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BRIEFLY

After Ganderbal. **Omar Abdullah** files nomination from Budgam



SRINAGAR, Sep 5 (Agencies): National Conference (NC) vicepresident Omar Abdullah on Thursday filed his nomination papers to contest the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly polls from Budgam.

"Omar Abdullah filed his nomination for the Budgam constituency for the upcoming Jammu and Kashmir Assembly polls," an NC spokesperson said here.

Abdullah was accompanied by senior NC leaders Aga Ruhullah Mehdi, Aga Mehmood, party treasurer Shammi Oberoi and provincial secretary Shaukat Mir.

The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister will contest the polls from two constituencies. He filed his papers from the family bastion of Ganderbal on Wednesday.

90-member Jammu and Kashmir Assembly is scheduled to go to polls in three phases on September 18, September 25 and October 1, and the counting of votes will be taken up on October 8.

We will fight for restoration of Article 370. **Statehood: PC**



SRINAGAR, Sep 5 (Agencies): Stating that they are committed to fight for the restoration of Article 370, Article 35A and statehood, Peoples Conference (PC) on Thursday promised a judicial commission to probe electoral rigging of 1987.

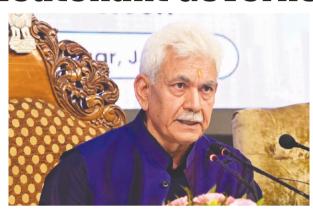
In its election manifesto, which was released by the party president Sajad Gani Lone and senior leaders today, the party said that it is committed to fight for the pre- 2019 constitutional position for J&K.

"It will support all Turn to page 9

Teachers true architects of nation: Lieutenant Governor

SRINAGAR, Sep 5 (Agencies): Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Thursday paid tributes to teachers on occasion of Teachers' Day, saying the community is the true architect of the nation who shapes the destiny of the country.

The Lieutenant Governor paid tributes to the great educationist and former president Dr S Radhakrishnan on his Janm-Jayanti, and said



his life and works continue to inspire genera-

"Greetings and warm

the great educationist & former President, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Ji on his Janm-Jayanti. His life & works continue to inspire generations," Office of LG J&K said in a post

on X.

wishes to all teachers on

Teachers' Day. I express

my gratitude for their

dedication to the growth

of humanity. Tributes to

Kharge urges teachers to

be nation builders, fight

historical distortions

"Teachers are the true architects of the nation

SRINAGAR, Sep 5

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Fire breaks out near Bahu Plaza, Jammu



JAMMU, Sep 5 (Agencies): A fire broke out in the Bahu Plaza in Jammu on Thursday, prompting a swift response from the fire

Congress Chief Karra files nomination

and emergency services.

Fire tenders rushed to the Gupta Tower as thick plumes of smoke billowed from the second floor of the building, which houses numerous private offices.

Though the cause of the fire is yet to be determined, authorities confirmed that all individuals inside the building were safely evacuated.

There were no immediate reports of injuries. and emergency personnel, along with the police, were on-site to manage the situation and ensure a smooth evacuation.

J&K Govt

Rashid's

brother's

voluntary

retirement

SRINAGAR, Sep 5

(Agencies): The J&K

government has accept-

ed the application for vol-

untary retirement of Er.

Rahid's brother, Khur-

Quoting an official

order, news agency

reported that the School

Education department

said that it has accorded

sanction to voluntary

retirement of Khursheed

Ahmed Sheikh, who was

working in a school in his

As per the order, Khur-

sheed's voluntary retire-

ment is effective from

Khursheed is likely to

be AIP's candidate from

He would be locked in

a direct contest with Peo-

ples Conference candi-

date Irfan Panditpuri in

While Rashid won

Langate segment in

2008 and 2014, Irfan defeated the AIP chief by an impressive margin in 2020 district development council (DDC)

September 01, 2024.

Langate segment.

the segment.

polls.

1 person killed, 3

injured in Rajouri road

accident

JAMMU, Sep 5 (Agen-

cies): At least one person

was killed while three

others were injured after

a vehicle carrying them

skidded off the road in

the Gambhir Mughalan

area of Rajouri district on

Officials said that a

Tata mobile bearing

registration number

JK12A9878 was coming

from Poonch and moving

towards Rajouri when

suddenly its driver lost

control of his vehicle and

skidded off the road and

In this incident, one

person was killed while

three others were **Turn to page 9**

went into the river.

Thursday.

others

native area of Mawar.

sheed Ahmed Sheikh.

accepts Er.

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BJP J&K Chief Ravindra Raina files his nomination from Nowshera assembly constituency

JAMMU, Sep 5 (Agencies): Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir chief Ravinder Raina filed his nomination paper for the assembly polls from Nowshera Assembly constituency on Thursday.

Ahead of filing nominations, Raina said that there was a strong wave of BJP in the entire Union Territory.

SRINAGAR, Sep 5

(Agencies) : National

Conference (NC) presi-



"There is a strong wave of BJP in the entire Jammu and Kashmir.

J&K, its people not slaves of

dent Dr Faroog Abdullah

Thursday warned BJP

led government at the

centre, saying 'We are

not slaves of New Delhi

as people of Jammu

& Kashmir are the real

owners of the territory'.

Dr Farooq while com-

menting on BJP senior

leader Ram Madhav's

remarks that NC and

others are using ex-mil-

New Delhi: Dr Faroog

Be it Jammu, Kashmir, Nowshera or any other area, you can see that thousands of BJP workers are participating in this election campaign with great enthusiasm and passion. I hope that when the voting takes place here, the BJP government will be formed with a huge majority. BJP is moving towards a Turn to page 9

tions, said that they (BJP

leaders) can resort to

anything, and they can

rake up such questions

"Let them ask how

many employments they

have given in last ten

years. Have they been

able to control rising

inflation? They snatched

everything from us, and

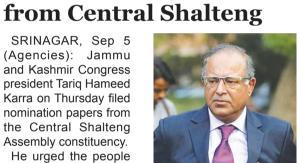
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now they are after our

to create chaos.

(Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Congress president Tariq Hameed Karra on Thursday filed nomination papers from the Central Shalteng Assembly constituency.

He urged the people to vote wisely asserting that it was not just an election after 10 years, but a "once-in-a-lifetime



opportunity to shape Jammu and Kashmir's destiny for the next 100

The 69-year-old Karra, a former Jammu and Kashmir minister, also defended his party's alliance with the National Conference for the polls, saying it was to fight against "dictatorship" and to "reclaim what is rightfully ours".

Thursday was the last day for the filing of nomination papers for **Turn to page 9**



SRINAGAR, Sep 5



Police arrested a terrorist associate during a Naka checking at terrorism, Pulwama Karimabad crossing,

ed individual has been identified as Arsalan Ahmad Sheikh, S/O Mushtag Ahmad Sheikh, R/O Karimabad.

where the suspect was

a hand grenade was recovered from the possession of the suspect. Investigations revealed that the accused had

Pulwama Police arrests terrorist associate; hand grenade recovered



(Agencies): In a major breakthrough against intercepted. The arrest-

During the search,

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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 Mandir Habba Kadal Srinagar (KMR) A/P H.No 42 - A Lane No 1 Sharika Nagar Gole Talab Tillo

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 Jiyanshu (Grand Children). Mobile- 9906070368, 6006183305, 7298002471.

MOURNING FROM MALUN SIDE will also be held at the same place.

10TH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved daughter Dr. Divya Kohli D/o Sh. Gulshan Kohli R/o 148/A, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu who left us on 28th August 2024.

