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Security forces recover arms in Samba

SAMBA/JAMMU, Sep 2 (Agencies): Security forces recovered arms and ammunition that were dropped by a drone in the border area of Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district on Monday, officials said.

Security personnel launched a search operation in the Ramgarh sector following intelligence reports of material being dropped by drone during the night, they said.

During the search, three pistols and other ammunition were recovered, they said.

BSF and police have been placed on alert, and search operations have been intensified, they added.

GMC Baramulla doctor's registration suspended on delinquency, incompetence charges

SRINAGAR, Sep 2 (Agencies): The Jammu & Kashmir Medical Council (JKMC) on Monday suspended the registration of a doctor terming him as "delinquent" and "incompetent."

The action was taken against Dr Ishtiyaq Abdullah, Assistant Professor of Orthopaedics at Government Medical College (GMC), Baramulla after the report of an enquiry committee.

The order by JKMC said that during his appearance before the enquiry committee, Dr Abdullah acknowledged that he had not been regularly attending his official duties at GMC Baramulla and was unable to defend his case.

The report also highlighted his surgical incompetence, which has been conclusively proven.

The JKMC further stated, "It has been established that you are a proven delinquent medical practitioner and guilty of professional misconduct and technical incompetence."

"Based on the committee's report, the JKMC has decided to suspend Dr. Ishtiyaq's registration certificate numbers 3909 (Additional Qualification)

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Over 6,900 corruption cases probed by CBI pending trials in Courts, 361 for more than 20 Years: CVC

NEW DELHI, Sep 2 (Agencies): Over 6,900 corruption cases probed by the CBI were pending trials in different courts, 361 for more than 20 years, according to the latest annual report of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).

Besides, as many as 658 corruption cases were pending CBI investigation, 48 for more than five years.

Of the total of 6,903 cases under trial before courts, 1,379 were pending for less than three years, 875 for more than three years and up to five years and 2,188 for more than five years and up to ten years, as on December 31, 2023, the anti-corruption watchdog said.

As many as 2,100 cases were pending trial for more than ten years and up to twenty years, and 361 for more than 20 years, said the CVC's annual report

2023.

"It was noted that 6,903 number of cases were pending trials as on December 31, 2023. It is a matter of concern that 2,461 cases were pending for more than 10 years at the end of 2023," it said.

The CVC report said that 12,773 appeals/revision, filed



by the CBI and by the accused, were pending in different high courts and the Supreme Court. Of these, 501 were pending for more than 20 years, 1,138 for more than 15 years but less than 20 years, 2,558 for more than 10 years but less than 15 years, 3,850 for more than five years but less than 10 years, 2,172

for more than two years but less than five years and 2,554 for less than two years, said the report made public recently.

Giving details of the 658 cases pending investigation by the CBI, the report said 48 were pending probe for over five years, 74 for more than three years but less than five years, 75 for more than two years but less than three years, 175 for more than one year but less than two years and 286 for less than one year.

"It is expected of the CBI to complete investigation within one year of registration of case. Completion of investigation would imply filing of charge sheet in a court of law wherever warranted, after receipt of sanction from the competent authority, if required," it said.

Some delays have been

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Lieutenant Governor J&K flags off mountaineering expedition in Srinagar



SRINAGAR, Sep 2 (Agencies): The Jammu & Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday flagged off a mountaineering expedition of six peaks in Srinagar.

In a post on X, Office of LG J&K informed that this is exceptional feat by our mountaineers, manifesting courage, determination & dedication to goals," Office of LG J&K in a post on X said.

"Attended flag-in ceremony of triumphant mountaineering expedition of 06 peaks above 20,000 feet, accomplished by Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports, Pahalgam. This is exceptional feat by our mountaineers, manifesting courage, determination & dedication to goals," Office of LG J&K in a post on X said.

ED arrests AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan in money laundering case

NEW DELHI, Sep 2 (Agencies): The Enforcement Directorate on Monday arrested AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan as part of a money laundering investigation against him and some others linked to him, official sources said.

He was taken into custody under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) after the agency conducted a search at his residence in Okhla area of the national capital.

The money laundering case against the 50-year-old legislator



stems from two FIRs, one by the CBI in the Wakf Board related alleged irregularities and another by the Delhi ACB related to an alleged case of possession of disproportionate assets.

Sources said Khan has evaded at least ten ED

summons since he was last questioned in the case in April.

The legislator and his party broke the news first with Khan posting at 6:29 AM on his X handle that an ED team has reached his house in Okhla area to arrest him.

AAP MP Sanjay Singh too posted a video.

On X, AAP leader Manish Sisodia said the only work left for the ED is to "suppress every voice raised against the BJP and break it".

Those who do not break, are arrested and put in jail, he alleged.

Army soldier injured in Sunjwan terror attack succumbs

JAMMU, Sep 2 (Agencies) The soldier injured in terrorist attack on army base camp in Sunjwan area of Jammu succumbed to his injuries on Monday, officials said.

The soldier had suffered serious injuries in the attack and was immediately evacuated to hospital. However, they said, the soldier succumbed to the wounds.

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Himachal: Over 100 roads closed after rains, MeT warns of flash flood in 8 districts

SHIMLA, Sep 2 (Agencies): A total of 109 roads including National Highway 707, were closed on Monday in Himachal Pradesh following rains, the state emergency operation centre said.

The local meteorological office warned of low to moderate flash flood risk in parts of Chamba, Kangra, Mandi, Shimla, Sirmour, Solan, Kullu and Kinnaur till Tuesday.

It also issued a 'yellow' alert of heavy rain, thunderstorm and lightning at isolated places in the state till Tuesday.

Besides National Highway 707 being

blocked between Hatkoti in Shimla district and Poanta Sahib in Sirmour district, 55 roads were closed in Sirmour, 23 in Shimla, 10 each in Mandi and Kangra, nine in Kullu, one each in Lahaul and Spiti and Una districts, as per the data shared by the state emergency operation centre (SEOC).

As many as 427 power supply schemes have also been disrupted in the state, the SEOC said.

Meanwhile heavy rains lashed parts of parts of Sirmour, Bilaspur and

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Mian Altaf's son Mehar Ali files nomination paper from Kangan assembly segment

SRINAGAR, Sep 2 (Agencies): Mehar Ali, son of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) senior leader and Member of Parliament, Mian Altaf, on Monday filed his nomination from Kangan seat.

The JKNC vice president, Omar Abdullah said that he was confident of Ali's victory, "given the fact that he is from the fourth generation of his family to contest in elections."

"I am sure he will follow his ancestors and father in serving the people. He will carry forward the legacy," said Omar.

Over the visit of BJP senior leader Ram Madhav to J&K, Omar said that Madhav has good connections with PDP, and "seems the man is still in touch with the party ahead of Assembly elections in Jammu & Kashmir."

"He was the man behind stitching the PDP-BJP alliance in 2015," Omar Abdullah told reporters after his party candidate Mehar Ali filed his nomination from Kangan Assembly seat.

Ex MLC Yasir Reshi to join Er Rashid-led AIP

SRINAGAR, Sep 2 (Agencies): Former MLC Yasir Reshi, who recently announced his departure from the Peoples Conference is set to join Er Rashid led Awami Ithehad Party in

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MBA MOTORS

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

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10TH DAY & 11TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt Gayatri Devi** Wife of Lt. Sh Hari Ram at our residence VPO Chak Rakwalan, Tehsil and District Udhampur.

10TH DAY will be performed on 04-09-2024 (Wednesday) and **KRIYA** will be performed on 05-09-2024 (Thursday) at 8:30 AM to 12 Noon at Village Chak Rakwalan Tehsil and District Udhampur.

FROM
MAGOTRA FAMILY CHAK
PH: 8803580648, 9419158084



SMT GAYATRI DEVI

REST IN PEACE

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

DAY OF PASSING: 24/8/2024
TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON MONDAY 26/24 AT MAHAJAN HALL NEAR SITLA MANDIR AT 11 AM.
KRIYA ON TUESDAY 30/24 AT DEVIKA GHAT AT 11 AM.
UTHALA WILL BE PERFORMED ON WEDNESDAY 4/9/24 AT 4 TO 5 PM AT MAHAJAN HALL.

IN GRIEF
SONS & DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW
SH RAVI KANT AND SMT SHASHI PRABHA
SH RAJIN KHAJURIA AND SMT URMIL KHAJURIA
DAUGHTERS & SONS-IN-LAW
SMT SHASHI KIRAN AND LATE SH B.D. SADOTRA
SMT NEELAM VAID & SH D.K. VAID
SMT MANJU AND SH PARMOODH ARYA
GRAND SON & GRAND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
MR NIPUN AND MRS MANSHA
GRAND DAUGHTER & GRAND SON-IN-LAW
MRS SUMALINI AND MR ANSHUMAN
MRS PRIYANKA AND MR RAHUL
MRS PALAK AND MR MOHT



SMT PRAKASH SHARMA

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

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother, **Smt. Usha Rani** W/o Late Sh. Janki Nath Pandita, originally from Maljar (Gangpatar), Srinagar at present 1094, GH-587, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi on August 26, 2024 in Delhi.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be held on 4th September 2024 at 9am at Ghat Samaypur Badli Bridge (near Temple), Bawana Road, Sector -16 Rohini, Delhi.
ASSEMBLY of relatives and friends will be held at 10:30am at 160, Nagin Lake Apartments, Paschim Vihar Ph-I, Peeragarhi, New Delhi.
SHE LEAVES BEHIND GRIEF STRICKEN FAMILY:
Sons and Daughter-in-Laws
Ashoney & Rajni Pandita
Sunil & Late Smt. Sunita Pandita
Daughter and Son-in-Law
Daisy & Tej Shari (Sydney, Australia)
Grand children (with spouse)
Fiche & Kimi, Shiveen & Nikita, Vikram, Oshin & Arjun, Sameer
Great Grand child: Nora
May she rest in peace and forever keep smiling from above. Om Shanti Om
Mobile: 80761 62362



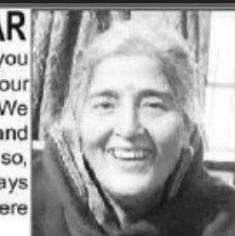
SMT. USHA RANI

MASWAAR & VEHERWAR

One year has passed away since you left us in deep grief & sorrow for your eternal journey to heavenly abode. We feel your presence everywhere and every moment because you gave us so much to remember. You will always remain in our heart because in there you are still alive.

MASWAAR & VEHERWAR of our beloved **Smt Rattna Warikoo** D/o Late Smt Kamla & Mohan Lal Bhan of Bana Mohalla Srinagar and W/o R J Warikoo R/o Indira Nagar Udhampur will be performed on 4th & 5th Sept 2024 at our present residence House No. 2, Lane 4 Sect 1 Durga Nagar, Jammu.

Deeply Remembered by :
SAMAST WARIKOO, BHAN, RAINA, KASHKARI AND TIKOO PARIVAR



Late Smt Rattna Warikoo

10TH DAY KRIYA

We are deeply saddened to inform you that our beloved **Sh. Ashok Kumar Koul** S/o Niranjan Nath Koul, Originally resident of Battapora, Shopian, at present 59/2, Shantipuram, Lower Roop Nagar, Jammu attained Moksha on 27-08-2024.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 5-09-2024 (Thursday) at Muthi Ghat (Near Directorate of School Education), Jammu at 8AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Sarojini Koul - Wife
Son & Daughter-in-law
Atul Koul & Megha Koul
Brother & Bhabhi
Rajinder Koul & Bimla Koul - 9419148372.
Pinki Koul - Bhabhi
Subash Koul & Veena Koul - **Brother & Bhabhi** - 6005926919
Shivani Koul & Ishaan Koul - **Daughter & Son-in-law**
Arpit Koul & Sakshi Koul - **Son & Daughter-in-law**
Esha Koul - **Daughter**
Ranjeet Thakur - 9622087649
Yuvaan Koul & Eva Koul - **Grand Children**
IN GRIEF: Pandita's, Wanchoo's, Lahori's



SH. ASHOK KUMAR KOUL

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **ATISH BHADWAL S/O SHRI SIKANDER SINGH BHADWAL R/O 13-F KARAN NAGAR JAMMU.**

TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON 31-8-2024 (SATURDAY) AT VED MANDIR AMBPHALLA JAMMU AT 11 AM.

KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED AT OUR RESIDENCE 13-F KARAN NAGAR JAMMU ON 03-09-2024 (TUESDAY).

GRIEF STRICKEN:
ALL BHADWAL FAMILY MEMBERS



ATISH BHADWAL

TENTH DAY & KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the untimely and sad demise of our beloved father **Shri Rakesh Kumar Dubey** S/o Joginder Raj & Manorma Dubey on 28-08-2024 in our residence. 1/128 Indra Vihar Patoli, Jammu.

Tenth Day - 5/9/2024 at 11:00 AM.

Kriya - 6/9/2024 at 12:00 Noon.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Nitu Sharma - **Wife**
Abhishek Dubey - **Son**
Bhanu Dubey - **Son**
Ambika Dubey - **Daughter**
9622346123 (M)



Shri Rakesh Kumar Dubey

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With Profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother **SMT VEENA KOUL (THATHI)** W/o LATE SH. SHIBAN LAL KOUL ORIGINALLY OF ZAINA KADAL (SRINAGAR-KASHMIR) & OF BUTA NAGAR ENCLAVE PALOURA JAMMU and presently at # C-1010 JHANVI ENCLAVE BANGALORE KARNATAKA-580078 on 26TH AUGUST -2024(26.08.2024).

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 4TH SEPTEMBER 2024 (04.09.2024) at SRIRANGAPATNAM MYSORE

GRIEF STRICKEN
SHASHOK KOUL & SMT REETA KOUL (BROTHER-IN-LAW & SISTER IN LAW)
SH SACHIN & SMT SUMAN KOUL (SON-IN-LAW & DAUGHTER)
SH SUNIL KOUL & SMT SONI KOUL (SON & DAUGHTER - IN-LAW)
SH SUNNY KOUL & SMT MEGHA SINGAL (SON & DAUGHTER - IN-LAW)
SAMAST KOUL PARIVAR
ALL Near & Dear ones
MOB#9535224301
9781601028



SMT VEENA KOUL (THATHI)

OBITUARY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **USHA KOUL (BHAN)** DO. LI. SH. DINA NATH BHAN OF BAGH JOGI LANKAR RAININARI SRINAGAR (KASHMIR) AND PRESENTLY AT C-1010, JHANVI ENCLAVE, BANGALORE KARNATAKA-580078 ON 26TH AUGUST, 2024 (26.08.2024)

GRIEF STRICKEN
SMT. PHOOLA KOUL (KENVUE) (SISTER)
SMT. MANA KOUL (SISTER)
SMT. KUNA RAINA (SISTER)
(BROTHER & SISTER-IN-LAW)
SH. BABLOO & SMT. BABLEE BHAN
(BROTHER-IN-LAWS & SISTERS)
SH. RAMESH & SMT SARLA MUNSHI
SH. KULDEEP & SUNTA KOUL
ALL NEAR & DEAR ONES
MOB.: 9953516441, 9560474009, 9980701152, 9419303938, 9469808616, 9810181379



USHA KOUL (BHAN)

PRAYER MEETING

IN MEMORY OF LATE **SH JAWA-HAR LAL ZUTSHI AN AMRIT VANI/PRAYER MEETING** WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 03-09-2024, 4.00 PM TO 5.00 PM AT PANCH MANDIR, SECTOR-2, CHHANNI HIMMAT, JAMMU.

ZUTSHI'S
Mobile : 8825048303- 9419109614



MR JAWA-HAR LAL ZUTSHI (RETD CHIEF ENGINEER)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the untimely and sad demise of our beloved Father **Shri Bhushan Lal Shah** S/o Late Dina Nath Shah originally resident of Chhatrabal Srinagar & at present Kausambi Ghaziabad on 31st August.

Tenth Day Kriya will be held on 9th September 2024 at Mutednagar Ghaziabad Ghat at 09 am.

Assembly at residence B-67 S1 3rd floor opposite Annapurna Society Kausambi Ghaziabad at 11:30.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Babli Shah (Wife)
Jai Kishori Khan (Sister)
Son's & Daughter in law's
Ankush & Bhavna Maloo Shah
Ankur & Neha Natang Shah
Daughter & Son in law
Payal & Amit Suri
Mobile: 9 899 106730, 9654052187, 991033252, 9873057701



Shri Bhushan Lal Shah

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to convey that our beloved **Smt. Asha Bhat** (W/o Bhushan Lal Bhat), originally from Gund Gushi, Kupwara; A/p F-144, Sector - 2, Durga Nagar, Talab Tillo, Jammu; attained Nirvana on 26th August 2024.

10th Day Kriya will be performed on 4th September 2024; 9:00 am at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education Jammu.

Grief Stricken
Sh Bhushan Lal Bhat - Husband
Son's & Daughter-in-Law's
Sandeep and Anika Bhat
Surinder and Reena Bhat
Sushool and Asmi Bhat
Grandchildren: Bhavik, Vandita & Myra
Contact No.: 9622307652, 7351003510, 7889722504, 73870 54731



Smt. Asha Bhat

A Homage to Our Beloved Grandfather, BOBBI

For us RIP means Return If Possible.!! Missing you every day, Bobbi. Your love and legacy continue to live on in our hearts.

We honor you with love, gratitude, and smiles, knowing that you are watching over us from above.
Forever in our hearts:-
Neelu W/o Dilip Bhat
Jolly W/o Arun Raina
Amit Ji & Wife Pooja Bhat
Juhi W/o Hemant Chauhan
Anusha W/o Munish Saproo Dalseeri
Great Grandchildren
Danish, Ayushi, Aarav and Kinshu



Sh. Dina Nath Bhat (1931 - 2024)

OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Amar Nath Tikku** S/o Late Arjan Nath Tikku R/o Tahab Pulwama Kashmir at present H No. 157 Sect. 1st Lane B-10 Vinayak Nagar Muthi Jammu on 31-08-2024.

GRIEF STRICKEN :
Smt Tosha Tikku (Wife)- 9796003159
Ajay Kumar Tikku & Suman Tikku- (Son & D. in law) 8492953435
Monika Zutshi (Daughter) - 9871692747
Triloki Nath Tikku & Sujata Tikku- Brother & Bhabi- 9796011504
Maharaj Krishan Tikku (Brother) 9419769951
Rohini Tikku & Arpita Tikku, Kanika Zutshi- Grand Daughters



Sh Amar Nath Tikku

OBITUARY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED FATHER **SH POSHKAR NATH BHAT** ORIGINALLY FROM PAHROO BUDGAM PRESENTLY AT H. NO 396/15 KABIR COLONY POONCH HOUSE TALAB TILLO JAMMU. HE LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 31/08/24 .

