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## BRIEFLY

### CRPF man dies after falling from rooftop near Srinagar Airport

SRINAGAR, Aug 24 (Agencies): A Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) man, died after he fell from the rooftop of a Panchayat Bhawan building near the Srinagar airport, reports said.

Quoting an official, the news agency NVI reported that a CRPF man died after falling from the roof of Panchayat Bhawan near airport on Saturday.

The CRPF man was identified as Pawane Kakasahib, official said. The official said that the police have taken up the investigation into the matter.

### Missing Arunachal man traced in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, Aug 24 (Agencies): A man from Arunachal Pradesh was brought back by police from Kashmir. The man identified as Kangge Perme, was found at Budgam in Kashmir.

Media reports said that a team of East Siang police started tracing him after a missing report was filed by his father at Mebo police station on July 23.

East Siang SP said Perme last talked to his family on July 13 and told them he was in Delhi looking for a job.

The police officer said they collected ATM transaction and call detail records of the missing person.

However, his phone location could not be traced as his mobile was switched off.

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### Apni Party to contest from 60 seats in J&K: Altaf Bukhari

SRINAGAR, Aug 24 (Agencies): Apni Party president Syed Altaf Bukhari Saturday said that his party will field candidates from 60 seats including 40 in Kashmir and 20 in Jammu for the upcoming assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

Talking to the media persons while visiting Chanapora, Bukhari as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said that there won't be any alliance with anyone and they have bore the brunt in the Lok Sabha elections.

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## MHA providing security to conduct polls in J&K: CEO PK Pole

JAMMU, Aug 24: PK Pole, Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu and Kashmir said on Saturday that the Ministry of Home Affairs is providing security to conduct the upcoming Assembly elections in Union Territory.

Pole said that this decision has been taken by the home ministry given the security challenges in the Jammu and Kashmir region, and to carry out a peaceful election process.

"There have been security challenges in Jammu and Kashmir over the last 2-3 decades. There has been a reduction (in terror incidents) in recent years. It is an on-and-off situation. We have worked out detailed security arrangements. For candidates, political parties, our RO officials, observers, strong rooms, all this was taken up with the Ministry of Home Affairs and accordingly, security is being provided," Pole said.

He was speaking on the security arrangements for the upcoming polls in Jammu and Kashmir



He said the Lok Sabha elections were conducted peacefully. "There will be no political violence. We are fully prepared (for any kind of situation)."

When asked about the extra deployment of forces at polling stations in Doda given the recent incidents of terrorism, he said, "In areas where the activities of anti-national elements have increased recently, we provide additional security there and have also activated Village Defence Committees. So overall, it seems that there will be peaceful elections."

Meanwhile, PK Pole, Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu and Kashmir, said that about 88 lakh voters will cast their ballot in the upcoming Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Chief Electoral Officer said seven districts will go to polls in the first phase on September 18, six districts in the second phase on September 23 and seven districts on October 1.

He further said that the four districts of South Kashmir and three districts of Doda will go to polls in the first phase.

He also said that basic minimum facilities have been made at all polling booths.

He further added that 209 new polling stations were created under the special summary revision and the location of about 200 polling stations after holding consultations with political parties.

"There will be separate queues for men and women. There will be separate arrangements for the elderly..." he said.

Webcasting will be done at every polling booth following the directions of the Chief Election Commissioner, he added.

"There are about 88 lakh voters, of which 44.89 lakh are male and 43.83 lakh are female voters, and there are 163 transgender voters," Pole said.

The last date for filing the nomination papers is August 27.

Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir will be held in three phases on September 18, 25 and October 1. The results will be announced on October 4.

## CM Yogi questions Congress, National Conference Pre-Poll Alliance for J&K elections

LUCKNOW, Aug 24 (Agencies): Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has questioned the decision of the Congress party to forge a pre-poll alliance for the upcoming Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir with the National Conference, which in its election manifesto pitched for a dialogue between India and Pakistan.

Polling will be held in three phases in Jammu and Kashmir with the first phase starting from September 18 following announcement of election



schedule by the Election Commission.

Reacting to their announcement, chief minister Adityanath said on Saturday, "Elections have been announced for J&K assembly elections. This election is not only important for

the people of Jammu and Kashmir but also for every Indian who believes in democracy. The Congress, which is leading the INDI Alliance, has formed a coalition with the National Conference of the Abdullah Family and once again placed its anti-national plan before the country."

Adityanath said that the pre-poll alliance of the two parties gives rise to big questions about national security and commitment to the Constitution.

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## 3-Day Kailash Kund Yatra to begin in J&K's Udhampur-Doda hills on August 30

JAMMU, Aug 24 (Agencies): The three-day annual Kailash Kund Yatra is set to commence on August 30 in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district amid tight security arrangements, officials here said.

The yatra will begin amid threat perception following multiple terror incidents in the Udhampur-Doda mountainous



belt in past over the past two months, promoting authorities to increase security in the area.

"The yatra to the high-altitude Lake shrine of Kailash Kund will begin from Udhampur's Dudu area on August 30," an official said.

The three-day holy pilgrimage dedicated to the deity of Baderwah town, Vasuki Nag, has been followed for thousands of years.

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## "Congress, National Conference plan to end reservation in J-K," says BJP's Devendra Rana



JAMMU, Aug 24 (Agencies): Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Devendra Rana on Saturday said that the National Conference and Congress are planning to end reservation for Dalits, Gujjars and Other Backward Class (OBC) in Jammu and Kashmir after

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## NC leader Sajjad Shaheen, others urge party leadership to not surrender Banihal seat to Congress

SRINAGAR, Aug 24 (Agencies): Senior Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) leader from Banihal constituency Sajjad Shaheen Saturday said the JKNC-Congress alliance has put fear in the hearts and minds of his leaders and workers over the candidanship for the



seat.

An emergency meet

was held in Banihal, chaired by JKNC leaders Sajjad Shaheen and Dr. Shamshada Shan. The leaders and workers unanimously opposed the alliance with the Congress in Banihal.

Sajjad said that the alliance suggests that the former Congress chief of

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## J&K Police lodge FIR as missing Baramulla girl converts, marries Mumbai resident

SRINAGAR, Aug 24 (Agencies): The police in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district have taken cognizance of a case involving a girl who was reported missing and later found to have converted and married a resident of Mumbai.

The girl's father filed a missing person's report at the Kreeeri police station on August 16.

"On 16 Aug 2024, police station Kreeeri lodged a missing report in respect of the daughter of one Gh Mohi-ud-din Sheik (other details with-held), who was missing ... It has been learnt that the said girl converted and married one Sagar Pradeep Singh of Navi Mumbai (other details with-held). PS Kreeeri of district police Baramulla has taken cognizance of the matter and has registered a case under relevant sections of BNS," a police statement issued late Friday.

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### CREMATION

With grief and sorrow, we inform about the passing away of our beloved **Col Ravinder Kumar Dhar (Retd)** at Jammu on 23rd August 2024.

**CREMATION** will take place on Sunday, 25th August 2024 at 12.30 pm at Jogi Gate cremation ground, Jammu.

**GRIEF-STRIKEN**  
Urvashi Dhar (Wife)  
(Daughter-in-law and Son)  
Ms. Garima and Col Shehar Dhar  
Ms. Surbhi Dhar (Daughter)  
Ashara and Shamika (Grand Daughters)  
Usha and Praveen (Sister and Brother in law)  
Manjoo and Col Lalit (Sister and Late Brother in Law)  
Nimmi (Sister)  
Dhars  
Nakhasis-in-laws  
Mob.: 9419101654, 9870459700  
Shuhul, Khanpur, Nagrota, Jammu 181221




**Col Ravinder Kumar Dhar (Retd)**

### CHOUBARSI

Choubarisi of our beloved **Sh. Narinder Sharma Ji** will be performed on Sunday 25th August 2024 at our residence H.No. 670, Sec.-3, Nanak Nagar, Jammu.

**DEEPLY MISSED & REMEMBERED BY**  
**Sh. Rama Nand Sharma (Father)**  
**Smt. Anu Radha Sharma (Wife)**  
**Keshav Sharma (Son)**  
**Brother & Sister-in-law**  
**Sh. Pawan Sharma & Vaneta Sharma**  
**Nephew : Gunjan, Rishab**  
**Niece : Sukriti, Payal**  
**Mob.: 9419142639, 7006596712**




**Sh. Narinder Sharma (Kaka)**

### 10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Aular Krishan Koul S/o Late Sh. Janki Nath Koul** originally resident of Tankipora, Srinagar at present B-401, Apex Green Valley, Sector-9, Vaishali, Ghaziabad U.P. He left for heavenly abode on Monday (19-Aug-2024).  
**CREMATION** was held on 20th Aug, 2024 at Hindon Ghat, Ghaziabad.

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

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
Smt. Mohini Koul - Wife  
Sunil Kumar Koul & Bindra Koul - Son & Daughter-in-law  
Sunita & Ajay Thussu - Daughter & Son-in-law  
Manoj Kumar Koul & Phoola Koul - Brother & Bhabhi  
Ashok Kumar Koul & Saroj Koul - Brother & Bhabhi  
Smt. Usha Bhat & Bansilal Bhat - Sister & Brother-in-law  
Smt. 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 & Dhars  
Tel: 981109835, 965436822



**Sh. Aular Krishan Koul**

### TENTH DAY / KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Rani Ganjoo (Nana Tath)**, W/O Lt. Sh. Omkar Nath Ganjoo. R/o Shiv Nagar, Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 18th Aug, 2024 (Sunday) at Noida (Uttar Pradesh).

**Tenth Day/Kriya will be performed on 27th Aug, 2024 (Tuesday) at Ghatganga, Brij Ghat, District Hapur, Uttar Pradesh.**

**Grief Stricken:-**  
Lt. Sh. Omkar Nath Ganjoo (Husband)  
**Sons & Daughter in law**  
Mrs. & Mr. Pummy & Suresh Ganjoo  
Mrs. & Mr. Madhu & Lt. Sh. Rajinder Ganjoo  
Mrs. & Mr. Archana & Mahesh Ganjoo  
**Daughter & Son in law**  
Mrs. & Mr. Sunita & Sunil Bhan.  
**Grandsons & Granddaughter :-** Mohit Ganjoo, Namita & Harish Ganjoo, Anushka Bhan & Anmol Ganjoo.



**Smt. Rani Ganjoo**

### TENTH DAY/KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Bimla Devi** W/o Late Sh. Kikar Singh R/o Janglote, Kathua left for her heavenly abode on 13-8-2024.

**Tenth Day** will be performed on 22-8-2024 (Thursday) at our residence at 10.00 AM.  
**Kriya** will be performed on 25-8-2024 (Sunday) at our residence at 12.00 Noon.  
**Rasam Pagri** will be performed on 26-8-2024 (Monday) at our residence at 12.00 Noon.

**Grief Stricken**  
**Sons & Daughter-in-laws**  
Mr. Charanjit Singh (Ex-MLA, Kathua) & Mrs. Sangita  
Mr. Rachpal Singh & Mrs. Asha Kumari  
Mr. Rajinder Singh (Advocate) & Mrs. Vandhana  
**Daughters & Son-in-laws**  
Mrs. Shakuntla Devi & Romal Singh  
Mrs. Sneh Lata & Mr. Rajinder Singh




**Smt. Bimla Devi**

### BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother **Sardarni Pritam Kour** W/o Lt. S. Inder Singh R/o 109-110, Rouki Bakshi Nagar, Jammu on 21/8/2024.

**Bhog & Antim Ardas** shall be held as per the following programme.  
**Arambh Sri Akhand Path** 24 August (Saturday) at 9.00 am.  
**Bhog Sri Akhand Path** 26 August (Monday) at our residence.  
**Antim Ardas** at Gurudwara Bakshi Nagar on 26/8/2024 from 10.30 am to 12.00 Noon followed by **Guru Ka Langar.**

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
**Daughter-in-law & Son**  
Balbir Kour & Nirmal Singh (Retd. IDAS)  
Simmi Kour & Jaswant Singh (Retd. Bank Manager, J&K Bank)  
**Daughter & Son-in-law**  
Agya Kour & Lt. Amar Singh  
Ranjit Kour W/o Lt. Gurbachan Singh  
Mobile: 9419108515, 9013016227



**Sardarni Pritam Kour**

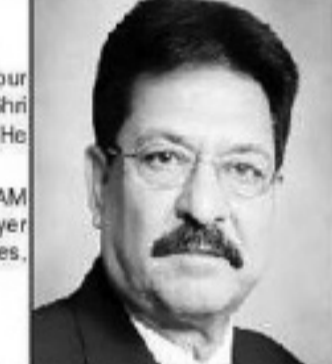
### 10TH DAY KRIYA

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)

**Immediate 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: 9814249888/9888884794



**Shri Chander Mohan Kher**

### 10TH DAY

With profound grief and deep sorrow, we regret to inform the untimely demise of our beloved **Mr Sanjeev Kumar (Shiva)** S/o Late Sh Ram Lal R/o Naugran, Bishnah, J&K-181132.

**10th Day** will be held at Aashirwad Farm, Purthipur, Bishnah on 25th August 2024 (Sunday) at 12 Noon.

**GRIEF STRICKEN :**  
Pushpa Devi- Mother  
Meenakshi- Wife  
Peehu- Daughter  
Taksh- Son  
Seema & Pradeep Kumar- Bhabhi & Brother  
Mamta & Om Prakash-Sister & Brother-in-Law  
**ALL RELATIVES & FAMILY MEMBERS**  
Mobile Nos: 9906268582, 7051303805




**LATE SH SANJEEV KUMAR**  
EXP ON 16-08-2024

### CHOUBARSI

Choubarisi of our beloved **Capt. Shivpuran Sambyal** S/o Late Sh. Tripat Singh Sambyal (Thalora Mandi Samba Wale) shall be performed at our residence House No. 361-C, Jeevan Nagar, Jammu on 25th August 2024. Satsang will be performed on 25th August 2024 (Sunday) at 11:00 am at our residence followed by Lunch at 1:00 PM at Shiv Mandir, Jeevan Nagar Jammu.

**Deeply Missed By: Sambyal Family**  
**Contact No:- 9419146669, 7006014020, 9796180917**



**Capt. Shivpuran Singh Sambyal**  
(22.11.1938 - 26.08.2024)

### 10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & pain, we inform all concerned that our beloved, **Shree Kewal Krishan Ganhar** S/o Late Krishan Joo Ganhar & Late Rani Ji Ganhar, Originally from Motiyar Rainawari (Sgr) presently at Indra Nagar (Sgr), left for his heavenly abode on 20.08.2024 (A/N).

**The 10TH DAY KRIYA** shall be performed on 29th of August at Shurayar temple Ghat at 9:30 am.

**DEEPLY MOURNED BY:**  
Mrs. Usha Ganhar (Wife)  
Rajneesh Ganhar & Mrs. Pooja Ganhar (Son & Daughter-in-law)  
C.M.Dhar (Brother-in-law)  
Mrs. Pinky & Dr. Deepak Sharma (Sister & Brother-in-law)  
Mrs. Nirmala and T.K Dhar, Suman and Dr. Ramesh Dhar  
Mrs. Urmila and Hemant Kaul  
Rahul Dhar Mrs. Nisha

**Friends & relatives. Contact Number: 7889731676 and 7006287447**




**Shree Kewal Krishan Ganhar**

### OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow it is to inform the public at large about the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Sh Shadi Lal Pandita** on 22nd of August, 2024 who has left all of us in shock. He was a scribe genre of human values serving the society at the forefront. We all with heavy heart condole his demise in tragic road accident. May Lord Vishnu grant him place in Vaikuntha and rest the revered soul in heaven.

**IN GRIEF:**  
Whole Pandita Parivar  
**Contact No: +919596644690 (Mithan Ji Pandita)**



**Sh Shadi Lal Pandita**

### TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow we regret to inform about the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Aular Krishan Kaul** S/o Late Samar Chand Kaul originally resident of Achabal Anantnag on 19/08/24 at Dehradun Uttarakhand.

**Mourning :** Clo Aditya Kaul- Lane No 2, Phase 1, New Garhwal Colony, Balawala, Dehradun, Land Mark Malsi Puliya.

**Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed at Haridwar (Kashmiri Dhamshala) on dated 28/08/24 at 10:00 AM.

**IN GRIEF**  
Chandekanta Kaul (Jija) - Wife  
Ratna Kaul (Soni) - Bhabhi  
Aditya Kaul & Anko (Son & Daughter-in-law)  
Achala & Vikas Bhan (Daughter & Son-in-Law)  
Amrita & Raman Bhat (Daughter & Son-in-Law)  
(Sister & Brother in Law)  
Suman Ji (Bubna) & Raj Nath Pandita  
Mob: 7248110274, 9419891600




**SH AUTAR KRISHAN KAUL**

### TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform about the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Ram Saran** S/o Lt. Sh. Anar Ram R/o Village Kote.

**10th Day - Sunday, 18 Aug, 2024** at Village Kote at 11:30 am.  
**Kriya - Monday, 19 Aug 2024** at village Kote at 12:30 PM.  
**Uthala** on Saturday, 24 Aug 2024 at Village Kote at 2:00 PM.

**Grief Stricken:**  
Santosh Kumari (Wife)  
Satya Devi (Taye)  
Rajesh Kumar (Son)  
Lalita Devi (Daughter-in-law)  
Priyanka Sharma (Daughter)  
Aditya Dev Sharma (Grand Son)  
**Daughter & Son in law**  
Pooja & Pawan Kumar  
Asha Rani & Jagdish Sharma  
Venu Kumar & Soni Sharma  
**Cousin :** Deep Kumar, Shubh Kaur, Kewal Rattan, Anil Talwari  
**AND TAKARIA FAMILY**  
Contact: 9797560107, 9419200026, 9422222022, 9797303960, 7951607053



**Sh Ram Saran**

### 10TH DAY KRIYA

With immense grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Jawahar Lal Parimoo (Retd: Ex-Eng Hydraulics)** S/o Late Sham Sunder Parimoo, Original resident of Namchibal Srinagar and presently 197-F, Street No 8, Shakti Nagar, Jammu on 16th of August 2024 at 6.30 AM.

**TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed at 9 AM on 25th Aug 2024 Sunday at Muthi Ghat, near Directorate of School Education, Jammu.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:**  
Jatinder Parimoo & Anita Parimoo (Son & D-In-Law)  
Rekha & Surinder Kaul (Daughter & Son-In-Law)  
Mohit Koul, Chandrika Parimoo, Amon Parimoo (Grand Children)  
**CONTACT NOS: 94191-27253, 94191-09839, 99671-97012**



**Sh. Jawahar Lal Parimoo (Retd: Ex-Eng Hydraulics)**

### TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our Mother **Smt Chunni Devi** W/o Late Sh. Basker Nath Peer on 20th Aug originally from Vicharnagh Srinagar, A/p residing at H. No 717 Sector 9, Gurugram.

