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ENTERTAINMENT

Malavika Mohanan speaks out on the safety of women, says she feels 'helpless'



Mamata Baneriee cracks whip on rape, vows capital punishment

body recovered from lake in Dhaka



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Expecting high voter turnout: Div Com Kashmir on upcoming Assembly elections



SRINAGAR, Aug 28 (Agencies): The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar

Bidhuri on Wednesday said that they are expecting a higher voter turnout in the upcoming Assembly elections as compared to the recently held Lok Sabha elections. Many records were set in Kashmir

approved by the party

president Sajad Gani

As per the list party

pain in Srinagar. "Fol-

lowing morning, i took

the earliest available

flight to Delhi and was

admitted to AIIMS hos-

pital, where i stayed for

two days", statement

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Govt orders transfers, postings of Police officers

SRINAGAR, Aug 28 (Agencies): Government of Jammu & Kashmir Wednesday ordered transfers and postings of police officer with immediate effect.

The order which was issued by Home Department J&K, has said the decision has been taken in the interest of administration.

"Ifroz Ahmad, SP Operations, Kishtwar, is transferred and posted as Dy. CO IR-5, vice Nisar Ahmad. While as Nisar Ahmad, Dy. CO IR-5, is transferred and posted as SP Operations, Kishtwar, vice Ifroz Ahmad," an order reads a copy of which lies with agency.

3 Army personnel killed, several others injured as their vehicle falls into gorge in Arunachal

ITANAGAR, Aug 28 While doctors assured (Agencies): : Three

BRIEFLY

CRPF man dies after complaining of chest pain in Handwara

SRINAGAR, Aug 28 (Agencies): A Central **Reserve Police Force** (CRPF) man died after complaining of chest pain in north Kashmir's Handwara, officials said Wednesday.

Quoting an official, news agency NVI reported that the incident happened in the **District Police Lines in** Handwara when the CRPF man complained of unease in the chest

and then collapsed. The official said that the CRPF man was immediately taken to the District Hospital Handwara, from where he was later referred to SKIMS, Soura for advanced treatment, but he succumbed.

The CRPF man was identified as Dharmendra Singh (42).

The police have taken up the investigation, the official added.

Rains to continue in **J&K parts** till Sept 3:

Centre to provide Rs 4,136 Cr for 15 GW **Hydropower Projects in Northeast Region**

NEW DELHI, Aug 28 (Agencies): The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved equity support of Rs 4,136 crore to northeast states for developing hydropower projects, totalling 15,000 MW capacity over the next eight years.

The Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the proposal of the Ministry of Power for providing central

LEH, Aug 28 (Agen-

cies): Ladakh MP

Mohmad Haneefa on

Tuesday thanked Prime

Minister Narendra Modi

and Union Home Min-

ister Amit Shah after

the Union Ministry of

Home Affairs (MHA)

announced to create

the five new districts in

Ladakh and urged to

"I thank PM Narendra

Modi and Union Home

Minister Amit Shah for

develop the districts.

new districts in Ladakh



financial assistance (CFA) to the state governments of NER (North East Region) towards their equity participation in the development of hydroelectric projects through Joint Venture (JV) collaboration between state entities and Central Public Sector Undertakings, an official statement said. This scheme has an outlay of Rs

4.136 crore **Turn to page 9**

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during those elections. Speaking to

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first list of seven candidates contesting upcoming Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir. The announcement made by the party said

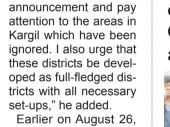


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Turn to page 9 assembly polls that the list has been

senior leader Abdul Gani Vakil will contest polls from Rafiabad. Nazir Ahmad Laway from

Citing health concerns, Azad steps back from campaigning for DPAP candidates



Modi and MHA Amit

Shah to reconsider this

the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Monday announced the creation of five new Turn to page 9

J-K polls: BJP's Rajiv Jasrotia receives warm welcome in Kathua following his candidature

Ladakh MP Mohmad Haneefa thanks

PM Modi, Amit Shah for creating five

this. I also congratulate

the people of the newly

formed 5 districts Dras,

Zanskar, Nubra, Sham,

and Changthang. Many

areas of Kargil, the

most populated region

of Ladakh, have been

ignored... For the last

many years, there has

been a demand of four

other districts from the

Kargil district," Haneefa

said in a self-made

"I urge PM Narendra

video.



Kathua district, was given a warm welcome n the National Highway in Kathua on the August 27 evening upon his return from New Delhi. Jasrotia's name was announced in the third list of candidates on August 27 released by the BJP for the upcoming assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir. The BJP workers and Turn to page 9 **Past alliances** turned out to be bad for J&K, says **Altaf Bukhari** on NC-Congress alliance



SRINAGAR, Aug 28 (Agencies): Jammu & Kashmir Apni Party (JKAP) president Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari Wednesday said his party won't sit in any alliance as people

of the region have expe-

rienced much bad expe-

PC announces first list of seven candidates for

SRINAGAR, Aug 28 (Agencies): J&K Peoples Conference on Wednesday announced



MeT

SRINAGAR, Aug 28 (Agencies): Meteorological Department on Wednesday predicted more back to back spell of rains and thundershower in Jammu and Kashmir parts till September 3, however it added there is a possibility of dry weather conditions afterwards.

"From August 28-29 there will be generally cloudy with light to moderate rain/ thundershower at most places of Jammu and Kashmir," the officials of MeT said.

The officials predicted a spell of light to moderate rain/thundershower at many places on August 30.

From August 31 to September 1 a brief spell of rain/thundershower at isolated places of Jammu and Kashmir is predicted. From September 2-3 there is a possibility of generally cloudy weather conditions with possibility of spell of rain, thundershower at scattered places.

From September 4-7 the weather however will likely to remain dry, the officials held.

The officials warned that there is a possibility of intense showers for a brief period at few places with heavy rain at isolated places of Jammu division till **Turn to page 9**

JAMMU, Aug 28 (Agencies): Rajiv Jasrotia, former minister

and BJP candidate for the Jasrota assembly constituency from the

rience of past alliances formed since 1987. He said if Apni Party will come to power it will announce general amnesty to youth lodged in jails and summoned to police stations unnecessarily. Bukhari who was

speaking to reporters Turn to page 9

cies): Citing Health Concerns, Democratic Progressive Azad Party Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad on Wednesday said that he will not be able to campaign for his candidates in assembly elections.

Azad said that on the night of August 25th, he suffered acute chest

him that there was no immediate danger, Azad said that he is dealing with other health concerns that require both medication and rest. "These unforeseen circumstances have forced me to step back from the campaign trail", he added.

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DEALS IN SALE, PURCHASE, REPAIRING AND SERVICING OF USED CARS AND ORIGINAL SPARE PARTS

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Army personnel died and several others were injured when their truck skidded off the road and fell into a deep gorge in Arunachal Pradesh's Upper Subansiri district, police said on Wednesday. The accident happened around 6 am on

Tuesday on the Trans Arunachal Highway near Tapi village, they said.

The deceased were identified as Havildar Nakhat Singh, Naik Mukesh Kumar and Grenadier Ashish Kumar, according to Army sources.

Delhi court reserves order on Er **Rashid's bail** plea; judgment likely on Sept 4

SRINAGAR, Aug 28 (Agencies): The Delhi Patiala House Court has reserved its order on the bail application of Rashid Engineer after a detailed in-camera hearing. The court is expected to pronounce its decision on September 4.

Last week, a Delhi court sought the National Investigation Agency's (NIA) response to an application filed by imprisoned Kashmiri parliamentarian Rashid Engineer, who is Turn to page 9



TENTH DAY KRIYA With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform about

the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Sh. ShadiLal Pandita (Bhaisahab) S/o Late Sh. Sarvan and Pandita orginally resident of Tangwari Payeen Baramulla who tragically lost his life in a road accident and left for heavenly abode on 22-08-2024 at Jammu.

Mourning: Block no 30 Flat no 5 Lane 7, Jagti Colony Nagiota.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat near DSEK office Jammu on 31-08-2024 at 9:00 am. **GRIEF STRICKEN** Smt Lalita Pandita - Wife Son & Daughter-in-law Sh Sumit Pandita and Smt Neelu Pandita Daughter & Son-in-law Smt Sonika Pandita and Sh Dileep Bhat Brother & Sister-in-law Sh Mithan JiPandita and Smt Kiran Pandita Sh Rakesh Pandita and Smt Meenakshi Pandita

Sister & Brother-in-law Smt Phoola Pandita W/o Late Sh Chooni Lal Pandita Smt Arcey Pandita and Sh Sanjoo Bhat Grand Children and all Near and Dear ones Contact No. : 9797425322, 7051489505, 9596644690

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you the sac lemise of our beloved Sh. Gauri Shankar Bangwathia (GALAK WALE), son of late Sh. Anant Ram, resident of House No. 247 Mast Garh, Jammu on 20th August 2024.

TENTH DAY will be performed on Thursday, 29th August 2024, a 11:30 AM at Mahajan Hail, Shalamar Road, Jammu KRIYA will be performed on Sunday, ist September, at 12:00 Nor

at our residence. UTHALA will be performed on Monday, 2nd September, from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Dog ta Brahman Sabha, Parade Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN: Smt. Bimla Devi (Wife) Daughters-In-law and Sons: Smt. Neena Gupta & Sh. Brij Bhushan Gupta (JE Retd.)

Bangwathia Smt, Anju Gupta & Sh. Satish Kumar Gupta (BMJ&K Bank Nagrola) Smt. Aniu Gupta & Sh. Arun Kumar Gupta (GALAK WALE) Smt. Reena & Sh. Mahesh Kumar (AEA, Agriculture Dept.) Daughter & Son-in-law: Smit, Usha Gupta & Sh. Parveen Kumar Jandyal Grand Daughter-in-law & Son: Mrs. Priya & Mr. Sourabh Jandyal Grand Daughters & Sons-in-law Mrs. Deepall & Mr. Sourab Pachayala Mrs. Sunnia & Mr. Richi Mahajan Grand Children: Sonali, Abhishek, Ayushi, Kanika, Samarth, Grisha, Mahir, Richaan Great Grand Children: wyukt, Pransh, Anahita, Shiva ay Ws Vaishno Food Point Bankey Bihari Market, Old Hospital Road Jammu Contact No.: 9419133077,9419118967,9070257428,9419133074

10TH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you the sad demise of our beloved Sh Ram Lal Sharma (Retd. Accountant) S/o Lt. Sh Munshi Ram Sharma R/o Village Chhajwal (Barian) P/o Sujwan Teh. Vijaypur Distt. Samba on 21-8-2024. Tenth Day will be performed on 29-8-2024 at their residence. Kriya will be performed on 30-8-2024 at their residence. GRIEF STRICKEN Smt Vijay Sharma -Wife Sons & Daughters-in-law Deepak Sharma and Poonam Sharma

Ajay Sharma & Sakshi Sharma Daughter's & Son-in-law's Anamika & Suresh Sharma Ekta & Sanesh Sharma

Vandana & Rakesh Sharma **OBITUARY & TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief & sorrow, we announce the sad demise of our beloved Shri Suresh Koul S/o Late Shri Madusudan Koul R/o Dewan Bagh Baramulla Kashmir, at present Uninav Heights, F-405 Raj Nagar Extension

The Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at "Ghad Ganga" Muradabad on 2nd Sept. 2024.

OBITUARIES

REST IN PEACE WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SMT PRAKASH SHARMA (RETD. LEC.) WIFE OF LATE SH SHIV DASS KHAJURIA RO PABA GALI, LITTLE SCHOLARS' MODERN ACADEMY.

DAY OF PASSING: 24/8/2024 TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON MONDAY 29/24 AT MAHAJAN HALL NEAR SITLA MANDIR AT 11 AM. KRIVA ON TUESDAY 3/9/24 AT DEVIKA GHAT AT 11 AM. UTHALA WILL BE PERFORMED ON WEDNESDAY 4/9/24 AT 4 TO 5 PM AT MAHAJAN HALL IN GRIEF

SONS & DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW SH RAVI KANT AND SMT SHASH. PRABHA SH RAJIV KHAJURIAAND SMT URMIL KHAJURIA DAUGHTERS & SONS-IN-LAW SMT SHASHI KIRAN AND LATE SH B.D. SADOTRA SMT NEELAM VAID & SH D.K VAID SMT MANJU AND SH PARMODH ARYA GRAND SON & GRAND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW MR NIPUN AND MRS MANSHA GRAND DAUGHTER & GRAND SON-IN-LAW MRS SUMALINI AND MR ANSHUMAN MRS PRIVANKA AND MR RAHUL MRS PALAK AND MR MOHIT



SMT PRAKASH SHARMA

LOVING GREAT GRAND SON: SARANG KHAJURIA 9419160573, 9419992777 ALLIED AGENCIES

Sh. Vinod Mahajan

30.10.1968-20.08.20

10TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the untimely sad demise of our beloved Sh. Vinod Mahajan Ji S/o Lt. Rattan Lal Gupta C/o AA1 CATERER and MAHAJAN ENTERPRISES on 20-08-2024 The 10TH DAY RITUALS will be performed on Thursday (29th of August 2024) at 11:00 am at Prem Bhawan Residency Road near India Cake House, Opposite Aquaf Palika Bazar, 180001, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN Wife: - Mrs. Ritu Gupta Sons:- Akhil Mahajan and Alaap Mahajan Mother: - Smt. Ram Pyari WITH ENTIRE MAHAJAN FAMILY MOB: 9797338133, 9797696334, 7889469312

OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow we hereby inform premature departure of our beloved Sh. Surinder Kumar Bhat (Retd. Accounts Officer) originally from Rohmoh, Pulwama on 23rd August 2024 at his residence H No 43, Lane 2/3, Roop Nagar , Jammu. 10th Day Kriya will be performed on 1st

September 2024 at Muthi Ghat near Director School Education office at 8:30 A.M. Deeply Remembered By

Sh. Surinder Kumar Bhat Smt. Sarla (Ganjoo) Bhat Wife (Retd. Accounts Officer) Smt. Shiny Bhat & Sh. Rahul Tikoo Daughter and Son in Law Smt. Monica Bhat & Sh. Vikas Pandita Daughter and Son in Law Smt. Kundan Bhat Wo Late Dr. M.K Bhat Sister in Law Smt. Vijay Pandita & Sh. Avtar Krishan Pandita Sister and Brother in Law Sh. S. L Bhat & Smt. Pushpa Bhat Brother and Sister in Law Smt. DulariWe Late Sh. Jan ki Nath Ganjoo of Wangoh Mother in Law Smt. Kiman Jad & Sh. Hima Lat Jad Sister in Law and Brother in Law Smt. Usha Kaul Wio Late Sh. Satish Kaul Sister in Law Smt. Sun ta Talashi& Sh. Hans Raj Talashi Sister in Law & Broth er in Law Smt. Raka Razdhan & Sh. Yoginder Razdhan Sister in Law & Brother in Law Maluin side mourning will be at the same residence. Contact: Sarla Bhat-788 9629 499, Shiny Bhat-899 9778 154

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad & untimely demise of my beloved father Sh Arun Kumar Sharma S/o Lt Sh Tara Mani Sharma R/o House No. 8, Lane No. 16/B, Rajpura Mangotrain Jammu, who left for his heavenly abode on 20th of August, 2024.

Tonth Day will be performed on 29th of August, 2024 at Kriya wil be performed at our residence H. No.8, lane

No.16/B, Rajoura Mangotrian Jammu on 30th of August

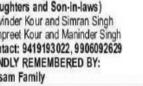
Uthala will be performed at Shiv Narayan Mandir Main Road

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Surinder Singh Rissam (Mintu)

Manpreet Kour and Maninder Singh Contact: 9419193022, 9906092629 FONDLY REMEMBERED BY: **Rissam Family**



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233 Sai Mandir, Udhampur. TENTH DAY will be performed on 28-8-2024 (Wednesday) from 11 AM to 12 noon at Aarya Samaj, Sabzi Mandi Udhampur. (riya will be performed on 31-08-24 (Saturday) from M-1 PM at Devika Ghat Udhampur



UTHALA will be performed on 31-08-24 (Saturday) from 4 PM - 5 PM at Gurudwara Opp. Govt. Girls High Sh. Sansar Chand Arora Ji Sec. School, Udhampur

GRIEF STRICKEN Son and Daughter-in-law Sh.Rajkumar Arora & Smt. Sunita Arora Sh.Rakesh Kumar Arora & Rava Arora

Sh.Prakash Kumar Arora & Smt.Sapna Arora Sh.Amit Kumar Arora & Smt.Nisha Arora Grandsons and Daughters Rishab Arora & Deepika Arora (Grandson & Granddaughter in law) ania, Tushar, Vanshika, Janvi, Manvi, Avni, Dhani, Priyansh vaan Arora (Great Grandson) 622271711, 9469651211, 9906064224, 9622346451

10TH DAY AND UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the untimely and sad demise of our beloved Sh Puran Chand Sharma on 19-08-2024. THE 10TH DAY rituals will be performed on Wednesday 28th August 2024 at 11.00

And Uthala will be performed on Friday 30th August 2024 at 05.00 pm at Kabir Temple, Kabir Nagar Poonch House Talab Tillo Jammu

GRIEF STRICKEN



Smt Darshana Sharma (Wife) Mr Neeraj Sharma (Son) Daughters and Son-In-Law Nisha Sharma and Himanshu Sharma Manisha Sharma and Susheel Sharma Grand children: Dhruvi, Lakshya, Vihaan and Yuvaan 9419123472, 7006787108



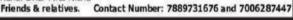
With profound grief & pain, we inform all concerned that our beloved, Shree Kewal Krishan Ganhar S/o Late Krishan Joo Ganhar & Late Rani ji Ganhar, Originally from Motiyar Rainawari (Sgr.) presently at Indra Nagar (Sgr.) left for his heavenly abode on 20.08.2024 (A/N).

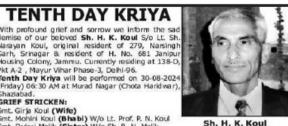
The 10TH DAY KRIYA shall be performed on 29th of August at Shurayar temple Ghat at 9:30 am. DEEPLY MOURNED BY:



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







Sh. Gauri Shankar

Sh. Shadi Lal Pandita

(Bhaisahab)

(Retd. Accountant)





Sh Ram Lal Sharma

Grand Children: Kavish, Lavnik, Saksham, Bhoomi, Riyansh, Mahya, Divyanshi



GRIEF STRICKEN Smt Veena Koul- Wife Tei Krishen Bhat- Brother in law Smt Tosha Ji Bhat- Bhabi Sh J L Bhat- Brother in law Smt Vee na Ji Bhat-Bhabi Smt Asha Ji Bhat - Bhabi Sisters Smt Dulari Koul W/o Sh K L Koul Smt Bimla Ji Raina Wo Sh M K Raina Condolences from BHAT'S, RAINA'S, KOUL'S, PATWARI'S, PANDITA'S

OBITUARY

With immense grief and sorrow, we regret to inform

you of the sad and sudden demise of our beloved

father, Sh. Bansi Lal Pandita (S/o Late Sh. T.J.

Pandita), originally a resident of Brahaman Mohalla,

Ananthag, and currently residing at Z98A, Kashmiri

Colony, Paprawat Road, Near Sai Mandir, Najafgarh,

New Delhi, 110043, on 26th August 2024.

