# TOP NEWS OF J&K



# BRIEFLY

### **Police nab** drug peddler with heroin in Jammu

JAMMU, Aug 22 (Agencies): Police have arrested one drug peddler with a contraband of heroin from the Narwal area here. Police said that during routine patrolling, one person was taken into custody, and during the search, heroin (approximately one-kg) was recovered from his possession, on Thursday. The accused, identified as Gulzar Ahmad of Poonch, has been arrested, and the

matter is being investigated, said police. PDP

### announces constituency in-charges for four seats

SRINAGAR, Aug 22 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir People's **Democratic Party** (PDP) on Thursday announced its constituency in-charges for four seats

As per the official handout, Syed Jamaat Ali Shaheen should look after the Kangan

# "Tell us your stand on Article 370": G Kishan **Reddy to Rahul Gandhi amid J&K Visit**

JAMMU, Aug 22 (Agencies): Union Minister G Kishan Reddy criticized Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's visit to Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, attributing Gandhi's ability to dine at Lal Chowk in Srinagar to the achievements of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government over the past decade. He also asked Rahul Gandhi to clarify Congress' stand on Article



370 and the National Conference's resolution. "Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi should tell

the people of the country about the resolution of the National Conference. They should also

talk about Congress' stand on Article 370. Do they want to snatch the rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir again? It is due to the 10 years of work of the Narendra Modi government that he (Rahul Gandhi) was able to go to Lal Chowk and eat food last night," he said while speaking to reporters in Jammu Rahul Gandhi, along

with Congress Rajya

SRINAGAR, Aug 22 (Agencies): Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday expressed willingness to forge an alliance with other opposition parties for the upcoming Jammu and Kashmir assembly polls and termed BJP's promises to the people of the Union Territory "jumlas". Kharge along with Leader of Opposition

in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Thursday



for J&K Polls: Mallikarjun Kharge

meeting after the polls were announced... We are here to seek the views of local leaders and workers for polls and alliances. Under Rahul Gandhi's leadership, we have taken the initiative to restore statehood for Jammu and Kashmir. We promise to work towards that," Kharge told reporters here.

He said Gandhi was interested in forging a Turn to page 9

Jammu and Kashmir: NC and Congress announce Pre-Poll Alliance for all 90 seats



SRINAGAR, Aug 22 in the Lok Sabha, Rahul (Agencies): Hours after

Gandhi, and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge met with the National Conference leadership to discuss a potential pre-poll alliance for the Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections, a pre-poll alliance between the two parties was announced for all 90 assembly segments. Addressing media at his Gupkar residence,

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### 6 dead, several injured as bus travelling to **Durbuk meets** with an accident

LEH, Aug 22 (Ageneral others were injured as a bus skidded off the road near Durbuk in Leh ladakh. As per sources, Turn to page 9

### **Restoring Statehood to J&K is Cong, INDIA Bloc's priority: Rahul Gandhi** Sabha Rahul Gandhi on

Thursday said it is the

back. SRINAGAR, Aug 22 (Agencies): Leader of also of the INDIA bloc Opposition in the Lok

to restore statehood in J-K as soon as possible. We had expected this could be done prior to elections, but it is okay, elections have been declared. It is a step forward and we are hoping that statehood will be restored as soon as possible and the democratic rights of the people of J-K will be restored." Gandhi said at a press conference after Turn to page 9

### **BSF DG visits forward areas along IB in J&K, Reviews security**

top officials.

JAMMU, Aug 22 (Agencies): BSF Director General Daljit Singh Chawdhary on Thursday visited forward areas along the International Border in Jammu frontier to review the situation and operational preparedness of the troop, officials said.



# in Leh cies): At least six people lost their lives and sev-

# HC quashes 9% tax demand on outside J&K vehicles

JAMMU, Aug 22 (Agencies): High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has quashed 9% tax demand on outside J&K vehicles and clarified that once a motor vehicle is registered upon payment of the prescribed fee under the Central Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, such registration is valid throughout India, and there is no provision for re-registration or the imposition of

# about the grassrootslevel preparations for the assembly polls. spoke with Congress "This was the first



that this additional tax was illegal and discrimi-

natory. The case originated

constituency, while Mohd Ashraf Malik should take care of Dooru For Rajpora, it assigned Syed Bashir Ahmed, and for Habba Kadal it said Arif Laigroo should handle the

task.

**70 percent** party structure was dismantled in last 2 years, re-structured party at district level again: Vikar Rasool

SRINAGAR, Aug 22 (Agencies): Former J&K PCC President Vikar Rasool Thursday said that in the past two years, Congress faced a big storm as the party's 70 percent structure was dismantled but he along with his team worked hard to restructure the party again and today PCC is a strong and vibrant force in the UT. Addressing the Congress worker's meet in Srinagar, Vikar, said

that Congress suffered back to back jolts in the past two years and the party's 70 per cent structure Turn to page 9

He also interacted with troops on the ground and was briefed about

security measures by the DG to the Jammu frontier after taking Turn to page 9 This is the first visit of



additional fees upon reregistration. Striking down the imposition of 9% token

tax on a vehicle brought into the Union Territory from Haryana, Justice Javed Igbal Wani ruled

when petitioner Ishfaq Ahmad Tramboo, a resident of Srinagar, brought his vehicle, initially registered in Gurgaon to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in October 2023. As Tramboo intended to use the vehicle in the UT for more than 12

**IITian quits** lucrative job in Saudi Arabia to fight assembly polls from Lolab

SRINAGAR, Aug 22 (Agencies): In a development that has garnered significant attention in north Kashmir, an alumnus of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee has quit his lucrative job in Saudi Arabia to fight the upcoming assembly election from Lolab segment of Kupwara district. 38-year Mudasir Akbar Shah of Lalpora, Lolab, who was a faculty

member at a prestigious varsity in Saudi Arabia, has decided to fight the polls.

Mudasir says he has decided to plunge into electoral battle to bring economic prosperity to his native area of Lolab and fight against injustice meted out to youngsters.

"I have come here to serve my own people. I want to bring

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# **OBITUARIES**



# **10TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Autar Krishan Koul S/o Late Sh. Janki Nath Koul originally resident of ankipora, Srinagar at present B-401, Apex Greer /alley, Sector-9, Vaishali, Ghaziabad U.P. He lef for heavenly abode on Monday (19-Aug-2024). Cremation was held on 20th Aug, 2024 at Hind Ghat, Ghaziabad.

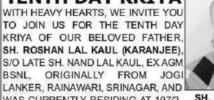
Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on Wednesday 28th Aug, 2024 at Murad Nagar Ghat, Ghaziabad GRIEF STRICKEN



Sh. Autar Krishan Kou

Smt Mohini Koul - Wife Sunil Kumar Koul & Bindra Koul - Son & Daughter-in-law unita & Ajay Thussu - Daughter & Son-In-law Ianoj Kumar Koul & Phoola Koul - Brother & Bhabhi Ashok Kumar Koul & Saroj Koul - Brother & Bhabhi mt. Usha Bhat & Bansi Lal Bhat - Sister & Brother-in-law mt. Rani W/o Late Sh. Hira Lal Raina - Sister & Brother-in-law Smt. Dulari & Raj Nath Bhat - Sister-in-law & Co-Brother Vinod Raina & Ranjana Raina (In-laws) Mokshin, Yash & Ravista - Grand Children Koul's, Thussu's & Dhar's Tel: 9811109835, 9654368822

#### TENTH DAY KRIYA





WAS CURRENTLY RESIDING AT 107/2, KAUL (KARANJEE) SHIVNAGAR, TALAB TILLO, JAMMU. THE TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2024, AT 8:30 AM AT MUTHI GHAT.

WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND PRESENCE. CONTACT NO: 9419131444, 9873030667, 9881091741

### TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Piaray Lal Pandita S/o Sh. Krishen Ji Pandita on 15th August 2024 originally from village Arigam, Budgam, currently residing at H.No. 46, Ward No. 60 Buta Nagar Paloura, Jammu.



The Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 24-08-2024 at 8 am at Muthi Ghat near Piaray Lal Pandita Director Education Deptt.

#### **GRIEF STRICKEN** Santosh Pandita - Wife

LATE SHASHOK GAN DOTRA AND ANU GA SH. BIMAL GANDOTRA AND SMIT TRIPTA SISTER IN LAW AND BROTHER IN LAW SMT. SLIMAN PURI AND SH. SATISH PURI SON AND DAVE HTER IN LAW EN INFET GANDOTRA MONITION

Kamal Pandita & Nisha Pandita - Son & Daughter-In-law Rakesh Pandita & Sakshi Pandita - Son & Daughter-in-law A.K. Pandita & Guddi Pandita - Brother & Bhabhi M.K. Pandita & Anita Pandita - Brother & Bhabhi Anoop Dhar & Supriya Dhar - Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law Niam & Vivaan - Grand Children and the entire Dhar & Bhat Family

Mob. No: 7506797811, 9419298171, 9419726269, 6006384273







SMT. LATA GANDOTRA

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### TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform about the sad demise of our beloved Sh Ram Saran S/o Lt Sh Anant Ram R/o Village Kote. 10th Day- Sunday, 18 Aug, 2024 at Village Kote a 11:30 am. Kriya - Monday, 19 Aug 2024 at village Kote at 12:30 Uthala on Saturday, 24 Aug 2024 at Village Kote a 2:00 PM Grief Stricken: Santoah Kumari (Wife) Satya Devi (Taye) Rejesh Kumar (Son) Lalita Devi ( Daughter-in-law) Sh Ram Saran Priyanka Sharma (Daughter Aditya Dev Sharma (Grand Son) Daughter & Son in law oja & Pawan Kuma Contact : Asha Rani & Jondish Sharms 9797568107, 9419200036, Veenu Kumari & Somit Sharma 9622222082, 9797303900, Cousin : Deep Kumar, Shubh Karan, Kewal Rattan, Amit Takayia AND TAKAYIA FAMILY 7051607053



2024 (Friday) from 03:00 pm to Shivali & Gorav Kapoor - Daughter & Son in law Grand Children - Krishant Suri, Sannat & Bhargavi SURI FAMILY Contact: 7889891366, 8492019812

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

UTHALA

House No. 98, Poonch.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Amit Suri - Son

Son & Daughter in law

Sahil Suri & Kanishka Suri

04:00 pm.

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Ms. Prem Lata R/o W.No.13 H.No.95 Opposite District Hospital Udhampur. Tenth day shall be performed on 22 August 2024. (THURSDAY) at OM PALACE, Udhampur at 12.00 Noon. Kriya shall be performed on 23 August 2024

at Devika Ghat at 11:00 am.

#### **GRIEF STRICKEN**

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Son & Daughter-In-Law

Sh. Rakesh Khajuria (Ex- Councelor Ward No.13) and Smt. Sumeeksha Sharma Raghuvansh and Rudrakshi - Grand Son & Daughter Contact no. 7006978799, 9469203060

### **10TH DAY KRIYA**

We are deeply saddened to inform you of the passing of our beloved Shri Chander Mohan Kher, son of Late Shri Girdhari Lal Kher, originally from Habba Kadal, Srinagar, He attained moksha on August 16, 2024.

The 10th-Day Kriya will be held on August 25, 2024, at 7 AM at Gaggar Ghat, Sector 21, Panchkula, followed by a Prayer Meet at his residence, 224A, A8, Silver City Themes Derabassi, Punjab. GRIEF STRICKEN Smt. Nisha Kher (Wife)

Shri, Himanshu Kher (Son) Smt. Namrata & Ashish Raina (Daughter & Son-In-Law) Immodiato Family: Samast Kher, Saraf, Wattal, Zizoo, Malla, Sumbly Parivar. Brother In-Law & Sister-In-Law: Samast Kaul, Dhar, Razdan, Kundu, Durani Parivar.

All Near & Dear ones. Contact: 9814249988/9888884794

### **TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform you untimely demise of Smt. Veena Baboo on 15th August 2024.



FIFTH DAY

Chabutra Bazar, Udhampur.

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Gouri Shankar Gupta Husband of Smt. Bimla Gupta R/o H.No. 247, Mast Garh, Jammu.

5th Day will be performed on 23-08-2024 from

10.00 am to 11.00 am at Mahajan Bhawan,

Smt. Lakshmi Gupta W/o Late Sh. Ganesh Dass Gupta

M's Labhu Ram Ganesh Dass, Dhar Road, Udhampur

TENTH DAY

M's Charan Dass & Co., Dhar Road, Udhampur

Smt. Neelam Devi W/o Late Sh. Om Parkash Gupta (Bajeer Shah)

Grand Son and Grand Daughter-in-law

Smt. Raj Kumari Goswami

Smt Nikita and Sh Neeraj Goswami Grand Children: Simtan, Palak & Diya Contact No: 6005889258, 9469366602,

Sh. Gouri Shankar Gupta





### TENTH DAY KRIYA

With overwhelming grief and sorrow, we inform about the sad demise of our beloved **Shri Makhan** Lal Bhat of Nagam, Tehsil Chadura, Distt. Budgam, A/P House No. 1, Hello Kids Lane, Buta Nagar, Behind Radio Sharda. He passed away on 15th of August, 2024(Thursday).

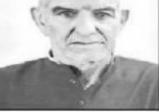
TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 24th August, 2024 (SATURDAY) at Muthi Ghat, Jammu at 8.30 A.M.

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Smt. Kaushiya Bhat - BHABHI SONS & DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW Lenin Kumar Bhat & Asha Bhat (9906130745)

Ashok Kumar Bhat & Bita Kumari (9419163526) Vijay Gagarine Bhat & Puply Bhat (9650029018) Shiban Krishan Bhat & Vijay Kumari (9697518207) Surinder Krishan Bhat & Renu Bhat (9419131577) Sweety Bhat & Veer Ji Bhat GRAND CHILDREN

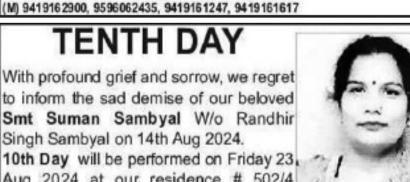
Ashish Bhat & Shivani Koul Bhat (9906369296) Rahul Bhat & Shivani Jhirwal Bhat (9667829941) Deepshikha Bhat Vikas Bhat & Priya Darshani Bhat Amit Koul & Anisha Bhat Koul Mayur Bhat & Priyanka Bhat Saransh, Agastya, Vedaant, Divita, Devaansh & Vihaana



Shri Makhan Lal Bhat (Nagam)

Aug 2024 at our residence # 502/4. Pushap Enclave Gangyal Jammu. **GRIEF STRICKEN** Sh Randhir Singh - Husband Manmeet Singh- Son Navita Kumari- Daughter in law SAMBYAL TRADERS/SHIVAM RESORTS

Singh Sambyal on 14th Aug 2024.



Smt Suman Sambyal



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

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform sad demise of our beloved Sh Ajay Singh Manhas Ji S/o Late Sh Swaran Singh Manhas



The Tenth Day Kriya will be held at our resident House Number 6, Street Number 1, Preet Nagar Jammu on 23rd of August 2024, Friday at 12 noon. Anuradha Rajput (Wife) 6005224924 Abhay Partap Singh (Son) 8825062568

Sh Alay Singh Manhas Ji

Ridhima Singh (Daughter) Pawan Singh Bhau (Advocate) (Brother in law), Sushma Devi Pawan Dev Singh (Brother in law), Renu Devi

### TENTH DAY

With immense grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and Sudden demise of our beloved Sh. Jagdish Mitter Sharma, Ex DGM, JK Bank, on 14th of August 2024, Wednesday. TENTH DAY will be performed or 23rd of August, 2024 (Friday) at



10:30 AM at our home, H.No. 13, Sh. Jagdish Mitter Sha Ex DGM, JK Bank Kucha Nahar Singh, Panjtirthi, Jammu.



Smt. Satya Sharma (Wife) Sahil Sharma and Shalini Sharma -(Son and Daughter in law) Arti and Adarsh Sharma - (Daughter and Son in Law) All Near and Dear ones. 9881188199, 9419198601, 9419130679



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10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. B.D Sharma (Retd. DGM), R/o H.No. 82, Kali Janni, Parade, Jammu. 10th Day shall be performed on Wednesday, 21 August at 10 A.M at our residence 82, Kali Janni. Kriya shall be performed on Thursday, 22 August at 10 A.M. at our residence. Uthala shall be performed on 24 August at Jain Sabha, Kali

Janniat 3.00 P.M

#### **GRIEF STRICKEN:-**

#### (Brother & Sister in Law)

Smt Raj Rani Wo Lt. Sh. Balbhador Pathak Sud hir Pathak & Rupali Pathak (Son & Daughter in Law) Ishan Sharma & Babita Sharma (Son & Daughter in Law) Sonu Sharma & R.D Sharma (Daughter & Son in Law) Paarth, Rudra, Ayaana, Tatiksha (Grand Children) and all Sharma Family Contact No:- 7006345180, 9149495939.



Sh. B.D Sharma (Retd. DGM)

# BARKHI

9419188514/6005449841

A year has passed since you left us, Creating big void in our life. The pain of loosing you will never fade, but your blessings are always with us and we always feel your gracious presence around us. You will forever live in our hearts guiding and inspiring us.

Barkhi of our beloved Late Sh Ashok Gupta Ji will be performed on 23rd August 2024 (Friday) at our residence, H.No. 208 Upper Laxmi Nagar Sarwal Jammu at 1:00 PM.

Deeply Missed & Remembered by Smt Chander Mohini Gupta (Wife)

Ashutosh Gupta & Nidhi Gupta (Son & Daughter in law) Preeti Gupta & Umesh Gupta (Daughter & Son in law) Grand Children: Satyam, Shriya, Shambhavi & Samarth Gupta Mob: - 9796288258, 8899002306



Lt. Dr Ashok Gupta Ji (22-5-1948 / 19-09-2023)

# LOCAL/ ADVT

# LG Mishra attends Veterans Rally. **Pension Adalat 2024**

asked all the soldiers. ex-

servicemen, veer naris,

duty of the Administration

and the Army to take care

of them. He expressed

pleasure to see the Indian

Army doing this duty with

full responsibility and due

diligence in this regard.

The HLG asked the ex-

servicemen, veer naris,

war heroes and widows to

take full advantage of the

Veterans Rally and the

Pension Adalat and asked

#### **Top News Report**

LEH, Aug 22: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) along with First Lady, Neelam Mishra, attended the Veterans Rally and Pension Adalat 2024 organised by Fire & Fury Corps at Rinchen Auditorium.