**The TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed on 29th Aug 2024 at Shree Gauri Shankar Mandir T-Block, Phase I, Sector 109 New Palam Vihar Gurugram at 8.30 AM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
Shahjee & Satish Wali- Daughter & Son in Law  
Anil Peer & Nisha Peer- Son & Daughter in Law  
**Grand Children**  
Apo & Abhishek  
Ananta & Rohit  
Ishaan Peer  
Aarav & Vasudha - Great Grand Children  
And Samast Peer Parivaar

**MOBILE NO:**  
9916065717 (ANIL PEER)  
8825075939 (SHAHJEE)  
9999281285 (NISHA PEER)



**SMT CHUNNI DEVI**

### TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Pushpa Ji (Rupa)** W/o Late Sh. Mahan Lal Bhat R/o Wadpans Handwala Dist. Kupwara A/p Ramji Opp. Juice Factory (Bantlab Road) left for heavenly abode on 20th August 2024.

**The TENTH DAY** will be held on August 29, 2024 (Thursday) at Muthi Ghat near office of Directorate of School Education Jammu at 8:30 am.

**WOURNING** is being observed at Ramal Opp. Juice Factory (Bantlab Road) Jammu.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:**  
Smt. Mohini Bhat W/o Late Mohan Lal Bhat - Sister in Law  
Smt. Dura Bhat W/o Late Mohan Lal Bhat - Sister in Law  
Sh. Lal Ji Bhat - Brother in Law  
Smt. Ranjona & Sh. Rajender Bhat (Daughter in Law & Son)  
Smt. Ganjana & Sarjaj Bhat (Daughter in Law & Son)  
(Daughter & Son in Law)  
Smt. Neena Pandita (Bhat) & Sh. Sarjaj Pandita (Bantlab Road) Jammu

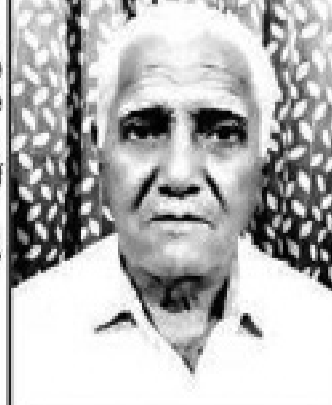
**Smt. Pushpa Ji (Rupa)**

### TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Sh. Kumair Singh** (S/o Late Sh. Kanshi Singh) who expired on 15th of August, 2024.

**Tenth Day** will be performed on (Saturday) 24th of August, 2024 at 11 AM at our residence.  
**Kriya** will be performed on (Tuesday) 27th of August, 2024 at 12 Noon at our residence.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:-**  
Smt. Shanti Devi (Wife)  
Smt. Urmila Devi (Daughter)  
Smt. Pooja & Sh. Rameshwar Singh (Son & Daughter-in-Law)  
Smt. Uma Rani & Sh. Yuchvir Singh (Daughter & Son-in-Law)  
Smt. Ritu Rani & Sh. Veerinder Singh (Daughter & Son-in-Law)  
**Grand Children:** Rudrakshi Singh, Aditya Pratap Singh, Devyani Singh, Vanshika Singh, Pranav Dev Singh  
**Mob: 7006291721, 9419152851, 9419104075**




**SH. KUMAIR SINGH**

### OBITUARY / 10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you about the sad demise of our beloved Mother **Smt Chuni Kak** W/o Late Shri K L Kak, at 1248, Sector 15, Panchkula on Wednesday August 21, 2024.

**The 10th Day Kriya** will be performed on 30th Aug 2024 at Gagar Nad near Shani Mandir backside Golf Club at 7.00 a.m.

**IN GRIEF**  
(Son and Daughter in Law)  
S.K. Kak and Rita Kak  
Bipin Kak and Pomila Kak  
(Daughter and Son in Law)  
Veena Kachroo and Bushan Kachroo  
**Phone Numbers: 09419121690, 09419198290, 09878955974**



**Smt Chuni Kak**

### TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you untimely demise of **Sh Sahil Singh Jamwal** S/o Sh Rameshwar Singh Jamwal on 16 Aug 2024 (Friday).

**Tenth Day** will be performed on 25 Aug 2024 (Sunday) at 11 am at our residence Vill Gurah Singhu, PO: Shama Chak, Tehsil Marh, Distt Jammu.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
**Father**  
Sh Rameshwar Singh Jamwal (Mob.No. 9419753513)  
Smt Sonia Jamwal -Mother -9797572124  
**Sister & Brother-in-law -9149726717**



**Sh Sahil Singh Jamwal**

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## JMC Commissioner directs anti-encroachment drive to clear footpaths of obstructions

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Dr. Devansh Yadav stressed the need for collective efforts of all the stakeholders for development of Jammu City, and said that collective efforts are imperative for harmonious development of an area.

The Commissioner, who was on a day-long tour of the Jammu old city, on the eve of Janamashti, interacted with the representatives of Raghunath Market Association and said with the collective efforts of all the stakeholders we can achieve the targeted results and it would also go a long way in benefiting all of us.



The Commissioner said that on the eve of Janamashti, our only focus is to make functional the lights of the city to give the city an aesthetic look for which the electrical team of Jammu Municipal Corporation is on job.

Discussing the issue with regards to sanitation and parking in the Raghunath market, he urged upon the users to pay the users' charges of sanitation and use the dedicated garbage vehicles for the home waste

material. He also got the first-hand appraisal of the construction work of footpath, entry gate and boulevard, being carried out under Jammu Smart City Limited, in Raghunath Market and assured that it would be completed in

a time bound manner.

The Commissioner instructed the concerned to conduct anti-encroachment drives to clear footpaths of obstructions and remove unauthorized encroachments, ensuring hassle-free pedestrian movement and enhanced public accessibility.

Among others, Joint Commissioner, Health and Sanitation, Abdul Sattar, Joint Commissioner (W) Firdous Ahmad Qazi, Deputy Commissioner (South), Lal Chand, Health Officer, Dr. Vinod Sharma, officers from Jammu Smart City Limited, Executive Engineers of various wing of JMC besides various other senior officers of JMC accompanied the Commissioner during the tour.

## Cadre power is driving force behind BJP's success in J&K assembly polls: Rekha Mahajan



Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) prominent leader Rekha Mahajan, today called upon party workers to mobilize youth support for the BJP in the assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir.

Rekha Mahajan emphasized the importance of engaging with young voters, who constitute a significant chunk of the electorate.

She asked workers to reach out to colleges, universities, and youth organizations and highlight the BJP's youth-centric policies and initiatives under the banner of PM Narendra Modi.

She encouraged young cadres to participate in the political process and leverage social media and digital platforms to connect with general populace and highlights the multiple schemes of Modi led government.

Rekha Mahajan

expressed youth are the future of J&K, and it's crucial we involve them in our party's vision," she said. "I urge all workers to focus on mobilizing youth support, which will be a game-changer in the assembly polls."

She stressed that the youth have a crucial role to play in shaping the future of J&K and that their energy and enthusiasm are vital for the party's success. Rekha added that we must work together to make J&K a model state, and I have full faith in the capabilities of our Yuva Morcha cadres.

Rekha Mahajan, lambasted the opposition parties for allegedly playing with the sentiments of innocent people in Jammu and Kashmir. She said NC and Congress have always exploited the emotions of the people for their political gains," Mahajan said. "They have never addressed the real

issues facing the region, instead choosing to divide people for their own benefit." Rekha Mahajan expressed confidence that the BJP will form the next government in J&K, citing the party's commitment to development, good governance, and the welfare of all citizens.

The meeting saw the presence of Convenor of Bahu Constituency Rikki Gupta, Yuva Morcha President Jammu South Monu Salathia, Diler Singh, Gagandeep Singh enthusiastic participation from the cadres, who were motivated by Rekha Mahajan's address.

The gathering was a testament to the party's growing momentum in J&K, as workers gear up for the assembly election.

The meeting saw an enthusiastic response from party workers, who pledged to intensify their efforts to engage with young voters.

## Chandan Datta meets DIG JSK Shiv Sharma

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: Social Activist and Chairman of the Kotli Welfare Trust, Chandan Datta, along with Sanjay Gupta, met with DIG JSK, Shiv Sharma, to discuss various welfare issues affecting the people of Jammu.

During the meeting, Datta commended the efforts of the Jammu and Kashmir Police in combating drug-related crimes and other societal issues.

He specifically praised the exemplary work of former DIG JSK, IPS Sunil Gupta, noting his successful measures in reducing crime rates, tightening control over drug peddlers, and curbing bovine smuggling.

Under Gupta's leadership, the police achieved significant seizures and implemented reforms that benefited the community. Datta also lauded DIG



Sharma for his recent engagements with the GOC Commander and DG BSF, aimed at improving coordination between forces to combat terrorism and narco-terrorism in the border regions.

Sanjay Gupta highlighted his recent initiatives focused on societal welfare and extended congratulations to DIG Sharma on his new appointment.

Gupta expressed optimism for continued progress and reforms under Sharma's leadership.

The meeting was also attended by prominent dignitaries, including SP South Jammu Ajay Sharma and SO to DIG JSK SSP Rajinder Katoch.

The discussions emphasized a collaborative approach to enhancing public safety and welfare in the region.

## GDC Neeli Nallah inaugurates ELC Wall

Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Aug 24: The Government Degree College (GDC) Neeli Nallah Udhampur inaugurated the "ELC Wall: Empowering Youth for a Stronger India" within the college premises, under the Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) program.

Guided by Principal Prof. (Dr.) Seema Arora, the Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) led this initiative, showcasing a banner that emphasized the importance of voting and its impact on elec-

tions.

Prof. Arora commended the club's efforts, noting that the ELC Wall serves as a dedication to instilling democratic values in the community.

She highlighted that such initiatives are vital for fostering civic responsibility and reinforcing the importance of every individual's vote in strengthening democracy.

The event was organized under the sponsorship of Prof. Shaista Yasmeen, with Dr. Maansi Sharma and Prof. Rekha Sharma as committee members.

## Doordarshan Jammu signs MoU with CEO J&K



Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: The Regional News Unit, Doordarshan Jammu, and the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, UT of J&K signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Saturday with the objective of fostering a strategic partnership to enhance the visibility, outreach and effectiveness of Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) activities in the Union Territory.

Recognizing the importance of voter education and the critical role of media in disseminating information, both parties committed to work collaboratively to promote electoral awareness and participation.

The MOU outlined the roles and responsibilities of both the CEO Office and RNU, Doordarshan Jammu, in the implementation and promotion of SVEEP activities.

The partnership aimed to ensure comprehensive coverage of SVEEP activities, facilitate public engagement and ultimately contribute to higher voter turnout and informed participation in the electoral process.

Vivek Pathak, Assistant Director, Doordarshan signed the MoU

from the side of Doordarshan, Jammu and Akhtar Qazi, Deputy Director (Information) signed the MoU from the side of CEO J&K.

Both the officers signed the MoU in the presence of the Chief Electoral Officer, J&K, Pandurang K Pole.

The CEO J&K instructed to implement the activities under MoU with full dedication and with the aim of promoting voter awareness.

Vivek Pathak said that this collaborative effort will lead to a positive uptick in voter awareness about their democratic rights during the elections.

## Votaries of Article 370 in J&K exploited Constitutional Provision to serve their political interests: Dr. Jitendra

Top News Report

NEW DELHI/JAMMU, Aug 24: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his decisive leadership in restoring peace and normalcy in Jammu & Kashmir, noting that this has allowed even senior leaders from opposition to freely enjoy the region's newfound stability, as evidenced by the recent visit to 'Ahdoo's Restaurant in Lal Chowk.

"This is a testament to the peace and normalcy that has been restored in the region," Dr. Singh stated during a program hosted by Bharat24 News celebrating the successful completion of two years.

"Historic decision of abrogation of Article 370 brought citizenship rights to a vast population in J&K who were deprived of it for the last seven decades", said Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science and Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Depart-



ment of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

Dr. Jitendra said "Votaries of Article 370 in J&K Exploited Constitutional Provision to serve their political interests". He also remarked that it was a vested interest for the ruling dispensation in the erstwhile state of J&K because it enabled them to get elected and form government with mere 10% or less voting and thus continue their dynasty rule, generation after generation, he said.

The Minister said "As we celebrate the 5th Anniversary some significant developments are highly notable. In the last 5 years transformation has happened broadly at four levels i.e. democratic, governance, development and security situation."

Dr. Singh recalled that the 73rd and 74th Amendments of the Panchayat Act were introduced by the Congress government at the Centre but not made applicable in J&K by the same coalition government in the State. Democratic decentralization could not take place as central funds were not available to them before 2019.

Dr. Jitendra said "The Credit of bringing peace and development goes to PM Modi who gave confidence to the people in the region and assured that J&K will play a pivotal role in the country's develop-

ment and shine as the crown jewel."

Speaking regarding the celebration of India's maiden National Space Day, Dr. Jitendra traced India's Space journey beginning only 55 years back in 1969 when the US astronaut Neil Armstrong had already set his foot on the Moon. He lauded the scientific community for their unwavering dedication, which culminated in India becoming the first nation to land on the Moon's South Pole.

The Minister of State for Space credited the policy support and leadership provided by Prime Minister Modi since 2014 for accelerating scientific missions and unlocking the potential of India's scientific community. He also noted the significant increase in Space startups, now numbering nearly 300, following the opening of the Space sector to private participation. He echoed the Finance Minister's projection that India's space economy will grow from \$8 billion to \$44 billion in the next decade.

Dr. Jitendra said Prime Minister Modi enabled India's Space scientists to vindicate the dream of their founding father Vikram Sarabhai by unlocking India's Space sector and providing an enabling milieu in which India's huge potential and talent could find an outlet and prove itself to the rest of the world," he said.

## NC-Cong Alliance doesn't mean 'INDI Alliance': Shiv Sena (UBT)

People should teach a lesson, who do politics on religion: Sahni



Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit has appealed not to name NC-Congress alliance as INDI Alliance in the assembly elections of Jammu-Kashmir. Along with this, it has advised to refrain from politics

in Kashmir.

In a press conference held today at the party's state central office, state chief Manish Sahni said that the alliance of only 2-3 parties in the Jammu-Kashmir assembly elections should not be called 'INDI Alliance'.

He said that the INDI Alliance is a big family of

Jammu-Kashmir should not mislead the public by naming it India Alliance.

Along with this, he has strongly objected to the mention of ancient Hindu religious places (Shankaracharya Temple, Hari Parvat) as 'Takht-e-Sulaiman, Koh-e-Maran' in the manifesto of the National Conference. Sahni has advised the parties who make a living out of this dirty politics that breaks the mutual brotherhood to refrain from doing so. Sahni has also advocated strict action from the Election Commission against the leaders and parties who do politics that breaks the religion and mutual brotherhood.

Sahni has also appealed to the voters to teach these parties a lesson. On this occasion Gen Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Vice president Sanjeev Kohli, City president Rohan Malwal, Rajesh Jandyal were present.

## Appeal to extend date of filing nominations

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit has appealed to the Election Commission to extend the date for filing nomination papers of candidates for the first phase of Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections. Party state chief Manish Sahni said that due to bank holidays on August 24 and public holidays on 25 and 26, candidates are facing a lot of problems in completing the formalities. He said that after three consecutive holidays, August 27 is the last date for filing nominations. He has appealed to the Election Commission to extend it for at least two days.

on the names of the Holy religious places of Hindus (Shankaracharya and Hari Parvat) located

39 parties including Shiv Sena (UBT), Congress and NC alliance in the assembly elections of

## EDITORIAL

Digital Privacy  
and Security

In our increasingly digital world, where nearly every aspect of our lives is connected to the internet, digital privacy and security have become paramount concerns. The rapid expansion of technology, while offering unprecedented convenience and connectivity, has also introduced significant risks. As we navigate this evolving landscape, understanding and addressing these risks is essential for safeguarding personal and sensitive information.

Digital privacy refers to the protection of personal information shared or stored online. This includes everything from social media posts and emails to financial transactions and health records. The convenience of digital platforms often comes at the cost of personal privacy. Data breaches, identity theft, and unauthorized data collection are just a few of the risks associated with inadequate digital privacy measures.

One significant concern is the collection and use of personal data by corporations and governments. Many online services track user behavior to tailor advertisements and services. While this can enhance user experience, it also raises questions about consent and control. Users often have limited visibility into how their data is used and who has access to it. This lack of transparency can lead to misuse and exploitation of personal information.

Cybersecurity is the practice of protecting systems, networks, and data from digital attacks. These attacks can range from malware and phishing scams to more sophisticated cyber espionage. As technology advances, so do the tactics used by cybercriminals, making it increasingly challenging to maintain robust security measures.

Phishing attacks, where malicious actors deceive individuals into providing sensitive information, are a common threat. These attacks often come in the form of fraudulent emails or messages that appear legitimate. Once personal information is obtained, it can be used for identity theft or financial fraud.

Ransomware attacks, where malicious software encrypts a victim's data and demands payment for its release, have also become prevalent. These attacks can cripple businesses and organizations, causing significant financial and operational damage. The rise of ransomware-as-a-service has made it easier for less technically skilled criminals to launch such attacks, increasing their frequency.

Governments and organizations worldwide are recognizing the importance of digital privacy and security and are taking steps to address these issues. Regulations such as the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and California's Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) have set standards for data protection and user rights. These regulations require companies to be transparent about data collection practices and provide users with greater control over their information.

Despite these efforts, enforcement remains a challenge. Many organizations still struggle to comply with regulations or implement adequate security measures. Additionally, the global nature of the internet complicates regulatory efforts, as data often crosses borders, requiring international cooperation.

While governments and organizations work to improve digital privacy and security, individuals also play a crucial role in protecting their own information. Adopting best practices can significantly reduce the risk of data breaches and cyberattacks.

Passwords should be complex and unique for each account. Consider using a password manager to generate and store secure passwords.

2FA adds an extra layer of security by requiring a second form of verification, such as a text message or authentication app, in addition to a password.

Avoid sharing sensitive information on social media or other public platforms. Be mindful of what you disclose and who you share it with.

Keeping software and applications up to date ensures that you have the latest security patches and protections against known vulnerabilities.

When browsing the internet, ensure that you are using secure connections (https) and avoid connecting to public Wi-Fi networks for sensitive transactions.

Be cautious when clicking on links or opening attachments from unknown sources. Verify the authenticity of requests for personal information before responding.

As technology continues to evolve, so will the challenges related to digital privacy and security. It is crucial for individuals, organizations, and policymakers to stay informed and proactive in addressing these issues. By adopting best practices, supporting robust regulations, and fostering a culture of awareness, we can work together to protect our digital lives and ensure a safer online environment for everyone.

In conclusion, digital privacy and security are fundamental aspects of modern life that require ongoing vigilance and adaptation. Understanding the risks and taking proactive steps to safeguard personal information can help mitigate potential threats and protect our digital well-being.

