TOP NEWS OF J&K



BRIEFLY

Dry weather likely in Kashmir from Sep 3-12, says MeT

SRINAGAR, Sep 1 (Agencies): Meteorological Department on Sunday predicted dry weather in Jammu and Kashmir till September 12. However it added that brief spell of rain at isolated parts likely to occur in the meanwhile.

"Today there will be generally dry weather likely," the MeT official said

He said from September 2 to 3 there is a possibility of generally cloudy with light to moderate rain/thundershower at many places towards late evening/ night to afternoon/later afternoon of September 3.

He also said from September 4 to 5 there will be generally dry weather.

Also from September 6 to 7 there will be brief spell of rain at isolated to scattered places of J&K. Further from Septem-

ber 8 to 12 the weather conditions will remain dry, the official said.

PM Modi, Amit Shah, other Union Minister's set to campaign in J&K from Sep 10

SRINAGAR, Sep 1 (Agencies): To boost the BJP's election campaigning in J&K, Prime Minister Narendera Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and other senior ministers of the party are all set to arrive in the UT from September 8 onwards, party sources informed KNO, a local news gathering agency.

They said talks about the final date about PM "There may be a little Modi's arrival are on and change in PM Modi's it is expected that PM arrival in J&K but the Modi will arrive in J&K visit of top BJP minis-



ters including Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, Nitin Gadkari, and the party chief J P Nadda besides other top ministers is

100 percent confirmed." they said.

A senior BJP leader said that PM Modi may arrive in J&K for the campaign for the second phase but other ministers will surely visit J&K from September 10 onwards. "A few of them may visit J&K before September 10 but the majority of them will arrive after September 10. PM Modi is expected to address two rallies one in Jammu and another in Kashmir. Dates are being finalised," he said, wishing not to be named.

J&K youth will show exit door to 'Modi and Company' on October 1: Mallikarjun Kharge

NEW DELHI, Sep 1 (Agencies): Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday claimed "deception" is the only policy of the BJP for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir and that they will show the door to "Prime Minister Narendra Modi and company" in the upcoming polls.

In his post on X, Kharge said the youth unemployment rate in Jammu and Kashmir was a staggering 28.2



per cent (PLFS) in March. "Deception is the only

to the people of Jammu

and Kashmir," the BJP

Highlighting the work

done by the BJP-led

Prime Minister Narendra

Modi government. Raina

said, "Everywhere, the

BJP is getting support

from people, especially

the work done by our

PM. The way PM Modi

has changed the destiny

and picture of Kashmir

in the last ten years

leader added.

policy of the BJP for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir!" he said. "Many exam paper

pant corruption have delayed hiring across departments for four years now. An astounding 65% of government department posts in Jammu & Kashmir remain vacant since 2019," Kharge claimed. In Jammu and Kashmir, over 60,000 government daily wagers have been toiling for more than 15 years, earning a meagre Rs 300 per day, he said

leaks, bribes and ram-

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Who banned Jama'at first? BJP's Tarun Chugh hits out at NC

He said NC leader

Omar Abdullah had

made it clear that he

won't contest in the

assembly elections till

the restoration of State-

hood, but the party is

so confused and even

defused that it didn't

stick to its commitments.



Jama'at-e-Islami and (Agencies): Bharatiya now they are welcoming Janata Party (BJP) the organisation's partic-National General Secipation in the polls and retary and in-charge playing a blame game," Jammu and Kashhe said.

Chug also said that the party has been misleading people in the name Article 370. "First, the party is mentioning restoration of Article 370 in its manifesto and now has been claiming that it would take even 100 years to restore it," Chug added.

"Restoring Jammu and Kashmir's statehood is BJP's top priority. PM Narendra Modi has assured the people that after the assembly elections, when the situ-

"PM Modi changed destiny and picture of J&K in last 10 years," **Says Ravinder Raina**



This comes as the party is gearing up for the Assembly polls in the Union Territory of



Raina said, "The BJP, with its full might, has joined the political fray in Jammu and Kashmir." He claimed that the

Over 400 buses booked for **Political Rallies in** Kashmir

SRINAGAR, Sep 1 (Agencies): In view of the upcoming assembly elections, the political parties in Kashmir have hired over 400 vehicles including buses and minicabs for the campaigning.

President of the Transporter Association in Kashmir, Shabbir Ahmed Matta, confirmed the pre-booking of the buses and mini-cabs. Matta said, "Several political parties have hired over 300 buses to ferry political workers in the campaign rallies." Meanwhile, Turn to page 9

He however warned that there is a possibility of heavy rain during September 2 to 3 at isolated places with flash floods, landslides, mudslides and shooting stones over few vulnerable places. Turn to page 9

mir, Tarun Chug today termed National Conference as confused and defused party. Chug said that the NC has been playing hypocritical role in Jammu and Kashmir.

"It was NC, which first imposed ban on ation normalizes, statehood will be reinstated." He said.

He further said that he party is confident of winning majority of seats in Jammu and Kashmir and form the next government

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Jammu and Kashmir, scheduled to start in the third week of September. At a joint press conference, flanked by Union Ministers G Kishen Reddy, Jitendra Singh, and former Jammu and Kashmir Deputy Chief Minister Nirmal Singh,

party and its candidates are getting support from different parts of Kashmir ahead of the polls. "...The party candidates are gaining ground in Anantnag, Kulgam, Shopian, and Pulwama. I express my gratitude has led every child of Jammu and Kashmir to sing profusely from his heart, "Har Har Modi, Ghar Ghar Modi." He also hit out at previous governments in Jammu and Kashmir. "During the era of Congress-National Turn to page 9

Former PDP chief spokesperson Suhail **Bukhari joins Congress**



SRINAGAR, Sep 1 (Agencies): Suhail Bukhari, the former chief spokesperson of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) joined the Congress party on Sunday.

The move comes shortly after his resignation from the PDP on August 20.

According to the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Bukhari was displeased with the PDP leadership, as he was denied a mandate to contest the

forthcoming elections, leading to his decision of parting ways with the party.

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Bukhari had been hopeful of contesting from the Wagoora-Kreeri segment, but the party's decision to overlook his candidacy led to his departure.

Meanwhile, the Congress party has welcomed his entry, viewing it as a boost to their electoral prospects in Jammu and Kashmir. His decision to join **Turn to page 9**

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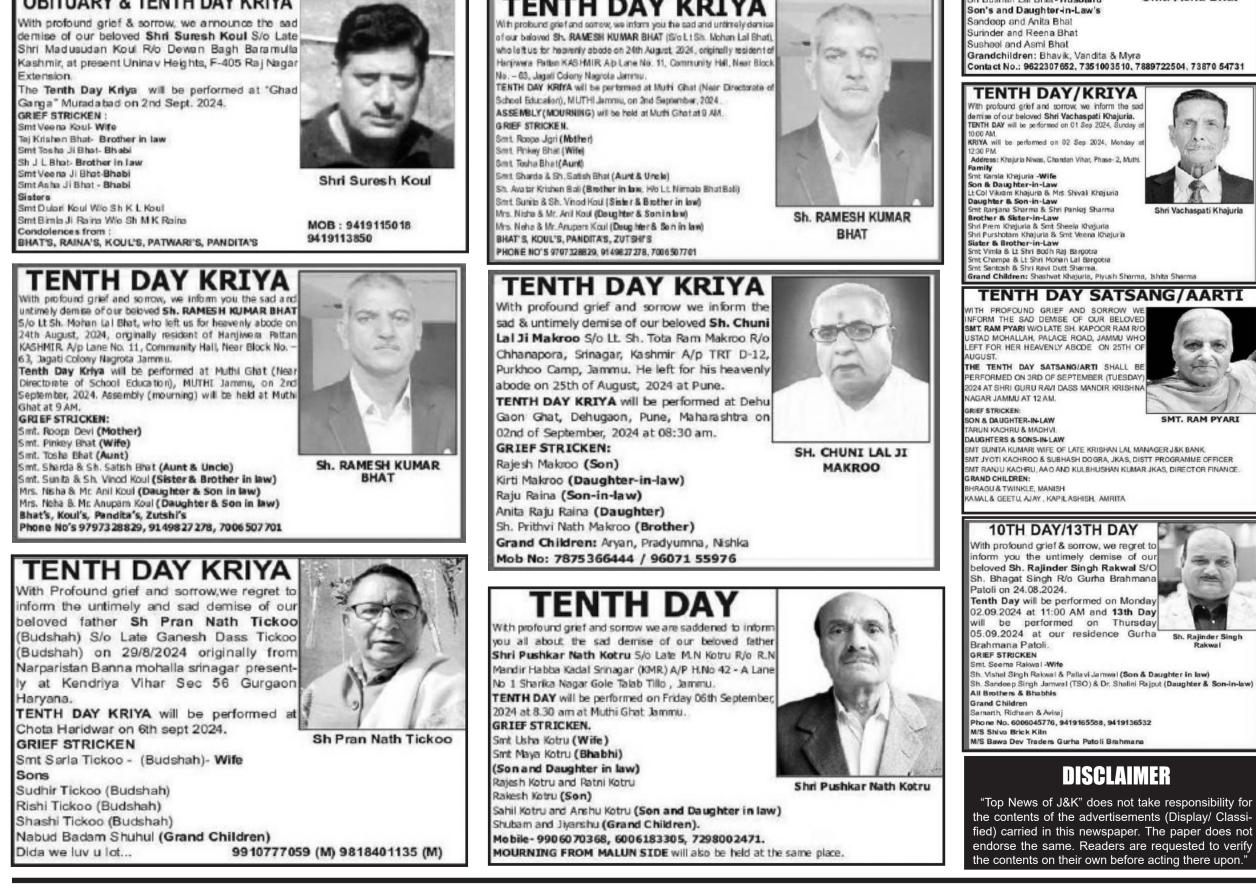
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Dr. Subhash and Sunil joins NC

NC emerging as preferred choice of J&K people, says Rattan Lal Gupta



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sept 1: In a significant political development, Dr. Subhash Chander Sharma Rtd Professor, Social Activist and leader of POK refugee and Sunil Sharma Senior Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and popular social activist, Sunit Sharma, have joined the National Conference (NC) during a programme held at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan Jammu. Rattan Lal, Provincial President, JKNC, extended a warm welcome to Dr.

Subhash Sharma and Sunil Sharma into the party fold. The Joining Programme was organized by Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone and S. Tejinder Singh District President Jammu Urban YNC.

In his address, Rattan Lal Gupta underscored the surging momentum of the National Conference (NC) throughout Jammu & Kashmir. He highlighted that the party is increasingly emerging as the preferred choice among the region's electorate, a testament to its growing appeal and the trust it commands from the public.

The senior NC leader emphasized that the NC's commitment to addressing the concerns and aspirations of the people is resonating deeply across various communities. He asserted that the party's vision and

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tive change. Rattan Lal confidently stated that only the National Conference possesses the capability and determination to guarantee a brighter and more prosperous future for Jammu & Kashmir, promising enhanced development and progress under its leadership.

Sheikh Bashir Ahmed, Provincial Secretary of JKNC, underscored the party's core values of secularism. He assured the public that the National Conference continues to stand firmly as a secular party, committed to upholding the principles of unity and inclusiveness.

Vijay Lochan, Chairman of the JKNC SC Cell, spoke about the party's unwavering commitment to protecting the rights of weaker sections of society. He assured that the National Conference remains steadfast in its mission to advocate for and uphold the rights of marginalized communities. Rakesh Singh Raka

Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone JKNC, another prominent leader of the party, highlighted the National Conference's dedication to the welfare of farmers. He reiterated the party's commitment to implementing policies and initiatives that will enhance the livelihoods and well-being of the agricultural community.

Dr. Subhash Chander Sharma and Sunil Sharma said that we impressed by the progressive developmental and pro people Manifesto of JKNC issue for the forth coming Assembly elections. The JKNC Manifesto shall bring peace, prosperity and development in J&K.

Among those who were present include: - Bimla Luthra former MLA, Pardeep Bali Provincial Secretary Jammu. Abdul Gani Teli Chairman OBC Cell, Vijay Laxami Datta Senior leader, Vikram Puri Chairman Trade and Industry, S. Tejinder Singh District President Jammu Urban YNC, Joginder Kour **District Vice President** Jammu Urban women wing, Nitish Gowsami Provincial Secretary YNC, Som Raj Taroch Joint Secretary Central Zone. Zamir Quershi. Jatinder Kumar District President SC Cell, Ajay Kumar Block Secretary Jammu Urban, Jagga Ram, Veena and others.

Khatana Backs Modi's Economic Vision at ET Forum

Top News Report

TAMIL NADU/JAMMU, Sept 1: In a strong endorsement of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address at the Economic Times World Leaders Forum, Senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha MP, Er Gulam Ali Khatana, emphasized the transformative impact of the government's reforms on India's economy and its global standing.

Khatana's remarks underscore the BJP's commitment to advancing India's development agenda and solidify the party's stance as a driving force behind the country's ongoing economic transformation.

Echoing the Prime Minister's message of "Reform, Perform, Transform," Khatana highlighted how these principles have been pivotal in driving India's unprecedented growth over the past decade. He praised the government's focus on inclusive development, pointing to the upliftment of 25 crore people from poverty and the rise of a new middle class as clear evidence of the administration's success

"The Prime Minister's vision for India's economic future is not just ambitious; it's achievable," Khatana stated. "We've seen remarkable progress in modernizing infrastructure, supporting MSMEs, and promoting India as a global manufacturing hub. These initiatives are laying the groundwork for India to emerge as a leading developed nation requires a collaborative effort between the government, private sector, and our international partners," Khatana stated. "We invite businesses and innovators from around the world to join us in this transformative journey." Khatana also highlighted

global economic powerhouse."

Khatana lauded the government's efforts to create a conducive environment for business growth and foreign investment. He emphasized that the ease of doing business reforms, coupled with initiatives like "Make in India" and "Atmanirbhar Bharat," have significantly boosted India's appeal as a destination for global manufacturing and investment.

Referring to Prime Minister Modi's emphasis on green energy, technology, and tourism as pillars of India's future growth, Khatana expressed confidence in the government's vision to make India a developed nation by 2047. "Our commitment to sustainable development, coupled with our push for technological innovation, positions India at the forefront of the global transition to a greener, more digital future," he remarked.

The BJP leader called upon the private sector to partner with the government in this ambitious journey, underscoring the importance of innovation, high-quality growth, and international cooperation in achieving these goals. "The path to becoming a ponents of India's growth strategy. "By empowering our youth with the skills needed for the jobs of tomorrow, we're not just building a workforce; we're nurturing the innovators and entrepreneurs who will drive India's future success," he said. Khatana reiterated the BJP's unwavering commitment to Prime Minister Modi's vision of a prosperous, inclusive, and globally influential India. "Under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, India is not just participating

the government's focus

on skill development and

education as crucial com-

in the global economy; we're shaping it," he declared. "The reforms and initiatives undertaken by our government have set India on a trajectory of sustainable, inclusive growth that will benefit not just our citizens, but contribute to global prosperity and stability." As India continues its ascent on the world stage, the endorsement from senior BJP leaders

stage, the endorsement from senior BJP leaders like Khatana serves to reinforce the party's alignment with the Prime Minister's economic vision and its determination to see India realize its full potential as a global economic leader.

PoJK Refugees demand Congress mandate from RS Pura Jammu South constituency: Badrinath

Top News Report

RS PURA, Sept 1: Congress Working President District Jammu Rural Badrinath Sharma on Sunday assured that Congress will not leave any stone unturned to protect the interests of Jammu and Kashmir.He said, Congress has always worked for a peaceful and prosperous Jammu and Kashmir. "However. Congress Party needs full public support to ensure its people friendly agenda is implemented This was properly." stated by Sharma while addressing impressive public gathering called as preparation meeting at Kotli Shah Doula in RS Pura Jammu South constituency. Prominent speakers present on the occasion including Sub Janak Sharma, Madan Lal Sharma,S Jasbir Singh, Ajay Kumar Jasmeet Singh, Panch Kuldeep Singh, Mohd Aslam besides others however demanded Congress Party High Command and Congress J&K Unit to give mandate to a PoJK Refugee Badrinath Sharma from RS Pura constituency having served RS Pura constituency for more than 30 years honestly and dedicatedly. They highlighted that



people to give Congress a chance to implement its vision for a better future in Jammu and Kashmir by granting the party an absolute majority in the upcoming assembly elections. Sharma speaking on the

Sharma speaking on the occasion maintained that whatever decision Congress High Command takes in RS Pura Jammu South constituency will be respected and honoured but claimed that if a candidate from any other constituency is forced into this constituency. prospectus of Congress party winning this seat will definitely be blurred especially when BJP has given mandate to PoJK Refuqee. He said BJP has betrayed the people of Jammu even after ruling Jammu and Kashmir indirectly through Lt Governor and Advisors from Delhi. He further said that "BJP do not respect the sentiments of the people. They want power and to serve representatives. their political purpose.' Sharma said that "We Sharma said that they know the difficulties being have witnessed the BJP faced by the people in Rule in which no develop-J&K. He added, "Rather ment and instead unemthan providing job opporployment has increased tunities for the local manifolds with the cancelpopulation, outsiders are lation of the selection lists. being given preference "Jammu remained the in the ongoing developmental projects. Ideally, worst hit with the BJP's selective approach and locals should have been appealed to the people given priority for employment opportunities, but to give a chance to their own Congress Party to we observe that everyform a majority Govt in one from contractors to laborers is being brought Jammu and Kashmir. We are committed to proin from outside, as if we vide equal opportunity for have a shortage of manpower here in Jammu development, employment and other opporand Kashmir."We have tunities," he said. Under faith in the democratic values of our country, present Govt, he said one and we aspire to the same can find only outsiders as rights that are enjoyed by Govt officials in the Civil Secretariats and District people in other regions of Administration while the the country."