Stating that none of the countries can remain stable where its soldiers, ex-servicemen and veer naris are not respected, the LG highlighted the priority given by developed nations such as the United States to its soldiers and war heroes. He also stated that the welfare and benefits of soldiers. ex-servicemen. veer naris, and war heroes have been taken care of since Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister of India more than a decade ago. He appreciated the Indian Army for caring for the welfare and benefits of soldiers, ex-servicemen,

veer naris, war heroes and widows Appreciating the One

war heroes and widows Rank One Pension to promote the scheme (OROP) scheme impleamong the Ladakhi youth mented by the Governand encourage more ment of India for the youth to join the Indian welfare and benefit of Army for the welfare and benefit of Ladakhi ex-servicemen, the LG stated that none of the society and the nation. He also expressed his retired Army personnel are facing financial issues displeasure over people due to the OROP scheme spreading misinforma-He also stated that the extion and rumours about servicemen, veer naris the Agniveer/Agnipath and war heroes/widows scheme. Terming the sacrifices should be grateful to the nation for what it has done of martyrs for national for them and highlighted security as the ultimate sacrifice, the LG stated the need to contribute to the nation's security for that it is the priority along with the responsibility and

its overall development in all fields. He asked the Army officials in uniform to work for the welfare of the exservicemen as they would also retire from the service one day and become ex-servicemen.

Highlighting the importance of the introduction of the Agniveer/Agnipath scheme to keep the Army young and fresh, the LG them for their contribution to take the nation forward with the same vigour and dedication

The LG informed the audience about his meeting with the Home Minister, Amit Shah in which he requested him to grant one more Army battalion for Ladakh. He also hoped to see the addition of the new battalion in Ladakh soon

The LG felicitated veer naris and war heroes during the event.

GOC 14 Corps, Lt Gen Hitesh Bhalla, stated that the main objective of organising the Veterans Rally and Pension Adalat is to familiarise with the issues faced by the ex-servicemen, veer naris, war heroes and widows and take necessary steps to address the issues. He highlighted various initiatives taken by the UT Administration and the Indian Army for the welfare and benefit of the ex-servicemen, veer naris, war heroes and

widows. He also stated that the Fire & Fury Corps is committed to providing all possible assistance to resolve the issues faced by the ex-servicemen. veer naris, war heroes and widows. Earlier, GOC Sub-Area,

Major Gen Ravinder Kumar, welcomed the guests to the event while President, Ex-Servicemen League, Hon Captain Sonam Morup gave

the vote of thanks. GOC 14 Corps Lt Gen Hitesh Bhalla; Chief of Staff 14 Corps Maj Gen VK Singh; GOC Sub-Area Maj Gen Ravinder Kumar; Ashok Chakra Chering Motup; Director, Sainik Welfare Department, Col (Retd) Lobzang Neema; Zila Sainik Welfare Officer, Kargil, Arvind Kumar Pawar; President, Ex-Servicemen League, Hon Captain Sonam Morup; ex-servicemen, veer naris, war heroes and widows from different parts of Ladakh were present during the event.

# **Reconsideration of Dynamic** Affiliation fee, access to online services: JKPSA

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Aug 22: Members of Central Executive Body of the J&K Private Schools Association (JKPSA), Jammu presented a memorandum to Sudershan Kumar Secretary JKBOSE and discussed the number of teething problems faced by the small private schools.

While briefing, members highlighted the serious issues which included abrupt increase of affiliation / inspection fee by the JKBOSE authorities, delay in providing online access, shortage of adequate staff in all Sub Offices of JKBOSE etc.

Members while discussing said that Finance Committee of JKBOSE notified a dynamic affiliation fee on the basis of combined enrollment of Private Academies/ institutes for the determining of fee on the basis of combined enrollment of High and Higher Secondary Schools.

This decision of the Finance Committee was castle in the air, as the officials of JKBOSE were far away from the ground reality of most of the private schools functioning in the rural, border and far flung areas of Jammu and Kashmir President of the Asso-

private schools which

were deprived from the

submission of Eligibility

/ Migration forms for the

academic session 2024-

He demanded recon-

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depriving of schools from ciation, Ajay Gupta online access which are expressed his gratitude functioning for more than towards Alok Kumar) three to four decades is Principal Secretary, unjust. School Education Depart-Secretary JKBOSE ment for his pro active inigave a patient hearing tiative who gave instrucand promised to mitigate tions to JKBOSE not to all genuine problems. tag such schools which The prominent who accompanied the delhave all documents as per the rule and deteregation included Deepak mine viability to allow the

Handa (Sr. Vice President), Sat Paul Mansotra (General Secretary) Sanjeev Luthra, Siddheshwar Sadotra, Dr. Madan Mohan, Gaurav Charak, Maitree Jain, Ajay Singh, Lal Chand Gandotra, Ram Parkash and Naresh Kumar.

all were honoured by the

Samiti and ICICI Bank

Shri TR Gupta, a Social

Trikuta Nagar.

of the fee on the basis

of per student instead

of combined enroll-

ment to grant justice

to the schools having

low enrollment. He also

demanded direction for

the agencies not to stop

online access to any of

the Private schools which

were constructed on own/

proprietary land because

# **DEO Ramban briefs media** on election preparedness

#### **Top News Report**

RAMBAN, Aug 22: The District Administration, Ramban has mobilized all resources to ensure the successful conduct of the General Election Legislative Assembly, 2024 providing a level playing field for all candidates said in his opening remarks by the DEO Ramban

In anticipation of the Assembly Elections -2024, scheduled to be held in the 1st phase on September 18, 2024. in Ramban District, the **District Election Officer** (DEO) Ramban, Baseer-UI-Haq Chaudhary, today addressed a press conference at the 24X7 Election Control Room established at the DC Office Complex, Maitra. The DEO informed

that elections in the two assembly constituencies of Ramban District will take place in the 1st phase, with voting scheduled for September 18, 2024. The official notification for this has already been issued on August 20, 2024 by the concerned Returning Officers. He detailed that the dis-

trict comprises 365 polling stations, with 171 in AC-54 Ramban and 194 tions

in AC-55 Banihal. All polling stations across the district have been equipped with 100 percent assured minimum facilities. Additionally, 12 model polling stations have been established to further enhance the voting experience. Informed about the key

dates the DEO include August 27, 2024, as the last date for filing nominations, followed by scrutiny on August 28, 2024, and August 30, 2024, as the final date for the withdrawal of candidature. Polling is set for September 18, 2024, with vote counting scheduled for October 4, 2024, under stringent security and other necessary arrangements at by the local BLOs at the respective Polling Sta-

The DEO also emphasized that all necessary personnel and machinery are actively enforcing the Model Code of Conduct to uphold the integrity of the electoral process. Extensive awareness activities under the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) program, including rallies, debates, seminars, and house-tohouse awareness campaigns, are being conducted across the district to boost voter turnout.

He appealed to the public to participate enthusiastically in the upcoming assembly elections. The DEO also informed

the media that the 24X7 control room is coordinating 12 different types of election-related activities, monitoring the election process, and disseminating essential information to the public. In his concluding remarks, the DEO urged media persons to play their pivotal role in ensuring the successful conduct of the electoral ments would be made process.

competing to demon-

strate their engineering

and project management

abilities. Their persever-

ance was rewarded with

the Resource and Devel-

opment Award, which led

toa high ranking in the

Jodhamal Public

School, in collabora-

tion with Time of Sports,

has remained the only

'STEM' approved school

in Jammu and Kashmir

They continue to cham-

pion the expansion of

STEM education in the

region, developing future

Trustee of the school

innovators and leaders.

for the past four years.

National Finals.

# Dr Jain & others felicitated on World senior Citizen Day

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Aug 22: J K Rashtr Bhasha Prachar Samiti, Association for welfare of senior citizens and ICICI Bank Trikuta Nagar, celebrated World Senior Citizen Day at Kohinoor Hotel. It is observed on 21st of August each year, is a day dedicated to recognising the contributions of older adults, to security and raising awareness about the issues they face. The significance of this day lies in the several key aspects as "Recognition and respect", it Honours the achievements and wisdom of senior citizens, acknowledging the important roles they have played in shaping the communities and societies. It is a time to express gratitude for their contribution in various fields "Raising Awareness", it serves as a platform to highlight the



challenges faced by older adults, such as Healthcare, elders abuse, financial insecurity and loneliness. "Promoting Healthy Aging" it also emphasizes the importance of ensuring that older adults have access to resources that promote healthy aging. Encouraging Intergenerational Relationship", the day fosters understanding and respect between generations and encouraging younger people to learn from the experience and knowledge of older adults. "Advocacy for elderly rights", it serve as a reminder to advocate for the rights of senior citizens, ensuring they are treated with dignity and respect.

Dr Shreyansh Kumar Jain, State Yoga Commissioner. Chairman Indian yoga Association and President Vichar

Kranti Manch International, among others S/ Sh Rajeshwar Singh Raju, Sanjiv Bhasin, Randhir Singh Rajpuriya, Anita Mehta, Suman Pal, Girja Sharma, Vijay Thakur, Poets and singers, Master Kishor Lal Gupta, Sukesh Jain, Nirmal Gupta and other covered the significance of celebrating the world senior citizen day in their poems and songs. They

Activist and Philontherapist, Presided over the function and Sh BR Kundal, Former Divisional Commissioner Jammu was the chief quest, Dr Bharat Bhushan Gupta, General Secretary Rashtr Bhasha Prachar Samiti conducted the proceedings of the program with Gurmeet Singh pracharak and other. Kavi Goshti was organized by the Rashtra Bhasha prachar Samiti and sponsored by ICICI Bank Trikutanagar. Prof R D Sharma, Former Vice Chancellor, Jammu University, presented a vote of thanks in a very elaborated and meaningful manner.

Virender Gupta President Association for Welfare of Senior citizens welcomed the Guests and Participants.

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the designated Strong Room in the DC Office Complex, Ramban. The DEO revealed that the district has a total of 224,000 eligible voters, including 116,009 males and 108,185 females. To support the polling staff, the DEO assured that all necessary boarding and lodging arrange-

Jodhamal's Team Apex qualifies for

Mangotra, Ranbir Singh,

**F1 in Schools World Finals** 



Shree Ram Leela Club Sainik

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU. Aug 22: Three Formula One teams from Jodhamal Public School in Jammu—Team Apex, Team Marlin, and Team Spartan—recently competed in the Formula One (F1) in Schools' National Championship, which took place Genesis Global School in Noida (UP). The teams showcased an exceptional talent and skill, leaving a significant mark on the competition.

Team Apex won the Knockout Championship, the Fastest Car Award, and set the most coveted 'Overall Championship' record.

Their victory has earned them a desired spot in the Aramco F1 in Schools – 2024 World Finals, set to take place in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia this November.

Jodhamal's Team Apex, consisting of Daanial Butt, Aarit Malhotra, Ekaj

and Varchas Vishal, All these teams were mentored by Neetu Johri. Earlier also in 2022, another team from Jodhamal School, Team Helios had won the F1 in Schools World Knockout Championship at Silverstone, United Kingdom. Team Marlin, featuring Akshar Bhasin, Aamay Gupta, Siddhi Vinayak, Avyukt Mahajan, Parmeet Singh Abhiraj Suryavanshi, Adhvik Mahajan and Team Spartan's Vanshaj Sharma, Mehrab Singh, Rajveer Bhalla, Madhvendra Naad and Adeen Rizvan demonstrated remarkable skill

Nandan Kuthiala, Principal Girish Kumar conand determination. The F1 in Schools comgratulated and apprecipetition, inspired by the ated the efforts of the real-world Formula 1 teams. He wished them luck for the World Finals motorsport, challenges students to design and and also added that it's a manufacture miniature life skill which is beyond working F1 car models. books and curriculum learning by doing at a This prestigious event draws school teams from very advanced and scientific level all over the country, each

JAMMU, Aug 22: Shree Ram Leela Club Sainik Colony is set to host an extensive program to celebrate Shree Krishna Janmashtami, running from August 24 to 28, 2024.

Established in 2008, the club is renowned for its dedication to both social and cultural development, organizing various events such as Shree Krishna Janmashtami, Shree Ganesh Puja, Leela of Shree Ram, Lohri Milan, Independence Day Run, and medical camps.

The festivities will commence with a series of Leela performances of Shree Krishna, which will be staged daily at 8:00 PM from August 24 to August 28, 2024.

These performances aim to depict the divine stories and deeds of Shree Krishna, providing an enriching cultural experience for attendees

A major highlight of the celebrations will be the grand Shobha Yatra on August 26, 2024. The

### **Doda prepares for J&K Assembly Elections-2024: Over 310,000 Voters registered across 3 constituencies** 534 polling stations have been established across the district

**Top News Report** 

SRINAGAR, Aug 22: Doda District, a vital region in the Jammu and Kashmir electoral landscape, is all set for the upcoming Assembly Elections-2024 in the first phase.

The district has recorded a total of 3.10.586 registered voters, including 1,60,057 males, 1,50,521 females, and 8 transgender across three Assembly constituencies of Bhaderwah, Doda and Doda West

A total of 534 polling stations are spread across the three Assembly constituencies, ensuring that every registered voter has the opportunity to participate in the democratic process

The Assembly con-

representing a balanced voter distribution, recorded a total of 98,582 voters. This figure includes 50,546 male voters, 48,034 female voters, and 2 transgender voters.

tions have been allocated to serve this constituency, emphasizing its significance within the district's electoral framework. AC 51-Bhaderwah emerged as the larg-

est constituency within the district, with a total of 1,24,568 registered voters. The breakdown revealed 63,944 male voters, 60,618 female voters, and 6 transgender individuals.

As the J&K Assembly

EXTENSION OF PERIODICITY OF SPECIAL TRAIN

With 196 polling sta-

tions, Bhaderwah is

poised to facilitate com-

For the convenience of Rail Passengers, Northern Railway has decided to extend the Periodicity of the run of following special train as per details given below:-

Train No.	From	То	Days of Run	Notified Upto	Extended Period	
04624	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	Varanasi	Sunday	25.08.2024	01.09.2024 to 08.09.2024	
04623	Varanasi	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	Tuesday	27.08.2024	03.09.2024 to 10.09.2024	
For detailed information regarding stoppages and timings of above train, please call RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or visit enquiry website www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in						
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#### **Top News Report** procession will start at 3:00 PM from the club ground in Sainik Colony and will traverse various sectors of the locality. This vibrant procession

is expected to be a significant event, showcasing the community's enthusiasm and devotion. The Shree Ram Leela Club Sainik Colony has

consistently hosted these grand celebrations, making it the only club in Jammu and Kashmir to perform Shree Krishna Leela on such a large scale with unwavering consistency since its inception. The club's

ongoing efforts in organizing social and religious events are aimed at the holistic development of the society.

The press conference was attended by prominent members of the club, including Rakesh Chowdhary, Surjeet Singh, Amandeep Singh, Surinder Singh Narania, Sachin Slathia, Rahul Chanda, and Harivansh Gupta, who shared details about the upcoming events and the club's commitment to community service and

cultural preservation.

stituency (AC) 52-Doda, A total of 171 polling sta-

prehensive electoral coverage

AC 53-Doda West, with 87,436 voters, features 45,567 male voters and 41,869 female voters, with no transgender voters registered. To ensure efficient electoral management, 167 polling stations have been designated for this constituency.

Overall, Doda District is prepared to manage the voting process with precision and accessibility.

The detailed voter registration figures highlight the district's commitment to a fair and transparent election.

Elections-2024 approach, Doda District stands ready to contribute to the democratic process with full vigor.

# **OP-ED**

# **EDITORIAL**

# ENVIRONMENT CRISES-CALL FOR ACTION

In an era marked by rapid industrialization and urbanization, environmental awareness has become more crucial than ever. The state of our planet's environment is at a tipping point, with climate change, pollution, deforestation, and loss of biodiversity presenting grave challenges. Understanding and addressing these issues through environmental awareness is essential for the health of our planet and future generations.

The environment is facing unprecedented threats. Climate change, driven by the emission of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and methane, is leading to global warming. This warming has farreaching consequences, including rising sea levels, more frequent and severe weather events like hurricanes and droughts, and disruptions to ecosystems. The melting of polar ice caps and glaciers, in particular, contributes to the loss of habitat for species that depend on cold environments, further threatening biodiversity.

Pollution is another pressing concern. Air quality has deteriorated significantly in many parts of the world due to industrial emissions, vehicle exhaust, and burning of fossil fuels. This pollution not only harms human health, causing respiratory and cardiovascular diseases, but also contributes to environmental degradation. Water pollution, from agricultural runoff, industrial discharge, and plastic waste, affects aquatic life and contaminates drinking water sources. Land pollution, largely from improper waste disposal and littering, further exacerbates environmental problems.

Deforestation, driven by logging, agriculture, and urban expansion, leads to the loss of critical habitats for countless species and contributes to increased carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere. Forests act as carbon sinks, absorbing CO2 and releasing oxygen; their destruction disrupts this balance, contributing to global warming and loss of biodiversity.

Environmental awareness is the foundation for addressing these issues. It involves understanding the impact of human activities on the environment and recognizing the need for sustainable practices. Education and awareness-raising activities help individuals and communities comprehend the severity of environmental problems and the importance of taking action.

Awareness campaigns can influence behavior by highlighting the connection between everyday actions and environmental impact. For example, reducing energy consumption, minimizing water waste, and choosing sustainable products can significantly lower one's ecological footprint. Simple changes, such as using public transportation, recycling, and supporting eco-friendly businesses, contribute to larger environmental benefits.