GRIEF STRICKEN
Sarla Bhat-Wife
Chand ji Bhat and Rashmi Bhat-Son and Daughter in law
Sarjeev Bhat and Princey Bhat-Son and Daughter in law Sh Poshkar Nath Bhat
Bino ji Bhat and Monika Bhat -Son and Daughter in law
Lovely Bhat and Ramesh Bhat - Daughter and Son in Law
AND SAMAST BHAT PARIVAR,
PH: 9419670849 / 7006979856 / 9797124395



Shri Poshkar Nath Bhat

TENTH DAY SATSANG/AARTI

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SMT. RAM PYARI** W/O LATE SH. KAPOOR RAM R/O USTAD MOHALLAH, PALACE ROAD, JAMMU WHO LEFT FOR HER HEAVENLY ABODE ON 25TH OF AUGUST.

THE TENTH DAY SATSANG/AARTI SHALL BE PERFORMED ON 3RD OF SEPTEMBER (TUESDAY) 2024 AT SHRI GURU RAVI DASS MANDIR KRISHNA NAGAR JAMMU AT 12 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:
SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
FARUN KACHRU & MADHU
DAUGHTERS & SONS-IN-LAW
SMT SUNITA KUMAR WIFE OF LATE KRISHAN LAL MANAGER JK BANK.
SMT JYOTI KACHROO & SUBHASH DOGRA, JKAS, DISTT PROGRAMME OFFICER
SMT RANU KACHRU, AA O AND KULBHUSHAN KUMAR JKAS, DIRECTOR FINANCE.
GRAND CHILDREN:
BHRAGU & TWINKLE, MANISH KAMAL & GEETU, AJAY, KAPILASHISH, AMRITA



SMT. RAM PYARI

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With Profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the untimely and sad demise of our beloved father **Sh Pran Nath Tickoo** (Budshah) S/o Late Ganesh Dass Tickoo (Budshah) on 29/8/2024 originally from Narparistan Banna mohalla srinagar presently at Kendriya Vihar Sec 56 Gurgaon Haryana.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Chota Haridwar on 6th sept 2024.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt Sarla Tickoo - (Budshah)- Wife
Sons
Sudhir Tickoo (Budshah)
Rishi Tickoo (Budshah)
Shashi Tickoo (Budshah)
Nabud Badam Shuhul (Grand Children)
Dida we luv u lot...
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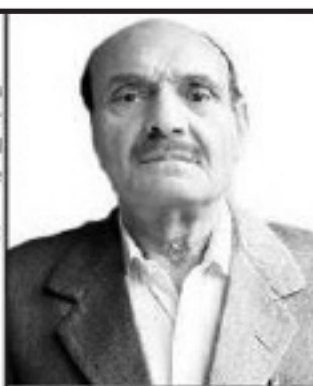
Sh Pran Nath Tickoo

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we are saddened to inform you all about the sad demise of our beloved father **Shri Pushkar Nath Kotru** S/o Late M.N Kotru R/o R.N Mendir Habba Kadal Srinagar (KMR) A/P H.No 42 - A Lane No 1 Sharika Nagar Gole Talab Tillo, Jammu.

TENTH DAY will be performed on Friday 06th September 2024 at 8:30 am at Muthi Ghat Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN.
Smt Usha Kotru (Wife)
Smt Maya Kotru (Bhabhi)
(Son and Daughter in law)
Rajesh Kotru and Ratni Kotru
Rakesh Kotru (Son)
Sahil Kotru and Anshu Kotru (Son and Daughter in law)
Shubam and Jyanshu (Grand Children).
Mobile - 9906070368, 6006183305, 7298002471.
MOURNING FROM MALUN SIDE will also be held at the same place.



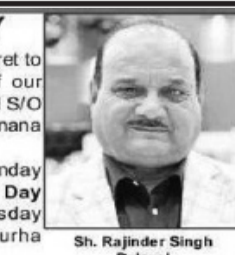
Shri Pushkar Nath Kotru

10TH DAY/13TH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform you the untimely demise of our beloved **Sh. Rajinder Singh Rakwal** S/O Sh. Bhagat Singh R/O Gurha Brahmana Patoli on 24.08.2024.

Tenth Day will be performed on Monday 02.09.2024 at 11:00 AM and **13th Day** will be performed on Thursday 05.09.2024 at our residence Gurha Brahmana Patoli.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Sooma Rakwal - Wife
Sh. Vishal Singh Rakwal & Pallavi Jamma (Son & Daughter in law)
Sh. Sandeep Singh Jamma (TSO) & Dr. Shalini Rajput (Daughter & Son-in-law)
All Brothers & Bhabhis
Grandchildren
Samarth, Rishwan & Avraj
Phone No. 606045776, 9419165568, 9419136532
M/S Shiva Brick Kiln
M/S Bawa Dev Traders Gurha Patoli Brahmana



Sh. Rajinder Singh Rakwal

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Short Term Upskilling Programmes for Women conducted by CUJ

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 2: Short Term Upskilling Training Programme for Women candidates conducted by School of Business Studies, Central University of Jammu (CUJ) at GCW Bagwati Nagar concluded on Monday with an impressive Certificate distribution ceremony organised by the College.

The Upskilling Training Programme on Social Media Executive was conducted by School of Business Studies in collaboration with GCW Bagwati Nagar under the mentorship of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu and Mission Directorate, Department of Skill Development, J&K.

It is pertinent to mention here that number of Job oriented courses were offered by the University during the last academic session including Social Media Executive, Community Journalist, Yoga and Wellness, Digital Marketing, Soft Skills and Personality Development, Homestay Entrepreneurship Development Programme, Multipurpose Associate (Tourism) etc.



In this series course on Social Media Executive concluded today at Government College for Women, Bhagwati Nagar Jammu in presence of Dr. Meeru Abrol, Principal, Project Team Members comprising of Prof. Jaya Bhasin, Dr. Shahid Mush-taq & Dr. Neelika Arora from School of Business Studies, Central University of Jammu.

Prof. Meeru Abrol in her valedictory address appreciated the efforts of faculty members from School of Business Studies, Central University of Jammu under the visionary leadership of Prof. Sanjeev Jain in carrying out such outreach activities in collaborative mode. She congratulated the learners and organizers of the Programme from the College for its

successful completion.

Speaking on the occasion Prof. Meeru Abrol impressed upon the participants to utilize the skills learned during the course for supporting themselves and others by starting their own enterprise. She highlighted that NEP-2020 envisions that skill courses to be made available to students enrolled in all Bachelor's Degree Programmes irrespective of disciplines.

Prof. Jaya Bhasin in her address thanked College authorities for the successful culmination of the Upskilling Training Programme for women in making them self-reliant. In her address she observed that for economic empowerment of women in today's changing job market is of para-

mount importance for bringing a change in society. Dr. Neelika Arora in her address pointed out that Project Team members are ready for hand-holding and supporting entrepreneurial ventures by providing necessary mentorship and in establishing market linkages. She appreciated the efforts of Resource Persons viz. Dr. Asif Ali, Assistant Professor, School of Business Studies and Naman Chibber for conducting the course.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Shahid Mushtaq apprised the gathering about new initiatives including development of skill apps for Youth providing integrated e-learning platform and Project YUVA which J&K Govt. will be launching for

the benefit of the youth to ensure sustainable income and employment opportunities by creating a supporting ecosystem. He stressed on the need for changing the mindset from Job seeking behaviour to Job creation as opportunities in Govt. sectors are shrinking as well as new types of Jobs are created because of technological advancements. He further pointed out that woman empowerment is one of the key pillars for achieving Viksit Bharat@2047 as envisaged by Hon'ble Prime Minister of Narendra Modi.

The entire programme was coordinated by Project Team members and faculty members from Career Counselling Cell of College. Earlier Dr. Pavanjeet Bali, Assistant Professor, Department of English and Coordinator Career Counselling Cell welcomed the Guests to the valedictory session and Nisha Bhagat, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Coordinator IQAC proposed formal vote of thanks. Simranjeet Kaur and Ragini Kohli conducted the proceedings of the Programme.

JMC Commissioner takes stock of fogging drives



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 2: Commissioner JMC, Dr. Devansh Yadav took stock of the activities being carried out by Jammu Municipal Corporation and Anti Malaria Wing, Jammu in view of increasing Dengue cases in Jammu and issued strict instructions to all the concerned to cover each and every ward of JMC in respect of fogging to eradicate the breeding of mosquitoes responsible for spreading Dengue. The drive has been started today from Trikuta Nagar Sector-9, Jammu.

The Commissioner has issued clear cut

directions to health wing of JMC to put in place the sufficient number of men and machinery so that every nook and corner of the city can be covered in respect of fogging to avoid the chances of dengue, as cases of Dengue are on the higher sides in Jammu.

He further appealed to the general public to avoid accumulation of water in their surroundings and pay attention towards the hygiene in and around their homes and dwelling units.

Appreciating the efforts of JMC and Anti Malaria Wing of Jammu to launch such fogging drives for the safety and security of the people, the re-

presentatives of Association of Trikuta Nagar Welfare Society assured that they shall extend full cooperation and support to JMC in eradicating the menace of Dengue.

Later, Dr. Yadav chaired a meeting to review the status of grievances submitted through the Samadhan portal, instructing for prompt and effective resolution to ensure public convenience.

Directing the concerned for early and quality redressal of grievances for the convenience of people.

During the drive, SM Dr. Dhruv J. Raina, and Health officer, Dr. Vinod Sharma accompanied the Commissioner.

Farewell Function organized by JKHCBAJ to honor District Judges

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 2: The Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, Jammu (JKHCBAJ), on Monday hosted a farewell function under the Presidentship of Vikram Sharma Sr. Advocate, the first of its kind, on the transfer of the esteemed judges of the District Judiciary who have served with exceptional dedication and integrity.

The function marked a significant occasion, bringing together members of the Bar and the judiciary to acknowledge the remarkable contributions made by the judges during their tenure in Jammu. The event was opened by Advocate Parvesh Singh Salaria, General Secretary who welcomed all attendees.

In the opening address, Parvesh Singh highlighted the strong relationship between the Bench

and the Bar, which has been characterized by mutual respect and collaboration.

The President of the JKHCBAJ Vikram Sharma Sr. Advocate then shared his words of appreciation, expressing gratitude for the consistent support from the judiciary throughout their tenure.

He expressed an unflinching hope that while the mutual respect between Bar and Bench grows, the focus remains the Justice Dispensation. The event featured a speech by Sanjay Parihar, the Principal District Judge, who emphasized the importance of upholding the integrity of the justice delivery system. He encouraged junior lawyers to remain committed to these values as they progress in their legal careers.

During the event, senior members of the Bar including D.K. Khajuria

and D.S. Saini, Former Presidents, were invited to present bouquets to the judges as a token of appreciation for their service.

Amit Gupta, Vice President, Chetan Misri, Joint Secretary and Utkarsh Pathania, Treasurer, JKHCBA Jammu, on behalf of JKHCBAJ, extended best wishes to the judges for their future postings and personal lives, confident that they will continue to excel and inspire wherever they shall be discharging their duties.

Young Lawyers Association also led by its President Rohit Sharma Advocate also presented bouquets to Judges of District Judiciary.

The event concluded with a lunch, where attendees had the opportunity to interact informally and reflect on the impact of the judiciary's work during these judges' tenure.

JKBS members hail UPS Pension Scheme

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JAMMU, Sep 2: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha (JKBS) members at its meeting held here today under the chairmanship of Hans Raj Loria, hailed the Government's New Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) for government employees.

JKBS General Secretary R.L. Kaith said the new pension scheme is a better option than the existing NPS as it contains an assured 50 per

cent pension, dearness relief, family pension, increased government contribution from 14 to 18.5 per cent and additional lump sum payment on retirement.

This revolutionary decision benefiting lakhs of central government employees has brought a new sunrise in their lives with the assurance of economic security and a happy future. Our heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister, the JKBS members said.

Khatana condemns Sunjwan attack, slams Pakistan for destabilising J&K

Expresses grief over pilgrims' deaths in Vaishno Devi Landslide

Top News Report

NEW DELHI/JAMMU, Sep 2: In a fierce rebuke of the terrorist attack on the Sunjwan Army Station in Jammu, Senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament Er. Gulam Ali Khatana on Monday lambasted Pakistan, accusing it of systematically undermining peace in the region through its continued support of terrorism.

Expressing deep sorrow over the loss of an Indian Army soldier in the attack, Khatana did not mince words in attributing the violence to Pakistan's persistent agenda of disruption. "Pakistan is relentlessly pursuing its mission to destabilise Jammu and Kashmir," Khatana stated, highlighting how the neighboring country's strategy of nurturing and exporting terrorism has once again claimed bravehearted lives and sought to create chaos in the region. He emphasized that these malicious actions would not go unanswered and

vowed a robust response from the Indian government.

"Under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, Pakistan and the terrorists it shelters are facing an uncompromising crack-down," Khatana asserted, making it clear that the government is fully committed to protecting the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He stressed that every necessary measure would be taken to secure the region, particularly as it approaches the critical election period.

Khatana's remarks underscored the heightened state of alert in Jammu and Kashmir, with security forces ramping up operations to thwart any further terrorist activities aimed at derailing the upcoming elections. "The Modi government is steadfast in its resolve to ensure that these elections are free, fair, and conducted in an atmosphere of peace, despite the ongoing threats posed by cross-border terrorism," Khatana affirmed.

On a separate note, Khatana also expressed his profound grief over the tragic deaths of the pilgrims due to a landslide en route to the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi shrine. The

incident, which occurred on Monday, has cast a somber shadow over the pilgrimage, underscoring the perilous conditions that devotees often face in the region's rugged terrain.

Khatana called on the authorities to prioritise the safety of pilgrims, urging for enhanced precautions and swift assistance to those impacted by the disaster. He extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families, acknowledging the unpredictable challenges that natural calamities pose to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

As the region prepares for the upcoming elections, Khatana's forthright statements reflect the BJP's determination to tackle these multifaceted challenges head-on. His call for strong action against terrorism, coupled with a focus on safeguarding pilgrims, echoes a broader commitment to fostering stability and security in Jammu and Kashmir. In this critical period, the BJP leader's message is one of resilience and unwavering resolve to protect the democratic process and ensure a secure future for the region's citizens.

JKSAC expressed resentment over Govt. order regarding transfer of evacuee's land on proprietary basis

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 2: Jammu Kashmir Sharnarhi Action Committee (JKSAC) expressed its strong resentment over Govt. order No. 105 JK (Rev) 2024 dated 16-08-2024 issued by J&K UT Government regarding transfer of evacuee's land on proprietary basis in favour of Displaced Persons (DPs) of POJK 1947, 1965 & 1971 and West Pakistan Refugees now called displaced persons (WPDPS). This order has made a mockery of exploiting the sentiments of displaced persons in general and of POJK in particular. The above mentioned order, in fact, infringes the occupancy tenancy rights of displaced persons of 1947, 1965 & 1971 over evacuee's land granted under Section 3-A of the Jammu & Kashmir Agrarian Reforms Act, 1976 and over State land granted vide Govt. Order 254-C of 1965 dated 07-07-



1965.

While addressing the media, Gurdev Singh President JKSAC along with senior leaders of all tehsil and districts units strongly condemned the govt. for issuing this illogical order without taking into considerations the problems confronted DPs in respect of their allotted lands since allotted. He said that the DPs never made such a demand for the reason that during all these years since attaining rights under Agrarian Reforms Act & GO 254-C of 1965 have been transferring their given rights over Evacuees & State lands through sale/mort-

gage / gift deeds etc and the transferee beneficiaries doing their multiple activities over such lands since long without any hindrance.

He said, that now the order dated 16-08-2024 and Govt Orders No 100 & 101 dated 02-08-2024 issued by J&K UT in respect of conferment of ownership rights to the displaced persons of 1965 over State land and conferment of proprietary rights to the West Pakistan Displaced Persons over State land respectively have stipulated conditions of continuous recorded personal cultivation of Evacuee's

land or State land as the case may be before conferment of ownership/ proprietary rights as applicable in terms of above mentioned government orders in favour of the displaced persons or persons in legal possession of land by instruments of transfer when no such conditions were stipulated while granting the rights under Agrarian Reforms Act of 1976 & Govt Order No 254-C of 1965 and other related orders.

Interestingly, said govt. order further stipulated that neither Evacuee's land situated within the limits of Municipal Corporation/Committees shall be transferred nor proprietary rights on the land situated within the limits of Municipal Corporation / Committees shall be conferred under any circumstances. These orders further restrain transfer of such land or grant of proprietary rights if the displaced persons have converted the land

for use other than agricultural except for residential purpose / allied activities as permitted under the Jammu and Kashmir Land Revenue Act, Svt. 1966.

The connotation of these restrictions if understood in their right perspective manifest explicitly that the occupancy tenancy rights granted under Agrarian Reforms Act of 1976 and vide government order 254-C of 1965 have been taken away vide above quoted government orders of August 2024, thus depriving the displaced persons of their legitimate rights and interests over the legally allotted evacuee's & state land in violation of the said Agrarian Reform Act and govt. order of 1965.

He further said that the claim of the LG administration and as well as certain political parties especially BJP of granting transfer/proprietary rights to displaced persons vide recently issued govern-

ment orders are nothing but cruel joke with displaced persons of different categories just to gain political mileage. Such leaders have nothing to claim to their credit and desperately terming the order as historical which has again brought back the DPs on the line from where they have started after migration.

JKSAC strongly condemned the action of the government in playing with the future and sentiments of the displaced persons and demands immediate withdrawal of these orders. Instead a high level committee of officers and representatives of Jammu Kashmir Sharnarhi Action Committee and other recognized groups of displaced persons be constituted to revisit to the issues of transfer/grant of proprietary rights to displaced persons keeping in view all the previous orders issued from time to time and geo physical status of land on the ground.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Notice for Shortlisting of PAD Items for Static Catering Establishments over Firozpur Division

For and on behalf of President of India, Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur invites applications on the prescribed form, from the manufacturers of the renowned eatable PAD items/ brands for the purpose of approval/shortlisting for Use/Sale/ Service at Static Catering Establishments located over Northern Railway, Firozpur Division. **Last date for submission of application is 03.10.2024 upto 15:00 hrs.** The detailed information and list of eatable PAD items are available on the official website of Northern Railway i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in. Please keep visiting the aforesaid website from time to time for getting updates regarding any modification, amendments etc. 2721/2024

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

| No.15-Med/Lab Investigation | | Dated 30.08.2024 |
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| Chief Medical Supdt. Northern Railway, Firozpur for and on behalf of the President of India, invites expression of interest on the prescribed form for the following work :- | | |
| 1 Name of work | Expression of interest from reputed, registered and licensed diagnostic centres for empanelment for providing diagnostic services for patients of Divisional Hospital Firozpur and Health Unit Jammu. | |
| 2 Completion period | Two years from the Date of starting. | |
| 3 App. Cost of the work | N.A. | |
| 4 Earnest Money | N.A. | |
| 5 Cost of application form on cash/bank post | N.A. | |
| 6 Date and time availability & Place of procuring application form | Any working day from office of Chief Medical Supdt., N.Rly, Firozpur and can be had from the office of Chief Medical Supdt., N.Rly, Firozpur in from 02.09.2024 to 25.09.2024 up to 11.00 Hrs. | |
| 7 Place of submission of bids | Chief Medical Supdt., N.Rly, Divisional Hospital, Firozpur. | |
| 8 Date and time of submission of application form | Up to 11.00 Hrs on 25.09.2024 Opening of bids at 11.30 Hrs on 25.09.2024. | |

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EDITORIAL

Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan

The Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan, or Drug-Free India Campaign, represents a pivotal initiative by the Indian government aimed at combating the pervasive problem of substance abuse across the nation. Launched as part of a broader strategy to address the growing crisis of drug and alcohol addiction, this campaign seeks to create a drug-free society by employing a multi-faceted approach involving awareness, prevention, rehabilitation, and stringent law enforcement.