## A 'pie-in-the-sky' '1-state' solution for Israel, Gaza... Over to Kamala!

By: Farrukh Dhondy

*"O Saki raise the chalice to my lips... Is Bachchoo's constant begging for two sips From the cup he held, now rudely wrenched away When Saki left the tavern in disarray, Leaving Bachchoo to deeply wonder now Did draughts from the chalice truthfully endow Life and hope to all those who would sup Or was it but temptation's poisoned cup?"*  
From *The Curse of Modification*, by Bachchoo

The closest I have come to Chicago is perhaps New York and my second-hand acquaintance with the city would be my reading of Norman Mailer's book about the riots that bedevilled the Republican and Democratic parties' conventions, Miami and the Siege of Chicago. In 1968 President Lyndon Johnson declared that he wouldn't stand again and the Chicago Democratic convention adopted Hubert Humphrey as their presidential candidate. Humphrey had, by then, declared that he was not for a cessation of the war that the United States was waging against Vietnam. Also Read - Claude Arpi | China's 'salami' warfare big danger to Himalayas To the America of the day, with thousands of disillusioned war veterans, draft dodgers, millions of hippies, Afro-Americans and the liberal left who were deeply affected by the recent assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr and Robert Kennedy, this was a red rag. The bulls

charged. Chicago faced the sort of pre-civil-war symptoms that the fellow Elon Musk so clownishly and ludicrously said were afflicting Britain this July and August. Also Read - Dilip Cherian | IPS officers foul amid move to induct IRS into CBI The police fought off the Chicago mayhem, though the riots undoubtedly gave Richard M. Nixon a serious signal and, five years after he became President that year, he pulled out of Vietnam with some face-saving cover with the North Vietnamese who, under Ho Chi Minh, stormed Saigon. Some unperceptive rabble-rousers commented that this week's Democratic convention, again in Chicago, which will endorse Kamala Harris as the party's presidential candidate and her prospective V-P Tim Walz, might witness the same sort of demos and disturbances as those of 1968. Only, this time it would be about Gaza. Also Read - K.C. Singh | PM's Mission Kyiv bid for belated strategic balance? Yes, outgoing President Joe Biden and his team have repeatedly endorsed "Israel's right to defend itself" after the Gaza-based Hamas command launched a kill-and-kill-kill operation into a pop concert and some kibbutz on October 7 last year. Mr Biden has backed up his support with deadly arms supplies to Israel which have undoubtedly contributed to the 40,000 or so deaths of civilian Palestinians in Gaza. Kamala Harris, as his vice-president, didn't distance herself from Mr Biden's policies and complicity in Israel's war, but has, now that she is a presidential candidate herself, softened her attitude by publicly denouncing the

"inordinate" killings and bombing of schools, hospitals and other Gaza facilities in which the Israeli Defence Force says Hamas militants are stationed. Ms Harris has in the past consistently supported a "two-state solution" though she hasn't gone as far as endorsing or recognising a Palestinian state of Gaza and the West Bank. Though Antony Blinken, the US secretary of state is now in the Middle East and has announced that Israel has been persuaded to respect the American call for a ceasefire, there has been no indication from Kamala Harris that she will end the supply of deadly missiles and billions of dollars of military equipment to Israel. This partial call for peace and condemnation of the "excessive" deaths of civilians may have contributed to limiting the number of demonstrators outside this Chicago convention. The reports are that the demos are peaceful, hopeful and waiting for further announcements of a ceasefire. Perhaps the 15,000 or so demonstrators, which the protest leaders claim, are also supporters of a two-state solution. But what does such a solution mean? Will it mean that President Kamala Harris' putative future administration will initiate negotiations to freeze the borders as they are today without demanding a retreat of recent armed-settler incursions into and de facto annexations in the West Bank? Can the borders of the two states be drawn with some reference to Israel's retreat from at least some of the territory it has grabbed since the formation of the State of Israel in 1948? My pie in the unco-operative sky

is not a two-state solution but one which appeals to me as most civilised. (Gentle reader, I've just said I'm eating pie-in-the-sky, so don't laugh or mock as you would at conspiracy theorists or space-invader wallahs.) My argument is based on the fact that while religions have urged human beings towards decency, they have also prompted and precipitated the worst human behaviour throughout history. Think: burning at stakes, crucifixion, crusades, wars, persecution of minorities, denial of science, misogyny... (I've only got 900 words!) There are those who believe that God impregnates virgins, some that He dictates books and others that he promises land to people of a particular religion. The State of Israel, despite ultra-orthodox Jews opposing this tooth and nail, is founded on this "Promised Land" belief. Is it in the Old Testament? And then isn't also Moses' Sixth Commandment from Jehovah: "Thou shalt not kill"? 40,000 and counting, Bibi Netanyahu? Some of the most enlightened human beings, even in recent twentieth-century history, have attempted to found non-religious "secular" states in which every religion is allowed to exist and thrive. Can there ever, on that principle, be a one-secular-state solution in Israel-Palestine? It would inevitably involve constitutional guarantees of the freedom of worship and of course a democratic structure which precludes any religious section being supreme within it. That would be the end of its "secularity". It has happened elsewhere.

## Easy Ways to handle Body Odour During Monsoon



By: Shahnaz Husain

Increase in humidity during the monsoon creates a breeding ground for bacteria on the skin, leading to that unpleasant musty smell.

Body odour is the result of your sweat mixing with the existing bacteria on your skin

It is most prevalent among those who sweat a lot, with athletes, overweight people, diabetics and groups with weakened immune systems most at risk.

Excessive sweating in armpits, feet, palm and groin are major cause of embarrassment during monsoon season.

Damp monsoon days can mean excessive perspiration and with that comes body odour.

Sweating is the body's mechanism to strike a balance between the temperature difference in the internal body and the outside environment.

Factors such as stress, genetic background, processed and spicy food with garlic and onion base, aerated drinks, and other mental, psychological disorders can also affect the body odour.

Bathing and scrubbing help to clear away germs, dirt and odour. All parts of the body must be washed well, specially the neck, armpits and feet. These are the areas where germs accumulate and cause odour. Adding cologne to the bath water leaves the body fragrant. Cologne also have a cooling effect. Shower gels and body shampoos,

containing natural ingredients, like sandalwood, rose and khush have a cooling and refreshing effect. They are not only natural coolants, but have germicidal and antiseptic benefits.

Pour 2-3 drops of lavender essential oil while bathing; it helps you stay fresh and smell nice. Essential oil helps in controlling sweat and body odour.

Wear cotton underwear and clothes during the hot, humid monsoon season. Porous materials help sweat to evaporate. change your underwear regularly, especially if you sweat excessively.

Opt for fresh, clean underwear after each shower or if you feel dampness.

After showering, pat yourself dry with a clean towel, paying particular attention to areas prone to moisture buildup (like armpits or between skin folds). This gentle approach removes excess moisture without disrupting your skin's natural microbiome or damaging the skin barrier.

Loose, light clothing is much more appropriate and comfortable during monsoon season. Tight clothing can trap moisture and inhibit airflow, leading to increased sweat and discomfort.

Daily changes of clothing is, of course, a must.

The combination of moisture and warmth in the underarm area creates an ideal environment for the growth of bacteria and fungi and unpleasant odor. By keeping the underarms dry you can minimize the risk of bacterial infections and the amount of sweat that accumulates.

The use of anti-perspirants and deodorants do help. Most deodorants are also anti-perspirants. A spray, rather than the roll-on deodorants may be more suitable in monsoon, but this is a matter of personal choice. However, be sure to choose a mild deodorant, as strong built-in anti-perspirants

can cause skin irritation or sensitive reactions. It is always better to try them out on a small area, on the inner arm, first. If the skin tingles or burns for more than a minute, you should not use it. Some people find the use of talcum powders quite adequate. They absorb perspiration and maintain freshness for some time.

Climate also plays a part in choosing the right perfume. In hot and humid monsoon conditions, it is better to go for light, lemony and fresh fragrances, rather than heavy ones. The effect of perfumes intensifies in hot, humid weather. A heavy perfume can be quite overpowering. Lemon, rose, lavender or sandalwood are light and refreshing during monsoon weather.

Here are some tips for preventing body odour:

A deodorant or a body spray should be a part of your daily routine. Before leaving the house, give a quick fragrant shower to your body. Always go for the body sprays which last for long and have extra powerful fragrance.

Regular use of anti-bacterial soap can help reduce the growth of bacterial, minimising the chances of odour.

Reduce the number of products you're using on your face, opting for light, multitasking ones that could reduce the amount you sweat.

Mild exfoliation helps remove dead skin cells and prevent ingrown hair.

Gentler exfoliants like lactic acid and mandelic acid are also effective and kinder to the skin. Exfoliating once or twice a week should suffice.

Be generous with the use of colognes, even splashing them on. Colognes and Eau de Toilette constitute mainly water, or a mixture of alcohol and water, with only 2 to 5% perfume. They are lighter and leave a light lingering fragrance.

Colognes can be added to bath water. Or, add eau de cologne to a mug of water and used as a last

rinse. It has a cooling effect too.

Bicarbonate of soda (baking soda) helps to prevent body odour. Make a paste of baking soda and water and apply under the arms. You can also add lemon juice to this paste. Leave on for ten minutes and wash off with water. Or, mix a little baking soda with your talcum powder and apply under the arms, or on the feet.

Potato slices can also be rubbed on areas where odour forms easily.

You can rub neem paste on your underarms as an effective herb because of its antibacterial and antiseptic properties.

Rose water can always be added generously to bath water. It is a natural coolant and also fragrant.

Add 2 drops of Tea Tree Oil to two tablespoons of water or rose water. Apply this under the arms with cotton wool.

You can rub lemons on your armpits to stop the growth of microorganisms. However, do not use lemon if you have cuts or irritated skin.

To remove odour from the hair, add the juice of a lemon and half a cup of rose water to a mug of water and use as a last rinse.

For excessive perspiration (which can result in body odour), Ayurveda gives some dietary suggestions:

Sip "nimbu paani." Sip ginger tea before and after your meals. Chop fresh ginger root finely and mix with a pinch of salt. Chew a little of this before your meal. Sipping warm water with your meal may also help. Light diet and less spices are advised. Eat smaller meals after short intervals

*(The author beauty icon Shahnaz Husain is international fame beauty expert and is called herbal queen of India)*

## Jodhamal Youth Conclave 2024 inaugurated

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: The 7th Edition of the Jodhamal Youth Conclave (JYC) began on August 23, 2024, at the Jodhamal Public School campus. This three-day event gathers some of the best schools from across India to simulate United Nations proceedings, where participants engage in discussions on a variety of agenda across multiple committees. JYC, initiated by Jodhamal Public School, aims to enhance students' awareness of the rapidly evolving geopolitical, social, and environmental issues.

The Inaugural Ceremony of JYC'24 sparked enthusiasm in the Multipurpose Hall of Jodhamal Public School. The Chief Guest for the event was ShriHarsh Vardhan-Shringla, Former Foreign Secretary of India and the Chief Coordinator of India's G20 Presidency. He delivered his keynote to the participants through video mode. The

ceremony began with the lighting of the sacred lamp, followed by handing over gavels to the Chairpersons of the various Committees. Principal, MrGirish Kumar delivered a welcome address, and Aviral Kapoor, the Secretary General of JYC'24, officially declared the Conference open.

This year, more than 400 delegates, observers and guests from prominent Schools of Jammu and vicinity are taking part in the Conclave. The participating schools include: K C Public School, KC International School, GD Goenka Public School, Jammu Sanskriti School, JK Public School, Presentation Convent School, Delhi Public School, Udhampur, apart from the host school, Jodhamal Public School, Jammu.

The student-leadership team for JYC'24 includes Aviral Kapoor as Secretary General, Navaj Kunal Anand as Director General, Moksh Sharma as Convenor, Soham Magazine as

Chargé d'affaires, Shaurya Jamwal as President, Mayara Aul as USG Outreach, Rohan Langer as USG Logistics, Krishika Koul as USG Delegate Affairs, Rebecca Verma as USG Media, and Raza Ali as USG Operations.

As a student-led initiative, the event's success is attributed to the hard work of the students, guided by Conference Director Anjali Mahajan, along with teachers Mubeen Butt, Raghunandan Singh, and Pooja Sharma.

JYC stands out as a platform created by students, for students, and led by students. It not only encourages debates, discussions, and diplomacy, but also fosters lasting friendships and connections among students from diverse cultural backgrounds. The theme for this year's Conclave is "Excessus-VirtutisVitiūmEst" which translates in: Excess of Virtue is a Vice.

All participants have been allotted different Committees, each with

its own agenda addressing both national and international issues. The six Committees for JYC 2024 and their agenda are: 1) Lok Sabha: "Deliberating upon measures of decoloniality in India post-independence." 2) SPECPOL: "Examining instances of colonialism in the contemporary world, with emphasis on the Chinese hegemony in the Asia-Pacific and the Israel-Palestine territorial dispute." 3) International Consortium of Investigative Journalists Special Corps: "Classified." 4) United Nations Women: "Articulation of viable suggestions to combat social barriers and legislative limitations against gender equality with special emphasis on reviewing and implementation of international conventions such as CEDAW and Istanbul Convention." 5) All India Political Parties Meet: "Reviewing electoral reforms with emphasis on The CEC and other Election Commissioners Bill,

2023." 6) International Press: "Photography/Journalism."

The event, spanning three days, will feature rigorous debates, discussions, and diplomatic exchanges across all committees, concluding with a prize giving ceremony on August 25, 2024.

The Inaugural Ceremony was further distinguished by the release of the JYC'24 Montage, which provided a retrospective look at the event's history through a video presentation. Additionally, the colorful JYC newsletter, "Munbelievable," was unveiled.

Other dignitaries present included Nandan Kuthiala, Trustee, Arati Kuthiala, Director, Girish Kumar, Principal, and Amita Arora, Vice Principal.

The ceremony concluded with an address by the Deputy Secretary General declaring the Conference Open, followed by a group photograph and ice-breaking sessions in the committee venues.

## Krishan Janmashtmi celebrated at Rich Harvest



Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: Rich Harvest School (RHS) celebrated the pious festival of Janmashtmi in the presence of girls and staff from Ida Kanya Ved Vidhalya with reverence and devotion. The Head of the Institute Anita Bhatia welcomed the special guests and ensured them a pleasant day full of fun and

joy.

In a special assembly the divinity of Lord Krishna was venerated through mesmerizing shlokas, bhajans and glimpses from Lord Krishna's divine play.

Tiny tots dressed up in traditional Radha Krishna attire enthralled the audience.

The star attraction was the Dahi Handi Phodo enactment. Senior stu-

dents formed a pyramid while Makhanchor climbed to the top on his friends' shoulders to "phodo matki" and capture the ultimate prize. This event signifies unity and brotherhood.

The Director of the School Ruchi Charak presented the ashramites with gifts as part of the Sharing is Caring initiative of the School.

## Needs urgent attention of Displaced KP community Should Displaced Kashmiri Pandits participate, abstain or boycott upcoming J&K Assembly Elections: KPC

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: As the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections approach on September 18, 2024, a crucial question looms large for the displaced Kashmiri Pandit (KP) community: Should they participate in these elections?

The issue is far from straightforward, as it touches upon deep-seated concerns about representation, fairness, and the practical realities of their displacement.

For over 35 years, the displaced KP community has been living in exile, far from their ancestral homes in the Kashmir Valley. Despite being voters in these constituencies, they are not physically present to benefit from the elected representatives' work.

The funds allocated to these constituencies, meant for development and welfare, cannot serve the needs of those living hundreds of miles away in different states of the Indian nation.

This disconnect raises the question: What real benefit do displaced KPs derive from participating in an election where they have no voice or stake in the local issues?

Politicians, political parties and agencies are urging displaced KPs to shift their votes back to the Valley, despite knowing that the community



lives outside the region in practical and physical terms. This insistence on their participation in the Valley's electoral process is not just a logistical challenge but also raises ethical and democratic concerns. Voting for candidates who cannot address their immediate needs, or whose constituency they do not reside in, goes against the principles of fair representation and democratic integrity.

The argument for participation in these Assembly elections is often framed as a matter of maintaining a connection to the Valley. However, this connection is symbolic at best, as the displaced KP community remains cut off from the benefits of their vote.

The upcoming elections in J&K are unlikely to bring any tangible benefits to the displaced KP community. Voting in constituencies they do not live in, and for candidates who cannot serve their interests, is neither democratically fair nor ethically sound. The

community must carefully consider whether participation in these elections truly serves their long-term interests or if it's time to demand a more just and representative system. The choice to participate or boycott must be made with the understanding that their voice, when united, can challenge the current electoral framework that fails to accommodate their reality.

It is imperative to adopt an honest and proper approach that truly addresses the unique circumstances of displaced Kashmiri Pandits, rather than treating them as mere electoral pawns.

This is also the right time for displaced Kashmiri Pandits, who are currently residing outside the valley in various parts of the country, to reconsider being pressured to vote for unknown candidates from the Valley. As responsible and true citizens of India, we must question whether it is appropriate to vote under these circumstances. The community must seriously consider whether to vote, abstain, or boycott the upcoming elections to send a powerful message of dissatisfaction and displeasure to both the Government of India and the Government of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir for ignoring and isolating them.

## JKBS expresses grief over killing of 27 Indian pilgrims in Nepal bus accident

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha members in a meeting held here on Saturday under the chairmanship of Hon'y Captain Kamal Dass Kaith, expressed deep grief over the killing of 27 Indian pilgrims travelling from Pokhara to Kathmandu in a bus that fell into the Marsyangdi

River.

In this moment of grief, our hearts go out to the victims and their families, said JKBS's General Secretary R.L.Kaith and members: Subedar Baldev Chand Sandhu (Retd), Havildar Des Raj Kaith (Retd), Darshan Kumar Bassa, Naresh Kumar Kaith, Tilak Raj Bassa, Jagdish Raj Kaith and many others.

## JKBS grieves demise of Kashmiro Devi

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: To mourn the sad, sudden and unfortunate demise of Batwal Community's most respected lady Smt. Kashmiro Devi, who hailed from Village Chakrali and left for her heavenly abode yesterday evening, the Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha members held a condolence meeting here on Saturday.

Batwal community members and locals said, Kashmiro Devi was the most kind, considerate and guiding soul who helped everyone to progress on the right path and achieve success in life.

All present prayed to Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and give immense strength to the bereaved family to bear this immeasurable loss boldly.

Among those who



attended the condolence meeting were JKBS's General Secretary R.L.Kaith and members: Subedar Baldev Chand Sandhu (Retd), Havildar Des Raj Kaith (Retd), Sub Inspector retired Darshan Kumar Bassa, Master Naresh Kaith, Ram Saran Sandhu, Mohinder Sandhu, Davinder Sandhu, Balwant Sandhu, Tilak Raj Bassa, Jagdish Raj Kaith, Banty Lal Sargotra and many others.

## JCB among 12 vehicles seized for illegal mining in Kulgam

Top News Report

KULGAM, Aug 24: As many as 12 vehicles involved in illegal mining were seized in Kulgam district from last one week.

An official told Top News J&K Correspondent Gh Nabi Khanday that a team of officials from the Geology and Mining Department Kulgam led by District Mineral Officer (DMO) Bilal Ahmad laid a major crackdown at several locations including Mirpora Ashmuji, Damhall hanjipora and kund area of the district.

He said during the raids 12 vehicles including, 01 JCB 01 Tipper, 03 Dumper 07 Tractors, were found engaged in illegal mining and transportation of raw materials. He said the vehicles



seized during the raids have been handed over to police.