Environmental awareness also fosters advocacy and policy changes. When people are informed about environmental issues, they are more likely

# IPS officers foul amid move to induct IRS into CBI

#### By: Dilip Cherian

The recent move by the government to induct Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officers into the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has sparked some discontent within the Indian Police Service (IPS) ranks. Traditionally, the CBI has been the stronghold of IPS officers or its own cadre recruited at the deputy superintendent of police (DSP) level. However, this shake-up aims to leverage the specialised expertise of IRS officers in tackling the surge of financial fraud cases. Also Read - K.C. Singh | PM's Mission Kyiv bid for belated strategic balance? Advertisement Recently, the department of personnel and training (DoPT) appointed five IRS officers to the rank of superintendent of police (SP) in the CBI. These officers, from the 2014 and 2016 batches, are expected to serve for a five-year tenure. The government's rationale is clear – with economic offences on the rise, the CBI needs personnel with a deep understanding of financial matters. The IRS officers, with their background in handling complex tax and financial issues, are seen as the right fit for this challenge. Also Read -Sanjeev Ahluwalia | Is Modi mania waning? A reality check for govt Moreover, an IRS offi-

cer from the 2017 batch, Vijendra Kumar, who was already serving as a deputy inspector general (DIG) in the CBI, had his tenure extended by another year. This move further signals the government's intention to integrate IRS expertise into the CBI's operations. This decision, however, hasn't sat well with the IPS lobby, which views it as an encroachment on their traditional domain. While protests of any kind are necessarily muted at the moment, DKB has picked up some sounds that indicate there is a growing concern that the IRS, having already established a foothold in agencies like the Enforcement Directorate and the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO), is now making inroads into the CBI. For the IPS, this shift could mean reduced opportunities in premier investigative agencies – a bitter pill to swallow for a service that has long prided itself on its role in maintaining law and order. Also Read - Aakar Patel | After PM's talk of a secular civil code, can govt publish a draft? Performance of first batch of lateral entrants raised doubts The Centre's decision to cancel advertisements for the lateral entry of 45 officers at the joint secretary, director and deputy secretary levels highlights the growing tension within the ruling coalition. Pressured by allies like the Janata Dal (United) and Lok Janshakti Party, and a re-energised Opposition, the government urged the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) to withdraw the advertisement. The move was prompted by concerns over reservation norms and the need to ensure social equity. Also Read - Shikha Mukerjee | As public trust wanes, Didi faces her biggest challenge The lateral entry scheme launched by the Modi government in 2018 aimed to bring private sector talent into government roles. However, the initiative has faced significant challenges, especially regarding the lack of reservations for SC, ST, and OBC communities. This issue has drawn criticism not only from the Opposition but also from within the NDA itself. The first batch of lateral entrants, recruited in 2019, has seen multiple high-profile exits, casting doubt on the scheme's effectiveness. Despite these setbacks, five lateral entrants continue to serve, though the scheme's future remains uncertain. With policy rollbacks coming in thick and fast, Mr Modi may necessarily need to take a pause and rethink the changing political landscape. In a coalition government, balancing the demands of allies while pursuing reform is a tricky task, and recent events suggest that the Modi government is feeling the strain. Telan-

gana police chief's order sparks debate A recent order from the Telangana DGP's office has sparked criticism across various cadres. The directive instructs around 16 IPS officers, currently awaiting posting orders (APO), to sign in and out of an attendance register in the officer's waiting room each day. They are also required to be on standby for any urgent assignments from the DGP. This order has been met with surprise and disapproval, particularly among IPS officers from other states. Many see it as not only unprecedented but also damaging to the morale and dignity of the officers involved. While adherence to rules is crucial, an overly bureaucratic approach can hinder problemsolving in complex situations, they say. The concern is that this new order signals a lack of trust, which could undermine the smooth functioning of the police force. However, it appears the state DGP felt compelled to issue this order due to practical issues. Reports suggest that many APO officers were residing in Hyderabad rather than at their designated headquarters, leading to concerns about their availability for duty. While some believe there were better ways to address this issue – such as advising officers to stay at the IPS guest house in Vijayawada – the chosen approach has nonetheless drawn significant criticism.

### PM's Mission Kyiv bid for belated strategic balance?

#### By: K.C. Singh

Trime Minister Naren-dra Modi is on a visit to **L** Poland, starting August 21, and then swinging through Ukraine on August 23. It is logical to combine the two visits as no VVIP can fly directly to Kyiv as Ukraine, in entirety, is a war zone. Most foreign dignitaries use the Poland route. The PM's visit to Ukraine is not surprising as his trip to Moscow on July 8-9, while the 75th anniversary summit of Nato opened in Washington, caused diplomatic surprise, if not anguish, all across the West. Surely this was avoidable, when the proximity of India to Russia and the unwillingness to cut trade and military ties with Moscow was already irritating the United States and India's other friends in the West. Also Read - Dilip Cherian | IPS officers foul amid move to induct IRS into CBI Advertisement If it is assumed that South Block did not simply err in the selection of dates, then logically was it based on the assumption that former President Donald Trump, who at that time was leading President Joe Biden in polls, was likely to be back in the White House come January 2025? A Trump victory, to take the reasoning further forward, would collapse the US and Western support to Ukraine. Consequently, Russian President Vladimir Putin could obtain a settlement based on the status quo, which Mr Putin could project as a victory. Therefore, throwing India's lot with Mr Putin at that stage appeared to be a sensible gamble. But as the late British statesman Harold Wilson had once said, a week could be a lifetime in politics. The four weeks following Mr Biden's disastrous performance in his first debate with Mr Trump, including a failed assassination attempt on the latter, turned

the American presidential election upside down. Also Read - Sanjeev Ahluwalia | Is Modi mania waning? A reality check for govt In the changed scenario, vice-president Kamala Harris as the Democratic nominee for President and Tim Walz, her running mate, are either ahead of or level with Donald Trump and J.D. Vance in half a dozen crucial swing states, which historically have determined the outcome of US presidential elections. The ongoing Democratic National Convention in Chicago is further fuelling their climb. With just over two months left for the US presidential elections, the race has become extremely tight. Also Read - Aakar Patel After PM's talk of a secular civil code, can govt publish a draft? In these changed circumstances, an outreach to Ukraine seems to be a logical step to contain the damage done to India's image in the West by the untimely Moscow summit in July. However, geopolitics is rarely static and has produced a new twist. Ukraine has for the first time militarily intruded into Russian territory in the Kursk region, piercing Russia's unguarded southwestern border. The Ukrainians have moved quickly along the rivers Seyn and Psei, utilising them to protect their flanks. They have so far occupied 1,250 sq km, captured some hundredodd Russian soldiers, caused an exodus of civilians from the area and then destroyed three crucial bridges to keep the Russian troops from either escaping or receiving supplies and reinforcements. So far, the Russian offensive in Ukraine's Eastern Donbas region has not weakened. It had been speculated that one of the reasons for Ukraine's offensive into Russian territory was to compel Russia to divert military resources away from Ukraine's eastern front. The coming weeks will show whether Ukraine can

hold onto the Russian territory it has occupied while defending effectively on its eastern front. If they can do both, then the occupied enclave can be a useful negotiating chip for future peace talks. Also Read - Shikha Mukerjee | As public trust wanes, Didi faces her biggest challenge The strategic impulse, to balance India's perceived tilt towards Russia, exceeds the importance of trade and commerce with Ukraine, which in 2019-20 was just \$2.52 billion. Mr Modi can be expected to repeat the standard Indian advice, which he also tendered in Moscow, that "solutions and peace talks cannot succeed amid bombs, guns, and bullets". However, with Ukraine's counter-offensive and Russian embarrassment, the two sides are further from ceasefire than ever before. Therefore, leaks from the Indian government on Mr Modi as peacemaker sound unrealistic. The visit to Poland, besides enabling the transit to Ukraine, has different importance. It is the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two nations. Also, a prime ministerial visit is taking place after 47 years. The last high-level visit from India was by vice-president Hamid Ansari in April 2017. External affairs minister S. Jaishankar visited Poland in 2019. Indian exports to Poland in the period 2018-20 were around \$2 billion. In the last two years, these have risen to nearly \$4 billion. Indian investment in Poland is over \$3 billion, mostly in the information technology field. Poland is a pioneer in clean coal technology, food processing, pharmaceuticals and chemicals. It is also a growing market for Indian textiles. What sets Poland apart is its long tradition of Indology. Jagiellonian University at Krakow has had a Sanskrit chair since 1893. Yoga has been taught in Poland for a

century. There are an estimated three lakh yoga practitioners and over 1,000 yoga centres. The Art of Living and Brahma Kumaris are active in propagating Indian culture. India is also remembered for giving refuge to Polish orphans and other refugees during the Second World War. The Maharaja of Kolhapur set up the Valivade camp in Maharashtra and Jam Sahib of Navanagar a facility at Balachadi town near Jamnagar in Gujarat. The latter is popularly referred to in Poland as the "good maharaja". Both have been called the Indian Schindlers, in remembrance of the saviour of Jews in Europe. Thousands of their descendants are in Poland and potentially India's friends. The Indian diaspora in Poland numbers over 25,000, including 5,000 students. Several Indian states have bilateral agreements with Polish regions. As a member of the European Union, Poland faced criticism since 2015 due to constitutional aberrations by the then ruling Law and Justice Party, which were seen as weakening the judiciary's independence. The election of Donald Tusk as the new Prime Minister in December and his steps to moderate those measures has begun the normalisation of Poland's relations with the EU. Earlier this year, funds began to be released, worth billions of euros, that were withheld due to democratic backsliding by the previous regime. Mr Tusk was previously Prime Minister from 2007 to 2014, and the president of the EU's European Council from 2014 to 2019. He heads a coalition government. Thus, Prime Minister Modi engaging a leader who is restoring democratic functioning is good for India's image, especially in Europe, where concerns over Indian democratic backsliding have been audible.

to support policies aimed at protecting natural resources and addressing climate change. Grassroots movements and organizations play a critical role in pushing for legislative changes and encouraging governments to adopt sustainable practices and policies.

Educational initiatives are vital for spreading environmental awareness. Schools and universities incorporate environmental education into their curricula, teaching students about ecology, conservation, and the importance of protecting natural resources. Workshops, seminars, and public lectures offer opportunities for individuals to learn about environmental issues and solutions.

Community involvement is another key aspect of environmental awareness. Local clean-up events, tree planting drives, and sustainability workshops empower individuals to take direct action in their communities. Collaborative efforts between local governments, businesses, and non-profit organizations can lead to more significant environmental improvements and foster a sense of collective responsibility.

Corporations and governments also have a crucial role in promoting environmental awareness and implementing sustainable practices. Businesses can reduce their environmental impact by adopting green technologies, improving energy efficiency, and minimizing waste. Corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives often include environmental stewardship, reflecting a commitment to sustainability.

Governments are responsible for enacting and enforcing environmental regulations and policies. International agreements, such as the Paris Agreement on climate change, aim to unite countries in their efforts to combat global warming. National and local governments can also support environmental protection through conservation programs, pollution control measures, and incentives for sustainable practices.

Environmental awareness is essential for addressing the myriad challenges facing our planet. By understanding the impacts of our actions and advocating for sustainable practices, individuals, communities, and governments can contribute to a healthier, more sustainable world. As we confront the environmental crises of our time, fostering a culture of awareness and action is not only a responsibility but a necessity for ensuring the well-being of future generations and the preservation of our natural world.

#### Top News of J&K Jammu, Thursday, August 22, 2024

# **LOCAL**

# **BIG FM celebrates business excellence and** innovation at the BIG Impact Awards Jammu

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Aug 22: BIG FM, one of India's leading radio networks, hosted the second season of **BIG IMPACT AWARDS** Jammu, celebrating entrepreneurial excellence and the exceptional contributions of change makers in the city. The awards acknowledged and honoured businesses known for their innovative approach and societal contributions across various sectors.

With Title partner-Ruchika Makeovers, presented by Semparia, Banking partner J&K Bank ,the event unfolded with grandeur at the Four A Resort. The awards witnessed an impressive assembly of leaders from various industries who felicitated the winners with the prestigious BIG Impact trophy.

The city of Jammu, renowned for its rich cultural heritage and vibrant entrepreneurial spirit, provided the perfect



of acknowledging the

contributions of local

businesses in fostering

economic growth and

He underscored the

powerful impact of cel-

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preneurs which leads

to more innovation and

determination across

various sectors, includ-

ing automotive, real

estate, hospitality, health

and wellness, education.

societal development.

backdrop for an event that celebrated the convergence of tradition and modernity. The evening com-

menced with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony, followed by a mesmerising Ganesh Vandana performed by Natya Roots, led by famous choreographer Akash Dogra. This set the stage for an event that artfully integrated cultural legacy with present-day accomplishments.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister Dr.

fashion, lifestyle and Jitendra Singh, who graced the event as more. the Chief Guest, high-Sharing this thoughts, lighted the importance

Sunil Kumaran, COO, BIG FM, said, "At BIG FM, we have always championed the power of innovation and creativity as the driving forces behind progress.

Keeping up with the same spirit, the BIG IMPACT AWARDS has been honouring the contributions of businesses and changemakers across the country. With the second edition in Jammu, we areonce

again celebrating the visionary minds and businesses that play a pivotal role in setting benchmarks for the future and empower the Jammu community. My sincere congratulations to all the award winners for their remarkable efforts."

This year's event was further supported by esteemed partners and sponsors, including J&K Bank, Ujala Cygnus, AS Marketing, whose contributions were instrumental in making the evening a resounding success. Those who recievd Big Impact Awards includes Monalisa, Gupta & associates LLP, V Group of Industries, Aroma Family Restaurant, First Step, Swasthya Shastra, The Shri Ram Universal School, Anaya Communication Pvt. Ltd., Rivazo Roval Homz, A One Ultrasound Clinic, Dr. Vijant Singh Chandail, Duggar Haveli, Career Edge, Branding Elves, The Grandstand and Shriya Gupta

# **GDC** Marh organizes Maiden **Internship for Students**

lege Dr. Jyoti Parihar

and w.e.f, July 18 to 27,

2024 at GMHSS Marh

where the Principal of

the school Parshottam

Dutt Sharma cooper-

ated whole heartedly.

There students learned

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also thereby working as

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28 students of Com-

merce, English and

Geography underwent

internship at Krishna

Milk industry Unit- I

(Sangrampur) and Unit

– II (Karloop) w.e.f, July

13 to 27, 2024 under the

mentorship of R.K Gupta

and Veena Gupta (owner

of the industry). The stu-

dents worked as interns

in processing of milk and

its products with different

machines such as boiler,

Hindi and SST.

fraternity.

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JAMMU, Aug 22: GDC Marh organized Maiden free of cost Internship for all the B.A/ B.Sc/ B.Com students of semester 5th for 15 days in alignment with NEP 2020 with various organizations/ industry of Jammu under the leadership of Principal of the college Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul and faculty members.

20 students of science i.e, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics did their internship at ITI Jammu w.e.f, July 15 to Aug 1, 2024 under able guidance of Principal Er. Abdul Rashid Sheikh. Industry related skills, practical training of computer hardware and network maintenance were given to the students. Students worked as interns as per the directions of the supervisors. 20 students of Education completed their internship in two phases w.e.f, July 10 to 16, 2024 at GCOE Jammu under the able supervision of the Principal of the colwater cleaner, bulk milk cooler, khoya machine, cream separator, curd packing, cold room, hot room, etc.

The students of Sociology had their internship at RUDA (08 students) and Samast Eco Alternatives Pvt. Ltd Jammu, (10 students) for plastic waste management and recycling w.e.f July 8, 2024. There the students worked as interns and prepared reusable sanitary napkins, cloth bags and handmade divas. The resource persons were Rajat Salgotra (Director, Samast Eco-Alternatives) and Sanjeev Arora (CEO RUDA). Students also interacted with locals, tourists and made them aware about plastic waste management so that they can become green champions in the near future.

The Principal along with concerned faculty personally visited all the internship venues and interacted with their heads for future planning for the welfare of the students and thanked them.

# ACCA and UoM to host International **Conference on Trends and Innovations** reshaping global finance

#### **Top News Report**

CHENNAI/JAMMU, Aug 22: ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants), a global body for professional accountants, is partnering with the Department of Commerce at the University of Madras (UoM) and the Department of B.Com Honors at Stella Maris College, Chennai, to host an International Conference titled "Pioneering Trends and Innovations Reshaping the Global Finance Landscape." The two-day event begins today in Chennai.

This conference will gather finance scholars, researchers, accountancy practitioners, and industry experts from across the globe. The event is set to explore the vital role of accountancy professionals in fostering financial stability, driving innovation, and promoting sustainable growth. all of which are crucial for building a robust and resilient global economy. Among the notable speakers and panelists are leaders from prominent Indian and international corporations and

accounting firms, along Director - India, ACCA, with senior professors remarked, "This Interfrom top universities and national Conference will colleges in Chennai. The serve as a vital forum conference will cover a for sharing the latest range of critical topics, insights and strategies in including digital transthe ever-evolving finance formation in finance, landscape. We are excitsustainable business ed to bring together a practices, the impact diverse group of experts and practitioners to of disruptive technologies, the future of work, explore these emerging advancements in artificial trends and innovations. intelligence and fintech, ACCA is proud to support global supply chain maninitiatives that drive foragement, and the imporward-thinking solutions tance of diversity, equity, and foster collaboration and inclusion in the workamong industry leaders, place ultimately advancing the The event aims to serve

future of finance." Dr. R. Shanthi, Head of as a platform for industry experts, researchers, the Department of Comand business leaders merce at the University to exchange insights, of Madras, added, "As experiences, and best emerging trends and practices. Additioninnovations continue ally, it seeks to foster to redefine the global collaboration between finance landscape, it is industry and academia, paving the way for future partnerships and joint research initiatives. The conference will also feature cutting-edge tools and platforms designed to enhance teaching, research, and professional practices in the fields of accounting and finance. Speaking ahead of the event, Md. Sajid Khan, ment.

### **Director SKIMS Reviews** measures on M-pox

#### **Top News Report**

SRINAGAR, Aug 22: In wake of M-pox viral infection Director SKIMS Dr. M Ashraf Ganie today took a detailed review meeting regarding preparations at SKIMS. Director SKIMS was apprised of various measures taken at SKIMS. The team of experts including Dean Medical Faculty SKIMS, Prof. Shariq Masoodi, Principal SKIMS Medical College Prof. Irfan Rabbani Medical Superintendent SKIMS, Dr. Faroog A. Jan HOD Microbiology, Prof. Bashir Fomda, HOD, Infectious Diseases, Prof. Aijaz Nabi Koul, briefed Director SKIMS about the rising situation and the preparations and measures taken at SKIMS.

SKIMS hospital administration is on alert and

can be scaled upto 30 as a need arises, enhancing testing capacity, and treatment modalities have been devised as per recommended guidelines besides a dedicated Control Room has been established at SKIMS for Mpox management, also functioning as a helpline center with the number: 0194-2403679. Also guidelines for Healthcare Workers have been prepared for healthcare workers to manage screening and infection control, especially at airports and railway stations. Sufficient stocks of PPE kits, N95 masks, surgical gloves, and other protective gear have been kept available. SKIMS will also issue

a detailed advisory for information of the general public and the experts at SKIMS will educate the

# Shiv Sena (UBT) will contest assembly elections in J&K

#### **Top News Report**

MUMBAI/JAMMU, Aug 22: The Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit has received the green light from the party's high command to participate in the upcoming assembly elections in the region

Following a comprehensive meeting at Sena Bhavan, Mumbai, party MP Anil Desai released the party manifesto, known as the 'Vachan Nama,' along with the first list of candidates for Jammu and Kashmir. The mandate was issued with best wishes for victory.

