the chin, responding with a bagful of wickets, refusing to let "outside noise" disturb the equilibrium of his mind.

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"I'm not insecure at all.
I would rather fail in life than be absolutely safe.
That's my character. I don't have the common insecurities that people have," he asserts, with the same clarity he uses to decode complex cricket laws on social media—a platform where his views quickly become viral trends.

Breaking away from childhood insecurities, Ashwin says, gave him insight into exploiting others' insecurities—a skill that he applies both in cricket and life.

"Breaking away from my insecurity gave me a great insight into how I can exploit somebody else's insecurity. And that's how I see cricket or life in general," he explained, perhaps revealing the secret behind his understated

aggression on the field.

During the COVID-19

crisis, a period marked by widespread fear of loss, Ashwin recalibrated his approach to life. It was then that he launched his YouTube channel, which now boasts over 1.5 million subscribers, and began sharing his articulate views on cricket and its laws. "The time that I have is pretty limited. I do plan, but for me, it's about living life. I felt cricket took away a lot of my time since 2010 (his India debut), but COVID gave me a chance to take a break and assess where I was," he recalls.

The pandemicinduced break gave Ashwin "wings" to express himself more freely, expanding his creative horizons. "It has given me wings over the last four years to be able to express myself, expand my creativity zones, and so on and so forth," he says, referencing his emergence as a rare outspoken voice in Indian cricket.

For Ashwin, it all comes down to being fearless and seeing the fun side of risks—something he learned during a visit to a casino in 2009. "If you go to the casino thinking of how much money you will make, you will pretty much end up without a rupee.

But when you go with the intention of having fun and wanting to lose the money that you have, you always go back a much richer person. It was actually a big learning experience," he explains.

Ashwin draws life lessons from various sources, whether movies, web series, or books. Speaking of books, he acknowledges the risk involved in sharing one's story with the world, including the potential to hurt others. "I think hurting someone is an immensely painful journey. But if tomorrow I do write about hurtful instances of mine, it's because people who are on the other side will have hurt me. They are obviously gonna feel bad about it, because nobody intentionally hurts you," he says, underscoring his belief in the inherent goodness of individuals. He prefers to view

painful episodes as necessary life lessons, vital for personal growth. One such instance, detailed in his book, occurred during his time with Chennai Super Kings when a team official refused to provide him with a good IPL ticket in 2010, despite his significant contributions to the team's success that season. "Look, people who give you an opportunity to learn harsh lessons in life are Gurus in my book. I didn't want to confront the guy. But for me, it is an incident; it happened, and it fueled the fire in me. I wanted to become a better person. I wanted to become a better cricketer. I am thankful for the person who did that to me because I think in some way or the other, he fueled my desire to do well," he says.

That incident also taught Ashwin an important lesson about the world: it's not always fair. "See, a lot of people come to me and say, 'What goes around comes around. The world is a very fair place.' It's not. It can be very unfair to a lot of people. When you win, somebody else loses," he points out, his clarity of thought shining through once againmuch like his eyes when they light up at the first sign of a batter's vulnerability.

Neeraj Chopra to miss PM's felicitation ceremony for Diamond League

NEW DELHI, Aug 13 (Agencies): Neeraj Chopra, the star of India's Olympics contingent, will not take part in the Independence Day celebrations as well as the felicitation of the Indian Olympians being hosted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Neeraj, who finished second behind Arshad Nadeem in the iavelin competition at the Paris Games, has already shifted base to Lausanne, Switzerland, to take part in the Diamond League. The competition is scheduled to happen on August 22 and he was keen to reach early to train.

The Indian contingent — those returning from Paris after the closing ceremony and those

who are already in the country — will be trooping in the capital from Tuesday.

As per the schedule shared with the athletes, they would first meet President Droupadi Murmu on August 14 and then are to take part in the flag hoisting ceremony at Red Fort and then will head for the PM's function.

"Yes, Neeraj is in Switzerland and he has prior commitments. He is taking part in the Diamond League. He is not the only one, (Avinash) Sable and Priyanka (Goswami) are also there," said a source with the Athletics Federation of India (AFI).

"The season is not over because the Olympics are over.



There are two more meets to take part in for him and others

if I am not mistaken," he added.

Neeraj's uncle Bhim Chopra said that the javelin star is unlikely to be back in the country before September. "I can confirm he is not coming back anytime soon. He is already in Switzerland as he has to take part in a competition," Chopra told agency.

Chopra also added that his nephew wants to return without hype or any celebrations. "I really do not know when he is coming back home. It will be sometime in September. He has also told me that he wants to quietly come back and doesn't want the swagat ceremony as was being planned by a few of our friends," he added.