Substance abuse, including the misuse of alcohol, narcotics, and other drugs, has become a significant public health and social issue in India. The problem spans across various demographics and regions, affecting not just individuals but also their families and communities. The rising trend of addiction has been linked to numerous adverse effects, including deteriorating health, increased crime rates, and economic losses. Recognizing these challenges, the Indian government initiated the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan to mitigate the harmful impacts of substance abuse and foster a healthier, more productive society.

The primary objectives of the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan include Educating the public about the dangers of substance abuse and the benefits of living a drug-free life. This involves spreading information through various media platforms, educational institutions, and community outreach programs; Implementing strategies to prevent the initiation of drug use, especially among youth. This includes school and college programs, workshops, and engagement with families to build resilience against drug use; Providing support and rehabilitation services for those struggling with addiction. This encompasses setting up de-addiction centers, counseling services, and support groups to aid in recovery and reintegration into society; Strengthening the enforcement of laws related to drug trafficking and distribution. This involves working closely with law enforcement agencies to crack down on illegal drug trade and ensure strict penalties for offenders; and Encouraging active participation from local communities, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and other stakeholders in the fight against substance abuse.

Educational campaign employs a variety of educational methods to reach different segments of the population. Schools and colleges play a crucial role in imparting knowledge about the dangers of drugs. Public service announcements, seminars, and workshops are conducted to educate people about the harmful effects of substance abuse and the importance of maintaining a drug-free lifestyle.

Local communities are mobilized through grassroots initiatives to spread awareness and encourage collective action against drug abuse. Community-based organizations, religious groups, and local leaders are engaged to promote healthy living and support the campaign's goals.

The government collaborates with NGOs that specialize in addiction treatment and prevention. These organizations provide vital services such as counseling, rehabilitation, and aftercare support. They also help in organizing community programs and awareness drives.

Strengthening law enforcement and judicial measures to curb drug trafficking is a critical component of the campaign. This involves enhancing surveillance, increasing penalties for drug-related offenses, and ensuring that the legal framework supports the fight against substance abuse.

Gathering data on substance abuse trends and the effectiveness of intervention measures is crucial for shaping future strategies. Research helps in identifying high-risk areas, understanding patterns of drug use, and evaluating the impact of various campaign initiatives.

While the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan has made significant strides, it faces several challenges. These include resistance from entrenched drug networks, limited resources for widespread implementation, and the need for continuous public engagement. To overcome these challenges, the campaign must focus on ensuring that awareness and prevention programs reach even the most remote and underserved areas of the country; Enhancing partnerships with international organizations, health experts, and community leaders to share best practices and resources; Regularly assessing the effectiveness of the campaign's strategies and making necessary adjustments based on feedback and new developments.

The Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan represents a comprehensive effort to address the complex issue of substance abuse in India. By combining awareness, prevention, rehabilitation, law enforcement, and community engagement, the campaign aims to build a drug-free society and improve the overall quality of life for its citizens. As the initiative progresses, sustained commitment from all sectors of society will be essential to achieving its goals and creating a healthier, more resilient nation.

Time to restore balance in India-China relations

By: Sanjaya Baru

Responding to criticism of India's "big brother diplomacy" in its neighbourhood, I would often invite my fellow South Asian interlocutors to think of an alternative metaphor. Replace the term "big brother", a concept that comes with its very Indian joint family cultural baggage, with "tall person". A six-footer in a group of five and odd feet wallahs has the disadvantage of bending neck to interact with shorter persons. Also Read - Kishwar Desai | Amid smoker fury, PM faces pub 'ban'; Maggie's portrait retires from No. 10 Advertisement The shorter ones are entitled to ask: "Why are you looking down on us?" The tall one has no option. A parent can kneel down to engage a child face-to-face, but big nations have difficulty kneeling. Developed countries pretend to treat the developing ones as equals but everyone knows that the world is made of unequals. While pretending to be equals, nations big and small have to have the wisdom to recognise the fact of inequality and deal with it. Just as India has to learn to deal with its smaller South Asian neighbours, they too must learn to deal with a bigger India. The same argument applies to India-China relations. Also Read - Shashi Warriar | Of politics, lies and citizenly expectations Indian politicians, diplomats and the elite at large have a problem in this regard. They are quite willing to live with the reality of a longer duration development and power imbalance in the country's relations with the West. But they find it difficult to deal with the more recently emerged imbalance

with regard to the People's Republic of China. Through most of the first three quarters of the 20th century, India and China were more or less at the same level of development. In the last quarter, however, China began to move gradually ahead, but not significantly. Even as late as 2007, Singapore's founder-leader Lee Kuan Yew referred to the two Asian giants as two engines of the Asian plane and believed that for Asia to rise and regain its historical status in the 21st century, it must fire on both engines. Also Read - Pavan K. Varma | Many ways of being divine: A Janmashtami reflection Similar views expressed even by Chinese leaders during the period 1980 to 2010 gave comfort to the Indian elites. This attitude also enabled the two countries to arrive at a modus vivendi on the border question. However, after the trans-Atlantic financial crisis of 2008-09, things changed. China took off, to use an airline metaphor made popular by the economist Walt Rostow. Even in 2005 when Prime Ministers Manmohan Singh and Wen Jiabao met, they would relate to each other as equals. By Also Read - Anita Katyal | Nabi operation runs aground; BJP can't enjoy its RS majority the time President Xi Jinping met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2014, the balance had tilted in China's favour. Over the past decade the Chinese economy has become five times bigger than India's. In 2010-11, I had the opportunity of participating in a trilateral dialogue between think tanks in China, India and the United States. The dialogue began with a question from a young Chinese scholar. I can understand, he said, why China and the United States must engage in a dialogue.

"China is a rising power. The US is a declining power. We need to manage this transition. But, why do we have India at this table?" President Xi pursued that question by making it clear that India and China are no longer in the same league. China will henceforth engage the US directly and as an equal. India is no longer entitled to a seat at that table. The Indian leadership and intellectuals have found accepting the changed reality difficult. Perhaps President Xi Jinping's decision to dump the understanding on the border issue and allow his People's Liberation Army to walk into disputed territory in the Ladakh region in June 2020 was meant to, what some regard as, "show India its place". This has quite understandably rankled India. The impasse in the bilateral relationship has continued since then. India expects China to say mea culpa and walk back. But Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement in June 2020 gave China a free pass. Mr Modi had said: "Neither have they intruded into our border, nor has any post been taken over by them (China). Twenty of our jawans were martyred, but those who dared Bharat Mata, they were taught a lesson." While government-to-government (G2G) discussions on the border issue have been going on, two contradictory features have come to define the state of India-China relations. One the one hand, business-to-business (B2B) relations are thriving. Bilateral trade is booming and the Union government's annual Economic Survey has suggested that India should be more open to Chinese investments. What has suffered most as a consequence of President Xi's ill-advised move in June 2020 is

people-to-people (P2P) contacts. While Beijing has resumed the issue of tourist and business visas, New Delhi remains stingy on both counts and direct flights remain suspended, raising the cost of travel. Both the BJP and the Congress Party should take relations with both the United States and China out of domestic political rivalry and agree to a shared approach. Every government has its share of achievements and mistakes in foreign policy. On relations with the US and China the governments led by both parties have had their achievements and made their mistakes over the past three decades. Both have served the national interest. Rather than constant bickering on who did what, it would be in India's interests to have a balanced approach to relations with the two major world powers: the US and China. We seek the emergence of a multipolar world and a multipolar Asia. That can happen only when the Indian economy is bigger, more productive and dynamic. Much of the work lies at home. Both the US and China can play a role in the revitalisation of the Indian economy. There is already a political consensus in India among major political parties on the positive role that the US can play in India's economic rise. There is a similar need for a consensus on the China policy. Recent statements and policy actions emanating from New Delhi suggest a thaw. This should embrace all aspects of the bilateral relationship -- G2G, B2B and P2P -- even as we maintain our vigilance across the high Himalayas, modernise our border infrastructure and keep the powder dry.

Amid smoker fury, PM faces pub 'ban'; Maggie's portrait retires from No. 10

By: Kishwar Desai

There is still some English summer left to enjoy. The best new place to visit nowadays is the rural pub opened by Jeremy Clarkson -- the star of automobile TV shows. But as many people may know, he is, beneath his tough exterior, a die-hard English romantic (apart from a shrewd businessman.) He wanted to become a farmer. So off he went to start a farm -- but being Jeremy Clarkson that became a successful reality show series on Amazon. He then set up a shop on his farm called Diddy Squat which has had hordes of eager shoppers dropping by. But above all he wanted to be a village publican catering to the farmers around. Also Read - Sanjaya Baru | Time to restore balance in India-China relations Advertisement Now he has set up The Farmer and His Dog pub in the beautiful surroundings of the Cotswolds. Once he had found a pub and got the various permissions the question was, will anyone come? Well, they turned up in their hundreds with their children and dogs to enjoy a drink in a rural pub with a lovely garden. You can get Hawkstone beer as a speciality of the House. If you happen to be a farmer yourself, there is a separate room for you

with free beer. Anyone can go but Jeremy has announced he does not want Sir Keir Starmer in his pub. Also Read - Shashi Warriar | Of politics, lies and citizenly expectations Hmmm... the Prime Minister is unlikely to face a bigger problem in his tenure in Downing Street... However, it's not just Jeremy ...almost all pub owners are up in arms against the Labour government's new idea of banning smoking in all public areas. This has caused deep consternation and worries that it will impact pub income as so many beer quaffers stand or sit outdoors -- a cigarette in one hand. As per the present rules smokers spill onto the streets on a balmy summer evening, and it is a jolly sight. Rain or shine -- they gather for a puff and a pint. So pub owners are shattered by the thought that this ban will restrict smokers from coming. There have been angry letters in the papers, pained articles by suffering journalists, anguished cries from addicts -- but there is a belief within the government and health specialists that this will deter smoking in the future which remains a major cause of concern. Smoking kills an estimated 80,000 each year in the UK. Also Read - Pavan K. Varma | Many ways of being divine: A Janmashtami reflection But we know that the

smokers lobby is a powerful one and they are defending their last bastion of freedom with great gusto. Though it may all end up in ashes for them. Many are finding out, Sir Keir Starmer is not for turning... And now he has struck another blow against Tories by removing the portrait of the Iron Lady, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, from the "Thatcher Room" at Number 10, Downing Street. The portrait by artist Richard Stone was commissioned by an anonymous donor and hung up during the time of another Labour PM, Gordon Brown. Also Read - Anita Katyal | Nabi operation runs aground; BJP can't enjoy its RS majority But the lady who was not for "turning" either has disappeared from the walls of Number 10. Reports suggest that Sir Keir found her portrait unsettling. Ghosts of PMs past probably are mumbling and grumbling -- but the fact is that the incumbent of No 10 is entitled to refurbish the space as per his desire and can choose from any of the 15000 artworks that are available. Of course, it is these gestures which sometimes lead to many accusing ruling parties, everywhere, of rewriting history or ignoring the contributions of past leaders -- but frankly, I empathise with Sir Keir who may not want a steely look from Mrs

Thatcher every time he sits down to think -- at least for the next five years! Unlike the White House which is enormous and portraits can be reshuffled into dingy corners, Number 10 is actually quite small and so each piece of work needs to be to the taste of the incumbent -- no matter what message may be read into "the mystery of the disappearing portrait". But the fact is that Labour has returned to power after 15 years, and so there will be renewed scrutiny on each act by the government, and on each MP. To the party's embarrassment, a newly elected Sikh MP from Ilford South, Jas Athwal, has been accused of renting out flats full of mould and ants to lower income groups. Appalling images of these flats -- and disgruntled voices of anonymous tenants complaining of how their children are covered with ants at times have been splattered across the media -- and this is not a good sign for a party that wants to put social housing in the heart of their proposed changes to create a more equitable Britain. It is also a sad awakening for the British Asian community that we still need to be more careful of how we live and impact society -- and how well we integrate with it, with values that matter.

Rich Harvest speed ball players shine at 14th Sub Junior and Junior National Championship-2024

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 2: The talented Speed Ball players from Rich Harvest School (RHS) showcased their remarkable skills at the 14th Sub Junior and Junior National Championship-2024 held in Delhi. This prestigious event, organized by the Speed Ball Federation of India, saw the participation of



200 competitors from across the country, all vying for top honors.

Three outstanding players from RHS made their school and

the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir proud by securing top positions. Sivam Chandan and Hari Om both clinched gold medals, while Aryan Chandan earned a bronze medal, marking a significant achievement for the school.

The Director of RHS, Ruchi Charak, and the Head of the Institute, Anita Bhatia, extended

their heartfelt congratulations to the trio for their exceptional performance.

They also praised the efforts of their coach, Sahil, whose guidance and training played a crucial role in the students' success.

The achievements of these young athletes have brought great pride to the school and their community.

Rich Harvest students conquer 5th District Samba Pencak Silat Championship



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 2: RHS Pencak Silat players displayed amazing speed and determination to capture 57 medals

(23 gold, 17 silver, 17 Bronze) and overall trophy.

400 participants from 11 Schools and 3 Clubs participated in the mega event.

The Director of RHS Ruchi Charak and the Head of the Institute Anita Bhatia congratulated the victors and their coach Sharan for the splendid performance.

HDFC Bank Launches GIGA

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 2: HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector bank, today launched GIGA – a complete financial suite of products and services designed especially for gig workers/ freelancers. As a start-point, the Bank conducted an in-depth consumer research study to understand the needs of freelancers, based on which, it has launched GIGA – a digital-first programme offering a host of customised products and services to address the requirements of freelancers. The gig economy stretches across the continuum of white-collar professionals such as management consultants, software programmers and designers, architects, investment advisors to grey collar workers that carry specific vocational/technical expertise to blue collar and pink-collar workers that comprise delivery partners and care givers.

Sunali Rohra, Head – Gig Banking, Start-Ups and Government & Institutional Business, HDFC Bank said, "We are delighted to launch a comprehensive suite of financial products designed to meet the manifold needs of various freelancer segments. Our products include a specialised savings account, current account, debit

cards, credit cards with very specialised offers, health insurance for as little as Rs 20 per day, and flexible investment products where they could "invest when they can and how much they can" instead of a traditional SIP, and custom retail asset products. Income and independence is what is driving people to adopt this way of life, which of course has been powered by the growth of the digital ecosystem and to a large extent the trend of remote working." Estimates peg the number of gig workers at 30 to 50 million in India and the segment is only growing. Offerings under GIGA' Flexible GIGA Savings Account – The GIGA account gives freelancers the choice of maintaining a quarterly balance (Rs 10,000 for metro/urban and Rs 5,000 for semi-urban/rural accounts) or using options such as starting their investment journey with a systematic investment plan / fixed deposit / recurring deposit etc. GIGA Business Debit Card with accelerated cashback on spends and customised offers comes with the account. It also provides complimentary personal accidental death cover of up to Rs.10 lakh. GIGA Business Debit Card with accelerated cashback on spends and customised offers comes with the

account. It also provides complimentary personal accidental death cover of up to Rs.10 lakh. Exclusive GIGA Business Credit Card specifically designed for freelancers with an interest-free credit period of 55 days, and an accelerated rewards programme. Curated offers on GIGA Cards: A bouquet of value-added offers especially designed to help freelancers in their work is also being included on both GIGA Debit and Credit cards. Developed in conjunction with both domestic and international partners, the offers address many of the needs identified through consumer research. At launch these will include preferential deals on co-working spaces (wework and Awfis); upskilling and learning (Harappa, 42 Courses and The Designer's Class); book-keeping, accounting and taxation (Zoho, LegalWiz and India Filings); health & wellness (Earthful, Frido and Reboot Wellness); and membership discounts from gig platforms (Truelancer and Refrens) along with other offers. Health Insurance from HDFC Ergo: Now gig workers can get health insurance for themselves and their families at premia starting at Rs 20 per day. Specialised suite of retail asset products to support lifestyle needs of freelancers.

Should quickly reform progressive Waqf Board Bill of GoI: Prof Aqeel

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JAMMU, Sep 2: Professor Aqeel Ahmad, former Director of the National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL) and Distinguished Professor at the University of Delhi, has strongly endorsed the new Waqf Board Bill introduced by the Government of India.

He urged the Muslim community nationwide to support this significant legislative reform, which aims to bring transparency, accountability, and inclusiveness to the management of Waqf properties.

Prof. Ahmad emphasized that this Bill is a crucial step toward addressing the persistent issues of corruption, mismanagement, and exploitation of Waqf assets, often associated with the so-called "Waqf Mafia."

The new law's progressive framework is designed to protect Waqf properties, ensuring they are used for their intended charitable and religious purposes.

A key feature of the Bill is the inclusion of members from various religious communities, including Hindus, in the Waqf Board.

Prof. Ahmad highlighted that this inclusive approach reflects the



Government of India's commitment to fostering a balanced and transparent management structure.

By involving members from different communities, the Bill aims to eliminate corruption while promoting social harmony and mutual brotherhood across India.

Prof. Ahmad reassured the Muslim community that the reform is not about weakening religious rights but enhancing governance to prevent the exploitation of Waqf properties.

He urged Muslims to view the inclusion of Hindu members as a step toward strengthening the institution's effectiveness.

Concluding, he called on community leaders, scholars, and citizens to unite in supporting this important legislative move, which seeks to preserve the integrity of Waqf properties and uphold justice, transparency, and the rule of law in India.

Dimple leads anti-Pakistan protest against Sunjwan Army Camp attack



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 2: Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood, led a fervent anti-Pakistan protest and demonstration in response to the recent terrorist attack on the Sunjwan Army Camp, which resulted in injuries to several soldiers. The protest, marked by the burning of Pakistan flags, was held to express outrage against the militant assault and to rally support for the Indian armed forces.

Addressing the gathered protesters, Dimple condemned the attack, calling it a shocking act of terrorism that has once again highlighted the growing menace of militancy in the region. He alleged that militancy is resurging in Jammu and Kashmir, with reports

indicating that around 600 trained commandos have infiltrated the Jammu region. He also mentioned the increased activity of Pakistan's Border Action Team (BAT) in various districts of the Jammu region, especially after the abrogation of Article 370 and the reorganization of Jammu and Kashmir.

Dimple pledged that Mission Statehood would not tolerate any form of militancy, anti-national activities, or attacks on security forces. He strongly reaffirmed that Jammu and Kashmir was, is, and will remain an integral part of India.