CONTACT NO.: 8178307300, 9622037363



Shri Suresh Koul

MOB : 9419115018 9419113850

Shiv Nagar, Behind AG's office, Near OM Place on 30th of August,2024 at 4:00 PM GRIEF STRICKEN: Smt Rita Sharma (Wife) Rajat Sharma (Son)

Sakshi Sharma (Daughter) Mob No: 70069 33530, 60067 40756

2024

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 Apa & Abhishek Ananta & Rohit Ishaan Peer Aatav & Vasudha - Great Grand Children And Samast Peer Parivaar

MOBILE NO: 9810865717 (ANIL PEER) 8825075939 (SHAHJEET 9999281285 (NISHA PEER)



SMT CHUNNI DEVI



Sh Arun Kumar Sharma

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our bebyed **Sh. H. K. Koul** S/o Lt. Sh. Narayan Koul, orginal resident of 279, Narsingh Garh, Srhagar & resident of H. No. 681 Janipu Housing Cotony, Jammu. Currently residing at 138-D, Pitt A-2, Mayur Vihar Phase-3, Dehi-96. Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 30-08-2024 (Friday) 06:30 AM at Murad Nagar (Chota Haridwar), GRIEF STRICKEN:

mt. Girja Koul (Wife) imt. Mohini Koul (Bhabi) W/o Lt. Prof. P. N. Koul imt. Dulari Malik (Sister) W/o Sh. B. N. Malik In-Laws:

mt. Krishna & Sh. C. L. Saraf Smt. Vænaji & Lt. Sh. R. L. Raina Smt. & Sh. J. L. Raina Smt. & Sh. J. Manohar Raina Smt. av Sh. Perforter Sente Sons and Daughters-In-law : Lt. Sh. Sanjay Koul & Smt. Sujata Koul Sh. A. K. Koul & Smt. Seema Koul (8076069030) Daughter & Son-In-law: Smt. Leena Bhat and Sh. Susheel Bhat (8178056287) Grand children: Mayur, Twinkle, Chaitanya, Nitya, Sanchita & Ronak Great-Grandson: Little Mayur



August 29,2024(Thursday) totate of School Education ammu at 8:30 am. NOURNING is being observed at Barnai Opp. Juice Factor (Banta lab Road) Jammu. GRIEF STRICKEN :-Smit Mohini Bhar WioLate Mohan Lai Bhat - Sister in L. Smit Dua Bhat Wo Late Moti Lai Bhat - Sister in Law Shi Lai Ji Bhat - Brother in Law

n Cal Stender - Brother in Law mit Sanjana & Sanjay Bhut (Daughter in Law & Son) Daughter & Son in Law) Daughter & Son in Law) mt Naeru Pandta (Bhat) & Sh Sanjay Pandta

Smt. Pushpa Ji (Rupa)

nt Radha Devi Wio Late Radha Krishan (BHABI) Sint Bickla Devi Wo Late Rodita rozanan preve ou sint & Sh Javan Jar Ja Pandita (Bhabi & Borther) Sint & Sh Manohar Lai Pandita (Bhabi & Brother) Sint Nancy Pandita Wo Late Tej Kishan Pandita (U Sint Raini (Baina Wo Late Jagar Naht Raina (Sister Sint Duca Ji Wa Sh Vijay Koul (Sister & Brother In Tead (Dividen) and Children

vich, Urvee, Vicevi, Samil, Bhavik & Khuchal ontact No: 9596813587, 9797675071, 9419288823

10TH DAY

OUR BELOVED MAJOR PURAKH SINGH JAMWAL S/O. LATE MAJOR MAHATAM SINGH R/O. 1 B/C. ANDHI NAGAR JAMMU LEFT FOR HIS HEAVENLY SANDHI NAGAR JAMMU LEFT FOR HIS HEAVENLY ABODE ON 20/08/2024." INTE 10TH DAY SHALL BE PERFORMED ON THURSDAY 29TH AUGUST 2024 AT 9.00 A.M. AT LAXMI VARAYAN TEMPLE, GANDHI NAGAR, JAMMU. SMIEF-STRICKEN: JAUGHTERINGAN JAMMUAL (WIFE) DAUGHTERINGAN AS ON JARS, ANURADHA & MR. PUSHPINDER SINGH JAMWAL BHABHI

BHABHI MRS. VLAY LAXNI W.O., LATE SH. MILKHA SINGH JAMWAL IFS RETD. SISTER AND BROTHER-IN-LAW MRS. SATYA & MAJ. GEN. S.P.S. KANWAR I.T. GEN. ANJE SINGH JAMWAL (BROTHER) BHABHI & BROTHER MRS. MALA & I.T. GEN. KULDEEP SINGH JAMWAL MRS. MALA & MAJ. GEN. RAUNDER SINGH JAMWAL (BHABHI & BROTHER) MRS. MALA & MAJ. GEN. RAUNDER SINGH JAMWAL (BHABHI & BROTHER) WES. JVOTILE INPULICER STICH LANKAL (BHABHI & BROTHE WES. JVOTILE RE. SHYDEV SINCH KOTWAL (DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW) DR. ANTA & DR. TRIBHUJAN SINGH DIDIVAL (DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW) DR. NEENA & DR. SANAY DOGRA (DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW) ABHAY SINGH JAMWAL (GRANDSON) POCRY LJAMWAL (GRANDSON)

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TENTH DAY/KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE UNTIMELY DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED MR. SURESH KOTWAL (SR. EX OFFICER - J&K BANK) S/O LATE SH. PRITAM CHAND KOTWAL R/O LOWER KARAN NAGAR JAMMU 10TH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON WEDNESDAY 25TH

OF AUG 24 AT 8 AM VED MANDIR JAMMU KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON SATURDAY 31ST OF AUG 24 AT OUR RESIDENCE 25/A KARAN NAGAR JAMMU AT 11:30 AM

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

GRIEF-STRICKEN

Grandchildren:

Rajat Bawnoo

Rushali Bawnoo

Son and Daughter-in-law

Daughtor and Son-in-law

Archana Pendita and Vikas Ji

Lovely Bawnoo and R.J. Bawnoo

Ravinder Pandita and Santosh Pandita

Amit Pandita and Noha Khar Pandita

SMT. NEENA KOTWAL . WIFE SONS AND DAUGHTER- IN-LAW-SMT.PRAKARTI AND SH, ASHISH KOTWAL SMT. PARUL AND SH NOVNISH KOTWAL

BROTHER AND SISTER-IN-LAW

SMT. PINKLAND SH. SUBASH KOTWAL (RETD. DPT. REGISTRAR SMT. ANJUAND SH. SUNIL KOTWAL (RETD XEN PDD) SMT. KALPANAAND COL. VIPIN KOTWAL GRANDCHILDREN - VIRAAJ SINGH

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY -: ALL NEAR AND DEARS PHONE NO.- 9796040262, 8899338818



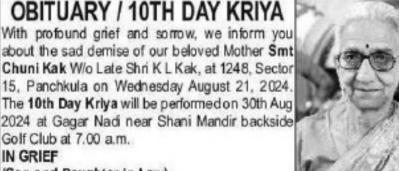
Sh. Bansi Lal Pandita

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Samajwadi Party appoints Jia Lal **Verma as J&K Chief**

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Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 28: The Samajwadi Party unit of J&K UT expressed gratitude to Akhilesh Yadav for his timely and insightful approach to the complex issues in Jammu and Kashmir by appointing Jia Lal Verma as the State Head

This decision demonstrates Yadav's commitment to effectively addressing the region's significant challenges and marks a crucial step towards resolving longstanding issues.

As the upcoming parliamentary elections approach, Jia Lal Verma said that the Samajwadi Party plans to participate alongside the India Alliance and will soon release its election manifesto and list of candidates

This involvement under-



scores the party's focus on the unique concerns of Jammu and Kashmir, ensuring that the region's specific needs are addressed appropri-

ately, Verma One of the major issues highlighted is the status and special status of Jammu, which historically reflected the region's cultural and historical identity.

The party emphasizes the importance of maines the need for equitable job creation in both the public and private sectors to provide opportunities for the younger generation Concerns about the cur-

Samajwadi Party stress-

rent government's disregard for labor laws, which could negatively impact workers' rights and conditions, are also raised. Additionally, issues related to agricultural ownership rights are affecting farmers, exacerbating the region's economic challenges.

The increasing problems related to drugs and law enforcement in Jammu and Kashmir are highlighted as critical concerns that need immediate attention to restore public safety and stability.

Restoring full statehood for Jammu and Kashmir is another pivotal issue the party aims to address, as it is crucial for restoring the democratic rights and autonomy of the region, Verma said Furthermore, the Sama-

jwadi Party advocated for conducting a castebased survey, similar to the one conducted in Bihar in 2023. This survey would be

essential for understanding the socio-economic conditions of various communities and for designing policies that effectively meet their needs Akhilesh Yadav's initia-

tive and the Samajwadi Party's participation in the India Alliance coalition offer hope for addressing Jammu and Kashmir's pressing issues. The upcoming release of the party's election manifesto and candidate list will be an important step in this direction

Dimple decides not to contest upcoming Assembly elections under Union Territory UT status

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 28: Sunil Dimple, the President of Mission Statehood, announced in a press conference that he will not contest the upcoming Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections under the Union Territory (UT) status. Dimple expressed that his principles do not allow him to participate in an election where, after winning, elected officials would have to subordinate themselves to the Lieutenant Governor (LG), serving under a reduced authority. He criticized the current political environment, predicting that no single party or alliance will secure a majority in the upcoming elections, even with their combined efforts

Dimple highlighted the fragmented nature of political alliances in Kashmir, mentioning that parties like Engineer Rashid's group, Jamaate-Islami, Awami National Conference, Apni Party, Azaad Party, and PDP will divide the vote, leading to each party securing only around 10 to 12 seats. He revealed that he was offered party mandates and tickets by various political groups but has decided to only contest the elections if Jammu and Kashmir is

restored to its statehood status.

Reflecting on the abrogation of Article 370 and the downgrading of Jammu and Kashmir to a Union Territory on August 5, 2019, Dimple stated that he cannot betray the youth and the people of J&K who have struggled alongside him for the restoration of statehood. He accused the current assembly elections of being a result of pressure from the Supreme Court to hold elections before September 30th, rather than a genuine effort to restore democracy under statehood. Dimple reiterated his

commitment to the cause of statehood, expressing his unwillingness to compromise on principles and ideology by contesting elections under the UT status. He accused other political leaders of prioritizing their personal ambitions, stating that many who previously opposed UT status are now ready to contest elections for their gain, even at the expense of the dignity and autonomy of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly.

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Dimple alleged that these leaders are ready to serve the LG and the Chief Secretary, effectively reducing themselves to subordinate roles for the sake of power. He criticized the

election manifestos of various parties, calling them "lollipops" that remain only on paper and do not address the real issues, such as the implementation of the Instrument of Accession conditions, the restoration of Maharaja Hari Singh's state, and the unification of Jammu and Kashmir with Ladakh, PoK, and Gilgit-Baltistan. Dimple lamented that despite the struggles and sacrifices made by the people of Jammu and Kashmir for statehood, the current political landscape is dominated by leaders who are more interested in securing positions of power than in restoring the region's autonomy. He accused these leaders of betraying the people and aligning with a BJP-driven agenda that, according to him, aims to enslave the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

VRS employees of RTC hold protest, project demands



Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 28: A demonstration and gherao of the Managing Director's Office were held at the Railhead Complex in Jammu, led by Dev Raj Bali, President of the VRS (Voluntary Retirement Scheme) Union Jammu

The protest strongly criticized the behavior of the higher authorities in the Jammu & Kashmir Transport Department

period, 75 VRS/GHS and superannuated employees have passed away,

unable to afford proper medical treatment due to a lack of funds. The union expressed its frustration over the false promises made by the authorities and the continuous harassment faced by the retired employees

The demonstrators emphasized the severe impact of this negligence on the families of the deceased employees. who have suffered irreparable losses

cerned authorities, no action has been taken to address their grievances, leaving them trapped in a cycle of false assurances

> and neglect. The specific demands raised by the union include payment of Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) arrears from June 1999 to December 31, 2005, 6th Pay Commission arrears from January 1, 2006, to March 2012 and DA arrears from April 2012 to March

Commissioner JMC tours Jammu city, addresses sanitation, civic issues

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 28: In response to public grievances, Commissioner of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Dr. Devansh Yadav, undertook a comprehensive tour of Jammu city today. The visit covered areas

including Krishna Nagar and Science College, where he reviewed ongoing construction works and assessed issues related to sanitation. drainage, sewerage, and other civic amenities.

sections and to include necessary repairs in the current financial year's plan.

The Commissioner also noted that the intercepting channel constructed by Jammu Smart City Limited is oversized compared to the nallahs, leading to the flow



of solid waste into these channels. He called for immediate measures to address this issue and announced that a committee would be formed to examine the situation and submit a comprehensive

Top News Report NAGROTA, Aug 28: The Cyber Crime Cell Jammu,

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cyberattacks.

protecting personal information in the digital age. Spokesperson for the Cyber Security Cell Jammu, highlighted the

Cyber Crime Cell Jammu holds Cyber security awareness lecture to enlighten NCC cadets



Expert speakers from Jammu provided insights

for failing to address the longstanding issue of arrears owed to retired employees.

Despite repeated assurances, the authorities have not included the case in the Board of Directors (BOD) meetings, resulting in a delay of nearly 12 years.

During this prolonged

The VRS Union has made an urgent appeal to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, requesting his personal intervention in this matter to ensure the fulfillment of their legitimate demands. They highlighted that despite approaching all con-

2021.

The demonstration was attended by several members, including Sat Bhushan Singh, Surinder Singh, Balwinder Singh, Raiinder Sawhney, Shiv Kumar, Ram Paul, and others, all united in their call for justice and resolution of their long-pending arrears.

of the people, especially

"The young generation

in the last several years

have lost their hopes

in the Govt policies,

and many of them have

become overaged as the

authorities were unable

to hold any fair recruit-

departments. Whatever

the recruitment has taken

place, all of them have

come under scanner and

allegations of scam sur-

He said that the next

Govt, if formed by the

Apni Party, will hold

a transparent and fair

selection process and will

ensure accountability of

the recruitment agencies.

faced," he added.

the young generation.

During the inspection, the Commissioner identified several concerns, notably the damaged slab of the Krishna Nagar nallah, which poses risks to commuters and residents. He instructed the Executive Engineer, UEED, to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the damaged

report within fifteen days Meanwhile, the Commissioner directed the removal of encroachments and verification of land titles opposite the Indian Institute of Management, Jammu, with the goal of developing the area into a park and parking slot to enhance public convenience.

in collaboration with the National Cadet Corps (NCC), organized a comprehensive cyber security awareness lecture at the NCC Training Academy in Jammu.

The event, attended by 500 NCC cadets, aimed to educate and equip them with essential knowledge on staying safe in the digiinto the evolving cyber threats and risks in today's digital landscape. Cadets were educated

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separate flag in J&K, the

restoration of Article 370,

and the beginning of a

new era of terrorism and

separatism in the region.

Shah has also asked

Congress to clarify its

stance on the NC's deci-

sion to resume trade with

J&K, a part of India that

has suffered from terror-

ism and separatism for

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significance of cyber security awareness in today's world. "The internet has become an integral part on best practices for online of our lives, but it comes safety, secure password management, and recwith its share of risks. This ognizing and preventing lecture aimed to empower the future leaders of our The lecture emphasized nation with the knowledge and skills to protect themthe importance of respon-

selves.

If comes to power, Apni Party will reserve 90% jobs for local youth in industrial sector in J&K: Manjit Singh



Top News Report

SAMBA, Aug 28: Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh has assured that if the Party comes to power in Jammu and Kashmir, a reservation policy for the local youth will be implemented in the industrial sectors of the erstwhile state.

As a part of the ongoing election campaign for the Legislative Assembly scheduled in Jammu and Kashmir, the Apni Party leaders continued their campaign in different areas of Samba District. During these public meetings that was

largely attended by the young generation, who were worried about their future in the absence of any policy from the political parties contesting in the LA polls, extended their support to the Apni Party for commitment to reserve jobs - skilled and unskilled - in the industrial sector of Jammu and Kashmir up to 90 %.

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tive changes in the lives

ment process in Govt While assuring comprehensive policy for reservation of jobs in the industrial sector, and recruitment of all the vacant posts in the Govt Departments, the Former Minister said that

"These agencies have compromised the future of the young generation, compelling them to migrate to other states for labour work. Unfortunately, the highly skilled and educated youth are working on minimal wages for their survival in the absence of a proper road map to generate employment in the private sector, and continue year wise recruitment in Govt departments," he further stated.

Meanwhile, he also referred to the increase in drug addiction that has become a major threat to the younger generation, and authorities have failed to deal with the emerging situation.

In this situation, he said that the people should vote and support the Apni Party candidates in the scheduled Assembly Elections of Jammu and Kashmir for equitable development, employment, safeguard to the land, jobs, and resources in favour of the local population

Is Congress standing in support of NC's promise to restore separate flag in J&K: Amit Shah

Top News Report

JAMMU/SRINAGAR Aug 28: As the J&K Assembly elections draw closer after 10 years, political activities in the region are intensifying. In the pursuit of power, Rahul Gandhi's Congress party has formed an alliance with the Abdullah family's National Conference (NC). The NC has always supported Article 370, a separate flag for Jammu and Kashmir, terrorism, separatism, and Pakistan. Negotiating with Pakistan instead of supporting the youth of Kashmir, giving jobs to the relatives of terrorists, and promoting separatism has been the politics of the National Conference. Should it then be assumed that Congress is supporting a separate flag in J&K? Congress played a central role in the partition of the country, and this election's alliance has once again exposed Congress's intentions to the nation



Amit Shah, the politician who gave Indian politics a new identity and made J&K an integral part of India, has targeted Rahul Gandhi with his pointed questions.

In a strong attack on the power-hungry and divisive Congress party and the separatist NC alliance, Shah has put Rahul Gandhi and Congress in the spotlight. Amit Shah, a senior leader of the BJP and the Chanakya of Indian politics, believes decades after independence. Under the politics of three families-Congress, Abdullah, and Mehbooba Mufti-J&K, once called heaven on earth, has lived under the shadow of bomb blasts and terror. The partitionsupporting Congress isolated J&K from India by imposing Article 370 and 35A, where the tradition of two legislatures, two flags, and two heads of state prevailed for decades.

Under the leadership of PM Modi and the efficient guidance of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, a historic and bold decision was made on August 5, 2019, to revoke Article 370 and 35A, ending the tradition of two legislatures, two flags, and two heads of state, and making J&K an integral part of India. However, recent years have made it clear through Modi's foresight and Amit Shah's strategies that Congress can no longer divide this country again

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EDITORIAL

CYBER SECURITY

n today's hyper-connected world, cyber security has become a critical concern for individuals, businesses, and governments alike. As technology continues to advance and digital systems become more integrated into every aspect of our lives, the need to protect sensitive information and maintain the integrity of digital infrastructure has never been more important. Cyber security encompasses the strategies, practices, and technologies designed to safeguard systems, networks, and data from malicious attacks, unauthorized access, and damage.