Shooter Manu Bhaker may skip New Delhi World Cup in October



NEW DELHI, Aug 13 (Agencies): Paris Olympic double medallist Manu Bhaker may skip October's World Cup in New Delhi as the ace pistol shooter has decided to take a threemonth break, her coach Jaspal Rana said. The 22-year-old Bhaker scripted Olympic history for India in Paris as she won a bronze each in the women's 10m air pistol and 10m air pistol mixed team event, in which she had paired with Sarabjot Singh. After the feat, the

ace pistol shooter, who returned from Paris in the wee hours on Tuesday, is set to take a three-month break from the sport.

"I am not sure whether she will be at the Shooting World Cup in October because she is taking a three-month

"It's a normal break, she has been training for a long time." Rana told agency.

The shooting World Cup is scheduled to take place in New Delhi from October 13 to 18.

Rana, who played a pivotal role in Bhaker's twin bronze medals after the agony of returning empty-handed from Tokyo Games three years back, said they will work to peak at the 2026 Asian Games and Commonwealth Games after her break.

Vikrant furious over Faroog's statement on Indian Army, calls allegation very unfortunate

'Farooq Abdullah is plotting to defame Indian Army'

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JAMMU, Aug 13: Hindustan Shiv Sena State President Vikrant Kapoor has slammed National Conference president and former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Dr. Farooq Abdullah over his controversial statement on the army and said that the allegation leveled by him on the Indian army is very unfortunate

Vikrant Kapoor said that Farooq Abdullah is plotting to defame the Indian Army

Vikrant said this while addressing a press conference in Jammu here on Tuesday.

"Let us tell you that amid the ongoing operation in Jammu and Kashmir against terrorism, Farooq Abdullah spewed venom against the army and said that the country's army is in cahoots



with the enemies," he

He also said that collusion is responsible for the increase in infiltration from across the border and drug smuggling in

Jammu and Kashmir. Farooq Abdullah had also alleged that this collusion has been done for our destruction.

Vikrant strongly criticized the veteran leader of the valley and said that his statement is condem-

He said that Abdullah

has made such controversial statements earlier also.

He objected to Farooq Abdullah's remarks and said that the allegations made by the NC supremo are very unfortunate.

Senior Hindustan Shiv Sena leaders Baba Ram Kaith, Rohan, Abhishek, Himanshu, Amit, women wing leader Jyoti Devi and others were also present during the press conference

Nat Manch presents stunning performance of Tarun's "Azadi" at Police Auditorium

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JAMMU, Aug 13: Nat Manch recently delivered a mesmerizing performance of the musical play "Azadi," created by the renowned playwright Tarun Sharma, at the Police Auditorium in

The play was masterfully directed by Tarun Sharma and choreographed by Ravi Sharma.

"Azadi" came alive through the exceptional talent of its cast, whose performances were vividly enhanced by Sharma's



intricate choreography. The play's evocative themes struck a deep chord with the audience, highlighting Nat Manch's dedication to presenting high-quality and impact-

ful theatrical productions.

The event stood as a notable cultural achievement, showcasing the powerful synergy between Tarun Sharma's creative vision and Ravi Sharma's choreographic

DPS Jammu students excel in international level physics examination



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JAMMU, Aug 13: Students of Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu brought laurels to the school and their parents by excelling in International Level Annual Sir Isaac Newton (SIN) Physics Exam, a test of high school Physics, which was proctored online by the Department of Physics & Astronomy, University of Waterloo, Canada.

The contest which was held globally brought together students from diverse backgrounds and academic institutions, providing them a platform to exhibit their understanding of the fascinat-

ing world of Physics and aimed to foster a spirit of scientific curiosity, among the young Physicists.

The exam was a test of high school Physics meant to challenge the students to apply basic Physics in problem situations. Test, although challenging, was quite refreshing and fun.

Out of 19 students, four students performed exceptionally well at International level and showcased their problem-solving abilities and a deeper passion for Physics.

They are Pulkit Puri (XII-C), Aitazaz Hussain Zari (XII-C), Autika Hashmi (XII-C) and Aadhya Raina (XII-C),

Students who excelled

at National level are Nabiha Fatima (XII C), Arindam Sharma (XII-B), Lakshay Gupta (XII-B), Harmehar Kour (XII-B), Avika Gandotra (XII-B), Kanishka Sood (XII-D).

Principal-DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chabra congratulated all the students, their parents and teacher incharge, Manika Verma who encouraged them to set their goals high.

The management of DPS Jammu under the leadership of President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC, Dr. Ritu Singh and Director, S.S Sodhi congratulated the students and extended their best wishes for their future

GDC Boys Kathua conducts series of events under Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan

Top News Report

KATHUA, Aug 13: The District Administration Kathua, in collaboration with the Government Degree College (Boys) Kathua, organized a series of events under the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan to celebrate Independence Day. This initiative was aligned with the vision "Viksit Bharat ka Mantra, Bharat ho Nashe se Swatantra," emphasizing the goal of a drug-free India as a foundation for a developed nation.