The 10TH DAY will take place on 5th of September 2024 at our residence 148/A Gandhi Nagar at 10:00 am.

KRIYA will be performed on 7th of September 2024 at our residence from 09:00 am onwards.

UTHALA shall be performed at Shiv Mandir Gandhi Nagar, Opp. Church Lane from 4:00 - 5:00 pm.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Smt. Reva Kohli & Sh. Gulshan Kohli (Mother & Father) Smt. Anita Kohli & Sh. Vijay Kohli (Chachi & Chacha) Smt. Kiran Malhotra & Sh. Umesh Malhotra (Mami & Mama)

BHASIN'S, KOCHHAR'S, SETHI'S, KOHLI'S, MALHOTRA'S & ALL RELATIVES

MOBILE NUMBER: 9419119235

OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt Bandhu Chauhan, R/o H No. 3, Priyadarshini Lane, Patta Paloura

Jammu on 2nd Sept 2024. **GRIEF STRICKEN**

Husband - Amar Singh Chauhan

Son- Ankush Chauhan

Daughter & Son-in-law

Gunjan Chauhan & Vishal Singh Manhas

CHAUHAN PARIVAAR

Mob: 8491976206/8082114859



DR. DIVYA KOHLI

Smt Bandhu Chauhan

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief we inform the sad demise of our beloved Bansi Lal Pandit resident of BL- 22 Shalimar Bagh, Delhi who left for his heavenly abode on 29th August 2024. TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 6th September 2024 at Nigambodh Ghat (Kashmiri Ghat) New Delhi at 9:00 AM.

Pandit Parivar

9311656918, 9968604386



Dr Bansi Lal Pandit

Sh Piaray Lal Koul

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow and with heavy heart, we regret to inform the sad demise of our revered father Sh Piaray Lal Koul (S/o Late Sh Sarwanand Koul) erstwhile resident of Arreh (Kulgam, Kashmir) A/p 237, Dogra Nagar Lane No. 4, Lower Roop Nagar Muthi on 02-09-2024,

Tenth Day Kriya shall be performed at Muth Ghat near Directorate of School Education on 11-9-2024 at 8.30 AM.

Grief Stricken

Smt Tosha Koul W/o Late Sh M K Koul- Bhabi

Sh Sanjay Koul and Smt Simran Koul- Son & Daughter in law Smt Bunty and Sh Raju Handoo -Daughter & Son in law Smt Kiran Raina and Sh Suresh Raina- Daughter & Son in law

AND ALL GRAND CHILDREN

Contact No. 9149515466, 9596842769, 9149483611

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

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)

9910777059 (M) 9818401135 (M) Dida we luv u lot...

Sh Pran Nath Tickoo

MASVAR AND VAHARVAR

One year has passed since you left us for heavenly abode. Our heart still can't accept that you are not with us (physically) anymore! You lived a noble, honest and graceful life and continue to be rememembered for your love, compassion, care, humour and kindness for all. The void you left can never be filled. We know your love and blessings will always shower on us. We pray to God to grant Moksha to your noble soul.

MASVAR and VAHARVAR of our beloved Sh.Maharaj Krishen Bakshi (S/o Late Sh.

Narayan Joo Bakshi) will be performed on 5th and 6th of September, 2024 at our residence A-2/20, Upper Shiv

DEEPLY MISSED AND REMEMBERED BY -

SAMAST BHAT PARIVAR OF FATEHPORA, ANANTNAG KOULS, RAZDANS, ZUTSHIS, PEERS, MALLAS AND DASSIS. PHONE NUMBER: 8847347448, 9149713195

BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS

demise of our beloved Srd n Surinder Kaur Sethi W/o Srd. Tarlochan Singh Sethi Rio GTB NAGAR, Narwal bypass. (formerly from Chak Mohd Yar R. S. Pura) ARAMBH SHRI AKHAND PATH at our residence GTB NAGAR SEC -01, Lane No. 06 on Friday 06/09/2024 at

BHOG SHRIAKHAND PATH on Sunday 08/09/2024 at 9 AM followed by KIRTAN AND ANTIM ARDAS at Gurdwara GTB NAGAR Narwal Bypass road from

GRIEF STRICKEN

Tarlochan Singh Sethi (Husband) Daughter and Son-in-law

Dr. Manpreet Kaur and Dr. Vijayender Gaind.

9419244721, 9419231769, 9419191769, 9419253848, 7006963295

reunite once more

Sept 2024.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Nigam Thursday, 12th September, 2024 at 9:00AM

Kishore & Veena Jattu - Son & Daughter In Law Surender & Neerja Jattu - Son & Daughter In Law Shakti & Raj Kumar Sharma - Daughter & Son in Law

Jattu's, Sharma's, Bhat's

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we reg tet to inform the untimely and sad demise of our beloved Father Shri Bhushan Lal Shah S/o Late Dina North Shah originally resident of Chhatabal Srinagar & at present Kaushambi Ghaziabad on 31st August.

Tenth Day Kriya will be held on 9th September 2024 at Muradnagar Ghaziabad Ghat at 09 a m.

Assembly at residence B-67 S1 3rd floor opposite Annapuma Society Kaus ham bi Ghazlabad at 11:30, **GRIEF STRICKEN**

Babli Shah (Wife) Jai Kishori Khah (Sister) Son's & Daughter in law's Ankush & Bhavana Mattoo Shah Ankur & Neha Natang Shah Daughter & Son in law

Payal & Amit Suri Mobile: 9899 106730, 9654052187, 9910333252, 9873057701



Om Shanti UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother Late Smt Krishna Gupta W/o Late Sh Subhash Gupta, 13-Lakhdatta Bazar Hanuman Gali on 3rd September.

Uthala will be performed on 6th September from 3.00 PM - 4.00 PM at Mahajan Hall Shalamar.

Daughter-in-law & Son Smt Saniya & Sh Sudesh Gupta Daughters & Sons-in-law

Smt Salochna Gupta & Sh Ashu Gupta Smt Bindiya Gupta & Sh Manohar Gupta

Grand Children: Avnt, Bhagyam, Ankit, Ayush, Ashmit & Samaksh

M/s Shakti Cloth House, Link Road. Contact No. 9419190749

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Rakesh Kotru (Son) Sahil Kotru and Anshu Kotru (Son and Daughter in law)

Shubam and Jiyanshu (Grand Children).

Mobile-9906070368, 6006183305, 7298002471. MOURNING FROM MALUN SIDE will also be held at the same place.



Srdn Surinder Kaur Sethi

Nagar, Subash Nagar, Jammu.

SAMAST BAKSHI PARIVAR OF ANANTNAG

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad

9 AM. 10:30 am to

12 Noon. Guru ka langer- 12 Noon onwards.

Manmeet Kaur and Dr. Harpeet Singh

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY/KRIYA

Our hearts are heavy with sorrow, and tears flow freely. No one can truly understand what it

means to lose you. We keep you close in our hearts, where you will stay, walking with us through our lives until we With profound grief and sorrow we inform the

sad demise of our beloved Shri H N Jattu original resident of Ganpatyar, Srinagar and presently at A-2385 Greenfield Colony Sector 42, Faridabad. He left for heavenly abode on 3rd

Prayer Meet (Shanti Paath) will be held at their residence on Sunday, 8th September 2024 at 4:00 pm.