In his speech, Dimple extended full support to the Indian Army and the Jammu and Kashmir Police, assuring them that the people of Jammu and Kashmir stand united with

the forces in their efforts to maintain peace and security. He also called for the liberation of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (POK), Gilgit, and Baltistan, urging the Indian Army to start "Operation All Out" against ISI sleeper cells and militants in the region.

Dimple appealed to the Indian Army Chief to consider launching surgical strikes and a full-scale war against Pakistan to eliminate the infiltrated militants and secure the borders. He demanded that Pakistan be given a strong and decisive response for its continued support of terrorism.

The protest was attended by Sachin Sul, Rupesh Bhat, Bunty, Arjun, Anmol, Sat Sharma, Ashok Sharma, Vijay Virdi, S Kala Singh, Arun Verma, and many others.

Vishal Khatri Sabha organizes Bhandara on Somvati Amavasya

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 2: In Indian culture, festivals are more than just occasions for celebration; they serve as medium to the deepest and most profound aspects of life.

Each festival carries its own unique significance, offering valuable lessons, spiritual insights, and cultural traditions that have been passed down through generations.

Somvati Amavasya is one of the most powerful day as this day is dedicated to honour ancestors or forefathers. Amavasya is also known as New Moon day which is considered a significant day for purification.

Today, on occasion of Somvati Amavasya, Bhandara was organised by. Devinder Seth, President, Vishal Khatri Sabha, Jammu at Utterveni, Jammu.

Amavasya is one of the most significant day when people pay homage to their ancestors or forefathers.

This day is considered auspicious for worshipping ancestors and they perform various puja rituals and ceremonies to seek blessings from their descendants.

Performing Pitru Tarpan, Pitru Puja, Pind Daan, Pitru



Dosha Nivaran Puja and other puja rituals are the common practices.

People visit various holy places to take sacred bath in Ganga river. Feeding cows is one of the most common practice. Invite Brahmins at home to perform puja ritual. Donating food items and clothes to Brahmins or needy people is one of the most important thing which is being done on the day of Amavasya.

DFSS holds protest against Pakistan sponsored terrorism in Jammu



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 2: The workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS), led by their president Ashok Gupta, organized a protest rally in Jammu city, where they burned an effigy of the Pakistan Prime Minister in response to the terror attack on the Sunjwan military station.

Gupta expressed grave concern over the increasing terror incidents in the Jammu region, particularly with the approaching Assembly elections in the Union Territory.

He highlighted that over 52 security personnel have lost their lives in encounters with terrorists since 2021, signaling a disturbing trend.

According to Gupta, sources indicate that a group of 40-50 terrorists have infiltrated the Jammu region in recent years, equipped with advanced weaponry such as American M4 rifles, night vision sights, telescopic lenses, and encrypted radio sets.

He also suggested that the Rohingyas might have been involved in the previous Sunjwan attack and could be implicated this time as well, given their settlement near the highly populated Sunjwan area, which includes military installations.

He referenced the 2015 killing of a terrorist named 'Chota Burmi' by security forces as evidence of Rohingya involvement

with terror outfits.

Gupta expressed deep anguish over the attack on the Army soldiers and paid tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice in protecting the nation.

He called for the nation to unite, avoid politicizing the issue, and launch a strong offensive against the terror-sponsoring nation to eliminate their nefarious plans once and for all. He also emphasized the need to dismantle the Over Ground Worker (OGW) network that supports terrorism.

Among those present at the protest were Ashish, Prem, Raju, Rampal, Rahul, Abhishek, Vikas, Amit, Naresh, and various other party members.

Chairman/CEC, BJP leaders call on Lt Governor Ladakh

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LEH, Sep 2: Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brig.(Dr.) B. D. Mishra (Retd.), was called on by Chairman/CEC Adv.Tashi Gyalson; BJP State President Phunchok Stanzin and District President Tashi Gyaltsan Kachu. They expressed their

heartfelt gratitude for his steadfast support in establishing five new districts within the Union Territory of Ladakh.

Chairman Adv. Tashi Gyalson and the delegation requested for early formation of a committee to do comprehensive study to assess various aspects related to the

formation of these new districts. They also discussed the issue and demand raised by the local residents for the creation of Suru-Sankoo Sub Division as District.

Additionally, CEC discussed with the Lieutenant Governor, Ladakh for his visit to all the newly created districts as desired.

Bhagat condemns tampering of Sajjad Kichloo's video, calls for legal action

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Sep 2: Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Senior Leader and Spokesperson for the Chenab Valley Zone, Ajeet Bhagat, strongly condemned the recent tampering of a video featuring Sajjad Ahmed Kichloo, a former Home Minister and prominent secular leader.

Speaking to the press, Bhagat expressed deep concern and anger over the actions of certain seditious elements who deliberately edited and misrepresented the video, causing distress



among National Conference workers and the people of Kishtwar.

Bhagat emphasized that Sajjad Ahmed Kichloo is a respected and honest leader who is widely admired for his commitment to secularism and his care for the dignity of all religions.

He underscored that

attempts to tarnish Kichloo's reputation through such malicious tactics are unacceptable and should be met with strict legal action.

Bhagat called for those responsible for the video tampering to be arrested under the Public Safety Act (PSA), stressing that such individuals aim to create chaos in society and disrupt the peaceful environment of the region.

He reiterated the National Conference's support for Kichloo, highlighting his popularity and the trust he has earned from people across religious and social lines.

Classical connection

Listen to ghazal, bhajan and filmy music but also to Dhrupad, urges Pt Umakant Gundecha, a leading exponent of the genre

"Music is my life, I live in it; it's my companion in my wakefulness and even when I sleep. Not just learning it, but what can we give back to it is what our primary concern is," opens up Pt Umakant Gundecha, who was in Chandigarh recently for a five-day National Theatre Festival held at the Tagore Theatre.

"Dhrupad is the oldest mother music vidya. It originated from Samved. This music started and flourished in temples," adds Padma Shri recipient Pt Umakant, about the style of music that was sung by Swami Haridas, Tansen and Baiju Bawra. Pt Umakant performed in the Pratigya episode of Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi, which, along with Chandigarh Sangeet Natak Akademi, organised the Festival.

Gundecha family has been the leading exponent of Dhrupad in the country. Pt Umakant rests the credit of their success to his father, "My father was very inclined towards art. He gave us exposure to different forms of it. Seeing mine and my brother Ramakant's interest in music, he ensured we got the training right."

The Gundecha brothers moved from their hometown Ujjain to Bhopal for training in Dhrupad music under Zia Fariduddin Dagar and his brother Zia Mohiuddin Dagar. One of the most active performers and teachers of Dhrupad, Gundecha brothers have toured more than 30 countries around the world and recorded as many as three dozen albums for various national and international music labels.

In due course, they opened their own Dhrupad institute near Bhopal, where they teach students from all over the world.



"When we studied under our Guru, we stayed with them. My brother and I cooked our meals as we trained. That was all right for those times. In our institute, we have tried to provide all the facilities we felt were necessary." A sprawling place spread over 4.5 acre with nature as its mainstay, library with books on Dhrupad, an audio-visual library with rare pieces, rooms for the students and a mess comprise their place. "We have trained students from as many as 35 countries," shares Pt Umakant, proudly.

"The beauty of Dhrupad is that coming from temple origins, it helps the listener connect to one's inner self," explains Pt Umakant. He mesmerised the audience with his performance, even as the non-classical music-lovers were taken by surprise with the beauty of it.

One could see the seat of Ramakant Gundecha being taken by his son Anant. Something that the audience is getting used to and he himself is. Having lost his brother in 2019 to a heart attack, the famous Gundecha Bandhu jodi has the new entrant in Anant, Ramakant's son. "How Anant has picked up in this little time is

praiseworthy. If you listen to him with eyes closed, it's as if you are listening to his father. It's the same sound quality," he beams. They sang three short pieces — Tu Hi Surya, Tu Hi Chandra, Shankar Sut Ganesh and Shiv Stuti, which left the audience in awe.

Gundecha brothers' Dhrupad pieces have been in films, including the recent Mohalla Assi. Acknowledging that in our country film music is more popular among the masses, he explains. "We are open to doing film music. It's my humble request to everyone to listen to ghazal, bhajan, filmy music and pop, but also Dhrupad."

While Dhrupad was most flourishing back in the 15th and 16th centuries, Pt Umakant believes that its practitioners, in a bid to keep the music within the family, dented its spread to some extent. "The responsibility to take this music further lies on the shoulders of its practitioners. While being proud of Anant, his nephew and Dhani, his daughter, for taking up Dhrupad, he shares, "About 15 of the disciples are A-grade artistes."

"In the digital world today, there is problem of plenty. But I urge the youngsters today to prac-

tice any form of art — music, dance or painting. It would add a different perspective to your personality," he advises.

Fitting finale
A house full, followed by a standing ovation, the five-day National Drama Festival concluded on a befitting note with an enthralling staging of the play Sohni Mahiwal. An impressive set, beautiful costumes, intense act and stupendous music, the play was a hit with the audience. "Chandigarh theatre scene is now comparable with the national level. Sohni Mahiwal was a beautiful production and that it was by students makes it even more significant. Replete on all four counts — angik (body movement, expression), vachika (dialogues, singing), aharya (costumes, make-up, set design) and satvik (feel) — it was exemplary," said Sudesh Sharma, chairperson, Chandigarh Sangeet Natak Akademi (CSNA). A Department of Indian Theatre production, this play was written by Ekam Manuke. It was designed and directed by Navdeep Kaur. One of the most prominent poetic stories of Punjab was woven with the songs and kalams of Sufi poets Fazal Shah, Hashim Shah and Bulleh Shah. The music of the play was by Tejinder Singh. "Our National Theatre Festival is an honest attempt and experiment to not just bring theatre from the rest of the country to the city, but also have one of our own plays in it," shares Sharma. CSNA is also ensuring a platform for city artistes by holding Chandigarh festivals in different states. "For long, Chandigarh audiences have clapped for artistes from outside, we now want viewers from other cities to clap for our artistes."

Emergency imposed on my film, says Kangana as it faces certification delay



Four days ahead of the scheduled premiere of 'Emergency', actor Kangana Ranaut has levelled allegations against the Central Board of Film Certifica-

tion (CBFC) for stalling its certificate to delay the release. Ranaut, who plays the role of former prime minister Indira Gandhi in the movie, said she would

go to court if she didn't get a clearance on the uncut version.

"An emergency has been imposed on my film too. It's a very hopeless state. I'm quite disappointed in our country and whatever the circumstances are...How much will we keep getting scared?"

"I've made this film with a lot of self-respect which is why the CBFC can't point out any contention. They've stalled my certificate, but I'm determined to release an uncut version of the film. I'll fight in court and release an uncut version," she told Shubhankar Mishra on his podcast.

According to a source, the film isn't releasing on Friday because the makers are yet to receive the certification from the CBFC.

"Even though they (CBFC) have put a U/A certificate on their website, the makers haven't received the copy of the certificate yet. Every day there's a new cut being given to the film, which they are doing due to some pressure. Kangana is fighting for the sanctity of the film," the source told agency.

Last week, Ranaut — also the director, writer and co-producer of 'Emergency' — said her film is still stuck with the censor board contrary to rumours that it has been cleared for release.

I'm fighting the perception of what the audience thinks of me, says Ananya Panday

Ananya Panday, set to make her web series debut with Call Me Bae, says she wants to break out of her perceived image in the audience and industry, and that will happen when she is in a position to say no to offers that feed into a certain stereotype.

Call Me Bae, directed by Collin D'Cunha and created by Ishita Moitra, sees her character lead a privileged life in New Delhi, before she is disowned by her family. The eight-episode series will debut on Prime Video on September 6.

The actress, who made her debut with 2019's rom-com Student of the Year 2, said 'fighting perception' was a challenge that she continued to deal with as an individual.

"When you start up with a certain kind of film, people put you in a box



and they would expect the same thing from you. So, I'm fighting the perception of what the audience thinks of me and the kind of work you get within the industry. When something does

well, you get the same offers, and it is up to us as actors if we have that position where we can say no," Ananya told. "Call Me Bae" marks the web series debut for the 25-year-old.

'IC 814: The Kandahar Hijack' slammed online for 'changing' terrorists' identity

Amid demands by a section of social media users for boycott of the series 'IC 814: The Kandahar Hijack' for allegedly hiding the real identities of the terrorists involved in the 1999 incident, casting director Mukesh Chhabra on Sunday claimed the perpetrators used nicknames for each other and proper research was done for the show.

Directed by Anubhav Sinha, the series is based on the 1999 hijack of an Indian aircraft by five terrorists on December 24, 1999, 40 minutes after it took off from Kathmandu. It started streaming on Netflix from August 29.

Using hashtags #BoycottNetflix, #BoycottBollywood and #IC814, many X users shared posts claiming the makers changed the names of the hijackers to 'Shankar' and 'Bhola' to allegedly protect the terrorists who belonged to a certain community.

A user accused Sinha of "deliberate distortion of facts" as well as termed the series "propaganda".



"... it's a vile attempt to rewrite history, downplay the terror inflicted by the actual hijackers, and subtly glorify their actions. By reducing the tragedy of IC 814 to a farcical narrative, Sinha has shown where his loyalties lie—not with the victims or the truth, but with an insidious agenda that seeks to whitewash the brutality of terrorism and vilify the Hindu community," she wrote on X.

"Names of IC814 Hijackers changed to Shankar & Bhola by @anubhavsinha. This is how Bollywood let the TERRORISTS WIN: #BoycottBollywood

#IC814TheKandaharHijack," wrote another.

"IC 814 Terrorists names - Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, Masood Azhar and Mushtaq Ahmed Zargar. In Movie - Shankar & Bhola!" read a post.

Chhabra, a prominent casting director in the industry, said the terrorists used "nicknames or fake names" to address each other.

"I am reading so many tweets about the names of the hijackers. We did the proper research. They used to call each other by those names—nicknames or fake names, whatever you want

to call them."

"And thank you, everyone, for loving the ensemble cast. A big thank you to my team, and especially to Anubhav Sinha for trusting us and giving me the freedom to explore. #IC814 #Netflix," he wrote on X.

Five terrorists, Ibrahim Athar, Sunny Ahmed Qazi, Zahoor Ibrahim, Shahid Akhter and Sayed Shakir, hijacked the IC-814 plane during its flight from Kathmandu to Delhi on December 24 that year.

At least 154 passengers and crew were held hostage for eight days and the stand-off ended when hardcore terrorists Masood Azhar, Omar Sheikh and Mushtaq Ahmad Zargar were released and the then external affairs minister Jaswant Singh took them on a special plane to Kandahar.

"IC 814: The Kandahar Hijack" features an ensemble cast of Vijay Varma, Naseeruddin Shah, Pankaj Kapur, Manoj Pahwa, Kumud Mishra, Arvind Swamy, Dia Mirza and Patralkhaa, among others.

'Sholay' special screening takes fans on nostalgic journey

Film is considered an inalienable part of Indian pop culture due to its popular characters like Jai, Veeru and Thakur

From singing 'Yeh Dosti Hum Nahi Todenge' to cheering at every iconic dialogue and each actor's entry, fans relived the magic of 'Sholay' during a special screening that served as a reminder of why this Hindi cult classic has stood the test of time for nearly 50 years.

Organised by the not-for-profit organisation Film Heritage Foundation, the special, one-time-only screening

of the vintage 70 mm cinemascope print of the 1975 iconic blockbuster witnessed many ardent fans queuing up to watch the 6.00 pm show at Colaba's Regal Cinema here.

'Sholay', written by Salim Khan and Javed Akhtar, better known as Salim-Javed during their heyday, and directed by Ramesh Sippy, remains one of the most celebrated films in Bollywood history.

The film is considered an inalienable part of Indian pop culture due to its popular characters like Jai, Veeru and Thakur as well as Gabbar Singh, one of the iconic villains of Hindi cinema, and plenty of dialogues and action sequences.

The atmosphere inside the 1,000-plus seater theatre was electric, with fans expressing their enthusiasm at experiencing the classic film

in its original format.

"I'm feeling as if I have time travelled.

The vintage print truly gives an old-school experience.

The viewers are enthusiastic and cheering excitedly. Truly an unforgettable experience," a fan said.

'Sholay' featured an ensemble cast including Amitabh Bachchan, Dharmendra, Hema Malini, Jaya Bhaduri, Sanjeev Kumar, Amjad

Khan, A K Hangal, Asrani, Iftikhar, Jagdeep, Keshto Mukherjee, Leela Mishra, Mac Mohan and Viju Khote, among others.

Prior to the screening, legendary writer duo Salim-Javed addressed the eager fans, who welcomed them with applause and whistles.

"This usually doesn't happen with writers," Akhtar said.

The 79-year-old lyricist and screenwriter

expressed his gratitude towards the audience and recalled how the unexpected multi-starrer aspect of the movie added to its beauty.

"When Salim sahab and I wrote this script, we had no idea that it was going to be a big film.

When we started the film, we didn't know it would have a big cast.

"As the screenplay developed, it slowly turned upon us that we

can have many stars in the picture because the roles are such. It was not planned to be a multi-starrer film; perhaps that's the beauty of it. It had an organic growth," Akhtar added.

He credited the audience for their continued appreciation and love for the film and its characters.

"I don't think of any film, except for 'The Godfather' or 'Gone with the Wind', where

people remember many characters. But the list of characters (in 'Sholay') that are remembered after 50 years is much longer," Akhtar said.

"There's some magic and that magic is not created just by us. It is somewhere between us and the audience. Thank you for appreciating this film. We are thankful to the audience of India and overseas where the picture has been appreciated," he added.

PM Modi's Singapore Visit To Take Ties To An "Entirely New Level": Foreign Ministry

PM Modi Singapore Visit: "Ties between India and Singapore are poised to take off to an entirely new level of cooperation," the Ministry of External Affairs said at the special briefing about the Prime Minister's visit.

NEW DELHI, Sep 2 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be on an official visit to Singapore on September 4, 5 to further strengthen bilateral ties between the two nations. The prime minister's visit comes a fortnight after the high-level roundtable between top ministers of both countries. "Ties between India and Singapore are poised to take-off to an entirely new level of cooperation," the Ministry of External Affairs said at the special briefing about the Prime Minister's visit.

Prime Minister Modi's visit to Singapore comes after six years, said Secretary East, Ministry of External Affairs, Jaideep Mazumdar. India and Singapore are looking to significantly enhance their cooperation in the semiconductor sector, he added.

He also said that the PM's visit to Singapore is "important for trade and investment".

Singapore is India's largest trade partner in ASEAN. It is also a leading source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in



the last financial year with an investment of \$11.77 billion in 2023 alone," he said, adding that Singapore is India's sixth largest trade partner worldwide.

During his two-day visit, Prime Minister Modi will also address CEOs, he said.

"Investments have also been very large. Since 2000 till now, we have an accumulative FDI of USD 160 billion dollars. There will be an interaction with business leaders in the PM's visit. This will be an important element of the visit as Prime Minister will address the CEOs in his visit, where they will hear

India's growth story first hand," Mr Mazumdar said.