Cyber security is crucial for several reasons. First, it protects sensitive data from theft or exposure. Personal information, financial records, and corporate data are valuable assets that, if compromised, can lead to significant financial loss and reputational damage. For businesses, a cyber attack can disrupt operations, lead to loss of customer trust, and result in legal consequences. For individuals, it can lead to identity theft, financial fraud, and privacv breaches.

Second, cyber security is essential for ensuring the integrity and availability of digital systems. Attacks such as Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) can overwhelm and shut down critical infrastructure. including online services and communication networks. This can have cascading effects, impacting everything from e-commerce to emergency services. By maintaining robust security measures, organizations can ensure their systems remain operational and reliable.

Network Security involves protecting the integrity and usability of network and data. Measures include firewalls, intrusion detection systems (IDS), and intrusion prevention systems (IPS) that monitor and control incoming and outgoing network traffic based on predetermined security rules.

Information Security focuses on protecting the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of data. Techniques such as encryption, access controls, and data masking are used to ensure that sensitive information remains secure from unauthorized access and manipulation.

With the proliferation of devices such as smartphones, laptops, and tablets, securing endpoints has become crucial. This involves installing anti-virus software, applying security patches, and ensuring devices are configured to prevent unauthorized access

Application Security ensures that software applications are protected against vulnerabilities and attacks. Regular updates, security testing, and secure coding practices are essential to prevent exploitation of software flaws.

As more businesses move to cloud-based solutions, securing cloud environments is critical. This includes managing access controls, data encryption, and ensuring that cloud service providers comply with security standards and regulations.

Leverage digital technology to improve delivery of health services

By: JAI PRAKASH NARAIN

igital technology can have an enormous impact on enhancing healthcare efficiency, access and outcomes, thereby helping to achieve universal health coverage and related sustainable development goals.

India, home to one-sixth of the world's population, is central to global health. The country has a rich pool of talent in science and technology, but it suffers disproportionately from the global burden of disease.

While tremendous progress has been made in the last few decades in reducing infant and child mortality and improving life expectancy, the public health sector is perennially plagued by an inefficient and inequitable healthcare system that is unable to provide better services. Nearly 80 per cent of the healthcare facilities are concentrated in major cities, and millions of people living in rural and remote areas across the country still lack access to quality healthcare. Besides, healthcare costs continue to rise, pushing many into a poverty trap.

Moreover, the population is ageing, and the nation is in the middle of an epidemiological transition, with chronic noncommunicable diseases rising rapidly, along with the continued burden of communicable diseases. This double burden is putting pressure on an already overstretched healthcare infrastructure.

Against this background, technology and innovation can play a vital role in enhancing efficiency in programme implementation, improving the quality of service and reducing the cost of healthcare, as demonstrated during the

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Covid-19 pandemic.

We need to shift to a more digital-centric healthcare model. During the pandemic, the people faced many challenges in accessing healthcare. Besides, there was inadequate real-time data to track the evolving situation and plan interventions. With fragmented data and limited data exchange mechanisms, the need for an effective use of technology, such as data analytics, to improve facilities and solve healthcare problems has been felt.

Health informatics technology, including the national web portal and telemedicine, facilitated the delivery of the home-grown Covid vaccine at an unprecedented speed in India. The CoWIN platform helped people fix appointments online for vaccination and then download certificates after receiving the shot. Drones were deployed to deliver vaccines in hard-to-reach areas. A national telemedicine service, eSanjeevani, was launched in the middle of the pandemic in 2020. It saw three million consultations within the first year.

Since then, India has expanded information communication technologies, achieved near-nationwide mobile network coverage and strengthened digital public infrastructure, including the National Health Stack as a framework to create digital health records for all citizens of India.

Experiences in the country and around the globe demonstrate that technology has the potential to help in many healthcare areas, such as patient care, surveillance, data management, communication, information and prevention. Diagnosis and treatment using

telemedicine and teleconsultations, the provision of patient follow-up

for treatment adherence in chronic disease conditions, such as diabetes, and using mobile technology and artificial intelligence (AI) for the early detection of cancer can benefit a patient. Further, electronic health records can facilitate the digital sharing of patient information among specialists. These measures can help avoid delays in diagnosis and treatment, thereby reducing the cost.

To ensure health security, webbased disease surveillance, the use of handheld techniques for the collection and transmission of data, big data for predicting epidemics, and data analytics are some applications that can help strengthen the early warning system. A rapid response thereafter can contain further spread, preventing an outbreak in a local area from progressing to a pandemic.

Technology can also aid in capacity-building through distance learning, webinars, online training courses, video conferencing and information-sharing through social media sites.

The most disruptive among newer technologies is AI, defined simply as a simulation of human intelligence using computers. There are many types, including machine learning, which can harness vast open-source data and predict or detect epidemic signals much earlier than traditional surveillance based on case reporting, thereby complementing the ongoing surveillance system. In addition to the detection of cancer at an early stage, AI can play an important role in accelerating a vaccine or drug development process. By overcoming the challenges faced by a weak health system, AI can be both revolutionary and highly sustainable.

Recognising that healthcare costs

are growing day by day and that financial and human resources are limited, the concept of appropriate technology – technologies that are scientifically valid, socially acceptable and universally available to all at an affordable price - can help strike a balance between the available resources and the emerging needs.

Initiatives are needed to conduct a gap analysis in terms of the availability of infrastructure, human resources, data management, data security and privacy as well as the skill set needed for this field. The outcome of such an analysis can help develop a national digital health policy and strategy.

It is imperative to have a national policy and a firm commitment to investing in digital technology, which needs to be integrated in all health programmes and healthcare services. In this regard, it is important to build partnerships with the private sector, which offers the bulk of the healthcare provision in the country.

The integration of digital technology and AI into primary healthcare can indeed revolutionise India's public health system, paving the way for universal health coverage or healthcare for all by 2030. But the availability of appropriate bandwidth is a prerequisite for that.

The nation must prioritise research and the development of new technologies as well as the improvement of the existing ones. Researchers should be encouraged to develop appropriate technologies that promote health, ensure equitable access to these technologies and advance sustainability at the national and local levels. To build a sustainable pool of talent on a long-term basis, we should lay special emphasis on science, technology, engineering and mathematics as part of the education policy.

Regulate e-commerce with foolproof policy

The potential, as is often pointed out, remains huge in this country but the e-commerce growth rate declined slightly last year. From 22 to 55 per cent rise over the period from 2019 to 2022, it fell to 10 per cent in 2023, according to the BCG-RAI study. Even so, it is clear that e-retail has not had the expected disastrous effect on traditional brick-and-mortar shops. No wonder there has been little comment on the issue either from the Swadeshi Jagran Manch or the Confederation of All India Traders in recent times, barring the latest statements of support for Goval's stance. Both the manch - an RSS affiliate - and the traders' body were at one time vociferous lobbyists seeking protection for the country's physical retail markets. The fact is that kirana stores or the neighbourhood grocery vendors still have a pre-eminent place in the country's retail arena. The study by the Pahle India Foundation that was contested by Goyal found that the advent of e-commerce has reinvigorated the growth of traditional retail. It noted that e-retail has spurred the move towards digital sales, increasing customer satisfaction, home delivery and after-sales service. Many stores are looking to expand their footprint. The study projects that e-commerce will touch 32 per cent of total retail sales by 2030, a far cry from the 50 per cent envisaged by the Commerce Minister. Yet, he cannot be faulted for expressing concern over predatory pricing and B2C (business to consumer) sales by online platforms in violation of existing guidelines. The former issue has been raised

earlier as well in regard to deep discounts offered on marketing platforms like Amazon and Flipkart. The question of predatory pricing has gone up to the Competition Commission but could not be resolved since companies must have a dominant position in the market to be considered in this light. As for B2C sales, this is prohibited for online marketplaces which are meant to be platforms for sale of products made by other companies. The unfortunate reality is that online entities had created their own subsidiaries and were selling in violation of guidelines. Though such firms have apparently now been delinked from the online platforms, there is still concern that their products are being given undue prominence on the sites. The entire gamut of these issues needs to be clarified in the proposed new e-commerce policy, which has been in the works for several years now. The proposals are being debated by at least three ministries as well as the Niti Aayog. The Department of Industrial Promotion, the Consumer Affairs Ministry and the Ministries of Electronics and Information Technology are all involved in the process. The discussions have gone on for far too long. A final view must be taken soon, especially since the World Trade Organisation (WTO) is also holding talks on global e-commerce. One of the critical aspects being discussed at the WTO as well at the domestic policy level is the issue of data protection and privacy. This country has been seeking that the algorithms behind e-commerce websites be made available

to it. This has been raised at the WTO too where India has sought data localisation and technology transfer.

Other countries have moved much more quickly to take a view on the issues of market dominance and data protection. The EU has been the leader in this regard. It adopted the Digital Markets Act last year to curb the market dominance of Big Tech with violations punishable with fines up to 10 per cent of a company's global sales. It also laid down the General Data Protection Regulation in 2018. Companies must now ask for consent when they collect personal information and may no longer use data from several sources to profile people against their will. It is for the government to focus on ways to make e-commerce companies more accountable to consumers as this is a sector that is going to expand rapidly. Fears over the impact on the enormous physical retail network of this country - valued at roughly 850 billion – need to be finally kept aside. There is no reason that both the brick-and-mortar infrastructure and e-retail cannot grow together in this extremely large marketplace. It is reassuring to know that Goyal has also commented on the beneficial aspects of e-commerce in terms of improving technology and innovation as well as providing quick delivery and convenience to consumers. The stress on operating within the provisions of the law is unexceptionable. The onus is on the government to provide detailed rules and guidelines for this sunrise sector in the form of a comprehensive e-commerce policy.

Operational Security encompasses the policies and procedures for managing and protecting data assets. This includes creating security protocols, incident response plans, and conducting regular security audits to identify and address vulnerabilities

Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity strategies ensure that organizations can recover from cyber attacks or other disruptions. Disaster recovery plans outline procedures for data backup and restoration, while business continuity plans ensure that critical operations can continue even in the face of a security breach.

The cyber threat landscape is constantly evolving, presenting new challenges for cyber security.

Malicious software that encrypts a victim's data and demands a ransom for its release. Ransomware attacks can cripple organizations and demand significant payouts for data recovery. A social engineering attack where attackers impersonate legitimate entities to trick individuals into divulging sensitive information, such as login credentials or financial details. Sophisticated and prolonged cyber attacks where intruders gain unauthorized access to networks and remain undetected for extended periods, often targeting high-value information. As IoT devices proliferate, they create additional entry points for attackers. Ensuring these devices are secured and properly managed is a growing concern.

To mitigate cyber risks, individuals and organizations should adopt best practices for cyber security. Ensure all software, including operating systems and applications, are updated to patch known vulnerabilities. Use complex passwords and multi-factor authentication to protect accounts and systems. Conduct regular training to raise awareness about cyber threats and safe online practices. Regularly assess security measures and perform vulnerability assessments to identify and address potential weaknesses. Regularly back up important data to ensure it can be restored in the event of an attack or system failure.

As the digital landscape continues to evolve, cyber security remains a dynamic and essential field. By understanding the key components of cyber security, recognizing emerging threats, and implementing best practices, individuals and organizations can better protect themselves against the ever-growing range of cyber threats. In a world where data and digital systems are integral to everyday life, investing in robust cyber security measures is not just a necessity but a fundamental aspect of safeguarding our digital future.

•NDIA's online retail market has not expanded as rap-Lidly as that of other countries despite the growing levels of Internet penetration. The share of e-commerce in the total retail market is a paltry 8 per cent compared to nearly 40 per cent in China, 22 per cent in the US and 16 per cent in the European Union (EU). It is in this backdrop that one must view the criticism of the

widening role of e-retail by Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal at an event recently. Though he softened his stance subsequently, the initial comments indicated deep concern over the impact of online sales on brick-and-mortar shops, especially the country's wide-

spread network of kirana stores. The stress on operating within the provisions of the law is unexceptionable.

He was also unhappy over the findings of a report presented there about the relatively low impact of e-commerce on offline stores. In contrast, he felt the economy could be heading for up to 50 per cent share of e-commerce in the retail segment. Other studies, however, corroborate the findings that online sales are a marginal player in the economy, at least for the time being. A study carried out by the Boston Consulting Group (BCG) and the Retailers Association of India (RAI) earlier this year noted that the share of e-commerce in the total retail market has grown from 4 per cent in 2018 to 8 per cent in 2023. It forecast that this would reach 13 to 15 per cent by 2028.

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2.2 lakh develop chronic kidney failure annually, only 6000 manage to get transplant: Dr. Avinash

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 28: To create awareness on chronic kidney disease & kidney transplant a team of doctors from LIVASA Hospital, Amritsar addressed the media on Wednesday. Present on the occasion were Dr. Avinash Srivastava senior director urology & renal transplant, Dr. Paras Saini consultant urology & renal transplant, Dr. HK Imran Hussain consultant nephrology & Dr. Radhika Garg consultant nephrology. Dr. Avinash Srivastava said, "2.2 lakh new patients develop chronic kidney failure (CKF) in India every year and only 6000 manage to get transplant for want of organ donations. Kidney failure is the 6th fastest growing cause of death, which may become the 5th leading cause by 2040. High blood pressure, diabetes, BPH, untreated kidney stones and UTI are the main reasons of kidney failure in India.

He further said that LIVASA Hospitals which is Now Punjab's biggest super speciality network, with 5 hospitals, 750 beds, 280 ICU beds has



as hypertension, diabe-

tes, obesity, stress, and

unhealthy eating habits.

Elucidating the benefits

of a renal transplant to

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completed 1200 successful kidney transplants in Punjab.

At LIVASA Hospital we are doing all types of living donor transplants, which include high risk transplants, paediatric transplants swap cases, ABO incompatible transplants (non blood group specific) & redo transplants, said Dr Avinash. Patients from far off places like Dehradun, Jammu, Lucknow, Kanpur, Bihar, Jharkhand, Canada, UK have also undergone kidney transplant at Livasa Hospitals, he informed. He also shared that LIVASA hospital Amrit-

sar, has got approval from Govt to conduct cadaveric transplant and hospital has started registering patients for cadaveric kidney transplant.

Discussing how chronic kidney failure leads to irreversible damage to Dr. Paras Saini run. the kidneys, Dr Imran said all kind of kidney Hussain said, "CRF is transplant services are progressive in nature and now fully functional at irreversible damage to LIVASA Hospital Amritthe kidneys could happen sar and LIVASA is the mainly because of diabeonly Hospital in Amritsar tes, hypertension, infecwhich is offering services tion, urinary obstruction, for kidney transplant. He also shared that every 10 stone disease and some inherited abnormaliminutes one person is ties. Advanced stage of added to the organ trans-CKF or end stage renal plant waiting list and 20 disease requires some people die every day for form of renal replacean Organ in India. More ment therapy (RRT) like than 3 Lac patients are haemodialysis (filtering waiting for Organ Donathe blood off toxins & tion, but less than 10 % waste products) or conof the patients waiting tinuous ambulatory perifor organ donation get it toneal dialysis (CAPD). on time. According to a recent survey only one The prevalence of this disease has almost Donor is available per doubled over the past million population. decade, and is expected Speaking on this occato increase further due to rise in risk factors such

sion Dr. Radhika Garg said "Nationally, with a population of 1.4 billion people, the statistic stands at 0.08 persons as organ donors per million population (PMP) in India. This is an incred-

ibly small and insignificant number compared to the statistics around the world. Although India remains 3rd in World in Organ donation after USA & China, only 0.01 percent of People in India donate organs after death. Kidneys are the most frequently needed organ followed by liver. 85 % of people waiting for Organ Donation need a Kidney and Kidney is the most commonly donated Organ in India. By donating organs, a deceased donor person can save the lives of up to 8 individuals by way of organ donation and enhance the lives of over 50 people by way of tissue donation. On this occasion, Dr Amarpreet Singh, Gen-

eral Manager Operations of LIVASA Hospital Amritsar said that "We have a State of the Art 8 Bedded Dialysis centre in our hospital and we offer 24x7 dialysis services, including Intervention nephrology services like permacath, AV fistula, renal biopsies and centre lines. He also shared that LIVASA Hospital Amritsar is now empanelled with ECHS, CGHS, ESI CAPF and all major TPA & corporates.

Top News Report DODA, Aug 28: the region.

Young Star Cricket Club (YSCC) Doda is thrilled to announce the grand inauguration of All India First 05 days Gufran Global Cricket Coaching Camp held at Sports Stadium Doda. The much awaited launch was graced by Former IPL Star Player Igbal Abdullah, which marked a significant occasion for aspiring cricketers in

lqbal Abdullah, nominated by YSCC Doda is the Head Coach of the camp, who interacted with the players of this region besides from outside UT J&K as well, sharing his invaluable insights and amazing cricketing skill and latest techniques. His presence has undoubtedly served as a huge source of inspiration for the young talents.

Iqbal Abdullah, has further stated his vision of promoting cricket in the by spotting talented cricketers from rural areas of the UT and then impart training to fine tune their skills and mental aspects of their game. The former IPL Cricket Player added that he wanted



to promote the game in schools and colleges across the union territory and currently providing cricketing still at Doda's Sports Stadium. Manzoor Ahmed Batt, Patron YSCC, said, "We invest copious time and energy interacting with students and their parents. With the launch of Cricket Academy in Doda, we are expanding in the near future and are looking to tap into the huge reserve of young cricket enthusiasts and give them world-class coaching infrastructure so that the local talent can start churning out district, state, national and International level

IPL star player Iqbal Abdullah joins All

players". The Young Star Cricket Club Doda is organzing this camp which will last up to next five days

and first of its kind in chenab region where the reputed Cricket Coaches from Mumbai, Andhra Pradesh and Former IPL Players are contributing their expertise and experience to groom the budding cricketers in different age group categories

Chief Advisor YSCC Prof Zaheer Hashmi said that the main purpose of the academy is to nurture cricketers at the grass root level and intends to be nursery for producing cricketers for bigger stage.

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Chairman LAHDC inspects preparations for "Climate Cup" Football Tournament



Top News Report

LEH, Aug 28: Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalson accompanied by Secretary Sports

SE PWD, Dorjey Gyatso; OSD To Secretary Sports, Dr. Stanzin Thekchos; AD tourism: XeN, PHE: XeN, PDD; DYSSO Leh, Tsering Tashi and the others Rink at NDS Sports Complex, Leh. He was accompanied by Secretary Sports Vikram Singh Malik; DC Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve, SE, PWD,

Delegation of Gya village calls on **Chairman LAHDC**

Top News Report

LEH, Aug 28: The Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalson was called on by the delegation of Gya village headed by Former Councillor, Tsering Paldan and

developmental works in their village mainly including the channeling of Gya-Meru Nallah. Further, the delegation also discussed various other issues with the Chairman to which CEC



Renowned Para Cricketer to attend Aryans Scholarship Mela from Aug 29 to Sep 8 in 5 states

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 28: Aryans Group of Colleges is going to organize a series of career counseling sessions cum scholarship mela & opportunity for on the spot admission from 28th August to 8th Sep in various cities of JK, Himachal, Haryana, Bihar, Delhi, Punjab, Tricity, Bihar, Jharkhand, UP etc., Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group said that this 10 days scholarship events will be done in various cities in north India. Mr. Amir Hussain Lone, Captain, Para Cricket Team JK & Brand



Vikram Singh Malik; DC/ CEO, LAHDC, Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve; SSP Leh, Shruti Arora visited Astroturf Open Stadium at Spituk to inspect the ongoing preparations for the upcoming "Climate Cup" Football Tournament to be held on first week of September.

concerned officers and officials from LFA were also present during the visits

CEC Gyalson instructed the concerned officials to ensure that the pending works are completed within the specified time frame. Similarly, CEC Gyalson visited the Ice Hockey Dorjey Gyatso and officials of Ladakh Winter Sports Club, Leh.