Bodh Ghat, Kashmere Gate, New Delhi on GRIEF STRICKEN:

Samast Parivar

Mobile Numbers : 9810027476 (Kishore Jattu) , 9818765999 (Viray Jattu) , 9987567821 (Raj Kurnar Sharma)

Shri H N Jattu

Shri Bhushan Lal

Late Smt Krishna

Gupta

Shri Pushkar Nath Kotru

you the untimely demise of our eloved Sh. Bansi Lal Sharma S/o Late Sh Krishan Chand, who left for heavenly abode on 28/08/2024

Wednesday).

His Tenth Day Kriya will be performe on 06/09/2024 (Friday) 11:00 AM, a Thathi (Near Bus Stand)

GRIEF STRICKEN Mother - Koushalaya Devi Wife - Santosh Devi Son - Munish Raian

Son - Akhilesh Bansotra Younger Brother & Bhabhi NIECES

Raghunandika & Ritambhra

Nek Ram Sharma & Renu Sharma

Contacts: 9419165823, 9149780361, 7006229209, 7006591841

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SMT. BIMLA KUMARI

Smita Bhat & Rajesh Khazanchi Daughters-in-Law & Sons

TENTH DAY KRIYA

Mob No 7051293251; 9419202397

who left for heavenly abode on 31-08-2024.

9.00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Ruby & Rahul Bhat

Jillian & Nikhil Bhat;

SAMAST PARIVAR

Bushan Lal Bhat (Husband)

Daughter & Son-in-law

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform about the sad demise of our beloved father Karamyogi, Sh Ashok Kumar Wali originally from Gulgam Kupwara, presently residing at Pune on

2nd Sept. 2024. TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 11th Sept 2024 at Alandi Pune at

Nabhit Srivastava- Grandson

Mob No. 8007072220

Sh Ashok Kumar

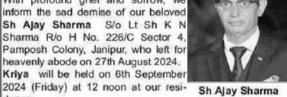
10:00 am. GRIEF STRICKEN : Smt Shyama Wali (Wife) Smt Sheetal and Nitin Srivastava (Daughter and Son-in-law) Sh Alok and Nidhima Wali (Son and Daughter-In-law)

Bhats; Khazanchis; Rainas; Panditas; Brars and Swisher families

Myra Wali- Grand Daughter heen Srivastava- Grand Daughter Sh Inder Kishen and Baby Wali (Brother and Sister in law)
Pune Address- J 701 Park Titanium Park Street Wakad

KRIYA & UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh Ajay Sharma S/o Lt Sh K N Sharma R/o H No. 226/C Sector 4, Pamposh Colony, Janipur, who left for heavenly abode on 27th August 2024. Kriya will be held on 6th September



Smt. Pushpa Devi

Uthala will be held on 6th Sept. 2024 (Friday) at Shiv Mandir near Govt Quarters, Main Stop Janipur

from 5 pm to 6 p.m. Grief Stricken Smt Kavita Sharma (Wife) Mr Bhavesh Sharma (Son)

THARMATT & BUDKULIA FAMILY 7051594040, 7006330062 TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

Mrs Ankita & Mr Jayant Sharma (Daughter & Son in law)

Nith profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad dembe of our Mother Smrt. Pushpa Devi Wio Lt. Sh. Sham La Sharma on 28 Aug 2024. fenth Day will be performed at our residence 175, Sector 4, Upper Roop Nagar, Jammu on 06-09-2024(Finday) at 11:00 AM.
Kriya will be performed at our residence 175, Sector 4, Upper Roop Nagar, Jammu on 07-09-2024(Saturday) at 12:00 PM.
Uthala will be performed at Brahmen Sabha, Prade on 06i092024 (Monday) from 4 to 5 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN: ions & Daughters in Law int. Veena & Sh. Chander Mohan Shamia int. Swarna & Sh. Vinay Kumar Sharma Smt. Sneh Shanna W/o Lt. Sh. Rameshwar Dutt Shanna

Smt. Sabni & Sh. Ashwani Sharma Daughter & Son-in-law Smt. Indu & Sh. Narender Kumar Sharma Grand Son & Grand Daughter in Law hetan & Bhayna

Gourav & Etika Kapil & Ratika setal, Tarun, Mohit, Aadhya, Rohan, Sahil

Grand Children

Mahalakshmi Jewellers, Join Bozor, Jammu Mob.: 9419132688, 9419283211, 9419132702, 9419226101, 7006777710

10TH DAY

In the Loving Memory of Smt. Kaushalaya Devi With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of Smt. Kaushalaya Devi Wo Lale Sh. Bal Krishan Sharma of Indira Nagar, Udhampur. she touched many lives with her kindness and we will miss

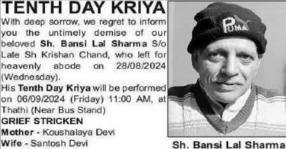
10th Day will be held on 6th Sept., Friday at 11.30 an GRIEF STRICKEN

Son & Daughter-in-law Brij Mohan & Neena Sharma +91 7006121508 (Daughters & Son-in-laws) Lalita W/o Late K.K. Sharma

TENTH DAY We feel utmost grief while announcing the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Madan Mohan (S/o ale Sh. Som Raj Raina & Late Smt. Shanti Tenth Day will be performed at Arya Sama Hall, Sabji Mandi (Udhampur) on 5th Sept 2024 at 11:00 AM.

IN GRIEF IN GRIEF: Smt. Satya Raina (Wife) Sh. Madhukar Raina (Son) Sh. Sudhanshu Raina (Son) Daughter and Son-in-law Smt. Radhika Sharma and Sh. Sourab Sharma Brothers and Sisters-in-law

Brothers and Sisters-In-law Late Sh. Vachaspati Raina & Smt. Reva Devi Sh. H.K.Raina & Smt. Pushpa Raina Sh. Yogeshwar Raina Sisters and Jija Ji Smt. Usha Raina & Sh. Kuldeep Magotra Smt. Shashi Khajuria & Late. Sh. Ashwini Khajuria Smt. Shushma Khajuria & Sh. Diwakar Khajuria Cont No: 7889663469



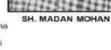


her every moment of our lives. at Shiv Mandir Housing Colony, Udhampur.

Maniu & D.N. Sharma Asha & Pankaj Samnotra







Son - Ashutosh Shishu

the contents on their own before acting there upon."

Independent candidate from Nagrota constituency releases manifesto

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 5: Jaswant Singh, an Independent candidate contesting from the Nagrota Assembly Constituency, unveiled a comprehensive election manifesto at a press conference in Jammu on Thursday.

Flanked by his close aides, Balwant Raj Kataria and Faqir Chand Satia, Jaswant Singh outlined a progressive agenda rooted in addressing key socio-economic issues that have long plagued the region.

Singh's vision departs from the traditional focus on religion, caste, and regional politics, instead centering around employment, welfare programmes, and infrastructure development.

In his manifesto, Singh expressed his concern about the state of contemporary politics, noting that critical issues like development and economic growth are often overshadowed by religious, caste, and regional agendas.

He emphasized that democracy thrives when political parties focus on policy matters, allowing voters to make informed decisions based on progressive blueprints and

"My primary goal is to refocus political discourse on tangible issues that



can improve the lives of people in Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

Jaswant Singh said

unemployment one of the cornerstone issues which he described as a growing crisis in the region. He promised to advocate for more opportunities for the youth and to push the Government of India for policies that would ensure long-term job creation and economic growth in the UT. His approach reflects his commitment to restoring the confidence of the people in governance and the economy. His manifesto underlines the importance of creating sustainable jobs, particularly for the younger generation, to secure a stable future for Jammu and Kashmir.