According to Manish Sahni, chief of the Jammu and Kashmir unit the party leader Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray expressed deep concern over the unmet promises



to the people of Jammu and Kashmir, including the violation of local rights and the failure to ensure the safe return of Kashmiri Pandits to the valley.

The state unit was instructed to participate in the assembly elections with a firm resolve to restore the rights of the

sons of the soil. After the announcement of the election dates, the state core committee presented the list of candidates and the manifesto, which were then finalized by the party high command. The names of the party's candidates will be announced in Jammu on August 23.

crucial for us to adapt and evolve. This conference will provide an opportunity for educators and industry leaders to engage in discussions that will equip our students with the tools and insights needed to excel. Staying informed and agile is not just optional but essential for success in this dynamic environ-

# **Dimple Joins protest march, demands** justice for Kolkata gang rape victim



#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Aug 22: Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood, on Thursday participated in a protest march organized by doctors in Jammu, demanding justice for the gang rape victim in Kolkata.

The rally, which started from Amphalla Dental College, proceeded along Janipur High Court Road passed through New Plot, and continued to various parts of Jammu city, including Sarwal.

Addressing the rally, Sunil Dimple called on the Prime Minister to ensure full-proof security for doc-

tors in hospitals across India, including those in Jammu and Kashmir. He also appealed to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to implement stringent security measures in all hospitals and medical colleges within the region.

"Doctors are the saviors of lives, yet they often face mistreatment from the general public and attendants," Dimple stated. He strongly condemned the gang rape of the doctor in Kolkata and demanded that the perpetrators be hanged till death, emphasizing that justice must be served for the victim and her family. Dimple criticized the

government's approach towards the welfare of doctors, particularly highlighting the lack of recruitment for dental doctors over the past 14 years in Jammu and Kashmir. He also expressed concern over the stress faced by doctors with BAMS and BDS degrees, accusing

the government of failing to establish adequate recruitment policies for medical professionals. Dr. Yaseer, a leader among the doctors, also addressed the rally and led the protest in Jammu city, echoing the demands for better security and justice for the medical community

has taken various measures to face any eventuality. Isolation Facility has been set up with a bed capacity of 6 which

general masses about the disease through awareness campaigns on various social media & other platforms.

### **GDC Nowshera Cadet** Selected for TSC Camp

**Top News Report** 

NOWSHERA, Aug 22: NCC Cadet Neeraj Kumar of GDC Nowshera has been selected for upcoming Thal Sainik Camp (TSC) in a firing event scheduled to be held at DG NCC Delhi w.e.f. Sept 3 to 13, 2024. The cadet was selected from Pre-TSC camps which were held in Nagrota Camping Ground and has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills, discipline and dedication

to service. The Principal of the college Dr. Shamim Ahmed Azad congratulated the selected cadet on his achievement and encouraged him to continue striving for excellence and make the college proud at the TSC camp. The Principal also appreciated the Associate NCC Officer (ANO) Dr. Kuldeep Kumar for his guidance and mentorship which played a significant role in the cadet's selection

### Trials-cum-selection concluded in Kathua



#### **Top News Report**

KATHUA, Aug 22: The selection trials for various sporting events, including Basketball, Roll Ball, Roller Skating, Hockey, Speed Ball, Softball, and Swimming, concluded successfully on Thursday in district Kathua. Players were selected to

represent Kathua district in upcoming division-level competitions as part of the annual sports calendar. The trials witnessed great enthusiasm and

energy, with players show-

casing their talents across

These trials were orga-

nized under the patron-

age of Rajinder Singh

their respective fields.

Tara. Director General of Youth Services and Sports (YSS) Jammu and Kashmir UT.

The event was held under the overall supervision of DYSSO Kathua, Sunil Singh Sambyal, along with activity incharges Darminder Singh Shelly and Parveen Lakhanpuria.

GDC Mahanpur organizes walkathon

**Top News Report** 

MAHANPUR, Aug 22: A Walkathon/Rally was organized by the Red Ribbon Club, Govt. Degree College Mahanpur Kathua in joint collaboration with J&K AIDS Control Society.

The Rally was flagged off by the Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan along with other faculty members. More than hundred students of B.A Semester 3rd and 5th have participated in this rally.

This rally was organized in connection of ongoing celebrations of International Youth



Day 2024. The students raised slogans regarding National Integration and Awareness on HIV/ AIDS among the masses especially the Youth of India. The students took a round of the entire campus with continu-

ous raising slogans and songs for bringing the Awareness on HIV/ AIDS, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD)

and Urinary Tract Infections (UTI).

The students also sung patriotic songs in order to create the feeling of National relevance and affection among the student community.

Among other faculty members who accompanied the worthy Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan were Dr Mohinder Nath, Dr Sudesh Kumar, Dr. Nisha Bhagat, Dr. Sapna Devi, Convenor, Red Ribbon Club GDC Mahanpur.

The Principal appreciated the efforts of Convener Red Ribbon Club for her outstanding performance in the collage.

# **ENTERTAINMENT**

# **True-blue Punjabi**

### Actor Ammy Virk, who has made a mark with his latest Bollywood film Khel Khel Mein, believes the Punjabi film industry needs better organisation and higher budgets

If you ever get the chance to sit down with Ammy Virk, you'll quickly sense that he's not just another actor. There's a rare blend of humility and ambition in him that sets him apart. During our chat, what struck me most was his unwavering focus on authenticity and collaboration, qualities that define his approach to both Punjabi and Bollywood cinema.

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Ammy Virk isn't just riding the waves of the film industry; he's shaping them with thoughtful precision. Whether he's discussing his role in his latest outing Khel Khel Mein or reflecting upon the success of Bad Newz, Virk exudes a aenuine enthusiasm for his craft. "The film, a remake of the Italian thriller The Perfect Stranger, has been shot with all of us sitting at a dining table and sofa, and 85 per cent is of one night, or we can say two days. It is very entertaining. While the idea has been taken from an Italian film, Khel Khel Mein is made to suit the Indian culture and ethos," he says with much excitement. The film features an ensemble cast, including Akshay Kumar, Taapsee Pannu and Fardeen Khan.

Reflecting on his recent success, Ammy says, "The audience has loved Bad Newz



are going for a higher budget,"

he notes, talking about recent

films like Carry on Jatta 3 and

Jatt and Juliet 3 touching the Rs

100 crore mark. He hopes, "In

the coming time, we'll cross the

Rs 200 and 250 crore threshold

too." When it comes to subjects

that need to be explored, the

actor adds, "We should make

more action films and ones that

However, Ammy is also candid

about the challenges that the

Punjabi film industry is facing.

He highlights the need for better

organisation and support within

the industry. "There are no

associations, even heroes and

heroines are few," he says. He

believes both the industry and

the audience need to contrib-

ute to the growth of new artistes

depict our rich history."

immensely. It was my first film as a lead in Bollywood, and seeing it gross Rs 100 crore at the box-office was an incredible feeling. Working with co-stars Vicky Kaushal and Tripti Dimri was amazing." Ammy is now set to resume shooting for Saunkan Saunkne 2 and Nikka Zaildar 4, and is excited about his next venture, Sarbala Ji, with Gippy Grewal. "It has been a great year so far, and I'm hopeful that next one will be even bigger," he says.

As we speak about his Punjabi films, the actor expresses his passion for the language and the industry. He acknowledges the industry's progress, but also sees significant room for growth. "Punjabi films have made a mark. Slowly, the films and projects. Ammy quotes the example of the recently released film Rhode College, "It's a film that deserves support of the audience just like any big budget film. There are a lot of new faces in it and I request everyone to appreciate fresh talent."

The actor says he is personally very happy when any Punjabi film does well. "When Jagjit's Oye Bhole Oye did well, you won't believe how much I danced at its success party. As such, I had no connection with the film, but I was just overjoyed by its success."

Ammy also emphasises the importance of preparation and planning in filmmaking. "When a new film is made, the writer and the director are most important," he says. Another point of contention is the time at hand for the artistes to prepare for a film. "Everyone should get proper time to make a film. If we get the script just one day before the shoot, there are going to be problems on the sets. The thing about preparation is that you can save a lot of time, effort and money."

As he sums up his take on the Punjabi film industry, Ammy says, "We need more directors, more actors and writers in the industry."

# Malaika Arora shares glimpse of 'happiness' on her plate



Ditching the calories, Bollywood actor Malaika Arora indulged in some

Malaika took to her Instagram stories, where she shared a picture of a plate full of egg crepes, tikkis and an avocado. She captioned the image, 'Happiness on my plate ..

Earlier this month, Malaika shared a few moments from her visit to Napoleon's tomb in France

She shared a handful of pictures from her Paris getaway, where in one picture, a portrait of Jesus Christ could be seen from inside the Dome des Invalides, Tombeau De Napoleon.

The tomb has Napoleon's remains following their repatriation to France from Saint Helena in 1840, at the initiative of King Louis Philippe I and his minister Adolphe Thiers.

The diva also shared a picture of a sword from the museum. She also attended the Paris Olympics and cheered for Neeraj Chopra, who won the silver in javelin throw on Thursday night.

# 'Ramayan' actress Dipika Chikhlia pays visit to 'Ashtavinayaka' Ganpati

Senior actress Dipika Chikhlia shared a glimpse of her 'day trip' with her 'best buddies' to the Ballaleshwar Pali temple, and sought the blessings of Lord Ganesha.

Ballaleshwar Pali is among one of the eight temples dedicated to the Lord Ganesha. It is located in the village of Pali in the Raigad district of Maharashtra.

Taking to Instagram. Dipika shared a reel video, in which she is



# The cast and crew of Punjabi film Alzheimer aims to generate awareness about the disease among the viewers

We have all heard of Alzheimer's disease, a progressive brain disorder that slowly destroys the memory. But what if a person starts showing symptoms of the disease during the early thirties? An upcoming Punjabi film titled Alzheimer deals with the subject, and the cast got candid during an interaction at the Press Club. Actor Bhinda Aujla, who is also debuting as director with this film , is hopeful that this mes

sage-oriented subject



his grandparents sufferthere are rare cases of ing from memory loss. it affecting youngsters

said she first got a break as a model in a Punjabi

tasty food as she shared

a glimpse of 'happiness'

on her plate.

Bhinda has always had interest in acting. However, he complains, "Not many big names from the industry come in support of a new actor or director." A Punjabi who moved to Canada for higher studies, he has four more projects in the pipeline. Out of them, one is a web series titled Kasba Singhai Kheri and also a film Vadda Ghar. As to why he chose OTT for his debut as director, Bhinda says, "It's because nave also made this film for the elderly people, who might not be able to go to the theatre. I wanted to reach out to as many people as I could. Moreover, it's a film that should be watched with the family to understand the nuances of this disease and how it affects the family.'

seen wearing an olive green coloured co-ord set.

Dipika is seen walking in the premises of the temple holding a puja thali in her hand, and clicking pictures.

In the video, she can be heard saying, "Maharashtra me Ashtavinavaka ve mandir hai Pali mein. Photo lena to zaruri hain." The post is captioned as, 'A day trip from crazy schedule ... with best buddies #palli #ganpati'. On the work front. Dipika is best known for playing Sita in

Ramanand Sagar's 1987 television show 'Ramayan'.

The show featured Arun Govil as Ram, Sunil Lahri as Lakshman, and Dara Singh as Hanuman.

will ignite interest in the audience. The OTT film, which is releasing today on Chaupal, also stars actors, Harman Bhullar, Surbhi Mahendru and Puneet Kaur. Written by Sapinder Singh, Bhinda related to the subject because he had seen

He said, "Almost 70 per cent of the film is shot in Canada and rest of the scenes are based in a village named Chankoian Kalan. We have done intense research on the topic and how lifestyle changes can help. Everyone knows it as a disease that one can be plagued by during old age, but as well. The character that I play also finds it hard to process that he has the disease. Another actress, Puneet, has been taking care of Alzehimer's patients in Canada and had firsthand experience. She helped a lot during the shooting process." Harman Bhullar, who is also a part of the film,

song. "To get to play a small part in renowned singer Satinder Sartaaj's song, Baari Khohl, was a huge moment for me. But it was MS Dhoni's biopic that inspired me to follow what I love. That film really moved me to work towards what brings me happiness — acting." On the other hand,

# My style is more about looking effortless than overly styled: Sidharth Malhotra

Bollywood's dapper dude Sidharth Malhotra says his fashion journey has evolved a lot and that he ensures to invest time making sure each piece is tailored to perfection.

Asked how he would describe his fashion game, Sidharth said, "I gravitate towards classic silhouettes with a subtle touch of masculine edge. My style is more about looking effortless than overly styled."

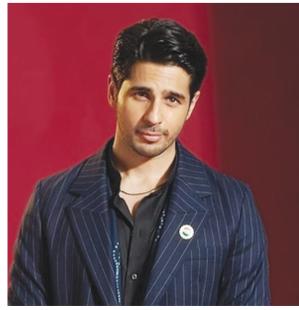
It's all about a perfect fit for Sidharth, who made his debut in 2012 with 'Student of the Year' and was later seen in hit films such as 'Ek Villain', 'Kapoor & Sons' and 'Shershaah', to name a few.

"Fit is certainly essential for me. I ensure to invest time in making sure each piece is tailored to perfection," said Sidharth, who began his career as a fashion model

The 39-year-old star agrees that his fashion journey has evolved in his 12-year journey in Hindi cinema.

"My fashion journey has evolved a lot. It has been significantly shaped by the diverse characters I've portrayed on screen. While these roles have introduced me to a spectrum of styles and eras, my aesthetic leans towards a more understated elegance," said the actor. Sidharth also shared that he appreciates the allure of glamour for

specific characters. "But my everyday style prioritises comfort and simplicity. Ultimately, my on-screen wardrobe is a collaborative process, intricately tied to the character's narrative and the film's visual



world." he said.

The star, who has redefined the case for men's style with his impeccable fashion choices, minced no words when it came to men experimenting as much as women with their wardrobes. Asked if he agrees

that when it comes to

men's fashion. there's not much to experiment with compared to women, Sidharth said, "I disagree with that perspective".

The star said that the fashion industry for men has evolved tremendously, offering a wide range of options from

#### fast fashion to high-end luxury.

"Today, men have access to diverse styles and trends that allow for personal expression. It's all about being intentional with our choices and how we style ourselves. We no longer have to conform to traditional notions of menswear," said the star. The actor acknowl-

designers for pushing the envelope when it comes to fashion for men. "Designers are push-

ing boundaries, creating pieces that cater to various aesthetics and personalities. From streetwear to tailored suits, the possibilities are endless. It's an exciting time for men to experiment and find what resonates with them," said the actor.

### **AR Rahman unveils 'Le Musk'** soundtrack, says music is heartbeat of his immersive film

Rahman, who also serves as music composer on the movie, said 'Le Musk' is a labour of love.

"Music is the heartbeat of 'Le Musk'. It carries the soul of the film, guiding the audience through an emotional and sensory journey.

"The film is a labour of a lot of hard work and love, where we tried to push the boundaries of how we use technology to create something truly immersive. I am thrilled to finally share this soundtrack with the world and offer a glimpse into the world we've created," the multiple award-winning musician said in a statement.

Notable names, including Nora Arnezeder, Sana Moussa, Linda Lind, Mayssa Karaa, Hiral Viradia, Simona Gilbert, the Firdaus Orchestra and the Budapest Orchestra, have collaborated on the film's soundtrack. 'Le Musk' has award-winning music engineer Greg Penny on board.

Rahman also said the team is in the process of setting up immersive experience studios across the world to bring 'Le Musk' to audiences the world over.

"The film would not have been possible if not for my team who worked tirelessly to push the boundary of what was known to be possible," he added.

edged the efforts by

Celebrated composer AR Rahman said music will guide the audience into the emotional journey of his directorial debut 'Le Musk', as he launched the soundtrack of the multisensory virtual reality film.

The soundtrack of 'Le Musk', which has travelled to film galas such as Cannes (Extended Reality (XR) showcase), Los Angeles and Toronto, comprises 12 songs of diverse genres including jazz, orchestral and world music. It was launched globally today on Believe Music, a digital music company.

# **NATIONAL**

# SC terms 'extremely disturbing' police delay in registering unnatural death in Kolkata case

The apex court asks protesters to return to work

NEW DELHI, Aug 22 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Thursday termed "extremely disturbing" the Kolkata Police's delay in registering the unnatural death of the woman doctor who was raped and murdered at the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital. It also asked protesting doctors to resume work and assured them that no adverse action would be taken after they rejoin.

Questioning the sequence and timing of legal formalities conducted by police, a bench comprising Chief Justice DY Chandrachud said it was very surprising that the postmortem of the deceased was conducted on August 9 between 6.10 pm to 7.10 pm before the registration of case as unnatural death.

"How was it that the post-mortem was conducted at 6.10 pm on August 9 and yet the unnatural death information is sent to Tala police station at 11.30 pm on August 9. This is extremely disturbing," the bench, also comprising Justice J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, said. It directed the Kolkata Police

officer, who registered the first entry about the rape-murder



that has shocked the country, to appear in the next hearing and disclose the time of the entry. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the CBI, told the top court that the most shocking fact is that the FIR was registered at 11.45 pm after the postgraduate medic was cremated.

"State police told parents it was suicide, then they said

it was murder. Victim's friend suspected cover up and insisted on videography," Mehta told the bench

As the hearing commenced, the top court asked protesting doctors to resume work, and assured them that no adverse action will be taken against them after they rejoin.

The apex court was told by the counsel for resident doctors at AIIMS Nagpur that they are being victimised for protesting over the Kolkata rape-murder case.

"Once they get back to duty, we will prevail upon authorities to not take adverse action. How will public health infrastructure run if the doctors do not work?" the bench asked.

"If there is difficulty after that, come to us... but let them first report to work," it said. The top court said its heart goes out to all patients visiting public hospitals.

It assured doctors' associations that the National Task Force will hear all stakeholders. The brutal assault and murder

of the junior doctor has sparked nationwide protests. Her body was found with severe injury marks inside the seminar hall of the state-run hospital's chest department. A civic volunteer was arrested by the Kolkata Police in connection with the case the following day on August 10.

On August 13, the Calcutta High Court ordered the transfer of the probe from the Kolkata Police to the CBI, which started its investigation on August 14.

# 'Full emergency' at Thiruvananthapuram airport after bomb threat on Air India flight from Mumbai

police have initiated an

investigation into the

The aircraft is cur-

rently being inspected

by security agencies,

including a bomb detec-

tion squad, the sources

said, adding that the

passengers who trav-

elled on the flight are

presently waiting for

their luggage to be deliv-

Meanwhile, Air India,

"the crew carried out all

Sikkim and Kalimpong,

West Bengal. Moreover,

the National Highway

rying out 47 hydropow-

er projects in different

incident.