Meanwhile, District Mineral Officer (DMO) Kulgam Bilal Ahmad told Top news J&K that they will act tough against illegal miners. "Only mining through legal process will be allowed, illegal mining will not be allowed," he said, adding they raid whenever they receive

reports about illegal mining.

He also warned the legal miners for involving illegal mining during night hours, asked them to desist from such doings or to face action.

He further said that no leniency will be provided to those trying to loot natural resources and causing irreparable damage to the ecology.

## RM Public School celebrates Janmashtami with enthusiasm

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: R.M Public School (RMPS) celebrated Janmashtami with enthusiasm, honoring the birth of Lord Krishna.

The event commenced with a warm welcome, the lighting of the lamp, and a heartfelt token of gratitude to the esteemed guests. The cultural program featured various performances, including a Dahi Handi event by students of Classes 10 and 11, an opening dance by Class 6, a skit on Lord

Krishna by Class 7, and a concept presentation by Manvi from Class 9.

Special guest Manohar Gupta, Chief Engineer (Generation), Jammu, delivered a speech, along with ASI Rajesh Jamwal. Chairman Rameshwar Mengi shared words of wisdom, emphasizing the importance of living a life guided by truth and righteousness, as taught by Lord Krishna.

The event concluded with the distribution of certificates to the hard-working participants and winners of the Dahi Handi

competition, followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

The celebration was a vibrant display of cultural and spiritual devotion, leaving a lasting impact on all attendees. Director Rakshan Mengi, Vice Principal Dr. Harvinder Kaur, and Administrator Surinder Singh expressed their appreciation for the enthusiasm and participation of the students and staff, reinforcing the school's commitment to nurturing Indian cultural and spiritual values.

## Dr. Ghansham takes charge as I/c BMO Bishnah; NHM Employees Association extends greetings

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: Dr. Ghansham has officially assumed his role as the in-charge Block Medical Officer (BMO) Bishnah on Tuesday.

On this occasion, members of the All JK NHM Employees Association, led by President Rohit Seth, paid a visit to greet and congratulate him.

Accompanying him were Dr. Nazir Hussain, MO General Secretary, and Surinder Khajuria, District President Jammu. The association expressed its best wishes for Dr. Ghansham in his new position and reaffirmed their support for



the smooth functioning of healthcare services in the region.

Rohit Seth, on behalf of the association, emphasized the importance of teamwork and collaboration in achieving shared

goals for better healthcare delivery.

Dr. Ghansham brings a wealth of experience to his new role. Prior to this appointment, he served as BMO in several key locations, including

Assar, Ghat, Thathri, Kishtwar, and Gundoh. His extensive experience across these regions has equipped him with the expertise needed to handle the challenges in Bishnah.

The NHM Employees Association expressed optimism that under Dr. Ghansham's leadership, Bishnah will witness significant improvements in healthcare services and the overall welfare of the community.

The association also reiterated its commitment to working closely with the new BMO in addressing the needs and concerns of the local population.

## GDC Jourian observes National Space Day

Top News Report

JOURIAN, Aug 24: In honour of India's maiden National Space Day -2024 with the theme 'Touching lives with Touching the moon, India's space saga', GDC Jourian observed International space day on Saturday with a thought provoking documentary screening, aimed at fostering a deeper appreciation and understanding of space science among the students.

The principal of the college, Prof (Dr) Anuradha Pandoh encouraged the students to participate in such type of activities which increase their curiosity in scientific pursuits and are of great importance for their future.

The in- sights of the event were highlighted by prof. Archana Sharma, Head of the department of EVS.

Around 70 students participated in the event. The documentary provided a profound glimpse into our country's advancements in space Tech and exploration.

It covered various aspects of India's space missions, including the historic Chandrayaan and Mangalyaan missions and show cases the technological and scientific advancements that have positioned India as a key player in global space exploration.

The screening was followed by a question- answer session. Prof. Neeraj Verma, Dr Suresh Sharma and Prof. Sheetal Sharma were also present on the occasion.

## Shiksha Niketan School celebrates Janmashtami

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: Shiksha Niketan School, Jeevan Nagar, celebrated Janmashtami on Saturday with enthusiasm and reverence. The event began with a warm welcome and the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, followed by the presentation of a token of gratitude to the guests.

The cultural program featured a captivating Vandana performance and speeches by Special Guests Moksha Abrol, Founder Director of The Lioness Club, and Urushi Gupta, Assistant Professor.

The Headmaster delivered an inspiring speech, emphasizing the significance of Janmashtami and the teachings of Lord Krishna.

He urged everyone to embody the virtues of truth, righteousness, and devotion in their daily lives, drawing inspiration from Lord Krishna's life and childhood stories filled with lessons of courage, wisdom, and integrity.

The students also presented a variety of performances that highlighted the cultural and spiritual essence of the occasion. The Principal shared words of wisdom, focusing on how Lord Krishna's childhood inspires us to live with dignity and righteousness.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks from the Principal and a charitable donation of toys, stationery, and clothes to the students at an orphanage, reinforcing the spirit of giving and compassion.

## BOOKed!: From fiction to motivational books, celebrities talk about their love for reading

Memorable jingle: Chef Harpal Singh Sokhi

I am really fond of reading books. Once, the director of Turban Tacka challenged me to create something memorable. Inspired by my daughter's book Mahatma, I created the jingle Namak Shamak, which became famous worldwide. I'm grateful to that book for inspiring such a memorable concept. I also read motivational books like Who Moved My Cheese?. The culture of reading physical books will never die.

Poet within: Manmohan Tiwari

Since I was in 8th or 9th grade, I have loved Hindi literature, especially the poetry of Jaishankar Prasad and Ramdhari Singh Dinkar. This passion led me to pick up writing and reading as my favourite activities. In 9th grade, I started enjoying poems and exploring the poets behind them. One book I often revisit is 101 All Time Great Stories by Deep Trivedi, which never loses its charm. While some say reading is declining, I believe it's diversifying. People still love reading, with social media and audiobooks adding value but not replacing physical books.

No replacement: Prince Dhiman

As an engineering graduate, books were



always a part of my life, but my passion for the imaginary world grew during my theatre days. When you read a novel, your imagination brings the story to life in a unique way. Sadly, book reading culture is dying; few people buy and read hard copies. Phones have become an addiction, but nothing replaces the simplicity and feel of a book. I recently read Yaar Papa by Divya Prakash Dubey. A favorite book I've read multiple times is Aghad by Nilotpal Mrinal. It teaches valuable lessons and opens the mind, with Biranchi Das as the hero and Pabittar Das as the demon.

Simple pleasure: Saanand Verma

Growing up in Patna as the son of a small-time publisher, books have always been close

to my heart. Despite my busy schedule, I always carry a book in my bag and find moments to read in-between shooting schedules. I wrote three detective novels as a teenager and have invested significantly in my personal library. One of my favourite books is The Monk Who Sold His Ferrari by Robin Sharma, which I've read multiple times. It's unfortunate that the culture of reading physical books is declining due to the Internet. The scent and feel of a physical book are irreplaceable, offering a simple pleasure that digital formats can't match.

True passion: Twinkle Arora

I love reading books, which became a significant interest for me at the end of college. Many Lives, Many Masters by

Brian Weiss reignited my passion for reading. I highlight important lines from self-help books for future reference. Despite digital options, I prefer traditional reading with a book and a marker. Social media, while beneficial, often distracts one from reading. I cherish the tactile experience of a physical book.

Deeper knowledge: Ashutosh Clairvoyant

Reading books, magazines or newspapers is crucial for growth. While audio books are useful, they can't fully replace traditional reading. The quality of an audio book depends on the narrator. People often seek quick answers online, but books offer deeper knowledge. Young adults should read impactful books like The Fault in Our Stars

and The Alchemist. The unique joys of physical books, from their smell to the memories they evoke, are irreplaceable. I urge the younger generation to choose hardbound or paperback books for a more enriching experience.

Line wise: Rinku Ghosh

I am not a habitual reader, but I enjoy reading if the first few pages capture my interest. I prefer fiction and autobiographies. Books can't replace the internet, and reading on Kindle or other digital devices doesn't satisfy me. I can't even read my scripts on my phone or iPad — it's always about holding the pages in my hand.

Great charm: Nitin Goswami

These days I don't have much time, but when I do I enjoy reading books. One book I've read multiple times is The Power of Your Subconscious Mind, which changed my perspective on life and is very special to me. I also read a lot of motivational books by Osho. While many people prefer online books for convenience, I still believe in the charm of physical books. For me, the feeling of holding a book, flipping through its pages and smelling its aroma is irreplaceable.

## Against his principles: Actor Manoj Bajpayee talks about the system of lobbying for awards



Bagging four National Awards is not an easy feat to achieve, but Manoj Bajpayee managed to bag his 4th National Award recently for his performance in the streaming movie Gulmohar. The actor

said in times when members of the film fraternity lobby heavily for the awards, he believes in the power of hard work and leaves the rest to destiny, rather than push for awards from his end. Manoj said that

the concept of lobbying for awards was against his principles.

Reacting to his National Award win, the actor said, "I always feel so ecstatic and great. It's a huge thing for me in the times when everyone lobbies for every award here." The actor, who has completed three decades in cinema, is also a recipient of a Padma Shri. Manoj added, "I must tell you that no award in my house has been lobbied for or has been pushed for from my side. That is completely against my principles. I have always said that if I lobby for awards, how I could look at those awards every single day in my house?"

For Manoj, getting the National Award for the Disney+ Hotstar movie Gulmohar is huge for many reasons. He said, "As an actor, I am blessed to be a part of Gulmohar, along with Sharmila Tagore. To be recognised and honoured for being a part of an ensemble piece is a big thing. The Special mention in the National Award is given to those who the jury feels has done a remarkable performance. I got the Special Mention Award many years ago for Pinjar and to get it 20 years later for Gulmohar... I can't define what the feeling is right now".

## 'I feel like a superhero': Abhishek Banerjee

Actor Abhishek Banerjee had for long wished that his name inched up the ladder in the closing credits. Now that it ends up as the second lead in most of his projects, the actor says he has not yet been able to celebrate his success with friends!

Talking about achievements, Abhishek is the first actor in the past seven years to bag two releases on a same day in theatres. To which he humbly says, "These were the dreams that I actually came with when I first set foot in Mumbai. They are coming true!"

Then there's the film Stolen, Abhishek's first international project, which got recognised at the Venice Film Festival 2023, BFI London, and recently at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM). The Paatal Lok actor simply acknowledges that he is happy to work on so many different projects, and it doesn't matter if it's commercial or parallel cinema as long as the role interests him.

He adds, "But one thing is for sure, I am waiting for the makers to see me as the lead character in a movie or series. Also, I am interested in hearing some romantic comedy scripts." One wonders after the success of two horror comedies, Munjya and Stree 2, which he has been a part of, whether the audience will be really interested in seeing him in romantic comedies! Viewers are actually flocking to cinema halls for horror comedies, while romantic comedies haven't had many takers recently. "So I would take romantic comedy as a challenge then," he says.

Abhishek enjoys the importance that his character holds in making Maddock Supernatural Universe, as he is part of all three supernatural horror flicks — Stree, Bhediya and Stree 2, and also has a cameo appearance in Munjya. "I feel like a superhero indeed. I am the anchor who can jump from one realm to another. It's like I am the 2 am friend of everybody in the multiverse of superheroes, and the one who also has a connection with supervillains," he quips.

As for the film Vedaa, where he plays a villain, Jitendar Pratap Singh, opposite actor John Abraham, he says, "I think every artiste, no matter the kind of cinema he does, would always want to be part of a good masala entertainer. I am trained theatre artiste, did parallel cinema and also stories that touch the side of realism. But back in the mind, I also had the desire to be part a masala film with a hero, heroine and a villain.



Vedaa was that and so much more, for it helped me become a villain who did not have the standard six-pack abs and chiseled face, but a single pasli."

He continues, "I think great villains were not the ones with a great body, but because of their thought process. Heath Ledger was not very bulky."

Speaking of gundas, Abhishek is reminded how every colony in Delhi has one. He recalls how theirs had one named Laadi bhai, "But when I finally saw him, he was a five-foot guy, shorter than me and I was in school." Abhishek also hails Delhi as a city that makes one capable of dealing with anything. "If you have lived in Delhi, you can live anywhere in the world. The capital teaches you how to be a fighter for life. I think the street-smartness that comes with living in Delhi is unmatched. You have the confidence of walking out of the worst of situations. It also helped me in understanding my country better," he shares.

On the recent rape and murder of a doctor in West Bengal, Abhishek says it is a sorry state of affairs across the world. Having played a sex offender in the film Apurva last year, he says, "It's beyond imagination that we have become so advanced yet fail to grow as a society when it comes to respecting and safeguarding the other gender. I think it has to start from the basic upbringing of the male child and also education in schools; how to respect female bodies, differentiate between porn and reality and the value of consent. Most importantly, it is about telling that the male gender is not superior."

## Malvi Malhotra, who is set for a debut with the Punjabi movie Haye Bibiye Kithe Fas Gaye, believes there is no substitute for hard work

Having worked in a few Punjabi music videos, such as Sohni Mutiyaar, actress Malvi Malhotra is set to make her debut with the Punjabi movie Haye Bibiye Kithe Fas Gaye, a horror-comedy directed by Simranjit Singh Hundal.

"It will not scare the viewers, rather it is comic, packed with a beautiful message for the audience at the climax, which will compel them to introspect what they do in life," she says.

The character she would be playing is a girl born and brought up in the UK, but very connected to her roots in Punjab. "My character is grounded and is clear in her mind, she aspires to be with a guy



who is good at heart and she doesn't run after money," she adds.

Malvi loves to dance to the beats of Punjabi songs, and enjoys listening to Punjabi songs in her vanity van. She looks up to Diljit Dosanjh as an actor and admires the way he conducts himself. "I am in awe of his humility, his attitude and how he has come so far, now performing at Coachella and around the world," she says.

Cinema as a profession requires immense persistence because one has to face a lot of rejections, so one needs to always remain motivated. "Whoever aspires to be an actor needs to know that everyone's journey is different. Some people

get a break early but for some, it takes years," she shares. Malvi believes that as beginners, people should not run after money but rather hone their craft. "If someone is hardworking, they would definitely get an opportunity though it could take some time. If cinema is your love, you should never give up, irrespective of rejections because someday your tenacity will pay off and your dream will come true," she believes. Malvi is grateful that the day her debut movie is being released, the same day she is going to start shooting for her second movie Duma Dum Mast Kalandar, which will also be shot in Punjab!

## Ryan Reynolds on why he has to cut cameo of Rob McElhenney in 'Deadpool & Wolverine'

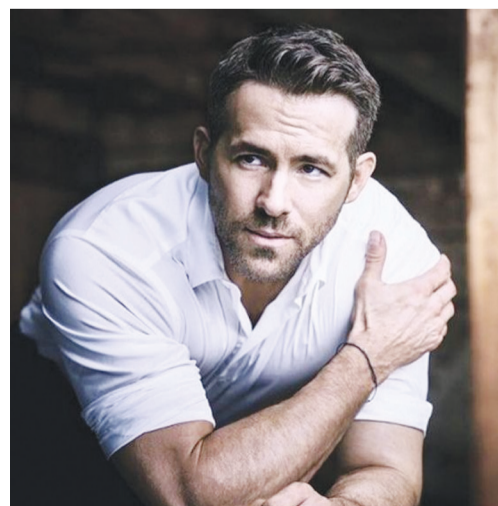
Actor Ryan Reynolds said he was "mortified" to have to cut Rob McElhenney's 'Deadpool & Wolverine' cameo, especially after flying to London to film the scene, as per agency.

McElhenney is not only the actor's friend but also the co-owner of the Wrexham football team, which made the decision for him more tough. The 'It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia' actor was originally cast as a Time Variance Authority soldier in the record-breaking Marvel film.

"A word on my 'darling' friend, @robmcclhenney. Rob very kindly did a cameo in #DeadpoolAndWolverine which will hopefully live on in the digital extras," Reynolds wrote on Instagram.

"While editing a movie, they say you "sometimes have to kill your darlings." And with a heavy heart (and through great outside intervention) I had to kill a darling with this cameo."

Ryan said they ultimately cut the scene because the "sequence wasn't working the way we'd originally constructed it."



"Rob was the only reason it stayed in the cut for as long as it did, because even under a TVA mask and helmet, you can feel him smoldering with a raw and almost infinite reservoir of talent, wryly wit and 'I create hit tv shows' swagger," he said.

"Don't even get me started on Wrexham.

I wouldn't know a love like @wrexham\_afc if it weren't for Rob McElhenney." Reynolds went on to say that "expectation" might be the most difficult element of shooting a film, but having loved ones like McElhenney to count on for support makes it simpler.

"I loved making this movie but it wasn't without stress. There was a lot of expectation -- and I'm pretty sure the most well written villain in cinema history is 'Expectation,'" he shared in the Instagram post.

"And when you do stressful stuff, it feels good when friends are nearby. And even though I'm mortified he flew all the way to London for a cameo that wasn't meant to be, I'm grateful my friend was there with me on that set. When I see Rob, my heart-rate slows and my nervous system stops yelling at me. He shows up for people. And he showed up for me."

"Even as he begged for his life before Alioth snatched his unsuspecting body into the air, swallowing him whole, eventually digesting and converting him into Alioth-poo," Reynolds concluded, according to agency.

## PM Modi arrives in Delhi after concluding his visit to Poland, Ukraine

*The Indian side reiterated its principled position and focus on peaceful resolution through dialogue and diplomacy, as a part of which, India has attended the Summit on Peace in Ukraine, held in Burgenstock, Switzerland, in June 2024.*

NEW DELHI, Aug 24 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived at Palam airport in Delhi today after concluding his two-nation visit to Poland and Ukraine.

Prime Minister Modi's visit to Poland was the first by an Indian Prime Minister in 45 years. It was also the first Prime Ministerial visit from India to Ukraine.

During his visit to Ukraine, PM Modi and President Volodymyr Zelenskyy reiterated their readiness for further cooperation in upholding principles of international law, including the UN Charter.

They agreed on the desirability of closer bilateral dialogue in this regard.

The Indian side reiterated its principled position and focus on peaceful resolution through dialogue and diplomacy, as a part of which, India has attended the Summit on Peace in Ukraine, held in Burgenstock, Switzerland, in June 2024.

The Ukrainian side welcomed such participation by India and



highlighted the importance of high-level Indian participation in the next Peace Summit.

India and Ukraine signed four agreements during the visit.

During his visit to Poland, PM Modi held bilateral discussions with his counterpart Donald Tusk. The two countries decided to elevate their ties to "Strategic Partnership".

The two leaders expressed their deepest concern over the war raging in Ukraine including its terrible and tragic humanitarian consequences.

They reiterated the need for a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace in line with international law, consistent with the purposes and principles of the UN Charter.

They also noted the negative impacts of the war in Ukraine with regard to global food and energy security, especially for the Global South.

In the context of this war, they shared the view that the use, or threat of use, of nuclear weapons is unacceptable.