Singh proposed that special attention be paid to addressing crimes against women, particularly sexual harassment. He is advocating for the death penalty for those convicted of heinous crimes such as sexual assault, signaling his

zero-tolerance policy on violence against women. This, he said, would not only serve as a deterrent but also reaffirm the government's commitment to protecting women's rights and dignity.

Jaswant also expressed his deep concern for the welfare of daily wage workers, a significant portion of the workforce in the region. He promised to push for the guaranteed regularization of their jobs, offering stability and security to those employed in precarious. low-wage positions.

For elderly citizens, Jaswant Singh proposed a monthly pension of Rs 3,000 for individuals over the age of 60, which would be facilitated through Panchayat-level camps. He focus on grassroots-level governance highlights his commitment to ensuring that every segment of society, including the elderly, is taken care of.

The manifesto addresses a number of issues affecting farmers and rural communities. Singh proposed a 50% subsidy on diesel for tractor owners, along with necessary permissions for tractor and trolley owners to engage in mining activities. This would not only alleviate financial burdens on farmers but also create additional income-generating opportunities in rural

Singh also promised to work on updating the addresses of married women within three months of their marriage, a move aimed at easing bureaucratic hurdles in rural governance.

Infrastructure development is another major priority in Singh's manifesto. He proposed the construction of proper roads in every village, recognizing the importance of connectivity in fostering economic growth and improving the quality of life in rural areas.

He also called for free water supply and 500 units of free electricity to be provided to every household, along with the availability of sand and bajri (building materials) at government rates. Additionally, Singh stressed the importance of opening stores for the purchase of maize and pulses in rural areas, and to establish milk procurement and packaging units in rural regions to support rural productivity.

In terms of healthcare Singh advocated for the abolition of the slip system in government hospitals and the provision of free medicines. He emphasized that people living below the poverty line should have unhindered access to government healthcare facilities. Singh also proposed free education for students up to the 12th grade, a policy he believes would empower the youth and ensure that no child is left behind due to financial constraints.

Jaswant Singh also had several proposals aimed at improving governance and easing the financial burdens on citizens. He suggested the elimination of double taxes on vehicles, arguing that either a road tax or a toll tax should be levied, but not both.

Furthermore, he called for government departments to hold camps in both rural and urban areas to address grievances directly, thereby reducing the need for people to travel to government offices for basic services.

Finally, Singh proposed a reservation of 28% for the OBC community, recognizing the need for affirmative action to ensure fair representation and opportunities for marginalized groups.

ABVP launches campaign for 100% voter turnout in J&K Assembly Elections

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 5: The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) has initiated a vigorous campaign to achieve 100% voter turnout in the upcoming Jammu & Kashmir Assembly elections.

The effort is part of ABVP's broader strategy to enhance democratic engagement and empower the youth in shaping the region's future.

The campaign kicked off with a series of innovative activities aimed at engaging first-time voters. These activities include awareness drives in educational institutions, flash mobs, Yuva Chaupal discussions, and a signature campaign. The focus is on educating young voters about their electoral rights and motivating them to participate



actively in the democratic process

To complement these on-ground efforts, ABVP has also launched a dynamic social media campaign under the hashtag #VoteFor-ChangeJK. This digital campaign features a mix of informative posts, engaging videos, and testimonials from influential figures, all designed to underline the importance of voting in a thriving democracy.

In a statement, ABVP State Secretary Akshi Billowria emphasized the significance of voter participation, stating, "It is imperative that every eligible voter exercises their right to vote. The youth of Jammu & Kashmir have the power to bring about significant change through their participation in the electoral process. ABVP is committed to ensuring that no voter is left behind in this crucial election.'

Devotees throng Baba Sidhgoria Dham as 55th Shat Chandi Mahayagya begins with Kalash Yatra

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 5: The sacred atmosphere at Baba Sidhgoria Dham, Paloura, vibrated with spiritual energy today as a grand Kalash Yatra marked the commencement of the 55th Shat Chandi Mahayagya. Led by Mahant Shri Kuldeep Singh Ji Paloura Wale, the procession witnessed enthusiastic participation from a multitude of devo-

With immense reverence, women bearing holy Kalash atop their heads set forth from the Dham. The yatra proceeded towards the canal near BSF Paloura, creating a captivating spectacle of faith and devotion. After a two-hour journey brimming with religious zeal, the procession returned to the Dham, culminating the auspicious inauguration of the Mahayagya.

This grand spiritual event, encompassing the 55th Shat Chandi Mahayagya, Hawan Pujan, Sant



Samelan, and Shrimad Bhagwat Katha, is being held from September 05th to 15th, 2024. Devotees from far and wide will converge at the Dham to partake in the Mahayagya and immerse themselves in the divine wisdom of the Shrimad Bhagwat Katha, eloquently narrated by Mahant Shri Dr. Satyanarayan Das Ji Maharaj.

Following the Kalash Yatra, the day's events continued with Mandal Pujan and Yagya from 10 am to 12 noon. The much-anticipated Shricommence on September 9th and continue until September 15th, captivating audiences daily from 2 pm to 5 pm.

Prominent figures who graced the Kalash Yatra with their presence include Ashok Chib, Satish Sharma, Atul Sood, Suresh Kumar, Sonu Baba, Jyot Baba, Pt Kuldeep, Virender Singh, Ashok Singh, Kaku Manhas, Rampaul, Sourabh. Vasu. Vishu. Chandan, Dinakar, Kuldeep, Vijay, Pawan Sharma, and

Director CBC chairs review meeting on outreach activities creating awareness

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 5: Director, CBC, J&K and Ladakh, Shri Ghulam Abbas held a meeting here on Thursday with all the Field Units of the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, to review progress and status of various outreach activities conducted in the last five months of this year.

During the review meeting. Sh Abbas was briefed on the number of outreach activities organised by the Field Units of Jammu, Udhampur, Samba, Kathua, Rajouri, Poonch, Doda, Srinagar and Anantnag in the last two quarters, namely April-June 2024 and July-September 2024.

The meeting was informed that a total of were organised on the Three Criminal Laws, viz the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS-2023), the Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Adhiniyam (BNSS 2023) and the Bharativa Shakshya Adhiniyam (BSA-2023), national integration and communal harmony, Systematic Voters' Education and **Electoral Participation** (SVEEP), International

162 outreach activities

Day of Yoga and Mission LiFE during the period. In August 2024, exhibitions were organised in Padder area of district Kishtwar, Sunderbani in Rajouri, Safapora in Ganderbal and Hirpora in Shopian. Besides, Departmental Artists alongwith Private Registered parties were also engaged in the presen-

tation of cultural perfor-

mances for the pilgrimage

of Shri Amarnathji Yatra at the base camp of Yatri Niwas Bhawan, Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu.

The Director appreciated the In-Charges of the Field Units for their untiring efforts to inform and educate citizens, particularly the youth, about various flagship schemes and programmes of the Government of India, such as Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, Mission LiFE, Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat (EBSB), Three New Criminal Laws, and Swachh Bharat Mission

He said CBC is leaving no stone unturned in creating awareness about these schemes so that more and more citizens can benefit from them. Addressing the gathering, Abbas urged everyone to play their part in realising the goal of a Viksit Bharat.

On the occasion, Ghulam Abbas informed that CBC plans to organise outreach activities in the Union Territory of Ladakh from the 15th of this month. He further informed that plans are also afoot to organise exhibitions in district Reasi, coinciding with the upcoming Navratra festival at Katra in the month of October.