He said. "We vision and a roadmap to ensure the economic empowerment of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. I assure you that we will ensure impartial development of all regions and prosperity for all citizens, regardless of their regional, religious, or political affiliations."He urged the leaders and workers to enhance their political activities and public outreach program in their respective areas in order to remain in touch with the masses.

Baba Sidhgoria Dham prepares for 55th Shat Chandi Mahayagya and Shrimad Bhagwat Katha

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sept 1: Devotees can anticipate a spiritually enriching experience as Baba SidhgoriaDham, Paloura, announces its preparations for the grand 55th Shat Chandi Mahayagya. The event, held under the esteemed supervision of Mahant Kuldeep Singh Ji Maharaj, will take place from September 05 to 15, 2024 Further enhancing the spiritual atmosphere, a captivating discourse on the Shrimad Bhagwat Katha will be delivered by the revered Mahant Shri Dr. Satyanarayan Das Ji Maharaj. This enlightening journey will commence on September 09 and conclude on September 15, taking place daily from 2 pm to 5 pm within the serene Dham arounds. Mahant Shri Kuldeep Singh Ji, alongside Team Jammu Chairman Zorawar Singh Jamwal, addressed a press conference to share details of the auspicious event. They expressed immense pleasure in organizing the 55th Mahayagya and extended a warm invitation to all devotees to partake in this deeply spiritual gathering. Giving details Baba Kuldeep Manhas said that, Shat Chandi Mahayagya, Hawan Pujan, and Sant Samelan will be held from September 05 - 15, 2024; while Shrimad Bhagwat Katha by Dr. Mahant Shri Sat Naryan Dass ji Maharaj will be held from September 09 - 15, 2024 (2 pm - 5 pm daily) He said that a Daily Langar for all attendees has also been organised adding on September 05 (Thursday): Jal Yatra (8 am) will be taken out followed by Mandap Pujan and Yagya (8 am - 12 noon) at that Dham premises.



forms a substantial part of the RS Pura-Jammu South demographic, with assembly elections being held after a decade-long hiatus in Jammu and Kashmir. They emphasized the need for political parties to prioritize PoJK Refugee, who have remained politically disenfranchised for far too long. Sharma said that people should no longer fall prev to the deceptive politics of B.IP and move towards a more inclusive and united future. He appealed to the

the RS Pura Assem-

bly constituency had

been reserved for over

26 years, however, with

the recent delimitation;

the seat has now been

opened to the general

category, where PoJK

population is more than

42% and they have first

right to be represented

by a PoJK Refugees in

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bly. They pointed out that

PoJK Refugee community

local Govt officials who work on merits have been sidelined."If we come to power, we will replace the non-local Govt officials and the local Govt officials will get the preference to ensure justice with the local population of Jammu as well as Kashmir," he said. For this, he asked the people to vote for the candidates of Congress Party in the upcoming assembly elections as it would end their suffering and provide them an opportunity to get their issues resolved by their

AICOI Honors Kunwarani Ritu Singh at 46th Annual Celebration



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sept 1: In a ceremony of both simplicity and significance, the All India Conference of Intellectuals (AICOI) celebrated its 46th Annual Event by recognizing exceptional intellectuals and social activists from across India. Kunwarani Ritu Singh. Vice-Chairperson of DPS Jammu, was honored for her remarkable contributions to social causes, demonstrating leadership marked by compassion and cultural pride.

The event was guided by notable AICOI leaders, including National

President Hon'ble Lt. Gen. K.M. Seth. Former Governor of Chhattisgarh; National Patron Justice Rajesh Tandon (Retd.); National Secretary General Prakash Nidhi Sharma, Advocate at the Supreme Court of India; CO-Convener Ms. Anushri; and National Secretary Advocate Abhay Nidhi Sharma. The award presentation was conducted by Dr. Nitan Sharma, President of AICOI J&K, with support from distinguished executive members like Advocate Kapil Sharma, Founder of Elite Law Institute; Advocate San-

jeev Sharma, renowned Educationist; and Advocate Uma Kapahi, a dedicated Pro-Bono Lawyer and Social Activist.

The ceremony included a thought-provoking discussion on empowering marginalized communities and addressing social challenges inclusively. Kunwarani Ritu Singh delivered an inspiring address, emphasizing the crucial role of intellectuals and educators in societal advancement. She urged the younger generation to actively participate in nation-building, uphold the rule of law, and strive for a more equitable society. Dr. Nitan Sharma highlighted that this year's event not only celebrated individual achievements but also fostered meaningful dialogue on broader societal issues, underscoring the importance of collective action

and commitment

Students' annual photography exhibition showcases 200 photographs

Top News Report

CHANDIGARH/JAMMU, Sept 1: The three-day annual students' photography exhibition concluded at Morph Academy, sector 34 on Sunday.

Over 200 photographs across various genres including fashion photography, mobile photography, social media, wildlife, flora and fauna, landscape, nature, and historical heritage were showcased during the exhibition.

The exhibition also served as an educational experience. The event not only showcased the hidden talents of every student but also motivated and inspired them to excel in their future ventures, marking a memorable occasion for all involved.

The exhibition was a testament to the creative potential of the academy's budding photographers, said Gaurika Rana centre head.

Dr. Ajay Sharma, CEO of Morph Academy said," Our talented students have showcased their immense creative potential through various types of photography, including wildlife, model shoots, flower shoots, baby shoots, land-scape shoots, and more."

Dr. Ajay also highlighted the use of face-tracking technology, which has become prevalent in cameras and mobile phones. This technology allows cameras to recognize and track human faces, making photography easier while enhancing the quality by automatically adjusting focus, exposure, and color balance, he asserted.

Morph Academy, a skilled training institute founded in 2009, continues to nurture and promote artistic talent.

He said that on September 09 (Monday) the discourse on Shrimad

Bhagwat Katha will being by Dr. Mahant Shri Sat Naryan Dass ji Maharaj Karya Dass ji Maharaj

from 2 pm to 5 pm. On September 15 (Sunday), a Prabhat Phiri will be taken out (8 am - 12 pm) from Mandir via Top Paloura, Patoli, Jaggi Darbar, Janipur, Muthi Camp and return from the same route to temple; Puran Ahuti, and Bhandara will be held at 2 pm.

Accommodation and meals will be provided for Pandits and Mahatmas at

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SHRI KRISHNA-A SYMBOL OF LOVE

Rrishna Janmashtami is celebrated in India and other countries on the occasion of the birthday of Shri Krishna in the month of August or September of the year. It is a spiritual festival and a symbol of faith of Hindus. This festival is celebrated for two days.

On the occasion of Krishna Janmashtami, the vibrancy of the markets can be seen weeks in advance; wherever you look, markets are decorated with colorful and captivating idols of Krishna, flower garlands, puja materials, sweets and various decorative items.

The importance of Krishna Janmashtami festival is very wide, there is a very influential statement in the Bhagavad Gita "Whenever there is a decline of Dharma and an increase of Adharma, then I will be born". No matter how powerful the evil is, one day it must come to an end.

Man becomes aware of this statement of Geeta during the festival of Janmashtami. Apart from this, through this festival, the coming generations of Sanatan Dharma will be able to know the qualities of their idol and will try to follow the path shown by them. The festival of Krishna Janmashtami reflects our civilization and culture.

To make the young generation aware of Indian civilization and culture, it is very important to celebrate these popular Teej festivals. Such spiritual festivals are seen as the soul of Sanatana Dharma. We all should take interest in these festivals and know the popular stories related to them.

Looking at the childhood exploits of Shri Krishna, it can be inferred that he descended on earth to continue his journey and fulfill his purpose. His power and valor is revealed by the killing of demons (Pootna, Baghasur, Aghasur, Kaliya Naag) one after the other. Despite (after) being very powerful, he behaves normally among common people, breaking pots, stealing butter, playing with cowherds. Shri Krishna is considered a symbol of love. In the couplets of Sufi saints, a very beautiful depiction of Krishna's love and separation leela with Radha and other gopis is found. Krishna was the most knowledgeable, Yuga Purush, very powerful, influential personality and a skilled politician but he never used his powers for himself. His every work was for the upliftment of the earth. Due to the birth of Krishna in prison, most of the police stations and jails of the country are decorated on the occasion of Krishna Janmashtami and a grand festival is organized here. Because of the works of Shri Krishna, Vitthal in Maharashtra, Shri Nathji or Thakurji in Rajasthan, Jagannath in Orissa and so on are worshiped by many names all over the world. Everyone needs to take inspiration from his life that no matter what happens, a person should always keep walking on the path of his actions.

If Trump thinks he's losing, will he quit the race? What'll be next Columnists

By: Farrukh Dhondy

wo Americans with whom I was exchanging political platitudes said that most Indians in the United States vote for the Republican Party and would in November endorse Donald Trump. Though bowing to their absolutely superior familiarity with this sort of statistic, I interjected asking if this was because most Indians who are granted American citizenship and the vote are either traders, Silicon Valley wallahs or some form of professionals or bourgeoisie? Also Read - Shashi Warrier | Of politics, lies and citizenly expectations Advertisement No, they said, even the Asian taxi drivers, of which there are many, will vote for Donald Trump. I wondered aloud whether this was because most of the Asian taxi drivers of big cities, say New York, are Pakistanis and wouldn't vote for Kamala Harris because she is half Indian? Besides, I contended, the Asian taxi drivers, even if they were Indian, were not numerous enough compared to the professionals and Indian middle classes who might feel their economic interests were better served by Republican inclinations and policies. Also Read - Pavan K. Varma | Many ways of being divine: A Janmashtami reflection The argument was turned on its head when I recently read an actual statistical poll of Indian-American intentions in the coming election. Though I

myself have never been inclined to vote for, say, Rishi Sunak, simply because we share Indian origins, the poll set out to ask Indians how they would vote on the assumption that Kamala Harris' half-Indian origin might influence their answer. The statistic was simple. Fifty per cent would vote, they said, for Kamala - no reasons of policy or ethnicity given. Twenty or so per cent said they were definitely Trumpeteers, and the rest were still undecided. If indeed all those undecideds took shelter under the Orange Wigwam, then the statistic is fifty-fifty. But that's unlikely. Also Read - Anita Katyal | Nabi operation runs aground; BJP can't enjoy its RS majority As i said, I have never understood why diasporic Indians -- or those with Indian origins -- who attain high office abroad command the attentions, jubilation and the congratulations of Indians in India, from Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the rickshaw driver in Agra. Perhaps blood or the common gene pool is thicker than thick skulls. That being said, perhaps some in the Indian government thought that Hedgie Sunak, being a firm Brexiteer, which withdrawal went towards ruining the British economy and lowering living standards for the average Brit, would be fair game for Indian trade agreements and deals profitable to India. Also Read - Patralekha Chatterjee | Why do so many get duped in job scams, cyber fraud? I doubt if very

many Indians in India have heard of Suella Braverman, though it may be a fair bet to say that some Gujerotics will certainly have heard of Priti Patel and would be jubilant that she at some point held government posts -- regardless of the fact that her work in those roles was wasteful, reactionary and, in my biased opinion, a regrettable disaster. She formulated the disastrous "send the asylum seekers to Rwanda" policy, attempted to curtail free speech, made off-thecuff deals with Israel when she had the foreign portfolio -- do I need to go on... I only have nine hundred words? Neither do I think that anyone in India gave two false pice when Hamza Yusuf assumed the leadership and the First Ministership of the Scottish National Party. He was the first Muslim to be head of Scotland and, since there is a fellow feeling among Muslim co-religionists in several nations of the world, perhaps the congratulations poured in from Iran, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. Or maybe none of them noticed or cared. At this point, gentle reader, I have to admit that I am extremely happy that Kamala Harris is half-Indian and half black and is a little ahead in the polls. Of course, I hope that she wins and becomes the first female President of the United States and, of course, the first non-white female ... but really, all those "firsts" are irrelevant. If a pantomime horse stood against

Donald Wigwam for the presidency, my good wishes would be with the cloth nag! The result of that election and the future of the USA and its relations with the rest of the world, quite reasonably, pre-occupy a lot of the commentariat space. The chatterati of the UK are appropriately absorbed. I wonder if the Indian chapparatti are just as engaged? One American commentator said something rather surprising. He said that if Donald Trump fell way behind Kamala Harris in the opinion polls by October, he may feel that facing a second defeat is not what he can countenance and he may pull out of the race. This is, as the world would agree, the most unlikely scenario as Trump is so egoistical that if and when he loses, he is bound to challenge the result as electoral fraud and even to instigate a repeat January 6, 2021 insurrection somewhere, but this time on a much larger scale. The commentator who said he would step down was of the opinion that he would rather be feted as the great Republican who resigned and get the plaudits as he left, than to face defeat a second time. This is discernibly pure fantasy. If Wigwam resigns, who replaces him as The Republican candidate for the presidency? With a few weeks to go before the election? Even if a scrambled candidate is put in place, what will the MAGGA (Make America GaGa Again) movement do? Storm Trump Towers?

Why do so many get duped in job scams, cyber fraud?

By: Patralekha Chatterjee

Thy do so many young, educated Indians continue to be tricked by fake job offers from transnational crime syndicates based in Southeast Asia? A slew of recent reports suggests that instead of their dream job, the victims find themselves in prison-like compounds, typically in parts of Myanmar, Laos and Cambodia, where they are coerced into working as online scammers. Some have been rescued. Many remain. Survivors who have managed to flee come from different parts of the country. The most recent instance involved jobless young men in their twenties from Greater Noida who had been trapped by a cybercrime ring in Cambodia. They managed to escape after paying huge sums of money. Also Read - Shashi Warrier | Of politics, lies and citizenly expectations Advertisement It is not a new story. We have heard similar stories from Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Odisha and the National Capital Region, and other countries. In October 2022, the Laotian Times reported 130 Indian professionals had been rescued from Laos, Myanmar and Cambodia. They had been duped by fake job offers in Thailand but eventually taken elsewhere and coerced into committing cyber fraud by criminal networks. Also Read -Pavan K. Varma | Many ways of being divine: A Janmashtami reflection Since then, state governments in India as well as the Centre repeatedly issued advisories, cautioning Indians against "fake job offers" abroad. "Got a job in Cambodia, Myanmar, Lao PDR? You may end up as a cyber slave. Please verify the offer, organisation carefully and check details of work visa," warns Tamil Nadu police's cybercrime wing on the social media platform X, formerly known as Twitter. Also Read - Anita Katyal | Nabi operation runs aground; BJP can't enjoy

its RS majority Despite the cautionary words, dozens of articles about Southeast Asia's notorious scam compounds, crackdowns, arrests, the horror story continues. Young professionals still get trapped. The big question: Why? There are no easy answers. However, a few things leap out. First, the criminal gangs are systematically zeroing in on the young, educated, equipped with some technical skills but low exposure to the world. Also Read -Farrukh Dhondy | If Trump thinks he's losing, will he quit the race? What'll be next "The trafficking victims are lured by job advertisements that offer high pay and interesting professional work. The victim secures the 'job' after one or more false job interviews, signs a six-month work 'contract', then quickly travels to Southeast Asia for what they believe will be an exciting new professional role ... The modus operandi of the organised crime networks in terms of carrying out scams and fraud is quite consistent across countries in the Mekong region... They primarily target university graduates who are fluent in multiple languages, have skills in information technology, familiarity with the social media, and some working knowledge of cryptocurrency. These conditions are important for the organised crime groups because they require a skilled labour force to carry out criminal activities in cyberspace, from various scams to money laundering and illegal gambling," says a September 2023 report by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). Another 2023 report by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights notes that most trafficking victims are forced to perpetrate "online fraud using a range of platforms, including fake gambling websites and cryptocurrency investment platforms, as well as romantic and financial scams (so-called "pig-butchering"),

where fake romantic relationships or friendships are used to defraud online users of significant amounts of money." Second, recruiters from crime networks are targeting youth comfort zones: select social media platforms. "Fraudulent job advertisements and posts have also been identified on Facebook (Meta) and Instagram. Contact between organized crime groups and potential trafficking victims occurs through WhatsApp, Line, Telegram, and Messenger," says UNODC. A report (April 18, 2024) by Cambodian journalist Taing Rinith in the Khmer Times, a Phnom Penh-based English-language newspaper, flags "messages on Facebook and Telegram, the two most popular platforms in both India and Cambodia, posted by users that appeared to be 'recruiters' specifically looking for Indian candidates to fill positions based in Cambodia". "Instead of posting their announcement with the media outlets or job recruitment agencies," the newspaper noted, "the recruiters have written them in groups and channels created for the purposes of finding jobs or networking sites among the expats in the kingdom". The recruiters, the report points out, do not mention the name or identity of companies or businesses. Instead, they say that the job will be based "in commercial hubs, specifically Phnom Penh, Sihanoukville and Poipet". Third, the desperation for jobs "abroad", along with scant knowledge of the world outside, makes for a lethal mix. Especially at a time when a fall in white-collar jobs in the information technology sector has left many fresh graduates and young people jobless. Online hiring activity for both hardware and software IT had plummeted by 18 per cent last year from 2022, reported business news channel CNBC this April, citing data from Foundit, a popular job portal. Fourth, scammers are now using artificial intelligence to convince victims that they are talking to a real person. This complicates

things further. Global crime syndicates are focusing on social media to target gullible youths. The warnings and advisories about fake jobs must reach the exact same spaces. India is extremely vulnerable because it has many young people with IT skills who are relatively low-paid, without jobs, or in jobs that don't match their qualifications. They are easy targets for organised crime networks who are mostly interested in recruiting young people who are familiar with the social media, smartphones, and cryptocurrency. Just a few days ago, French news agency AFP reported that security forces in Laos had arrested nearly 800 people working for a cyber scam network in a shady "special economic zone" on the border with Myanmar and Thailand. This is a good sign. But one must remember that the trans-boundary criminal networks have strong links with each other and are always shifting to new locations to evade capture. Several analysts have pointed out that these criminal operations are often concentrated in Chineserun special economic zones (SEZ) and other regulatory voids in the middle Mekong region, particularly in areas of Shan State. There is lots of publicly available information about what goes on in these SEZs. In recent times, China has attempted to crack down on crossborder Internet crimes. Analysts say a crackdown by China's law enforcement in late 2023 on such illegal compounds along the China-Myanmar border led many of these operations to move south to Myanmar's Karen State, bordering Thailand, as well as to Cambodia and Laos. Given this backdrop -- industrial-scale cyber fraud operations alongside technological innovation and increasing professionalisation of transnational criminal networks across Southeast Asia, India must use every available platform to alert young people who may be easy targets while simultaneously engaging with other affected countries in the region and beyond.