The officials reviewed the status of the Ice Hockey rink at the Sports complex and discussed various other measures for further upgradation of the Ice-Hockey stadium in Leh.



their executing members. delegation The expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the Chairman for carrying out various

hearing of their grievance and also assured them to address their issues at the earliest possible.

others showcasing their

skills alongside 150 other

Ambassador of Aryans Group will also accompany this tour & meet the deserving students. He said students may also visit Aryans website www. aryans.edu.in.

Kataria added that added that in these events, the selected students would get 10%- 100% scholarship on merit cum mean basis. For any admission related queries, students can call on 98765-99888, 98781-08888, 98782-99888

Born in 1990 in the village of Bijbehara, JK, Amir met with a horrific accident that resulted in the loss of both his arms. God of Cricket, Sachin Tendulkar has invited Amir Hussain

to play first ball of Indian Street Premier League (ISPL). Virat Kohli, Harbhaian Singh, Naviot Sidhu, Ashish Chopra, Ajay Jadeja have also appreciated his passion for cricket. The cricketer has a unique playing style. He bowls using his legs and bats using his shoulder and neck.

It is to be mentioned that, established in 2007, Aryans campus is located on Chandigarh-Patiala highway, near Chandigarh and has lush green 20 acres pollution free campus and has become the destination for students across nation. Aryans Group has been serving the educational and intellectual interests of the youth in a commendable manner. The Group is running Engineering College, Law College, Pharmacy College, Management College, Business School, Education College, and Nursing College, Faculty of Physiotherapy & Paramedical etc.

2nd day of Sports Festival held at GDC Udhampur

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In Tug-of-War Men

Competition Shivaji

Team beat Tagore

Team 2-1 and In Tug-

of-War women Compe-

tition Shivaji Team beat

Ashoka Team 2-1.

runner up.

Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Aug 28: On the occasion of National Sports Day the 2nd day activity was held at GDC Udhampur. In this the long race and tug- ofwar competitions in both men and women section were held.

The Theme of National Sports Day 2024 in india is "Sport for the Promotion of Peaceful and Inclusive Societies".

On Wednesday the Race was flagged off by Dr. Sanjay Kumar Verma, Principal GDC Udhampur

In his address, he

Nearly 100 students emphasized students and staff to perform participated during the sports activity 2 hours 2nd day of sports festival. daily for healthy lifestyle. Shashi Kumar Sharma In Long Race (10 km) (Physical Director) coor-Men category competidinated the sports festition Gagandeep of BA val. During the event the 5th Sem stood 1st and faculty members pres-Rakesh Singh of Sem 5th ent were Dr. Mohinder was Runner up. In Long Pal (Convener Sports Race (5 km) Women cat-Committee), Dr. Jagjeet egory competition Sonia Singh (Staff secretary), of 3rd sem stood 1st and Dr. Firdoos Ahmad Itoo

(Convener

Red-Ribbon Club), Dr. Revika Arora (Co-Convener Red-Ribbon Club), Prof. Vijay Kumar (NCC officer) and Sunil Kumar (Pharmacist). Refreshment was served to all the participants.

Legends League Cricket to kick off at Barkatullah Khan Stadium Jodhpur on September 20

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 28: The third leg of the Legends League Cricket will be played at the Maulana Azad Stadium, Jammu from the 6th of October 2024

The last edition of the LLC was a massive success in Jammu with packed stadiums cheering on for the best national and international cricketing stars.

The Legends League Cricket's upcoming edition will be starting on the 20th of September at the Barkatullah Khan Stadium, Jodhpur.

The franchise-based tournament, featuring a pool of over 200 players, will unfold across four cities- Jodhpur, Surat, Jammu and finally bring cricket back to Srinagar after 40 long years.

"Legends League Cricket is back for another season and we are very excited to also be back in Jammu for this season as well. The crowd support was immense and it definitely was a deciding



factor in returning to the Maulana Azad Stadium this year. LLC will also be played in Kashmir which is a huge opportunity for the people of Kashmir to come to the stadium and watch live cricketing action for the first time in almost 40 years. It also presents a unique opportunity for the cricketers to

experience the beauty of

Kashmir and enjoy the

hospitality and love of the wonderful people of Srinagar," said Raman Raheja, CEO, Legends League Cricket.

The league, known for its thrilling matches and high viewership, attracted a massive audience of 180 million across India during the previous season's 19 matches. With an extended schedule and an even more starstudded lineup including the recently retired Shikhar Dhawan, the upcoming season is poised to surpass previous records.

In the previous edition held in India, cricket fans witnessed former international stalwarts such as Suresh Raina, Aaron Finch, Martin Guptill, Gautam Gambhir, Chris Gayle, Hashim Amla, Ross Taylor, and many

legendary cricketers. Legends League Cricket will kick off at the Barkatullah Khan Stadium, Jodhpur on the 20th of September 2024. makina its way to the Lalbhai Contractor Stadium, Surat on the 27th of September. The third leg will be played at the Maulana Azad Stadium, Jammu from the 6th of October 2024 where international cricket made a comeback after 35 years with the fans finally getting the chance to watch their favourite cricketing heroes live in action. The finals of the LLC will be played at the Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar from the 10th of October 2024 where the fans have eagerly waited for close

to half a century to watch cricketing action live. Later this week, an auction will be held in New Delhi on the 29th of August 2024 where the franchises will fight out for the biggest stars from India and international cricket. Over 200 players will go under the hammer.

ENTERTAINMENT

This is an Emergency!

As the Sikh community across the globe is seeking a blanket ban on Kangana Ranaut's upcoming film Emergency, here's a look at how the whole controversy panned out

Controversy'S favourite child Kangana Ranaut is back with what she does best — create a controversy! In the news for the past few days, Kangana's recent interview, where she spoke critically of farmers' protest, did not go down well with the general public. While there's a nationwide furore against the actress, her upcoming film Emergency is also bearing the brunt.

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Kangana, who plays Indira Gandhi in Emergency, which is about a dark chapter in Indian history, is literally facing oneof-a-kind personal emergency. The BJP has distanced itself from Kangana's provocative comments on farmers, her

film's release on September 6 is under the threat of a ban, and she has been receiving death threats too!

Kangana bravely retaliated with a tweet seeking protection from @DGPMaharashtra, @ himachalpolice and @Punjab-PoliceInd, but the same can't be said about her film, as the Sikh community across the globe is seeking a blanket ban on the film.

In the trailer, many other historical moments have also been touched upon, like the Shimla Agreement, the rise of the Khalistan movement and JP Andolan. Several organisations, including the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) and Akal Takht Amritsar, the highest political and



governing body of the Sikhs, have demanded a ban on the film's release, citing it spreads an 'anti-Sikh' and 'separatistsagenda' about those who practice Sikhism. A spokesperson of the SGPC, on condition of anonymity, shares, "We have served a legal notice to Kangana Ranaut, and the producer and production house of Emergency. It's a matter of concern and as representatives of our community we had to take it up. In the 2:54-minute trailer, for about half-a-minute Sikhs are represented in bad light. The subjects of history need to be handled with responsibility to not incite further division."

To express their strong objection to the film, separate letters

were shot off to the Government of India's Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Ashwini Vaishnaw, and Central Board of Film Certification's Chairperson Shri Prasoon Joshi. The SGPC is seeking the film's script before the release and also wants removal of objectionable scenes.

"Our call for a ban wasn't a follow up of Kangana Ranaut's recent interview, but came soon after the trailer release of Emergency. Time and again, we have noticed that not just her, but many are trying to portray the Sikh community in bad light. We have called upon a worldwide ban as a ban only in Punjab won't solve the purpose. Because the movie will be released everywhere else, and then videos and clips will be shared on the internet," says Paramjit Singh Mand, working president, Dal Khalsa.

He also believes that Emergency is not the first film nor it will be the last to put the Sikhs in a certain 'objectionable' bracket. So, to stop that there should be a representative committee that works jointly with the Censor Board. He says, "If Akal Takht, the most important

Sikh Council, calls for a ban or boycott, all the subsidiary bodies have the same opinion." Meanwhile, Kangana has been receiving death threats. A video of a group of men threatening her on X has also gone viral. In the video there are six men, who are sitting in a circle in a room, and two of them are dressed like Nihang Sikhs. One of the men says that if the movie is released, the Sikh community will condemn it. 'Your movie will be received with chappals,' he says. They also made a comment on the recent slapgate incident, saying, 'Laafa toh aapne kha liya.' Australia's Sikh community

also wrote to Village Cinemas, an Australian-based multinational film exhibition brand, to ban Emergency in their country. The statement reads, "We are deeply concerned about screening this propaganda movie in your theatres, as it is disrespectful towards the Sikhs."

out on the safety of women, says she feels 'helpless'



Malavika Mohanan recently commented on the social challenges experienced by women in society. She shared her thoughts on the women's safety post the rape-murder incident involving a trainee doctor in Kolkata. In an interview with agency, Malavika highlighted the importance of addressing the mindset as a way to tackle the root causes of such incidents.

Malavika Mohanan reacts to violence against women Malavika, when asked

about the incidents of violence and harass-

ment against women, stated that, "It broke my heart because I remember we were in the middle of promotions, and here I am talking about female empowerment and about having played a character who's standing up for herself, who's fighting for herself, and then this happened. I was so shaken because I'm just like, it's such a large

Malavika Mohanan speaks

conversation." She also said, "How do we get to the root of this and just stop it? It makes you feel helpless. It makes you feel like, 'how, where?' It happens all the time. It's the mindset. It's a patriarchal mindset. Actually, it's not just a patriarchal mindset; it's not just blaming men, it's blaming the mindset. A lot of women are privy to that mindset as well. So attacking that, getting to the root of that, and just... I have a lot to say. I could go on."

Malavika Mohanan's acting career

Malavika made her acting debut with the Malayalam romanticdrama Pattam Pole. Her first Bollywood film was Iranian filmmaker Majid Majidi's Beyond The Clouds. The actor played the role of Ishaan Khatter's sister in the movie. She also worked in films such as Petta, Master, Maaran and Christy.

Thangalaan Hindi version release

Malavika's recent Tamil epic action-thriller Thangalaan is set to re-release in its Hindi dubbed version. The Pa Ranjith directorial features Vikram, Parvathy Thiruvothu, Pasupathy, Daniel Caltagirone, Hari Krishnan and Sampath Ram in pivotal characters. The Hindi version will release on September 6.

Halsey announces new album she 'thought might be their last'

Halsey raised the curtains from their upcoming album called 'The Great Impersonator' as she released the trailer along with it. The concept of the album is based on their life and career where the singer is asking some heavy existential questions. The announcement of their new announcement was made on yesterday.

Halsey dropped the trailer of their new album, two months after she was diagnosed with Lupus and a rare T-cell disorder. At the beginning of the trailer, Halsey can be heard saying, "I really thought this album would be the last one I ever made," in a voiceover. The trailer then includes a series of short clips including the Without Me singer cosplaying David Bowie and Brittany Spears. She sports more retro outfits from various decades, she confessed in the narration, "When you get sick like that, you start thinking about ways it could've all been different" as reported by Billboard.



Anjumm Shharma says balancing realism with engagement is crucial for any actor. Little wonder then, his role in Season 3 of Mirzapur has stood out

In the bustling world of Mirzapur, Anjumm Shharma's character, Sharad Shukla, has carved a remarkable trajectory from a mere shadow to a towering figure. Reflecting on his evolution from a minor introduction in Season 1 to a pivotal role in Season 3, Anjumm describes it as a testament to the story's expansive parrative and



Deshpande. Transitioning from stage to screen was challenging, but rewarding. A notable turning point was being cast in Sultan of Delhi by Milan Luthria, a director I had previously worked with in a minor role. It was a surreal experience, symbolising a full-circle moment in my career."

Anjumm's approach to haracter preparation emphasises authenticity. For example, in the film Wazir, he aimed to present his character as realistic and understated, avoiding over-the-top portrayals. "The challenge was to maintain subtlety while making sure the character resonated with the audience. Balancing realism with engagement is crucial," he explains. Discussing his aspirations, Anjumm reveals a desire to explore diverse roles and collaborate with various directors. "I aim to work on projects that offer unique challenges and perspectives. Even within the same genre, I seek roles that push boundaries and offer

new experiences."

Anjumm is excited about

his upcoming projects,

ahead,

Looking

including a slice-of-life film and a show set in a small town. "These new ventures promise to expand my horizons and offer fresh storytelling opportunities," he notes. Reflecting on the industry's evolution, Anjumm points to the importance of clarity in career choices. "Finding work is not difficult; finding the right opportunities and clarity in the course of your career is more challenging. My journey with Mirzapur is a testament to how an initial small role can evolve into something significant." Anjumm's connection to his roots in Delhi is palpable. "Growing up in Delhi, I have cherished memories of family gatherings, exploring the city, and enjoying movies. It's where my love for cinema and storytelling thrived." As he looks back on his career, Anjumm appreciates the lessons learned from various highs and lows. "Every setback has been a stepping stone," he says and continues, "It's about growth, learning, and embracing the unpredictability of this industry."

The clips then shifted to the behind-thescenes of making the album as she continued to narrate, "What

if I debuted in the early 2000s? The '90s? The '80s? The '70s? "Am I still Halsey every time? In every timeline, do I still get sick? Do I become a mom?" Halsey also used snippets of their single Lucky she released earlier this vear along with others following the aesthetics of the decades she mentioned in their narration. She concluded the trailer with, "If it all ended right now, is this a person you'd be proud to leave behind? Is it

arly even you?" The Halsey feels 'lucky to m I be alive' ne? Halsey released an do emotional track at the o I beginning of the year called The End when she expressed she felt "lucky to be alive." as

beginning of the year called The End when she expressed she felt "lucky to be alive," as she suffered from Lupus SLE which is an autoimmune disease which affects the skin, joints, kidneys, brain and other organs. She has not announced a release date for the album but their website hints it will release later this year. its influence on character development.

Anjumm notes, "The story began small, but as it grew, so did the characters, including Sharad Shukla. His growth from a minor role to a leading one highlights the triumph of the narrative. Initially, Sharad's introduction hinted at a powerful future conflict and as the seasons progressed, he evolved from being on the back foot to asserting himself as a dominant leader." In Season 1, Sharad Shukla was introduced with a nuanced conflict. By Season 2, he was more of a strategic player, lingering in the background. "In Season 3, Sharad transforms into a formidable leader, showcasing his intelligence and strategic prowess. He becomes a dynamic force, balancing strength and patience to reshape Mirzapur's power dynamics," Anjumm explains.

Describing his character's essence, Anjumm elaborates on Sharad's strengths and vulnerabilities. "Sharad embodies subtlety and control, combined with a newfound sense of righteousness. He's relatable in his approach, seeking to avoid unnecessary destruction. His patience and ability to analyse situations make him a natural leader. However, his emotional vulnerabilities, particularly his sensitivity and moral compass, also play a significant role in his character's complexity."

When asked about his personal favourite characters from the show, Anjumm expresses admiration for several, noting, "Beena's resilience, despite her apparent weakness, is fascinating. I also appreciate the portrayals of Ramakant Pandit and Vasudha Pandit; they stand out for their depth. Additionally, Pankaj Tripathi's portrayal of Akhandanand Tripathi adds layers of dark humour to an otherwise intense character."

Reflecting on his journey through various projects, Anjumm shares insights from his early days in theatre to his more recent successes. "My journey began in theatre, where I honed my craft under the mentorship of Makrand

Twinkle Khanna on 'Stree 2': Safer for women to encounter ghosts than men in dark

Actor-turned-author Twinkle Khanna showered praise on Rajkummar Rao and Shraddha Kapoor's latest film 'Stree 2'. Sharing her views in her column for agency, Twinkle spoke highly of the film and commended its brilliant role reversal where 'women are safer in the dark with ghosts than with men'.

Twinkle Khanna's column was titled 'Why Ghosts Don't Scare

the Indian Stree.' She observed that horror films often contain fewer unsettling elements than the frightening realities we encounter daily, citing recent incidents such as 'the rape and murder of a trainee doctor in Kolkata' and 'the sexual abuse of two four-year-olds in a school in Badlapur' as examples.

A section of Twinkle's column read, "Fifty years on this planet, and I find



that we are still teaching our daughters the same things that I was taught as a child. Don't go alone. To the park, to school, to work. Don't go alone with any man, even if it's your uncle, cousin or friend. Don't go alone in the morning or evening, and especially not at night. Don't go alone because it's not a matter of if, but when. Don't go alone because you may never come back (sic)."

She also mentioned, "It is time to ensure that laws are enforced and followed, guaranteeing safety measures for women in public spaces instead of confining us at home. Till then, I suppose it is safer for the strees (women) of this country to encounter a ghost in a dark alley than a man (sic)." Twinkle additionally mentioned in the 'Stree'

mentioned, in the 'Stree' franchise, there's a 'role reversal' as compared to the types of stories her grandmother would tell her and her sister Rinkie Khanna during childhood to 'scare' them away from wandering off to the nearby Juhu beach.

Directed by Amar Kaushik, 'Stree 2' recently crossed Rs 500 crore earning at the box office. The film also features cameos by Akshay Kumar, Tamannaah Bhatia and Varun Dhawan.

NATIONAL

Enough is enough: President Droupadi Murmu on Kolkata rape-murder

President Droupadi Murmu condemned the recent rape and murder of a trainee doctor in Kolkata, expressing her horror and calling for swift justice and societal introspection.

NEW DELHI, Aug 28 (Agencies): In a strong condemnation of the recent rape and murder of a trainee doctor in Kolkata, President Droupadi Murmu expressed her dismay and horror over the incident. Speaking to news agency, President Murmu stated, "Enough is enough," highlighting the urgent need for a societal overhaul to prevent such heinous crimes against women.

In her first public comment on the Kolkata rape and murder case, President Murmu expressed her support for the ongoing protests and called for swift justice. She reiterated the importance of changing societal attitudes towards women and ensuring their safety and dignity in all spheres of life.



In the interview, President Murmu said that while students, doctors, and citizens were protesting in Kolkata in response to the recent crime, criminals continued to roam freely elsewhere. She stressed that "no civilised society can allow daughters and sisters to be subjected to such atrocities"

Reflecting on the 12 years since the infamous Nirbhaya case, President Murmu criticized the collective forgetful-

ness of society towards countless rape cases. "This 'collective amnesia' is obnoxious." she said, emphasising the need for lasting change in how crimes against women are remembered and addressed.