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THIRUVANAN-THAPURAM, Aug 22 (Agencies): A full emergency was declared at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport on Thursday after a bomb threat message was found in the washroom of an Air India flight arriving from Mumbai, according to airport sources.

The pilot of the aircraft informed the ATC about the threat after a 'Bomb in flight' message, written on a tissue paper, was found in the washroom of the plane, they said

They also said that the

the laid down security drills keeping passenger safety as top priority." "All passengers and crew disembarked safely. Air India accords top priority to the safety of its passengers and crew," an airline spokesperson said.

The flight with 135 passengers landed safely at the airport around 8 am and was moved to an isolation bay, airport sources said earlier.

Passengers were safely evacuated from the flight by 8.44 am, they said.

The bomb threat was communicated by the pilot at 7.30 am as the aircraft approached the Thiruvananthapuram airport, the sources said. Subsequently, a full emergency was

declared at the airport at 7.36 am, they said.

impact on life. Airport operations are currently uninterrupted," the sources said

"Of them, nine have

# 4 killed, 13 injured as tanker overturns on tea stall after colliding with bus

BERHAMPUR, Aug 22 (Agencies): Four people were killed and 13 others injured as a tanker overturned on a roadside tea stall after a head-on collision with a bus in Odisha's Ganjam district on Thursday morning, police said.

The accident happened on National Highway 59 at Samarjhola near Hinjili, they said. The bus was on the way from Bhawanipatna to Berhampur, while the tanker was going

towards Aska when the accident happened, they added One person on the bus was killed, and the other three deceased were people sitting at the tea



Those injured were admitted to the MKCG Medical College and Hospital officials said

four deaths so far," Superintendent of Police Jagmohan Meena said. The deceased are yet to be identified, he said

# **Congress criticises govt over untimely fund** allotment for Sikkim landslide

NEW DELHI, Aug 22 (Agencies): The main opposition party Congress has condemned the Union Government over Sikkim landslide for not allocating funds to act timely to mitigate the disaster. Further, It has allowed unplanned hydro-projects in the environmentally fragile region that made Sikkim prone to disasters.

Jairam Ramesh, General Secretary and a senior leader of the Congress accused the government of practicing vendetta politics that did not allocate enough funds for irrigation and flood mitigation to West

the vague promise of assistance without any details of funds for Sikkim," states Ramesh. "In a classic case of the Government's confrontational federalism, the Budget was indifferent to the areas in West Bengal which were equally

10, the lifeline of Sikkim and Kalimpong, runs along the Teesta and has been in a precarious state with frequent landslides and closures. In his one page statement, he pointed out unplanned construction of hydropower projects aged the Teesta V, a 510 in the ecological frag-MW hydel power station on the Teesta river on ile Himalayan region made Sikkim as disaster August 20 morning in prone. Ramesh under-Balutar, Sikkim, 20 km southwest of capital city lined that the National Hydropower Development Corporation This disaster comes on the heels of the Glacial (NHDC) has been carbeen commissioned, work on 15 dams is going on and another 28 are in the pipeline. The October 2023 disaster was provoked by the GLOF, but it only reached its catastrophic scales due to the failure of the Teesta-III dam," states Ramesh. "The mismanagement in the debris disposal has also resulted in the riverbed level going up, making the region more flood prone," he added. Amidst these hydel projects, IRCON has also undertaken tunnelling of this sensitive region for the Sivok-Rangpo railway line (14 tunnels), contributing to the region's increased vulnerability.

The condition of two persons was stated to be critical, they said. "We have confirmed

stall, police said.

for traffic, he said.

Bengal which is equally A police team and firefighters were clearing affected. the highway to open it "The Union Budget

affected," he further said. A massive landslide disaster in Sikkim of July 2024 made has substantially dam-

floods in the Teesta River basin in October 2023, which caused massive devastation in

Gangtok.

Lake Outburst Floods

(GLOE) and riverine

stages of development on the Teesta River in Sikkim and West Bengal.

### Will soon constitute committee to resolve grievances of farmers for all times: Supreme Court

NEW DELHI, Aug 22 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Thursday said it would soon constitute a multimember committee to amicably resolve the grievances of farmers "for all times".

A bench of Justice Surya Kant, Justice Dipankar Datta and Justice Ujjal Bhuyan, which posted the matter for further hearing on September 2, asked the Punjab and Haryana governments to give tentative issues concerning farmers to the committee.

The Punjab government informed the top court that in compliance with the August 12 order of the apex court, they held a meeting with the protesting farmers in which they had agreed to partially open the blocked highway.

The bench asked the Punjab and Haryana governments to keep engaging with protesting farmers and persuade them to remove their tractors and trollies from the highway.

On August 12, the top court asked the Punjab government to persuade the farmers protesting at the Shambhu border since February 13 to remove tractors and trollies from the road, saying that "highways are not parking

The court was hearing the Haryana government's plea challenging the high court's order asking it to remove within a week the barricades erected at the Shambhu border near Ambala where protesting farmers have been camping since February 13.

space".

The Haryana government had set up barricades on the Ambala-New Delhi national highway in February after the 'Samyukta Kisan Morcha' (Non-Political) and 'Kisan Mazdoor Morcha' announced that farmers would march to Delhi in support of their demands, including legal guarantee of minimum support price (MSP) for their produce.

### Delhi Police bust Al Qaeda terror module, 14 people detained from 3 states

NEW DELHI, Aug 22 (Agencies): The Delhi Police on Thursday claimed to have busted an AI Qaeda terror module after detaining 14 people from Jharkhand. Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. After receiving intelligence inputs, an operation was conducted along with the police forces of the states, officials said.

"The module, as per current state

of operations, was being led by one Dr Ishtiyaq of Ranchi (Jharkhand), and it aspired to declare 'khilafat' and execute serious terrorist activities within the country," a Delhi Police statement said.

The members of the terror module were trained, including in handling weapons, at various locations, it said.

The statement said six people

were detained from Bhiwadi in Rajasthan while they were undergoing training to handle weapons, and eight from Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh for questioning, it said.

They are being interrogated and additional detentions are anticipated.

Raids are being conducted to recover arms, ammunition and documents, the officials said.

### Ayodhya gang-rape accused Moid Khan's 'unauthorised' shopping complex demolished

AYODHYA (UP), Aug 22 (Agencies): The district administration on Thursday bulldozed a shopping complex here belonging to Moid Khan, a gang-rape accused alleged by BJP to be a member of the Samajwadi Party (SP).

The Ayodhya police on July 30 arrested Moid Khan, who ran a bakery in Bhadarsa Nagar of the Purakalandar police station area of the district, and his employee Raju Khan for allegedly raping the 12-year-old girl two months ago and recording the act.

The incident came to light when recently a medical examination revealed that the victim was pregnant.

The bulldozers started demolishing the shopping complex in Bhadarsa town around 1.30 pm. According to the police, the shop-



ping complex was vacant and a branch of a bank operating there was shifted before the demolition. Sub-Divisional Magistrate of Sohawal Tehsil AK Saini said, "The shopping complex of Moid Khan was built on government land. So action was taken to demolish the unauthorised building.'

Heavy security arrangements were put in place in Bhadarsa town with the deployment of pro-

vincial armed constabulary and civil police to ensure that law and order is maintained, officials said. On August 3, the Ayodhya district administration demolished Moid

Khan's bakery that was allegedly built illegally over a pond.

BJP leaders, including Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, have alleged that Moid Khan is a member of the Samajwadi Party and is part of the team of Faizabad MP Awadhesh Prasad.

However, Akhilesh Yadav, in a statement, had said, "Without a DNA test in the Bhadarsa case of Ayodhya, BJP's allegation will be considered biased."

BJP hit back, alleging SP is defending a "paedophile" and showing its "boys will be boys mindset" while leaders of the INDIA bloc are "silent".

**Body of trainee pilot** found as search continues for missing aircraft in Jharkhand

JAMSHEDPUR, Aug 22 (Agencies): The body of the trainee pilot who was on board the two-seater aircraft that went missing after taking off from Jharkhand's Jamshedpur was found in the Chandil dam on Thursday, officials said.

The trainer aircraft, a Cessna 152 owned by a private flying school, went missing after taking off from the Sonari aerodrome on Tuesday morning, following which a search operation was launched in the nearby areas, including the reservoir of the dam, to locate it, they said.

As the search continued in the reservoir, where it was suspected to have crashed, a body was found floating on Thursday morning, they said.

It was later identified as that of trainee pilot Subhrodeep Dutta, a

#### resident of Aditvapur in Seraikela-Kharsawan district, they added.

Meanwhile, a team of the Indian Navy joined the search for the aircraft and pilot Captain Jeet Satru, 35, a native of Patna.

The 19-member team of the Navy was brought in from Visakhapatnam, officials said.

On Wednesday, a sixmember team of NDRF searched the reservoir of the dam for hours.

The reservoir was being searched after villagers claimed the aircraft crashed into it, Superintendent of Police (Seraikela-Kharsawan) Mukesh Kumar Lunayat said.

East Singhbhum's Deputy Commissioner Ananya Mittal said the last location of the aircraft was near Nimdih in Chandil sub-division as per the Air Traffic Control.

# **INTERNATIONAL**

# India's Modi holds security and trade talks with Poland's leaders en route to war-torn Ukraine

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi was greeted Thursday by his Polish counterpart Donald Tusk before heading to Kyiv for top-level meetings

WARSAW, Aug 22 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi was greeted on Thursday by his Polish counterpart Donald Tusk before heading to Kyiv for top-level meetings. The two leaders are expected to sign bilateral strategic cooperation agreements covering cybersecurity and the defence sector.

Modi arrived in the Polish capital on Wednesday for the first leg of his two-nation visit. He received a ceremonial red carpet welcome at the Chancellery before the talks.

"A new landmark in the India-Poland partnership! PM Narendra Modi was warmly received by PM Donald Tusk of Poland at the Federal Chancellery in Warsaw and accorded a ceremo-



nial welcome. This visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Poland after 45 years will impart fresh momentum to the India-Poland partnership," MEA Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal posted

on X. Modi and Tusk met for talks on security, the war on Ukraine by India's strategic partner Russia, and invigorating bilateral ties. They were expected to make state-

t ments, and later the Indian leader is to meet with Poland's President Andrzej Duda. Ahead of his visit, Modi said Poland was India's key economic partner in Central Europe. Sitting on the east-

ern flank of NATO and the European Union, Poland is concerned about the two-year-old war across its eastern border. It's offered political, humanitarian, and defence support to Ukraine.

Kyiv chastised Modi for a visit to Moscow last month, during which he met and hugged President Vladimir Putin. Modi has avoided condemning Russia while emphasising a peaceful settlement to the war in Ukraine.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy described the meeting as a "huge disappointment and a devastating blow to peace efforts." He also chided Modi for hugging Putin during their meeting.

Modi's visit to Poland also marks 70 years of official bilateral relations between New Delhi and Warsaw.

According to figures cited by the Embassy of India, the total value of bilateral trade increased from \$1.95 billion to \$5.72 billion from 2013–2023, with India's exports accounting for the majority. Then-Indian President Pratibha Patil visited Poland in 2009, and

Tusk, during his first term as prime minister, paid a visit to India in 2010. On Friday, Modi trav-

els to Kyiv to meet with Zelenskyy.

# Drone attacks on a military facility in southern Russia spark a fire

that drones attempted

to attack a military air

base near Marinovka

in the village of Okty-

Ukraine did not

acknowledge the

attack but it comes as

Ukraine has intensified

its attacks on Russia,

with a ground offensive

into the Russian region

of Kursk and drone

attacks that targeted

Moscow on Wednes-

day in what the capital's

mayor called one of the

largest done attacks to

date since Russia's all-

out invasion of Ukraine

Videos shared on

Russian social media

channels showed thick

in February 2022.

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MOSCOW, Aug 22 (Agencies): A drone attack sparked a fire at a military facility in the Volgograd region of southern Russia on Thursday, regional officials and the country's Ministry of Defense said.

Regional Volgograd Governor Andrei Bocharov said on Telegram that a "defense ministry facility" was on fire after being attacked with drones in the area of Marinovka. There were no casualties, he said.

Bocharov did not specify what was damaged but Russian Telegram channels said black smoke rising from the air base and an explosion in the night sky reportedly near the base. Marinovka is about 300 kilometers (185 miles) east of the Ukrainian border and about the same distance west from the border with Kazakhstan.

The Baza Telegram channel, which is close to Russian law enforcement, said one drone was taken down several kilometers (miles) from the airfield and that wreckage from another fell on a trailer near the air base, causing it to catch fire.

Data from NASA fire satellites, which monitor Earth for forest blazes, showed fires breaking out around the air base's apron, where fighter jets previously have been seen parked.

# Rescuers recover fifth body from sunken superyacht off Sicily; 1 still missing



PORTICELLO, Aug 22 (Agencies): Rescuers searching the wreck of a superyacht that sank off Sicily brought ashore a fifth body on Thursday, leaving one person still unlocated, as investigators sought to learn why the vessel sank so quickly. Rescue crews brought the body bag ashore at Porticello port while divers continued the search for the sixth missing person. No signs of life have emerged over four days of searching the yacht's hull on the seabed 50 meters (164 feet) underwater.

The Bayesian, a 56-meter (184-foot)

th Civil protection officials said they believe the ship was struck by a tornado over the water, t's known as a waterspout, 50 and sank quickly.

nder-The six missing passengers included British tech magnate Mike oot) Lynch, his 18-year-old daughter and associtorm ates who had successwas fully defended him in a recent U.S. federal fraud nore.

## French destroyer in EU mission rescues 29 mariners from oil tanker stricken in Red Sea attacks

DUBAI, Aug 22 (Agencies): A French destroyer rescued 29 mariners from an oil tanker that came under repeated attack in the Red Sea, officials said Thursday, while also destroying a bomb-carrying drone boat in the area.

Yemen's Houthi rebels are suspected to have carried out the assault on the Sounion. The attack, the most serious in the Red Sea in weeks, comes during a monthslong campaign by Houthis targeting ships over the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip that has disrupted a trade route through which \$1 trillion in cargo typically passes each year.

The Sounion is now at anchor in the Red Sea and no longer drifting, the European Union's Operation Aspides said. However, it wasn't clear if the vessel was still ablaze. The vessel had been staffed by a crew of Filipinos and Russians. Military officials did not name the French destroyer involved in the rescue. In the attack Wednesday, men



on small boats first opened fire with small arms about 140 km (90 miles) west of the rebel-held Yemeni port city of Hodeida, the British military's United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations centre said.

Four projectiles also hit the ship, it added. It wasn't immediately clear if that meant drones or missiles.

The Houthis did not immedifour sailors.

edge US airstrikes in Hodeida that the American military's Central Command said destroyed a Houthi surface-to-air missile and radar system.

The Houthis have targeted more than 80 vessels with missiles and drones since the war in Gaza started in October. They seized one vessel and sank two in the campaign that also killed four sailors

Other missiles and draw

The rebels maintain that they target ships linked to Israel, the United States or the UK to force an end to Israel's war against Hamas in Gaza. However, many of the ships attacked have little or no connection to the conflict, including some bound for Iran.

As Iran threatens to retaliate against Israel over the assassination of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran, the US military told the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier strike group to sail more quickly to the area. Early Thursday, the US military's Central Command said the Lincoln had reached the Mideast's waters, without elaborating.

America also has ordered the USS Georgia-guided missile submarine into the Mideast, while the USS Theodore Roosevelt aircraft carrier strike group was in the Gulf of Oman.

Additional F-22 fighter jets have flown into the region and the USS Wasp, a large amphibious assault ship carrying F-35 fighter jets, is in the Mediterranean Sea.

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British-flagged yacht, went down in a storm early Monday as it was moored about a kilometer (half mile) offshore. ately claim responsibility for the attacks, though it can take them hours or even days before they acknowledge their assaults. However, they did acknowlOther missiles and drones have either been intercepted by a US-led coalition in the Red Sea or failed to reach their targets.

# Floods swamp Bangladesh as nation finds its feet after protests

At least two people have died and hundreds of thousands are stranded in the floods in at least eight districts in southern and eastern areas.

DHAKA, Aug 22 (Agencies): Floods triggered by torrential rains have swamped a swath of low-lying Bangladesh, disaster officials said Thursday, adding to the new government's challenges after weeks of political turmoil

At least two people have died and hundreds of thousands are stranded in the floods in at least eight districts in southern and eastern areas.

"Around 2.9 million people have been affected and more than 70,000 people have been taken to shelters," Mohammad Nazmul Abedin, senior official in the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, told agency. Long-time premier Sheikh Hasina quit as prime minister this month and fled to India after weeks of deadly student-led protests, ending her 15-year autocratic rule.



The South Asian nation of 170 million people, crisscrossed by hundreds of rivers, has seen frequent floods in recent decades.

It is among the countries most vulnerable to disasters and climate change, according to the Global Climate Risk Index.

The annual monsoon rains cause widespread destruction every year, but climate change is shifting weather patterns and increasing the number of extreme weather events. The army and the navy have been deployed, with speedboats and helicopters rescuing those stranded by the swollen rivers.

Much of the country is made up of deltas where the Himalayan rivers the Ganges and the Brahmaputra wind towards the sea after coursing through India.

Heaviest rains Neighbouring India's foreign ministry rejected accusations it was to blame for the floods, denying it had deliberately released water from an upstream dam. It said the catchment area had experienced the "heaviest rains of this year over the last few days", and that the flow of water downstream was due to "automatic releases". Asif Mahmud, a key

leader of the student protests that ousted Hasina, and now the sports minister in the interim cabinet, had accused India of not only hosting Hasina, but of "creating a flood" by deliberately releasing water from dams. India said that was "factually not correct". "Floods on the common

rivers between India and Bangladesh are a shared problem inflicting sufferings to people on both sides, and requires close mutual cooperation towards resolving them," New Delhi's foreign ministry said in a statement.

Hasina's rule saw widespread human rights abuses, including the mass detention and extrajudicial killings of her political opponents. But Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindu-nationalist government preferred Hasina over her rivals from the **Bangladesh Nationalist** Party, which it saw as closer to conservative Islamist groups. Modi has offered his support to the new Bangladeshi leader Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, who is heading

the caretaker adminis-

tration.

# Russian climbers reach hospital after rescue in Pakistani Himalayas

weather until Wednes-

day. Akhtar Hussain, a

police official in Skardu,

a city in Khyber Pakh-

tunkhwa provinces,

said the Russians were

transported to a hospi-

tal by ambulance, and

were in stable condition.