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Sadguru Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj **Highlights India's Ancient Legacy**

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sept 1: Sadguru Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj captivated the audience with his profound insights, reflecting on India's historical and spiritual significance. Addressing the congregation, he praised India's rich cultural heritage and long-standing prosperity, emphasizing that the country was historically known as the "golden bird" not because of aggression but due to its intrinsic wealth and abundance

Shri Maharaj elucidated that the invaders who came to India were from regions plagued by scarcity and poverty,



thus targeting a land of immense prosperity. He drew a parallel to a thief who targets a wealthy house rather than a poor one. India's ancient culture, he explained, is the oldest in the world, with a lifestyle, food habits, and conduct system that are unmatched globally Highlighting India's geo-

graphical advantages, he noted the unique fertility of the Ganga and Sindhu plains, which support a diverse range of fruits and grains, making it unparalleled. He also praised India as the originator of divine knowledge, citing the Vedas as the oldest scriptures in existence. According to Shri Maharaj, the Vedas' concept of formless God has influenced global religious beliefs, indicating

that other religions have drawn from Indian spiritual insights. Shri Maharaj further extolled India's contributions to astronomy, recounting the era of Maharaja Vikramaditya and the contributions of

ancient scientists like Aryabhatta. He emphasized that India's material, spiritual, and economic prosperity remains unmatched. Historically, India is said to have had six Chakravarti kings who ruled over all known human-inhabited lands, including the Indian subcontinent, Afghanistan, and Burma.

The Sadguru also spoke about India's tradition of non-violence, which he asserted is inherent in the country's DNA. He noted that ancient Indian texts like the Ramayana and Mahabharata mention advanced technology, such as flying machines, indicating a high level of sophistication long before modern scientific advancements

Shri Maharaj concluded by reflecting on Kabir Sahib's role in Indian spiritual history. While Kabir Sahib lived about 600 years ago and had a different perspective from the Vedas, he contributed to the spiritual discourse in India. His teachings, though controversial, led to significant changes in societal practices and had a profound impact on the spiritual landscape. Through his discourse, Sadguru Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj reaffirmed the profound and enduring legacy of India's ancient wisdom and its unparalleled place in history.

JKBS Members express deep shock over unfortunate demise of Insp Darshan Lal Mandi

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sept 1: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha Members at their meeting held here today, expressed deep shock over the sad, sudden and untimely demise of Inspector Darshan Lal Mandi, who hailed from Village Doullian and was serving in Railway Police at New Delhi.

JKBS General Secretary R.L.Kaith said, Inspector Darshan Lal Mandi had a good nature and was a highly disciplined police officer. He was awarded the 'Indian Police Medal' for meritorious service by the Minister of Railways Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, and later received 'Ati Utkrisht Sewa Padak' from Inspector General of Police Shri Atul Kumar Srivastava for performing his duties with conspicuous devotion, skill and courage.

His sudden departure has left a significant void, the JKBS members said.

All present prayed to Almighty to grant eternal peace and solace to his soul, and extended their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.



Among those who mourned the demise included Ex Corporator Rashpal Bhardwaj, Er Kuldeep Kumar Kaith, Adv. Shashi Kumar Kaith, Lieutenant Raj Kapur Sargotra, SI Retired Darshan Kumar Bassa. Havildar Des Raj Kaith, Hans Raj Loria, Tilak Raj Bassa, Hakikat Anmol, Suraj Parkash Sargotra, Jagdish Raj Kaith, Surti Lal Kaith, Madan Lal Mandi, Kewal Krishan Bassa, Delip Kumar Mandi, Pammi Motan, Ram Lakhotra and Gharu Ram.

JKTJAC holds monthly meeting, higlights burning issues



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sept 1: A monthly meeting was organised by Jammu Kashmir Teachers'Joint Committee Action (JKTJAC) at Udhampur under the leadership of UT President Vinod Sharma and District President Lekh Raj Parihar today on 01.9.2024. The meeting was attended by a large number of teachers from all the zones of the district. While speaking on the occasion Mr Vinod Sharma highlighted the burning issues of the teaching fraternity and appealed administration to resolve them for the welfare of thousands of these teachers . Highlighting the genuine and burning issue of Old Pension Scheme Mr Sharma said that JKTJAC had always been demanding Scraping of NPS and implementation of old Pension Scheme but UPS given by the government is outrightly rejected by JKTJAC and it needs

to be implemented fully for the welfare of these

employees Highlighting the issue of comprehensive transfer policy in favour of teachers appointed under ReT scheme he said that these teachers have been working in the same schools for last more than 20 years and many of them including females are suffering badly.

Other demands highlighted by the UT President were Regularisation of ReTs who have completed 5 years ReT period.

Conversion of RRETs to Teachers Grade II/ III; Benefit of Cash in Lieu in favour of teaching fraternity; Conversion of headteachers posts into non plan posts of masters; One more DPC of teachers to masters: Release of time barred arrears of Teachers; Raising Grade of teachers at par with their counter parts in other UTs; Earned leave in favour of teachers engaged during

summer/ winter vacation for summer/ winter camps and for other duties.

Speaking on the occasion Lekh Raj Parihar urged the Chief Education Officer Udhampur to intervene in the matter of completion of service records of the teachers in many zones of the district besides release of dues of the teachers which is matter of great concern. Others who also spoke

on the occasion were :-Sham Sharma, Sukesh Khajuria, Ashok Seth, Pritam Goswami, Ravinder Singh Rathore, Shamsher Singh, Vijay Sadhotra, Sandeep Sharma, Rekha Thakur, Romesh Chander Goswami, Amit Gupta, Sham Singh, Puma Chand, Balbir Singh, Som Raj Gopa Sharma, Uttam Singh, Sahil Sambyal, Sandeep Sharma, Yudhvir Singh Sudesh Kumar, Ravinder Atri, Pardeep Kumar, Sunil Verma, Ankush Sharma, Amar Dev Singh, Bashir Ahmed and others.

Mass Exodus from NC as Leaders and Workers Join BJP in Budhal Assembly

Top News Report

BUDHAL, Sept 1: In a major political development that marks a significant setback for the National Conference, a large number of organisational leaders and workers from Khawas and Budhal blocks including Senior National Conference leaders Ch. Sakhi Mohd Block President National Conference Budhal Koteranka along with

Abdul Rashid Pir Panjal National Conference Secretary, Mohd Jamil Senior Vice President NC Budhal, Mukhtar wani Vice President NC Khawas, Mohd Shafi Block Secretary NC, Bahudar Ali, Abbaid Hussain, Mohd Rafi, Mohd khalaq Mohd Ashraf, Nazir Hussain, Mohd Iqbal, Nazam din, Ajaz Iqbal, Abdul Sarwar, Mohd Yousaf, Layaqat Ali, Abdul Aziz, Maneer Hussain, Guftar Mir and many other senior leaders from NC have joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The event took place in the presence of Former Minister and Senior BJP Leader, Chowdhary Zulfkar Ali, who is also the MLA can-



didate from the Budhal Assembly segment. The new entrants were warmly welcomed by Chowdhary Zulfkar Ali, Senior BJP Leader and General Secretary Rajouri, and Incharge Budhal Assembly Segment Manzoor Ahmed Naik, Senior BJP Leader Dev Raj Sharma, along with other prominent party leaders.

Addressing the gathering, Chowdhary Zulfkar Ali expressed his gratitude and delight over the influx of new members, stating that this mass joining reflects the growing disillusionment with the National Conference in the Budhal Assembly segment. He emphasized that these workers, who had been tirelessly working for the National Conference, have now

chosen to embrace the vision and ideology of the BJP, signaling a complete organisational erosion of the National Conference from the Budhal segment. Chowdhary Zulfkar Ali highlighted that this development will significantly bolster the BJP's position in Budhal and is expected to result in a substantial margin of victory in the upcoming elections. He stated, "The people have shown that they no longer resonate with the divisive policies of the National Conference. By joining the BJP, they are affirming their belief in our commitment to inclusive governance, development, and progress for all." The mass joining of

National Conference leaders and workers into the BJP has sent ripples

entrants, welcoming them into the party fold and assuring them of the party's full support in working towards the betterment of the Budhal Assembly segment. He emphasized that the BJP remains committed to addressing the issues faced by the people of the region and working tirelessly to bring about positive change. The event concluded

with Chowdhary Zulfkar Ali urging the new members to work together with existing BJP workers to strengthen the party's presence and ensure a resounding victory in the upcoming assembly elections. He reiterated the BJP's commitment to the development of Budhal and assured the people that their trust in the party will be honored with dedicated service and transformative initiatives. Other senior leaders present were Shafiq Chowdhary, Nazir Mohd, Shabir Aflatoon, Khurshid Alam, Younas Naz, Shakeel Thakker, Jagat Ram, Mohd Husain Sarogiya, Aijaz Iqbal, Mohd Yousaf, Sofi Alam Din, Arif Rather, Nawab Mukhtar, Haji Abdul Aziz and many others.

NC-Cong trying to create unrest in J&K, push it towards violence: Raman Suri

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sept 1: Condemning National Conference (NC) MP Aga Ruhullah Mehdi for advocating dialogue and diplomatic ties with Pakistan to resolve what he called the "unsettled issue" of Kashmir, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K Executive Member Raman Suri said that such irrelevant and illogical demands by NC are mere gimmicks to create an unrest in J&K and push it back to the era of violence and bloodshed. Still unfortunate was that Congress was in alliance with NC and maintaining a criminal silence on such rhetoric, he added. Raman Suri said, J&K Congress President Tariq Hamid Kara's statement that Congress forged an alliance with NC under

'national compulsion' is

again a big lie. Nowhere

in any state or UT of the

nation people want two

flags, return of Article

370, discrimination with

women, or west Paki-

stani refugees and vio-

lence return to Kashmir.

For Congress and NC, it

could be their personal compulsion but it cannot be national compulsion, said Raman Suri advising Kara to stop dragging nation in Congress's dirty politics of division and hatred Raman Suri also took

NC MP Aga Mehdi head on saying that Kashmir was a settled issue, and whatever was remaining stands resolved after abrogation of Article 370. NC must digest this fact and stop befooling people in the name of Kashmir issue. The BJP leader said, Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar too has made it clear that the era of uninterrupted dialogue is over

Kashmir, Raman Suri said, has returned to normalcy where people are living peacefully without incidents of violence and bloodshed. This seems to be irking NC, PDP as well as Congress who are hell bent upon disturbing this atmosphere with their illogical and Pakistansponsored statements which are nothing but hollow and aimed at driving youngsters towards

an uncertain future.

BJP, he said, will not allow such moves and ensure that Jammu and Kashmir prospers more under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has a special place for Jammu and Kashmir in his heart. The kind of development that is taking place in J&K was never done before, and terribly shaken with it Congress and NC joined by PDP are trying to create unrest amongst the youth for their vested interests

This is for the first time that assembly elections are being held in J&K in a decade after terrorism stands nailed, and former CM Mehbooba Mufti's PDP or NC advocating "diplomatic initiatives between India and Pakistan", is a wellestablished gimmick to lure the voters, which is not going to happen for the reason that people of Kashmir have understood the dynastic politics of these families who still are promoting their wards instead of common masses or workers

Ajeet Bhagat accuses BJP of exploitation and mismanagement in Kishtwar

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Sept 1: Jammu and Kashmir National Confrance Senior leader. Spokesperson of Chenab Valley Zone Ajeet Bhagat said BJP has only exploited the people of Kishtwar District in the last 10 years. I want to say to the people of Kishtwar District that the local BJP leader has not done any public work in the last 10 years. He only benefited a few of his colleagues in Hydro Electric Power Projects and involved people associated with BJP in these Hydro Electric Power Projects. The

common man did not get any benefit from it. The National Confrance leader said this

local BJP leader has put pressured on the companies in these Power Projects, and the management of the Companies is employing only those people who have the recommendation of this BJP leader.

Bhagat said the common man is not involved at all in this process, while at least 27 thousand people should have been employed in these Hydro Electric Power Projects, but only 2 to 3 thousand people are working. Ajeet Bhagat said reason for this is that in the Power Projects the companies were supposed to use

80% labour and only 20% machinery, but due to the influence of this local BJP leader, the companies used 20% labour and 80% machinery. What did as and the machinery used also belongs to some associates of this BJP leader. The National Confrance leader said in the Hydro Electric Power Projects, only BJP people get contracts, common contractors did not get any

benefit. Similarly, this

leader also benefited

BJP people and con-

tractors in the construction of NH 244 road in NHIDCL. Because of this BJP leader, our educated youth are unemployed and they are not getting any employment. They have cheated the people of Kishtwar a lot. Bhagat said recently, this BJP leader filed his nomination form for the assembly elections and companies wrongly attached vehicles and workers to this leader. I want to ask Chenab Valley Power Project Limited CVPPL that you guys have come here to make projects or to do politics? Strict action should be taken against these Hydro Electric Power Project companies. Bhagat appeal to the

Voters of Kishtwar Constituency and Nagseni Paddar Constituency to vote wisely this time.

Natrang presents Urdu play 'Kissa Badal Gaya

across the political land-

scape of the Budhal

Assembly segment. With

the BJP's increasing influ-

ence and the diminishing

presence of the National

Conference, the political

dynamics in Budhal are

poised for a significant

Manzoor Ahmed Naik,

General Secretary Rajouri

and Incharge Budhal

Assembly Segment,

echoed similar sentiments

and reiterated that the

BJP's growing popularity

is a clear indication of the

public's desire for change

and development. He

assured the new mem-

bers of their pivotal role

in shaping the future of

Budhal under the BJP's

Senior BJP leader

Dev Raj Sharma also

addressed the new

leadership.

shift in favor of the BJP.



that now when they are

millionaires they have to

maintain a status. But

giving a deaf ear to their

suggestions, they start

blaming the couple for

one reason or the other

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sept 1: Natrang presented an Urdu play 'Kissa Badal Gaya' which has been written by Showkat Thanvi and ably directed by Neeraj Kant in its weekly theatre series 'Sunday Theatre' at its Studio Theatre.

The play 'Kissa Badal Gaya' presents story of a household where the owner of the house 'Zafar' and his wife 'Jameela' are shown scolding their servants 'Rahim' and 'Naseeban' over an issue of breaking crockery and also for not rendering their services properly. In the course of discussion, it was also disclosed that both of them imitate their masters and buy similar commodities

like shoes, clothes and as they both used to do make-up etc. One day, when they were masters. 'Zafar' purchases an Getting the taste of their expensive lottery ticket, own medicine, masters 'Rahim' also purchased turned servants, 'Zafar' the same by selling his and 'Jameela' decided to wife's ear-rings. 'Zafar' leave the couple at the gets furious to know this but the story takes a turn when 'Rahim' wins the lottery and becomes a millionaire and thus the servants turned masters and masters became servants. But for 'Rahim' and 'Naseeban', it was other. very difficult to get out of their mentality. They can't resist their previous habits. Even 'Zafar' and 'Jameela' tell them

mercy of God, but both of them started begging before them to not leave them as they could not survive without them. On this, they decided to live happily together, giving due respect to each The artists who acted in the play included Kananpreet Kaur, Mihir Gujral, Palshin Dutta, Kushal Bhat, Aadesh Dhar and Vrinda Gujral. The lights of the play were executed by Neeraj Kant whereas the sound was rendered by Kananpreet Kaur. The show was coordinated by

Mohd. Yaseen.