The President pointed out that a "deplorable mindset" often views women as lesser beingsless powerful, less capable, and less intelligent. She called for society to engage in "honest, unbiased self-introspection" and to ask itself difficult questions about its treatment of women. For the unversed, a 31-year-

old trainee doctor was raped and murdered at RG Kar hospital on August 9. The crime caused public outrage and protest across the state with demands for swift action and a death penalty for the accused.

12-hour Bandh partially affects life in Bengal; several BJP leaders detained

KOLKATA, Aug 28 (Agencies): BJP workers clashed with the police at several places across West Bengal on Wednesday as they tried to enforce a 12-hour shutdown in the state.

Several BJP leaders, including former Rajya Sabha MP Roopa Ganguly and MLA Agnimitra Paul, were detained for blocking roads and railway tracks since the early morning.

The 'Bangla Bandh', which began at 6 am, was called by the BJP in protest against Tuesday's police action on participants of 'Nabanna Abhijan' or march to the secretariat, organised by the newly formed students' group Chatra Samaj over the rape and murder of the doctor at RG Kar hospital.

The shutdown partially affected daily life in the state with many people choosing to remain indoors apprehending trouble on the roads

In state capital Kolkata, the usual weekday flurry was missing with a lesser number of buses, auto-rickshaws and taxis plying. Private vehicles were

down

Ganguly and Paul were detained from south Kolkata's Gariahat area when they were urging traders to down their shutters and requesting people to support the bandh.

Kolkata Municipal Corporation councillor Sajal Ghosh was detained from his residence in Sealdah shortly after BJP workers scuffled with TMC supporters while trying to enforce the bandh in the nearby Koley Market.

His wife Tania Ghosh then took out a rally, alleging that police held him without any warrant. Later, Deputy Commissioner (Central) Indira Mukherjee said Ghosh was arrested for making provocative comments.

State BJP president Sukanta Majumdar, a Union minister, led a procession at Baguihati in the northern fringes of the city but had an altercation with the police who tried to stop him. Former MP Debasree Choudhury and hundreds of party workers accompanied him.

BJP workers also demonstrated in Shyambazar and Wipro More in the IT hub of Sector 5,



24 Parganas, Gocharan station in South 24 Parganas, and the Murshidabad station in support of the bandh. Tension was palpable at the Barrackpore station in North 24 Parganas as BJP supporters and TMC workers came face to face.

At Bhatpara in North 24 Parganas district, BJP alleged that two of its workers were shot at. Police, however, claimed that the two men were beaten up by some people outside Anglo India Jute Mill.

The injured persons were taken to the Bhatpara State General Hospital for treatment, they said.

around we will show TMC the people's power," Singh said. Shyam countered saying that the BJP leader was trying to

incite violence in the area. Picketing by BJP supporters on the roads led to the disruption of public transport services in Cooch Behar, Alipurduar, Siliguri and Malda in northern West Bengal, and in Purulia, Bankura and some other places in the

Suvendu Adhikari led a protest march in Nandigram in Purba Medinipur, his home district. In Malda, activists of the TMC and BJP engaged in a brawl over the blocking of a road. Police intervened to disperse the two groups In Alipurduar, BJP activists engaged in a scuffle with the police as they tried to block an arterial road, shouting slogans such as 'dafa ek dabi ek, mukhyomantrir padatyag' (onepoint demand, chief minister's resignation).

A decade of financial inclusion: PM Modi hails Jan Dhan Yojana

Dhan Yojana has been

paramount in boosting

financial inclusion and

giving dignity to crores

of people, especially

women, youth, and the

marginalised communi-

On the occasion, Union

Minister for Finance and

Corporate Affairs Nirma-

la Sitharaman said, "The

success of the initiative

is reflected in 53 crore

people having been

brought into the formal

banking system through

the opening of Jan Dhan

Accounts. These bank

accounts have garnered

a deposit balance of

Rs 2.3 lakh crore and

resulted in the issuance

of over 36 crore free-

of-cost RuPay cards,

which also provide for a

Rs 2 lakh accident insur-

ance cover. There are

no account opening fees

or maintenance charges

and no requirement to

maintain a minimum bal-

"It is heartening to note

that 67 per cent of the

accounts have been

opened in rural or semi-

urban areas and 55 per

cent have been opened

by women," the Union

"The consent-based

pipeline created through

the linking of Jan Dhan-

mobile-Aadhaar has

been one of the most

important pillars of the

financial inclusion eco-

system. It has enabled

Finance Minister said.

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CHANDIGARH/NEW DELHI, Aug 28 (Agencies): The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 28, 2014, completes a decade of implementation today.

Under the scheme, more than 53.14 crore beneficiaries have already been brought under the banking ambit. The government intends to open more than three crore PMJDY accounts during the current financial year.

PMJDY being the largest financial inclusion initiative in the world, the scheme aimed to ensure comprehensive financial inclusion of all households in the country by providing universal access to banking facilities with at least one basic bank account for every household, financial literacy, and

social security cover. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also congratulated all beneficiaries and thanked those who made this the scheme a success. He posted on X: "Today, we mark a momentous occasion -#10YearsOfJanDhan. Congratulations to all the beneficiaries and compliments to all those who worked to make this swift, seamless and transparent transfer of government welfare schemes to eligible beneficiaries and promoted digital payments," she said.

Union Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said, "With the support of all stakeholders, banks, insurance companies and state governments, we are moving towards a more financially inclusive society and PMJDY would always be remembered as a game changer for financial inclusion in the country."

The PMJDY accounts have not only been instrumental in receiving Direct Benefit Transfers but also serve as a platform for hassle-free subsidies/payments made by government to the intended beneficiary without any middlemen, seamless transactions and savings accumulation. Moreover, they have been crucial in providing life and accident insurance to millions of unorganised sector workers through Jan Suraksha schemes (micro insurance schemes).

PMJDY accounts As on August 14, 2024, number of total PMJDY Accounts is 53.13 crore. Out of the total accounts, 55.6% (29.56 crore) Jan-Dhan account holders are women and 66.6% (35.37 crore) accounts are in rural and semi-

urban areas. Total deposit balances under PMJDY Accounts stand at Rs 2,31,236 crore. Deposits have increased about 15 times with an increase in accounts by 3.6 times. The average deposit per account is Rs 4,352 as on August 14.

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southern part of the state. Leader of the Opposition

Four killed after cement-laden

also significantly less, even as markets and shops remained open.

Schools and colleges were open, though the number of students was lesser. In many private offices, attendance was low with employees asked to work from home. However, attendance was as usual in government offices.

Several BJP leaders were detained across the state for attempting to enforce the shutbut police were swift in removing them to clear the roads for traffic.

An official of the Eastern Railway said bandh supporters blocked tracks at 49 places under its jurisdiction in the state. While the blockades were lifted at most places, it was continuing in nine stations, mostly in the Sealdah South section, he said. BJP workers demonstrated at the Bongaon station in North

Former BJP MP Arjun Singh and Jagaddal's TMC MLA Somenath Shyam along with their supporters reached the area after the incident, triggering tensions. Police intervened and brought the situation under control.

"Miscreants owing allegiance to the Trinamool Congress fired the shots, if police are not

truck hits car in Rajasthan's Sikar

JAIPUR, Aug 28 (Agencies): Four people were killed when their car was hit by a cement-laden trailer in Rajasthan's Sikar district on Wednesday morning, police said.

According to the police, the incident took place in Ringas on the Jaipur-Bikaner highway when the trailer went out of control and hit the car before overturning.

The victims got trapped inside the car and had to be pulled out with the help of a few local people, the police said They were taken to a local community health centre, where doctors declared them brought dead, they added.

The victims, Rajkumar (45), his mother Sanjya Devi (60), daughter Archna (20) and another man Ajad (40) were residents of Jhunjhunu district and were on their way to Jaipur.

Rajkumar was travelling to Jaipur to consult a doctor regarding treatment of his mother, the police said.

Corruption has peaked under Mahayuti Government: Uddhav Thackeray

MUMBAI, Aug 28 (Agencies): Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray on Wednesday hit out at the Eknath Shinde-led government over the collapse of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's statue, alleging that corruption has peaked under the Mahayuti dispensation. A 35-foot statue of the 17th century Maratha empire founder, unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Rajkot fort in Sindhudurg on December 4 last year, collapsed on Monday afternoon.

Addressing a press conference here with NCP (SP) president Sharad Pawar and Maharashtra Congress chief Nana Patole, Mr Thackeray said the government's claim that the statue collapsed due to gusty winds is "height of shamelessness".



To protest against the government, the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) will take out a march from Hutatma Chowk to the Gateway of India in south Mumbai on September 1, the former

chief minister said. "Those creating obstructions in the MVA's morcha today in Malvan against the collapse of Shivaji Maharaj's statue are betrayers of the warrior king," he said. He was referring to a

clash between the workers of the Shiv Sena (UBT) and BJP MP Narayan Rane after a MVA delegation went to Rajkot fort.

Mamata Banerjee cracks whip on rape, vows capital punishment

"I have remained sym-

come back to work now

since patients are suffer-

ing," she appealed.

KOLKATA, Aug 28 (Agencies): Asserting that her government has zero tolerance to incidents of rape, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday said an amendment to existing laws will be passed in the state Assembly next week to ensure capital punishment to convicted rapists

Banerjee said that she would sit for dharna outside Raj Bhavan here if the governor delays in giving assent to the amended bill or forwards it to the President for ratification.

The chief minister also said that the TMC will launch a movement from Saturday at the state's grassroots to create pressure on the Centre to pass legislation for capital punishment of convicted rapists.



"We will pass the now to urgently consider amended bill in a spereturning to duty. cial session of the pathetic towards the Assembly next week. We will then send it to cause of the doctors the governor for his nod. from the very beginning We will stage dharna since they were seekoutside Raj Bhavan if ing justice for their colleague. We did not take he sits on the bill," she thundered from the Trinany action against them amool Congress Chhaalthough so many days tra Parishad foundation have passed since the incident. We understand day rally here. Banerjee also urged your pain. But please

the agitating junior doctors of Bengal, who have struck work for 20 days

the woman's postgraduate trainee doctor from the seminar hall of the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital. The junior doctors of

On August 9, the police

recovered the body of

state-run hospitals have been continuing ceasework since the August 9 evening, protesting against the alleged rape and murder of the woman medic and demanding justice for

her. "Sixteen days have passed since the Central Bureau of Investigation took over the doctor's rape-murder probe from the Kolkata Police. Where is the justice?" Banerjee asked at the rally. Coming down heav-

ily on the BJP for calling a 12-hour bandh, Banerjee said, "They called the bandh since they wanted political dividends over a dead body. The BJP is trying to exploit the emotions of ordinary people in the wake of the death of the young woman. They want to malign Bengal and plotted a conspiracy to derail the probe into her death so that the victim and her family do not get justice."

She also alleged that the BJP was "indulging in large-scale cybercrimes using AI, causing social unrest".

Lauding police personnel for countering the 'Nabanna Abhijan' violence on Tuesday, the chief minister said, "Police acted in restraint despite provocations of BJP-backed outfits who wanted to kill. Despite suffering physical injuries and having their blood spilt from the attacks on them, the police did not fall prey to provocations."

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Israeli raids across occupied West Bank kill 9, say **Palestinian officials**

Palestinian militant groups say they are exchanging fire with the Israeli military

JERUSALEM, Aug 28 (Agencies): Israel launched raids across the occupied West Bank on Wednesday, where its forces killed at least nine Palestinians and sealed off the volatile city of Jenin, according to Palestinian officials.

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Israel has carried out neardaily raids across the West Bank since Hamas' October 7 attack out of Gaza triggered the ongoing war there.

Palestinian militant groups said they were exchanging fire with the Israeli military. The governor of Jenin, Kamal Abu al-Rub, said on Palestinian radio that Israeli forces had surrounded the city, blocking exit and entry points and access to hospitals, and ripping up infrastructure in the camp.

The Israeli military confirmed



it was operating in the West Bank cities of Jenin and Tulkarem but did not provide further details.

Over 600 Palestinians in the West Bank have been killed by Israeli fire since the war in Gaza began over 10 months ago, according to the Palestinian Health Ministry. Most have died during such raids, which often trigger gunbattles with militants. Israel says the operations are

required to dismantle Hamas and other militant groups and to prevent attacks on Israelis, which have also risen since the start of the war.

The Palestinian Health Ministry said seven people were killed early Wednesday in Tubas, another West Bank city, and another two in Jenin. The ministry identified the two killed in Jenin as Qassam Jabarin, 25, and Asem Balout, 39.

Israel captured the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem in the 1967 Mideast war. The Palestinians want all three for a future state.

Israel has built scores of settlements across the West Bank, which are home to over 500,000 Jewish settlers. They have Israeli citizenship, while the 3 million Palestinians in the West Bank live under Israeli military rule, with the Palestinian Authority exercising limited control over population centers.

Traders observe a daylong strike across Pakistan to protest rising costs and new taxes

ISLAMABAD, Aug 28 (Agencies): Traders in Pakistan went on strike Wednesday, shutting down their businesses in all major cities and urban areas to protest a rise in electricity costs and new taxes imposed on shop owners

The government of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has steadily raised electricity prices since Pakistan last month struck a deal with the International Monetary Fund for a new \$7 billion loan. The higher cost of living and price hikes have triggered widespread discontent and drawn protests.

Most of the public markets across Pakistan were closed on Wednesday, though pharmacies and grocery stores selling basic food items remained open. Kashif Chaudhry, a strike leader, said those were not closed so as not to inconvenience the general public.

Stores were shuttered in the Pakistani capital of Islamabad, the nearby garrison city of Rawalpindi, as well as in the city of Lahore, the country's

culture capital, and the main economic hub of Karachi.

The strike was called by Naeemur-Rehman who heads the religious Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan party and endorsed by most of the various traders' unions and associations.

However, traders in the northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the southwestern Balochistan provinces observed a partial strike, keeping some stores open while closing others.

The strike is aimed at forcing the government to reverse the recent hikes in power bills and the controversial tax that followed the recent talks with the IMF, which wants to see Pakistan broaden its tax base.

The July deal was Pakistan's latest turn to the global lender for help in propping up its economy and dealing with its debts through big bailouts. Earlier this year, the IMF approved the immediate release of the final \$1.1 billion tranche of a \$3 billion bailout to Pakistan.

Woman TV journalist's body recovered from lake in Dhaka

The deceased was identified as Sarah Rahanuma, a newsroom editor at Gazi TV, a Bengali-language satellite and cable television channel owned by Gazi Group

DHAKA, Aug 28 (Agencies): The body of a 32-year-old woman TV journalist in Bangladesh was recovered from a lake here in the capital on Wednesday, according to media reports.

The deceased was identified as Sarah Rahanuma, a newsroom editor at Gazi TV, a Bengali-language satellite and cable television channel owned by Gazi Group.

Her body was found floating in Hatirjheel Lake in Dhaka, The Dhaka news agency reported.

Inspector Bachchu Mia, in charge of the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) police outpost, confirmed the recovery of her body.

Pedestrians pulled the body from the lake



Hope, you'll fulfil all your dreams soon. I know we had a lot of planning together. Sorry, can't fulfil our plans. May god bless you in every aspect of your life," she

wrote. In an earlier post, she wrote: "It is better to die than to live a life akin to death." Inspector Bachchu Mia said the body was kept in the DMCH morgue. Police have stated that an investigation will be conducted to determine the cause of her death. However, deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina's US-based son, Sajeeb Wazed, gave a political colour to the journalist's death, saying that it was "another brutal attack" on the freedom of expression in the country. "Rahmuna Sara Gazi TV newsroom editor was found dead. Her body was recovered from Hatirjheel Lake in Dhaka city. This is

Bangladesh wants harmonious ties with India, but New Delhi mustn't interfere: Jamaat-e-Islami chief

DHAKA, Aug 28 (Agencies): Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami supremo Shafigur Rahman has said his party seeks harmonious and stable ties with India but asserted that New Delhi needs to reconsider its foreign policy in the neighbourhood, as bilateral relations do not entail interfering in each other's internal issues.

Rahman, who is the Ameer of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami, stated in an interview with agency that his party supports close relations between India and Bangladesh but also believes that Bangladesh should maintain strong and balanced relations with countries like the US, China, and Pakistan, by leaving behind the baggage of the past.

Rahman, 65, contended that New Delhi's perception of Jamaat-e-Islami as anti-India is mistaken, asserting that Jamaat-e-Islami is not against any country; it is a wrong perception.

"We are pro-Bangladesh and are solely interested in safeguarding the interests of Bangladesh, and emphasise that this perception needs to change," he said. The Jamaat-e-Islami suggested that it would have been better if former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, after resigning due to unrest, had not fled to India. He advocated for her to return to Bangladesh to face the law. "India is our neighbour, and we want a good, stable, and harmonious bilateral relationship. However, India has done a few things in the past that did not sit well with the people of Bangladesh," he said. "For instance, during the 2014 Bangladesh elections, a senior Indian diplomat visited Dhaka and dictated who should participate and who should not.



This was unacceptable, as it is not the role of a neighbouring country. We believe India will eventually reevaluate its foreign policy concerning Bangladesh. We think interference in each other's internal issues should be avoided," he added.

Rehman stated that Jamaate-Islami desires India to be a friend and play a responsible role in bilateral ties, while also emphasising that his party acknowledges its responsibility to improve relations but insists that these ties must remain noninterfering in each other's internal issues

"Working together and interfering are two different things. Working together has a positive connotation, whereas interferBangladesh by Jamaat activists, Rahman refuted the allegations as "baseless".

Rahman attributed the negative portrayal of Jamaat-e-Islami to a malicious media campaign and noted that, despite being the worst sufferer of the atrocities committed by the Sheikh Hasina government over the past 15 years, But still we are on the ground, and Jamaat still enjoys people's support.

Regarding relationships with Pakistan, Rahman said, "We want good ties with them as well. We seek an equal and balanced relationship with all our neighbours in the subcontinent, including India, Pakistan, Nepal, Myanmar, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka. This balance is crucial to maintaining stability." Bangladesh, earlier known as East Pakistan, was born out of Pakistan following the Liberation

War in 1971. Regarding diplomatic ties with other global powers, Rahman said.

"We seek balanced and stable ties with world powers like the US and China, as in this globalised world, we are intercon-

floods in deltaic Bangladesh and upstream Indian regions have resulted in several deaths and affected nearly three million people in Bangladesh, posing a significant challenge to the newly installed interim government amid a political transition. India recently described factually incorrect reports in Bangladesh suggesting that the current flood situation in certain areas has been caused by the opening of a dam on the Gumti River

India's Ministry of External Affairs has stated that floods in shared rivers between the two countries are a "shared" problem affecting people on both sides and require close mutual

Hasina's decision to flee to India, he said, "It would have been better if she had not fled. I don't want to use the term extradition, but we believe she should return and face the law in Bangladesh."

After unprecedented anti-government protests that peaked on August 5, Hasina resigned as prime minister and fled the country. She arrived in India on August 5 and is currently residing there, leading to speculation in Bangladesh. The interim government in Bangladesh has revoked the diplomatic passports of ousted prime minister Hasina and all members of her former Cabinet. Rahman stated that Jamaat will participate in the elections in Bangladesh whenever they are held. "We believe the interim government should be given time, but it should not be indefinite. We will clarify our position on the timing of fresh elections in due course. But whenever elections are held, we will participate," he said.

in Tripura.