"His [PM Modi's] first visit to Singapore was in his first term as the Prime Minister. This visit is of great significance as it's his visit early in his term, and also as the new Prime Minister Lawrence Wong has taken oath recently and Singaporeans are excited to welcome PM Modi. This is an opportune time to set the stage for India-Singapore's vibrant bilateral relations for the next stage of India-Singapore bilateral relations. Our ties have evolved and we have a dynamic strategic partnership encom-

passing diverse areas from our shared history and people-to-people ties, which form an important link between us," he added.

Speaking about the special roundtable framework shared by the two nations, he said "We have identified new anchors of our partnership under the India-Singapore ministerial roundtable framework.

The visit will also take place in the light of our 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations which we're celebrating in 2025 and 10th year of our strategic partnership with Singapore."

"During the recently concluded India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable, which is a unique forum between ministers on both sides on diverse areas, a number of new forward-looking futuristic areas were identified in digitization, skill, sustainability, health, advanced manufacturing and connectivity. We are likely to exchange a number of MoUs in these areas in the forthcoming visit of the PM," he said.

No person in UP should be left out in BJP's membership drive: Yogi Adityanath



LUCKNOW, Sep 2 (Agencies): Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday appealed to the BJP workers to ensure that no house or person is left out in the party's membership

drive that is starting from today.

"The membership drive of the Bharatiya Janata Party starting today is a movement to connect the individual with the spirit of Nation First, the resolve to

serve the people, the vow of Antyodaya and the vision of 'Developed India-Atmanirbhar Bharat'," Yogi Adityanath said in a post on 'X'.

"Come, let all of us workers of @BJP4India make this national task successful with full energy and commitment by assimilating the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas' given by the respected Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji," he said.

"Remember, no house, no person, no class should be left out," he added.

Government finally acknowledges need for national law for gig workers' welfare: Congress

NEW DELHI, Sep 2 (Agencies): The Congress on Monday took a swipe at the government after it stated that it is committed to extending social security benefits to gig workers, saying it has "finally awoken" to the need for a comprehensive national law for such workers' welfare and that it is welcome to borrow from its policy on this urgent issue.

The opposition party's remarks came a day after Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said the government is actively exploring various avenues to ensure gig and platform workers are covered under social security.

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said the government has "finally awoken" to the need for a comprehensive national law for welfare of gig workers.

The Congress and Rahul Gandhi took this issue up aggressively during the Bharat Jodo Yatra, and the Congress



governments in Karnataka and Rajasthan have already legislated to provide gig workers with rights and protection, Ramesh said on X.

It was also a key pillar of the party's Paanch Nyay Pachees Guarantee platform for the 2024 Lok Sabha Elections, he said.

"The Government happily borrowed from the Congress's Nyay Patra for the Union Budget. It is welcome to borrow its policy on gig workers from the party's thinking on this urgent issue as well," Ramesh said.

Mandaviya, while chairing a review meeting in New Delhi on Sunday, said the government of India is committed to extend-

ing social security benefits to gig and platform workers.

In a significant move aimed at safeguarding the welfare of gig and platform workers, Mandaviya highlighted that the government is actively exploring various avenues to ensure these workers are covered under social security schemes.

"Our government is fully committed to the well-being of gig and platform workers, who form a crucial part of our workforce," the minister stated.

"We are working on a comprehensive strategy to provide them with the social security they deserve," he added.

Kolkata horror: RSS calls for fast tracking rape trials, regulating online content

NEW DELHI, Sep 2 (Agencies): The ruling BJP's ideological mentor Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) on Monday called for fast tracking of rape trials and regulation of online content even as it expressed alarm over the brutal sexual assault and killing of a junior medic at RG Kar hospital in Kolkata.

It is important to reduce the wait for justice, the Sangh said at the end of a three-day meeting with its 32 affiliates including the BJP, in Kerala's Palakkad.

"We need a fast track of trials. Justice process should not be so prolonged. We discussed ways to overcome time gaps in delivery of justice.

Different affiliated organisations will discuss the issue with legal experts and the government also," RSS all India com-

munications chief Sunil Ambekar said today.

Ambekar said all RSS inspired organisations expressed agitation at what happened in Kolkata and narrated incidents and reasons thereof from different states.

"The role of government, government machinery, penal provisions was also debated. There is a need to revisit all this. Proper fact track procedures to deliver justice to victims which will finally end all such atrocities is necessary," said the RSS functionary.

The Sangh, he added, had concluded that all its inspired organisations will take up the issue on five fronts—legally, social awareness so that people come forward to stop such crimes, family values to curb criminal tendencies, formal/

informal education to teach about the sensitivity of the issue, need for self-defence activities and regulation of OTT, digital, TV and internet content.

"It has been seen that many people who wreck such havoc have long watched online content," Ambekar said.

On other issues discussed at the RSS meeting, Ambekar said concerns were expressed on the status of Bangladeshi Hindus and other minorities.

"A detailed report was given by different organisations on Bangladesh issue. Everyone is worried about Hindus and other minorities in Bangladesh.

Our government should talk to them to ensure the safety of Hindus," Ambekar said, adding that the RSS had also decided to take up in detail the reports of mass conversion by Christian



missions in Tamil Nadu on which many of its organisations had shared evidence.

Asked whether the RSS and the BJP thrashed out their differences which were known to have cost the ruling party its majority in the 2024 national election, Ambekar said, "These are family matters and will be resolved. We are all a family and all is well."

Man stabs wife to death, leaves body in car in west Delhi



NEW DELHI, Sep 2 (Agencies): A 21-year-old man stabbed his wife to death and left her body in his car in west Delhi's Rajouri Garden area, officials said on Monday.

Gautam has been arrested while he was trying to run by a police officer patrolling the area, they said.

According to the police, the matter came to the fore when Ajay, a head constable posted at the Khayala police station, apprehended Gautam moving around without a shirt in a suspicious circumstances at 1.20 am.

On being questioned, Gautam said he had killed his wife Manya (20) and left her body in the car.

Gautam, a resident of Raghuraj Nagar, told the police that he had married Manya in March without the consent of their families, an officer said.

Even after marriage, they were living with their respective families only and used to meet occasionally, the officer said.

On Sunday night, Gautam came to meet Manya in a car somewhere in Titapur in Rajouri Garden area. "Around 11 pm, Manya insisted that they start living together and an argument between them took place in the car itself," another police officer said.

Gautam inflicted multiple stab injuries to Manya. After realising that she is dead, he then parked the car near Shivaji College red light and was trying to escape when he was apprehended by Head Constable Ajay, the officer said.

A case of murder has been registered at the Rajouri Garden police station and verification of facts, as told by the accused is being done, the officer added.

1 dead, 9 hospitalised after drunk man turns steering wheel of BEST bus in Mumbai's Lalbaug

MUMBAI, Sep 2 (Agencies): A 27-year-old woman injured after she was hit by an out-of-control BEST bus in Lalbaug area of Mumbai the previous day died during treatment at a hospital, police said on Monday.

The bus driver lost control of the vehicle after a drunk passenger grabbed the steer-

ing wheel during an argument on Sunday night. The bus rammed into pedestrians, cars, and two-wheelers, leaving 10 persons injured, three of them seriously. Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST) Undertaking is the transport wing of Mumbai civic body BMC.

One of the injured

persons, identified as Nupura Maniyar, was declared dead on Sunday late night at KEM Hospital.

Some injured persons remain admitted at the same hospital, police and civic officials said on Monday.

The drunk passenger, Datta Shinde (45), was arrested under relevant sections of the Bharatiya

Nyay Sanhita. Further investigation is underway, the official added.

According to a police official, the electric bus on Route 66 (from Ballard Pier in south Mumbai) was on its way to Rani Laxmibai Chowk in Sion when the incident occurred near Ganesh Talkies in Lalbaug.

Toddler killed, elderly woman injured in separate incidents of wolf attack in Bahraich

BAHRAICH, Sep 2 (Agencies): A 2.5-year-old girl was killed and a 70-year-old woman was injured in separate incidents of wolf attacks in Mahsi division of the district, officials said on Monday.

The first incident took place in Garethi Gurudutt Singh village of Hardi area on Sunday night, when Anjali was sleeping outside the house with her mother and a wolf snatched her, they said.

The child's mutilated body was found 1 km away from the village, officials said, adding that the wolf had eaten both her hands.

District Magistrate Monika Rani said this is the eighth incident of death due to wolf attacks since July 17, with eight people, includ-

ing seven children, have died in these attacks and about 30 injured.

In another incident, Kamala Devi from Mauja Kotiya village of Barabigha area was injured when a wolf entered inside her house and attacked her on Monday morning, they added.

She has been admitted to a district hospital with injuries on her neck, mouth and ears and her condition is stated to be stable, officials said.

The administration is working to catch the attacking wolves, with four already caught, she said, however the problem is there are more than hundred revenue villages and the wolves are attacking new vil-

lages within a span of four to five days.

People are being made aware to sleep with the doors closed or on rooftops and remain alert, Rani said.

"Till now, two wolves are being reported to be attacking, but the forest department is specially collecting information about the number. The correct number can be told after the investigation is complete," she added.

Meanwhile, Superintendent of Police Vrinda Shukla and DM Rani took stock of the situation and went to meet the family members of the victims.

They have ensured proper treatment of the injured woman.

Motorcycle-borne men murder Pune ex-corporator

PUNE, Sep 2 (Agencies): Three suspects have been arrested in connection with the brutal murder of former Pune Municipal Corporation corporator, Vanraj Andekar, who was allegedly shot at and attacked with sharp weapons the previous day, police said on Monday.

Police suspect a relative of Andekar, who was in his late 30s, orchestrated the attack over an ongoing dispute.

Andekar was associated with the Nationalist Congress Party (undivided) before the Pune civic body was brought under state administrator.

A group of eight to nine people came on motorcycles and attacked Andekar in Nana Peth area at around 9.30 pm on Sunday. Some rounds were allegedly fired at Andekar. He

was also attacked with sharp weapons on his neck and head, an officer said.

Two suspects were nabbed by the local police and another by the crime branch, said Additional Commissioner of Police, Pravin Patil.

"Witnesses claim some shots were fired but Andekar succumbed to injuries inflicted on his head and neck by sharp weapons. An empty cartridge was found in the deceased's clothing," Patil added.

Family members of Andekar lodged an FIR suspecting the role of a relative behind the attack.

"They have named nine individuals and five others in the FIR," Patil said, adding that family members of the deceased suspect the role of a relative in orchestrating the attack owing to an ongoing dispute.

Malaysia, New Zealand PMs call for immediate Gaza truce, two-state solution

Muslim-majority Malaysia is a staunch supporter of the Palestinian cause and has long advocated a two-state solution to the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians.

KUALA LUMPUR, Sep 2 (Agencies): Malaysia Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim and his New Zealand counterpart Chris Luxon on Monday said they were united in calling for an immediate ceasefire in the conflict in Gaza and finding a two-state solution between Israel and Palestine.

"We both are very united in calling for an immediate ceasefire, getting the parties around the negotiating table and finding a two-state solution," Luxon said at a joint press conference.

Anwar said prospects for a ceasefire did not look encouraging at present, saying there was a lack of commitment



from countries, particularly the United States, who could exert their influence to stop the conflict.

"The only hope is to engage the United States to take a stronger stance," Anwar said. Muslim-majority Malaysia is a

staunch supporter of the Palestinian cause and has long advocated a two-state solution to the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians.

Anwar has good relations with the political leadership of the Palestinian group Hamas but maintains he has no involvement in its military apparatus.

Luxon, who is on a three-day visit to Malaysia, also said New Zealand would expand defence cooperation with Malaysia and was deploying one of its air force's P8 Poseidon patrol and reconnaissance aircraft to Butterworth in Malaysia's northern Penang state, for a joint exercise.

Australian ex-childcare worker pleads guilty to sexually abusing 60 girls



SYDNEY, Sep 2 (Agencies): Former childcare worker Ashley Paul Griffith on Monday pleaded guilty to raping, sexually abusing and exploiting dozens of girls under his care in Australia and Italy.

It took Judge Anthony Rafter more than two hours to read out the 307 charges against Griffith in the Bris-

bane courtroom where several victims and their families had gathered, according to state broadcast ABC.

Police accused the 46-year-old of being one of Australia's worst-ever paedophiles after the charges against him were made public last year.

Griffith was first arrested in 2022 for making child sexual abuse content. A year later he was charged with 1,623 offences against 91 children.

However, some charges were dropped and the agency reported that Monday's charges related to roughly 60 children. Many of the victims were under the age of 12.

The offences happened between 2003 and 2022 in twelve different locations across Australia as well as Pisa, Italy.

Griffith is in custody and will be sentenced at a later date. The court heard sentencing could take more than two days to give time to read victim impact statements, agency reported.

Ukraine claims of destroying Russian missiles, drones, air raid sirens sounded

KYIV, Sep 2 (Agencies): Russia pounded Ukraine's capital of Kyiv with missiles early on Monday, while falling debris from the downed weapons injured at least two people, sparking fires and damaging homes and infrastructure, officials said.

Ukraine's air defence units destroyed more than 10 cruise missiles and nearly 10 ballistic missiles, the city's military administration said on the Telegram messaging app.

Air raid alerts went out across Ukraine for nearly two hours before the air force declared the skies clear at 0330 GMT. Neighbouring NATO member Poland activated Polish and allied aircraft to keep its airspace safe during the attacks.

A boiler house at a Kyiv water plant was partially damaged as was the entrance to a metro station doubling as a bomb shelter in the Svyatoshynskiy dis-



trict, Kyiv's Mayor Vitali Klitschko said on Telegram, though the station still operates.

The district is home to a cluster of universities and schools.

The attack injured at least two people, Klitschko said. Cars were set ablaze across the city as well as a non-residential building in the Shevchenkivskiy district, he added.

Emergency services also went to the districts of Svyatoshynskiy, Holosiivskiy, and Solomyanskiy, where debris fell from destroyed missiles, Klitschko added.

Solomyanskiy is home to a major train station and Kyiv's main airport. The historic neighbour-

hood of Svyatoshynskiy is on the city's western edge, while Holosiivskiy is in its southwest.

Agency witnesses in Kyiv heard a series of loud explosions in what sounded like the work of air defence units, some in the central area.

The attack came exactly a week after Moscow launched more than 200 missiles and drones on Ukraine, killing seven people and striking energy facilities nationwide in what Kyiv called the war's "most massive" attack.

Russia denies targeting civilians in the 30-month-old war unleashed by Moscow's invasion of its smaller neighbour.

South Korea's president skips opening ceremony of parliament as strife with opposition deepens

President Yoon Suk Yeol has boycotted the formal opening of South Korea's National Assembly as squabbles with the opposition deepen over allegations of wrongdoing by top officials and his wife

SEOUL, Sep 2 (Agencies): President Yoon Suk Yeol boycotted the formal opening of South Korea's parliament on Monday as his squabbles with the opposition deepen over allegations of wrongdoing by top officials and his wife.

It's a tradition for South Korean presidents to deliver a speech at opening ceremonies for National Assembly sessions, and Yoon is the first to skip the event since the country's transition from a military dictatorship to democracy in the late 1980s.

Yoon, a conservative who narrowly won election in 2022, has struggled to navigate a parliament controlled by liberals who have stymied his agenda and called for investigations into allegations of corruption and abuse of power involving his



wife and government officials.

Yoon also faces declining approval ratings as concerns grow over his government's ability to deal with a worsening job market, soaring household debt and a prolonged strike by thousands of doctors that is straining medical services.

Asked about his decision to skip the legislature's opening ceremony, Yoon's office said

lawmakers must first "normalize the National Assembly, which overrules demands for special prosecutor investigations and impeachments," before inviting Yoon.

Jo Seoung-iae, spokesperson of the main opposition Democratic Party, said Yoon's refusal to attend the ceremony displayed his "arrogance" and disregard for the assembly's role to check and

balance the executive branch.

"It's impossible to produce results in national governance without having respect for the National Assembly," assembly Speaker Woo Won-shik said during the opening ceremony as he lamented Yoon's absence.

Following parliamentary elections in April in which the liberals extended their majority, the current assembly began meeting in May. But its official opening ceremony was delayed for months because of political bickering.

Opposition lawmakers are pushing for an investigation by special prosecutors into allegations that top government and military officials tried to cover up the circumstances surrounding the death of a marine who drowned

during a search for flood victims in 2023. They want another independent investigation into allegations that Yoon's wife, Kim Keon Hee, was involved in stock price manipulation and other wrongdoing. Yoon has denied the accusations.

Yoon's office, which rejected a previous bill calling for special prosecutors to investigate the marine's death, described the allegations as groundless and politically motivated. Yoon and his party also criticized the opposition's move to hold a parliamentary hearing in July to address online petitions signed by tens of thousands calling for his impeachment. South Korea's Constitution limits a president to a single five-year term, so Yoon cannot seek reelection.

South Korea opens Telegram deepfake porn probe



SEOUL, Sep 2 (Agencies): South Korean police said Monday they had launched an investigation into encrypted messaging platform Telegram for allegedly "abetting" the distribution of so-called deepfake porn, including explicit AI generated images of teenagers.

Deepfake porn includes explicit content where the faces of individuals are digitally superimposed onto other pornographic images or videos using artificial intelligence technology.

A South Korean broadcaster reported last month that university students were running an illegal Telegram chatroom, sharing deepfake pornographic material of female classmates, one of a slew of high-

profile cases that have stoked public anger.

"In light of these (deepfake) crimes, the Seoul National Police Agency launched their probe last week... for abetting the crimes," said Woo Jong-soo, head of the investigation bureau at the National Police Agency, according to a transcript of a press briefing.

"Telegram has been non-responsive to our previous requests for account information during investigations of earlier Telegram-linked crimes," he said. Police received 88 reports of deepfake porn last week alone, Woo said, adding they have identified 24 suspects.

The Telegram probe was initiated after Pavel Durov, the founder and chief of Telegram, was

arrested last month in France. Durov, 39, was charged with several counts of failing to curb extremist and illegal content on the popular messaging app.

South Korean police have pledged to "find ways to cooperate with various investigative bodies, including the French, to enhance" their investigation into the platform, Woo said. Agency has contacted Telegram for comment.

Activists say South Korea is suffering from an epidemic of digital sex crimes, including those involving spycams and revenge porn, with inadequate legislation to punish offenders.

Perpetrators of deepfake crimes have reportedly used social media platforms such as Instagram to save or screen-capture photos of victims, which were then used to create fake pornographic material.

This has fuelled public anger and prompted President Yoon Suk Yeol, a former prosecutor, to call for officials to "thoroughly investigate and address these digital sex crimes to eradicate them completely".

Poland holds state burial for over 700 victims of German WWII massacres



WARSAW, Sep 2 (Agencies): Poland on Monday held a state burial of the remains of over 700 victims of Nazi Germany's World War II executions that were recently uncovered in the so-called Valley of Death in the country's north.