ENTERTAINMENT

Kangana Ranaut says Karan Johar can play 'chota villain' in her biopic: 'He is very snooty, classist'

Kangana Ranaut made headlines when she called Karan Johar the 'flagbearer of nepotism' and 'movie mafia' during her appearance on the Koffee with Karan episode in 2017. The actor recalled what happened backstage after that episode in a new interview with agency. The actor and politician said that Karan was 'taken aback' that she gave it back to him in that manner.

What Kangana said

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During the chat, when the host reminded Kangana of her old statement where she said that if ever a biopic is made on her, Karan Johar would play the stereotypical villian, the actor started laughing. She then added, "Ab toh mere biopic mein bade level pe, bade wale villain



life mein (Karan Johar is just a

local villain. If my biopic is made

now, there will be a bigger vil-

lain. There are bigger villains in

honge. Ye chote, mote villain nahi. Local nahi! Isko abhi chota villain banayenge! Ab achche, bade bade villain ayenge mere my life now)!"

When she was asked about the Koffee with Karan episode, she said, "Usko pata he kartute hi uske aisa he ki usko pata he! He is very snooty, very classist. He was taken aback that I gave it back to him (He knows exactly what he does, so he knows)." More details

Fans will see Kangana next in Emergency. Also helmed by her, the film will see her as the late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. The film also has an ensemble cast that includes Anupam Kher, Mahima Chaudhary, Milind Soman, Shreyas Talpade, Vishak Nair, and the late Satish Kaushik in pivotal roles. The film is based on the period when the emergency was imposed in the country in 1975.

Don't think it's productive to get caught up in the nepotism debate, says Kritika Kamra



Actress Kritika Kamra said that she doesn't subscribe to the never dying debate around nepotism in Bollywood. "I have always believed in letting my work speak for itself. I didn't get here because of any connections or family ties. Every opportunity I've had has been the result of years of hard work and persistence," Kritika said.

She added, "I don't think it's productive to get caught up in the nepotism debate because, in the end, it's the audience that decides your fate. I'm grateful for the incredible roles that have come my way, and it's a testament to the fact that you can make it as an outsider in this industry."

The actress was recently seen in Gyaarah Gyaarah, a fantasy thriller series, which is an adaptation of the Korean drama Signal. It also stars Raghav Juyal, Dhairya Karwa, and Aakash Dixit.

She will next be seen in National Award-winning filmmaker Nagraj Manjule in Nagraj Manjule's Matka King, which delves into the intricate world of Matka gambling that started in Mumbai.

Aadesh Chaudhary embraces his craft with humility

Aadesh Chaudhary, who has been a part of Diya Aur Baati Hum, Laal Ishq, Doli Armaanon Ki and Maitre, is known for versatility and dedication to his craft. In a recent interaction, Aadesh talked about his approach to acting, his experiences on the sets, and his thoughts on the industry.

He emphasised the importance of continuous practice and improvement, "I keep practising with any scripts I have because I want to get better with each role." He also highlighted the value of staying relaxed and focused, "I don't worry too much about the details or over-think things; instead, I just go with the flow and take things as they come."

The actor recently showcased his multifaceted talent by writing, directing, and producing his music video, Love Zalay Tuzyavari. About his experience, Aadesh said, "Whenever I'm not acting, I'm always busy doing something creative."

The actor's humility and gratitude were evident when he said, "I wanted



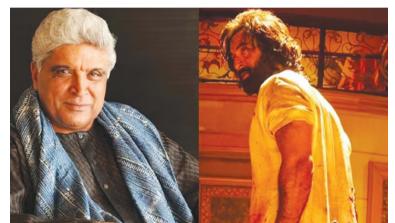
to do more work, but it's important to be happy with what you already have. It's good to appreciate what you have achieved, even if you still have more goals." When asked about the importance of TRP ratings, Aadesh admitted, "Every actor pays attention to the TRP ratings of their shows. We all want to see how well our work is doing and how many people are watching it."

Javed Akhtar on Ranbir Kapoor reaching Amitabh Bachchan's stardom after Animal

Javed Akhtar and Salim Khan's affinity for writing the 'angry young man' for the the silver screen, often essayed by Amitabh Bachchan, was recently explored in Angry Young Men. While promoting the Prime Video docu-series, Javed spoke about the contemporary man essayed on screen with agency and had this to say about Ranbir's stardom after Animal.

'They forgot about the hurt; there's only anger'

Javed explained how Amitabh's 'angry young man' differs from the contemporary men essayed in films today. He said, "Amitabh Bachchan's anger was based on deep hurt. You could see the pain in him when he's angry. Then, they forgot about the hurt; there was only anger, which was crude.



That is how the angry young man went out of the scene. Now, who is the contemporary man? How much he owes to society, to peers, his family, or himself? Where do you draw the line to selfishness? It's now clear. You don't have great characters or great stars because of that." When the host immediately asked if Javed is implying that Ranbir will never be a star like Amitabh because of Animal, he jokingly replied, "No, no, I may write a film for him." This is not the first time Javed has been openly critical of Animal. Recent work Javed's Angry Young Men is directed by Namrata Rao and produced by Salman Khan Films, Excel Media and Entertainment, and Tiger Baby. The three-part series saw inputs not just from Javed and Salim, their children Salman Khan, Arbaaz Khan, Farhan Akhtar and Zoya Akhtar but also from celebrities like Amitabh Bachchan, Jaya Bachchan, Hema Malini and Yash.

Animal, directed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga, was released in theatres in 2023 and was a massive hit at the box office. The film also starred Rashmika Mandanna, Bobby Deol and Triptii Dimri. It was criticised for violence and misogyny, with Ranbir playing the titular animalistic man called Ranvijay Singh. After his distant father's life is threatened, he goes on a murderous rampage.

Raima Sen on sexual abuse in Bengali cinema



that goes beyond Bengali cinema or another #MeToo movement. "Strict laws for the proHidden cameras on movie sets: South actress shocking revelation rocks Malayalam film industry



Comedienne Nikki Glaser to host 82nd Golden Globe Awards

Comedienne Nikki Glaser is set to host the 82nd Golden Globe Awards. The prestigious ceremony will be held



Recently, actor Ritabhari Chakraborty ignited a fresh debate on the ongoing row of women's safety, claiming that sexual abuse and harassment are just as prevalent in Bengali cinema as they are across industries. Responding to Chakraborty's statement, actor Raima Sen, who has worked in both Bengali and Hindi cinema, tells us, "I am sure it's happening in all industries. I haven't faced it [issues concerning women's safety], so I can't comment on it. But, the conclusion to all this remains the same." The 44-year-old goes on to share that she would like people's focus to shift to the bigger picture, one tection of women is a priority right now. The #MeToo movement happened in India and nothing came about from it. The only way to stop rapes is to give harsher punishments even for 'lesser offences'," she asserts.

While Sen, recently seen in Bastar: The Naxal Story, hasn't fallen victim to harassment in the industry, she reveals that she often feels unsafe as a woman. "Sexual harassment happens everywhere. There's no point in pulling off another #MeToo," says Sen, expressing her frustration with the continued cycle of systemic abuse. "Women need to feel safe," she adds.

The actor also emphasises that women should be included in the process of formulating policies and laws regarding women's safety. "Only women can make laws in India that can protect women. As long as men make the laws for women, women aren't safe. It can be any state and any politician, it doesn't matter. Rapes are happening all over the country and they are all handled badly in every state. We need intelligent women lawmakers and intellectuals to shape the law which will then be implemented by the government and judicial systems," she wraps up.

In more trouble for the beleaguered Malayalam film industry, popular South Indian actress and BJP leader Raadhika Sarathkumar has alleged that hidden cameras were placed in caravans on movie sets to film actresses changing clothes.

The actress, who is the wife of South Indian star Sarathkumar, while speaking to a private television channel, revealed that she had retorted when she found that hidden cameras were placed in caravans in which women actors change clothes. "After I got to know that cameras were placed in caravans to record women actresses, I did not use the facility, and when I needed to change, I returned to the hotel room, I have been told by various women personalities working in the Malayalam film industry how people come and knock at their hotel rooms and some have sought my help also," said Radhika.

The actor, who contested the Virudhanagar Lok Sabha seat in the 2024 general elections as a BJP candidate, said such scenes of actresses were saved in separate folders in the mobile phones of the men who had set up these hidden cameras.

She said that videos were saved in folders by the name of the actress concerned and later viewed by men on shooting sets. The Malayalam film industry is in the dock following revelations by women actors of having been sexually assaulted and abused by certain popular actors and directors. After the Justice Hema committee report constituted by the Kerala government was out, several women actors made shocking revelations. FIRs have been registered against popular Malayalam actors Mukesh who is also the CPI(M) legislator from Kollam, Siddik, Jayasuriya, Sudheesh, Edavela Babu and Maniyanpilla Raju. FIRs have been registered against Malayalam directors, Ranjith and VK Prakash. Meanwhile, Tamil superstar and South Indian Artists Association (SIAA) general secretary Vishal has called upon women artistes to come out if they had any bad experiences in the Tamil film industry. Tamil actor and national award winner Kutti Padmini alleged that she was sexually abused when she was only 10 years of age in the Tamil film industry.

She had said that when her mother had questioned this, they were chucked out of the film set.

on January 5, 2025. Nikki expressed her happiness about hosting the annual award show for the first time in a statement.

"I am absolutely

thrilled to be hosting the Golden Globes. It's one of my favorite nights of television and now I get a front-row seat (actually, I think I have to host from the stage). The Golden Globes is not only a huge night for TV and film but also for comedy. It's one of the few times that show business not only allows but encourages itself to be lovingly mocked (at least I hope so). (God I hope so.) It's an exciting, yet challenging gig because it's live, unpredictable and in front of Hollywood's biggest stars (who also might be getting wasted while seated next to their recent exes)," she said. Glaser continued, "Some of my favorite jokes of all time have come from past Golden Globes opening monologues when Tina [Fey], Amy [Poehler], or Ricky [Gervais] have said exactly what we all didn't know we desperately needed to hear. I just hope to continue in that time-honored tradition (that might also get me canceled). This is truly a dream job. Plus, I no longer have to feel guilty for every TV show and movie l've binged over the past year. It was all worth it. (Below Deck:

Sailing Yacht Season Four will be nominated, right?)."

Glaser has gained recognition for her razorsharp humour, particularly at celebrity roasts, including a recent one for Tom Brady, where she poked fun at his complicated love life and past crypto endorsements.

was all She also received an v Deck: Emmy nomination for

her latest HBO special, 'Someday You'll Die,' which tackled topics ranging from offering to pay for her friends' abortions to revealing her most private porn habits.

The 82nd annual Golden Globes will air on Sunday, January 5, on CBS, and stream on Paramount+ for Paramount+ with Showtime subscribers.

NATIONAL

SC orders CBI to conduct probe into ASI going back on its recommendation to declare Shaikh Ali 'Gumti' in **Defence Colony protected monument**

Bench led by Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah posts the matter for further hearing on November 12

NEW DELHI, Sep 1 (Agencies): The Supreme Court has ordered CBI to conduct a preliminary enquiry into the decision of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and the central government refusing to declare Shaikh Ali 'Gumti' in Defence Colony of the national capital solely on the basis of objections made by Defence Colony Welfare Association (DCWA).

Directing the CBI to file a report on the outcome/progress of preliminary enquiry in two months, a Bench led by Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah posted the matter for further hearing on November 12

"Needless to state, if in the interregnum, the official respondents concerned so desire, they will be at liberty to take steps to protect the Gumti, in accordance with law. However, in terms of order dated March 12, 2024, "no change in any manner whatsoever in the Gumti shall



be made by any person/body till further orders. Any deviation in this regard shall entail serious consequences," the Bench said.

Acting on a petition filed by Raieev Suri, the top court sought to know, "How and under what circumstances the Gumti came to be occupied by the DCWA, as claimed, from "1963-64"?"

Suri has challenged the Delhi High Court's February 20, 2019 judgment refusing to issue directions to the ASI and the Centre to declare the 'Gumti' as a protected monument under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958. The Bench asked the probe

agency to find out, "How and

under what circumstances, when the Central Government and ASI had initially recommended that the Gumti be declared a protected monument, only on the purported basis of alterations/additions having been made by the DCWA and the sole objection submitted by it, both ASI and the Central Government changed their stands?

It also directed the CBI to find out as to how and under what circumstances and on whose authority additions/alterations were made to the Gumti and why appropriate steps were not taken and by which officer/ authority to prevent additions/ alterations in it.

The ASI had initially recommended declaring the Gumti a protected monument under the Act but later, citing the modifications made by the DCWA which has been using the structure as its office – went back on its recommendation.

KC Tyagi resigns as Janata **Dal (United) spokesperson**

national spokesperson.

It attributed Tyagi's

However, it is believed

that frequent comments

by Tyagi, who is based

in Delhi and enjoys an

unlikely high profile in

the national media for

a regional party leader

due to his experience

and articulation, on

central government's

policies were seen as

unhelpful to the BJP-

Development Planning

Society, Mangalagiri

resignation to "personal

reasons".



NEW DELHI, Sep 1 (Agencies): Janata Dal (United) spokesperson KC Tyagi, whose stand on different issues often highlighted his party's differences with ally BJP, has resigned, the regional party said on Sunday.

The JD(U) said in a statement that its president and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has appointed Rajiv Ranjan Prasad as its

Be it on the Uniform Civil Code, the Waqf (Amendment) Bill or even the government's position on the Palestine issue among other issues, the socialist leader's outspoken stand did not go down well many within the party and embarrassed the BJP, sources said. With two senior JD(U)

JD(U) ties.

leaders, including Union minister Lalan Singh and its parliamentary party leader Sanjay Jha, based in Delhi, party sources said there is a view that the two leaders should be left to shape the ties with the BJP without frequent public interjections by Tyagi.

Sources said the BJP has been reaching out to allies to maintain coordination and harmony in the ruling National Democratic Alliance in its bid to quell reports of differences in the bloc.

Nurse molested by patient during late night shift at West Bengal hospital

KOLKATA, Sep 1 (Agencies): A disturbing incident of molestation has come to light at a Bengal hospital, at a time when the state government and police are already facing backlash over their handling of the horrific rape and murder at the RG Kar Medical College in Kolkata. On Saturday night, a nurse at the llambazar health center in Birbhum was allegedly molested by a patient while on duty. The accused, who was brought to the health

center for treatment, reportedly touched the nurse inappropriately while she was administering saline.

The nurse alleged that the patient molested her while she was attendnied by his family members at the time of the

incident. "The male patient misbehaved with me and touched me inappropriately in my private parts while I was just following the doctor's instructions. He also hurled verbal abuses at me," the nurse said, describing her ordeal. "Such incidents occur

due to a lack of security. Otherwise, how can a patient dare to do such a thing to someone on duty in the presence of his family members who do nothing to stop him," she added.

The incident sparked tension at the health center, prompting hospital authorities to contact the police. Officers

The incident comes weeks after the body of the postgraduate trainee

doctor was discovered in the seminar hall of the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital on August 9. The brutal crime has sparked widespread outrage, with the BJP demanding justice and criticizing the ruling Trinamool Congress and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for alleged

inaction. In the aftermath of the incident, questions have been raised on how the accused Sanjoy Roy had unfettered access to every corner of the state-run hospital at all times of the day. Some reports have also said he would illegally arrange hospital beds

Rain fury kills 10 in Andhra Pradesh, several districts flooded

Vijayawada received the highest rainfall in two decades. Three to four feet of water on roads brought the city to a complete halt.

VIJAYAWADA, Sep 1 (Agencies): Heavy rain wreaked havoc in Vijayawada and Guntur towns of Andhra Pradesh with several residential areas remaining flooded on Sunday and throwing normal life out of gear. Rain has been lashing several parts of the state under the impact of depression in the Bay of Bengal, which crossed the coast at Kalingapatnam in the early hours of Sunday

Ten people have been killed in various rainrelated incidents since Saturday. Five people were killed and four injured in the landslide



Krishna and Guntur districts were inundated due to heavy rain and overflowing tanks and lakes.

Though rain receded on Sunday, several residential colonies remained submerged. Residents said they spent sleepless nights. They lost all their belongings and many in the Guntur district received 278.5 mm of rainfall on Saturday. Minister for Municipal Administration P. Narayana, Vijayawada

MP Kesneni Chinni and local MLA Gadde Rammohan Rao on Sunday visited Moghalrajpuram where rescue work was continuing.

Narayana said the government has paid ₹ 5 lakh compensation each to the families of the deceased. Meanwhile, depres-

The MeT officials have sion in the Bay of Bengal forecast light to modercrossed Kalingapatnam ate rain at a few places in Visakhapatnam, in the early hours of

and 120 km from Kalingapatnam and Malkangiri. The depression is likely to weaken into a low-pressure area The Meteorological

(MeT) Office has forecast moderate to heavy rain at isolated places in Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Parvathipuram Manyam, Alluri Sitharamaraju, Kakinada and Nandyal districts.