Among others who attended today's review meeting included Field Publicity Officer (FPO), Udhampur, Shri Khursheed Yousuf, FPO, Srinagar, Shri Naseer Ahmed Rather and FPO, Anantnag, Shri Shahid Mohd. Lone, M&CO, Leh. Amir Amin Nowsheri, FPA, Field Office, Kathua, Shri Rajesh Sharma, FPA, Poonch, Shri Vijay Mattoo, FPA, Rajouri, Shri Sunil Kumar and FPA, Doda, Shri Vikram Uppal.

It is pertinent to mention that acting as an advisory body to the Government on media strategy, CBC's chief mandate is to advance the Government's image as the prime facilitator of people's empowerment by positioning messages through Print, Audio-Visual, Outdoor and Digital Media.

Advisor Ladakh chairs 6th review meeting for 4G Saturation Project

Top News Report

LEH, Sep 5: The Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor UT Ladakh, Dr Pawan Kotwal, chaired a review meeting to discuss the ongoing implementations of the 4G Saturation Project in the Union Territory of Ladakh at Civil Secretariat Leh.

It is pertinent to mention that a total of 241 4G BTS/Tower sites have been sanctioned under this project to provide voice/data connectivity to uncovered villages & hamlets of UT

At the outset of the meeting, General Manager, BSNL, Leh, Hariom Solanki, provided a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation on sites and land allotment details, tower work erection details, details of OFC, and routes and highlighted the obstacles, challenges, which impedes 4G Saturation Project in the Union Territory of Ladakh. The General Manager of BSNL, Leh informed the Advisor that 180 towers will be erected by the end of September 2024.

Highlighting the importance of internet connectivity, the Advisor said that Ladakh, with its geographical challenges, needs faster connectivity to remain connected with the rest of the

Keeping in view the weather conditions of Ladakh, the Advisor directed all the officials to ensure proper stocking of the required material before the onset of winters.

During the meeting, deliberations

and discussions were held, focused on assessing the current progress of the 4G Saturation Project and framing strategies to overcome bottlenecks that have slowed down the implementation process in the entire UT Ladakh. The project aims to enhance digital connectivity across Ladakh, ensuring that both Leh and Kargil districts are equipped with high-speed 4G internet services.

The meeting was attended by the Administrative Secretary, IT/ Telcom, UT Ladakh; District Magistrate Leh; General Manager, BSNL Leh; CEC (LAHDC); DCSO, 14 corps; and other concerned officials. District Magistrate Kargil, Wildlife Warden Leh: Wildlife Warden Kargil joined the meeting virtually.

Rekha celebrates "Kamal Mehndi" Utsav, showcases BJP's commitment to women's empowerment

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 5: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Mahila Morcha on Thursday celebrated the Kamal Mehndi Utsav, a joyous occasion to showcase the party's commitment to women's empowerment and its connection with the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The event, attended by

BJP leader, District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan, and other prominent party members, saw the Mahila Morcha team apply mehndi designs featuring the BJP's lotus symbol, signifying the party's growth and prosperity here at Jammu South RS Pura

Rekha highlighted the significance of the event, stating, "The Kamal Mehndi Utsav is a celebration of our party's dedication to women's empowerment and our connection with the people of J&K. We are committed to ensuring that women play a vital role in the region's development and prosperity."

The event featured mehndi application, cul-



tural performances, and a rally, showcasing the BJP Mahila Morcha's enthusiasm and dedication to the party's cause.

Rekha Mahajan stated that Kamal Mehndi Utsav is a testament to our party's commitment to women's empowerment and our connection with the people of J&K," Mahajan said. "We will continue to work tirelessly for the development and prosperity of J&K, ensuring that women play a vital role in shaping the region's

Rekha highlighted the BJP's achievements in

J&K, including enhanced infrastructure development, including roads, bridges, and public buildings, and improved healthcare facilities and services, including new hospitals and medical colleges.

Expanded education initiatives, including new schools and skill development programs, increased employment opportunities, and job creation and empowerment of marginalized communities through targeted schemes and initiatives Promotion of J&K's unique cultural heritage and tourism

Rekha emphasized that the BJP's development agenda is inclusive, focusing on the needs of all regions and communities in J&K. "Our development initiatives are not limited to urban areas alone," Rekha said. "We have ensured that the benefits of development reach every corner of J&K, including rural and remote areas." She expressed confidence that the BJP will continue to build on its achievements, ensuring a brighter future for the people of J&K.

The people of J&K have placed their trust in us, and we are committed to repaying that trust through our actions," she said. "We will continue to work tirelessly for the development and prosperity of J&K."

BJP has done in a short span what previous governments could not do for many decades," Rekha said. "We have ushered in a new era of development, prosperity, and peace in J&K, and we are committed to taking this momentum forward

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EDITORIAL

TEACHER- AN ARCHITECT OF FUTURE

eachers' Day, observed annually on September 5th in India, is a day dedicated to acknowledging and celebrating the invaluable contributions of educators in shaping the future of individuals and societies. This significant occasion is marked by various events, ceremonies, and expressions of gratitude towards teachers who play a pivotal role in nurturing the minds and spirits of students.

The choice of September 5th as Teachers' Day is not arbitrary. It commemorates the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, an eminent philosopher, scholar, and the second President of India. Dr. Radhakrishnan's profound respect for education and his belief in the transformative power of teaching laid the foundation for this special day. Upon assuming the presidency, he requested that his birthday be celebrated as Teachers' Day, a tribute to his lifelong dedication to the profession. His legacy continues to inspire educators and students alike, embodying the spirit of teaching and learning.

Teachers' Day serves as a reminder of the profound impact educators have on society. Beyond imparting academic knowledge, teachers shape character, instill values, and inspire lifelong learning. They are the architects of future generations, guiding students through the complexities of life and helping them realize their potential. On this day, we acknowledge their tireless efforts, patience, and dedication.

The celebrations typically include a range of activities. Schools and colleges organize special events where students present performances, speeches, and skits dedicated to teachers. These events are designed not only to entertain but to express appreciation and gratitude. Students may also present gifts or cards to their teachers, symbolizing their respect and admiration.

Teachers are the unsung heroes who often work behind the scenes to foster intellectual growth and personal development. Their role extends beyond the classroom; they are mentors, counselors, and sometimes even parental figures. By creating a supportive and engaging learning environment, teachers encourage curiosity, critical thinking, and creativity. They adapt to the diverse needs of students, employing various teaching methods to ensure that every student has the opportunity to excel.

The impact of a teacher can be profound and long-lasting. Many successful individuals attribute their achievements to the guidance and support of their teachers. A teacher's influence can extend well beyond the classroom, shaping careers, and sometimes even influencing personal life choices. Their ability to inspire and motivate students often leaves a lasting impression that influences the trajectory of their lives.

While Teachers' Day is a time to celebrate, it is also an opportunity to acknowledge the challenges faced by educators. Many teachers work in conditions that are less than ideal, with limited resources and support. They often face large class sizes, outdated materials, and inadequate infrastructure. Despite these challenges, they remain committed to their profession and to the success of their students.

The profession of teaching requires a unique blend of skills, including patience, empathy, and resilience. Teachers often go above and beyond their formal responsibilities, providing additional support to students, engaging in professional development, and contributing to their communities. Recognizing and addressing the challenges they face is crucial in ensuring that they can continue to perform their roles effectively.