The observances in the town of Chojnice included a funeral Mass at the basilica and interment with military honors at the local cemetery.

The remains of Polish civilians, including patients of an asylum, were exhumed in 2021-

2024 from two separate sites near Chojnice.

Historians have established that the Nazis, shortly after invading Poland on Sept. 1, 1939, executed some of the civilians. Other remains are from an execution that took place in January 1945, when the Germans were fleeing the area.

Poland lost 6 million citizens, or a sixth of its population, of which 3 million were Jewish, in the war. The country also suffered huge losses to its infrastructure, industry and agriculture.

Elon Musk's big reveal on how X algorithm works

SAN FRANCISCO, Sep 2 (Agencies): If you've been wondering why you see only a certain kind of content on your X feed, its owner Elon Musk has the answer. The billionaire, in a post on Monday, shed light on the platform's inner workings.

The X algorithm operates on a simple yet effective principle: "If you interact with content, you want to see more of that content." This means your engagement such as likes, comments, and shares with posts directly influences the algorithm's decisions on what content to display.

Mr Musk elaborated on one of the algorithm's key signals — sharing content. "One of the strongest signals is if you forward X posts to friends, it assumes you like that content a lot because it takes effort to forward," he wrote. This means that when users share a post, the algorithm interprets that action as a strong endorsement of the content, pushing similar items into their feed frequently.

However, Mr Musk also acknowledged a significant flaw in this



logic. He pointed out that the algorithm does not understand the intent behind a user's interaction, particularly when the motivation is negative. "Unfortunately, if the actual reason you forwarded the content to friends was because you were outraged by it, we are currently not smart enough to realise that," he admitted.

In a follow-up post, Mr Musk shared his support for "freedom of speech". "I like content that supports freedom of speech," he declared, adding, "Long live X. Long live freedom of speech."

Going a step further, he wrote, "I'll cage fight the dictator in Brazil if I have to." This remark was aimed at Brazil's Chief Justice Alexandre de Moraes, whom Mr Musk has previously labelled a "tyrant" and a

"dictator."

The feud between the two began in April when Elon Musk announced he would unuspend accounts linked to the 2023 Brazilian Congress attack in Brasilia, despite a court order to keep them blocked.

In response, Alexandre de Moraes opened an investigation into the X owner, accusing him of spreading fake news, obstructing justice and inciting criminal activities. He also ordered Brazilian internet service providers to block access to X, threatened daily fines for users trying to bypass the ban by using VPNs, and even froze the finances of Mr Musk's company, Starlink, in Brazil.

Elon Musk fired back by accusing Mr Moraes of undermining democracy and has used X to criticise the judge's actions.

GGM Science College launches Swachhta Pakhwada, celebrates Prakriti Vandana Mahotsav

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JAMMU, Sep 2: GGM Science College, under the leadership of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, has launched the Swachhta Pakhwada and Prakriti Vandana initiatives, marking a significant step towards enhancing cleanliness and environmental awareness.

In his address to the students, Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta emphasized the critical role of cleanliness in maintaining a positive and secure campus environment.

He highlighted that cleanliness is integral not only to hygiene but also to fostering a culture of respect and responsibility within the college community.

NSS Programme Offi-



cers Dr. Rahul Kait and Dr. Neha Sharma played a central role in the Swachhta Pakhwada, underlining its importance and the crucial contributions of NSS volunteers. They stressed that these volunteers are essential in executing the initiative, providing immediate support, and addressing

any concerns related to cleanliness and campus welfare.

The event also featured the Prakriti Vandana, a celebration of nature and its preservation.

Prof. Dr. Arti Sharma, Prof. Kiran Bala, Dr. Nisha Sathia, and Dr. Amit Bali led discussions on the cultural and envi-

ronmental significance of worshipping trees.

They elaborated on how such practices are rooted in tradition and contribute to environmental conservation.

Prof. Lekh Raj, Dr. Narinder Kumar, Dr. Brinder Kumar, Prof. Bal Krishna and Dr. Sheetu Raina also graced the event.

A notable aspect of the Prakriti Vandana was the worship of the Aegle marmelos (Bael) tree. This ritual involved both teachers and students, who engaged in discussions about the tree's environmental benefits, such as its role in supporting biodiversity and its medicinal properties, as well as its cultural importance.

The Swachhta Pakhwada and Prakriti Vandana initiatives have been well-received by the college community, reflecting a strong commitment to fostering a clean, respectful, and environmentally conscious campus. The successful launch of these programs underscores the college's dedication to creating a supportive and sustainable environment for all.

RTI activist Raj Kumar files nomination for Assembly Election from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi constituency

Top News Report

KATRA, Sep 2: Raj Kumar, a well-known social and RTI activist, has officially filed his nomination for the Assembly Election from the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi constituency in Jammu.

Kumar, recognized for

his advocacy in social issues and his active involvement in promoting transparency and accountability through the Right to Information (RTI) Act, aims to bring these values to the legislative assembly.

His candidacy is expected to focus on

issues related to public welfare, governance, and ensuring effective use of resources in the region.

His entry into the political arena reflects his commitment to addressing the concerns of local residents and fostering greater transparency in governance.



Jodhamal Quiz Team wins Inter-School Quiz Competition

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JAMMU, Sep 2: The Jodhamal Quiz Team comprising Adit Gupta and Tejasvi Raina participated and emerged victorious in Quest 2024, an Inter-School Quiz Competition, organized by Carmel Convent School, Jammu.

Quest is an annual fixture which is looked forward to by all schools of the city. Eleven prominent schools of Jammu had participated in this Quiz competition this year.

In the closely contested Quiz, the Jodhamal duo demonstrated exceptional intellect and teamwork, securing the first prize in the highly competitive quiz.

The team, guided by their mentor Namrata Sharma, showcased outstanding proficiency across a diverse range of subjects, including reasoning-based questions over ten challenging rounds.

The Quiz Club at Jodhamal Public School, Jammu has been very active and attended by very keen quizzers with a proven track-record.

In past also, the quizzers from Jodhamal have won an intensely competitive Quiz Competition at a National TV hosted by the famous news anchor and Quizmaster, Rajdeep Sardesai.

The Principal of Carmel Convent School, Sr. Maria Swati A.C., complimented all the participants for their enthusiasm and spirit of learning. Nandan Kuthiala, Trustee, Arati Kuthiala, Director, Girish Kumar, Principal and Amita Arora, Vice Principal of Jodhamal Public School congratulated Adit Gupta, Tejasvi Raina, and their mentor for their remarkable achievement.

They commended the team's excellent display of knowledge, strategic thinking, and quick reflexes, which led to this prestigious win.

This victory underscores Jodhamal Public School's commitment to fostering academic excellence and holistic development among its students. The school continues to provide a nurturing environment that encourages students to excel in all spheres of learning.

Inter Zonal clubbed level tournament of Zone Basohli held



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BASOHLI, Sep 2: The Department of Youth Services and Sports in District Kathua, Zone Basohli, organized an Inter-Zonal Clubbed Level Tournament for under-19 boys and girls at Government Model Higher Secondary School (GMHSS) Basohli.

The tournament, held

under the direction of District Youth Services and Sports Officer Sunil Singh Sambyal and overseen by Zonal Physical Education Officer Jia Lal and his team, featured enthusiastic participation from 235 students.

The event aimed to prepare young athletes for upcoming division-level competitions, ensuring they are well-equipped

to excel.

Participants from three zones—Zone Bani, Zone Basohli, and Zone Mahanpur—competed in various sports, including Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volleyball, Chess, and Badminton.

The results: Zone Bani emerged victorious in both the boys' and girls' Volleyball events, as well as in Kabaddi, where they won by 8 points.

In Chess, Sushil Singh from Zone Bani claimed the win, while Zone Mahanpur triumphed in Badminton by winning 2 sets. The tournament was a resounding success, with all participants demonstrating strong skills and sportsmanship, setting the stage for future successes at higher levels of competition.

Training session in counselling for teachers of KC Public School

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JAMMU, Sep 2: An intensive session in counselling for 30 teachers of KC Public School was conducted by Salony Priya, Director of Umeed Counselling and Consulting Services, Kolkata on August 30 and 31.

In this session, KCPS teachers were given in-depth insight into strength based counselling, goals of positive psychology, components of active listening, stages of counselling, spectrum of emotions, adolescent behaviour concerns and symptoms of anxiety and

aggression in children. A wide range of activities was undertaken during the session to keep the teachers engaged and to inculcate in them knowledge and understanding of child psychology. Most of the activities were conducted in groups. Role plays

were practiced in order to understand how a counsellor should build a rapport with the client. In addition, various relaxation techniques were discussed and body scan meditation was demonstrated. The entire training session focused on building rap-

port with clients and on the significance of active listening and strength-based counselling. The training is expected to go a long way in enhancing the ability of KCPS teachers to create a supportive and inclusive learning environment in the school and

to address the complex emotional needs of students. School Principal AK Mishra stated that the purpose of empowering teachers with emotional intelligence and counselling skills is to foster a positive and nurturing school community.

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Over 6,900 corruption cases probed by CBI pending trials in Courts, 361 for more than 20 Years: CVC

observed in completion of investigation in certain cases, the report said.

The reasons for delay in completion of investigation includes "delay due to excessive work", "inadequate manpower", "delay in obtaining responses to Letters Rogatory (LRs)" and "delay in granting prosecution sanction by the competent authorities, etc.", among others.

It also cited "time consuming efforts required for scrutiny of voluminous records, especially in economic offences and bank fraud cases" and "time and efforts required to locate and examine witnesses available at remote locations", as the reasons for delay in completing the probe by the CBI.

As per the report, there were 1,610 vacant posts in the CBI, against its sanctioned strength of 7,295, as on December 31, 2023.

Of the vacancies, 1,040 are in the executive ranks, 84 law officers, 53 technical officers, 388 ministerial staff and 45 canteen staff, it said.

According to Section 26 of Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003, read with Section 4C of Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946 provides for a committee to recommend officers for appointment to the posts of the level of Superintendent of Police and above (except Director) and also recommend the extension or curtailment of the tenure of such officers in the

Delhi Special Police Establishment after consulting the Director, CBI, the report said.

"The aforesaid selection committee made their recommendations to the central government in respect of various appointments, proposals for extension of tenure, etc.," it added.

The committee functions under the chairmanship of the Central Vigilance Commissioner with the Vigilance Commissioners, Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Secretary, Department of Personnel and Training as its members.

During 2023, 876 regular cases/ preliminary enquiries were registered by the CBI.

"198 traps were laid for detection of bribery cases during 2023 and 37 cases for possession of disproportionate assets were registered during the year," the report said.

Out of 876 cases, 91 cases were taken up on the orders of the Constitutional courts and 84 cases were initiated on references received from state governments/Union territories, it added.

During 2023, the CBI completed investigation in 873 cases — 755 regular cases and 118 preliminary enquiries, the report said.

"At the end of year 2023, a total of 1,028 cases were pending, out of which 956 were regular cases, in addition to 72 preliminary enquiries. 510 regular cases were pending for more than one year and 58 preliminary enquiries were pending for more than three months, at the end of 2023," it said.

The CVC said that CBI registered 552 corruption cases during 2023 involving 674 public servants (195 gazetted officers).

Giving details of trial and conviction (including non-Prevention of Corruption Act cases), it said the judgement was received in 636 court cases.

Of these, 411 resulted in conviction, 140 in acquittal, 24 resulting in discharge and 61 "disposed off for other reasons", the report said.

"During the year 2023, the conviction rate was 71.47 per cent against the rate of 74.59 per cent for the year 2022. At the end of the year 2023, 10,959 court cases were pending under trial in various courts," it said.

Army soldier injured in Sunjwan terror attack succumbs

Earlier, terrorists carried out an attack on the army Base Camp in Sunjwan area. The fire retaliated even as more reinforcements have been rushed to the area, they added.

Himachal: Over 100 roads closed after rains, MeT warns of flash flood in 8 districts

Mandi district while moderate rainfall was recorded in several places of the state in the past 24 hours since Sunday evening.

Nahan in Sirmaur district logged 143.5 mm of rain being the wettest place in the state, followed by 130 mm of rain Naina Devi, 83 mm in Pachhad, 72.6 mm in Poanta Sahib, 66 mm in Dhawalakuan, 55.1 mm in Kataula, 46.2 mm in Sundernagar, 34 mm in Pandoh, 33 mm in Chamba, 32 mm in Bharmaur and 30 mm in Palampur.

Himachal Pradesh's rainfall deficit so far since the onset of monsoon in the state on June 27 stands at 23 per cent with the state receiving 482.1 mm rainfall against

an average of 623.9 mm.

As many as 151 people have died in rain-related incidents this year and the state has suffered losses to the tune of Rs 1,265 crore, officials said.

According to the weather department of the 12 revenue districts in the state, 11 recorded a rainfall deficit and only Shimla district received 10 per cent excess rainfall.

Ex MLC Yasir Reshi to join Er Rashid-led AIP

Srinagar today. Speaking with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) Yasir Reshi confirmed that he will join the AIP today and the decision has been taken after consulting his supporters.

"Talks are on with AIP, and I may join today or tomorrow," Reshi said.

On August 27, he disassociated himself from the People's Conference. Earlier, some reports suggested that Reshi may return People's Democratic Party following his disassociation from the PC. Reshi had resigned from the PDP in 2021 and later joined the PC.

GMC Baramulla doctor's registration suspended on delinquency, incompetence charges

and 10077 (Permanent Registration) for a period of one year, effective from August 21, 2024.

"It is expected that you use this time to reflect, review, and improve your skills. During the suspension period, as a trainee, you must work under the guidance of the HoD Orthopaedics, GMC Handwara, who

will assess and authenticate your surgical capabilities and professional conduct," the JKMC stated.

"The council will review the assessment report submitted by the Principal/HoD Orthopaedics, GMC Handwara, before deciding on any future authorisation for you to perform surgeries or practice after the one-year suspension.

"You are directed to surrender your original registration certificates. These will remain in the council's possession until the end of the suspension period, pending a review of the decision based on the report from the Principal/HoD Orthopaedics, GMC Handwara," it said.

As background, the JKMC mentioned that it examined the communication received from the Administrative Department, along with the enquiry report forwarded by the H&ME Department.

The enquiry, conducted by Prof Altaf Ahmad Kawoosa, HoD Orthopaedics, B&M Hospital, and Prof Suhail Majid, HoD Orthopaedics SKIMS, MC Bemina, was described as "thorough and self-explanatory."

The enquiry committee, according to the order, also observed and documented that Dr Abdullah had not been dedicating adequate time to the hospital and instead was engaging in private practice.

It also noted that, based on alleged malpractice, poor conduct, and lack of professional skills, Dr Abdullah has already been banned from practicing in the private sector and has been placed under suspension from Government services.

After renewed awareness about doctor-patient and intra-fraternity medical profession relationship, the J&K government has been closely supervising the functioning and overall public impression of various medical facilities.

'Double Engine' Govt to drive J&K vision at 2047: Dr Jitendra

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 2: Addressing a BJP press conference here today, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh laid out the ambitious Vision J&K @2047, and said "Double Engine Government will drive Vision J&K @2047" describing it as an integral part of Vision India @2047 envisaged by PM Narendra Modi.

Speaking against the backdrop of the upcoming Jammu & Kashmir Assembly elections, Dr. Jitendra Singh hailed this as a landmark development, noting that for the first time in a decade, J&K will witness assembly elections—a realization of the region's vibrant democratic aspirations.

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh termed this electoral event as a "seminal step in the history of India," attributing the progress to the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Since PM Modi's tenure began on May 26, 2014, Dr. Jitendra Singh recalled that several revolutionary steps have been



taken at the national level, which have had a significant positive impact at the regional level as well. He emphasized that PM Modi has effectively "unshackled India from age-old restrictions."

With militancy in J&K now in its final phase and Zilla Parishads being established for the first time since independence, Dr. Jitendra Singh highlighted the transformation in local self-governing institutions. Despite the implementation of the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments decades ago, J&K remained an exception due to previous leaders' ulterior motives and vested interests. The abrogation of Article 370, he noted, was a crucial step in this transformation.

Dr. Jitendra Singh outlined how Vision 2047 would impact both globally and domestically, stressing that while we view 2047 through the prism of 2024, many current concepts will become

obsolete. He drew a parallel with the advent of television in the 1950s, which transformed US presidential politics in 1960 and compared this to India's current standing among the world's leading nations, a status he attributed to PM Modi's leadership.

Dr. Jitendra Singh asserted that the "Double Engine Government" at both the Centre and in J&K will be a boon, focusing on three key areas of transformation: a) Democratization of Democratic Institutions: Revamping and expanding democratic processes. b) Governance Through Self-Governance: Enhancing local self-governance and administrative efficiency. c) Development by Exploring Unexplored Sectors: Unlocking new development opportunities, such as the innovative Agri-Startup through Aroma Mission, which has created employment and entrepreneurial avenues for thousands of youths in the region.

He recalled past inefficiencies in local governance and electoral processes, such as the election of representatives with minimal vote share. Dr. Jitendra Singh highlighted his opposition to this practice in Parliament and proposed to establish a minimum threshold for electoral representation.

Dr. Jitendra Singh noted that in the past five years, historic changes have led to blooming democratic aspirations and a stable, peaceful J&K. He pointed out that overall voter turnout in recent Lok Sabha elections was nearly 60%, almost matching the national average. He underscored the importance of J&K's integration into the mainstream.

The Minister lauded the CPGRAMS model for grievance redressal, which ensures a nearly 97-98 percent disposal rate. He also mentioned technological advancements, such as drone mapping for farmers, which are empowering local communities.

Dr. Jitendra Singh recalled PM Modi's announcement from the Red Fort about eliminating the interview process to ensure equal opportunity, a reform that was only implemented in J&K after Governor's rule. He also highlighted the shift to self-attestation, reducing bureaucratic hurdles

for ease of governance.

Addressing the potential for development, Dr. Jitendra Singh noted that despite J&K's wealth of natural resources, development was stymied by unexplored sectors. He cited the Shahpur-Kandi project, which had been stalled for years but is now on track due to special efforts and PM Modi's priority. He also predicted that Kishtwar will emerge as a power hub for North India, addressing previous neglect of projects like Rattle.

Dr. Jitendra Singh emphasised India's remarkable achievements under PM Modi's leadership, including rising to the 3rd leading startup destination globally, a significant increase in the number of StartUps, and improved rankings in the Global Innovation Index. He highlighted India's transition from being among the fragile five economies in 2005 to now being in the top five, with expectations to rise further.

Dr. Jitendra Singh concluded by affirming that with the continued patronage of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP Chief Minister in the state, the "Double Engine Government" holds promise for J&K to play a pivotal role in India's future growth story and the realisation of Vision India @2047.

JKNPP (Bhim) releases Manifesto for Vidhan Sabha Elections-2024

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 2: Vilakshan Singh, President of the J&K National Panthers Party (Bhim), officially released the party's manifesto for the Vidhan Sabha elections 2024. The manifesto outlines a comprehensive plan aimed at restoring statehood and addressing key issues affecting the residents of Jammu and Kashmir.