Eluru, Krishna, NTR, Bapatla, Palnadu, and Kurnool districts are also likely to receive moderate to heavy rain.

ing to him in the emergency department. The accused was accompaarrived at the scene and arrested the accused patient.

and other facilities for patients in exchange for money.

at Moghalrajpuram in Vijayawada. Low-lying areas in

complained that they were without food and water as no help came

to a complete halt. According to the Andhra Pradesh State

from authorities.

Several roads in Vijay-

awada, Amaravati,

Mangalagiri, Guntur,

Eluru and other places

remained underwater,

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Sunday. It lay centred at 90 km from Visakhapatnam Anakapalli, East Godavari and West Godavari districts.

Shivaji statue collapse: MVA holds protest march; Thackeray, Pawar slam PM Modi, ruling alliance

Addressing a gathering at Gateway of India, Uddhav Thackeray said that PM Modi's apology over Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj statue collapse smacked of arrogance.

MUMBAI, Sep 1 (Agencies): Thousands of Maha Vikas Aqhadi (MVA) workers began marching towards Gateway of India on Sunday, to mark their protest over the collapse of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's statue at Rajkot Fort.

They slammed the Union and state governments for the collapse, with Uddhav Thackeray calling Prime Minister Narendra Modi's apology as one "smacking of arrogance", while Sharad Pawar said the episode was an example of corruption.

The statue of the 17th century Maratha warrior king at Rajkot fort in Malvan tehsil, some 480 kilometres from here, fell on August 26. It was unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on December 4, 2023, on the occasion of Navy Day.

NCP (SP) supremo Sharad Pawar, Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Uddhav Thackeray, Congress state unit chief Nana Patole and the party's Mumbai head Varsha Gaikwad began the protest march by laying wreaths at Hutatma Chowk, a memorial to those martyred in the 'Samyukta Maharashtra' agitation.

Addressing a gathering at Gateway of India, where the



protest march culminated, Thackeray said, "Did you notice the arrogance in the (Prime Minister Narendra Modi's) apology? It smacked of arrogance. One deputy chief minister was smiling."

Asserting that people of Maharashtra will never forgive the insult to the legendary warrior king, Thackeray cited the statue collapse, leakages in the Ram Temple and the new Parliament complex to mock Modi's "guarantees".

"For what was the PM apologising? For the statue he inaugurated eight months ago? For the corruption involved? The MVA cadre must work together

to defeat the forces that have insulted Shivaji Maharaj. The collapse of the statue is an insult to the soul of Maharashtra," he asserted

During his address in Palghar on Friday, PM Modi had said Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj is not just a name or a king but a deity. "Today, I bow my head at his feet and apologise to my deity," he had said.

Speaking at the protest march, Pawar said, "The collapse of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's statue in Sindhudurg is an example of corruption.It is an insult to all Shiv premis (followers of the warrior king).'

Maharashtra Congress chief

Nana Patole said, much before the PM, the opposition had sought forgiveness from the emperor for allowing such a "Shiv drohi" (those betraving the principles of Chhatrapati Shivaji) government to come to power. "We have taken a pledge to

never let it happen again," he said in the backdrop of the upcoming assembly polls.

The PM's apology was with an eye on the state polls, Patole added.

Kolhapur Congress MP Shahu Chhatrapati, a descendant of the emperor, said the latter's dignity must be maintained at all cost.

Among those who took part in the march, which began sometime after 11am, included NCP (SP) Baramati MP Supriya Sule and MLA Anil Deshmukh.

A bust of the legendary warrior king was placed at Hutatma Chowk, while those taking part in the protest march carried placards denouncing the statue collapse and shouted slogans against the Eknath Shinde government.

NCP (SP) chief Pawar walked some distance as part of the protest march before getting into his vehicle

Girl, 13, allegedly molested by lab technician at Howrah hospital

KOLKATA, Sep 1 (Agencies): A 13-year-old girl was allegedly molested by a laboratory technician at a hospital in Howrah. West Bengal on Saturday night, police said today.

The incident occurred around 10 p.m. when the girl, receiving treatment for pneumonia at the hospital, was taken for a CT scan. According to the teen's family, she emerged from the department crying and sought help from another patient's relative.

The relative, who filmed what transpired after the alleged assault, chased down the accused, a contractual employee at the hospital. In the video, the girl described the alleged assault. The girl's mother, who was waiting

outside, rushed to her daughter's side

after hearing her cries and alerted the police.

News of the incident spread quickly, sparking outrage among locals. The victim's family and relatives gathered at the hospital to protest and allegedly attempted to assault the accused.

Police arrived at the scene and intervened to rescue the accused, Aman Raj, from the mob. He was arrested based on a complaint filed by the girl's familv

The incident marks the latest in a series of sexual assault cases reported in West Bengal hospitals. Massive protests had erupted last month after the gruesome rape and murder of a trainee doctor at state-run RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata.

Earthquake of magnitude 5.1 hits **Bay of Bengal**

Meanwhile, another earthquake of magnitude three struck the Noklak town of Nagaland in the early hours of Sunday.

NEW DELHI, Sep 1 (Agencies): An earthquake of magnitude 5.1 on the Richter Scale hit the Bay of Bengal on Sunday morning, according to the National Centre for Seismology (NCS)

According to NCS, the epicentre of the earthquake was located in the Bay of Bengal at a depth of 10 kilometres

around 09:12 am today. "EQ of M: 5.1, On: 01/09/2024 09:12:50 IST, Lat: 8.27 N, Long: 91.67 E, Depth: 10 Km, Location: Bay of Bengal," NCS said in a post on X. Further details are awaited

Meanwhile, an earthquake of magnitude three struck the Noklak town of Nagaland in the

early hours of Sunday. According to NCS, the epicentre of the earthquake was located in the Noklak area at a depth of 10 kilometres around 3:36am. "EQ of M: 3.0, On:

01/09/2024 03:36:39 IST, Lat: 26.24 N, Long: 95.03 E, Depth: 10 Km, Location: Noklak, Nagaland," NCS said in a post on X.

INTERNATIONAL

Israel recovers the bodies of 6 hostages in Gaza, including Israeli-American Hersh Goldberg-Polin

JERUSALEM, Sep 1 (Agencies): Israel on Sunday said it had recovered the bodies of six hostages in Gaza, including a young Israeli-American man who became one of the most well-known captives held by Hamas as his parents met with world leaders and pressed for his release, including at the Democratic convention last month.

The military said all six had been killed shortly before they were to be rescued by Israeli forces. Their recovery sparked calls for mass protests against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who many families of hostages and much of the wider Israeli public blame for failing to bring them back alive in a deal with Hamas to end the 10-month-old war. Negotiations over such a deal have dragged on for months.

In a separate development, gunmen shot and killed two people and wounded a third when they opened fire on a vehicle in the occupied West Bank, where Israel has been carrying out large-scale military raids in recent days. Israel's Magen David Adom rescue service confirmed the casualties.

Militants seized Hersh Goldberg-Polin, 23, and four of the other hostages at a music festival in southern Israel during Hamas' Oct. 7 attack. which triggered the war.

The native of Berkeley, California, lost part of his left arm to a grenade in the attack. In April, a Hamas-issued video showed him, his left hand missing and clearly speaking under duress, sparking new protests in Israel urging the government to do more to secure his and others' freedom.

The army identified the other hostages as Ori Danino, 25; Eden



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A forum of hostage

families called for a

massive protest on

Sunday, demanding a

"complete halt of the

country" to push for the

implementation of a

cease-fire and hostage

"A deal for the return

of the hostages has

been on the table for

over two months. Were

it not for the delays,

sabotage, and excuses

those whose deaths

we learned about this

morning would likely

still be alive. It's time

to bring our hostages

home," it said in a state-

President Joe Biden,

who had met with the

parents, said he was

"devastated and out-

"It is as tragic as it

is reprehensible," he

said. "Make no mistake,

Hamas leaders will pay

for these crimes. And

we will keep working

around the clock for

a deal to secure the

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heart of an entire nation Yerushalmi, 24; Almog is shattered to pieces." Sarusi, 27; and Alexan-Defense Minister Yoav der Lobanov, 33; who were also taken from Gallant said: "In the name of the state of the music festival. The sixth. Carmel Gat. 40. Israel, I hold their famiwas abducted from the lies close to my heart and ask forgiveness." nearby farming community of Be'eri. There was no immediate comment from

It said the bodies were recovered from a tunnel in the southern Gaza city of Rafah, around a kilometer (0.6 mile) from where another hostage, Qaid Farhan Alkadi, 52, was rescued alive last week.

"According to preliminary information, they were cruelly murdered by Hamas terrorists shortly before we reached them," Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari, the Israeli military spokesperson, told reporters. There was no immediate comment from

Hamas. Netanyahu has taken a tough line in negotiations and repeatedly said that military pressure is needed to bring home the hostages. According to Israeli media, he has feuded with top security officials who have said a deal should be reached urgently. Hamas has offered to release the hostages in return for an end to the war, the withdrawal of Israeli forces and the release of a large number of

Palestinian prisoners. Israel's mostly ceremonial president. Isaac Herzog, said: "The

army said it had located bodies in Gaza.

"With broken hearts, the Goldberg-Polin family is devastated to announce the death of their beloved son and brother, Hersh," it said. "The family thanks you all for your love and support and asks for privacy at this time."

Goldberg-Polin's parents, U.S.-born immigrants to Israel. became perhaps the most high-profile relatives of hostages on the international stage. They met with Biden, Pope Francis and others and addressed the United Nations, urging the release of all hostages.

ents addressed a hushed hall at the Democratic National Convention — after sustained applause and chants of "bring him home."

"This is a political convention. But needing our only son — and all of the cherished hostages — home is not a political issue. It is a humanitarian issue," said his father. Jon Polin. His mother. Rachel, who bowed her head during the ovation and touched her chest, said "Hersh, if you can hear us, we love you, stay strong, survive."

She and her husband sought to keep their son and the others held from being reduced to

Philippine authorities detain more than 160 people over suspected cybercrime operation

edly forced to work in

the online gaming hub,

according to the Presi-

dential Anti-Organized

At least 162 foreign

nationals "were found

working in three sepa-

rate scam farms within

the compound," the

commission said with-

out elaborating. Such

crimes include fraudu-

lent love, gaming and

investment schemes

online that have

defrauded victims

of large amounts of

money, according to

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wanese and a Malay-

sian will be flown to

Manila to face an inves-

tigation by the Bureau

of Immigration and

possible deportation, it

operations," Tansingco

said. "This will serve as

a warning to those who

might attempt to start

illegal online gambling

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Philippine officials.

Crime Commission.



MANILA, Sep 1 (Agencies): Philippine authorities raided a suspected illegal online gaming and cyberscam complex in a central province and took into custody more than 160 people - mostly Chinese and Indonesians - who were committing internet-based crimes, officials said Sunday.

The raid on Saturday by more than 100 government agents, backed by military intelligence, on a resort compound in Lapu-Lapu city was part of an ongoing crackdown after President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. ordered a ban in July on widespread — and mostly Chinese-run online gaming operations that cater mostly to clients in China, where illegal gambling is banned.

Marcos said then that the massive illegal gambling operations have ignored Philippine laws with largescale violations of regulations and also committed other crimes, including financial scams, human trafficking, torture, kidnappings and murder.

The raid at the Tourist Garden Resort, which has 10 buildings with swimming pools, karaoke bars and restaurants, came after the Indonesian Embassy in Manila requested the

- estimated to number more than 400 across the Philippines and believed to be employing tens of thousands of Chinese and Southeast Asian nationals — was welcomed by Beijing. It has led to the shutdown of several sprawling complexes where authorities suspect thousands of Chinese, Vietnamese, Indonesians and others mostly from Southeast Asia have been illegally recruited and forced to work in oppressive conditions.

online gambling outfits

Philippine authorities have also been tracking down a dismissed mayor of a small town in Tarlac province north of Manila, Alice Guo, who apparently left the country in July after the Philippine Senate ordered her arrest after she failed to appear at public hearings where allegations against her were being investigated, including her alleged links to a large online gambling complex near the town hall. She has also been accused of fraudulently hiding her Chinese nationality to be able to run for a public office that is reserved for Filipino citizens. Guo, who is believed

The owner of the to be hiding in Indohotel compound was nesia, has denied arrested and could face any wrongdoing but criminal complaints, has been dismissed including for harboring from her post for illegally staying foreigngrave misconduct by ers, the commission the Ombudsman, an and immigration offiagency that investigates and prosecutes "We will suggest to the government officials authorities to file cases accused of crimes, against resort owners including graft and corwho allow their properruption. ties to be used by illegal aliens in their covert

Philippine senators say the massive online gambling industry has flourished across the country largely due to corruption in government regulatory agencies and big payoffs to officials.

On Aug. 21, his par-

The Goldberg-Polin family issued a statenumbers, describing Hersh as a music and soccer lover and traveler with plans to attend university since his military service had ended. At events she often addressed her son directly in the hope he

could hear her, urging him to live another day. Some 250 hostages were taken on Oct. 7. Before the military's announcement of the latest discovery of bodies, Israel said it believed 108 hostages were still held in Gaza and about one-third of them were dead. In late August, the Israeli military recovered the bodies of six hostages in southern Gaza.

Eight hostages have been rescued by Israeli forces, the most recent found on Tuesday. More than 100 were freed during a weeklong cease-fire in November in exchange for the release of Palestinians imprisoned by Israel. Two previous Israeli operations to free hostages killed scores of Palestinians, Hamas says several hostages have been killed in Israeli airstrikes and failed rescue attempts. Israeli troops mistakenly killed three Israelis who escaped captivity in December. Hamas-led militants killed some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, when they stormed into southern Israel on Oct. 7, attacking army bases and several farming

communities. Israel's retaliatory offensive in Gaza has killed over 40,000 Palestinians, according to local health officials, who do not say how many were fighters or civilians. It has displaced the vast majority of Gaza's 2.3 million people, often multiple times, and plunged the besieged territory into

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operations."

Russia says thwarts 'massive' Ukrainian drone attack

MOSCOW, Sep 1 (Agencies): Russia on Sunday said that it had thwarted a "massive" Ukrainian drone attack by downing 158 drones across 15 regions, including two over the capital Moscow. Russia's defence ministry said most of the drones were downed over the regions of Kursk, Bryansk, Voronezh and Belgorod which border Ukraine.

"Our defenders are repelling an attempted massive UAV attack on the territory of the Bryansk region," regional governor Aleksandr Bogomaz said.

The barrage comes just days after Ukraine's energy infrastructure was targeted by over 200 Russian drones and missiles in one of the biggest such attacks.

It is also nearly a month since Ukraine went on the offensive in Russia's Kursk region, even as Russian troops continue their steady advance in eastern Ukraine.

Both sides have targeted energy infrastructure since Russia began its campaign in Ukraine in February 2022. A local official in the Moscow region said three drones had tried to hit the Kashira coal-fired power station.

Russian news agencies also reported a fire at the Moscow oil refinery in Kapotnya, though mayor Sergei Sobyanin said there was "no damage or casualties"

Heavy rain lashes Australia's Tasmania, over **30,000 left without electricity**

SYDNEY, Sep 1 (Agencies): Tens of thousands of people in Australia's Tasmania state were without power on Sunday after a cold front brought damaging winds and heavy rains, sparking flood warnings.

"Around 30,000 customers are without power across the state this morning," Tasnetworks, a state-owned power company, said on Facebook on Sunday

war and a just peace,"

the post by Zelenskyy

He further said, "Our

said.



morning. The nation's weather forecaster said a cold front over Tasmania, an island state of around 570,000 people, was

representatives have

moving away "although bands of showers and thunderstorms continue to pose a risk of damaging wind gusts." "Yet another strong

cold front will cross the state on Sunday night into early Monday morning, likely impacting the western and northern coasts," the forecaster said on its website.

Emergency authorities issued warnings for flooding, which they said could leave Tasmanians isolated for several days.

"There is potential for

properties to be inundat-

ed, and roads may not

be accessible," execu-

tive director of Tasmania State Emergency Service, Mick Lowe, said in a statement. Authorities had

received 330 requests for assistance in the last 24 hours, according to the agency.

Tasmania is a onehour flight or 10-hour ferry crossing from the mainland city of Melbourne, 445 km (275 miles) away. About 40% of the island is wilderness or protected areas.

Zelenskyy seeks Western allies' help for long-range missiles

KYIV, Sep 1 (Agen-President cies): Volodymyr Zelenskyy has called upon Western allies--the United States, United Kingdom, France and Germany--and emphasised Ukraine's urgent need for authorisation to access long-range capabilities, including their critical long-range shells and missiles to protect people.

Sharing a post on X, Zelenskyy said, "These days, a Ukrainian delegation, including the First Deputy Prime Minister, the Minister of Defence, represen-

tatives of the General Staff, and the Head of the Office of the President, is working in Washington."