Russia and Ukraine have been

engaged in a conflict for nearly two-and-a-half years.

India and Poland also reiterated their unequivocal condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and emphasised that no country should provide a safe haven to those who finance, plan, support or commit terrorist acts.

Both sides stressed the need for firm implementation of relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council, the UN General Assembly, as well as the implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. They also reaffirmed on the early adoption of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT).

The two sides reinforced their commitment to a free, open and rules-based Indo-Pacific in accordance with the international law of the sea as reflected in UNCLOS and with full respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and freedom of navigation to the benefit of the maritime security and international peace and stability.

## On CCTV, NRI shot at by 2 men at his Amritsar residence



AMRITSAR, Aug 24 (Agencies): An NRI was shot at on Saturday by two armed turbaned assailants at point-blank range at his residence in Daburji village in Punjab's Amritsar district.

The NRI, Sukhchain Singh, an American resident, was shot in the head and neck by assailants in front of the family, comprising minor children, who were pleading not to harm their father with folded hands.

He was immediately rushed to a private hospital in Amritsar with critical bullet injuries.

The shooting is suspected to be linked to local gang activity and is believed to be a prop-

erty dispute with in-laws. The entire incident was captured on a CCTV camera.

In CCTV footage, the two men, who came on a motorcycle and did not wear masks, entered the house in the morning. The children were playing in the house. An armed assailant is seen approaching the NRI and asking him to enter a bedroom at gunpoint. As he resisted, both assailants fired at him at close range.

The entire family was in the house when the crime took place and the family was trying to rescue the victim.

After committing the crime, they managed to escape.

The video also showed

locals rushing to help the victim, who was lying on the ground after the attacker shot at him.

As per the police, two assailants entered the house on the pretext of asking for the registration certificate of his luxury car that was purchased this week.

Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police Vishaljit Singh told the media the police had obtained the CCTV footage of the crime and started the investigation to know the motive behind the crime and information about the assailants.

As per information, Sukhchain Singh had returned from the US about a month ago and was engaged in the purchase of a hotel and a luxury vehicle.

The shooting is suspected to be related to some property dispute.

The family told the police that there was no demand for ransom.

The police are examining the possibility that the crime was connected to a local gang.

## Kolkata medic's murder: Healthcare services affected in Bengal as junior doctors continue ceasework

KOLKATA, Aug 24 (Agencies): Healthcare services were affected at state-run hospitals in West Bengal on Saturday as junior doctors continued their ceasework for the 16th consecutive day to protest the alleged rape and murder of a postgraduate trainee at R G Kar Medical College and Hospital.

Senior doctors were attending to patients at the emergency services at government hospitals.

"Our protest will continue till justice is served to our sister. There cannot be any alternative to that," an agitating doctor at the KMCH told agency.

The Supreme Court on Thursday reiterated its appeal to the doctors protesting over the rape and killing of the medic



to resume work and directed that no coercive action would be taken against them.

The court said judges and doctors cannot strike since they deal with matters involving life and liberty.

Apart from demanding justice for the woman medic, the junior doctors have been pressing for the removal of several people in the KMCH's administration.

Bowing to their demand, the West Bengal government on Wednesday night

removed three senior officials of the Kar Medical College and Hospital and also cancelled the order to shift the hospital's former principal Sandip Ghosh as principal of Calcutta National Medical College and Hospital.

On August 9, the police recovered the body of a woman postgraduate trainee doctor from the seminar hall of the KMCH.

A civic volunteer was arrested the next day for his alleged involvement in the crime.

## Pity govt standing with culprits involved in crimes against women: Uddhav

MUMBAI, Aug 24 (Agencies): Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray on Saturday said it is a pity that instead of taking action against culprits involved in crimes against women, the Maharashtra government, which he termed "shameless", was standing with them.

Addressing party workers during a demonstration over crimes against women, and the alleged sexual assault on two kindergarten girls at Badlapur, Thackeray said it is imperative to dislodge the Mahayuti government to ensure the safety of women in the state.

"It is a pity that instead of taking action against the culprits it is standing with them," Thackeray alleged. He said Maharashtra has never seen a government as "shame-



less" as the incumbent dispensation.

Mahayuti is a coalition of BJP, Shiv Sena led by Chief Minister Eknath and NCP headed by Ajit Pawar.

In a veiled attack on CM Shinde, Thackeray said the 'Kansa Mama', a reference to a character in Mahabharat, is busy getting rakhis tied on his wrists and asked when he will get justice for the nieces.

Thackeray, his wife Rashmi and their son and former Maharash-

The alleged crime had sparked a massive protest in Badlapur on Tuesday.

The Bombay High Court on Friday restrained political parties from going ahead with the bandh called by the opposition grouping Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) on August 24 to protest against the Badlapur incident.

Thackeray asked his party workers to run a signature campaign with the slogan 'Bahin Surakshit tar Ghar Surakshit' (home is safe if sisters are secure) which will be then presented to the Bombay High Court.

"The court stopped our bandh, but cannot suppress our voice," Thackeray said.

He said the government made its "cronies" approach the court to stop the bandh called

by MVA. Thackeray said when all doors are shut, people have no option but to hit the streets.

Thackeray also demanded that the Shakti bill passed by the Maharashtra legislature, which is pending with the Centre, be given Presidential assent so that it can be implemented in the state.

Both the House of Maharashtra legislature had passed the Shakti Criminal Laws (Maharashtra Amendment) Bill, 2020, and the Special Court & Machinery for Implementation of Maharashtra Shakti Criminal Law, 2020, three years ago when the MVA was in power with Thackeray as the CM.

The Shakti bill proposes the death penalty for heinous offences of rape and gang rape.

## Assam gang-rape: Prime accused dies in police custody; villagers refuse burial

*According to police, the accused tried to escape and fell into the pond when he was brought to the crime scene late at night.*

GUWAHATI, Aug 24 (Agencies): The prime accused in the alleged gang-rape of a 14-year-old girl in Dhing, Assam, has died after falling into a pond while attempting to escape from police custody, authorities said.

Tafiqul Islam, also known as Tafazzul Islam, was taken by police to the crime scene in the early hours of Saturday.

The villagers of Borbheti, the family home of the accused, have taken a decision not to participate in his funeral prayers and not allow his burial in the village graveyard.

Swapnil Dekha, Superintendent of Police for Nagaon district, stated that during the investigation at the scene, Islam attempted to flee and jumped into a nearby pond. The area

was dark, and police, assisted by the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), retrieved his body after a search operation.

"After interrogation, the accused was taken to the scene of the crime. But he attempted to flee and fell into a pond which was full of water. The area was cordoned off and the SDRF (State Disaster Response Force) was informed. The SDRF retrieved the body after a search," the SP said.

"A constable holding the rope tied to the accused's handcuff sustained injuries in his hand. We will investigate the incident," the SP further said.

The senior police official said that operations are underway to nab the other two accused persons.

The villagers of Borb-



heti held a meeting on Saturday morning and took three decisions regarding the crime committed by the youth.

"We have decided not to allow his burial in the village graveyard, not participate in his 'janaza' (burial prayers) and social boycott of his family", a village elder Md Shahjahan Ali Choudhury told agency.

"The village youth's crime has shamed us and we cannot allow his burial in the community graveyard", he added.

Meanwhile, a march was also taken out from

the village mosque to protest against the incident.

The alleged gang-rape of the minor girl reportedly occurred on August 22 while the victim was returning home from tuition. After the assault, the girl was found unconscious by locals, who took her to a local health centre before she was transferred to Nagaon Medical College and Hospital.

The incident has led to widespread protests in Dhing, with locals and various organizations demanding strict action

against the accused. Assam Director General of Police GP Singh visited the site and met the victim's family. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has called for prompt and aggressive action in response to such crimes, noting the need to ensure public confidence in the government's response.

Addressing the media, Sarma said, "I would like to say just one thing. When there is any atrocity against women, we need to take prompt action. But the public should see that the government is taking strict action. When people feel that the government is showing laxity, they get angry. When such incidents take place, the government should take very aggressive action. The government in Bengal didn't do it, so people got angry."

## Up man throws hot dal at wife, gives triple talaq as she praises PM Modi, Yogi Adityanath

BAHRAICH, Aug 24 (Agencies): Police have filed a case against a man and seven members of his family for allegedly pronouncing triple talaq to her after she praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for the development of Ayodhya. Earlier, he had also beaten her and hurled hot 'dal' at her, Maryam alleged in her complaint to police in Bahraich where her parents live.

The family of the husband, who lives in Ayodhya, allegedly also tried to strangle her on the day the man pronounced instant triple talaq.

"I am a resident of Mohalla Sarai, Thana Jarwal Road in Bahraich. On December 13, 2023, I was married to Arshad, son of Islam, a resident of Mohalla Delhi Darwaza of Kot-

wali Nagar, Ayodhya. My father got me married with the consent of both the parties and by spending more than his means," the woman is heard saying in a video clip that has surfaced online.

"After the marriage, when I went out in the city, I liked the roads of Ayodhya Dham, the beautification, the development and the atmosphere there. On this, I praised Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Prime Minister Narendra Modi in front of my husband," she said in the video.

Following this, Maryam's husband, Arshad, got angry and sent her to her maternal home in Bahraich. After some relatives intervened, she returned to Ayodhya to live with her husband, Jarwal Road Police Station Incharge Inspector (SHO) Brijraj Prasad said.

However, Arshad hurled abuses at the chief minister and the prime minister and gave her triple talaq by uttering "talaq, talaq, talaq", SHO said.

Maryam further alleged that her mother-in-law, younger sister-in-law and brothers-in-law tried to strangle her. Her husband also beat her on the day he pronounced triple talaq to her.

Based on her complaint, eight people, including the woman's husband Arshad, mother-in-law Raisha, father-in-law Islam, sister-in-law Kulsum, brother-in-law Faran and Shafaq, sister-in-law Simran, were booked in the case, police said.

A case has been registered under assault, abuse, threat and Dowry Prohibition Act and Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, he added.

## 3 dead, 5 injured in knife attack on German festival

Police believe the stabbings were carried out by a lone attacker

SOLINGEN (GERMANY), Aug 24 (Agencies): An attacker with a knife killed three people and seriously wounded at least five late on Friday at a festival in the western German city of Solingen, authorities said today.

Witnesses alerted police shortly after 9:30 p.m. to an unknown perpetrator having wounded several people indiscriminately with a knife on a central square, the Fronhof. Police said the attacker was on the run, and that they so far had only very little information on the man. They said they believe the stabbings were carried out by a lone attacker.

One of the festival organizers, Philipp Müller, appeared on stage and asked festivalgoers to "go calmly; please keep your eyes open, because unfortunately the perpetrator hasn't been caught." He said many people had been wounded by "a knifeman." At least one helicopter was seen in the air, while many police and emergency vehicles with flashing blue lights were on the



road and several streets were closed off.

Police put the number of seriously injured at five. The region's top security official, Herbert Reul, gave a figure of six as he visited the scene in the early hours of Saturday.

"None of us knows why" the attack took place, said Reul, who is the interior minister of North Rhine-Westphalia state.

"I can't say anything about the motive now" and it isn't clear who the assailant was, he also said and added that the attacker had left the scene "relatively

quickly." Mayor Tim Kurzbach said in a Facebook post that "this evening, we in Solingen are all in shock. We all wanted to celebrate our city's anniversary together and now have dead and wounded to lament." "It breaks my heart that an attack on our city happened," he added.

The local newspaper Solinger Tageblatt quoted Celine Derikartz, its reporter covering the festival, as saying that "the atmosphere is spooky." She said a party atmosphere had turned to shock within minutes and she

saw festivalgoers weeping.

The "Festival of Diversity," marking the city's 650th anniversary, began on Friday and was supposed to run through Sunday, with several stages in central streets offering attractions such as live music, cabaret and acrobatics.

The city cancelled the rest of the festival after the attack. Solingen has about 160,000 residents and is located near the bigger cities of Cologne and Duesseldorf.

There has been concern about an increase in knife violence in Germany recently.

In May, a knife attack by an Afghan immigrant on members of a group that describes itself as opposing "political Islam" left a police officer dead.

Germany's top security official, Interior Minister Nancy Faeser, this month proposed toughening weapons laws to allow only knives with a blade measuring up to 6 centimeters (nearly 2.4 inches) to be carried in public, rather than the length of 12 centimeters (4.7 inches) which is allowed now.

## Roadside bomb kills at least 2 children and wounds 15 people in restive southwest Pakistan

Officials say a roadside bomb went off near a police office in restive southwestern Pakistan, killing two children and wounding 15 persons



QUETTA, Aug 24 (Agencies): A roadside bomb went off near a police office in restive southwestern Pakistan on Saturday, killing at least two children and wounding 15 people, authorities said.

Police officials said the wounded included policemen and passersby.

Local police official

Mujibur Rehman said some of those wounded were hospitalized in critical condition, adding that the bodies of the dead were also transported to a nearby hospital.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack that happened in Pishin, a district in Balochistan province. However,

suspicion is likely to fall on separatist groups who have stepped up attacks on security forces and civilians in recent months.

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi denounced the bombing in a statement and mourned the slain children, saying those behind the attack "do not deserve to be called humans."

For years, Baluchistan has been the scene of a low-level insurgency by groups demanding independence from the central government in Islamabad. Although the government says it has quelled the insurgency, violence in the province has persisted.

## Pakistan to introduce polymer plastic currency, redesign banknotes by year-end

KARACHI, Aug 24 (Agencies): Pakistan's central bank will introduce a new polymer plastic currency banknote later this year while also redesigning all existing banknotes to enhance security and incorporate hologram features.

State Bank of Pakistan Governor Jameel Ahmed informed a Senate committee on banking and finance in Islamabad that the redesign of all paper currency notes, with new security features, is expected to be completed by December this year. The denominations to be redesigned include Rs 10, 50, 100, 500, 1000, and 5000.

"The old notes will remain in circulation for five years, gradually being phased out by the central bank," a source close to the committee revealed.



In addition to the redesign, the State Bank plans to introduce a new polymer plastic banknote in one denomination later this year. "If it is received well by the public, plastic currency will be introduced in other denominations," Ahmed stated.

Currently, around 40 countries use polymer plastic banknotes, which are more difficult to counterfeit and offer enhanced security fea-

tures, such as holograms and see-through windows. Australia was the first country to introduce polymer banknotes in 1998.

Governor Ahmed also confirmed that there are no plans to cancel the Rs 5,000 note, despite suggestions from some members of the Senate committee, including Mohsin Aziz, who argued that the high-denomination note facilitates corruption.

## Nikki Haley says isolationist policy is not healthy while showing support for Trump in Taiwan

TAIPEI, Aug 24 (Agencies): Former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Nikki Haley, put in good words for Republican nominee Donald Trump on Saturday during her visit to Taiwan, saying that an isolationist policy isn't "healthy" and called on her party to stand with her country's allies.

Haley, who ran against Trump for the party's presidential nomination, told reporters in the capital, Taipei, that supporting U.S. allies, including Ukraine and Israel, was vital while underscoring the importance of Taiwan — which Beijing claims as its territory to be brought under control by force if necessary. "I don't think the isolationist approach is healthy. I think America can never sit in a bubble and think that we won't be affected," she said.

While the U.S. doesn't formally recognize Taiwan, it is the island's strongest backer and main arms provider.



However, Trump's attempt to reclaim the presidency has fueled worries. He said Taiwan should pay for U.S. protection in an interview with Bloomberg Businessweek published in July and dodged answering the question of whether he would defend the island against a possible Chinese military action.

When Haley shuttered her own bid for the GOP nomination, she did not immediately endorse Trump, having accused him of causing chaos and disregarding the importance of U.S. alliances abroad. But in

May she said she would be voting for him while making it clear that she felt her former boss had work to do to win over voters who supported her.

On Saturday, she said that having previously served with Trump's administration, "we did show American strength in the world", pointing to their pushback against China and their sanctioning of Russia and North Korea among other efforts.

"I think that all of that strength that we showed is the reason that we didn't see any wars, we didn't see any invasions,

we didn't see any harm that happened during that time. I think Donald Trump would bring that back," she said.

Haley also criticized Trump's rival U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris, saying she would "do exactly" what President Joe Biden had done. She said Harris was part of his administration when the Taliban took over Afghanistan in 2021, when Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022 and when the Hamas-Israel war broke out last year.

"She was in the situation room right next to Joe Biden. She was there making the exact same decisions. Those decisions have made the world less safe," she said.

Haley added that while the Republicans and Democrats may not currently concur on much, they agree on "the threats of China," adding that Taiwan is now looking "to make

sure that if China starts a fight with them, that they are prepared to make sure that they can fight back."

She said her party should stand with the country's allies and make sure that the country shows strength around the world. She also said any authoritarian regime and "communists" harming or hurting other free countries should be a personal matter to the U.S.

"We don't want to see communist China win. We don't want to see Russia win. We don't want to see Iran or North Korea win," she said.

Haley began her trip to Taiwan, this week, and met Taiwanese President Lai Ching-te. She called for more international backing for the self-ruled island, a coordinated pushback against China's claims over it, and for Taiwan to become a full member of the United Nations.

## Hundreds of police raid a religious compound in search of Filipino preacher wanted for child abuse

MANILA, Aug 24 (Agencies): Hundreds of police officers backed by riot squads raided a vast religious compound in a southern Philippine city Saturday in search of a local preacher accused of sexual abuse and human trafficking, police officials said.

A supporter of the group, called Kingdom of Jesus Christ, reportedly died due to a heart attack during the massive police raid that started at dawn in the group's compound in Davao city, livestreamed online by a local TV network owned by the group, police said, adding that the death was not related to the police operations.

Officers brought equipment that could detect people behind cement walls. But by mid-afternoon, they found no sign of Apollo Quiboloy in the compound — some 30 hectares (75 acres) that includes a cathedral, a

school, a living area, a hangar and a taxiway leading to Davao International Airport.

Quiboloy and his lawyer have denied the criminal allegations against him and his religious group, saying these were fabricated by critics and former members, who were removed from the religious group after committing irregularities.

Quiboloy's followers, many filming the police raid with their cell-phones, yelled at the police, questioning the legality of the raid and pronouncing the innocence of Quiboloy, who was a close supporter and spiritual adviser of former President Rodrigo Duterte.

Duterte had criticized previous attempts by large numbers of police to arrest Quiboloy as overkill.

Quiboloy claims to be the appointed son of God. In 2019, he claimed he stopped a

major earthquake from hitting the southern Philippines.

Police Brig. Gen. Nicolas Torre III, who led the raid, said officers wanted to serve warrants for the arrest of Quiboloy for various criminal cases, including child abuse and human trafficking. He justified the large deployment, saying there were more than 40 buildings and structures to be searched in the religious compound, where large numbers of Quiboloy's followers heckled and opposed the raid noisily.

"We won't leave here until we get him," Torre told reporters as sirens blared in the background. "We have no-bail warrants for Quiboloy and four others for very grave crimes, including human trafficking, child abuse and other cases."