Singh said that the Panthers Party (Bhim) is committed to the immediate restoration of statehood. He said that the party would ensure that the rights in jobs and land shall be reserved exclusively for the original residents of J&K. The party has laid out clear promises to ensure a fair and prompt recruitment process, as well as the regularization of daily wage workers.

Panthers Party (Bhim) has also promised to enhance the ease of doing business, aiming to create a more favorable and efficient environment for entrepreneurs and businesses by streamlining regulations, reducing bureaucratic hurdles, and providing robust support systems.

In the manifesto party promised 300 free units of electricity for poor and downtrodden. Party also ensured that pension for the specially abled, widows and senior citizens would be enhanced to Rs. 6000/- per month. Party also promised to improve the standard of life of the residents of UT by providing better health care facilities, better education



facilities and better sports facilities in UT of J&K.

In a strong stance against corruption and crime, particularly those crimes committed against women and children, J&K National Panthers Party (Bhim) has vowed to adopt a zero-tolerance policy. Furthermore, the manifesto highlights the party's determination to eradicate the burgeoning drug menace that continues to claim the lives of the youth in the region.

Recognizing the critical need for judicial reforms, the party promises measures to ensure that justice is swift and not delayed. The manifesto also includes a commitment to the dignified rehabilitation of Kashmiri migrants. Party also promised to continue its fight for the migrants of Jammu region.

A key feature of the party's vision is the establishment of an Accountability Commission aimed at ensuring that corrupt officials cannot harass the citizens. The manifesto ensures that there will be no detention without trial.

J&K National Panthers Party (Bhim) promised to work for upliftment of the vulnerable sections of society, with specific promises aimed at improv-

ing the welfare of senior citizens, the specially abled persons and farmers.

"This manifesto is a blueprint for the restoration of rights and dignity to the people of Jammu and Kashmir," said Vilakshan Singh. "Our commitments are not just promises, but a roadmap to a just and prosperous future for all residents of J&K."

Singh also announced four candidates from Jammu North, Jammu West, Chhamb and Ramgarh constituencies. Naresh Chib would contest from Jammu North, Rakesh Gupta would contest from Jammu West, Rakesh Kumar would contest from Ramgarh and Vijay Kumar Pandey would contest from Chhamb Assembly constituency.

J&K National Panthers Party (Bhim) invites all citizens to join in their campaign as they work towards a prosperous Jammu and Kashmir.

Singh also informed the media that security has not been provided to the leaders and star campaigners of the party and the party has approached EC1 against the discriminatory attitude of the administration.

Fear grips BJP over Omar Abdullah's candidacy in upcoming Assembly Polls: Rattan Lal

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 2: In a blistering attack on the BJP, Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of J&K National Conference (JKNC), accused the Saffron Party of being rattled by the announcement of Omar Abdullah's candidacy in the upcoming Assembly elections. He made it clear that the BJP is visibly shaken and resorting to smear tactics against the INDIA Alliance, sensing a resounding defeat at the hands of the people.

"The moment our leadership confirmed Omar Abdullah's candidacy, the BJP went into a state of panic. Their house is in complete disarray. Instead of engaging in meaningful debate on their dismal governance record, they are attempting to sow confusion and fear among the electorate. But let me tell you this – their tactics won't work," said Gupta.

The senior NC leader said "The BJP, in sheer desperation, is trying to paint the INDIA Alliance in a negative light. But the INDIA Alliance is not just another political arrangement – it is a people's movement that repre-



sents hope, unity, and progress. The BJP is running scared because they know they cannot match the credibility and vision of our alliance, especially in Jammu and Kashmir."

Referring to protests within BJP ranks, he said, "Even their own party leaders are dissatisfied, and this is evident in the growing dissent seen at their party headquarters in Jammu. BJP leaders themselves are unsure of their party's direction. The ongoing protests and discontent within their own ranks speak volumes. They are a confused lot, unable to even unite their own house, let alone provide solutions for the people of Jammu and Kashmir" as their party leaders leaving the BJP with heavy hearts and joining NC and other India alliance parties.

Turning the spotlight on BJP's track record in J&K,

Rattan Lal Gupta further lambasted the BJP for its complete failure in governance, pointing out key issues such as inflation, unemployment, and recruitment scams that have plagued the region under their rule. "In ten years of BJP governance, what have they given to the people? Hundreds of farmers protested against anti farmers policies, inflation is at an all-time high, crime against women are on rise, youth are jobless, and the recruitment processes are riddled with scandals. Their hollow promises have brought nothing but misery to the common man," he remarked.

Highlighting the National Conference's manifesto, the Provincial President emphasised the pro-people promises made by the party, which sharply contrast with BJP's empty rhetoric. "We have presented a manifesto that speaks directly to the needs of the people – Provides 1 lakh Jobs to J&K Youths, MSP for farmers, 200 free power units, Rs 5000 monthly assistance to elderly female of each household of EWS, one gas cylinders Per month to each households of EWS, to increase free

rice allocation to 10 kgs per person per month etc. This is not just talk; it is our commitment to ensure the welfare of every section of society."

Rattan Lal Gupta reaffirmed the vision of National Conference for a prosperous Jammu and Kashmir, stating that the BJP's attempts to derail the INDIA Alliance will fail miserably. "The BJP's incompetence and divisive tactics will no longer fool the people of this region. The NC manifesto is for everyone – be it farmers, youth, women, or marginalized communities. We are committed to delivering on these promises, and no amount of fear-mongering by the BJP will change that."

The National Conference, under the leadership of Omar Abdullah form a strong Government after 8th of October, 2024 and is set to offer a strong alternative to the BJP's decade of failed governance, and the people of Jammu and Kashmir will not be misled by false narratives. The National Conference stands firm in its commitment to build a better future for the region, he added.

Bhalla condemns Sunjwan attack, expresses grief over pilgrims' deaths in Vaishno Devi landslide

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 2: JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla today strongly condemned terrorist attack on the Sunjwan Army Station expressing deep sorrow over the loss of an Indian Army soldier in the attack. Bhalla strongly condemned the militant attack in Sunjwan and termed it as an attempt to disturb peace in J&K. "The enemies of peace and stability are behind these heinous acts," he said, expressing sympathy with martyred Army Personnel. He described the attack as highly condemnable and an act of great provocation by the militants and their mentors across the border. He emphasized that these malicious actions should not go unanswered and sought robust response from government. He stressed that every nec-

essary measure should be taken to secure the region, particularly as it approaches the critical election period. Bhalla also expressed his profound grief over the tragic deaths of the pilgrims due to a landslide en route to the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi shrine. The incident, which occurred on Monday, has cast a somber shadow over the pilgrimage, underscoring the perilous conditions that devotees often face in the region's rugged terrain. Bhalla called on the authorities to prioritize the safety of pilgrims, urging for enhanced precautions and swift assistance to those impacted by the disaster. He extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families, acknowledging the unpredictable challenges that natural calamities pose to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Electoral Literacy Club of GCW

Bhagwati Nagar launches Wall Magazine

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 2: Electoral Literacy Club of Government College for Women Bhagwati Nagar launched its new Electoral Literacy Club Wall Magazine under the patronage of Dr Meeru Abrol, Principal of the College.

This engaging and informative magazine aims to boost electoral literacy and foster an informed electorate among students and the local community.

The Electoral Literacy Club Wall Magazine, created by students, serves as a dynamic platform for sharing critical information about the electoral process, democratic values, and the importance of voting. The magazine features a blend of articles, infographics, and creative visuals that make complex electoral concepts accessible and engaging for readers of all ages.

The wall magazine covers a range of topics including the electoral system, voter registra-

tion processes, candidate profiles, and the significance of informed voting. It also highlights key electoral milestones and provides practical tips on how to participate effectively in elections.

In addition to serving as an educational tool, the magazine is a creative outlet for students to showcase their talents in writing, design, and journalism.

Principal of the college, Dr Meeru Abrol, appreciated the efforts of the students and said that it is thrilling to see our students take the lead in such a meaningful project.

This initiative reflects their commitment to enhancing democratic engagement and promoting a deeper understanding of electoral processes. It is a testament to the vibrant and proactive spirit of our student community.

Govt Polytechnic Jammu organizes Placement Letters Distribution Function

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 2: Government Polytechnic Jammu proudly hosted a Placement Letters Distribution Function on Monday at its campus. This event marked a significant milestone for the passout students of various polytechnic institutions from Jammu Division, symbolizing the culmination of their academic journey and the beginning of their professional careers.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of Sh. Om Prakash Bhagat, Directorate of Skill Development J&K. The event was aimed at recognizing and celebrating the hard work and achievements of the students who have secured employment opportunities through campus placements.

In his keynote address, Om Prakash Bhagat JKAS, Directorate

of Skill Development J&K, emphasized the importance of practical skills and industry readiness in today's competitive job market. He commended the efforts of the students and the institution for bridging the gap between academic learning and real-world applications.

Er Arun Bangotra, Principal of Government Polytechnic Jammu, expressed gratitude to the industry partners and placement coordinators for their continuous support and collaboration. He highlighted the institution's commitment to providing quality education and fostering industry-ready professionals.

The event concluded with a sense of accomplishment and optimism as the students prepared to embark on their professional journeys.

The Placement Letters Distribution Function not only celebrated the polytechnic student's achievements

but also reaffirmed the institution's dedication to empowering students and contributing to their future success.

During the ceremony, placement letters for Hitachi Astemo Rajasthan Break Pvt. Ltd were distributed to 33 students and 20 students got the placement letter from Escorts Kubota Ltd. The placement success is a testament to the strong industry connections of the institute.

Er. Ajay Thapa, TP Cell OIC, facilitated the program, others present on the occasion were Neena Dullo and Rajesh Khajuria DLTP Cell, Inderjeet Singh Workshop Superintendent, Sukhdeep Singh HOD Civil Engg, Jasdeep Kour HOD I&C, Manjeet Singh HOD Electrical Engineering, Raj Shekhar HOD Automobile Engineering, Raj Kumar HOD Mechanical Engg, Sakshi Kapahi, faculty and staff of the college.

Ex-Minister Manjit Singh leads election campaign across Vijaypur



Top News Report

VIJAYPUR, Sep 2: Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, who is contesting from Vijaypur Legislative Assembly Constituency of the Party, has held series of aggressive public meetings across the constituency, in which he educated people about the equitable developmental policy.

The Vijaypur constituency is among the backward districts where development has become a distant dream for the last ten years without an elected Govt.

"The LG Govt has failed to do justice with the people, and the people have complaints against the authorities, which hardly resolves their grievances," he said, while asking the people to vote and support him in the scheduled elections of the legislative assembly.

He said that if he gets elected as their representative to the legislative assembly of the Jammu and Kashmir, the development, and reservation of jobs for the local youth in Samba's industrial units would be his priority.

"The towns, and villages have been badly affected with a poor phase of development without accountability. The wards, and villages have complaints about lack of cleanliness, scattered garbage, damaged lanes, and choked drains. Similarly, the condition of roads is also incommensurate in the villages that need repair work, and widening work in many villages," he said.

He also assured that the concerns of the farmers would also be addressed accordingly, while extending support to their demands.

He said that if the Party forms the next Govt in J&K, it would ensure the protection of the land, resources, and jobs for the locals.

Meanwhile, he highlighted the welfare schemes of the Party including 500 units of free electricity in Jammu during summers, enhancement of pension up to Rs 5000, Rs 1 lakhs of marriage assistance of the girls from economically poor families, four cooking gas cylinders to each poor family under Ujjawala scheme, and regularization of the daily wagers. He also extended his gratitude to the people for extending their support to him.

Meanwhile, the State President of the J&K ST Wing of the Party, Choudhary Saleem Alam also addressed a series of public meetings in support of the Party's candidate from Vijaypur i.e., S. Manjit Singh.

Minor girl drowns in Kulgam village

Top News Report

KULGAM, Sep 2: A Minor girl on Monday slipped into a irrigation canal at Laisoo Gudder area of south Kashmir's Kulgam district, official said.

He identified the girl as Zaira Imtiyaz, (3) daughter of Imtiyaz Ahmad Bhat of Laisoo Gudder.

He said the minor was playing near the irrigation canal when she suddenly fell into it subsequently shifted to hospital, however, doctors declared her brought dead on arrival. Police have taken cognizance of the incident.

A pall of gloom descended in the village when the news of the infant's death spread. Many villagers were seen comforting the family for the loss.

New ICC Chairman, Jay Shah To Be Replaced By Pakistan Board Chief At ACC: Report

Jay Shah would have to resign as the ACC chairman, having taken up the ICC job.

NEW DELHI, Sep 2 (Agencies): The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary Jay Shah made history as he was named the new International Cricket Council Chairman. While discussions over Shah's successor in the Indian board are intensifying, the name of his replacement as the Asian Cricket Council chief. As Shah takes up the ICC job, he would have to vacate not just the role of BCCI's secretary but also the chairman of ACC. As per a report, Pakistan Cricket Board chief Mohsin Naqvi is leading the race to be named the new ACC boss.

A report in news agency claims that Naqvi is set to replace Shah as the new ACC boss, and the decision will be announced for-



mally later this year.

"When the ACC meets later this year, it will confirm that Naqvi will be the next president for a two-year term," the agency source quoted. "When Jay Shah steps down, the PCB chief will take over."

Jay Shah On ICC Job

"I am humbled by the nomination as the Chair of the International Cricket Council," Shah stated after being elected as the new ICC boss unopposed. "I am committed to working closely with the ICC team and

our member nations to further globalize cricket. We stand at a critical juncture where it is increasingly important to balance the coexistence of multiple formats, promote the adoption of advanced technologies, and introduce our marquee events to new global markets. Our goal is to make cricket more inclusive and popular than ever before."

"While we will build on the valuable lessons learned, we must also embrace fresh thinking and innovation to elevate the love for cricket worldwide.

The inclusion of our sport in the Olympics at LA 2028 represents a significant inflection point for the growth of cricket, and I am confident that it will drive the sport forward in unprecedented ways."

6 Indians set for WBBL, no deal for Harmanpreet



MELBOURNE, Sep 2 (Agencies): Six Indian

cricketers, including vice-captain Smriti

Mandhana, will be part of the upcoming Women's Big Bash League (WBBL), starting October 27. Mandhana was pre-signed by Adelaide Strikers.

Top-order batter Dayalan Hemalatha (Perth Scorchers) and wicketkeeper-batter Yastika Bhatia (Melbourne Stars) will make their WBBL debut. Yastika joins all-rounder Deepti Sharma at Stars.

All-rounder Shikha Pandey has been picked up by Brisbane Heat, where she joins batter Jimimah Rodrigues.

India captain Harmanpreet Kaur, who has played for Melbourne Renegades in the past, was not drafted.

Gautam Gambhir's all-time India XI: 2 big names snubbed but Virat Kohli, MS Dhoni in

NEW DELHI, Sep 2 (Agencies): The head coach of the Indian men's cricket team, Gautam Gambhir named his all-time India XI, snubbing some of the top players that the country is producing. With only XI members to be picked, Gambhir had no choice but to pick some and leave out the others. The former India opening batter had to make some tough choices as he named the XI, but the decision to snub current ODI captain Rohit Sharma and marquee pacer Jasprit Bumrah left many surprised.

In a chat with Sportskeeda, Gambhir picked himself and Virender Sehwag as the opening duo, leaving out current skipper Rohit Sharma, who is widely

considered one of the finest openers the game has produced. At No. 3 came the man Gambhir replaced as the head coach of the Indian team, Rahul Dravid.

At No. 4, Gambhir picked the GOAT Sachin Tendulkar, followed by the modern-cricket great Virat Kohli. Yuvraj Singh and MS Dhoni were picked at the No. 6 and No. 7 spots respectively. In the batting unit, even the great Sourav Ganguly found no place in the team.

In the spin-bowling department, Anil Kumble earned the nod from Gambhir at the No. 8 spot while Ravichandran Ashwin came in at the No. 9 spot. There was no place for Harbhajan Singh in the list.

When it comes to the pace bowling unit,

Gambhir went with the pairing of Irfan Pathan and Zaheer Khan. Surprisingly, Gambhir didn't pick Jasprit Bumrah, the 'Kohinoor' of Indian cricket who has often been dubbed as the finest seamer the country has ever produced.

Known to not mince his words while sharing opinions on different topics in the cricketing spectrum, Gambhir made some big choices as he assembled the team. Fans were understandably left to wonder a few decisions.

Gambhir's all-time XI for India: Virender Sehwag, Gautam Gambhir, Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, Virat Kohli, Yuvraj Singh, MS Dhoni (wk), Anil Kumble, Ravichandran Ashwin, Irfan Pathan, Zaheer Khan.

"Couldn't have asked for more": Gus Atkinson after match-winning fifer, century against Sri Lanka

LONDON, Sep 2 (Agencies): Following his side's series win over Sri Lanka, England pacer Gus Atkinson said that it was special for him to get on all of Lord's honours boards and bat with Joe Root in the first innings. Atkinson continued his rise in international cricket, getting a fine match-winning century and a five-wicket haul to accomplish a rare double at the iconic venue. This also helped England secure a 190 run win over Sri Lanka and win the three-match series 2-0.

Speaking at the post-match presentation, Atkinson said, "I could not have asked for much more. To get on both honours boards, it is incredible. It will take a while to sink in. (On Joe Root) He has been excellent this week. Batting alongside him for so long in the first innings



was very special. First red-ball games at Lord's and it is gone pretty well, I enjoy bowling with the slope, it is just gone my way, and long may it continue. I will do what they say (when asked if he would be okay to bowl from the Nursery End). The way we go about the game, we just like to attack. And as a bowler, it is great to be able to attack and not

worry about runs too much. Physically, it is quite demanding running over after over, but I have enjoyed it so much, looking forward to it going forward."

Sri Lanka won the toss and opted to field first. England scored 427 runs in the first innings, with Root (143 in 206 balls, with 18 fours) and Gus Atkinson (118 in 115 balls, with 14 fours and

four sixes) slamming centuries to take England to a massive score. Asitha Fernando (5/102) was the top bowler for Sri Lanka. Milan Rathnayake and Lahiru Kumara took two wickets each.

In their first innings, despite Kamindu Mendis's fighting 74 runs in 120 balls, with eight fours and three sixes, Sri Lanka could manage just 196 runs as the top-order let the team down again. Chris Woakes, Olly Stones, Gus Atkinson, and Matthew Potts got two wickets each, while Shoaib Bashir got one. England led by 231 runs.

Sri Lanka showcased much better control with the ball in England's second inning, bundling them out for 251 runs. After Root's 103 in 121 balls, with 10 fours, the second biggest contribution was delivered by

Harry Brook (37 in 36 balls, with four boundaries and a six).

Asitha Fernando (3/52) and Lahiru Kumara (3/53) were the top wicket-takers for Sri Lanka.

In the run-chase of 483, Sri Lanka put up a fight as three half-centuries came from Dimuth Karunaratne (55 in 129 balls, with seven fours), Dinesh Chandimal (58 in 62 balls, with 11 fours) and skipper Dhananjaya de Silva (50 in 71 balls, with seven fours). But despite that, Lanka was bundled out for 292 runs and lost by 190 runs.