Zelenskyy further emphasised Ukraine's top priority is to equip its defence forces with long-range capabilities to prevent Russia's terror attacks.

"There have been meetings at various levels, and one of our top priorities is securing long-range capabilities for our Defence Forces. This is crucial to preventing the terror that our Kharkiv and other cities across Ukraine are



forced to endure. Clearing Ukrainian skies of Russian guided bombs is a powerful step towards forcing Russia

and its people. to seek an end to the

provided all the necessary information and details to our partners. I am calling on the United States, the United Kingdom, France, and Germany - we need the means to fully and effectively protect Ukraine We need permissions

for long-range capabilities, as well as your long-range shells and missiles. Making these vital decisions cannot be delayed - these are the actions that can have the most significant impact on the course of events.'

Poland marks the 85th anniversary of Nazi Germany's invasion at the start of World War II

WARSAW,, Sep 1 (Agencies): Solemn ceremonies started early Sunday in Poland to mark the 85th anniversary of German Nazi forces invading and bombing Polish territory at the start of World War II.

President Andrzej Duda attended observances in Wielun, the first civilian town targeted by German bombs in the small hours of Sept. 1, 1939.

Meanwhile, at a monument on the Baltic Sea's Westerplatte peninsula, where a military outpost was shelled by a German warship just minutes after Wielun was attacked, Prime Minister Donald Tusk and Defense Minister Wladyslaw Kosiniak-Kamysz laid wreaths and attended a memorial roll

call for fallen soldiers. At the time, the outpost's outnumbered troops fought for seven days before surrendering to the Germans, becoming a symbol of heroism and patriotism.

In more than five years of war and brutal German occupation, Poland lost 6 million citizens or a sixth of its population, of which 3 million were Jewish. The country also suffered huge losses to its infrastructure, industry and agriculture. Poland's previous right-wing government demanded \$1.3 trillion in damages from Germany, while Tusk's current Cabinet has toned the demand down to some form of compensation that could serve to strengthen the ties between the two neighbors.

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SMVDU Architecture Students Engage with DC Reasi and Public on Urban Development



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KATRA, Sept 1: The 9th semester students from the School of Architecture and Landscape Design (SoALD), Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), recently embarked on an in-depth site visit to Reasi.The trip was organised and supported by Head SoALD, Ar. Abhiney Gupta and course coordinators, Ar. Aditya Kumar Singh and Ar. Vinod Kumar, and supported by student coordinators Aditya Agrawal and Vanshika Singh.

He visit was a crucial part of their academic journey, aimed at under-

standing the complex dynamics of urban and architectural challenges in the region. In this project, five sites were identified for potential urban development which were distributed among five groups of students, each site of significant importance within Reasi: Bhimgarh Fort, the District Hospital, the Chenab Riverfront, the Railway Station, and the DC Office. These sites were carefully chosen to represent a broad spectrum of the city's architectural and infrastructural landscape, allowing the students to engage with a diverse set ofchal-

lenges and opportunities.Throughout their

RMMC organizes Free Cardiac Awareness

iotherapists. Furthermore,

the Department of Ayush,

through the Govern-

ment Ayurvedic Hospital,

Jammu, offered free con-

sultations with Ayurvedic

doctors Dr. Arun Gupta

and Dr. Shivani Padha,

and distributed free medi-

cines to all, further reinforc-

ing the holistic approach to

A total 243 of patients

benefited from the exper-

tise of 11 doctors at this

Distinguished guests including Mr. Ram Swa-

healthcare.

camp.

cum Health Checkup Camp

visit, the students actively engaged with the local communities. conducting detailed surveys to gather firsthand information on the issues faced by the residents.

This direct interaction provided invaluable insights into the everyday lives of the people of Reasi, revealing both the visible and underlying challenges that the community grapples with. The students' approach was holistic, as they not only focused on the specific sites but also studied the entire city to understand how these individual locations fit into the broader urban context. A pivotal moment of the visit was

He also announced plans

to organize such free

camps monthly. For other

information contact us

on number 9596984032.

Ramakrishna Mission,

Jammu provides cultural

educational and medi-

cal services following the

ideals of Sri Ramakrishna

Dev, Maa Sarada and

Swami Vivekananda.

the students' meeting with the DC Reasi. During this discussion, the DC highlighted several pressing issues that the region faces, including significant water blockage problems and the ongoing challenges related to road infrastructure.

These insights from the DC were instrumental in shaping the students' understanding of the region's needs and expectations. The interaction underscored the importance of their projects in addressing these real-world challenges. The visit served as a vital educational experience, equipping the students with a deeper

understanding of the intricate relationship between architecture. infrastructure, and community needs. By engaging with local residents, surveying the area, and studying the city's overall layout, the students were able to identify key areas where architectural interventions could have a meaningful impact. As they prepare to translate these insights into their final year projects, the students are now better positioned to develop site-specific proposals that not only address the immediate challenges identified but also contribute to long-term, sustainable solutions for the Reasi region. This collaborative effort between the students, their mentors, and the local community represents a significant step toward creating architectural solutions that are both innovative and deeply rooted in the needs of the people they

Appeal to respected and educated voters of Kishtwar: Kamlesh Kumari

KISHTWAR, Sept 1: Former Sarpanch and J&K National Confrance leader Kishtwar Kamlesh Kumari said as you all know, the Election Commission of India has announced the dates for the state assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

ed youth are struggling

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She said if we make a mistake this time, we will have to regret it for the next five years. It has been 10 years since the mistake of voting for BJP in 2014 and we are still suffering. Kamlesh Kumari said our educat-

on the streets, inflation has increased so much that it has become difficult to live,

are designed to serve.

She said our freedom has been taken away. We cannot raise our voice in public and demand our rights and our voice is being suppressed. So vote wisely this time to avoid regret later.

"Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Samiti (RBPS) Jammu released Renu **Bala's ATEET KE PANNE"**



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JAMMU, Sept 1: Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Samiti (RBPS) Jammu released Renu Bala's collection of Hindi poetry 'ATEET KE PANNE' in a simple but an impressive function organized at Dogri Bhawan, Karan Nagar, Dogri Sanstha, Jammu. Prof. Raj Kumar, an eminent Hindi writer and former HOD Hindi Department, Jammu University was the chief guest on the occasion while Prof. Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha Jammu presided over the function

The program started with Prof. Bharat Bhushan Sharma, Secretary Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Samiti Jammu giving a detailed account of the continuous activities of Samiti. He said that promoting our rashtra bhasha Hindi is our duty and Samiti is committed for same. He hoped that Government of UT of J & K will help in promoting rashtra bhasha with concrete efforts in this part of nation, a non-Hindi speaking region. He wel-

comed Renu Bala's collection of Hindi poetry ATEET KE PANNE and complemented her for coming out with a thought provoking collection. Prof. Raj Kumar while addressing on the occasion said that Renu Bala has written this book with all dedication and devotion. She has touched all aspects of life. Her language is simple and connects with the reader easily and the thought in these poems touches from within. The way she

has penned down her creative writing on varied subjects shows that she has the talent to carve a niche in literary field. Prof. Lalit Magotra while complementing the poetess said that writing poetry is not an easy task. He himself has experienced that it comes automatically and rest depends on how you knit the concept with appropriate words so that it should amuse the readers. He further added that Renu Bala's poetry has something special that differentiates her from many in the field. He hoped that the first col-

lection will inspire her to contribute regularly and enrich Hindi poetry in this non Hindi speaking region.

On this occasion Renu Bala, the poetess shared her literary journey and also recited a few poems from the book. She thanked all present in the auditorium for showering blessings on her. Sanjeev Bhasin, an eminent Hindi poet presented a detailed paper on the book and Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju', an eminent English, Hindi and Dogri writer conducted the proceedings. While presenting vote of thanks Raju said that Renu Bala has good command on the language and her ideas are very much contemporary to the situations prevailing in our society. It makes her collection even more relevant because a writer is bound to expose the weakness of society and Renu Bala has come up to the expectations with this book. The book release function was attended by galaxy of litterateurs and literature lovers including family members of the poetess.

Youth Sports Tournament Zone Malhar and Kathua Excel in **Kathua's Clubbed Zone Competitions**



Hospital & Super Speciality Hospital (GMCH & SSH), Jammu, examined the patients.

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JAMMU, SepT 1:

Ramakrishna Mission

Medical Centre organised

a free cardiac awareness

cum health checkup camp

The camp, which took

place at the Ramakrishna

Mission Medical Centre in

Udheywala, Jammu, held

from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

in which renowned cardi-

ologist Dr. Sushil Sharma,

Head of the Cardiology

Department at Govern-

ment Medical College

here on Sunday.

This health initiative aims to promote greater awareness of cardiac health while providing free medical consultations and essential diagnostic services to the local community.

Dr. Sushil Sharma, with his vast expertise in cardiology, led the camp, offering expert consultation and guiding patients on heart health. Participants will benefit from various free diagnostic services, including Fibroscan, ECG. and blood sugar testing.

In addition to cardiac health, the camp provided free consultations across several medical disciplines such as physicians from allopathy, dental surgeons, gynaecologists, eye specialists, and phys-

roop Executive Director NHPC and the administrative team of NHPC graced the event with their pres-

ence. Mr. Ram Swaroop ji commended the Centre's efforts in alignment with Swami Vivekananda's vision and urged public support for such humanitarian initiatives. He also came forward to help us in any way possible.

50 Fibroscan tests, 60 free blood sugar tests and distributed medicines free of charge Swami Yajnadha-

rananda, Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission. Jammu, highlighted the organization's commitment to the ideals of Sri Ramakrishna Dev, Maa Sarada, and Swami Vivekananda, emphasizing service to humanity as a form of divine worship.

The camp also facilitated

Party announces office bearers in JK

kat Ali Rishi Vice Presi-

dent Baramulla, Farooq

Ahmed State President

(ST), Satendra Singh Bali

State President Minority,

Abdul Khali District Presi-

dent Gandharwal, Abdul

Rehman Lone. Vice

President Ganderwal,

Firdous Ahmed Shaikh

District General Secre-

tary Ganderbal, Abdul

Assembly Elections: Jai Mahabharat

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president, while Kuldeep JAMMU, SEP 1 : The Raj Ghai ji was made the names of candidates general secretary. Secrefor the second and third tary and Spokesperson, phase in view of the Deepak Kumar as Generassembly elections were al Secretary Shiv Kumar discussed by Jai Mahab-Gupta ji as Treasurer, harat Party today at Ajay Sharma ji as Provin-Jammu Press Club. cial President, Ghulam Jilani Khan District President Baramulla, Shau-

A press conference was also held regarding this, in which the officials were given charge today.In which mainly the founder national president of Jai Mahabharat Party, Lord Anant Vishnu ji, through Jammu and Kashmir election in-charge Rajeev Khosla, made Manoj Gupta the president of Jammu and Kashmir state and M Sadiq Malik

was made the working Rashid Pahari District President Bilwar, Women Vice President Sudarshan. General Secretary Sheetal Sharma, Secretary Bindu Ji, Sharda Gupta were appointed secretaries.

During this it was said that nominations would also be made on the remaining assembly seats of Jammu and Kashmir. Present in the press conference today, Sandeep Sharma ji from Samba, Dr. Rakesh Sharma ji from Samba, Rajiv Gupta ji from Mata Vaishno Devi Katra, Rajkumar ji from Jammu, Vipin Gupta ji all assured to strengthen Jai Mahabharat Party.

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KATHUA, Sept 1: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Kathua organized a comprehensive zone tournament across multiple venues, including Sports Stadium Kathua, Sports Stadium Hiranagar, and Naz Ground Billawar. The event was conducted under the supervision of S. Rajinder Singh Tara (JKAS), Director General of Youth Services and Sports Jammu and Kashmir, and Sh. Sunil Singh Sambyal, District Youth Services and Sports Officer.

The tournament featured competitions for boys and girls under 19 years, aimed at preparing players for higherlevel tournaments and enhancing their performance in upcoming division-level events. Highlights of the Tournament: Naz Ground Billawar: Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, and

Volleyball: Zone Malhar triumphed in Kabaddi by defeating Zone Billawar. In Volleyball, Zone Billawar narrowly won against Zone Malhar, while Zone Bhaddu claimed victory over Zone Malhar in Kho-

Sports Stadium Hiranagar: Football: Zone Hiranagar defeated Zone Marheen with a decisive 3-0 scoreline. Sports Stadium Kathua: Chess, Wrestling, and Rope Skipping: Zone Kathua excelled in Chess, Wrestling, and Rope Skipping, showcasing strong performances across these events. The tournament served as a platform for identifying and nurturing young talent, preparing them for future competitions and fostering a spirit of sportsmanship and excellence.

J&K youth will show exit door to 'Modi and **Company' on October 1:** Mallikarjun Kharge

"Despite their long-standing service, they remain on contract basis, even in essential departments such as Power, Public Health, and Engineering, highlighting the precarious nature of the job crisis," the Congress leader said.

Even though the BJP promised industry in Jammu and Kashmir, the union territory has no major manufacturing units, he said.

The private sector is confined to providing services in farming, hospitality and health, he said.

"Despite the introduction of the New Industrial Policy in 2021, a mere 3% of investments have materialised on the ground. 40% of projects under the PM's

Development Package, 2015, remain pending," Kharge said.

"On October 1, Youth of J&K will show the Exit Door to Modi & Company!" he said. Elections to the 90-member Jammu and Kashmir Assembly will be held in three phases on September 18, September 25 and October 1 and the results declared on October 8.

Who banned Jama'at first? BJP's Tarun Chugh hits out at NC

"For the first time, Jammu and Kashmir will have a chief minister from the BJP as the party is strong enough to defeat its rivals, who are even in alliance to face the BJP candidates," he said.

"PM Modi changed

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destiny and picture of J&K in last 10 years," **Says Ravinder Raina**

Conference and the People's Democratic Party, there was stone-pelting and the noise of bullets was heard, but today there is prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir, " he said, highlighting the initiatives of the Centre post-abrogation of Article 370. Polling in Jammu and Kashmir will be conducted in three phases on September 18, 25, and October 1, according to the Election Commission of India. The counting of votes will take place on October 8.

Over 400 buses booked for Political Rallies in Kashmir

President of the Sumo Stand in Pohru Nowgam, Gulzar Ahmad said they have been requested to provide support of 30 to 40 mini-cabs for political rallies.

"Each vehicle will be paid Rs 1500 a day, except for the fuel expenses," Ahmad said. Similarly, President of Pantha Chowk mini-cab stand Zahoor Ahmad Shah confirmed that it has received a demand of pre-booking of more than 50 vehicles for the political rallies.

"We have fixed a price of Rs 1200 to Rs 1500 per vehicle per day, in addition to the petrol costs," he added

Meanwhile, the daily commuters have expressed concern over the matter, saying that hiring a huge number of buses will cause inconvenience to them.

"The move will badly impact our travel plans and the diversion of vehicles for political rallies will disrupt the daily passengers," said one of the daily commuters.

Former PDP chief spokesperson Suhail Bukhari joins Congress

Kho.

Congress is expected to influence the political landscape in the region, particularly in the Wagoora-Kreeri constituency, where Bukhari enjoys significant support.

Dry weather likely in Kashmir from Sep 3-12, savs MeT

The official maintained that rise in water level in local nallas and flood channels is expected, while as water logging in few low lying areas may occur. "Also possibility of light snowfall over few higher reaches. The trekkers and tourists are advised to plan accordingly," the official held.

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during 84 riots"

Singh said that Sikh

community, the most

nationalist community,

got justice during PM

Modi's regime. "The

Guruvani of Baba Nanak

Dev is being translated in

many Indian languages

after the initiative of PM

Modi led government,"

Singh said, adding, "With

the initiative of UNESCO,

Guruvani is also being

translated in many for-

The translation has

been completed in

Spanish language, he

said. The BJP's National

Spokesperson said that

due to efforts of Modi

Government 'Veer Bal

Diwas' is celebrated

in 190 countries of the

"Apart from 190 coun-

world.

eign languages"

BJP gives momentum to election campaign **Reddy flags off 6 high-tech vans to carry BJP Govt's achievements in every nook & corner**

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JAMMU, Sept 1: Giving momentum to its campaign for the upcoming Assembly elections in the Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir, the BJP on Sunday flagged off six (6) vans for making people aware about BJP government's achievements, various welfare schemes, development works, both completed and ongoing besides future programmes of the party.

The 6 vans were flagged by Union Minister and J&K election Incharge, G Krishna Reddy today from Hotel Ritz in presence of many senior leaders of the party.

These 6 vans are

equipped with high-tech audio and video system,

BJP's campaigning material i.e pamphlets mention-

ing achievements various welfare schemes, devel-

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opment works carried out in the ten years besides of BJP government's future programmes.

These vans will cover each nook and corner of each Assembly segment going to polls in the first phase. J&K BJP President, Ravinder Raina, Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, former Deputy Chief Ministers, Dr Nirmal Singh and Kavinder Gupta and other leaders of the BJP and scores of workers were also present on the occasion.

UCMAS Hosts 14th J&K Abacus & Mental **Arithmetic Competition 2024 in Jammu**

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JAMMU. Sept 1. This prestigious event showcased the exceptional talents and skills of young students who have undergone the UCMAS Abacus & Mental Arithmetic program.