Teachers' Day is more than a celebration; it is a call to action. It is a reminder of the importance of investing in education and supporting educators. By valuing and supporting teachers, society invests in its future. This includes advocating for better working conditions, providing adequate resources, and fostering a culture of respect for the teaching profession.

Teachers' Day is a heartfelt tribute to those who dedicate their lives to the noble cause of education. It is a day to honor their contributions, recognize their sacrifices, and express our gratitude. As we celebrate, let us also commit to supporting and uplifting educators, ensuring that they have the resources and recognition they deserve. Teachers shape the future, and their role in creating a better world cannot be overstated.

Modi 3.0: How a 'strong leader' is on the retreat

By: By: Sunil Gatade

rarendra Modi is now on the retreat. Since becoming the Prime Minister for the third time, the "strong leader" is withering away, bit by bit. And it has not even been three months since he has been leading a coalition. The latest move to take a U-turn on the controversial "lateral entry" into the government is yet further evidence that Mr Modi is losing his ability to impose his decisions faster than anticipated. It is a shock for admirers and detractors alike that the Prime Minister, hailed by his supporters as the strongest leader India has produced since its Independence, is virtually in free fall. Also Read - Dilip Cherian | Kerala keeps it all in the family: Wife replaces husband as CS Advertisement With a section of the media now "Modi-fied" for diverse reasons, the collapse is not being shown or projected in the proper perspective. But that is not unexpected. In a way, it is better for his opponents. An easy victory makes a man complacent. The fact is that Mr Modi alone is to blame for such a pass as he has not come out of his larger-than-life persona despite the BJP shrinking in the political space and his charisma on the decline, as also the Hindutva card. Neither the rise of the forces of social justice with such vehemence was anticipated by Mr Modi nor the Congress Party taking up the cause with much gusto. The delay in holding Assembly polls in Maharashtra and Jharkhand, as also the 46 by elections, including 10 in Uttar Pradesh and one for the Lok Sabha, does not show the BJP in high spirits. His instant apology over the collapse of the statue of Shivaji Maharaj shows that he has been painted into a corner. Mr Modi has never been a man of consensus. It helped the Modi myth to grow when the going was good. But his philosophy of "my way or the highway" has turned into a bane for the BJP in the era of coalitions. The tragedy is that the world's largest party understands the problem but is both unable and unempowered to mend the leader who has become bigger than the party. It is a sort of a Greek tragedy unfolding. As a BJP leader said informally, it is Mr Modi who has brought the BJP to power and if he is now squandering it, how can anyone complain?In contrast to this, the "Ek Modi sab pe bhari" syndrome is doing a lot of harm to the ruling establishment as any opinion contrary or divergent to the one taken by the leader is considered a sacrilege. The elders in the party have all been sent to the Margdarshak Mandal, unloved and uncared for. Anyone who is of any standing in the BJP appears to be unconcerned about helping Mr Modi as he has never come across as a leader with empathy. Also Read - Syed Ata Hasnain | Understanding nuances of elections in Kashmir All the people that Mr Modi has with him are subordinates and not real colleagues, and Mr Modi is not a benevolent boss. "Yes men" are usually known for being competent. Most of the media had been caged a long time ago in order to help the Modi myth to grow. The recent Budget Session of Parliament showed how the media was

kept in a glass cage for a day in the Parliament House complex, which led to a huge controversy. The buoyant Opposition parties have brought to the fore a new narrative, and the media too is now changing a bit to factor in the new reality. The silent burial of the controversial Broadcasting Bill is another signal of the retreat of the strong leader. There is not even a single photo frame over the past ten years in which the Prime Minister was seen in deep discussion with the Opposition on the way ahead for the nation. So much for the "sweet" ties with the PM's detractors. Opponents were never treated so shabbily as in the past ten years. The Emergency is the lone exception.With Mr Modi publicly showing, day in and day out, that he is still on the "strong leader" trip, the crisis for the BJP is bigger with each passing day. The first stage of course correction is the fact of accepting a change in the political reality. This has not happened. Also Read - M.P. Nathanael | Hema Committee report exposes the casting couch issue in filmdom The party has no independent president to set right the problem and the one it has is known to be a Modi acolyte who is there because of the PM's blessings. Minus the PM, he is a big zero, and everyone knows it. Finding a full-time party president is itself fraught with danger but Mr Modi will have his man, but it will take its time. Whatever might be the perceptions outside the party, Mr Modi in the past decade has turned the RSS into a sitting duck. The RSS chief is happy that the BJP has grown so much under his watch. Leaving

aside the occasional advice he hands out to the political wing, Mohan Bhagwat does not look bothered. The veterinary doctor is pleased with himself. "Apni dukan theek chal rahi hai". Also Read - Spectacular Saudi Campaign Invites Indian travellers to Discover the Heart of Arabia Rahul Gandhi had opened more than a window of opportunity for the PM. Soon after the general election, he had extended his hand of cooperation to the PM, telling him that the mandate wants you to govern. The mantra of consensus could help everyone along, was the suggestion.Mr Modi is still the "angry young man" and leaves no opportunity to target the grand old party and its "dynastic culture". Ensuring that the Leader of the Opposition sits in the fifth row during the PM's address to the nation from Red Fort on Independence Day is the latest example of the PM despising the Opposition. With the Opposition INDIA grouping getting almost the equal number as the BJP in the Lok Sabha polls, Mr Modi is feeling the heat but is showing he is unruffled to protect his "strong leader" narrative vainly. The Opposition too is enjoying that it was taking down the strong leader, bit by bit. Now, dissidents in the BJP like Dr Subramanian Swamy are publicly saying that Mr Modi had better quit as the PM. "If Modi does not, as committed to the RSS' Pracharak Sanskaar, announce his retirement to the Margdarshak Mandal after his 75th birthday on September 17, then he will lose his PM's chair by other methods", is the latest that Dr Swamy has said on social media, signalling hard times ahead for the strong leader.

Kerala keeps it all in the family: Wife replaces husband as CS Columnists

By: Dilip Cherian

ouple goals. Kerala's power couple just made history in the most unexpected way! Dr V. Venu, the outgoing chief secretary, handed over the reins to his wife, Sarada Murlidharan, in a formal ceremony at the Thiruvananthapuram secretariat. Yes, you read that right - one chief secretary passing the baton to their spouse! It's a scene straight out of a family drama but with a bureaucratic twist. Also Read - Sunil Gatade | Modi 3.0: How a 'strong leader' is on the retreat Advertisement Both Venu and Sarada belong to the IAS batch of 1990, making them true partners in both life and service. Venu, being a few months older, has always had that slight seniority edge, now it's Sarada's turn to take the top spot in the state's bureaucracy. And it's not just a matter of protocol — this moment is one for the history books. Kerala is no stranger to dynamic husband-wife duos in government, but this is the first time a chief secretary has handed over the reins to their "better half". It's as if the state's top job was always meant to stay in the family. As Sarada steps into her new role, the couple's joint legacy is sure to be a topic of conversation, not just in

bureaucratic circles but across dinner tables too. Also Read - Syed Ata Hasnain | Understanding nuances of elections in Kashmir One can only imagine the banter at home — Venu reminding Sarada that he warmed the seat for her, and Sarada playfully pointing out that she'll now have the final say both in office and at home! Rajasthan babus to spearhead mission for global investment In the lead-up to the "Rising Rajasthan" global investment summit, scheduled for December 9-11 in Jaipur, a team of IAS officers is gearing up for a major cross-country and international mission. Their task is to attract investment and put Rajasthan on the global business map. This delegation will visit over 25 countries to connect with potential investors and build long-term relationships. Also Read - M.P. Nathanael | Hema Committee report exposes the casting couch issue in filmdom Sources have informed DKB that this will not be just doing a meet-and-greet — the babus are expected to engage with representatives from foreign and domestic companies regularly. Their role, in many ways, mirrors that of diplomats, focusing on key regions like China, Japan, Russia, and the US, but with one big difference: they're coordinating