Atkinson (5/62) was the pick of the bowlers for England, picking his third five-wicket haul at the Lord's. Olly Stone and Chris Woakes also got two wickets.

Atkinson secured the 'Player of the Match' award for his all-round performance.

Paralympics 2024: Shuttler Murugesan beats Ramadass to fight for gold in final

PARIS, Sep 2 (Agencies): Indian para shuttler Thulasimathi Murugesan assured India of their 8th medal at the Paralympics 2024.

She stormed into the gold medal match by beating her compatriot Manisha Ramadass in the Women's SU5 semi-final during the wee hours on Monday. It was a hard-fought contest between the two Indians, and it was Murugesan who prevailed in the end as she managed to beat Ramadass 23-21, 21-17 in just under 40 minutes. After the loss in the semi-final, Ramadass will compete in the bronze medal match as she still

stood a chance to win a Paralympic medal.

The first game turned out to be tightly contested as both the players were determined and showcased their skills. Manisha saved multiple game points, but could not capitalise on the opportunities which she created.

Murugesan won the first set 23-21. In the second game, Manisha started off strong as she took an 11-10 lead in the mid-game break.

Murugesan made full use of the mistakes made by her opponent. She used a combination of precise drop shots and strategic placements to win the 2nd



set as well, 21-17, and reach the final.

Another medal confirmed

The top seed will face China's Yang Qiu Xia, who is a gold medalist from the Tokyo Paralympics, in the final match for gold. Meanwhile, Manisha will compete against Chathrine Rosengren from

Denmark for the bronze medal match.

India at Paralympics 2024 so far

India secured seven medals at the Paralympic Games so far, with a gold and two silvers with four bronze medals.

On Monday, Nishad Kumar also won a silver medal in the men's high jump T47. Para Sprinter

Preeti Pal clinched the bronze medal in 200m T-35 with a time of 30.01 seconds on Sunday.

More glory awaits in Para Badminton as Nithya Sre and Sivaranjan Solaimalai will aim for a podium finish in the mixed doubles bronze medal match.

Apart from them, Nitesh Kumar, Suhass Yathiraj and Thulusimathi Murugesan will be seen fighting for gold in their respective singles match.

Paralympics 2020 in Tokyo was India's most successful campaign with 19 medals, which included five gold, eight silvers and six bronze medals.

64 runs in 4 innings: Babar Azam's form vs Bangladesh a worrying sign for Pakistan



RAWALPINDI, Sep 2 (Agencies): Babar Azam finished his Test series against Bangladesh with an innings of just 11 runs on Monday, September 2. Playing in the second innings of the final Test match, Babar failed to deliver when Pakistan needed him most. This marks a woeful series for the former Pakistan captain, who continues to struggle in international cricket.

Babar scored just 64 runs from four innings against Bangladesh. He nearly had a pair in the first Test match but was dropped on a golden duck in the second innings by Litton Das. In this series, Babar

was dismissed three times by pacers and once by spinner Shakib Al Hasan. His tendency to edge the ball behind the wicket on both sides contributed to his downfall in this series as well.

The senior batter has not scored a century since December 2022. In fact, this was Babar's 16th innings without a single fifty in the red-ball format. Amidst mounting criticism, Pakistan's batting all-rounder Salman Agha came to Babar's defence, stating that one should not forget the amount of runs he has accumulated over the last five years.

Babar's poor form has mirrored Pakistan's performance at home.

Pakistan lost the first Test match by 10 wickets against Bangladesh - marking their first-ever Test loss to the Tigers. In the second Test match, Pakistan had Bangladesh reeling at 26/6 but let the opportunity slip away. Litton Das and Mehidy Hasan Miraz formed a heroic partnership that allowed Bangladesh to take control of the second Test at Rawalpindi.

Babar Azam's form is a growing concern for Pakistan and has been for the last couple of years. He has not made significant contributions with the bat since Pakistan's disappointing 2023 ODI World Cup campaign. With multiple changes in leadership and team management, there are concerns that the situation may worsen.

Experts have suggested that the senior player should take a break, reset, and return to the national team. However, Babar has not indicated any intention to pursue this option. With the Champions Trophy coming up in Pakistan in the next six months, the team will hope that Babar returns to form by then.

Shubman Gill's clean hit in whites during practice session at PCA stadium

MOHALI, Sep 2 (Agencies): Shubman Gill is aiming to leave no stone unturned in the lead up to India's upcoming domestic season as well as the big home test season. Gill was spotted practising at the IS Bindra PCA Stadium in Mohali. The 24-year-old was wearing his Test jersey and smacked the delivery with a lofted shot as he looked confident while batting. Gill was given a huge responsibility on his shoulders as he was named as India's vice-captain in the ODI and T20I format for India. He will also be leading Team A in the Duleep Trophy tournament, which will begin from September 5 in Bengaluru. He will be leading the team consisting of players like KL

Rahul, Riyan Parag, Mayank Agarwal, Tilak Varma and Shivam Dube.

Gill has been training hard at his own home ground in Punjab ahead of India's home season. The Indian team has been on a long break after the conclusion of their white-ball tour to Sri Lanka. Suryakumar Yadav-led India had a clean-sweep in the 3-match T20I series. Meanwhile, the Rohit Sharma-led ODI team lost 0-2 against the island nation. Gill was India's vice-captain and showcased an aggressive style of play in the shortest format, but failed to impress in ODIs.

Big 'Test' awaits Gill

The Indian team dispersed afterwards and

went to their respective households and have been training there itself. Suryakumar and Shreyas Iyer took part in the Buchi Babu tournament for Mumbai recently. Meanwhile, Suryakumar, who was aiming a comeback in India's Test side, sustained an injury to his hand and his Duleep Trophy participation seemed difficult.

Shubman had a quiet season last year with the bat in Tests, barring a century in Ahmedabad against Australia. Amid rising concerns over his form at the No. 3 position, previously held by Cheteshwar Pujara, Gill roared back to form in the 5-match Test series against England earlier this year.

Celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi from Bhadrapada Shukla Paksha to Anant Chaturdashi: Mahant Rohit

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 2: Mahant Rohit Shastri, the President of Shri Kailash Jyotish Avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, has announced the commencement of Shri Ganeshotsav this year on Saturday, September 7, 2024.

He provided detailed guidance on the auspicious timings and traditional methods for performing Shri Ganesh Puja, highlighting the spiritual significance of the festival.

Shri Ganesh Chaturthi, also known as Kalank Chaturthi and Patthar Chauth in various parts of India, is celebrated on Bhadrapada Shukla Paksha Chaturthi. This year, the Chaturthi Tithi will begin on Friday, September 6th, 2024, at 3:02 PM and will conclude on Saturday, September 7th, 2024, at 5:38 PM.

According to Mahant Shastri, the most auspicious time for performing Ganesh Puja is during the Madhyahna period on September 7th, between 11:04 AM and 1:43 PM.

This timing is especially significant because, according to scriptures, Lord Ganesh was born



during this period on Bhadrapada Shukla Paksha Chaturthi, making the afternoon the ideal time for his worship.

Mahant Shastri also addressed concerns about the Bhadra period, which will last until 5:38 PM on September 7th.

He reassured devotees that the Bhadra period will not affect the Ganesh Chaturthi Puja this year, as Bhadra will reside in Patala Loka while the Moon is in Libra, allowing all auspicious activities, including the installation and worship of Lord Ganesh, to proceed without any hindrance.

Astrologically, this Chaturthi is marked by significant alignments: the Moon will be in Libra, the Sun in Leo, and both Brahma Yoga and Vishti Karana will be present, further enhancing the aus-

piciousness of the day. However, Mahant Shastri cautioned devotees to avoid viewing the Moon on the night of September 6th, as moon sighting is prohibited on this Chaturthi due to potential inauspicious effects.

Shri Ganesh Chaturthi marks the beginning of the ten-day Ganeshotsav, which is celebrated from Bhadrapada Shukla Paksha Chaturthi to Anant Chaturdashi. Mahant Shastri explained that while some devotees install Ganesh idols for three or five days, others observe the full ten-day festival. He emphasized that the festival should ideally be celebrated for the entire period, as it is believed to bring happiness, prosperity, and wealth to the household.

When bringing an idol of Lord Ganesh into the home, it is important to ensure that the trunk of the idol faces left, as this is thought to quickly fulfill devotees' wishes. The idol should be placed in the northeast corner of the home, which is considered the most auspicious location. If this corner is unavailable, the idol can be placed in the east or west direction, but never

under a staircase or on a wall adjacent to a toilet. Additionally, Mahant Shastri advised that the face of the idol should not be directed towards the door, as it is believed that prosperity and fortune reside in the face of Lord Ganesh, while sorrow and poverty are associated with his back.

For the proper conduct of Shri Ganesh Puja, devotees should begin by waking early, bathing, and preparing a clean platform on which to spread a red cloth. The idol of Shri Ganesh, along with Mata Gauri and a water-filled Kalash, should be placed on this platform. After lighting a ghee lamp and incense, devotees should offer roli, kunku, akshat, and flowers to Shri Ganesh, Mata Gauri, and the Kalash. The next step involves invoking Shri Ganesh by chanting his mantras while holding akshat and flowers, which should then be offered to the deity. If the idol is made of clay, it should be bathed with water, raw milk, and panchamrit, or if not, a betel nut can be used instead. Devotees should then dress the idol in new clothes and ornaments, and offer

durva, flowers, and a garland, while chanting Shri Ganesh's stotras and mantras.

The puja is completed by offering Modak, sweets, jaggery, and seasonal fruits as prasad, followed by reciting the Shri Ganapati Atharvashirsha and performing the aarti of Shri Ganesh. Devotees should then circumambulate the idol one, three, or seven times, depending on their tradition, and conclude the ritual by apologizing to Lord Ganesh for any mistakes or omissions made during the puja. This process should be repeated daily during the ten-day festival, with faith and devotion towards Lord Ganesh.

In his closing remarks, Mahant Rohit Shastri expressed his joy at the positive atmosphere in Jammu and Kashmir, noting the significant improvement in tourism and overall peace in the region. He encouraged the public to actively participate in the upcoming elections in Jammu and Kashmir, emphasizing the importance of unity and civic responsibility in maintaining the progress and harmony that the region has achieved.

IRP 21 Bn accords send-off to retiring officer on superannuation



Top News Report

PATTAN, Sep 2: IRP 21st Battalion has organised a farewell function to accord warm send off to the officer who superannuated from his active services in its Headquarters Parihaspora, Pattan.

On attaining the age of superannuation DySP Gh Hassan was given a warm send off by all ranks of police. On his retirement, a farewell party was organized by 21 bn Headquarters Parihaspora.

Speaking on the occasion, Commandant Mahmood Ahmed appreciated the work and dedica-

tion of the officer towards his duties.

He extended good wishes and healthy post-retirement life to him. He also presented gifts to retiree officer as a token of love and respect for his exceptional services during his tenure.

The Retiring officer also spoke on the occasion and described how he faced all the challenges during his services.

He also advised all jawans to maintain professional and social life all equally so that after retirement, society can accept you as a noble and helpful person.

The introductory

speech was given by SP Bashir Ahmad who threw light on the service of retiree DySP.

The Officer described him the man of the words, dedicated and honest person whose services and contribution will be remembered forever.

SSP Aijaz Bhat, SSP Muneer Ahmad, SP Bashir Ahmad, SP Farooq Ahmad, SP Masood Ahmed, DySP Mohd Yousuf and other officers were also present on the occasion who also acknowledged the contribution of the outgoing officer and conveyed their best wishes to him for post-retirement life.

Leh remembers former CEC Dorje Motup on 5th death anniversary



Top News Report

LEH, Sep 2: A memorial event was held on Monday to mark the fifth anniversary of former Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, late Shri Dorje Motup at the Dorje Motup Memorial Park at Housing Colony, Leh.

The ceremony, which took place at the Dorje Motup Memorial Park, honored his significant contributions and enduring legacy within the community.

Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson; Kyabje Kunga Rinpoche; Executive Councillor for Minority Affairs, Ghulam Mehdi; Nominated Councillor Ven. Konchok Tsepel; Councilors; Former Member

of Parliament Jamyang Tsering Namgyal; former CEC Rigzin Spalbar; BJP President Phunchok Stanzin; BJP Vice President; District President Tashi Gyaltsan Kachu; Gonpa Association Vice President and the family members of late Dorje Motup paid tribute at his memorial park.

In his address, CEC Tashi Gyalson highlighted the importance of commemorating such events to recognize the significant contributions of the late Dorje Motup.

Reflecting on the former Chairman's legacy which is marked by his humility, nobility, and dedication to the underprivileged, CEC Gyalson expressed his aspiration to continue in his predecessor's foot-

steps, aligning his vision that defined Dorje Motup's leadership.

Additionally CEC added that late Shri Dorje Motup would be pleased to see his vision realized today, as he had long advocated for Changthang to become a district to improve administrative efficiency.

Addressing the gathering, former MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, noted that the creation of Changthang District was a dream of the late Dorje Motup and emphasized that he would have been pleased to see this accomplishment.

Further he added that former Chairman dedicated his life to serving the people and improving their lives.

Rudraksh Gupta awarded PhD

Top News Report

KATRA, Sep 2: Rudraksh S Gupta, son of Prof. Renu Sehgal has been declared qualified for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Energy Management by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) Katra.

He has worked on the topic "Assessment and Optimization of Electric Vehicles in Distribution Systems with Solar Photovoltaic" under the supervision of Dr. Sanjeev Anand, Assistant Professor, School of Energy Management, SMVDU, Katra and Co-supervision of Dr. Arjun Tyagi, Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, Faculty of Technology, University of Delhi, Delhi.

Rudraksh S Gupta has published his research work in various reputed high-impact factor SCI/SCIE and Scopus journals, and also presented papers in international conferences.

The candidate thanked Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University for providing all necessary support and facilities for carrying out the research work and thanked Ministry of New and Renewable energy for provid-



ing SRF during his Ph.D. program.

Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, Prof. Balbir Singh (Dean of Academics), Dr. Kumud Ranjan Jha (Dean Faculty of Engineering), Dr. Sanjeev Anand (Supervisor), and other committee members congratulated the scholar and wished him a bright future.

Climate Cup 2024 kicks off with spectacular opening



Top News Report

LEH, Sep 2: The Climate Cup 2024 kicked off with an opening day, blending the excitement of football with a powerful message about climate change.

Organized by the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Leh, the Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh in collaboration with the Ladakh Football Association, the tournament is dedicated to uniting communities worldwide in the fight against climate change while celebrating the sport of football.

The opening ceremony was honored by Kyabje Drukpa Thuksey Rinpoche as the Chief Guest, whose presence added spiritual and cultural significance to the event. Chairman/CEC Adv. Tashi Gyalson, LAHDC Leh, attended as the Guest of Honor. Executive Councillor for Culture Stanzin Chosphel;

Secretary of Youth Services and Sports Vikram Singh Malik, Secretary RDD Amit Sharma, DIG Ladakh Police, Sheikh Junaid Mehmood; former Member of Parliament Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, Former CEC Rigzin Spalbar, Former CEC Gyal P Wangyal, Former EC and President BJP Ladakh Phunchok Stanzin and several other senior officials and dignitaries were also present.

The day's matches delivered thrilling football action. In the first match, Gokulam Kerala FC demonstrated their exceptional skill and teamwork, overpowering Skalzangling FC with a commanding 8-1 victory.

This performance set a high bar for the rest of the tournament. The second match saw North-East United FC narrowly defeat 1 Ladakh FC with a 2-1 score, showcasing a closely contested and exciting game.

The enthusiastic crowd created a vibrant atmosphere in the stadium, reflecting the deep passion for football in the region. At the end of the matches, the dignitaries presented the Man of the Match awards, celebrating the players' outstanding performances and their role as ambassadors for the Climate Cup's core message of environmental sustainability.

The Climate Cup 2024 is not just a football tournament but a movement aimed at fostering greater environmental consciousness. As the tournament continues, it will highlight the importance of protecting our planet while bringing together football enthusiasts from around the globe.

We look forward to the upcoming matches and the continued enthusiasm from players and fans, as we work together to ensure the success of the Climate Cup 2024.

Divya Dipti expresses happiness with current positive situation in J&K

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Sep 2: Divya Dipti, the Mumbai State Head of Valley Headlines Media Group, recently visited Srinagar on a special tour.

During her visit, she attended an important meeting and interacted with media persons.

In her remarks, she highlighted the consistent and dedicated work of her media group in Jammu and Kashmir, even during challenging times.

She emphasized their commitment to supporting both the Divisional



Administration and the Central Government, always working towards peace and development in the region.

Divya Dipti also spoke about the role of her media group in fostering brotherhood among all religions.

She mentioned their efforts during the Yatra season, where they provided free food kits to pilgrims in various parts of Kashmir.

She expressed her happiness with the current positive situation in Jammu and Kashmir, noting the increase in tourism and overall improvement in the region's conditions.

In her message to the general public, she encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming elections in Jammu and Kashmir, emphasizing the importance of active civic engagement.

NCC Unit of GDC Kathua hosts Rank Ceremony

Top News Report

KATHUA Sep 2: The NCC unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Kathua organized Rank Ceremony, highlighting the achievements and leadership potential of its cadets under the guidance of Principal of the College, Prof. Seema Mir.

On this occasion, Prof. Seema Mir was the chief guest and Col. Kuldeep Kachru, Commanding Officer, 4 JK NCC Battalion was the Special Guest.

The ceremony began with formal welcome address followed by a presentation by Lt. (Dr.) Daya Ram, Associate NCC Officer (ANO), highlighting achievements and



activities of the NCC unit GDC Kathua.

Notably, Cadet Mohit Knathia of the college got DG NCC Commendation for mountaineering expedition Mt. Kang Yaste 2, Ladakh.

This was followed by the rank ceremony, where SRO ranks were conferred to Lucky Jasrotia and Sumit Kumar, while JUO ranks were awarded to Rajat Singh, Sunil Kumar, Suneel Kumar, and Naresh Kumar. Sargent ranks were conferred to Rahul Sharma and Lalit Sharma.

Col. Kuldeep Kachru, Commanding Officer,

4 JK NCC Battalion, encouraged and motivated the NCC cadets to participate actively in various camps and activities conducted by NCC unit and ncc Directorate.

Prof. Seema Mir congratulated the NCC Cadets who have been honoured with ranks and

appreciated the dedication and discipline of NCC unit GDC Kathua. She motivated the NCC Cadets to inculcate leadership skills and work for the welfare of society.

The proceedings of the event were efficiently conducted by Cadet Rahul Sharma.

The event was conducted under the conveyance of Lt. (Dr.) Daya Ram, and the Vote of thanks were presented by Prof. Ajay Kumar Sharma, CTO, 1 J&K Naval Unit.

The ceremony was attended by a large number of teaching faculty members, NCC officials and Cadets further emphasizing the significance of the event.