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and took it to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), where the doctor declared her dead around 2:00 am.

A man named Sagar, who brought Sarah to the hospital, said: "I saw the woman floating in Hatirjheel Lake. Later, she was brought to DMCH, where doctors declared her dead." Before her death, Sarah posted a status on her Facebook on Tuesday night tagging one Fahim Faysal.

"It was nice having a friend like you. God bless you always.

her husband Sayed Shuvro as saying.

Shuvro was informed around 3 am that she had jumped into the waters of Hatirjheel Lake. Shuvro said that Sarah

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On the day of the inci-

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but did not return home

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had been expressing a desire to separate from him for some time. They had planned to visit a Kazi office to finalise their divorce, but due

to the current situation in the country, they could not do it.

The circumstances surrounding Sarah's death look mysterious, the news channel said.

ence is negative. Bilateral ties should mean cooperation and mutual respect. India is our closest neighbour; we share both land and sea borders, so we should have good ties as you cannot stay away from your neighbour," he told agency in Dhaka.

Rehman acknowledged that while Jamaat-e-Islami had interactions with the Indian establishment in the past, these contacts diminished during the Awami League rule over the last 16 years, but he believes that "effective relationships with India can now be re-established."

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On the recent flood situation in Bangladesh, Rehman stated that India should have provided prior information to Bangladesh before releasing water.

"We are not saying that India is to blame for the heavy rains, but India should have informed us before releasing water so that we could better manage the situation and save lives. We believe this dam should not be there at all, and water should be allowed to follow its natural course," he said.

His comments come amid reports from Dhaka blaming India for the floods in Bangladesh.

Monsoon rainfall-triggered

24 people missing after floods tore through a northern Yemen village

CAIRO, Aug 28 (Agencies): Floodwaters swept through a village in northern Yemen, inundating homes and shops and leaving at least 24 people missing, authorities said Wednesday.

Heavy rains over the past few days pounded the Melhan district in Al-Mahwit province, triggering floods that caved in seven homes and four shops, according to a statement by Yemen's Houthi rebels

Yemen was already the poorest Arab nation before it was plunged into civil war in 2014, when Iran-backed Houthi rebels took control of the capital,

Sanaa, and much of the country's north, forcing the government to flee to the south, then to Saudi Arabia.

Seasonal monsoon rains in the late summer often turn into flooding in Yemen, but there are indications that the country is experiencing more extreme weather events due to climate

change. A 2024 report by Yemen's Red Crescent projected that the country will see less precipitation overall, but that flooding events are expected to be more severe in the monsoon season. Yemen's rainy season begins in late

March, and rains intensify in July through mid-August.

The World Health Organization said this week that Yemenis were suffering "disproportionately from climate change due to their already undermined capacities, limited resources and fragile infrastructure.'

It warned that more heavy rains were expected in the coming weeks and months. Though the country's conflict and disorder makes determining the true toll of the floods difficult, the organization said that at least 36 people had been killed

in the western province of Hodeida alone by flooding in recent weeks, and in the central province of Marib there are roughly 8,400 internally displaced families.

A Saudi-led coalition entered the war in March 2015, backed at the time by the U.S., in an effort to restore the internationally recognized government. The war has killed more than 150.000 people including civilians and combatants, and in recent years deteriorated largely into a stalemate and caused one of the world's worst humanitarian crises.

Japan is preparing for powerful Typhoon Shanshan, which is threatening to bring heavy rains and strong winds

TOKYO, Aug 28 (Agencies): Japan was preparing for powerful typhoon as it slowly approached the country's southwest at a bicycle speed, threatening to bring heavy rains and strong winds and causing airlines to cancel flights and train operators to delay or suspend services through the weekend.

Typhoon Shanshan was at about 120 kilometers (75 miles) south of the southern island of Yakushima on Wednesday morning as it headed north toward Kyushu, packing winds of up to 180 kilometers

(112 miles) per hour, according to the Japan Meteorological Agency. The agency said the typhoon is expected to reach southern Kyushu and possibly make landfall Thursday, and issued a high-level warning against violent winds, high waves and heavy rain for the Kagoshima prefecture.

Disaster Management Minister Yoshifumi Matsumura, at a taskforce meeting Wednesday, urged residents in Shanshan's predicted path to take precautionary measures early, such as by checking

their nearest shelters, to save their own lives. Matsumura urged residents, especially older adults, not to hesitate and take shelter whenever there is any safety concern. The government also canceled its annual earthquake drills Sunday to free up disaster response resources. So far, no damage nor injuries have been reported from the typhoon. Dozens of domestic flights connecting southwestern cities and

islands will be canceled

through Friday. Japan

Railway companies

said most bullet trains and local train services were operating normally Wednesday, but many on Kyushu would be suspended Thursday. Similar steps may be taken on the main island of Honshu through Sunday.

Postal and delivery services have been also suspended in the Kyushu region, and supermarkets and other stores announced plans to close early.

The JMA forecast up to 600 millimeters (23.6 inches) of rainfall on southern Kyushu over 24 hours.

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the Chief Guest, Manjeet

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in various fields. Princi-

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welcomed all the guests

and praised the students

for their hard work and

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with a sense of pride and

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memorable one not just

for the school but for the

entire Kathua, where

education, values, and

talent came together in a

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Tiny Scholars School Kathua hosts Investiture Ceremony

Top News Report

KATHUA, Aug 28: The Investiture Ceremony held at Tiny Scholars School in Kathua has set a new benchmark for education and values in the district.

The event was graced by Deputy SP Manjeet Singh, who attended as the Chief Guest and offered guidance for the students' bright futures. The ceremony began with the traditional lighting of the lamp, which filled the atmosphere with positive energy.

In his inspiring speech, Manjeet Singh emphasized that education is the foundation of character building and life discipline.



He said, "It is not just bookish knowledge, but hard work and discipline in the right direction that are the keys to success in life.' The school's Director,

Manisha Gupta, highlighted the importance of the holistic development of children and stressed that such events play a crucial role in boosting students' confidence

The program's highlight was the cultural performances, where students captivated the audience with their dances, music, and skits. The resounding applause from the audi-

GDC Thannamandi organizes poster making competition on Voter Awareness

Top News Report

THANNAMANDI, Aug 28: Electoral Literacy Club in collaboration with NSS Unit of Govt. Degree College Thannamandi organized a poster making competition on Voter Awareness as part of ongoing "Voters

Awareness Program" here today.

and encourage college On this occasion a students to participate in poster making comthe democratic process petition on the theme by registering to vote "Empowering Voices" and casting their ballots, organized under the proto creatively engage stuficient guidance of Prindents in promoting voter cipal of the College Prof awareness and encour-(Dr.) Farooq Ahmed. aging participation in the The objective of the democratic process.

The event was orgaevent was to educate nized by Prof. Supriya Gupta along with Dr Junaid Ahmed, Dr Ather Aziz Raina, Prof. Rumy Dar and Dr. Nagina Kousser. 10 students participated among which Sadia Farooq, Irm Farooq and Sadaf Parveen were adjudged as first, second

and third respectively. Their posters focused on themes such as "Importance of Voting", "Electoral Process", "Youth Empowerment", and "Democracy" Judges evaluated the posters based on creativity, relevance to the theme, and overall presentation.

Martyrs Day commemorated at Martyrs Memorial Park

Top News Report

LEH, Aug 28: Martyrs Day was solemnly observed at the Martyrs Memorial Park Skyatsags. The ceremony was graced by Chairman/ CEC Tashi Gyalson; Dy.Chairman Tsering Angchuk; Executive Councillor for RDD Tashi Namgyal Yakzee, Executive Coun-cillor for Culture Stanzin Chosphel, Nominated Councillor Ven.Konchok Tsepel; Former Member of Parliament Thupstan Chhewang; President, Ladakh Buddhist Asso-ciation (LBA), Chering Doriev Lakrook: Vice President LBA Rigzen Dorjey; Vice President Anjuman Imamia Syed Naqi shah ;Vice President Anjuman Moin-ul Islam Mr Nazir Ahmad; District President Tashi Gyaltsan Kachu :LBA Women Wing President Kunzes Dolma: LBA Youth President Jiamet Raftan; District Congress Committee President, Shri Rigzin Namgyal ,various other officials, students of Lamdon school and others

The event honored the courageous contributions of Ladakhi martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the cause of Ladakh. The ceremony also featured a poignant reflection on the 1989 Ladakh war and the sacrifices of individuals like Nawang Rinchen, Tsering Stobdan, and Tsewang Dorjey, who gave



their lives in the struggle for UT status for Ladakh. The contributions of Ven. Lobzang Tsondus and Tashi Angchuk, who perished during the 1981 agitation for Scheduled Tribe status, were also remembered. The importance of remembering these martyrs was reiterated and their role in shaping Ladakh's current status. In his address, the Chairman/CEC Tashi Gyalson emphasized the importance of celebrating this

day and urged greater participation in these celebrations. He highlighted the significant challenges that Ladakh has faced to reach its current position and stressed that the sacrifices made should never be forgotten. It is crucial to make the youth aware of these sacrifices to inspire them to achieve great things for Ladakh. The Chairman assured that the council is commit-

ted to honoring the legacy

of past leaders and efforts are underway to fortify the UT and the newly formed districts, with a focus on long term development and progress.

Additionally, the Chairman mentioned recent constructive discussions with the apex body, noting that their interests align closely. He urged students to deeply appreciate the

sacrifices made for their benefit, as they represent the future of Ladakh. President Chering Dorjey Lakrook in his address praised and appreciated the ongoing efforts of the CEC Tashi Gyalson and highlighted the need for youth to be educated about the historical significance of this day.

The event concluded with a call to honor the memory of those who fought for Ladakh's rights and to continue their legacy by working towards the region's progress and unity.

Centre to provide Rs 4,136 Cr for 15 GW **Hydropower Projects in Northeast Region**

to be implemented from 2024-25 to 2031-32, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said in a briefing on the Cabinet decisions.

A cumulative hydro capacity of about 15,000 MW would be supported under the scheme, the statement said.

The scheme will be funded through 10 per cent gross budgetary support (GBS) for the northeastern region from the total outlay of the Ministry of Power.

The grant towards the equity portion of the state government of NER would be capped at 24 per cent of the total project equity, subject to a maximum of Rs 750 crore per project.

The cap of Rs 750 crore for each project

sections across the Indian Railways," the ministry said.

"The projects are in line with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modiji's vision of a New India which will make people of the region 'Atmanirbhar' by way of comprehensive development in the area which will enhance their employment/ self-employment opportunities," it added.

According to the ministry, the projects are result of PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan for multi-modal connectivity which have been possible through integrated planning and will provide seamless connectivity for movement of people, goods and services

"The three projects covering seven districts in four states i.e., Odisha, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Chhattisgarh will increase the existing network of Indian Railways by about 300 kms," the ministry said.

"With these projects, 14 new stations will be constructed, providing enhanced connectivity to two aspirational districts (Nuapada and East Singhbum)," it added. Highlighting the benefits of the new line projects, the ministry stated these will provide connectivity to approximately 1,300 villages and about 11 lakh population.

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from Uri, Asif Lone from Baramulla, and Mohd Hamza Lone from Gurez.

Ladakh MP Mohmad Haneefa thanks PM Modi, Amit Shah for creating five new districts in Ladakh

districts in Ladakh and simultaneously instructed the Union Territory (UT) administration to establish a committee for evaluating various aspects related to the new districts to ensure that all details are carefully reviewed and addressed.

The committee will evaluate various aspects related to these new districts-Zanskar, Drass, Sham, Nubra, and Changthang- such as headquarters, boundaries, structure, creation of posts, and any other aspect related to the formation of the districts and submit its report within three

Past alliances turned out to be bad for J&K, says Altaf Bukhari on **NC-Congress alliance**

and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

during his outreach programme in Rangreth, an outskirt of Srinagar, said the government has already announced election schedule for Jammu and Kashmir and our party and its leaders have started to reach out to people who are real kings in democracy and convince them to support the party in the upcoming elections.

"People are the real kings in democracy. We are reaching to them on our performance we did in last four years. They know ours in the only party who stepped out after August 2019 for the larger interest of J&K and its people. We ensured protection of land and jobs for local domiciles, and ensured release of 3000 to 3500 youth.

between national and anti-national forces,' he added

He also questioned the Congress over its alliance with the National Conference. "Congress has to answer the nation, do they want two flags in this country? Do they want two Constitutions in this country?"

The Election Commission has issued notification for the first phase of elections in which 24 seats will go to the polls.

Jammu and Kashmir is expected to witness multi-cornered contests on most seats. It is the first assembly poll since the abrogation of Article 370.

In the Lok Sabha elections held earlier this year, the BJP won both the seats in Jammu, again demonstrating its strong support in the region. The National Conference also won two seats. The votes will be counted on October 4.

Citing health concerns. Azad steps back from campaigning for DPAP **candidates**

would be revisited, if required, on a caseto-case basis

The equity ratio of the CPSU and state government in the JV will be maintained at the time of disbursing of the grant.

Central financial assistance would be limited to only viable hydroelectric projects. States would be required to waive or stagger free power and reimburse SGST to make the project viable.

With the introduction of this scheme, participation of state governments in hydro development will be encouraged and risk and responsibilities will be shared in a more equitable manner, the statement said.

The issues like land acquisition, rehabilitation & resettlement and local law & order issues would be reduced with state governments becoming stakeholders. This will avoid time and cost over-run of the projects, it added.

It would bring huge investment in the northeastern region and will provide a large number of direct employment to the local people, it noted.

The development of hydroelectric projects will also contribute towards the realisation of India's Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) of establishing 500 GW renewable energy capacity by 2030 and help the integration of RE sources in the grid thus enhancing flexibility, security and reliability of the national grid, as per the statement.

Meanwhile, Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved three railway projects with a total estimated cost of Rs 6,456 crore, a statement from the Ministry of Railways said.

According to the ministry, the approved projects will improve logistical efficiency by connecting the unconnected areas, increase the existing line capacity and enhance the transportation networks, resulting in streamlined supply chains and accelerated economic growth.

"The new line proposals will provide direct connectivity and improve mobility, providing enhanced efficiency and service reliability for the Indian Railways. The multi-tracking proposal will ease operations and reduce congestion, providing the much-required infrastructural development on the busiest

"Multi-tracking project will enhance connectivity to approximately 1,300 villages and about 19 lakh population," it said.

The ministry also emphasized the benefits to the freight traffic as these are essential routes for transportation of commodities such as agriculture products, fertilizer, coal, iron ore, steel, cement and limestone etc.

"The capacity augmentation works will result in additional freight traffic of magnitude 45 MTPA (Million Tonnes Per Annum)," the ministry said.

"The Railways being environment friendly and energy efficient mode of transportation will help both in achieving climate goals and minimizing logistics cost of the country, reduce oil import (10 crore litres) and lower CO2 emissions (240 crore kg) which is equivalent to plantation of 9.7 crore trees," it added.

Expecting high voter turnout: Div Com Kashmir on upcoming Assembly elections

reporters inside his Srinagar office, Bidhuri said that all the arrangements from administrative levels to security are in place for the upcoming elections.

Bidhuri said that the competition in Assembly elections is more furious than the parliamentary elections and that is why they are expecting a more big voter turnout.

Appealing to voters, he said people should use their vote even as they should go through the electorate list, so as to avoid any impediments at the eleventh hour.

PC announces first list of seven candidates for assembly polls

Hussain Ansari from Zadibal, Irfan Matto from Eidgah, Dr Bashir Ahmad Chalkoo

months.

After receiving the committee's report, the Union Territory of Ladakh will send a final proposal to the MHA for further action based on this report.

The move comes amid the declaration to create five new districts within Ladakha significant step towards transforming the UT into a developed and prosperous region.

The newly established districts aim to bring governance and development directly to the people's doorsteps, ensuring that the benefits of progress reach every corner of this remote and diverse landscape.

Shah took to X to announce the groundbreaking initiative which is part of a broader effort to enhance development and governance throughout the Union Territory, ensuring that the benefits of progress reach every corner of the region.

"In pursuit of PM Shri @narendramodi Ji's vision to build a developed and prosperous Ladakh, the MHA has decided to create five new districts in the union territory. The new districts, namely Zanskar, Drass, Sham, Nubra and Changthang, will take the benefits meant for the people to their doorsteps by bolstering governance in every nook and cranny," Shah posted on X. Shah further said that the Modi government is committed to creating abundant opportunities for the people of Ladakh.

The decision was taken almost five years after Ladakh was established as a union territory of India on October 31, 2019, following the passage of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act. Prior to that, it was part of the Jammu and Kashmir state. Ladakh currently has only two districts, Leh and Kargil, both managed by its own autonomous district council. The creation of the new districts will raise the total number of districts in Ladakh to seven. Prior to 2019. Ladakh was a part of the former state of Jammu and Kashmir. In August 2019, the BJP-led government removed the state's special status and divided it into two union territories: Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

Ladakh was bifurcated from the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir when the Centre revoked Article 370 in August 2019. This special status change led to the formation of two Union Territories, Jammu

There are manifold issues still which needs to be addressed. If April Party elected to power we will announce general amnesty to youth lodged in jails and summoned to police stations. Further we will enhance old age/widow pension from 1 thousand to 5 thousand. 2 lakh government jobs will be given to educated youth. Also unemployed graduates will be provided monthly stipend. Schools, health sector and water works structure will be augmented," Bukhari asserted.

Responding to a guery, Bukhari said that his party is not in an alliance nor they have such intentions as of now as past alliances have inflicted enough damage to J&K and its people. "Be it alliance of Congress-NC in 1987, or alliance of PDP-BJP in 2014. Such alliances have inflicted much damage to J&K and its people. We are now scared of such alliances. Alliance parties feel they can go to any level and violate people's mandate in broad day light," he said.

Hitting out at NC and PDP, Bukhari said that FIR's registered against youth have been lodged in the times of NC and PDP governments. "I'm making this commitment to my people that if Apni Party comes to power, a general amnesty will be announced for youth lodged in jails or summoned to police stations unnecessarily," Bukhari held.

J-K polls: BJP's Rajiv Jasrotia receives warm welcome in Kathua following his candidature

supporters danced, burst firecrackers, and raised slogans in favour of the BJP and their senior leaders. They took out a rally at Dr Shyama Parshad Mukherjee Chowk and sought his blessings after offering flowers to his statue.

Speaking with ANI on August 27, Jasrotia said, "This is going to be the first election in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370. The people of J&K have decided to elect a Chief Minister from the Bharatiya Janata Party."

"This election is going to be a fight

Azad further said he is having regret over not being able to support his party candidates during this important time.

He also urged his colleagues, who have filed their nomination forms, to assess whether they can continue without his presence. "If they feel my absence would impact their chances, they have freedom to withdraw their candidacy", Azad added.

Ghulam Nabi Azad, former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir and a prominent national leader, has played significant role in the J&K's politics for decades. Known for his extensive experience and political acumen, his absence from the campaign is expected to be a major setback for his party in the current J&K elections.

Delhi court reserves order on Er Rashid's bail plea; judgment likely on Sept 4

seeking regular bail.

Sheikh Abdul Rashid, widely known as Engineer Rashid, was arrested in connection with a 2017 Jammu and Kashmir terror funding case. Despite this, he won the Baramulla seat in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, defeating former Chief Minister and National Conference leader Omar Abdullah.