The theme for this year's competition, "The Journey of UCMAS Edu-Entrepreneurs: Empowering Women & Youth Through Education:" highlighting the transformative power of education in fostering entrepreneurship and empowerment among women and youth. Attendees had the unique opportunity to interact with inspiring women who have become edu-entrepreneurs after receiving training from UCMAS. These women edu-entrepreneur shared their experiences and achievements, providing valuable insights into their journeys. Join us in

celebrating the achievements of our young students and the inspiring journeys of our UCMAS edu-entrepreneurs. Together, we can empower the next generation through education and entrepreneurship

Founder Director of One Global Foundation & Regional Director J&K of UCMAS Mr.Rupesh Masson while welcoming all guest said that "UCMAS a leading education franchise provider in UT of J&K, which has trained over 200+ people & appointing authorized franchisee in abacus education sector to educated youth , teachers & ladies who can avail this opportunity to start education franchisee in J&Ks town & cities as UCMAS is widely recognized for abacus training & classes across India & popular in J&K too.

Over 400 students from different UCMAS autho-



Langeh ,Rohini Gupta,

Nishat Akhter, Veena

Sangral, Ritika Kerni,

Anuradha Singh, Sug-

Shifali

rised centres in Jammu viz Channi Himmat, Trikuta Nagar, Gandhi Nagar, Greater Kailash, Talab Tillo, Bohri, New Plot, Patoli, Paloura, Pouni Chack, Patyali Chak, Jhiri, Janipur, Roop Nagar, Exchange Road, Kathua, Reasi, Jhiri, Akhnoor are participated in the competition. . Sohail Kazami was the

Chief Guest of Function. Also Present on the occasion were Academic andha Sharma, Asha Rani ,Raveen Akhtar ,Rimpy Sharma, Sumeksha Sharma, Ms. Sunita Devi, Waseem khan, Tania Sharma, Asha Devi, Surja Koul, Gurmeet Kour, Rachna Spolia, Manjeet Singh, Mandeep Singh & Ojus Masson Mr.Rupesh Masson

Director UCMAS J&K presented the vote of thanks to all parents & quests

Sikhs got justice under Modi's regime after 40 years: RP Singh



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JAMMU, Sept 1: The BJP's National Spokesperson, RP Singh, on Sunday said that Sikh community, the most nationalist community, got justice under the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's regime after a long struggle of forty (40) years and hoped that Jagdish Tytler would be hanged in Modi's tenure. This was stated by RP Singh after offering Ardas at Gurudwara Chad Di Kalan in Jammu today. "I welcome the decision of the CBI court to initiate proceedings against Tytler," RP Singh said, while adding, "I also provided a video to the court in which Tytler has confessed of killing over 100 Sikhs"

"Congress leader, Sajjan Kumar was sentenced during Modi regime and Tytler will also be hanged during PM Modi's tenure," RP Singh said.

Singh said that attack on Akal Takht was carried out to win elections and added, "I have also brought in public domain the video of Rajeev Gandhi saying Jab Bada Ped Girta Hai To Dharti Hilti Hai".

"Dhingra Committee in its report had said that there was some 'invisible hand' in the 84 riots," RP Singh, adding "I have filed a petition demanding that the 'invisible hand' behind the 84 riots must be made public. We all know which party has its symbol Hand, Singh said. "Former RAW Chief, GB Sidhu, has also mentioned in his book that Police, Judiciary and Administration compromised in 84 riots against Sikhs," RP Singh said.

tries, 'Veer Bal Diwas' is The former RAW Chief, also celebrated in all the RP Singh said, "also States of the country due mentioned in his book to efforts of Modi Government," RP Singh said, that Rajeev Gandhi, Arun adding, "It is a matter of Nehru and Kamalnath used to hold meetings pride for the Sikh comon how to target Sikhs munity".

Maha Thug Bandhan is advocating for anti-India forces like terrorists : Chandel

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JAMMU, Sept 1: Senior Hindutva BJP leader Guruji Raju Chandel while talking to journalists today said that Maha Thug Bandhan in Jammu Kashmir has again taken the side of terrorists and their leader has said that compensation of Rs. 1 crore to dreaded terrorists killed by Indian security forces against the trai

public has to think that such anti-national parties should not be allowed to form the government in Jammu Kashmir and boycott them. They have insulted the brave martyred soldiers by supporting the terrorists and have betrayed the country. Warning the people of Jammu Kashmir, Shri Chandel said that if these

respected and glorious Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has never happened before. Today, the way we are getting rid of terrorism under the Modi government, terrorism is being completely wiped out, it has never happened before, whereas the organizations of the Maha Thug Bandhan parties have promoted terrorism in

Director J&K of UCMAS Mrs.Sonia Masson., Dabgotra, Sheetal Jamwal, Nure Mohamad, Laxmideep Gupta, Sonia Rekhi, Mamta Sharma, Jatinder Sharma, Anita Bhan, Arti Bedi ,Mrs.Rashmi Aggarwal, Rajni Sharma, Ashu Sharma, Anju Bala ,Pallavi Hans ,Santosh

The vans were flagged off amid slogans from the enthusiastic workers and leaders like 'Bharat Mata ki Jai' 'BJP Zindabad-2' etc.

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& Alumni Meet -Hyderabad Chapter

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HYDERABAD/ JAMMU, 1: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu organized a prestigious Roundtable Conference in Hyderabad on 31st August 2024, under the theme Fostering Academia and Industry Partnerships – The Way Ahead. The event brought together distinguished academics, industry experts, and key stakeholders to discuss strategies for aligning academic programs with industry needs, with the goal of creating a robust pipeline of industry-ready graduates.

The event commenced with a warm welcome and registration, followed by the traditional lamplighting ceremony, symbolizing the illumination of knowledge and wisdom. An introductory video showcased the achievements and growth trajectory of IIM Jammu, setting the tone for the day's discussions. The inaugural session featured insightful addresses from academicians at IIM Jammu.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, in his keynote address, underscored the vital importance of strong partnerships between academia and industry in shaping the future of education. He highlighted IIM Jammu's commitment to bridging the gap between academic learning and real-world application. By fostering close collaborations with industry, the institute aims to ensure that its students are not only equipped with solid academic foundations but also possess the practical skills and insights

necessary to thrive in the professional world. He mentioned that this approach is intended to produce graduates who are both intellectually prepared and industryready, capable of meeting

the evolving demands of today's workforce. Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, highlighted the institute's academic initiatives aimed at bridging the gap between education and industry expectations. He noted that the curriculum is continuously evolving to incorporate industry insights, ensuring that students are equipped with the necessary skills to excel in their careers. Dr. Rashmi Ranjan Parida, Chairperson Placements, IIM Jammu, highlighted the Roundtable Conference as a crucial platform for fostering collaboration between academia and industry to enhance the employability and skills of future

graduates. The conference featured three interactive panel discussions, each focusing on a critical aspect of the academiaindustry partnership. The first panel, "Mentoring for Success: Increasing Involvement of Industry Mentors in Shaping MBÁ Graduates' Careers", highlighted the pivotal role of industry mentors in guiding MBA graduates. The discussion centered on strategies to boost mentor engagement, foster effective mentor-mentee relationships, and align mentorship with industry needs. Panellists emphasized the importance of mentors being approachable and understanding their

mentees' unique perspectives. They also stressed the need for mentoring to extend beyond technical skills to include soft skills for holistic development.

IIM Jammu Hosts Roundtable Conference Gul-A-Seum (Gulmarg

The second panel, "Cultivating Industry-Ready Leaders and Managers for Long-Term Employability" explored the need to equip emerging professionals with the skills and competencies for sustained success. Emphasis was placed on integrating real-world experiences continuous learning, and practical leadership skills into education and professional development. Panellists stressed the importance of training new hires in fundamental business operations and teaching them to collaborate across diverse cultural backgrounds. They also highlighted the need to anticipate future industry trends and proactively incorporate relevant skills into the programs.

The third and final session, Inculcating Corporate Citizenry Amongst MBA Students, emphasized the importance of instilling responsibility and ethical awareness in future business leaders. The panel discussed how MBA programs can integrate principles of corporate social responsibility (CSR), sustainability, and ethical decision-making into their curricula. Panellists stressed the need to cultivate basic civic awareness and individual social responsibility in students, which lays the groundwork for corporate social responsibility. They also noted that the foundation for responsible behaviour and CSR should be nurtured from an early age.

Army Museum) Opens to Public



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GULMARG, Sept 1: A trip to Gulmarg gets an additional location on the itinerary "Gul-A-Seum". Lt Gen MV Suchindra Kumar, GOC-in-C, Northern Command inaugurated a one of a kind "Gul-A-Seum" at Gulmarg. The "Gulmarg Army Museum" is an initiative to highlight the rich history and heritage of Kashmir along with role of Indian Army towards the security and development of Kashmir Valley. The Museum was conceptualised and constructed by the Dagger Division and its Himalayan Brigade. Other senior military and civil dignitaries were also present on the occasion. The Army Museum showcases the valour, sacrifice and enduring spirit of the Indian Armed Forces towards Nation Building. This

state-of-the-art facility is dedicated to showcasing the Army's pivotal role in various wartime efforts, its contribution to national development and the rich cultural tapestry of Jammu & Kashmir.

The museum would add another colourful feather to the beauty of Gulmarg and would provide an opportunity to the tourists visiting Gulmarg and help them in enriching themselves with the rich cultural heritage of Kashmir. The museum features

an extensive collection of artefacts, documents and interactive displays through which visitors can explore the cultural heritage of Jammu & Kashmir, showcasing region's unique traditions, art and historical milestones along with Army's engagement inv Jammu & Kashmir with respect to its Nation Building contribution.

tors and terrorists.

There is talk of releasing them from jail. This is a matter of serious concern. It seems that the parties of Maha Thug Bandhan organizations and their leaders want to spread terrorism in India and want to establish a Talibani government of terrorists in Jammu Kashmir. Now it is clear that Maha Thug Bandhan is promoting the agents of Pakistan and Islamic countries. These power hungry people will not even hesitate to sell the country. The group of Maha Thugbandhan parties has gone mad in the greed for power. They do not have any issue. The

parties form the governhent in Jammu Kashmir then they will completely hand over Jammu Kashmir to the terrorists and terrorism. Such parties and their leaders should be completely boycotted who betray the country and talk about giving protection to terrorists. Such leaders and their parties should be completely boycotted. The people of Jammu and Kashmir should oppose it completely, otherwise they will have to regret it tomorrow. Shri Chandel said that the amount of development work that has taken

Jammu and Kashmi and have furthered the agenda of Pakistan.

Today, all the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir have to show the leaders of these terrorist parties the way out, otherwise they will have to regret tomorrow. No leader like Modi has been born for Jammu and Kashmir till date, nor will be born. For peace in Jammu and Kashmir, it is very important for the Bharatiya Janata Party to come with a huge majority and the peace loving people and public of Jammu and Kashmir can give their decision by casting their votes and can show the way out to these terrorist supporting parties

Rajan hosts langar, urges voter turnout

place in Jammu and

Kashmir after the inde-

pendence of the country,

during the tenure of the

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sept 1: Social activist Rajan Gupta, known for his continuous efforts to uplift society, organized a Langer at Bawe Wali Mata today. The event witnessed a significant turnout, reflecting the community's appreciation for his tireless work.

During the event, Rajan Gupta took the opportunity to address the gathering, emphasizing the importance of participating in the upcoming assembly elections. "Voting is not just a right, it's a responsibility," he said. "Election day is not a holiday-it's a day to make your voice heard. I urge everyone to go to



the booths and choose the right person who will cast your vote and conwork for the betterment tribute to the democratic of our society." process." In a special appeal to

the youth, Gupta encour-

aged young voters to

take an active role in

shaping the future of

their state. "Your vote

can make a difference,"

The Langer event was a part of Rajan Gupta's ongoing initiatives aimed at community welfare, and his message resonated strongly with those in attendance.

SPORTS

"There's Still An Age Gap": MS Dhoni's Big Remark **On Relationship With Virat Kohli**

The friendship between MS Dhoni and Virat Kohli has developed over the years and it is based on mutual respect and admiration.

NEW DELHI, Sep 1 (Agencies): The friendship between MS Dhoni and Virat Kohli has developed over the years and it is based on mutual respect and admiration. Both cricketers have publicly praised each other in the past and their camaraderie has been quite evident both on and off the field. In a video going viral on social media, Dhoni was asked about his relationship with Virat and had a straightforward answer. Dhoni said that there is an age gap between them but he believes Virat is among the best players in world cricket.

"We have been playing since 2008/09, there's still an age gap. So I don't know whether I would say like I am an older brother or colleague or whatever name you give it. But at the end of the day, we have been



colleagues, you know, who played for India for a very long time. He has been amongst the best when it comes to world cricket," Dhoni said at the event.

Meanwhile, England veteran batter Joe Root surpassed legendary Alastair Cook to register the most centuries by an



English batter in the longest format.

Root reached this new height in Test cricket during the second Test against Sri Lanka at the iconic Lord's Stadium. Root scored 103 runs in just 121 balls, with 10 boundaries. His runs came at a strike rate

With his 34th Test century, Root has now surpassed Cook's tally of 33 centuries and is now the most successful England batter in terms of centuries

This is also Root's 50th international century, making him the ninth player to do so. Indian icon Sachin Tendulkar has scored 100 international tons, the most by any player. Root ioins the elite company of legends like Virat Kohli (80), Ricky Ponting (71), Kumar Sangakkara (63), Jacques Kallis (62), Hashim Amla (55), Mahela Jayawardene (54) and Brian Lara (53).

Among the currently active players, Root is only the second player besides Virat to have 50 international centuries. At number three is Indian skipper Rohit Sharma (48).

US Open: Alex de Minaur thrashes Evans to set up Australian clash with Thompson

of 85.12.

NEW YORK, Sep 1 (Agencies): Alex de Minaur beat Dan Evans in the third round of the US Open men's singles on Sunday, September 1 at Louis Armstrong Stadium and secured his place in the quarterfinals of the event. The 25-yearold beat the British player rather comfortably by 6-3, 6 (4)-7, 6-0, 6-0.

The Australian also became the first player from his nation to reach the fourth round of all Grand Slam tournaments in the same season since Lleyton Hewitt 20 years ago. De Minaur won the first set rather comfortably beating Evans by 6-3. However, the British player made a good comeback in the second set winning a tight tiebreaker by 7-6 (4).

Just when Evans looked to claw his way back into the game, he suffered an injury and ended up losing the remaining two sets in six straight games each. However, he was praised by De Minaur after the match for continuing to fight and not withdrawing from the match.

"We should show a lot of respect for Dan. He's the ultimate competitor. He could have easily pulled out; the body obviously wasn't feeling well. But he stayed out and tried his best and I really appreciate it," said De Minaur in his on-court interview. The highest-ranked player from his country said that he's proud of his achievements this

year and spoke about his struggles coming back from injury. "I'm super proud of what I've

been able to achieve this year. It's been tough coming back from injury, but I'm so happy to be back here in New York playing these kind of matches. Let's keep it going," he added.

It's a pity I've got to play against Thompson: De Minaur De Minaur will be up against his compatriot Jordan Thompson in the next game in the all-Australian clash, Speaking ahead of the match, he praised his fellow countrymen Thompson and Alexie Popyrin and mentioned how the latter beat Novak Djokovic.

"It's so good for Australian tennis to show what we're capable of. Alexei putting on a show last night to beat Novak. Jordan playing some incredible tennis. It's a pity we've got to play each other. I just need to say that we're all from Sydney, so there's something special out there," he further said.

Rohit Sharma to join LSG? South Africa great gives big verdict, weighs in on KL Rahul situation



agency.

of success.

Even though Rhodes is

in awe of the way Rohit

exudes elegance on the

field, Rhodes doesn't

feel that the presence

of Rohit is compulsory

for LSG in their pursuit

"I mean, there's the

balance of teams.

who's in the side. I love

watching Rohit Sharma

bat, but I'm not saying

he must come in and

replace, and then sud-

denly we change our

setup. So whatever, as

I said, whatever hap-

pens, who is ever there?

I'll be doing my best to

Apart from the reports

about Rohit's future, the

peculiar situation of the

franchise skipper KL

Rahul has also been in

The rumour mill sug-

gests that Rahul is

unlikely to play another

match in LSG colours

after franchise owner

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When quizzed about

Sunrisers Hyderabad.

the limelight.

support," he added.

LUCKNOW, Sep 1 (Agencies): Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) fielding coach Jonty Rhodes addressed the speculation building around India captain Rohit Sharma joining the franchise for the next Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 season. As the mega auction for the IPL 2025 season inches closer, uncertainty over Rohit's future continues to loom around him. In recent times speculations over Rohit potentially moving away from Mumbai Indians continue to grow rapidly. Rhodes, who has closely monitored the seasoned batter's progress during their time together with the five-time IPL champions, the former South African cricketer had nothing but praise for the dynamic opener.