In 2021, United States federal prosecutors announced the indict-

ment of Quiboloy for allegedly having sex with women and underage girls who faced threats of abuse and "eternal damnation" unless they catered to the self-proclaimed "son of God."

Quiboloy and two of his top administrators were among nine people named in a superseding indictment returned by a federal grand jury and unsealed in November 2021.

The superseding indictment contained a raft of charges, including conspiracy, sex trafficking of children, sex trafficking by force, fraud and coercion, marriage fraud, money laundering, cash smuggling and visa fraud.

Quiboloy's group said then that he was ready to face the charges in court, but he went into hiding after a Philippine court ordered his arrest and several others for child and sexual abuse. The Philippine Senate

has separately ordered Quiboloy's arrest for refusing to appear in committee hearings that was looking into criminal allegations against him.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. has urged Quiboloy to surrender and assured him of fair treatment by authorities.

When he was mayor of Davao city and later as president, Duterte appeared in Quiboloy's news program to promote his police-enforced drug crackdowns, which left thousands of mostly poor suspects dead. Duterte and his police officials have denied authorizing extrajudicial killings of drug suspects, but he openly threatened drug dealers with death when he was in office.

The International Criminal Court has been investigating the widespread killings under Duterte's campaign against illegal drugs as a possible crime against humanity.

## Turkey and Russia resume joint patrols in northern Syria as Ankara seeks to mend ties with Assad

ISTANBUL, Aug 24 (Agencies): Turkey and Russia have resumed joint military patrols in northern Syria after nearly a year's break, the Turkish Defense Ministry announced Saturday.

Combined patrols began in the Operation Peace Spring area, the statement said, referring to a 30-kilometer (19-mile) -deep strip of land on the Syrian side of the Turkey-Syria border between Tal Abyad and Ras al-Ayn. The territory was captured by Kurdish fighters by Turkish and allied Syrian forces in 2019.

The renewed Turkish-Russian patrols come as Ankara is trying to repair its relations with Syrian President Bashar Assad, whose regime draws support from Moscow.

Assad has said he will only meet Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to discuss the withdrawal of Turkish troops from Syria and an end to Ankara's support for Syrian fighters that Damascus considers terrorists.

Turkish and Russian soldiers first began joint operations in the area in November 2019, conducting 344 patrols until October last year, when they were suspended, the ministry said.

Some 24 Turkish personnel in four vehicles took part in the first resumed patrol on Thursday at the eastern end of the Operation Peace Spring area.

"It is planned to continue the United Land Patrol ... to ensure the security of our country's borders and the civilian population in the region

(and) to establish stability in northern Syria," the ministry said in its statement.

The operation would also identify "checkpoints, headquarters and military structures" of Kurdish fighters known as the YPG.

Turkey considers the YPG a terrorist organization due to its links to the PKK, which has fought a 40-year insurgency against Ankara, leading to tens of thousands of deaths.

The United States, however, partnered with the YPG in 2014 to fight the Islamic State group in Syria and continues to support the Kurdish fighters under the umbrella of the Syrian Democratic Forces. The relationship has led to tensions between NATO allies Turkey and the U.S.



# 3000 students attempt mega scholarship test at Jawalamukhi

Top News Report

JAWALAMUKHI/ JAMMU, Aug 24: Crack Academy successfully hosted a large-scale merit test under their CSR initiative "Mere Sheher ke 100 Ratan" scholarship on Saturday at Government Girls Senior Secondary School in Jawalamukhi, Himachal Pradesh, promoting a conducive learning environment for the students.

The event covered more than 10 government schools simultaneously, spread over a 40-50km radius in the entire area, bringing over 3000 students from diverse backgrounds to compete for the prestigious scholarship. Shri. Sanjay Rattan, MLA Jawalamukhi HP, along with SDM, DSP, Tehsildar, XENS, and other Sub Div officers, graced the event with their esteemed presence.

The one-hour merit test was conducted to assess all students' aptitude. The event showcased technology innovation as live feeds from all schools were streamed



onto a digital screen at the venue, allowing the guests to witness the test proceedings. Students who qualify for this test will receive free courses of their choice under the academy's scholarship.

The principals of the participating schools also welcomed this scholarship test, expressing their appreciation for this unprecedented initiative for student enrichment. They noted that they had not witnessed any such event being conducted at this scale before.

Through the "Mere Sheher ke 100 Ratan" Scholarship, Crack Academy is committed

to bringing "Delhi wali coaching" to tier 3 & 4 cities, strengthening the academic talent of deserving students, creating pathways for them to excel in their desired fields, and compete at par with their counterparts residing in metros.

Neeraj Kansal, CEO and Founder of Crack Academy, expressed his enthusiasm, stating, "The merit test has unveiled exceptional talent in this constituency and reaffirmed our commitment to nurturing the future leaders of tomorrow. By bringing this initiative to the region, we aim to create pathways for all

these deserving students to excel in their chosen fields. We want to equip them with national-level coaching by renowned teachers, provide motivational mentoring and quality educational resources free of cost, and make them exam-ready to face competition confidently from all over the country. Our goal is to replicate this initiative across other districts in Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, and Haryana, providing this opportunity to more young minds."

Sanjay Rattan, MLA Jawalamukhi HP, expressed, "This merit test was a commendable

approach by Crack Academy that has offered a great opportunity to these students. It was exciting to witness this one-of-a-kind large-scale effort to recognize and support the academic talents of our young students."

Kritika a participant from the School, said, "Participating in this test has given me a chance to showcase my abilities and opened doors to opportunities I never imagined. I'm excited about what lies ahead and grateful for the chance to compete for a scholarship that could offer me guidance that could help shape my future."

The event concluded on a successful note, with the scholarship awards ceremony rewarding the top performers and celebrating their achievements. This test was a significant part of Crack Academy's CSR initiative, aiming to bring quality education to tier 3 and 4 cities and raise education standards in the entire constituency and beyond.

# Brig Cheema visits Pre TSC-III Camp at Nagrota, delivers inspirational address

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: Brigadier PS Cheema, GP CDR, Jammu Gp made a significant visit to the Training Academy Nagrota, where he interacted with cadets undergoing training at the Training and Selection Camp (Pre-TSC-III Camp). The visit was marked by his engagement with the cadets, witnessing their training, and delivering a thought-provoking address that left a lasting impact on the young minds.

The visit of Gp Commander, Jammu Gp to the Pre-TSC-Camp underscored the importance of mentorship, leadership, and motivation in nurturing the potential of cadets. The Pre-TSC-III Camp, a rigorous training program, aims to develop character, discipline, and leadership qualities in future military leaders. He spent valuable time engaging with the cadets, learning about their training experi-



ences. His presence provided cadets with a unique opportunity to interact with a decorated Officer and gain inspiration from him. His address to the cadets was marked by words of wisdom, encouragement, and guidance. He emphasized the significance of resilience, teamwork, and adaptability in the journey towards becoming effective leaders. His anecdotes and lessons from the field resonated deeply with the young cadets, leaving them motivated and eager to excel in their training.

Col RS Jasrotia, and other officers of the Jammu Group Bns briefed the Group Com-

mander on the process of selection and training of Cadets for the various TSC events and the way ahead for a podium finish performance. Brigadier Cheema took the opportunity to meet with the selected cadets for TSC events and firers who are preparing for the Competition. His encouragement and support are expected to inspire the participants to excel in the upcoming event.

Brigadier Cheema's visit was a testament to his dedication to the development and enhancement of the NCC Training Program, fostering a culture of excellence and leadership among the cadets and personnel.

# Prof. Iqtidar Khan of JMI delivers extension lecture at GDC Thannamandi

Top News Report

THANNAMANDI, Aug 24: Prof. Iqtidar Mohd. Khan, Head Department of Islamic Studies at Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), New Delhi delivered an extension lecture on the "Moral Perspective of Youth and Nation Building" at GDC Thannamandi here today.

The Department of Islamic Studies at Govt. Degree College Thannamandi, under the aegis of the Higher Education Department of Jammu & Kashmir, hosted the event under the banner of the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan that brought together academicians and students to explore the crucial role of youth in the development of a strong and morally grounded nation.

Dr. Iqtidar Mohd Khan who was chief guest and resource person on the occasion, delivered a thought-provoking and interactive lecture that emphasized upon the ethical responsibilities of the younger generation in nation-building efforts. His address highlighted the significance of moral education and the

necessity of cultivating a sense of responsibility among youth to contribute positively to society. He underlined the role of moral perspectives in combating menace of drugs from society and the country at large. Youth is the backbone of sustainable development and only a healthy youth, free from drugs, can build a stronger and healthier nation at par with ideals of Viksit Bharat @2047, he added.

The program was presided over by Prof. (Dr.) Farooq Ahmed, Principal of Govt. Degree College Thannamandi. Dr. Nazakat Hussain, Head Department of History was convener whereas Dr. Nazir Ul Islam, Head of the Department of Islamic Studies at college was organizing secretary of the event. Dr. Farooq Ahmed lauded the initiative and stressed the importance of such educational events in shaping the future of the nation.

Special Guest, Dr. Naseem Gul Dar, Head Department of Islamic Studies at BGSB University Rajouri, also addressed the gathering,

offering insights into the historical context of youth and the role they can play in nation-building.

Earlier, Dr. Shiraz Ahmed, Nodal Officer, Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan at College, welcomed the guests and Prof Rummy Dar, Head Department of English introduced the resource person.

Dr. Nazir Ul Islam conducted the proceedings of the programme whereas Dr. Ashfaq Malik, Head Department of Botany and IQAC Co-ordinator presented formal vote of thanks.

The event witnessed active participation from students, faculty, and invited guests, all of whom engaged in a fruitful discussion on the themes presented. The lecture was well-received, with attendees expressing a renewed sense of commitment to fostering a healthy and vibrant youth community. Prominent among others present on the occasion were Dr. Asif Lone, Prof. Supriya Gupta, Dr. Junaid Ahmed, Dr. Gulshan Rashid Bhat, Dr. Ather Aziz Raina, Dr. Nagina Kouser and Prof Rizwana.

# Series of SVEEP activities conducted across Ramban to Boost Voter Participation FOR Assembly Elections

Top News Report

RAMBAN, Aug 24: In a concerted effort to maximize public participation in the upcoming General Election for the Legislative Assembly 2024, the District Administration of Ramban, under the leadership of District Election Officer (DEO) Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, organized a series of Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programs across the district. These initiatives aimed to raise voter awareness, with a particular focus on engaging the youth.

One of the major SVEEP events took place at Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Neel, where a large number of students and members of the general public actively participated. The program emphasized the importance of voting in the legislative assembly elections, specifically targeting first-time and female voters. The event was effectively supervised by District Nodal Officer (DNO) SVEEP, Chief Education Officer

(CEO) Ramban, Bikram Singh, ensuring a smooth and impactful execution. In addition to the GHSS Neel event, a similar SVEEP initiative was conducted at Upper Primary School (UPS) Harwari Neel.

This program also focused on voter education, engaging both the public and students in discussions about the critical role every vote plays in shaping the region's governance. DNO SVEEP Bikram Singh once again supervised the event, emphasizing informed electoral participation.

A Mega SVEEP program was also organized at Government High School Perhindar, drawing a large audience of students and community members.

This event provided detailed information on the electoral process, voter rights, and the necessity of active democratic participation, particularly in the upcoming legislative assembly elections. The officers present ensured that the program's objectives were met effectively.

# District Kho Kho Championship 2024 from Aug 31

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: The Jammu and Kashmir Kho Kho Association, in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council, the Jammu and Kashmir Olympic Association, and the Kho Kho Federation of India, is set to host the District Kho Kho Championship 2024. This exciting event will take place from August 31 to September 1, 2024, at the

Green Play Field, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

In a statement, General Secretary Amrinderpal Singh emphasized the importance of this championship in fostering a disciplined and healthy lifestyle among youth.

Dr. Baljinder Kour, President of the J&K Kho Kho Association, highlighted that the championship aims to encourage players and promote sportsmanship through competitive play.

Dr. Kour invited all schools and clubs in the Jammu district to participate in this event, which will feature Under-18 categories for both boys and girls. Notable figures attending the event include Pankaj Malhotra, an International Player, and Joint Secretary Tarmeet Shenu. For more information, interested teams can contact on 9419141007, 9149509617, 9906204257, or email jkhhkoko@gmail.com.

# GDC Marheen organizes physical measurement of students

Top News Report

MARHEEN, Aug 24: In the series of activities under National Sports Week Celebration, Department of Physical Education in collaboration with IQAC of GDC Marheen, organized a Physical Measurement included Height, Weight, body fat percentage,

muscle rate, moisture, bone mass, BMR, Protein rate, body age, Protein amount and obesity rating on Saturday.

The programme was organized under the overall supervision of Prof. (Dr.) Anupama Gupta, esteemed Principal of the College.

All the students took keen interest to partici-

pate in the activity as it allows students to better understand their physical strengths and areas of growth while setting goals to become healthier and stronger.

The event was managed by Dr. Balbinder Singh, Physical Director, GDC, Marheen. Yash Pal assisted on the occasion.

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# CM Yogi questions Congress, National Conference Pre-Poll Alliance for J&K elections

"Recently, the National Conference released its manifesto ... This alliance of the Congress and the National Conference raises many big questions about national security and their loyalty to the Indian Constitution," the Uttar Pradesh chief minister said. He questioned the leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, over the National Conference's decision to start trade across the Line of Control, one of 12 guarantees promised in its manifesto.

The Uttar Pradesh minister said, "I want to ask Congress leader Rahul Gandhi whether the Congress supports the announcement of the National Conference, to have a separate flag for Jammu and Kashmir... Does the Congress Party and Rahul Gandhi support the decision of the National Conference to start trade across the Line of Control and support terrorism and its ecosystem from across the border? ... Congress should answer this ..."

Ahead of the Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections, the Congress and the National Conference announced a pre-poll alliance and said that "they have reached a consensus on most of the seats."

# 3-Day Kailash Kund Yatra to begin in J&K's Udhampur-Doda hills on August 30

This ritual attracts thousands of pilgrims to Kailash Kund during its limited procession days between August and September, they said.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Udhampur, Saoni Rai, finalised the necessary arrange-

ments for the yatra during a meeting with officers and civil society members in Dudu subdivision of Udhampur district, an official spokesperson confirmed.

"The discussions covered the supply of essential commodities, installation of drinking water points along the route from Dudu base camp to Seoj Dhar, and provisions for medical care, transport facilities, tents, and blankets," Rai said.

The Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) of Dudu will serve as the Nodal Officer overseeing all arrangements from Dudu base camp to Kailash Kund and will establish a control room in Dudu to ensure smooth conduct of the yatra, the spokesperson said.

The DC instructed department heads to finalise all arrangements well in advance to minimise inconvenience to pilgrims. Medical teams will be deployed at both Dudu base camp and Seoj Dhar to ensure the health and safety of pilgrims, the officials said.

The pilgrimage sees participation from pilgrims hailing from Dudu, Basantgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu, Kathua, Udhampur, Chenani and Ramnagar.

# NC leader Sajjad Shaheen, others urge party leadership to not surrender Banihal seat to Congress

the region, Vikar Rasool would be given the mandate, and that, he said is unacceptable. However, Sajjad said that things would only be cleared after the JKNC notifies the list of its candidates.

"The party has assured me that I will be given the mandate, however it would only be clear once the list is out," Sajjad said.

He said that Vikar was recently removed from the President's post for misappropriat-

ing funds designated for Bharat Jodo Yatra. "How can he be trusted and voted by my people," he asked.

He further said that how can they trust the Congress leader when he has given them no benefit for last decade.

They urged the party's top leadership to not to surrender the Banihal seat.

They said that the "alliance has slaughtered them politically and that their hard work for past two-decades will be washed out if the party goes on with the alliance in the constituency."

# Missing Arunachal man traced in Kashmir

Perme's last ATM transaction was at an ATM booth near New Delhi railway station. A police team questioned his friends and verified persons on his call records, but found no information about his whereabouts.

On August 17, Perme called his family from an unknown number, saying he was in Kashmir but couldn't provide his exact address. The Budgam police in Kashmir were informed to recover Perme.

A police team went to Budgam and brought Perme back to Arunachal, handing him over to his father.

# "Congress, National Conference plan to end reservation in J-K," says BJP's Devendra Rana

coming to power following the Assembly elections.

He stressed that the BJP would not allow it to happen, alluding to the possibility that the party would form the government in the Union Territory.

His comments came days after the two par-

ties allied for the upcoming assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir will be held in three phases on September 18, 25 and October 1. The results will be announced on October 4.

"National Conference has released an election manifesto. A manifesto to consolidate anti-national forces," he told reporters here at a press conference.

He added, "But, they have said that they will end the reservation in Jammu and Kashmir after coming to power. The reservation belongs to our Dalits, Gujjars, Paharis, and Other Backward Classes (OBC)."

Attacking the Congress over its pre-poll alliance with the NC, Rana said, "Congress has always sacrificed the interests of people for its greed of power in Jammu and Kashmir. Today, by aligning with the National Conference, they are going to end reservation and it is a matter of great concern."

Ahead of the Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections, the Congress and the National Conference announced a pre-poll alliance and said that "they have reached a consensus on most of the seats."

The Congress and the NC had fought the Lok Sabha elections in alliance with each other. The National Conference won two seats - Anantnag and Srinagar. The Congress could not win any seat.

The last date for filing the nomination papers is August 27.

24 Assembly seats will go to polls in the first phase on September 18.

The seats, that will go to polls in the first phase, are Pampore, Tral, Pulwama, Rajpora, Zainapora, Shopian, D H Pora, Kulgam, Devsar, Dooru, Kokernag (ST), Anantnag West, Anantnag, Srigufwara-Bijbehara, Shangus-Anantnag East, Pahalgam, Inderwal, Kishtwar, Padder-Nagseni, Bhadarwah,

Doda, Doda West, Ramban, and Banihal.

A total of 90 assembly constituencies will go to the polls in Jammu and Kashmir. The last assembly election in Jammu and Kashmir was held in 2014. The counting will take place on October 4.

# Apni Party to contest from 60 seats in J&K: Altaf Bukhari

"We will contest the assembly polls on our own and we have decided not to go for any alliance this time," Bukhari said, adding that AP will field 40 candidates from Kashmir and 20 from Jammu division.

He further said that PDP and BJP are in the secret alliance with NC and Congress, adding that some parties are openly forging an alliance while some are behind the curtains.

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# J&K Police lodge FIR as missing Baramulla girl converts, marries Mumbai resident

The police have also issued an advisory to social media users not to share misleading or inflammatory content about the incident. The statement warned that sharing such content violates various laws and may lead to strict legal action, including criminal proceedings.

The police have urged people not to share or repost misleading or inflammatory content related to this incident.

"If such content has been shared or reposted, please delete it. J&K Police is committed to ensuring our digital space remains safe and respectful for everyone," police said.

## Janamashtami to be celebrated at Shree Lakshmi Narayan Mandir on Aug 26: Charak

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: Shri Krishna Janamashtami, an annual Hindu festival symbolizing the birth of Lord Krishna, holds profound spiritual and philosophical importance for devotees across the world. It serves as a reminder of the victory of good over evil, the pursuit of righteousness, and the significance of selfless service. The festival is celebrated on the 8th day of Krishna Paksha, marking Lord Krishna's arrival to spread the divine message of Dharma, love, and unity on Earth.