Rains to continue in J&K parts till Sept 3: MeT

August 30 towards late night/early morning hours.

There is a possibility of heavy rainfall at isolated places of south Kashmir division on August 29, they said and added flashfloods, landslides, mudslides and shooting stones over few vulnerable parts may occur.

The officials continued that there will be a fall in day temperature with possibility of light snowfall over isolated extreme higher reaches during August 29.

LOCAL

GDC Udhampur hosts feedback session on NEP Internship Programme

Top News Report

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UDHAMPUR, Aug 28: The PG Department of English at Government Degree College (GDC) Udhampur, under the visionary leadership of Principal Prof. Sanjay Verma, organized an insightful feedback session as part of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 internship program for 5th-semester students. During his address, Principal Prof. Sanjay Verma congratulated the students on successfully completing their NEP 2020 internship and emphasized the importance of integrating practical experiences with academic learning.

He commended the students for their enthusiasm and dedication, noting that such initiatives are crucial for their holistic development.

Prof. Verma also expressed his pride in

the students' achievements and encouraged them to continue striving for excellence in their academic and personal endeavors

tered around the internship experience facilitated by Shri Ashok Kumar Sharma, a distinguished columnist, renowned academician, and an ardent heritage lover, known for his works Love Enigmatic, Glimpses of Dogra Culture and Heritage and Sundry Thoughts.

The session commenced with an introduction by Prof. Vijay Kumar, who coordinated the internship and emphasized the importance of perseverance in achieving success, quoting, "Sochne se nahi mil jaate tamannaon ke shehar, chalne ki zidd zaroori hai.

This quote encapsulated the transformative impact of the internship

program on the students. Dr. Sonia Khajuria, Head of the Department, delivered the welcome address, expressing her appreciation for Shri The session was cen-

Ashok Kumar Sharma's mentorship throughout the internship. She acknowledged his profound contributions in guiding the students through the exploration of Dogra culture, art, and heritage, which were central themes of the internship. In recognition of his

invaluable contributions to the session, Ashok Kumar Sharma was felicitated by the Department of English Principal Prof. Sanjay

Verma, along with HoD Dr. Sonia Khajuria, presented Sharma with a token of appreciation, acknowledging his dedication to preserving Dogra culture and his inspiring mentorship. The gesture was met

Kumar, Vivek

with warm applause

from the HoD, senior faculty members, and students, who expressed their deep gratitude for his guidance and the wisdom he shared during the event

The feedback session featured reflections from 5th-semester students Ashish Singh, Rahul Singh, Karan Chand. and Gouray Sharma. who expressed their sincere gratitude to Sharma for his unwavering support and commitment to imparting knowledge.

They shared how the internship deepened their understanding of Dogra heritage, including significant sites such as Rani ki Bowli, Amar Santosh Museum, and the sacred Devika River. Ashok Kumar Sharma also addressed the students during the session, offering further insights into the art of writing poetry and the critical importance of preserving local traditions and

narratives.

His dedication to promoting and preserving Dogra culture left a lasting impression on the students.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks from Prof. Tania Akhtar, who recognized the efforts of faculty members Dr. Meena Gupta, Prof Verinder Singh, Prof Vijay Kumar, Dr. Nikita Gandotra, and Prof. Nitika Mahajan in organizing the session.

The discussion was fruitful, leading to ideas that will be used to enhance the skills of students in future endeavors. This feedback session not only highlighted the

value of the NEP internship but also demonstrated the department's commitment to blending academic learning with cultural enrichment, thereby empowering students to become wellrounded individuals

Bhadrapada Krishna Paksha Aja Ekadashi Fast on August 29: Mahant Rohit set up an image or idol of

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 28: Aja Ekadashi, one of the 24 Ekadashis observed each year, is particularly significant during the Krishna Paksha of the month of Bhadrapada. When an Adhik Maas (a leap month) occurs, the number of Ekadashis increases to 26.

This year, the Aja Ekadashi of Bhadrapada Krishna Paksha will begin on Thursday, August 29, at 01:20 AM and end on Friday, August 30, at 01:38 AM As the sunrise Vyapini (active during sunrise) Aja Ekadashi falls on August 29, 2024, the fast will be observed on that day. The fast can be concluded on Friday, August 30. between 06:34 AM and 08:24 AM during the Dwadashi Tithi.

Mahant Rohit Shastri, Jyotishacharya and head of the Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, emphasized the profound spiritual benefits of observing this fast. He explained that the Aja Ekadashi fast offers liberation, longevity, and rewards equivalent to donating several cows. It is believed to be more fruitful than performing the Ashwamedha Yajna and provides freedom from all sins. Both men and women are encouraged to observe this fast. After breaking the fast, it is recommended to provide food to a needy person or a Brahmin and



offer charity. Donating on this day is believed to eradicate all sins and lead to the attainment of the supreme abode. Donations of sweets, money, and other items according to one's capacity are advised. On Ekadashi, chanting

the mantra "Om Namo Vasudevaya" is recommended. The Ekadashi fast, dedicated to Lord Vishnu, is not only of religious significance but also has immense importance for mental and physical health. It teaches self-control and rejuvenates the body with new energy. Maintaining both physi-

cal and mental purity is essential. The rules of the fast begin from the Dashami Tithi (the tenth day). On Dashami, one should consume a sattvic (pure) diet and rise early on the day of Ekadashi. After bathing, offer water to the Sun God and take a vow to fast. Husbands and wives should jointly worship Lord Lakshmi Narayan. In a clean place in the puja room or home, clean platform. Then, purify the room and platform with Ganga water or cow urine. Establish a Kalash (pot) filled with water, place a coconut on it, and worship the deities, Navagrahas (nine planets), Tirthas (pilgrimage sites), Yoginis, and Nagar Devata (city deity). Perform Shodashopachara (16-step) puja of Lord Lakshmi Narayan along with all the established deities using Vedic mantras and the Vishnu Sahasranama. The worship includes invoking the deities, offering a seat, foot wash, water, sipping water, bathing, clothes, ornaments. incense. lamps, naivedya (food offerings), fruits, betel leaves, sesame seeds, offering money, performing Aarti, circumambulation, and offering flowers. Recite or listen to the Ekadashi story, and distribute the prasad to conclude the puja.

Lord Ganesha and Lord

Lakshmi Narayan on a

On Ekadashi, avoid consuming tamasic (impure) items, practice celibacy, abstain from intoxicants, and refrain from cutting hair, nails, or shaving. Avoid wearing belts, shoes, or leather items during the puja. It's also advised not to wear black clothes and to avoid hurting anyone's feelings, as wrongful acts can negatively impact both your body and future.

Piri Trai Kaith Biradari holds congregation



Top News Report

AKHNOOR, Aug 28: The Kaith Biradari of Piri Trai held a congregation where a large number of its members participated and paid obeisance to their tutelary deity to seek his blessings for the welfare of their families.

The festivity began with performing of Havan, Puja and singing hymns.

fills one's wishes" han

Biradari head Hony the Biradari members Captain Kamal Dass said, included Naib Subedar "Our deity is very kind and Kaku Ram, Naib Subecompassionate. believed dar Jamit Raj, Havildar to be protector of Kaith Mast Ram, Havildar Ajay families. Besides. he ful-Kumar, Parma Nand, Rakesh Kumar, Rohit Kumar, All present on the occasion partook parsad from Rawel Kumar, Sumit the Langar and contrib-Kumar, Ashwani Kumar, uted immensely for the Kuldeep Kumar Mohinder development of Devast-Lal. Pritam Chand, Swarn Lal, Dheeraj Kumar and Shammi Kumar.

Prominent among

2024 Hockey Together Camp concludes in Gangneung City

Top News Report

LEH, Aug 28: The 2024 Hockey Together Camp, hosted by the Korean Ice Hockey Association (KIHA) with the support of the Official Development Assistance (ODA) program of the Korean Ministry of Culture,

The event was notable for its mix of returning participants from nations including Ukraine, Serbia, Malaysia, and India, alongside newcomers from the UAE, Kuwait, Philippines, Hong Kong, and Chinese Taipei.

Special recognition



Secretary JKAACL holds meeting with writers, artists

emphasized the need to

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 28: Harvinder Kour, Secretary of the Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL), convened a meeting with prominent writers and artists from the Jammu region at the JKAACL office complex. The meeting aimed to discuss the cultural and artistic landscape of the region and explore ave-

strengthen the connection between JKAACL and the artistic community by reviving various schemes that support artists. There was a consensus on the importance of improving the quality of the Academy's publications to better reflect the region's rich cultural diversity. Suggestions also included organizing prowriters who participated in the meeting included V.K.Sambyal, Dr. Jitender Udhampuri, Prof. Lalit Mangotra, Ashok Angurana,, Nirmal Vinod, Khalid Hussain, Reecha Gupta, O.P Sharma, Jang, S. Verman, Deepak Kumar, Brij Mohan, Mohd Aslam Qureshi, Ramesh Singh, Rohit Bhat, Dr. Shalini Raina, Yash Pal Yash, Shazi Khan, Sarwar Chouhan, A.K.Naaz

Girdhari Lal, Mohan Lal,

Vanshika Jaral, Suksh-

am Guleria and Radhika

Kour assured all attend-

Manhas.

Prominent artists,

BLSKS celebrates National Sports Day with enthusiasm

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 28: Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan (BLSKS), in collaboration with the Volleyball Association of J&K and Sangam Tru Art Production, celebrated National Sports Day with great enthusiasm by presenting its 453rd Wednesday Series Dogri Musical Play titled "Khelo India" at the Rehearsal Hall, Durga Bhawan, Janipur, Jammu. The event aimed to promote the traditional culture of J&K and to emphasize the importance of sports in daily life.

The program was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Rajesh Kumar Khar, Music Director at Kongposh Audio & Recording Studio, Jammu. The event was also graced by Anju Dogra from the Health Department, Romesh Chander, Advisor at Shashvat Art Gallery, and Mukesh Singh, a Press Media Person from Jammu.

The event included various performances and activities centered around the theme "Khelo India." Specially prepared items such as "Khelega India Tanhi to Badega India," "Nasha Nai Kario Munde Kureio,' "Sports se Sab Sambhav Hai," and "Savdhan Savdhan Ae Bhaartvasi Savdhan" were pre-



mental well-being.

Usha Raina, Troupe

Incharge at BLSKS, dis-

cussed the importance of

the oath taken by com-

petitors, which promises

respect for the rules, a

spirit of sportsmanship,

and striving for glory and

achievement in sports.

She also emphasized

that regular physical

activity through sports

can help prevent life-

threatening health issues

and maintain overall well-

The program conclud-

ed with a vote of thanks

by Deepak Kumar Dogra,

Program Incharge,

expressing gratitude for

the successful conduc-

Performances by sing-

ers, musicians, and

actors such as M.C.

Kotwal, Rajni Gupta,

Sanjeev Kumar, Rajeev

Salotra, Bindia Okheda,

Zulekha Bano, Naiya

Digra, and Renu Bala

were also highly appre-

tion of the event.

being

ciated.

sented through nukkad, skits, and songs to raise awareness about the significance of sports. The Chief Guest high-

lighted the importance of National Sports Day, celebrated on August 29 each year to mark the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand. He emphasized the crucial role sports play in enhancing both physical and mental health, developing social skills, and building character.

Dr. M.L. Dogra, Chairman of BLSKS, delivered the welcome speech, noting that the theme for National Sports Day 2024 in India is "Sport for the Promotion of Peaceful and Inclusive Societies." He spoke about how sports can unite people, promote understanding, and foster strong communities. Dr. Dogra stressed that sports are essential for overall growth and development, contributing significantly

Sports and Tourism, and the Pyeongchang Legacy Foundation, has concluded its 6th edition with resounding success. The camp, which took place from August 8 to 15, has solidified its position as a key initiative in the development of global ice hockey.

This year's camp saw an impressive participation of 90 Korean U15 players, 38 Learn to Play (LTP) participants, and 37 coaches representing 22 IIHF Member National Associations (MNAs).

goes to Diskit C Angmo and Tsewang Chuskit from Ladakh representing team India who extended their heartfelt gratitude to the CEC Tashi Gyalson for his generous funding, which greatly contributed to their participation in this transformative experience

The Hockey Together Camp continues to set a high standard for international hockey education and collaboration. fostering growth and unity within the sport.

Creation of new five districts will foster rapid development in Ladakh: Nitish Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 28: Nitish Mahajan, Co-incharge of the BJP Social Media Department, J&K, has commended the Modi Government for its landmark decision to establish five new districts in Ladakh. He emphasized that this strategic move is poised to be a game-changer in the region, fostering rapid development and bringing governance closer to the people.

In a statement issued here today, Nitish pointed out that the creation of these new districts is far more than a routine administrative measure: it is a vital initiative that empowers the people of Ladakh. "By establishing these districts, the government is ensuring that the voices of Ladakhis are heard and that they have greater control over their future," he remarked.

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Mahajan noted, Ladakh has experienced remarkable progress. This decision to create new districts is yet another example of the government's commitment to the region's growth and development. It reflects the administration's focus on inclusive governance and its determination to uplift even the most remote areas of the country." he said.

The senior BJP leader further added that the establishment of these districts will lead to enhanced infrastructure, better public service delivery, and more effective governance in Ladakh. He expressed optimism that this development would open up new opportunities for the people of the region, contributing to their overall wellbeing and prosperity.

Nitish reaffirmed the BJP's dedication to the comprehensive development of Ladakh, ensuring that the region continues to benefit from the visionary policies of Prime Minister Modi's government.

nues for future collaboration.

At the outset, Ms. Kour welcomed the participants, expressing her appreciation for their contributions to the cultural heritage of Jammu. The attendees, who represented various fields including literature, fine arts, music, and theater, introduced themselves highlighting their respective achievements and ongoing projects.

The discussion was lively, with several valuable suggestions put forward. Participants

cal arts, holding separate meetings for different languages and artistic disciplines to gather focused feedback, and establishing an open-air theater to provide a platform for local artists. Additionally, participants stressed the need to engage youth with

grams to promote classi-

ees that their suggestions would be taken seriously and that JKAACL is committed to implementing actionable steps to the Academy's activiaddress the needs of the ties, revitalize drama artistic community. and theatrical events as She emphasized the Academy's dedication to done in the past, and seek collaborations with

fostering a vibrant cultural environment in Jammu and ensuring that the region's artistic traditions continue to flourish.

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 28: The Roller Athlete Skating Club of Jindrah is proud to announce the outstanding performance of its rising star, Kavya, at the recently concluded Inter-School Roller Skating Competition.

The event, organized by JK Public School, Kunjwani, Jammu, under the aegis of the J&K

Kavya of Jindrah Club shines at Inter-School Roller Skating C'ship

national bodies such as

the Sangeet Natak Aka-

demi, Sahitya Akademi,

and Lalit Kala Akademi.

Roller Skating Associa-

tion, saw young skaters from various schools her peers, marking her as a talent to watch in

showcase their skills. Kavya, a promising speed skater from the Jindrah club, won a gold and a silver medal, demonstrating her dedication, skill, and sportsmanship. Her performance stood out among

munity. The members of the Jindrah club have expressed their admiration and congratulations to Kavya for her remarkable achievement in the championship.

They also encouraged her to continue working hard and sharpening her skills, with the hope that she will perform equally well at the national level in the future.

CEC chairs meeting on Housing for All Scheme

the roller skating com-

Top News Report

LEH, August 28: Chairman/CEC Adv. Tashi Gyalson, LAHDC, Leh chaired a meeting to discuss the implementation of the "Housing for All" scheme in the conference hall of the council secretariat.

Dy. Chairman, LAHDC, Leh Tsering Angchuk; Executive Councillors for Minority Ghulam Mehdi; Executive Councillor for Culture Stanzin Chosphel; Chief Planning Officer Tsewang Gyalson; Chief Controller of Finance Dr. Zulfikar Ali; ACR Leh Shabir Hussain and AD FCS & CA Leh Ruth Mary were present during the meeting.

The primary objective of the Housing for All scheme is to support individuals lacking secure and adequate housing, particularly those who are financially disadvantaged and do not own property in Leh or their respective villages.

The meeting focused on establishing a district level committee responsible for formulating guidelines and eligibility conditions for the scheme. This committee will also oversee the creation of sub divisional level committees. These bodies will play a critical role in scrutinizing applications and setting parameters for categorization.

The district level committee will be tasked with ensuring a fair and rigorous selection process, aligning with the scheme's goals of equitable housing provision

SPORTS

"Jay shah bhai i know...": Gautam Gambhir, top cricketers react as he gets elected icc chairman

BCCI secretary Shah was elected unopposed as the next ICC head, making him the youngest ever to reach the pinnacle of global cricket administration at the age of 35

NEW DELHI, Aug 28 (Agencies): India head coach Gautam Gambhir, BCCI president Roger Binny, and all-rounder Hardik Pandya led the long list of joyous members of the cricketing fraternity in lauding Jay Shah, who was on Tuesday elected unopposed as the ICC Chairman. BCCI secretary Shah was elected unopposed as the next ICC head, making him the youngest ever to reach the pinnacle of global cricket administration at the age of 35.

"Congratulations to BCCI Honorary Secretary Mr. Jay Shah for being elected unopposed as the next Independent Chair of the International Cricket Council," the BCCI posted in its official 'X', formerly twitter, handle.

Gambhir, who has taken over as head coach from Rahul Dravid, said: "Many congrats @JayShah bhai! I know world cricket will grow tremendously under your exceptional leadership!"

Pandya, who played a pivotal role in India's recent T20 World Cup triumph wrote: "Congratulations @Jay Shah bhai on being elected as the youngest chairman of ICC.

"Look forward to seeing you take cricket to even greater heights. Your vision and drive will help ICC, just like it did with BCCI.'

Binny, the 1983 World Cup winner, rated Shah as a "strong pillar" of BCCI. "I take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Jay



experience running @BCCI will

"The cricket community can be

rest assured that Jay will work

tirelessly to help World Cricket

and @ICC to realize their full

potential and take them to

BCCI vice-president Rajeev

Shukla added: "I would like to

wish Mr. Jay Shah all the very

best in his new role at the ICC.

He has been a visionary and

has taken great pride in making

sure that the game of cricket

reaches newer heights and

reaches a wider audience. His

forthright approach and astute

leadership means the game of

cricket will continue to prosper

Veteran batter Cheteshwar

Pujara wrote in his 'X' handle:

"Heartiest congratulations to

@JayShah on being elected

as the ICC Chair. Under your

visionary leadership, cricket is

set to touch new heights global-

across the globe.'

another level."

undoubtedly serve him well.

Shah on his appointment as the independent chair of the International Cricket Council (ICC). He has been a strong pillar as the BCCI Honorary Secretary and the President of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC).

"He has been a cornerstone in ideating and implementing some of the pathbreaking initiatives in cricket. As he takes over as the ICC Chairman, I am sure his foresight and leadership will further enhance the reputation and well-being of our beloved game," he said.

Former Indian captain and head coach Anil Kumble said: "Jay Shah's election as ICC Chair marks a new chapter in global cricket. Congratulations and best wishes for the journey ahead!" Ravi Shastri, another former Indian captain and head coach, said: "Congratulations to @JayShah on being elected unopposed as ICC Chairmanthe youngest ever at just 35! His

ly." Former Indian spinner Harbhajan Singh too hailed Shah's appointment.