all this from Rajasthan. The idea is to create a network that can funnel investment straight into Rajasthan's lap, Also Read - Spectacular Saudi Campaign Invites Indian travellers to Discover the Heart of Arabia Chief minister Bhajan Lal Sharma is aiming big. The government's target is to double Rajasthan's GDP from \$184 billion to a whopping \$350 billion over the next five years. It's an ambitious goal, and that's precisely why they're pulling out all the stops with this investment summit. It's a different strategy from Tamil Nadu, where chief minister M.K. Stalin recently donned a business suit and travelled to the US to meet Silicon Valley honchos to sell the state as an attractive investment destination. Mr Sharma is banking on the Rising Rajasthan Summit to be the catalyst for this growth spurt. Will this strategy pay off? Only time will tell, but it's clear that the state is positioning itself as a serious economic player. Puja Khedkar: Why this UPSC case isn't over yet The Puja Khedkar case might have slipped off the front pages, but it's far from over. In fact, it's getting even more intriguing. You'd think she'd be keeping a low profile given the circumstances, but no – Puja Khedkar is coming out swinging. For those who need a refresher, Ms Khedkar, a former IAS officer, had her candidature canceled by the UPSC over some pretty serious allegations of exam fraud. But she's not backing down. She's told the Delhi high court that the UPSC had no business cancelling her candidature in the first place. According to her, once she was selected for the civil services and appointed as a probationer, the only ones who could touch her were the folks over at the department of personnel and training (DoPT). She's leaning on Rule 19 of the CSE 2022 to make her case, arguing that the UPSC simply overstepped its authority. Let's not forget, though, why she's in this mess. The UPSC found her guilty of faking her identity and misusing her powers. They didn't just cancel her candidature — they banned her from all future exams and even filed an FIR against her. Yet, despite all this, Ms Khedkar recently managed to secure anticipatory bail and is now challenging the UPSC's decision in court. The plot thickens with UPSC's latest move. It has argued that Ms Khedkar's custodial interrogation is essential to uncover the full extent of the fraud, suggesting that she may not have acted alone. It's a legal drama that just keeps unfolding.

Dr. Devansh visits Sanjay Nagar to takes stock of civic amenities

Seeks peoples' cooperation in implementation of developmental plans

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 5: Commissioner of JMC, Dr. Devansh Yadav visited Sanjay Nagar Ward 46 on Thursday to review grievances related to civic amenities reported through various portals. During his visit, he inspected several lanes to assess the issues and the actions taken by relevant departments.

Dr. Yadav assured locals that proposals for enhancing civic facilities are underway. He emphasized prioritizing urgent issues such as Nallah fencing, drainage improvements, lighting,



and cleanliness. He also urged stakeholders to use dedicated garbage collection vehicles and announced an

cy. To prevent garbage dumping in Nallahs, he promised that all Nallahs would be fenced.

Addressing the rise in dengue cases, Dr.

Yadav urged residents to eliminate standing water around their homes to prevent mosquito breed-

He also called for public

cooperation in implementing a new action plan designed to tackle water logging in low-lying areas.

The locals also flagged various issues for which Commissioner assured them that the issues of urgent nature would be resolved on pri-

Among others, Joint

Commissioner, Works, Firdous Ahmad Qazi, Deputy Commissioner, South, Lal Chand, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Health Officer Dr. Vinod Sharma, besides various other senior officers of various wings of JMC accompanied the Commissioner during the tour.

Ajeet appeals to people of Dachhan to vote Pooja Thakur

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Sep 5: Ajeet Bhagat, Senior Leader and Spokesperson of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (NC) for Chenab Valley, made a passionate appeal to the people of Dachhan, Kishtwar District.

He emphasized the dedication of Pooja Thakur, the NC candidate from the Nagseni-Paddar constituency, especially her efforts to fight for the rights of the local youth. Bhagat reminded the people of Thakur's significant role in standing up for those displaced by the Pakal Dool Hydroelectric Power Project, particu-



larly those evicted from their land in Dangdru.

Thakur had protested day and night, even in harsh conditions, against the unfair policies of the power project company, fighting for the employment rights of local residents.

Bhagat contrasted Thakur's commitment with the BJP's approach, claiming that the BJP could never match the dedication she has Dachhan. He described Thakur as a strong and honest leader, an indispensable figure for the region. Bhagat urged the people not to overlook such a leader, emphasizing that leaders like Thakur are rare and invaluable.

Highlighting Thakur's inclusive approach, Bhagat stressed that she has never discriminated against anyone and has always worked for the collective welfare of the people of Kishtwar District. He assured the public that Thakur's door is always open for all, and called on the people of Dachhan to recognize her leadership and extend their support.

GDC R S Pura celebrates Teachers' Day



Top News Report

R S PURA, Sep 5: Teachers' Day in India is celebrated every year on 5th September to honor and celebrate our teachers. The day is also celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radha Krishnan. He was a renowned scholar, a great philosopher, recipient of Bharat Ratna, first Vice-President and second President of Independent India. As an educationist, he was an advocate of edification and was a distinguished envoy, academician and above all a great teacher.

To commemorate the day, NSS Unit in collaboration with cultural committee of the college organized a programme to celebrate Teachers' Day with the aim to acknowledge the chal-

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UDHAMPUR, Sep

5: GDC Neeli Nallah

Udhampur celebrated

Teachers Day enthusias-

tically to commemorate

the birth anniversary of

India's great teacher Dr.

Sarvepalli Radhakrish-

nan under the guidance

of Prof. (Dr.) Seema

Arora, Principal of the

A number of activities

ranging from Lightening

of Lamp, Guru Vandana,

group songs, dance per-

formances etc were orga-

The event started

with lightening of lamp

to honor Dr. Sarvepalli

RadhaKrishnan by the

Principal and the staff of

The students exhibited

the college.

nized on the occasion.

College

lenges, hardships and special roles that teachers play in our lives.

NSS volunteers and NCC Cadets of the College participated in the event with great zeal, enthusiasm and fervor. They paid tribute to Dr. Sarvepalli Radha Krishnan by sharing their inspirational quotes.

In speech the students expressed their views on the role of teacher who contribute in igniting and chiseling the raw minds of their students thereby enhancing and unleashing their hidden potential so that they achieve their targets. At the end the cultural performances of the students add colour

to the programme. The whole event was organized under the

In her address she

GDC Neeli Nallah celebrates Teachers' Day

their talent and devotion

towards teachers through

speeches, poem recita-

tion, dance and musi-

cal performances as an

honour to their teach-

ers. This was followed

by a speech by Worthy

Principal of the Col-

lege, Prof. (Dr.) Seema

Arora, wherein shehigh-

lighted the contributions

of Former President of

India Dr. Sarvepalli Rad-

She said that "The end

product of education

should be a free creative

man, who can battle

against historical circum-

stances and adversities

She appealed to the

students to take inspira-

tion from the teachings

of Dr. Sarvepalli Rad-

hakrishnan to rise higher

hakrishnan

of nature.

gives her best wishes to all the teacher commu-

nity on this special day. She apprised that teachers nourish and prepare students for their future as they are the real icons of knowledge, inspiration, motivation and wisdom. They create awareness among the students and are the source of light in the world that has been darkened due to ignorance.