Karrar Haidri, the

secretary of the Alpine

Club of Pakistan, told

The Associated Press

that climbers Mikhail

Mironov and Sergei

Mironov are getting the

best medical care at a

hospital in Skardu. He

said the search for the

fifth climber, Sergei

Nilov, had been called

off as he is presumed

Hussain said doc-

tors provided medical

care to the two injured

climbers. "They are sad

dead.



PESHAWAR, Aug 22 (Agencies): Two Russian climbers who were injured on the slopes of one of northern Pakistan's highest mountains reached a hospital in Peshawar on Thursday, a week after they were stranded after being hit by falling ice.

The climbers were part of a five-member team of Russian climbers that was attempting to climb one of Gasherbrum's peaks to retrieve the body of a fellow climber who died there last year when it was hit by a pile of ice on Friday.

Rescuers airlifted two of the mountaineers Monday, but two others remained stuck on the base camp because of their injuries and bad over the death of their fifth colleague, but are thankful to the Pakistani rescuers and the army for making efforts to save their life," he said. He said one needed only minor medical care, while the other had bruises on his arms and legs because he was hit by the pile of ice on Friday

Haidri said the climbers were fully aware of the dangers linked to the mission when they began expedition to retrieve the body of their colleague whodied in 2023 on the same mountain while trying to scale it.

Hundreds of climbers try to scale mountains in northern Pakistan every year, and accidents are common because of avalanches and sudden weather changes. This month, a Pakistani climber Murad Sadpara, 35, known for taking part in high-altitude rescue missions died during a descent from one of the country's tallest mountains in the north.

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# realme unveils 13 Series 5G's Speed Trio: **Unmatched Speed Debuts on Aug 29**

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Aug 22: realme, the Most Popular Brand Among Indian Youth, is thrilled to announce the launch date of realme 13 Series 5G, the newest addition to the Number Series. It is set to redefine standards with Unmatched Speed in the smartphone industry, offering the powerful Speed Trio with the Dimensity 7300 Energy 5G Chipset, 80W Ultra Charge, and up to 26GB Dynamic RAM Expansion + 256GB ROM. The realme 13 Series 5G is set to launch on Thursday, 29th August 2024 at 12 noon

The new series will also have the first smartphone to feature the MediaTek Dimensity 7300 Energy 5G chipset . Built on an

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Aug 22:

Jammu Sanskriti School

(JSS), Jammu is elated to

announce the remarkable

success of its students

at the prestigious Cryptic

Crossword Puzzle Con-

The event, a brainchild

of AICTE, IIT Madras,

IIM Mumbai, and EXTRA

C, brought together the

brightest young minds

from across the nation,

including those from

renowned IITs, for a

thrilling intellectual show-

Our school proudly

fielded four dynamic

teams, each comprising

The talented partici-

pants were Chansaya

Anand and Aaradh from

Class 6A, Aahita Gupta

down

two students

test held at IIT Delhi.

gaming

JSS Jammu students excel at IIT Delhi's

and Gurmansahib Singh

from Class 6G, Mishthi

from Class 7C, Naksh

Saini from Class 7B,

Naksh Kumar from Class

7F, and Ridhansh Gupta

from Class 7A. Their

preparation and strategy

were guided by the able

mentorship of Shabnam

Thapa, TGT English,

whose guidance played

a pivotal role in shaping

In a competition marked

by high stakes and

intense rivalry, the duo

of Chansaya Anand and

Mishthi emerged as stars

by clinching the presti-

gious Runner-Up Trophy.

Their stellar perfor-

mance against partici-

pants from some of the

country's top institutions

is a testament to their

brilliance, perseverance,

and strategic thinking.

their journey.

**Cryptic Crossword Puzzle Contest** 



Pairing the Dimensity advanced 4nm process technology, it's set to prochipset with a remarkvide outstanding power able memory configuration, the series offers up and efficiency and ensure smooth multitasking and to 26GB of dynamic RAM gaming experiences. (12GB physical + 14GB Compared to the previvirtual) and 256GB of ous models, the chipset storage - the largest in its delivers a 30% increase class. This translates to in energy efficiency. lightning-fast app launch-This also offers robust es and effortless multitasking, handling up to performance with minimal power consumption 32 background apps with and ensures stable and ease. Advanced DRE (Dynamic RAM Expansmooth high-frame-rate sion) technology ensures industry-leading applica-

tion launch speeds. The realme 13 Series 5G also introduces groundbreaking 80W Ultra Charge technology, setting a new standard for fast charging in its segment. This allows for rapid device charging, delivering a full hour of intense gaming with just a 5-minute charge. Supporting this is a substantial 5000mAh battery, ensuring ample power for even heavy users. This equates to up to 7 hours of continuous gameplay. The battery is designed for longevity, retaining at least 80% of its capacity even after 1000 charge cycles - translating to nearly three years of reliable use. The realme 13 Series

5G embodies speed and performance in its

design. The "Victory Speed Design" language takes inspiration from racing games, featuring a dynamic "Speedy Curve" element below the camera module. This design choice, resembling a racetrack, evokes a sense of motion and speed, further emphasized by the dynamic color options: Victory Gold. Speed Green, and Dark Purple . Despite its powerful features, the phone maintains a remarkably slim profile at just 7.6mm and a lightweight 185g design, ensuring comfortable handling even during extended gaming sessions. The 2.8D microcurved back cover further enhances grip, while the flat screen design with its ultra-narrow bezels offers an immersive visual expe-

# rience. **Provision of Assured Minimum Facilities reviewed in Zone Assar**

### **Polling Stations**



**Top News Report** 

DODA, Aug 22: Nodal Officer SVEEP and Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) (Chief Education Officer) Parkash Lal Thapa today conducted a thorough inspection of polling stations in Zone Assar, District Doda.

The inspection aimed to verify the availability of Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) in each polling station, including ramps for differentlyabled voters, shade

area, drinking water, and toilet facility. The Nodal officer vis-

ited polling stations at GHSS Khellani, GPS and GMS Malhori, GMS Trungal, GHSS Assar, GHS Baggar, GPS Ganota, and interacted with the concerned officials to ensure that all necessary arrangements were in place. The team took stock of provision of lighting, seating, and electricity supply, among other essential

# **GDC Khour organizes Pledge Ceremony under SVEEP Programme**

#### **Top News Report**

KHOUR, Aug 22: NSS & NCC units of Government Degree College Khour organized pledge ceremony under the SVEEP awareness programme to sensitize students about the importance of their participation in the upcoming J&K Legislative Assembly Elections 2024.

The programme was witnessed by a large number of students including the Principal, faculty members & the designated SVEEP team of the College In his brief address,

Principal Prof. (Dr.) T.K Sharma (Nodal officer SVEEP, AC-82 Chhamb) appealed students to come forward and uphold the democratic tradition of our country by casting their vote fearlessly. He underscored the importance of voting as both a right and a

responsibility, highlight-

ing how voting is essen-

tial for shaping the future

of society.

He urged students to actively participate in upcoming elections and exercise their voting right.

The event was coordinated by SVEEP team which includes Dr. Rashmi Sharma, Prof. Shivani Sharma (NCC ANO), Prof. Himanshu Khaiuria (NSS PO) Prof. Sunil Kumar (PTI) & Mandeep Singh. Dr. Sapna Narania (HoD Dogri) & Prof. Pooja Kumari (HoD English) were also present in the event.

### **GDC Marheen organizes SVEEP rally**

#### **Top News Report**

MARHEEN, Aug 22: Red Ribbon Club and Electoral Literacy Club (SVEEP) of GDC Marheen organized rally on the theme "Build the Nation" on Thursday.

The programme was organized under the patronage of Principal of the College Prof. (Dr.) Anupama Gupta. In her address, she highlighted that youth will always work silently for the growth of the country and willing to help their fellows Indians in danger. Moreover, she also motivated the students that the vouthful minds of today will become the leaders, thinkers, builders and innovators of tomorrow

The event was orga-

nized under the super-

vision of Dr Balbinder

Singh, Nodal Officer

(Red Ribbon Club). The

faculty members presented in the occasion were Prof. Sandeep Chaudhary, Dr. Arun Dev Singh, Prof. Anoop Shrama, Dr. Munisha Devi. Dr. Shallu Rani and Prof. Manu Saini.

Students of the college were actively participated in the Rally and raised the slogans in order to create the feeling of unity and solidarity among the students of the college and youth of the country.

# **Students from High School Maloora shine at Book Festival**

200 stalls. The wide array

of books on display pro-

vided the students with

a unique opportunity to

broaden their literary

horizons and cultivate a

deeper appreciation for

In addition to explor-

ing the rich collection

of books, the students

enjoyed the scenic beauty

of Dal Lake, which added

a serene backdrop to their

enriching day. The event

also allowed them to

appreciate the tranquil sur-

roundings, contributing to

a memorable experience.

The management of the

school extends heartfelt

gratitude to the escort

teachers for their diligent

supervision and to the

the written word.

#### **Top News Report**

SRINAGAR, Aug 22: A group of 56 students from Government Boys High School Maloora, Srinagar, participated in the book festival organized by the National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL) and National Book Trust at SKICC here

The event, which is part of a larger festival running from August 17 to 25, 2024, offered students a unique opportunity to explore a vast array of literature and expand their knowledge.

The students delved into a literary feast at the festival, which featured nearly students for their exemplary conduct throughout the event.

The school expresses sincere appreciation to Goodword Publishers of New Delhi for their generous donation of Urdu and English translation copies of the Holy Quran to the students. This thoughtful contribution is expected to greatly enrich the spiritual and educational experiences of the students.

The successful participation of Government Boys High School Maloora in this event highlights the school's commitment to providing its students with diverse learning opportunities and fostering a love for literature.

### "Tell us your stand on Article 370": G Kishan

Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir will be held in three phases - September 18, September 25 and October 1. The counting of votes will be held on October 4.

The success of our stu-

dents not only reflects

their individual capabili-

ties but also highlights

the school's commitment

to fostering academic

excellence and holistic

development. Special

thanks are extended

to Renu Samyal for her

unwavering support and

escorting the students

throughout the competi-

Rohini Aima, Principal

cum Vice-Chairperson,

congratulated all the par-

ticipants and their mentor

for this extraordinary

achievement, which has

brought immense pride

and honor to the school.

She emphasized that

such victories inspire not

only the participants but

the entire school com-

munity to aim higher and

achieve greater heights.

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facilities.

rations for the assembly polls. Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir will be held in three phases - September 18, September 25 and October 1. The

once, with the assigned registration mark being valid across the country. The Act does not provide for re-registration or the payment of additional fees when a vehicle

National Institute Technology (NIT) Srinagar. Mudasir completed his Master of Technology in chemical engineering from IIT. Roorkee. He completed his PhD in

### **Reddy to Rahul Gandhi** amid J&K Visit

Sabha MP Mallikarjun Kharge, on Thursday met with party workers in Jammu and Kashmir

Polling in Jammu and Kashmir will occur in three phases on September 18, 25, and October 1, with vote counting scheduled for October 4. These will be the first elections held in the region since the abrogation of Article 370.

There are 90 assembly constituencies-74 general, nine reserved for Scheduled Tribes (ST), and seven for Scheduled Castes (SC). The total electorate is 87.09 lakh, including 44.46 lakh male, 42.62 lakh female, 169 transgender, 82,590 persons with disabilities, 73,943 very senior citizens, 2,660 centenarians, 76,092 service electors, and 3.71 lakh first-time voters.

Jammu and Kashmir will witness elections after a gap of ten years, as the last assembly election was held in 2014.

### **Congress willing to** forge Pre-Poll alliance for J&K Polls: **Mallikarjun Kharge**

pre-poll alliance in Jammu and Kashmir. "Rahul Gandhi is interested in contesting the polls unitedly with other parties. The INDIA Bloc stopped a dictator from coming to power with an absolute majority (at the Centre)," Kharge said.

The Congress president said the BJP was worried after the Lok Sabha election results as some of the legislations they were keen to pass have either been withdrawn or sent to a joint parliamentary committee.

Kharge claimed the BJP used to take advantage of its brute majority to pass acts like the farm laws.

About Jammu and Kashmir, he said not a single promise made by the BJP before the polls has been fulfilled.

"Not a single promise made to the people of Jammu and Kashmir before polls have been kept. They are all jhumlas," Kharge added.

### **Jammu and Kashmir: NC and Congress** announce Pre-Poll Alliance for all 90 seats

JKNC President Dr Farooq Abdullah said that they will issue mandate list in phased manner

"Jammu and Kashmir has seen difficult times; now we are hopeful for the restoration of statehood. Both NC and Congress will fight the elections together to defeat the divisive forces," Abdullah said.

Regarding the alliance with PDP, he said that the doors are open to everyone.

### 6 dead. several iniured as bus travelling to **Durbuk meets with an** accident in Leh

the bus belonged to Lamdon School Leh and was going from Leh to Durbuk. It met with an accident before it reached Durbuk this morning.

Further details awaited.

### **Restoring Statehood** to J&K is Cong. INDIA **Bloc's priority: Rahul** Gandhi

an interaction with party workers here. He said it is the first time since Independence that a state has been downgraded to a Union Territory (UT).

"This has never happened before. UTs have become states, but it is the first time that a state has become a UT. We are very clear in our national manifesto as well that it is a priority for us that the people of J-K and Ladakh get their democratic rights back." he added.

Gandhi along with party president Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday spoke with Congress leaders and workers here to get feedback about the grassroots-level prepacounting of votes will be held on October 4.

### **BSF DG visits forward** areas along IB in J&K. **Reviews security**

over as head of the force recently. DIG, Jammu-Kathua range, Shiv Kumar Sharma met Chawdhary at Pansar border post and discussed the security measures and cooperation between troops and police in the region.

His visit to the border belt comes ahead of the three-phased elections in Jammu and Kashmir beginning September 18.

The three-tier security grid along the International Border and Line of Control is being strengthened with more deployment of BSF troops and nearly 1,000 recently trained border police personnel backed by the Village Defence Groups (VDGs), officials said.

### HC quashes 9% tax demand on outside J&K vehicles

months, he sought to have it registered with the local authorities as per the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988

However, respondent, the local transport authority, demanded 9% of the vehicle's declared value, approximately Rs 4.00 lakh, as a condition for assigning a new registration mark.

Petitioner heavily relied on a previous Division Bench judgment in Zahoor Ahmad Bhat and Another Versus Government of J&K and Others where the court had ruled that lifetime tax could not be levied merely on the presumption that a vehicle registered outside Jammu and Kashmir had remained in the UT for over 12 months.

On the other hand, the respondents defended the demand, citing Section 3 of the J&K Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1957, which they argued allowed them to charge a token tax (road usage tax) on vehicles registered outside the UT.

Justice Javed Igbal observed, "the Act mandates the registration of a vehicle only

is moved to another State or UT, apart from specific provisions related to the assignment of a new registration mark after 12 months"

Clarifying that the J&K Motor Vehicle Taxation Act, 1957, operates in a different domain and does not serve as a prerequisite for the registration of a vehicle under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, Justice Wani cited the earlier Division Bench judgment in Zahoor Ahmad Bhat, which was upheld by the Supreme Court and reiterated that lifetime tax could not be imposed on the presumption of the vehicle's extended stay in the UT.

Accordingly, court allowed the petition and directed the respondents to assign a new registration mark to Tramboo's vehicle without demanding 9% token tax.

### IlTian quits lucrative job in Saudi Arabia to fight assembly polls from Lolab

prosperity to this economically backward region which has been neglected by successive regimes," Mudasir said .

Mudasir says that injustice against the youngsters in Lolab compelled him to join politics.

"I felt helpless in 2016 when a lot of youngsters in my native area were booked and arrested on the basis of political vendetta? I can understand their pain and sufferings. I want to fight for rights of those youngsters whose lives were ruined due to political rivalries," he says.

Mudasir would be locked in a direct contest with National Conference and Peoples Democratic Party. While ex-MLA Qaiser Jamsheed Lone, who belongs to a political family, would be NC's candidate, two-time MLA and former minister Abdul Haq Khan could be PDP's candidate on the seat.

Mudasir, who is likely to be Peoples Conference, candidate, says he is hopeful of his victory. "I know I am fighting against two powerful politicians but there is a yearning for change in Lolab and people are extending their support to me. It is a fight of a common against elite and powerful politicians," he said.

A graduate in chemical engineering from

Chemical Engineering (Renewable Energy) from the National Institute of Technology Srinagar, Kashmir, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee.

Mudasir then worked as an assistant professor through the United Nations Development Programme for more than 2 years in Ethiopia. He was working as senior lecturer at the King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, Saudi Arabia when he decided to quit the job and fight the election.

### 70 percent party structure was dismantled in last 2 years, re-structured party at district level again: Vikar Rasool

was dismantled. "I as a disciplined soldier of the party along with my team worked hard to re-structure the party and today result is before you," he said as All India Congress Committee (AICC) president Malikarjun Kharge and senior party leader and leader of the opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi listened him patiently.

Vikar said that he was ready to shoulder any responsibility in the party. "If AICC leadership would assign me the charge of a chaprasi (peon), I would accept the post with a great honour and pride," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, former deputy chief minister of the erstwhile State, Tara Chand said in the past 10 years, J&K lost its identity, special status and what not. "Today, I want to say that Rahulji is playing Indhira Gandhji. Late Indhiraji would give a personal touch to the party and people of J&K whenever there were clouds of uncertainty. Rahulji has come with the same ideology and thinking," Chand said.

Former J&KPCC chief Ghulam Ahmed Mir in his address said that it is a great pleasure to see AICC chief and leader of the opposition Rahul in J&K. "Your visit is a real morale booster for all the workers of PCC. You have come at a time when the poll bugle has already been blown. This will give a new impetus to the party indeed," he said

# **LOCAL**

# **KRAFTON Developers unveil New Features and Roadmap for inZOI and Dark and Darker Mobile**

and where every choice

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NEW DELHI, Aug 22: To mark gamescom 2024, KRAFTON, Inc. hosted a special showcase event. where Producer and Director Hyungjun Kim presented the upcoming life simulation game inZOI, and Executive Producer Jooseok Ahn revealed details about the extraction RPG Dark and Darker Mobile. The event provided a comprehensive look at the development journey of these games and the exciting roadmaps ahead.