The event also included an online webinar organized by NIC Jammu and Kashmir, which served as the opening session of the campaign. The webinar began with the Documentary depicting menace of drug abuse in the UT Jammu and Kashmir and various initiatives launched by the Social Welfare Department, Jammu and Kashmir to curb this serious social issue.

Commissioner Secretary Social Welfare

the district and the role of the college present-

Department, Sheetal Nanda deliberated upon making conscious decisions by youth in ensuring that they don't fall prey to drug abuse. She highlighted the role of schools, colleges, local communities to bring awareness among the youth. Various colleges and schools of the UT participated in the online pledge against drug

Under this initiative, GDC, Kathua organised poster making, awareness rally and Nukad Natak to raise awareness among the students of the college. Kanika and Vishal Gupta, the students of Vth Semester ed their speech on the theme of the event. Further, the chief guest of the event Varun Choudhary, District Social Welfare Officer, Kathua highlighted the stronger need

to address drug abuse in

of youth in making a drug free society.

He emphasised on thinking, understanding and resolving this issue at the ground level.

The Principal of the college, Prof. Seema Mir addressed the students and ensured that a vigilance committee will be constituted by the college comprising of senior faculty members and students volunteer to assist the Social Welfare Department, Kathua to end this disease from society which in turn will help in attaining the vision of Viksit Bharat.

The event was attended by the all the HOD's of various departments of the college, faculty members and students of the college. The event was hosted by Dr. Pinkey, NSS Coordinator.

Social Forestry Department leads 'Ek Ped Maa **Ke Naam' Drive at Budgam School**

BUDGAM, Aug 13: The Social Forestry Department, Budgam, in collaboration with the Private Schools Association of Jammu and Kashmir (PSAJK), on Tuesday successfully conducted a plantation drive under the theme "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" at Salsabeel Educational Institute. Humhama, Budgam. The event marked a significant step towards promoting environmental awareness and sustainable practices among the youth.

The plantation drive was graced by several esteemed guests, including G N Var, President of Private School's Association Jammu & Kashmir (PSAJK), who served as the Chief Guest, and Prof. Dr. Hussain Shah, Chief Agriculture Scientist and Environmentalist, who was the Guest of Honour.

The event also witnessed active participation from notable figures such as Mohd Maqbool Lone, Range Forest Officer, Budgam, Abdul Majeed Parray from the Social Forestry Department, Education Department Official Damesh Singh, Health Department Official Dr. Ravinder Singh, Vice Principal of JK Public School Iqbal Javid, Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat, Principal of Salsabeel Educational Institute, and others.



The occasion saw the enthusiastic involvement of the school's teachers and students, who together pledged to contribute towards creating a greener environment. An oath ceremony followed the plantation drive, where participants committed to continuing efforts in tree planting and environmental conservation.

PSAJK President G N Var, said, "Today's plantation drive under the theme 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' is not just about planting trees; it's about planting hope for a sustainable future. Every tree we plant today is a step towards a healthier environment for the generations to come. I am immensely proud of the collaboration between PSAJK and the Social Forestry Department, which has enabled this impactful initiative."

Range Officer, Budgam Mohammadd Magbool Lone said that "The Social Forestry Department is

ing green cover across Budgam. The collaboration with PSAJK for the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' initiative has strengthened our mission, and we are pleased with the active participation of the school community." Chief Agriculture Sci-

entist & Environmentalist Prof. Dr. Hussain Shah said that "As stewards of the earth, it is our responsibility to nurture and protect our environment. The 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' initiative beautifully encapsulates the essznce of our duty towards Mother Nature. I commend the Social Forestry Department and PSAJK for this noble endeavor."

MSF Budgam Abdul Majeed Parray said that "This drive is a testament to the power of community involvement in environmental conservation. Each tree planted today represents our collective effort to combat climate

change and ensure a better world for our chil-

dren.

Principal of Salsabeel Educational Institute Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat said that "We are honored to host this significant event at our institute. The participation of our students and staff in this plantation drive reflects our collective commitment to environmental stewardship. We hope to continue fostering a culture of sustainability in our educational practices.

Health Department Official Dr. Ravinder Singh said that "Planting trees is not just an environmental necessity, but also a health imperative. Green spaces are vital for physical and mental wellbeing, and I applaud this initiative for promoting a healthier future.

Education Department Official Damesh Singh said that "Education and environmental awareness go hand in hand.

This plantation drive is an excellent example of how educational institutions can lead by example in promoting sustainability and environmental responsibility."

Vice Principal of JK Public School Igbal Javid said that "Today's event serves as a powerful reminder that each of us has a role to play in preserving the environment. The involvement of students in such activities instills in them a lifelong respect for nature, which is crucial for the future of our planet."

The event concluded with a reaffirmation of commitment from all participants to continue contributing towards a greener and healthier environment. The success of the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' plantation drive is a promising sign for the future of environmental initiatives in the region.

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