Addressing media personnel at the Shree Lakshmi Narayan Mandir premises, Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, former Minister and President of the Management Trust,



informed that the grand Janamashtami Mahotsav celebrations will take place on August 26, 2024, beginning with a Murti Poojan ceremony performed by learned Shastris at 8:30 A.M. within the temple complex.

"Following the Murti Poojan, an impressive Shobha Yatra will commence at 9:30 A.M., featuring a beautifully decorated Rath carrying the

idols of Lord Krishna. The procession will start from Shree Lakshmi Narayan Mandir, Gandhi Nagar, and proceed to various temples, including Shree Mahadev Mandir on Extension Road and Shri Durga Mata Mandir near Shastri Nagar, covering Apsara Road and Gole Market, before culminating back at the Mandir," he added.

In preparation for this auspicious occasion, the

former Minister informed that the entire temple complex has been tastefully adorned to reflect the festive spirit, ensuring a vibrant and sacred environment for the devotees.

As part of the celebrations, S.C. Rekhi, General Secretary of the Management Trust, informed the press that a special Bhajan Sandhya will be organized on August 26 from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

The event will feature soulful devotional music presented by the Bhartiya Sangeet Sanshan in the Mandir complex, offering spiritual solace to devotees attending the festivities, he said adding that the grand Janamashtami celebrations will conclude at midnight with the performance of Arti followed by the distribution

of Prasad to all devotees, he added.

Charak on behalf of Shree Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Management Trust warmly invites to all devotees and the general public to take part in this joyous occasion and celebrate the divine presence of Lord Krishna.

Prominent among others who participated included S.C.Rekhi, (General Secretary) V.K.Abrul, Romesh Thakur, Kulbhushan Bali, KB Magotra, P.C. Gupta, Kapil Slathia, Indu Bhushan Sharma, Ashok Khajuria, Pritam Singh. Suresh Damral, Ved Verma, Prem Sharma, Prashant Sharma, Tarun Gupta, Brij Raj Singh, Jagjeet Singh, Kulbir Singh Chib, Pankul Vaid and other prominent persons.

## Jai Maha Bharath Party announces comprehensive agenda for J&K Assembly Elections

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: The Jai Maha Bharath Party (JMBP), led by its Founder and National President, Bhagwan Shri Anantha Vishnu Deva Prabhu, has announced a comprehensive and ambitious agenda for the upcoming Jammu & Kashmir Assembly Elections 2024.

The party's agenda outlines a vision for socio-economic transformation, focusing on women's empowerment, agricultural development, energy sustainability, and robust governance.

A central pillar of the agenda is the proposed complete ban on alcohol across India, coupled with the introduction of the Bhulaxmi Scheme, which aims to provide eligible women with 100 sq. yard open plots.

Additionally, the Dhanalakshmi Scheme promises quick credit facilities up to Rs 1 lakh for women at a nominal 0.25% interest rate, emphasizing the party's commitment to women's financial independence.

The party is also advocating for 50% reservation for women in constitutional elections, furthering its dedication to gender equality.

In Jammu & Kashmir, the Griha Lakshmi Scheme proposes the distribution of solar stoves worth Rs 32,000 to households at subsidized rates, along with gobar gas cylinders priced at just Rs 50, intended to reduce kitchen expenses and lessen the financial burden on women.

The JMBP plans to control the prices of petrol, diesel, and CNG across the country while promoting the development of



renewable energy sources like solar and electrical energy to protect the environment and reduce reliance on fossil fuels.

In the agricultural sector, the JMBP envisions a massive irrigation initiative by interlinking rivers across India, ensuring that agricultural lands receive adequate water supply while also generating sufficient electricity.

The party also plans to establish government market yards in every village or panchayat, along with announcing Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for crops in advance to provide economic stability to farmers. Education and healthcare are also prioritized, with the party promising free education and scholarships for all students in J&K, irrespective of caste, creed, race, or region.

Moreover, they propose free medical care and drug distribution throughout J&K, taking full responsibility for the health and well-being of the populace.

In terms of governance, the JMBP proposes a significant tax reform by reducing existing taxes, including the 28% GST, and introducing a new Common Tax (CT-16%)

at a rate of 16%, aimed at easing the financial burden on citizens. The party also plans to establish permanent government offices and MLA hostels in each constituency to enhance accountability and ensure the swift resolution of local issues. Addressing unemployment, the party pledges to implement policies that create employment opportunities based on merit across J&K.

Environmental sustainability is another key focus, with plans to plant saplings in all villages across J&K, improve the transport system, and build quality roads.

The JMBP also aims to maintain peace, security, and effective governance across India by curbing rising prices, combating corruption, and addressing injustices, crimes, and social issues such as rape.

The party's detailed agenda reflects its commitment to transforming Jammu & Kashmir and India into a prosperous, equitable, and environmentally sustainable society, with a strong emphasis on empowering women, supporting farmers, and ensuring that governance is transparent, accountable, and effective.

## Sikh outfits demand restoration of pre-August 5, 2019 status of J&K

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: Shriromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) J&K unit, supported by various Sikh organizations including Sikh Intellectuals Circle J&K, JK Sikh Council, International Sikh Federation, Sikh Students Federation, and Sikh Nourjawan Sabhas of Jammu, Sikh leaders welcomed the announcement of Assembly Elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

They expressed their firm belief in democracy and secularism but also demanded the immediate restoration of the pre-August 5, 2019, status of J&K, including its special status as a state. The leaders voiced concerns over the dilution of the power of the assembly and the democratic rights of the people of Jammu and



Kashmir due to recent amendments in the reorganization act.

The Sikh community in Jammu and Kashmir, according to the leaders, has been consistently discriminated against and neglected on several vital issues, including the Punjabi language, political reservation, justice for anti-Sikh riots in J&K, and other administrative demands crucial for their political survival.

The leaders recalled that in July 2021, senior Sikh leaders, led by the late S.T.S. Wazir, had submitted a memorandum to the visiting delimitation commission. However, they expressed disappointment that the subsequent delimitation report resulted in the arbitrary division of many Sikh-dominated constituencies, scattering the Sikh vote.

At this critical juncture,

the leaders appealed to religious heads and other Sikh organizations to unite and formulate a strategy to ensure that a few Sikh representatives are sent to the J&K Assembly. They emphasized the importance of unity within the Sikh community, recalling the successful efforts of respected Sikh leaders in the past to secure representation in the assembly.

Additionally, the leaders announced their intention to submit a joint memorandum to various political parties, outlining Sikh issues and concerns. They plan to take further action based on the written responses and assurances received from these parties. The Sikh community is also working closely with other marginalized groups,

including Dalits, OBCs, STs, and minorities, to develop a joint strategy aimed at safeguarding their political future in J&K, particularly in the Jammu region.

The leaders stressed that in the recent parliamentary elections, the Sikh community had rejected communal parties and anti-J&K forces, and they urged all secular and democratic pro-J&K political parties and social organizations to unite in the upcoming Assembly Elections to protect democracy, secularism, and the fundamental rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The press conference was addressed by several senior Sikh leaders, including Narinder Singh Khalsa, Inderjeet Singh Kukoo, Bhai Ram Singh, and others.

## Adbi Kunj J&K celebrates its 50th Foundation Day



Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: Adbi Kunj J&K, a renowned multilingual literary organization, celebrated its 50th Foundation Day (Golden Jubilee) with a grand event at K.L. Sehgal Hall, here. The program was graced by several distinguished guests, with Suresh Gupta, Principal Secretary of the Culture Department, serving as the Chief Guest.

The event was presided over by senior journalist and social activist Sohail Kazmi, and Dr. Ashwani Jotra, Founder President of Sahyog India and President of Special Olympics Bharat JKUT, was honored as the

Guest of Honor. Rajinder Sharma, former Mayor of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), was the Special Guest, while Sham "Talib," President of Adbi Kunj, was also present on the dais.

The event commenced with a warm welcome address by Ramesh 'Raaz' Kishwari, setting the tone for a day filled with literary and cultural celebrations.

Two significant books were released during the program: "Meri Noor Pari," written by the late Pushpa "Rattan" (Retd. Dy. Accountant General), and "Saamved," a Hindi poetry translation by Ramesh Gupta (Retd. Chief Engineer).

In recognition of their contributions to literature, twenty literary personalities were honored by the dignitaries and senior members of Adbi Kunj.

The celebration also featured a patriotic music program led by Dharmesh Nargotra and his team of 15 singers and musicians, who performed songs penned by members of Adbi Kunj J&K.

The event concluded with a "preeti bhaj" (community meal) served to all attendees.

The program ended with a vote of thanks delivered by "Aarash" Dalmotra, Chairman of Adbi Kunj, and M.S. "Kaamra," General Secretary of the organization.

## Gaurav raises serious concern over non-functioning of Registration Software in J&K UT Urges LG Sinha to take immediate steps to streamline registration process

Top News Report

JAMMU Aug 24: Gaurav Gupta, former General Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Jammu, has expressed grave concern over the ongoing non-functioning of the registration software in the region.

In a statement on Saturday, Gaurav Gupta said that since January 2024, the software has been malfunctioning, causing significant inconvenience to the public, especially those dealing with land and immovable property transactions through powers of attorney.

He pointed out that more than 1500 individuals in Jammu, holding powers of attorney related to land, have paid stamp duties as required, but their transactions are being stalled. He explained that the software lacks the necessary provision to reflect the attachment of stamp duties with the corresponding sale deeds, leading to delays in reg-

istration processes.

He mentioned that the aggrieved applicants have been raised multiple times with concerned authorities, including the Sub-Registrar, Inspector General of Registration (IGR), and the Special Secretary of Revenue, but no effective resolution has been achieved. "Despite numerous meetings, the matter remains unresolved, leaving people with no option but to face continued delays in property registration," he said.

Gaurav Gupta urged the Lt. Governor to intervene and ensure that the necessary instructions are imparted to the concerned software handling agencies. "The delay is causing distress to thousands of citizens, and I urge the administration to take immediate steps to streamline the registration process. Only then can we hope to resolve this long-standing issue and provide relief to the aggrieved public," he added.

## Tributes paid to Late Arun Jaitley on 5th Death Anniversary

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: A commemorative event was held in Jammu to mark the 5th death anniversary of the esteemed late Arun Jaitley, a renowned Supreme Court lawyer and former Union Minister.

The event, attended by family members, friends, and admirers, was a tribute to Jaitley's significant contributions to Indian politics and law.

The ceremony began with heartfelt remarks from his sister-in-law, Nidhi Dogra Sharma, Chairperson of the Dogra Samaj Trust Mumbai, and daughter of the esteemed Duggar leader, Girdhari Lal Dogra.

She highlighted Jaitley's deep affection for Jammu and his crucial role in the region's development.

Capt. Lalit Sharma, IFS (Retd), and Advocate Dogra Harish Kaila, President of Nami Dogri Sanstha (NDS), along with Prof. Anupama Sharma, Patron of NDS, paid their respects. Capt. Sharma lauded Jaitley as a visionary leader and a proud national figure.



Former Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Kavinnder Gupta, described Jaitley as a versatile leader known for his intellectual prowess and vibrant political presence. Chander Prakash Ganga, a former Minister, remembered him as a great human being with a humble disposition despite his high office.

Sat Pal Sharma, another former Minister, recalled Jaitley's special fondness for Jammu and Kashmir and his exceptional oratory skills. Ashok Khajuria praised Jaitley as a complete personality who significantly contributed to India's strength and inter-

national recognition.

Shravan Sharma, Jaitley's co-brother, shared his long association with the late leader, expressing pride in his achievements. Additional tributes were paid by notable personalities including Satish Sharma from Billawar, Mahant from Qile Wali Mata Hiranagar, Bharti Sharma from Hiranagar, Ashwani Sharma from Gara, Sudesh Kumar DDC Chairman from Sallan, Munish Dogra, and many youths from Hiranagar.

The event was a poignant reminder of Arun Jaitley's lasting legacy and his impact on Indian politics and society.

## Jammu Kashmir Angel Network hosts Investor Awareness Programs

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: Jammu Kashmir Angel Network (JKAN) recently concluded a series of investor awareness programs that garnered enthusiastic participation from the business community in Jammu & Kashmir. The programs were aimed at educating potential investors on the nuances of startup investments, with a focus on legal processes,

risk management, and ensuring transparency in investment practices. Over the past month, these sessions provided valuable insights into the critical aspects of startup investing. Attendees learned how to assess business plans, gauge market potential, and navigate the complexities of investment risks. Experts also delved into the regulatory landscape, highlighting the importance of due diligence and

investor rights, with an emphasis on safeguarding investor interests through robust security and transparency measures. The programs were supported by key figures such as Sh. Rahul Sahai, Chairman of Sahai Industries and Chairperson of PHD Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Vivek Sharma, CIO of IIM Jammu, and Suraj Malik, a prominent angel investor, among others. Their involvement underscored the grow-

ing interest in startup investments within the Union Territory. Tushar Gandotra, Founder of JKAN, stressed the significance of these initiatives in developing a strong investment culture in the region. "There's a growing appetite among investors to diversify into startup investments, but the lack of awareness has been a significant hurdle. The success of these sessions has shown us that the business com-

munity in Jammu and Kashmir is ready to take a leading role in the startup ecosystem, potentially positioning the region as a national hub for startups," Gandotra remarked.

Participants expressed appreciation for the practical advice and insights gained during the sessions.

"The program was incredibly informative and has given me the confidence to explore startup

investments and build a diversified portfolio," noted a local business owner who attended the event.

Building on the success of these programs, JKAN plans to host further sessions that will focus on specific industries and advanced investment strategies. By fostering a network of well-informed investors, JKAN aims to drive innovation and contribute to the economic growth of Jammu & Kashmir.

## Shikhar Dhawan announces retirement from cricket; says I am at peace

*Dhawan appeared in 34 Tests, 167 ODIs and 68 T20Is for India*

NEW DELHI, Aug 24 (Agencies): Veteran India opener Shikhar Dhawan announced his retirement from all forms of cricket two years after he last donned the national jersey, saying that he leaves the scene a content man after representing the country in all three formats.

The 38-year-old made his international debut in 2010 in an ODI against Australia in Visakhapatnam and his last India game was also a 50-over match, against Bangladesh in 2022.

"As I close this chapter of my cricketing journey, I carry with me countless memories and gratitude. Thank you for the love and support! Jai Hind!" Dhawan said in a post on 'X'.

"It's important to turn the page to move forward in life and that's why I am announcing my retirement from international and domestic cricket. As I bid goodbye to my cricket journey, I have peace in my heart that I played for so long," he said.

Dhawan appeared in 34 Tests,



167 ODIs and 68 T20Is for India but had fallen out of favour in the last couple of years due to patchy form and emergence of younger opening talents like Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shubman Gill.

His best came in the 50-over format in which he amassed 6793 runs at an average of 44.11, including 17 hundreds and 39 fifties. He averaged 40.61 for his 2315 Test runs,

which featured seven centuries.

"I am standing at a point in my life where when I look back, I see only memories, and when I look ahead, I see a new world. I had just one goal in life, to play for India, and I made it happen," he said.

"I am very thankful to DDCA (Delhi and Districts Cricket Association), the BCCI and my fans. And that's why I tell myself, don't be sad that you won't play

for India again but be happy that you played for your country. And that's the biggest thing for me, that I played," he said in his concluding remarks in the social media post.

At his peak, the Delhi swash-buckler was a sight to behold with his range of strokes and ability to hit powerfully.

He is a bonafide IPL legend, appearing in 222 matches, that yielded 6769 runs, including two hundreds and 51 half centuries.

His 768 fours in the tournament are the highest by any batter and he also holds the distinction of being the first to hit consecutive hundreds in the event.

He was a part of the title-winning Sunrisers Hyderabad team in the 2016 season. He has also played for Delhi, Mumbai and Punjab. Of these, he captained Delhi and Punjab at various stages of his career.

He had appeared for Punjab this season but played in only five matches owing to fitness issues.

## Kohli's jersey, Dhoni's bat sold for big bucks in KL Rahul's charitable auction



NEW DELHI, Aug 24 (Agencies): Star India batter Virat Kohli's jersey and former India captain MS Dhoni's bat were among the top items sold at a charitable auction organized by India cricketer KL Rahul and his Bollywood actor wife Athiya Shetty. The auction titled 'Cricket For a Cause' was conducted to support Vipla Foundation's mission of providing quality education to underprivileged children.

Several big names of Indian and international cricket shared items from their kit for the noble cause as bidding for their priceless possessions went through the roof. Kohli's jersey emerged as the most expensive item at the auction being sold for a whopping INR 40 Lakh. The former India captain's gloves were also sold for a massive INR 28 Lakhs.

On the other hand, MS Dhoni's signed batting gloves and bat helped to contribute INR 3,50,000 and 13,00,000 respectively to the noble cause. Bat

and gloves signed by India captain Rohit Sharma were also auctioned at the event which fetched INR 24,00,000 and INR 7, 50,000 respectively.

Apart from the star trio, Yuzvendra Chahal, Rahul Dravid, Jasprit Bumrah, Rishabh Pant, Ravindra Jadeja, Sanju Samson, Ravichandran Ashwin, Shreyas Iyer also made a valuable contribution in the noble cause by sharing their items.

Foreign cricketers, Jos Buttler, Quinton de Kock, Nicholas Pooran and Marcus Stoinis also lent a helping hand to raise money for the generous cause. Thanks to their collective efforts, a total of INR 1.93 crore was raised at the auction.

The cause is incredibly close to my heart: KL Rahul

After a successful auction, Rahul spoke about the noble cause calling it close to his heart.

"The proceeds from this auction will go directly towards supporting the Vipla Foundation's special school for hearing-impaired and intellectually disabled children, a cause that is incredibly close to my heart," was quoted as saying by TOI.

"Rahul and I are thrilled to announce our first charity auction, 'Cricket for a Cause,' to benefit the Vipla Foundation," said Athiya.

## Lionel Messi to return to Inter Miami before season's end: Coach Gerardo Martino

MIAMI, Aug 24 (Agencies): Inter Miami head coach Gerardo "Tata" Martino has confirmed that superstar forward Lionel Messi will rejoin the team for training soon and is expected to return to the pitch before the end of the Major League Soccer (MLS) regular season.

Messi, who has been out of action since suffering an ankle ligament injury on July 14, has missed a significant portion of the season, including Inter Miami's entire 2024 Leagues Cup campaign. The injury occurred during the Copa America final between Argentina and Colombia, held at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida. While the 37-year-old has been sidelined since then, Martino remains optimistic about his imminent comeback.

Speaking to ESPN, Martino stated that while he couldn't pinpoint an exact return date, he assured fans that Messi's comeback is on the horizon. "I wouldn't be able to give an approximate number of days that he returns to training, but it is not a situation that is too far away," Martino said. "There is a part of the injuries that have to do with the physical, and there is a part that has to do with the mental. We have to overcome them both ways, and I think he is going through that process."