Hyungjun Kim. Producer and Director of inZOI, shared the creative vision behind the game, which was inspired by the question, "Are you living the life you desire?" inZOI offers players a versatile char-

acter customization tool, allowing them to create unique, personalized characters and build their dream homes. The game features the Canvas platform, where players can showcase their creative works and interact with others

A standout feature of inZOI is its advanced AI technology, including a 3D printer feature that transforms images into decorative items within the game. Additionally, the Community Simulation system allows players to influence the city by decorating over 200 locations and shaping the emotions and consciousness of its citizens, creating a dynamic and evolving environment. "Our goal with inZOI is to

leads to new and unexpected experiences," said Hyungjun Kim. The inZOI: Character Studio, a character customization feature, was released on Steam on August 21 and quickly gained significant attention.

Executive Producer Jooseok Ahn took the stage to discuss Dark and Darker Mobile, a game that brings the thrill of dungeon-crawling to mobile devices. The game features meticulously designed settings, from ruined castles to monsterfilled caves, and incorporates unique gameplay twists Ahn shared his inspira-

tions and the challenges faced in optimizing the game for mobile platforms. He also delved into

the gameplay features, classes, combat system, and overall user interface, highlighting what sets Dark and Darker Mobile apart. The game's PvPvE structure and RPG elements aim to elevate the dungeon-crawling genre to new heights on mobile. Global pre-registration for Dark and Darker Mobile is now available on multiple platforms, including Android, iOS, Galaxy Store, and PC via Google Play Games. Players who pre-register will receive an A-grade mercenary and a limited-edition costume

skin "We aim to make Dark and Darker Mobile feel like playing a console game in the palm of your hand," said Ahn, Following the announcement at Opening Night Live,

KRAFTON is hopeful that players worldwide will soon experience the immersive gameplay firsthand.

Headquartered in South Korea, KRAFTON, Inc. is known for discovering and publishing captivating games that offer unique experiences. Established in 2007, KRAFTON is home to globally renowned developers, including PUBG STUDIOS, Striking Distance Studios, and more. The company is committed to expanding its business beyond games to multimedia entertainment and deep learning. KRAFTON has also invested over \$170 million in Indian startups focused on interactive entertainment, gaming, Esports, and technology

# **DEO inaugurates Inter-District Football Tournament for girls under SVEEP**

**Top News Report** 

POONCH, Aug 22: In an inspiring initiative to integrate sports with civic education, District Election Officer (DEO) Poonch, Vikas Kundal today declared the Inter-District Girls' Football Tournament open, here at Sports Stadium Poonch today. The event, organized under the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) program, aims to promote both athletic excellence and voter awareness.

Teams from five districts of the Jammu division-Jammu, Kathua, Samba, Reasi, and Poonch shall participate in the tournament, which shall culminate on August 24. The sports event will highlight the prowess of young female footballers and serve as a platform to educate first-time voters about their democratic rights and responsibilities.

Throughout the tournament, the SVEEP officials will interact with players and attendees, providing crucial information and resources to encourage their active participation

review election prepared-

ness in the district.

constituencies

process.



in the electoral process. The effort aims to ensure that young athletes are not only celebrated for their sporting talents but also informed about their role in shaping the future through voting.

Outstanding players from the tournament will be selected to form a division-level team, with prospects to advance towards Union Territory (UT) and national level competitions. The DEO emphasized the dual focus of the

event, stating, "By declaring this tournament open, we celebrate the athletic achievements of these young women while also highlighting the significance of their involvement in our democracy. Through this integration of sports and voter educhampions on the field and responsible citizens.' The SVEEP team, led by Vikas Kundal, interacted with the participants, engaging them in

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these athletes to be both

discussions about the importance of their role in the society. The young athletes shared their experiences and insights with the team, fostering a meaningful exchange that highlighted both their sporting achievements and their newfound understanding of their

roles as future voters. Meanwhile: Principal and SVEEP team members AC Surankote Motivated the young voters for the upcoming assembly election by organizing a painting competition and awareness rally.

# Voter awareness campaign takes off in Doda District

create a world where cre-

ativity knows no bounds,



#### **Top News Report**

DODA, Aug 22: With the Legislative Assembly Elections 2024 around the corner, the Election Authorities in Doda have intensified efforts to ensure maximum voter participation through an extensive Systematic Voters' Education and **Electoral Participation** (SVEEP) campaign.

In line with the comprehensive action plan formulated by Nodal Officer SVEEP and AMF (Chief Education Officer) Parkash Lal Thapa, Pledge

sessions were held today in schools of the District, with eligible students vowing to exercise the right to vote

The SVEEP program aims to educate and inform voters about the electoral process, promote voter registration and encourage participation in the upcoming elections. The campaign will focus on increasing voter awareness, particularly among first time voters,

communities. As part of the SVEEP activities, the Election

women and marginalized

Tug of War competition held under "My

nize a variety of events, including voter registration drives, awareness camps, Rallies, Drawing/ Poster Making Competitions, Youth parliaments and interactive sessions. The campaign will also utilize social media platforms, local media, and other communication channels to reach out to the voters.

Authorities will orga-

The District Election Officer, Harvinder Singh emphasized the importance of voter participation in the democratic process and encouraged all eligible citizens to register and exercise their right to vote

With the SVEEP campaign in full swing, Doda is all set to witness a significant increase in voter engagement and participation in the upcoming Assembly Elections 2024

LEAD delegation meets Piyush Goyal, advocates for investment package expansion



#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Aug 22: A delegation from LEAD-LJK Economic Growth & Development Dialogue met the Minister of Commerce & Industry, Piyush Goyal, to discuss the evolving industrial investment landscape in J&K. The meeting focused on the success of the New Central Sector Scheme (NCSS), which has significantly transformed the region's industrial investment scenario.

Backed by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, the NCSS has seen an overwhelming response, with numerous investment proposals already materializing on the

#### tial amendments to the GST-linked incentive component

LEAD strongly advocated for retaining the current structure, which provides gross GST incentives rather than shifting to GST incentive on value addition component only. They highlighted that

such a change would undermine investor confidence in the region. The delegation further

called for a more efficient and transparent evaluation process to expedite approvals. They also stressed the importance of prioritizing small and medium-sized investment proposals, ensurpreparedness in Pulwama District **Top News Report** PULWAMA, Aug 22: A comprehensive meeting was today chaired by Expenditure Observer for Pulwama, Srikanth N to

**Expenditure Observer reviews Election** 

At the outset, the Expenditure Observer was briefed about the ACs, supported by CCTV profile of the district comsurveillance, one Video prising of 04 Assembly Surveillance Team, one Constituencies. In these Video Viewing Team and a dedicated Accounting 481 polling stations Team.

have been set up across It was also given out that Expenditure Monitoring 340 Polling station locations with 4 Assistant Cell, District Grievance Expenditure Observers Committee, Complaint appointed to oversee the Monitoring Control Hall, Media Certification and The chair was also Monitoring Committee informed that for the (MCMC), along with the purpose of maintaining IT and Excise Departstringent vigilance, 3 ments, are fully operational to ensure smooth conduct of the elections. The Expenditure Observer expressed confidence in the team's preparedness and emphasized the importance of the accounting teams in ensuring transparent and accurate expenditure monitoring. He stressed the need for rigorous training for all teams, ongoing visits to key locations, and close coordination among all members. Adherence to the guidelines by the Election Commission of India (ECI) was strongly emphasized

He urged all members to work to the best of their abilities to ensure a peaceful election process, free from the influence of freebies and any forms of amusement that could hinder the electoral process. "You are the eves and ears of the Election Commission of India. I am available 24x7 for any coordination or assistance required," he

Top News Report cipal of GHSS Loran, Ahmed (Senior Boxing

Youth, My Pride" Sports Activities Phase IV

POONCH, Aug 22: The J&K Sports Council, guided by the esteemed Secretary of the Sports Council, Madam Nuzhat Gul, and Chief Sports Officer Mohd Hanief (JKAS), along with Baljinder Pal Singh, DSO Jammu Division, organized a successful Tug of War competition at GHSS Loran in District Poonch. This event. part of the "My Youth, My Pride" special summer activities programme, took place today.

The competition was graced by Surinder Kumar Sharma, Prin-

who served as the Chief Guest. The event drew significant participation, with a total of 400 particiattendance.

pants and spectators in The enthusiastic atmosphere underscored the community's spirit and commitment to fostering sportsmanship among

the youth. Participants were provided refreshments by the J&K Sports Council, contributing to the event's overall success. The competition was

organized by Nirdosh Kumar Sharma (I/C Manager, Sports Stadium Poonch), Mushtaq

Coach and Incharge Indoor Stadium Poonch), Ram Parkash (Ground Incharge), Zakir Hussain (ASK), Navjot Singh (Hockey Coach), Rohit Sharma (Boxing Coach), Ameet Singh (Football Coach), Richa Bali (Volleyball Coach), Owais Ud Din (Badminton Coach). and Saval Ahmed

(Hockey Instructor). The event not only highlighted the talent and enthusiasm of local vouth but also showcased the effective collaboration between various sports professionals in promoting athletic activities ground

LEAD acknowledged the significant role the scheme has played in attracting investors and accelerating development in the region and also highlighted the need for the expansion of both financial outlay and timelines for the NCSS.

These extensions are crucial for those who are still stuck in the land acquisition process or awaiting necessary clearances, ensuring they too can benefit from the scheme's incentives. Concerns were also raised regarding poten-

ing that the scheme's resources are not disproportionately allocated to large-scale projects. The LEAD delegation included key members such as LEAD Directors Sunil Shah and Manish Ahluwalia, along with Harinder Gupta, LEAD's Manufacturing Sector Incharge, and Praveen Pargal, State Secretary of Laghu Udyog Bharti. Minister Piyush Goyal commended LEAD's proactive efforts in promoting the scheme, noting the organization's key role in inspiring investors across the country to explore opportunities in J&K.

-lving Squad Teams have been deployed in each Assembly Constituency (AC), led by an Executive Magistrate. Additionally, 36 Static Surveillance Teams are in place in 8 hourly shifts at 12 strategic locations across

As the election day approaches, Srikanth N urged all teams to be extra vigilant throughout the remaining period culminating with polls, to ensure a free, fair and transparent election process in District Pulwama

### District Jammu secures victory in U-14 Boys football final at Khel Goan

platform for young football

enthusiasts from various

On the second day

of the tournament, the

semi-final matches set

the stage for the final

In the first semi-final,

District Jammu faced Dis-

trict Kathua and emerged

victorious with a dominant

4-0 win. District Jammu's

performance was marked

by skillful play and effec-

tive teamwork, which

allowed them to secure

The second semi-final

saw District Kishtwar

go up against District

Raiouri, District Kishtwar

advanced to the final with

a decisive 3-0 victory

showcasing their strong

performance and deter-

mination throughout the

their place in the final.

districts.

showdown.

#### **Top News Report**

NAGROTA, Aug 22: The Inter-District Provincial Level Football Tournament for U-14 boys culminated in an impressive final match at Khel Goan Nagrota, where District Jammu claimed the title by defeating District Kishtwar with a commanding 3-0 score.

This tournament featured six districts from the Jammu Division and was held over two days.

The event was inaugurated by the Joint Director of Youth Services and Sports (YSS) Jammu, and was conducted under the patronage of the Director General of Youth Services and Sports JK UT. with overall supervision by DYSSO Jammu

The tournament aimed to provide a competitive District Jammu and District Kishtwar was a highly anticipated encounter. District Jammu demonstrated their prowess on the field with goals from Aneesh, Daman, and Ummer Nisar, each contributing to the 3-0 victory The coordinated efforts of the Jammu team ensured their success and the title of champions for this tournament

This tournament not only highlighted the exceptional talent of young football players but also fostered a spirit of sportsmanship and competition among the participating districts. The event concluded

with District Jammu being celebrated for their outstanding performance and strategic play throughout the tournament.

The final match between

Health Camp held at PHC Taiket Barsoo

match.

#### **Top News Report**

KARGIL, Aug 22: In order to providing Health Care facilities to the people's residing in remote areas of Kargil, a free health camp was hosted by Block Medical Officer Community Health Centre Sankoo in collaboration with (an NGO) Project Health and Medical professional from all over India at PHC Taiket.

During the camp, doctors from different Medical Specialties and a Gynaecologist

Orthopedic and Dental surgeon's were provided expert services to the poor people of this Village. Dr Murtaza Ali Medical Officer PHC Taiket, Rajab Ali Sr Pharmacist. I/C Pharmacist Mohr Jan Aminullah Banoo Sr Nurse, Habibullah BHW, ANM AAM Barsoo, Community Health Officers (CHOs) from three selected AAM Health Institutions. Nursing Orderly were provided their valuable service during the Course of Health Camp. As per official figures details that a a total of 241 received for medical attention.

### Observers nominated in different districts as well as UT Kabaddi Championships by JKAKA trict Kabaddi Association Further for UT Kabaddi

within the community.

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Aug 22: General Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association (JKAKA) Kuldeep Kumar Gupta under the guidance of President Anil Gupta told that the observers have been appointed in Districts as well as UT Kabaddi Championships in boys & girls section to be held in the current year 2024.

Kuldeep nominated the name of the "Observers" in district as well as UT Championships

The name of candidates who are nominated in Jammu Province as well as Kashmir Province are Radha Bakshi Convener Women Commission nominated for Jammu District, Krishan Singh



President Samba District Kabaddi Association nominated for Kathua District, Sanjit Kumar Secretary Jammu District Kabaddi Association nominated for Udhampur District. Bashrat Khan Chairman Poonch District Kabaddi Association nominated for Rajouri District, Mohd. Yakoob Secretary Kathua District Kabaddi Association nominated for Samba District, Sushil Jamwal Chairman Rajouri Dis-

nominated for Poonch District, Nazir Ahmad Mir Secretary Budgam District Kabaddi Association nominated for Srinagar District, G.M Ganai Chairman Pulwama District Kabaddi Association nominated for Anantnag District, Mohd Shafi Chair-

man Gandharbal District Kabaddi Association nominated for Baramulla District, Gulzar Ahmad Secretary Srinagar District Kabaddi Association nominated for Budgam District, A.R.Padder Chairman Anantnag District Kabaddi Association nominated for Pulwama District, M.S.Baba President Baramulla District Kabaddi Association nominated for Gandharbal District.

Championships the following members have been appointed as Observers, Sarwant Singh Gill Technical Director J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association nominated for Junior UT Kabaddi Championship at Udhampur, Anil Modi Treasurer J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association nominated for Senior UT Kabaddi Championship at Poonch and Surinder Mohan Technical Director Yuva Kabaddi Series (YKS) nominated for Sub-Junior UT Kabaddi Championship at Srinagar.

Moreover, Gupta also said that all the district Secretaries/Presidents are advised to give vast publicity in Print/Electronic Media and send a letter to **Divisional Sports Officer** 

Sports Officer Kashmir of J&K Sports Council under proper receipt so that they can issue the directions to their Managers/Incharges of Stadium to make the necessary arrangements of providing the ground and other facilities to the organizer of the District

Association. Further, Kuldeep Kumar Gupta advised to all the "Observers" of the Kabaddi Association to select the talented players in Boys and Girls Section for the National Coaching Camps to be held before the participation in the National Championships and also submit their report well in time to the undersigned before conduct of the National Coaching Camps

Jammu and Divisional

# **SPORTS**

# **Rohit Sharma calls Dravid, Agarkar, Shah 'three** pillars', credits them for T20 World Cup win

Under Rohit's leadership, India triumphed at the ICC showpiece in June beating South Africa in the final

MUMBAI, Aug 22 (Agencies): Star batter Rohit Sharma said that former head coach Rahul Dravid, chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar and BCCI secretary Jay Shah backed him to the hilt in his effort to extract the best from players without worrying about results, eventuating in India's T20 World Cup triumph under him.

Under Rohit's leadership, India triumphed at the ICC showpiece in June beating South Africa in the final. It was their second T20 world title after 2007, and Rohit also brought curtains on his career in the shortest format with that victory at Barbados.

"It was my dream to transform this team and not worry too much about the stats, the results, to make sure that we create that environment where people can go out there and play freely without thinking too much," Rohit said after being named the men's international cricketer of the year at the CEAT Cricket Rating Awards here.

"That is what was required. I got a lot of help from my three pillars, who are actually Mr Jay Shah, Mr Rahul Dravid (and the) chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar," he said.

"That was very critical for me to



here and celebrate with every-

"(It is a) fantastic feeling that

can never be put out in words. I

don't think it's a feeling that can

be expressed. It won't do justice

to our effect when all that hap-

The Mumbaikar said he is not

someone who fusses with the

specific weight of a bat but pre-

"The guys who spend time with

me in the changing room where

I put my stickers and I put the

bat tape and all that, will tell you

(that) whichever bat I pick up, I

go and play with that," he said.

"The balance of the bat for me

is very important. I have seen a

lot of guys who are pretty much

into 'how many grains the bat

has', 'what is the weight of the

fers to go with the feel of it.

pened," Rohit said.

one here.'

do what I did and obviously not to forget the players, who came in at different points in time and helped the team to achieve what we achieved," he said.

Rohit said the feeling of winning the World Cup that ended India's decade-long drought in global tournaments could not be described in words.

"(It was) a feeling that cannot come everyday. It was something that we were really hoping for. When we won the World Cup, it was important for all of us to enjoy the moment which we did pretty well and thanks to our nation as well for celebrating with us," he said.

"As much as it meant for us, it meant a whole lot to the entire nation as well. It felt really great to bring it (trophy) back home

outside', but I am not that kind of a person. I will pick up the bat and if I feel this is the right bat, I will go and play with that," he said. Despite guiding Mumbai Indi-

bat' and 'how does it look from

ans to five IPL title as captain, Rohit's hunger to add more trophies to his cabinet remains insatiable. "There is a reason I won five

IPL trophies. I'm not going to stop, because once you get the taste of winning games, winning Cups, you don't want to stop and we'll keep pushing as a team. We'll keep striving for better things in the future," he said.

As an extension, he wanted more success with India too as their ODI and Test leader.

"We've got a couple of solid tours coming up, very challenging ones as well. For us, it never stops. Once you achieve something you always look forward to achieving more.

"That is what I will be doing. I'm pretty sure my teammates will be thinking on the same line. What I've seen in the last two years in Indian cricket, there's some real excitement, some real good cricket is being played," he added.

## Women's T20 world cup: Change of venue won't impact our preparation: Deepti

hosting rights, ensuring

that it receives its share

of revenue. "It doesn't

matter wherever the

World Cup is happen-

ing, I just focus on how

as an all-rounder I can

contribute to the team's

"I just want to give it

my all and the last 4-5

months have been fruit-

ful for us, let's hope we

continue the good work

and end the trophy

wait this time. We have

some idea about how

the wickets will play in

The all-rounder has

delivered some stel-

lar performances with

both bat and ball in the

UAE," she added.

success," Deepti said.