"Congratulations to Secretary @BCCI Shri @Jai Shah Ji on your election, unopposed, as Chairman @ICC. Confident that the ICC will benefit from your experience of handling Indian cricket. Your leadership will guide world cricket to a new height. My best wishes."

Senior batter Ajinkya Rahane said: "Congratulations Jay bhai on your appointment as the ICC chairman.'

Former sports minister and BCCI administrator Anurag Thakur too congratulated Shah on his new role.

"Congratulations to our BCC Secretary, Sh. @JayShah on your new role and responsibility as the next Chairperson of the International Cricket Council (ICC), the supreme body of cricket.

"Your elevation as the youngest-ever cricket administrator is a moment of immense pride and celebration for all Indians, serving as a testament to India's rise on the international stage," he said.

India pacer Mohammed Siraj wished Shah success in his new stint.

"A massive moment. My best wishes to @Jay Shah Sir on being elected as the new ICC chairman. May you grow to greater heights and continue doing fine work for our sport. Congratulations.3

Zaheer Khan set to join **Lucknow Super Giants** as team mentor

Zaheer will thus take up the role left vacant by Gautam Gambhir last year when he went to join his former franchise KKR

"Zaheer has been

appointed as team

mentor and the unveil-

ing will happen later

today," sources told PTI.

Zaheer will thus take

up the role left vacant

by Gautam Gambhir

last year when he went

to join his former fran-

chise Kolkata Knight

Riders and guided them

to the IPL title in 2024.

Gambhir is now the

At Mumbai Indians,

Zaheer first served as

the director of cricket

before taking on the role

of head of global devel-

opment.

Indian head coach.



KOLKATA, Aug 28 (Agencies): Lucknow Super Giants are set to appoint former India speedster Zaheer Khan as their mentor ahead of the IPL mega auction

The appointment marks the return of the 45-year-old left-arm pacer to the IPL fold after two years, having been associated with five-time champions Mumbai Indians from 2018-2022.

A formal unveiling is scheduled at the RPSG Group Headquarters here on Wednesday.

LSG currently do not have a bowling coach after the departure of South African speedster Morne Morkel, who has joined Gambhir's coaching staff.

It is learnt that Zaheer will also be involved in scouting and player-development programme during the off season.

Before his coaching career, Zaheer played for three IPL teams --Mumbai Indians, Royal Challengers Bangalore, and Delhi Daredevils.

Over 10 seasons, Zaheer appeared in 100 matches for these teams, claiming 102 wickets with an economy rate of 7.58.

His final appearance in the IPL was in 2017 when he captained the Delhi Daredevils, after which he retired from all forms of cricket.

LSG have Justin Langer as head coach with the Australian replacing Andy Flower before the last IPL as he is set to continue with his deputies Lance Klusener and Adam Voges.

T20 world cup: Harmanpreet to lead tried and tested team

NEW DELHI, Aug 28 (Agencies): India named a tried and tested squad for the Women's T20 World Cup under the leadership of Harmanpreet Kaur, hoping the experienced bunch takes the team to an elusive ICC trophy. Star batter Smriti Mandhana has been named Kaur's deputy and like always will be the key at the top of the order.

Barring Uma Chetry, all the squad members who were part of an unsuccessful Asia Cup campaign in July have been retained for the marquee event



Well rested Kohli, Rohit, Bumrah could have played Duleep trophy: Manjrekar

NEW DELHI, Aug 28 (Agencies): Former India cricketer and commentator Sanjay Manjrekar has sparked a debate with his recent comments on the absence of key Indian players, including Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma, and Jasprit Bumrah, from the upcoming Duleep Trophy. In a



(C), Atharva Taide, Yash Dubey, Devdutt Padikkal, Ishan Kishan (WK), Ricky Bhui, Saransh Jain, Axar Patel, Arshdeep Singh, Aditya Thakare, Harshit Rana, Tushar Deshpande, Akash Sengupta, KS Bharat (WK), Saurabh Kumar.

Virat Kohli and Rohit

beginning in the UAE from October 3.

The competition was shifted to the UAE from Bangladesh following unrest in the South Asian nation owing to a students' protest.

Spinner Shreyanka Patil and batter Yastika Bhatia have been included in the squad subject to fitness. Shreyanka fractured her finger during the Asia Cup while Bhatia is recovering from a knee injury.

Following the loss to Sri Lanka in the Asia Cup final, Kaur will be under pressure to lead her team to the coveted title. The men were finally able to get the monkey off their back and win an ICC title after an 11-year gap. The women too would be expected to cross the finishing line on this occasion.

India will take on West Indies and South Africa in their two Women's T20 World Cup warm-up fixtures in Dubai. India will take on West Indies on September 29 and South Africa on October 1.

Final barrier

Skipper Kaur remained optimistic that India can grab their maiden global title in the upcoming World Cup. "Whenever we play on this kind of stage, we always want to do well. We have always done well in the past as well, and hopefully, this time we will break that final barrier and go all the way," Kaur said.

The 35-year-old did not read too much into the venue shift. "We have not played much cricket in the UAE. But the conditions in the UAE are going to be similar to Indian conditions. We will see how the conditions play out and try to adjust ourselves to the conditions as soon as possible," she added.

She wanted the team to dish out a "positive" game in the World Cup. "As a team, we learn from our defeats and break those barriers that are pushing us back. Hopefully this time we can express ourselves in a more positive way in the World Cup," she said.

tweet, Manjrekar pointed out that India has played 249 international matches in the last five years, but Rohit has played only 59%, Kohli 61%, and Bumrah just 34% of those games. He argued that these players, who have been well-rested compared to their peers, should have been selected for the domestic tournament to gain valuable match practice. The Duleep Trophy is

set to begin on September 5, 2024, at Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh, and Bengaluru's M Chinnaswamy Stadium. Despite the presence of some notable stars like Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, KL Rahul,

the absence of Kohli, Rohit, and Bumrah has raised questions about the team's preparation for the upcoming Test series against Bangladesh In his column for mid-

day, cricket legend Sunil Gavaskar echoed Manirekar's sentiments, suggesting that Kohli and Rohit, both in their 30s, could benefit from playing in the Duleep Trophy to keep their skills sharp and stay mentally refreshed. Gavaskar acknowledged the need for Bumrah to rest due to his recent injury history but emphasized that the

used the game time to fine-tune their red-ball form

The four squads for the first round of the Duleep Trophy-

Team A: Shubman Gill (C), Mayank Agarwal, Riyan Parag, Dhruv Jurel, KL Rahul, Tilak Varma, Shivam Dube. Tanush Kotian. Kuldeep Yadav, Akash Deep, Prasidh Krishna, Khaleel Ahmed, Avesh Khan, Vidwath Kaverappa, Kumar Kushagra, Shaswat Rawat.

Team B: Abhimanyu Easwaran (C), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Sarfaraz Khan, Rishabh Pant,

Kumar Reddy*. Washington Sundar, Ravindra Jadeja, Mohd Siraj, Yash Dayal, Mukesh Kumar, Rahul Chahar, R Sai Kishore, Mohit Awasthi, N Jagadeesan (WK).

Team C: Ruturaj Gaikwad (C). Sai Sudharsan. Rajat Patidar, Abishek Porel (WK), Suryakumar Yadav, B Indrajith, Hrithik Shokeen, Manav Suthar, Umran Malik, Vyshak Vijaykumar, Anshul Khamboj, Himanshu Chauhan, Mayank Markande, Aryan Juyal (WK), Sandeep Warrier. Team D: Shreyas lyer

Sharma last featured in India's recent and shocking ODI series defeat to Sri Lanka, which also marked the first taste of defeat for trhe side under their new head coach Gautam Gambhir.

The Indian team is set to play two Test matches against Bangladesh starting on September 19 in Chennai and on September 27 in Kanpur. While the decision to play in the Duleep Trophy ultimately rests with the players, Manjrekar's comments have sparked a broader discussion about the importance of domestic cricket as a preparatory platform for international stars.

Sourav Ganguly, Rahul Dravid's ex India teammate, snubbed after 2 ODIs,

NEW DELHI, Aug 28 (Agencies): The competition for every single role across the Indian cricket team is fierce. Every single year, many new faces make their debuts, but only a handful of them manage to get consistent opportunities in the team. The vast talent pool that exists in Indian cricket makes it practically impossible for associations and boards to give equal chances to every single player. Such was the case with former India all-rounder Gyanendra Pandey, who vanished after just representing India in two ODIs.

Pandey made his debut for India against Pakistan in 1999 and only played one more game before being phased out of the team.

The all-rounder caught selectors' eyes after picking up 254 wickets from 199 games in First-Class and List A cricket. In 97 Ranji Trophy matches, Pandey scored 4425 runs and took 148

wickets, proving his worth as an all-rounder and earning a call-up for the 1999 Pepsi Cup triseries featuring Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

"In 1997, I had put up a good performance. In the Duleep Trophy final, I scored 44 runs and took three wickets. I had an extraordinary outing in the Deodhar Trophy. The North Zone featured Vikram Rathour, Virender Sehwag and Navjot Sidhu. I took five wickets and scored an unbeaten 23. Against West Zone,

now works at SBI



or 30 not out and 2-3

wickets," Pandey told

I scored 89 not out and took 2-3 wickets against East Zone. Against The Lallantop in an interview.

"In the Challenger Trophy, I dismissed Robin Singh and Amay Khurasiya. For India A, I took two wickets for 26 runs and then got an India call-up. That was in the year 1999."

Pandey rubbed shoulders with stalwarts like Rahul Dravid, Sourav Ganguly, Mohammed Azharuddin and Virender Sehwag in the dressing room but it soon went downhill for him.

Pandey could've played for India again in the 1999 Test series against New Zealand but Jaywant Lele, the then-BCCI secretary, reportedly did not approve of his selection. The anchor revealed

that Lele said, "If Kumble has asked for a break, why not go for Sunil Joshi?" Pandey was snubbed and he never came back into consideration again. "Mr. Lele should have

thought about what he

said. He should have

He was an umpire as well. I get it; it was my fault. I didn't know the tricks; didn't understand how these thing work. I couldn't handle it and hence, got defamed. Even the media did not print my side of the story. No one came to ask me anything. They only contacted the top brass," Pandey said. The former India crick-

seen my performance.

eter now works as a State Bank of India PR agent.

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Sainik Samaj Party releases its election manifesto

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 28: The Sainik Samaj Party J&K UT has released its election manifesto following a detailed discussion within its core group.

Col. S.S. Pathania, the Chief Convenor and President of the party, presented the manifesto, which reflects the party's strong stance against certain prevalent political practices. Pathania expressed the party's firm opposition to reservation policies and the distribution of freebies or guarantees, arguing that such measures are eroding the foundation of the country and should be halted immediately. He criticized other political parties for their tendency to make hollow promises, often encapsulated in lengthy manifestos, which he believes are designed to deceive the public and secure votes without any intention of genuine implementation. The manifesto of the



Sainik Samaj Party is distinct in its concise and focused approach, outlining 13 achievable goals. First and foremost, the party advocates for the creation of a separate Jammu State or Union Territory, aiming to address the unique needs and aspirations of the region.

The manifesto also prioritizes the protection of Jammu's land, art, culture, and job opportunities, particularly for the local youth in both the government and private sectors. Recognizing the potential of the region, the party pledges to develop tourism in Jammu, with an emphasis on religious, rural, and border area tourism, which are seen as unde-

rutilized assets. A significant part of the manifesto is dedicated to security and governance issues. The party calls for the early deportation of illegal immigrants, specifically Rohingya and Bangladeshi nationals, who are seen as a threat to the region's stability. The reintroduction of the Old Pension Scheme is also a key point, reflecting the party's commitment to the welfare of government employees. In terms of representation, the party advocates for 33% reservation for women in Panchayat, District Development Council (DDC), and Assembly elections, aiming to enhance female participation in governance.

Further, the manifesto proposes the establishment of a 24x7 HD satellite channel, named Duggar Channel, dedicated to the Jammu region, which would promote local culture and issues.

To strengthen the fight against terrorism and narco-terrorism, the party suggests appointing a General or Lt. General as the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, supported by two military advisers, to ensure a robust security framework

The manifesto also highlights the need for optimizing hydro power resources to ensure continuous power supply across both urban and rural areas. The party commits to reserving government jobs for ex-servicemen, with

additional provisions for one-time grants and annuities for gallantry award winners, ensuring parity with neighboring states. Moreover, the party promises the regularization of daily wagers and ad hoc workers, addressing long-standing employment issues. To promote sports and physical education, the Sainik Samaj Party plans

to establish institutions modeled after the National Institute of Sports (NIS) Patiala, known for its excellence in sports training. Lastly, the party emphasizes the need for transparent, accountable, and corruption-free governance, promising to uphold these principles if elected. Col. Pathania conclud-

ed by urging the public to become more politically aware and discerning, highlighting the Sainik Samaj Party's commitment to practical and achievable goals that prioritize the region's development and security.

Top News Report derail the entire system JAMMU, Aug 28: by entering the election

Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit has demanded the Election Commission (EC) to ban members of banned organizations like Jamaat-e-Islami and separatist faces from participating in the Jammu-Kashmir assembly elections.

In a press conference held on Wednesday at the party's state central office, state chief Manish Sahni said that right under the nose of the Modi government at the center, which makes big claims of restoring peace in Kashmir, which is the self-proclaimed contractor of Hindus, banned separatist organizations and **Delhi-based Prevention** of Illegal Activities Tribunal and the ban on it has been continued for the next five years.

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Sahni has asked the public not to let the new wave of separatism and evil intention succeed in Kashmir by voting and has demanded from the **Election Commission** to ban the members of Jamaat-e-Islami and separatist faces who have taken refuge in various parties from participating in the assembly elections of Jammu and Kashmir. On this occasion

Gen Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Vice president Balwant Singh, Sanjeev Kohli, Rajesh Jadial, Summit Sharma were present.

Chairman LAHDC assesses progress of ongoing developmental works in Leh district



Top News Report

LEH, Aug 28: The Chairman/CEC LAHDC, Leh Adv. Tashi Gyalson, chaired a meeting to assess the progress of ongoing developmental works in Leh district in the Conference Hall of the Council Secretariat, Leh.

The meeting was attended by District Superintending Engineer, PWD, Dorjay Gyatso;

utive Engineer, SSD, Khaltsi, Thinles Zangpo (virtually); Executive Engineer, SSD, Nyoma, Ghulam Abass; Executive Engineer, SSD Nubra Shamin Ahmed (virtually) and other concerned officials.

During the meeting, CEC discussed various key projects. He urged timely completion of Bakula Shradhanjali Park, Club House, road widening at Saboo and the new Council Secretariat Building. Additionally, CEC Gyalson inquired about the progress of developmental works in Nubra. Khaltsi and Nyoma sub division. Executive Engi-

Monika Kumari qualifies Ph.D

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 28: Monika Kumari, daughter of Maggar Singh and Raj Kumari, has been declared qualified for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in the School of Computer Science and Engineering by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra, Jammu.

The candidate has worked on the topic entitled "Hybrid Approach To Remote Sensing Scene Classification" under the supervision of Dr. Ajay Kaul, Associate Professor, School of Computer Science and Engineer-

ing, SMVDU. Monika Kumari has published various papers in SCI/SCIE-indexed journals and presented her research papers at international confer-



ences. The scholar expresses her gratitude to her parents and supervisor for guidance, and to the School of Computer Science and Engineering, SMVDU, for providing all necessary facilities and support during her research. Prof (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, and other com-

mittee members congratulated Monika Kumari and wished her a bright future.

EC should ban Jamaat members, separatist faces from contesting elections in J&K: Shiv Sena

New wave of nefarious intentions of separatism in Kashmir, why is Modi government silent? Sahni



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their nefarious sepa-

ratist agenda in a new

Sahni said that sepa-

ratist leaders should not

be allowed to contest

He said that Jamaat-

e-Islami is a banned

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the need to accelerate the completion of major projects and urged all departments to collaborate effectively in order to meet the region's development objectives.

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the status of ongoing

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personnel, the CEC

instructed the relevant

officials to construct a

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of existing CRPF camp

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staffing shortage. Emphasizing the com-

DPS Jammu students win medals in inter-school roller skating championship

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Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 28: Students of Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu brought laurels to the school and their parents by winning gold, silver and bronze in various categories in Inter-School Roller Skating Championship for boys & girls held at J.K. Public School, Kunjwani, Jammu on 24th August, 2024

Saanvi Grover (IX-A) won 2 Gold medals (14-17 age category); Vidhan Mahajan (VII-H) won 2 Gold medals (11-14 age category); Mridul Jungral (IV-E) won 2 Gold medals (9-11 age category); Aisha Shah (V-C) won 1 Gold medal (9-11 age category); Mujtaba Sajad(IV-G) won 1 Gold medal (7-9 age category); Aayan



Singh Langeh (V-B) won 2 Silver medals (9-11 age category); Avikam Ashok Gupta (III-F) won 2 Silver medals (7-9 age category); Daivik Oberoi (II-L) won 1 Silver medal (7-9 age category); Viraaj Gandotra (VII-B) won 2 Bronze medals (11-14 age category); Amoli Sharma (V-J) won 1 Bronze medal (9-11 age category); Riyansh Mahajan (II-C) won 1 Bronze medal (7-9 age

category). The management DPS Jammu, President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC-Dr. Ritu Singh, Director-S.S. Sodhi along with Principal-DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chabra and staff congratulated all the winners, their parents and coaches, Gulmeet and Parth Slathia for their achievement. They also extended their best wishes to them for all their future endeavours.

Sculptor Ganesh confers Int'l Platinum Award

Top News Report

JAMMU, Aug 28: Eminent Senior contemporary internationally acclaimed Sculptor Ganesh Kumar Sharma son of the soil has been conferred "International Platinum Award" by "Gold Master International Academy of Arts and Literature" Hungary.

Mari Lipták, President of the Academy presented the International Platinum Award certificate to Ganesh Kumar Sharma virtually for his great work in the field of art, culture, literature and creativity at the international platform. Maria Lipták President and the management team congratulated and wishes more success in future to Ganesh Kumar Sharma.

Gold Master International Academy of Arts and Literature is a very professional and prestigious institution and working to provide international platform for international artists, intellectuals and writers across the alobe.

It is to mention here that Ganesh Kumar Sharma Eminent senior contemporary Sculptor is working in the field of art and

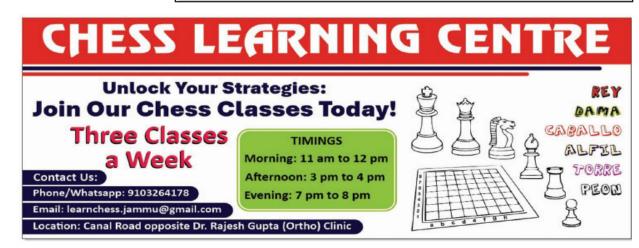


culture from more than forty five years and have received so many State, National and International awards, honors and recognitions.

Ganesh Sharma has organized 25 solo shows of his creative works in different parts of the country and abroad. His creative art works are in permanent collections of different art galleries in India and abroad.



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