"I mean, for a long time at Mumbai Indians, I felt I had the best job in the world. I got to watch Rohit Sharma practice and play cricket. He is so elegant," Rhodes told

Rahul's future, Rhodes was glad that he wasn't going to be the one making decisions over the retention of players. "Well, luckily, hypothetically, or in real life, that's as a fielding coach. I don't have to worry about that just now," he added.

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Regarded as one of the best fielders in the history of the sport, Rhodes continues to be involved in cricket years after bringing the curtain down on his career.

Rhodes is still trying out different cricketing roles apart from coaching. He was named as the brand ambassador of the inaugural season of the Pro Cricket League (PCL).

While talking about embarking on a new adventure, Rhodes is still keen to improve his skills as a human being. "I think what a learning curve is seeing if I can sit off the field. As a coach, you don't get involved during the game, but it leads to a part of the buildup. part of the preparation. So I will have to see if I have got the patience to be able to sit and watch the whole thing to still be able to do a little bit of coaching, but yeah, a very new role, and it's a part of evolving as an individual. As a cricket player, you always evolve. You have to work on your technique and your skills, so yes, I'm trying to improve my skills as a human being," he stated.

US Open: Bopanna, Sutjiadi progress to quarterfinals, set to face Ebden-Krejcikova

NEW YORK, Sep 1 (Agencies): India's Rohan Bopanna progressed to the quarterfinals of the US Open



NorthEast United beat Mohun Bagan 4-3 in penalties, win maiden Durand Cup title

KOLKATA, Sep 1 (Agencies): NorthEast United FC completed a brilliant comeback victory after being two goals down to overcome defending champions Mohun Bagan Super Giant on penalties and clinch the 133rd Durand Cup in a thrilling final which was played here at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan.



net for his fifth goal of the tournament and to level the score for the Highlanders.

The Highlanders continued to dominate the match from there on and pushed for the

Mixed doubles alongside partner Aldila Sutjiadi on Sunday, September 1 at Court 12. The duo beat the pair of John Peers and Katerina Siniakova by 0-6, 7-6(5), 10-7.

Bopanna and Sutjiadi didn't have a good start as they were hammered 0-6 in the first set with Peers and Siniakova breaking them thrice. However, the Indian-Indonesian duo fought back bravely in the second set as both pairs got involved in a neckto-neck battle.

As the second set got tied on 6-6, it was forced into a tie-breaker where Bopanna and Sutjiadi took the honours by 7-5 to seal the set. With both pairs having one set each to their names, the match further progressed to a tie-break where the Indian-Indonesian pair beat the Australian-Czech pair winning by 10-7 and progressed ahead to the

quarterfinals.

As a result, Bopanna continued his winning run at Flushing Meadows as he sets up to face his men's doubles partner Matthew Ebden in the next game. The Australian will be alongside Czech player Barbora Kreicikova as he prepares himself to face his mate on September

Before that, Bopanna and Ebden will pair in the Men's doubles to face the Argentinean pair of Maximo Gonzalez and Andrés Molteni in the pre-quarterfinals. They earlier beat Roberto Carballés Baena and Federico Coria comfortably in the second-round match in straight sets by 6-2, 6-4. The duo won the Men's doubles title at the Australian Open

earlier this year as the 43-year-old Bopanna became the oldest player to win a Grand Slam title.

Yuki Bhambri to feature in pre-quarter finals Meanwhile, India's Yuki Bhambri will also be in action alongside Albano Olivetti as the duo face the pair of Marcel Granollers and Horacio Zeballos at Grandstand later today.

The other Indian player competing at the US Open N. Sriram Balaji earlier lost in the second round along with his Argentine partner Guido Andreozzi and got knocked out of the competition. The duo lost to Michael Venus and Neal Skupski in straight sets by 6(4)-7, 4-6 to bring their journey to an end.

This is the Highlanders maiden Durand Cup title and their first ever silverware in Indian football.

The defending champions had taken a 2-0 lead in the first half through Jason Cummings and Sahal Abdul Samad. Alaaeddine Ajaraie and Guillermo Fernandez equalised in the second half and NorthEast goalkeeper Gurmeet Singh turned the hero, denying two spot kicks to ensure that his side complete a thrilling victory.

Juan Pedro Benali made a tactical decision leaving both Spanish attacking players Guillermo Fernandez and Nestor Albiach on the bench and starting Alaaeddine Ajaraie, Jithin M.S and Thoi Singh in attack with the Moroccan midfield duo of Mohammed Ali Bemammer and Hamza Regragui along with Mayakkannan Muthu shielding the defence led by Michel Zabaco. On the other end, Jose Molina started Jason Cummings and Greg Stewart along with Sahal Abdul Samad in attack

with Liston Colaco and Manvir Singh providing the width in the pitch. Subhasish Bose returned to the starting eleven and slotted in a back three in defence along with Thomas Aldred and Alberto Rodriguez.

The nerves of a final were seen in the initial minutes as both teams looked cagev from the first whistle but it was the Kolkata side which settled into the game guicker. Sahal Abdul Samad was pulled down by Asheer Akhtar inside the box and the referee had an easy decision to point to the spot. Jason Cummings calmly slotted the resultant penalty in the goal past Gurmeet Singh by Jason Cummings to give the Mariners the crucial lead in the finals. . The first half definitely

belonged to the home side and they cemented it by doubling

their advantage, deep into injury time. Liston Colaco found space in the left wing and surged inside the box past Dinesh Singh. The winger poked the ball into the path of Sahal who was free inside the box and the midfielder expertly scored past the diving Gurmeet Singh as the Mariners went into the break with a 2-0 lead.

NorthEast United levelled the scores in the blink of an eve with Ajaraie and Guillermo scoring in the space of three minutes to stun the Kolkata crowd. Jithin M.S setup Ajaraie on the edge of the box and the Moroccan slotted the ball into the right corner of the goal for the first goal. Minutes later, Ajaraie found Guillermo on the far post and the Spanish forward connected first time to leave Vishal Kaith rooted on the spot as the ball flew past him and stung the

lead, leaving the Mohun Bagan defence and midfield clueless. Macarton Louis and Jithin M.S stung the palms of Vishal Kaith with their thunderous efforts as NorthEast kept the Mariners on the back foot during this dominant phase of play.

NorthEast continued to dominate proceedings as Mohun Bagan were looking the shadow of their first half performance. The Highlanders pushed for the decisive winning goal and created a couple of clear chances but could not take advantage of them. Dimi Petratos's left footed effort which went inches wide of the goal was the only meaningful attempt that Mohun Bagan created in the second half as the finals went into penalties.

Gurmeet Singh saved the spot kicks of Liston Colaco and Subhasish Bose while Vishal Kaith could not produce his heroics from the last rounds as all four penalty takers, Guillermo Fernandez, Michel Zabaco, Parthib Gogoi and Alaaeddine Ajaraie converted their respective penalties. Only Jason Cummings, Manvir Singh and Dimitri Petratos could convert their penalties for Mohun Bagan.

Ayush Badoni, Priyansh Arya rewrite history books - All records broken in DPL t20 match

NEW DELHI, Sep 1 (Agencies): The inaugural edition of the Delhi Premier League T20 has provided plenty of thrill and action to cricket lovers over the last few days. However, the match between South Delhi Superstarz and North Delhi Strikers became a run-fest, with Ayush Badoni and Priyansh Arya rewriting history books with their blitzkrieg. The duo put together a massive partnership of 286 runs, taking the feat to the top of the charts in the history

of T20 cricket. They also hit a total of 29 sixes between them, while the team total stood at 31 sixes, making it the highest number of maximums recorded in a single innings of a T20 match in history. Badoni was the biggest contributor to the team's tally of sixes, hitting 19 maximums as he went on to break the all-time record of West Indies great, Chris Gayle.

But, that isn't it. The duo of Badoni and Arya broke several records in T20 cricket with their performance



against North Delhi Strikers.

Highest Partnership In T20s: The partnership orchestrated by Privansh Arya and Ayush Badoni of 286 runs is the highest ever recorded by any pair in the history of T20 cricket.

Most Sixes In One T20 Innings: Ayush Badoni broke Chris Gayle's long-standing record as he hit 19 sixes in an innings. Gayle had hit a total of 18 sixes when he scored an unbeaten knock of 146

in the Bangladesh Premier League 2017 campaign.

Most Sixes Hit By A Batter in an Over:

Priyansh Arya matched the record held by India's Yuvraj Singh as he hit 6 sixes in an over in T20 cricket, becoming only the second Indian to do so. Internationally, Kieron Pollard and Nicholas Pooran have also hit 6 sixes in a single over. Most Sixes Hit in a Single T20 Match

A total of 31 sixes were recorded by the South Delhi Superstarz team, taking them past the previous record of 26 sixes held by Nepal.

Second-Highest Total in T20 Cricket History

South Delhi Superstarz's score of 308/5 missed the highest team total in T20 cricket by a whisker, taking the second spot, just behind Nepal's 314/3 against Mongolia in the Asian Games 2023.

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LOCAL

Aryans Group of Colleges Honored with 'Excellence in Higher Education' Award

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sept 1: Education Minister Punjab, Harjot Singh Bains honored Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh with prestigious "Excellence in Higher Education" Award in an award ceremony.

Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges recieved this award. On the occasion Aryans Brand Ambassador Amir Hussain Lone, Para Cricketer, JK was also honored by Education Minister

After receiving this honour while thanking, Kataria said that Aryans Group is committed to quality education in the region. It is a matter of pride for him to receive this prestigious award. Kataria congratulated



the whole Aryans Team & said that the students and staff of Aryans Group have achieved many achievements in the last 17 years.

A total of 32 eminent personalities from different walks of life were the honoured on the occasion where the Punjab Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains was the chief

guest. The renowned persons were honoured for their contributions and achievements in their respective fields 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. Aryans Group

votes and troubleshoot-

ing common issues that

might arise during the

voting process. Par-

ticipants were encour-

aged to ask questions

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.

The other prominent personalities honoured on the occasion were Dr Rajinder Bansal, Dr Chan Bir Singh, Sahil Arora, Naveen Arora, Akshay Kumar Sharma, Dr HS Dhaliwal, Harmeet Singh, Dr Manbir Singh, Sunil Nanda, Seenia Sharma, Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal, Jaswinder Singh, Satnam Singh, Dr Luv Luthra, Aman Singla, Vijay Rama Bhupathi, Baba Anhad Raj Singh, Gagandeep Kaur, Kanwar Arora, Rajinder Singh Shooka, Gurkirat Singh, Dr Nitin Behl and Dr Ashima Behl, Dr Rajat Bhatia, Rajnish Prashar, Gurdeep Singh, Abhijit Singh Khinda, Tanuj Garg, Tushar Malhotra, Sushma Sharma, Dr Mohit Mahajan, Kavya Arora, Dr Simmi Aggarwal and Dr Anirudh Gupta.

NC's Candidate Devsar holds workers convention in Brinal and Chowgam



cant number of senior

National Conference

workers from the

Devsar Constituency

actively participated

The candidate and

his team engaged

directly with residents,

urging them to support

the National Confer-

ence candidate in the

upcoming assembly

in the convention.

Top News Report

KULGAM, Sept 1: Jammu and Kashmir National Conference candidate for Devsar assembly constituency Peerzada Feroze Shah, holds workers convention at Brinal and Chowgam on Sunday.

The event saw the presence of prominent political leader

(Newly joined) Reyaz elections. Ahmad Dar. A signifi-

Speaking on the occasion, Shah said "other political parties in the region are making strategies defeating NC by extending support to each other, but the National Conference is well aware of it and their voters know it better whom they are going to vote for", he said.

SVEEP Cell for Assembly Constituency Budhal (ST) organizes EVM awareness/training camps in Budhal



Top News Report

BUDHAL, Sept 1: Under the esteemed guidance of the District Election Officer, Rajouri, Sh. Abhishek Sharma, and on the directions of the Returning Officer, Assembly Constituency 86-Budhal (ST), Sh. Dil Mir (ADC Koteranka) and District Nodal Officer SVEEP, Sh. Bishamber Dass (CEO Rajouri), two comprehensive EVM awareness/ training camps were successfully organized: one at Higher Secondary School, Prori, and one at Higher Secondary School, Panhad, under the supervision of Nodal Officer SVEEP for Budhal Assembly Constituency, Prof. Tahir Nadeem. The

of equipping them with the knowledge and confidence needed to effectively use the EVMs. The training sessions os plaved an imporin both camps included detailed demonstrations

elections

and engage in handson practice to familiarize themselves with the machines. This approach ensured that even those with little or no prior experience with EVMs could confidently participate In both camps, the proin the electoral process. gram commenced with a The event received posivoter awareness lecture tive feedback from attendby the SVEEP Nodal Offiees, who appreciated the cer for the Constituency, opportunity to learn about Prof. Tahir Nadeem, folthe EVMs in a supportive lowed by a training sesenvironment. sion conducted by Sh. In parallel, a Voter Abdul Razaq, Assembly Awareness Rally was Level Master Trainer organized at Govern-(ALMT). Miss Shabnam ment High School Gabber Shabir, GRS, was also under the supervision of an integral part of the the Headmaster, Sh. team. The camps were Mohd Shabir and the open to the general public members of the SVEEP but specifically targeted Cell for Assembly Constit-Anganwadi Workers, uency Budhal. The rally Helpers, ASHA Workswept through the streets ers, Lambardars, Choki-

Bhandara organised in Narwal Pain

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sept 1: A Vishal Bhandara was organizsed today in Narwal Pain where devotees hailing from different corners came in large number and paid obeisance to Raja Mandlik, Baba Kaliveer,

Bhandara a success. He said, we must worship our ancestral spirits as they are believed to be our protectors and save us from several dangers. He further urged the people to work for making the society peaceful saying that Jammu is known for



Sankri Devta and other Hindu deities to seek their blessings for the welfare of their families. The festivity began with performing of Havan, kanjak pujan

The Chief Organiser

of Bhandara Ram Dass

communal harmony and efforts should be made to maintain it at all cost. Among those who participated in the Bhandara included Ex Corporator Rashpal Bhardwaj, **TSO Retired Rachhpal** Kaith, SI Retired Darshan Kumar Bassa, Tr

Volleyball Tournament organised at **GDC Sarh Bagga Mahore under SVEEP**



ticularly the youth.

Nodal Officer SVEEP

for 56- Gulabgarh

Assembly Costituency

(ST) of UT of J&K, Prof.

Ajaz Ahmad Malik,

addressed the partici-

pating sportspersons,

emphasizing their influ-

ential role in society. He

urged them to utilize their

social media platforms

to disseminate the mes-

sage of voter awareness,

stressing the power of

their influence in shap-

ing public opinion. Prof.

Malik also provided a

detailed explanation of

Top News Report

MAHORE, Sept 1: Govt Degree College Sarh Bagga Mahore, in collaboration with the local community and the Electoral Literacy Club, successfully organized a Volleyball Tournament under the banner of 'SVEEP' (Systematic Voters' Education and **Electoral Participation**) on the 1st of September, 2024. The event aimed to promote voter awareness and a drug-free lifestyle through the engaging medium of sports. The tournament was inausocial initiatives to reach which are essential tools a broader audience, parfor fostering an informed and active electorate.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from both the college students and members of the local community, making it a successful platform for imparting crucial messages of voter awareness.

The Volleyball Tournament not only provided a competitive spirit among the participants but also fostered a sense of social responsibility. The event successfully combined the spirit of sports with important social messages, reinforcing the college's commitment to promoting voter education

tant role in raising voter awareness and ensuring informed participation in the upcoming assembly

Prerna Katoch awarded Ph.D. for Research on Women **Entrepreneurs in J&K**

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sept 1: Prerna Katoch D/o Suraj Singh Katoch and Sangeeta Katoch has been declared qualified for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in the School of Business by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) Katra, J&K. The candidate has worked on the topic "The Relationship of Entrepreneurial Orientation, Digitalization and Firm's Performance- A Study of Women Entrepreneurs of J&K" under the supervision of Dr. Syeda Shazia Bukhari, Assistant Professor, School of Business, SMVDU, Katra. Ms. Prerna Katoch has qualified UGC-NET in Commerce and has published her research work in various reputed highimpact factor ABDC/ SCI/SCIE and Scopus journals, and also presented papers in inter-



dars, etc., with the goal

national conferences. The candidate thanked Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University for granting all the necessary support and facilities for carrying out the research work. Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar (Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU), Dr. Ashutosh Vashishtha (Dean Faculty of Management), Dr. Syeda Shazia Bukhari (Supervisor, SOB) and other committee members congratulated the candidate and wished her a bright future ahead.

in creating a buzz among the villagers about the on the functioning of upcoming Assembly Electhe EVMs, step-by-step tions instructions on casting

of Gabber, drawing atten-

tion to the importance of

voting in a democracy.

The rally, characterized

by the colorful banners

& placards, and enthusi-

astic chants, succeeded

Kaith expressed his gratitude to the local and distant places people for making the

and singing hymns.

Ravi Kaith, R.L.Kaith, Tilak Raj Bassa, Hakikat Anmol and Jagdish Raj Kaith.

gurated by the Principa of the College, Prof (Dr) Ashok Kumar, who highlighted the significance of combining sports with

various electoral applications such as cVIGIL, Voter Helpline, SAKSH-AM, KYC, and others,



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