MUMBAI, Aug 22 (Agencies): Star India all-rounder Deepti Sharma is focusing on delivering the best for her team in the upcoming Women's T20 World Cup and feels the sudden change of venue won't impact her side's preparations.

The ICC on Tuesday moved the T20 World Cup from Bangladesh to the UAE following unrest in the South Asian nation.

The event, scheduled to take place from October 3 to 20, will now be staged in Dubai and Sharjah with Bangladesh retaining the

recent months. "I am enjoying my cricket at the moment and this has enabled me to shrug the pressure off my shoulders. I have learnt from the other international cricketers that when you start enjoying the game, you do better on the field," she said.

"I don't let pressure get the better of me, I have developed this habit since I played the first game in the Women's Super League back in 2018. I have developed this habit and made it a part of my game," she added.

Deepti was brilliant throughout The Hundred for London Spirit Women and finished things off in style as well with a winning six to take her team to its first-ever title.

"That moment (hitting the winning runs at Lord's) was amazing, this is what I was missing. It is always great that you win the game for your team. I thanked God for his blessings because in such situations you need to believe in yourself. If you do so, then you do it," she said.

### **India's Paris Olympics star Archana** Kamath, 24, quits table tennis, would rather study in US

MUMBAI, Aug 22 (Agencies): India's women's table tennis team made history at the 2024 Paris Olympics, making it past the Round of 16 for the first time ever in the nation's history. India eventually lost the women's team battle to Germany in the quarter-finals, where Archana Kamath was the only paddler to have won a game. India lost the match 1-3 and bowed out of the competition. Though reaching the quarter-finals was historic in India's table tennis history at the Olympic Games, Kamath wanted more. With there being no guarantee of a medal in the LA Games in 2028, the young paddler has decided to quit table tennis professionally and instead study abroad. After returning home from the Paris Games, Kamath, aged 24, had an honest conversation with her coach Anshul Garg about the prospects of earning a medal in the next games. The coach, understandably stunned by Archana's stance, decided to give an honest response "I told her that it's difficult. It's going to take a lot of hard work. She's ranked outside the top 100 in the world but she improved so much in the past couple of months. But I think she had already made up her mind to go. And once she makes up her mind, it's difficult to change it," Garg told agency. Archana's selection for the Paris Olympics was a chatter of debate before the start of the quadrennial event, especially after she got the nod over Ayhika Mukherjee, who had beaten World No. 1 Sun Yingsha earlier. Keeping aside the chatter around her selection, Archana focused on the game and did really well in helping India win the only match against



the Germans in the 1-3 quarter-final loss. Archana has the backing of TOPs, Olympic Gold Quest (OGQ), and other sponsors, but that isn't enough. An Olympic medal is what drove her, but now studying abroad is looking like a better career path. "My brother works at NASA. He's my idol and he too encourages me to study. So I make the time to complete all my studies and I enjoy it. I'm good at it too," she had told the paper earlier. Archana has also been described as a brilliant student by her father, who said that the paddler has no regrets about the career choices she has made. "Archana has always been academically oriented and all along her TT career has pursued her studies with graduation in Economics and has recently completed the requirements for a Master's degree in International Relations. Strategies, and Securities. Having played table tennis with so much dedication and passion for more than 15 years which culminated in her representing our country at the Olympics, she felt it was time for her to pursue her other passion- full-time studies. She has taken this difficult step with absolutely no regrets and after having given her best for the sport and the country," Archana's father Girish said. The financial sustainability of sports like Table Tennis is a matter of concern, especially considering the drastic

step Archana decided to take after the Paris Games. However, eighttime national champion and current Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) secretary Kamlesh Mehta feels that change is taking place quickly. "Table tennis is getting a lot of corporate backing. The Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) has all corporate owners. Players are being supported by professional sports agencies too. There's a lot happening and the government with TTFI is doing whatever we can to support players and create a system that makes players want to stay in the sport. The number of professional academies that have come up in the country is a testament to that. Our results on the international stage - even in youth tournaments show that we are doing something right," he said. While there's support for Table Tennis stars in terms of equipment and training, Archana's coach Garg feels the sport is still far from becoming a platform of livelihood for players. Hence, Archana's decision made sense to him. "The top players generally don't have any problem because they get a lot of support. But what about the upcoming players? Yes, they get support in terms of training and equipment. No expense is spared there but what about a livelihood? That gets difficult so Archana's decision is understandable," Garg said.

# **Snubbed for Duleep Trophy, India star takes** county cricket route to impress selectors

NEW DELHI, Aug 22 (Agencies): One of the finest bowlers in India's domestic red-ball spectrum, Jaydev Unadkat has had an intriguing career so far. Despite taking wickets in domestic cricket at regular intervals, Unadkat has somehow not fit the bill for selectors as far as Test selection is concerned. Even when he has made the squad, his chances in the playing XI have been quite limited. As the Indian team gears up for the upcoming Test season, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) selectors decided against picking him for the Duleep Trophy squads. The left-arm pacer, hence, decided to sign for English county side Sussex, hoping to impress selectors through this alternate route.



picking up 11 wickets in four matches as the team finished in third position in Division 2.

"We are all delighted that Jaydev is returning to the 1st Central County Ground for the final five championship matches of the coming season.

"Jaydev lived up to the expectation that not only would he show his class on the field, but he would also be a fantastic person and be part of what we are all trying to achieve. Jaydev is a lovely guy who did everything he could to help our players and share his fantastic

"I'm really happy to be back here. Hove is my second home. The team's been doing fantastic this season and, hopefully, in the second leg of the season, we're going to pull it through and get

back in division one, where we belong! Cheers," Unadkat said in a video posted by Sussex on social media.

In his first season or Sussex, Unadkat impressed everyone,

#### knowledge," he added.

Unadkat was part of the India squad that travelled to West Indies last year. His last appearance for the national team came in the second Test between the two sides in July 2023.

# India batters have fallen back a bit in playing spin: Assistant coach ten Doeschate



NEW DELHI, Aug 22 (Agencies): Assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate was candid in his admission that the desire to do well overseas has dented Indian batsmen's ability to play spin and his immediate task is to make them adept in it again ahead of an important season that features five Tests at home.

Traditionally strong against spin, India lost 27 wickets against Sri Lankan spinners in the three-match away

ODI series earlier this month, which they lost 0-2. It was India's first bilateral ODI series defeat against the Lankans in 27 years. "We got undone

against Sri Lanka. The mindset of India has been such that they've been so desperate to do well overseas," Doeschate said. "The focus has moved to doing well in Australia and England. We've kind of let playing spin, which was always a strength of the Indian team, fall back a

little bit. That's one thing I'm looking forward to helping with, getting to that position where Indians are the best players of spin in the world

again," he added. India are scheduled to face Bangladesh and New Zealand at home across five Test matches in September and October. Both these sides have handy spinners in their ranks.

Doeschate, a former Netherlands all-rounder with considerable coaching experience around the world, said playing spin is about making a mental shift rather than bringing about major technical changes.

"I don't think much of what we're going to bring is technical knowledge. It's more about mindsets, situational awareness, and how we think they can control certain phases of the game. We need to throw ideas out there ... de-briefing and keeping

the mental space really good. That's going to be really important," he said.

The 44-year-old Dutchman, who will be assisting head coach Gautam Gambhir along with Abhishek Nayar, said the team is also desperate to win the Champions Trophy next year. "There's the Champi-

ons Trophy (February 2025). With only three ODIs left in preparation, it's going to be really challenging to switch between the formats and get the team ready for that, which again is something they're desperate to win," he said. Doeschate said qualifying for the World Test Championship (WTC) final in June next year is another important goal for India.

Currently, India are leading the WTC table with Australia in close pursuit, and Doeschate wanted to use the 10 Tests that India are

#### scheduled to play to cement that position of strength.

"In terms of what we're looking forward to ... qualifying for the WTC final... there's a great opportunity with 10 Tests left. We have five (Tests) in India and then we are going to Australia (for another five Tests), which is going to be great," he said.

Doeschate said walking into the Indian cricketing establishment was a daunting task, particularly after them winning the T20 World Cup in June. "In terms of timing (his appointment), it's quite difficult to walk into a team that's just come back with the (T20) World Cup. But in terms of what's ahead of us for the next 18 months, it's mouth-watering as a coach. It's all the series you want to be involved in and all the challenges you want to come up

against," he said.

# LOCAL/ADVT

# **Reasi District embraces Abdul Quddir** Kundria's book "Gottey Gaye Gottey"

Abdul Quddir Kundria's 'Gottey Gaye Gottey' captivates readers in Reasi District

#### **Top News Report**

REASI, Aug 22: Abdul Quddir Kundria's muchanticipated book, "Gottey Gaye Gottey," has been met with enthusiastic acclaim following its recent launch at the Abhinav Theatre Writer's Club. Written in Dogri, Urdu, and Hindi, this seminal work has captured the hearts and minds of readers across Reasi district and neighboring areas.

The book was officially unveiled by Vidya Devi, the esteemed elder woman of village Bhabbar Brahamana, in a ceremony attended by a large and diverse audience. She was accompanied by prominent figures including Abdul Ghani, Retired ZEPO Reasi, Haji Abdul Rahim, Allaha Rakha, Abdul Qayoom, Kewal Kumar, Hans Raj, Talib



eration to avoid substance

all nine schools wore

black badges or ribbons

throughout the day. This

act was a symbolic ges-

ture to demonstrate their

support and empathy.

Additionally, candles

were lit as a tribute to

the victims, serving as

a symbol of peace and

The event emphasized

the crucial role that edu-

cation plays in fostering

respect for women. The

students collectively

pledged, "I will respect

I will speak out against

violence. I will report

violence. I will make this

world a better place to

live in so that Humanity

stays alive." This pledge

reflects their commitment

to creating a safer and

more respectful world

for women, ensuring that

the seeds of respect and

dignity are sown from a

hope.

all women

young age.

Hussain, Sudesh Kumar, Baldev Raj Thappa, Mistri Hans Raj, Shaista Bibi, Som Raj, Mohd. Hussain, Thakur Dass, Abdul Hameed, Haji Abdul Latif, Mohd. Shareef, Aashiq Hussain, and Arshad Ali. Residents from various regions including Pouni, Katra, Bhabbar, Kundra, Pai, Dera Baba, and surrounding villages, along with local Sarpanchs and Panchs, have hailed

"Gottey Gaye Gottey" as a pioneering work in the Dogri language. They expressed their belief that such a book should have been published years ago, given its profound representation of marginalized communities and its commendable effort to address their issues. The book is noted for its compelling encouragement to the younger gen-

abuse and its promotion of communal harmony through deep, thoughtful verses. Abdul Quddir Kundria's poetic style not only provides valuable guidance on engaging with the administration but also advocates for the support of marginalized communities, helping them navigate and overcome their challenges. Vidya Devi praised the book as a significant con-

tribution to societal unity and moral upliftment, describing it as a "bouquet of humanity" that strengthens brotherhood and helps steer society away from vices. She extended her congratulations to the poet for his remarkable representation of the community. Bodh Raj Bhagat,

former Sarpanch, also commended Abdul Quddir Kundria, recalling how his poetry was previously enjoyed on radio and television. He emphasized the book's role as an important guide for marginalized communities and celebrated its publication as a noteworthy achievement.

The event witnessed a large turnout, with numerous attendees and distinguished dignitaries joining in the celebration of this literary milestone.

### **Alexander Memorial School leads Youth Talent** Search in solidarity with rape victims across Jammu families, students from

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Aug 22: Alexander Memorial School, Jammu, has taken a significant step towards raising awareness about violence against women by uniting nine schools under the Youth Talent Search program. Although the participating schools carried out their activities on their own premises, they shared a common objective: to educate and sensitize the youth on the importance of respect and standing against violence towards women

The schools involved in this initiative were New Era Environmental High School, Circular Road, Jammu; Bikram Memorial School, Bisnah; JK Montessori Hr. Sec. School, Talab Tillo, Jammu; S.D. Tarapuri High School, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu; Bhagwati Haqiqat

Memorial School, Lower Barnai, Jammu; Humanity Public School, Bari Brahamana, Jammu; and Elite Public High School, Om Nagar, Udheywalla, Bohri, Jammu.

Students from classes 6th to 10th were particularly targeted in this initiative. They were educated about the issue of violence against women, with a focus on understanding the significance of consent, encapsulated in the phrase "No means Teachers pro-No." vided students with the

National Commission for Women's 24×7 Helpline number and encouraged them to speak out in cases of sexual harassment. Furthermore, the students were advised to spread awareness within their families, especially teaching boys to respect women.

To show solidarity with rape victims and their

### **JKPSS** welcomes Chinar **Book Festival at SKICC**

#### **Top News Report**

SRINAGAR, Aug 22: Jammu and Kashmir Punjabi Sahit Sabha (JKPSS), Srinagar, Kashmir welcomes the Chinar Book Festival at SKICC, Srinagar, organized by the National Book Trust. However, it is disappointing to note that books in every language are on display except Punjabi.

Punjabi is an integral part of Jammu and Kashmir's culture, widely spoken across the UT, especially in hilly and border areas. For over a century and a half, Punjabi writers have published over 400 works, including poetry, short stories, novels, plays,

and folk literature. The Jammu and Kashmir Punjabi Sahit Sabha, Srinagar, Kashmir, has been actively promoting Punjabi language and literature in Kashmir for the

last century. The exclusion of Punjabi language and writer organizations from the Chinar Book Festival has shocked the Punjabi-speaking community in Kashmir.

We request the Lt. Governor of J&K UT to look into this matter, as similar tactics are being used to marginalize Punjabi language activities in radio, Doordarshan, and the J&K Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages. Radio Kashmir Srinagar, in particular, has been neglecting Punjabi programs, repeating old content and lapsing sanctioned budgets for over a year. The Jammu and Kashmir Punjabi Sahit Sabha, Srinagar, Kashmir, con-

demns this anti-Punjabi policy in J&K UT. We urge concerned officials to address our grievances by thoroughly investigating this matter.

meeting will ensure that

we put forward the best

possible names for each

constituency," a senior

BJP leader said ahead

Ram Madhav's meet-

ing in Jammu will play

a pivotal role in final-

izing the list. "This is a

crucial moment for the

party. We are consider-

ing every factor care-

fully before making our

decisions," a BJP leader

The National Elec-

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announce the final list

of candidates soon after

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# **GGMSC** organizes Expert talk on organ donation and transplant



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Aug 22: An expert talk was organized by career counseling & placement cell and Debates and Seminars committee of GGM Science College Jammu in collaboration with Sate Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (SOTTO), on organ donation/transplant to educate and raise awareness among the audience on the critical importance of organ donation, the process involved, and its impact on saving lives. The event was organized under the guidance and patronage of Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of the college. The event started with the formal welcome address by Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma, Convener of the Career Counseling and Placement Cell. Anshu Sharma, consultant IEC from media team SOTTO,

was a resource person on the occasion. The lecture began with an overview of organ donation and its definition, after which the speaker emphasized the stark disparity between the number of patients in need of organ transplants and the supply of donated organs. The speaker said that organ donation is described as a lifesaving intervention that not only extends lives but also significantly enhances the quality of life for recipients. Answering questions focused on the safety and longterm health outcomes for living donors, the speaker provided reassuring responses backed by data and research. The speaker made several concepts clear about deceased organ Donors and Living organ Donors to dispel misconceptions among the audience. More than 100 students were in attendance. The

students pledged to raise awareness about the importance of organ donation in their villages and communities. Among the faculty who attended the programme included Dr. Vandana Khajuria, Prof. Lekh Raj, Dr. Narinder Kumar, Dr. Sunil Dutt, Dr. Rahul Kait, Dr. Ashaq Hussain, Dr. Anshu Sahney (Convener Debaetes & Seminar Committee), Dr. Rajeev Kumar, Prof. Brinder Kumar, Dr. Chaman Lal (Staff Secretary), Dr. Shalini Sharma, Dr. AkanshaParihar, Dr. Arjun Singh, Dr. Pawan Sharma, Dr. Sukhdeep Singh, Dr. Rohit Bhardwaj, Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Prof. Arti Sharma, Dr. Neha Sharma, Dr. Reetika Rani, Dr. Nisha, Prof. Arvind Kumar and Prof. Ram Krishan. The program concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Bal Krishan, Assistant Professor in Zoology.

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### World Entrepreneurs' Day Celebrated at **SMVDU with Expert Insights from JKEDI**



#### **Top News Report**

KATRA, Aug 22: The School of Mechanical Engineering at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), in collaboration with the Innovation and Incubation Council (IIC), celebrated World Entrepreneurs' Day with a special event aimed at fostering entrepreneurial spirit and innovation among students. The event was organized by Dr. Varun Dutta, Dr. Sanjay Sharma, and Dr.

Rajiv Kumar, Assistant Professors at SMVDU. The highlights of the event were expert lectures delivered by Sourab Mengi, Assistant Manager at the Centre for Innovation, Incubation, and Business Modelling at JKEDI, and Shivani Sharma, Assistant Faculty at JKEDI. Their talks focused on the latest policies and opportunities in the startup and innovation ecosystem provided by JKEDI, offering valu-

entrepreneurs among the students. Prof. R.K. Mishra, Dean of Student Welfare, Prof. Balbir Singh, Dean of Academic Affairs, and Dr. Sanjeev Anand, Convener of IIC, also addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of innovation and entrepreneurship in today's competitive world. The event was attended by several dignitaries, including Dr. Vineet Tyagi, Dean (R&D), Dr. Yatheshth Anand, Head, School of Mechanical Engineering, Dr. Sanjay Mohan, Mr. B.K. Bhatia, Training and Placement Officer at SMVDU, along

with faculty members and staff of the university. The students greatly benefited from the expert talks, gaining crucial information about various policies and support mechanisms available for start-ups and innovations through JKEDI. The event was a significant step towards nurturing the entrepreneurial ecosystem within the university, encouraging students to explore new ideas and venture into the able insights to aspiring world of start-ups.

### **Ram Madhav arrives** in Jammu for crucial Meeting

#### **Top News Report**

SRINAGAR, Aug 22: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is likely to finalize its candidates for the upcoming Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections today, marking a key moment in the party's strategic planning for the region.

As per media reports the BJP leader Ram Madhav is expected to land in Jammu shortly, where he will chair a crucial meeting to finalize the panels for each Assembly constituency.

"Panels for each of the constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir will be forwarded to the BJP headquarters in New Delhi later. The final decision on candidates will rest with the National Election Committee, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi"

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