Martino noted that Messi has been gradually progressing in his recovery, adding, "He is feeling better and better. He has been working in the field for three or four days now. We cannot give a specific time frame because we do not know, and it would be speculative to do so. But it is close."

Despite Messi's absence, Inter Miami has been performing well. They currently lead the MLS Eastern Conference with 53 points from 25 games. The team is poised to secure a playoff spot, with their next match against FC Cincinnati at home on Saturday. Even if Miami does not win the game, multiple result combinations could still guarantee them a postseason berth.

Since joining Inter Miami in 2023, Messi has made a significant impact, recording 12 goals and 13 assists in just 12 regular-season matches (11 starts). His return would undoubtedly bolster the team's offensive capabilities as they head into the crucial final stretch of the season.

Inter Miami's regular season concludes on October 19 with a match against the New England Revolution, and fans eagerly anticipate seeing Messi back on the field, contributing to the team's success.

## Jannik Sinner's first reaction to anti-doping case: I haven't done anything wrong

NEW YORK, Aug 24 (Agencies): World No. 1 Jannik Sinner has publicly addressed the recent anti-doping case involving him, marking his first statement since an independent tribunal cleared him of any fault or negligence related to two positive tests for the banned substance clostebol. Sinner also parted ways with his trainer, Umberto Ferrara, and physiotherapist, Giacomo Naldi, following a recent doping controversy. While the decision to separate from these key team members must have been difficult, reports indicate that Ferrara and Naldi were under scrutiny during the doping investigation.

During a press conference, Sinner expressed relief over the tribunal's verdict. "In my mind, I know that I haven't done anything wrong," Sinner said. "I've had to play



with this on my mind for months, but I kept reminding myself that I haven't done anything wrong. I always respect these rules, and I always will respect the rules of anti-doping. It's obviously a relief for me to have this result."

The press conference opened with a tense moment when USTA-hired moderator Gary Sussman attempted to prevent further questions on the doping case after one inquiry. However, Sinner appeared willing to address the

topic, responding at length and engaging fully with the journalists. Following the doping announcement, some players criticized the process, suggesting that top players like Sinner receive preferential treatment. Sinner, however, insisted that no favoritism was involved: "Every player who tests positive has to go through the same process," he stated. "There is no shortcut, no different treatment; it's all the same process." Sinner further

explained that his provisional bans were lifted because of the rapid response by his team in identifying the source of the contamination: "We knew it straight away and were aware of what happened. We took immediate action, and I was suspended for two or three days. I couldn't practice or anything, but they accepted our explanation very quickly, which is why the situation was resolved fast."

When asked about the potential impact of these events on his reputation, Sinner admitted uncertainty but emphasized the support he received from his close circle: "It's been a very tough time for me and my team. It's still quite fresh, and we'll see how it affects my reputation moving forward. But I've learned who my true friends are because they know I would never do some-

thing like this. We're sticking together."

The speed of Sinner's case resolution drew comments from fellow players. Former British No. 1 Dan Evans acknowledged Sinner's integrity but noted the swiftness of his case resolution compared to others. "I like Jannik; it's not his fault. He presented his case, and it was accepted."

However, some players, like Tara Moore or Simona Halep, have faced long delays in getting their cases heard. Sinner was fortunate to have his case addressed within three months. That's a fact," Evans commented.

Despite the controversy, Sinner remains focused on his career, hopeful that the resolution of this case will allow him to move forward and concentrate on his tennis.

## Not 1, not 2, but 3 Super Overs: Thrilling t20 game sets world record

NEW DELHI, Aug 24 (Agencies): Not one, not two, but three Super Overs. Yes, you heard it right. History unfolded in the ongoing season of the Maharaja T20 Trophy as a match between Bengaluru Blasters and Hubli Tigers witnessed a triple super-over for the first time in T20 cricket history. After being put into bat, Hubli Tigers put 164 runs on the board. Captain Mayank Agarwal hit a fifty but the Blasters could only match the total, denied a win due to run out off the last ball. After the scores were tied for the first time, Agarwal came out to bat once again in the first Super Over. However, he was dismissed for a golden duck, with the Blasters putting 10 runs on the board.

Chasing 10 to win, Hubli Tigers' captain Manish Pandey hit a crucial six to tie the game once again, taking the game to another Super Over.

In the second Super Over, both teams scores 8 runs each. This took the game to a record third Super Over in the history of T20 cricket.

In the decisive Super Over, Manvanth Kumar hit two fours as Hubli Tigers chased down a target of 13. Earlier in the day Bengaluru's Lavish Kaushal logged the first five wicket haul of the season to restrict Hubli Tigers to 164/10. Mayank

Agarwal's (54) half-century would also go in vain.

Chasing 165, the Bengaluru Blasters lost Chethan LR to Vidwath Kaverappa in the first over. Coming in at number three, Niranjan Naik showed intent, cracking four boundaries including a six, but Kaverappa ensured the end of Naik in the fifth over. Mayank Agarwal hit five boundaries in the powerplay, but the Bengaluru Blasters struggled, finishing the phase at 48/3 after Manvanth Kumar dismissed Shubhang Hegde for a duck in the sixth over.

The runs were hard to come by as Mayank Agarwal and Rakshit S (11) put on only 26 runs in 29 balls. In pursuit of a higher run rate, Rakshit S would become Manvanth's second wicket of the day. Soon after Mayank Agarwal completed his half-century in 29 balls, including eight fours, he was caught behind off the bowling of Manvanth Kumar, leaving the Bengaluru Blasters in trouble at 96/5 in 13.2 overs.

Suraj Ahuja (26) and Anirudha Joshi (17) combined for 27 brisk runs. In the 17th over, Ahuja was run out and Joshi was bagged by Manvanth Kumar. With 30 runs needed off 18 balls, Naveen MG added the finishing touch, working three boundaries and a six in his 11-ball knock before he was picked

up by Kumar LR in the 19th over. Bengaluru Blasters needed one run off the last ball of the innings, but Kranthi Kumar was run out to finish the innings with a tie.

In the first innings, Thippa Reddy (7) fell early, Mohd. Taha gave the Hubli innings a jump-start hoisting two sixes and two fours off Santok Singh in the third over to race to 31 runs in 14 balls. Lavish Kaushal picked Taha in the fifth over with the Hubli Tigers finishing the powerplay at 53/2.

Shubhang Hegde broke through in his first over with the wicket of KL Shrijith (9) and Karthikeya KP (13) became Lavish Kaushal's second wicket of the night. It was Manish Pandey (33) and Aneeshwar Gautam (30) who kept the innings afloat in the middle overs, building a partnership of 57 runs in 40 balls. However, both batsmen would perish in the 16th over, dismissed by Lavish Kaushal, leaving the Hubli Tigers at 131/6.

Manvanth Kumar played a high impact innings in the death overs, finding 28 runs in his 15-ball knock, before he was run out in the last ball of the innings. The wickets had tumbled around him as Kranthi Kumar bested KC Cariappa and Adarsh Prajwal in the 17th over and Lavish Kaushal picked up his fifth wicket through Kumar LR, restricting Hubli Tigers to 164/10.

## Difficult for me if I recall Olympic setback: Boxer Nishant

CHENNAI, Aug 24 (Agencies): Boxing, in general, is a harsh sport. Cuts and bruises are widespread, and the participants, over time, learn to deal with them. It can become even harsher sometimes, as Nishant Dev, a proficient master of the craft, found out during the Paris Olympics. A controversial decision crushed his dreams into pieces, and he's yet to recover from that harsh outcome.

Nishant, who was representing the country in the men's 71kg category, was following the script to perfection and was just a step away from achieving his career-long dream - an Olympic medal. In the do-or-die quarterfinal bout against Marco Verde of Mexico, Nishant had to operate with the same vigour that he had shown during the previous bouts to make history.

Like in his earlier fights, the 23-year-old started with conviction, giving himself an early advantage. After a close second round and a tough finishing round, Nishant was quite certain that he had done enough. A positive outcome on the day would have been life-changing. However, what followed was doom and gloom. That decision once again brought the sport's ref-



ereeing and judging under scrutiny.

Almost three weeks have passed since that heartbreak, and Nishant, who is generally full of spirit, is visibly low. In fact, he refrains from talking about the subject with most people, as it gives him flashbacks of that moment - a moment that brings a fair bit of pain.

"I can just continue to work hard. Even if I think about that decision, nothing will change now. That's why I try to distance myself from those talks. Family was also very upset. If I think about it and talk about it over and over again, then it becomes difficult for me," Nishant, who is currently at home in Karnal, Haryana, told this daily.

Refereeing and judging in the sport at the Olympics have always been under scrutiny. Nishant has undergone surgery in the past, has spent countless hours train-

ing behind the scenes, and is well aware of the sacrifices athletes make. He is hopeful for reforms in the scoring system.

"I wish that the next time a competition is held, whatever the competition may be, the scoring system or judging should be changed so that it does not hinder the careers of the boxers," he said.

His family members and friends have been providing him with all the support at this hour, and the 2023 World Championships bronze medalist is also receiving necessary help from a sports psychologist.

"I'm just relaxing at the moment, spending time with my family. I have been in touch with the sports psychologist. It is quite helpful. She tells me what to do and what not to do. She asks me to be involved in various activities and not to think about the things that bother me."

Amidst the gloom, it is also clear that Nishant wants to keep up the fight, and though it is not finalised, he is very likely to resume training next month. Historically, Nishant has proven time and again that he can put aside setbacks - losses and injuries - to return stronger. One hopes that he'll do the same again.

## Session on 'Innovation and Start-up Ecosystem' organized at SMVDU

### Top News Report

KATRA, Aug 24: Institute Innovation Council (IIC), SMVD University organized an online Session for all students & faculty members.

The online session on "Innovation and Start-up Ecosystem" was delivered by Kuldip Suri, Retired GM Power Grid Corporation of India and presently working with IndiGrid. Suri shared his proven management and leadership skills and multi-functional role with students and faculty members.

He stressed upon mentoring skills to lead



a team of qualified and expert Engineers.

He briefed the students about Engineering aspects and various Innovation and startup

aspects as far as the power sector is concerned. During his presentation

Suri cited many examples about the topic and

said that every innovation should undergo different phases for successful outcome.

He emphasized the importance of innovation and start-ups in driving economic growth and development.

Dr. Sanjeev Anand, Convener, Institute Innovation Council, SMVD University, coordinated the session and briefed about the IIC activities and need for such activities.

Earlier Prof. Ashutosh Vaishshtha, President IIC, SMVDU and Dean Faculty of Management at SMVDU welcomed all the students, faculty

and Suri and briefed about the IIC and business, innovation and startup activities in the university. The event aimed to promote entrepreneurship, encourage innovation, and create a supportive ecosystem for start-ups in the region.

The IIC, SMVD University, is thankful to Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, SMVD University for his never ending support in such endeavors.

The session ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Yatheshth Anand and Dr. Vineet Tyagi, Nodal Officer IPMSC and Dean R&D respectively.

## GDC R S Pura organizes awareness lecture on drug abuse



### Top News Report

R S PURA Aug 24: In a significant move to combat drug abuse, Drug De-Addiction and Rehabilitation Cell of GDC R. S. Pura organized an extensive awareness program on Saturday.

The program took the form of a community meeting, or 'Chaupal,' aimed at educating and sensitizing students and staff about the dangers of drug use.

The program was designed to spread awareness about the detrimental effects of drug abuse.

Expert of today's event N.S Khera Advocate (Supreme Court of India, Jammu and Kashmir & Ladakh High Court, Delhi High Court, Punjab & Haryana High Court Chandigarh, National Company Law Tribunal Chandigarh, National Company Law Appellate Tribunal, Delhi, Central Administrative Tribunal) provided insights into identifying drug abuse and offered strategies for

prevention.

He highlighted the legal repercussions and societal impact of drug abuse and shared real-life cases to illustrate the severe consequences of drug addiction, emphasizing the importance of staying drug-free.

He further discussed the legal framework surrounding drug abuse and the role of the District Legal Services Authority in providing support and rehabilitation to those affected.

The event was organized under the able guidance of Prof. (Dr) Preetpal Kour, Principal of the College.

She expressed grave concern about the rising trend of drug abuse among students.

"The misuse of drugs among our youth is a serious issue that requires immediate attention," she stated. Professor Kour emphasized the critical role of education and awareness in combating this menace. "Awareness and education are key components in our fight

against drug abuse," she said, urging everyone to contribute to creating a drug-free campus.

The event concluded with an interactive session where students and staff could ask questions and share their thoughts.

The expert addressed various queries, providing practical advice and resources for those seeking help. The interactive nature of the session ensured that participants left with a clear understanding of the issues surrounding drug abuse and the steps they could take to avoid it.

The entire programme was coordinated by Prof. Neelam Kumari, Convener Drug De-addiction and Rehabilitation Cell. The staff members who make the event successful were Prof. Radhika Mahajan, Prof. Meeshu Pandita, Prof. Geetika Goswami, Prof. Jai Mala Thakur, Prof. Harpreet Kour and Prof. Rajinder Singh. The formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch, HOD Dogri.

## Children's safety, protection in schools govt's top priority: Prof. Kapoor



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: Joint Director SCERT reiterated the government's resolve to ensure full rights of safety, security, and protection for Children in schools.

She was speaking at a symposium on Child Rights and Child Protection jointly organised by the National Development Foundation, the School Education Department, and UNICEF India at SRML Higher Secondary School.

A large number of students witnessed the symposium and applauded their peers who spoke on the topic of Child Rights. Incharge Principal of the School - Dr. Satya Bhushan Raina, Anjali Gupta, Principal DIET Poonch, and Rajiv Khajuria, President NDF addressed and sensitized the students.

The symposium saw enthusiastic participation from students, delivering

compelling speeches on child rights and protection.

Pranoksh Wali, Navneet & Anant Dhar stood 1st, 2nd and 3rd, respectively, while the consolation prizes, were bagged by Mohd. Tarfeeq and Kanishk Rathore. All the participants were given certificates.

Nisha Pandita, Addl. Programme Officer, NDF acted as stage secretary while Jaswinder Kour Sr. Lecturer Sociology, Kamaljeet Kour - Sr. Lecturer Commerce, Arvind Sharma - Sr. Lecturer Chemistry & Renuka Verma - Sr. Lecturer judged the participants.

Rajiv Khajuria, President of NDF, conducted an informative sensitization session for both students and teachers, focusing on the importance of child rights and the concept of Child Rights-Focusing schools. Anjali Gupta, Principal DIET Poonch, stressed empowering children with knowledge

of their rights and equipping teachers with the tools to safeguard these rights within the school environment.

Prof. Sindhu Kapoor lauded the pivotal role of the National Development Foundation and expressed gratitude for their efforts in organizing sessions on the crucial topic of child protection in schools.

She highlighted the sensitivity of senior officers of the School Education department to such issues: Principal Secretary of School Education, Alok Kumar, has always strived to make schools safe places for children, added Prof. Sindhu. She advocated for more collaboration between civil society organisations like NDF, Mission Vatsalaya, and the school education department to address the issues of child rights and child protection in schools.

She concluded by emphasizing that Child Protection is the duty of all, and there needs to be a joint effort to realize the children's rights to education in a protective environment.

The symposium concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by the National Development Foundation. The foundation expressed deep gratitude to all participants, judges, and school teachers for their unwavering support and contributions, which were instrumental in making the event a resounding success.

## JKMS students raise voice to respect gender who gives birth

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: JK Montessori Senior Secondary School held a special assembly for the senior students with a focus on the most controversial issues like 'Violence Against Women as Violation of Human Rights'.

The aim of this Assembly was to aware the students about the escalating wave of violence against women in India which has consistently shaken our collective conscience.

The need of the hour is to empower the young minds to stand against the staggering rise in crimes which demands immediate and decisive action.

The assembly began with a solemn moment of silence. Following this, the Principal of the school addressed the gathering, emphasizing the prospect of creating safer environment for women and children by uplifting dignity and respect for women.

She said that this measure would reflect a soci-

etal shift towards greater respect and protection for women and ensuring that they can live without fear within their own communities.

Students from various grades delivered impassioned speeches, sharing their thoughts and the role young people can play in bringing about this change.

Some students spoke about the importance of consent, respect, and the need to challenge harmful stereotypes that contribute to rape culture. Others shared personal reflections on how media, society, and education can help in combating rape culture and fostering a safe environment. Some laid stress on building attitudinal change and a change in the mindset which can play a vital role in preventing sexual violence against women.

The event also included a performance by the school's drama club, depicting the emotional and psychological impact of rape on survivors and their families.

## Demise of veteran KP leader condoled

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: The untimely sad demise of a veteran Kashmir Pandit leader and strong voice of the community Shadi Lal Pandita who unfortunately got killed in a tragic road accident, has been condoled widely across all socio-political sections in J&K.

In a condolence message issued on Saturday, the prominent leader of the community, Vinod Pandita, has expressed heartfelt condolence on his tragic death and extended deep solidarity and sympathy with the bereaved family.

He further said that the relentless services rendered by Late Shadi Lal Pandita for the community in the last thirty-four years can never be forgotten, and he was a strong voice of the community and has done tremendous social work for the community in exile, which can never be forgotten.

Pandita also added that with his untimely tragic death, community has lost a strong voice and big leader whose services can never be forgotten in times to come.

Sanjay Dhar other community leader has expressed great shock and grief on his tragic death and appealed Government to dole out compensation in favour of his NoKs and provide a government job to his lone

son as he was the lone bread earner of the family.

He also said that his social service to the community for last thirty four years have left indelible mark which will, never fade. Anita Chandpuri another prominent social activist of community also condoled the demise of the revered community leader Late Shadi Lal and expressed great shock and grief on the sad occasion. She prayed to Almighty God to grant eternal peace to the departed soul, courage and fortitude to the bereaved to bear this irreparable loss.

Other notable socio Political representatives of community who also condoled his untimely death and expressed grief on the occasion were Ashok Kumar Koul, Vishal Jotshi, Vinod Bhat, M.K.Koul and others.

## GDC Bishnah celebrates National Space Day

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 24: Government Degree College (GDC) Bishnah marked the National Space Day with a series of engaging activities, including an extension lecture and a quiz competition.

The event featured a detailed presentation on the Chandrayaan Mission by Er. Vicky Sharma, a faculty member from the Electrical Engineering Department of Government Polytechnic College Jammu.

Dr. Shallu Samyal, Principal of Government Degree College Bishnah, highlighted the significance of National Space Day and its role in inspiring future generations.

The quiz competition, which saw participation from three teams of two students each, culminated



in a thrilling contest. The students of team A Smile and Muskaan Chandan emerged victorious. The quiz was conducted under the supervision of Dr. Ashma Gupta, Assistant Professor in the Department of Zoology.

The program concluded with a prize distribution ceremony for the winning students, and Er. Vicky Sharma was honored with a certificate for his insightful lecture by the senior faculty

of the college Dr Hardeep Kour HOD Economics.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from both staff and students. The entire program was meticulously coordinated by Dr. Ratika Sharma, Head of the Physics Department.

This successful celebration underscored the college's commitment to promoting scientific knowledge and enthusiasm among students.

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