Dr. Chanchal Angral, NSS PO along with Dr. Shivani Manchanda Convener, cultural committee also organised soome games for college fraternity which was highly appreciated and enjoyed by the staff.

The event was coordinated by the NSS volunteers of the College and by Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch (HOD Dogri).

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She also highlighted the

challenges faced by the

students these days and

suggested some rem-

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vibrant interaction with

the gathering and shared

his experiences and

Thereafter students of

different semesters of

the college voiced their

thoughts and opinions

and expressed their

gratitude towards their

The whole event was

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convenorship of Prof.

Shaista Yasmeen, NSS

PO. Dr. Maansi Sharma,

Dr. Sunil Tanoch, Prof.

Rekha Sharma were the

members of the organiz-

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GDC Paloura celebrates Teachers' Day

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 5: Government Degree College (GDC) Paloura, in an effort to acknowledge the vital role of teachers, celebrated Teachers' Day to pay tribute to Dr. Sarvapali Radhakrishnan on his birth anniver-

The event started with Saraswati Vandana followed by floral tribute to the great teacher Dr. Sarvapali Radhakrishnan by staff members.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students of the college in cultural programme. It was a dazzling showcase of talent, featuring mesmerizing folk songs, entertaining skit, and captivating dance performances by the college's students. In addition to their

artistic expressions, the students took the stage to deliver heartfelt talks on the significance of Teacher's Day, expressing their deep gratitude for their mentors.

Prof. Geetanjali Multani, Head Department of English, in her address focused on the pivotal role played by the teachers in nurturing the young minds and shaping their future.

She further emphasized that this special day is an opportunity to honour and acknowledge the invaluable teacher's contribution for the upliftment of the society.

The whole event was organized by Cultural committee, headed by Prof. Moni Mehra (Convener), Dr. Rabia Iqbal Mir, Dr. Shivani Sharma and Prof. Kusha Shrama.

Samsung launches 2024 Crystal 4K Dynamic TV with 4K Upscaling, AirSlim Design, Knox Security in India

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 5: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today introduced the Crystal 4K Dynamic TV at a starting price of Rs 41990

The premium television series elevates viewers experience by several notches, allowing them to witness the new era of home entertainment.

The 2024 Crystal 4K Dynamic TV comes with advanced technology including 4K Upscaling, Air Slim Design, Dynamic Crystal Colour, Multi Voice Assistant, Q-Symphony, and Crystal Processor 4K amongst other features to deliver lifelike

The new 2024 Crystal 4K Dynamic TV is powered by Crystal Processor 4K and the masterful 4K upscaling feature that elevates the picture quality to match up to near 4K display brilliance

Its Dynamic Crystal Colour technology delivers lifelike variations of colours, enabling consumers to see the subtle details of each shade.

The HDR feature increases the range of light levels of the content being viewed, while the Contrast Enhancer feature ensures that it appears more natural and is incredibly detailed with layered contrast. The TV's built-in Multi Voice Assistant allows consumers to enjoy a connected home experience by using either Bixby or Amazon Alexa

"Young consumers today want a superlative audio-visual experience whether it is sports, OTT or other forms of home entertainment. The new Crystal 4K TV series sets a benchmark for contemporary households by

providing a superlative TV viewing experience, further enhancing the proposition of smart and connected living. The Crystal 4K TV series, with its 4K upscaling capability, enhances content in standard resolution to match the stunning clarity of 4K displays, delivering lifelike picture quality while providing immersive sound capabilities with Q-Symphony and OTS Lite. Furthermore, the TV comes with Knox security which enables complete protection of users' information," said Viplesh Dang, Senior Director, Visual Display Business, Samsung India.

The Crystal 4K Dynamic TV is available in 43-inch and 55-inch screen sizes at a starting price of INR 41990 and is also available on Samsung's official online store Samsung.com and Amazon.in.

Top News Report guidance of Prof.(Dr.) concluded with the formal Preetpal Kour, Principal vote of thanks presented KHOUR, Sep 5; GDC of the College.

ers' Day. The day marks the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, India's first Vice-President and second President.

Teachers' Day

He was a celebrated academician and recipient of Bharat Ratna. Celebrating this day, the students performed cultural activities which included dancing, singing, poetry recitation and speech on Dr Radha Krishnan. The students gave titles to the teachers and also played

few games with them. Addressing the students, the College Principal Prof. (Dr) T K Sharma highlighted that teacher play an extraordinary role in the lives of the students, empowering them

with knowledge and fortitude and teaching them to tackle life's challenges. Further he stressed now teachers are committed to shaping their students into responsible members of society.

GDC Khour celebrates

Also speaking on the occasion IQAC Convenor Prof. Jozafeen Afzal shared her thoughts with the students by highlighting the efforts made by Teachers to transform each student into a critical and skilful person. All the faculty members were present in the event

Today's programme was organised by the college students under the guidance of Convenor Cultural Committee, Dr Seema Sudan and the able leadership of the College Principal Prof (Dr) T K Sharma.

NCC Unit of GDC Kishtwar celebrates Teachers' Day

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Sep 5: The National Cadet Corps (NCC) unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Kishtwar marked the occasion of Teachers' Day with great enthusiasm and respect, honoring the invaluable contributions of educators in shaping the future of the nation.

The event was graced with presence of Dr. Tabassum Saleem CTO, Prof. Prithvi Raj ANO and Dr. Yasar Ahmed (HOD Persian).

In a heartwarming event, the cadets of the NCC unit organized a special program to pay tribute to the teachers of GDC Kishtwar.

The celebration began with the cake cutting ceremony followed by a speech from the Dr Tabassum CTO NCC SW Kishtwar, who emphasized the role of teachers as the pillars of society and the importance of instilling discipline, patriotism, and leadership qualities in students through the NCC program.

The cadets also shared personal experiences, expressing their gratitude for the teachers who have inspired and mentored them.

In her address, the commanding officer, Simran Thakur of the NCC unit praised the efforts of the teaching faculty and reiterated the importance of teachers in building the moral and intellectual foundations of students.

She also highlighted the crucial role the NCC plays in fostering leadership, discipline, and a sense of duty among the youth of

the country The event concluded with a felicitation ceremony, where teachers were presented with tokens of appreciation by the NCC cadets as a symbol of their respect and admiration.

The ceremony ended with a vote of thanks, acknowledging the contribution of all the staff members in making the event a success.

The celebration of Teachers' Day by the NCC unit of GDC Kishtwar was a reflection of the deep respect and admiration that students hold for their teachers, and a reaffirmation of the strong bond between the students and faculty at the college.

GDC Bishnah celebrates Teachers' Day

Top News Report

BISHNAH, Sep 5: GDC Bishnah celebrated Teachers' Day with zeal and fervour under the patronage of Dr. Shallu Samyal, Principal of the college.

This year, the day was celebrated with a theme "Empowering educators strengthening resilience building sustainability".

The prestigious event commenced with the ritual of paying tribute to Sarvepalli Rad-

hakrishnan, the second President and renowned academician of the postindependence era in India, followed by the recitation of a Bhajan by students of the Department of Music.

After the sacred rituals, a cultural bonanza was displayed by students, featuring dance and song performances, as well as a skit, 'Refund',

based on English drama. Dr. Shallu Samyal, Principal of the college, highlighted the importance of Teacher's Day and blessed the students on this auspicious occasion. Prof. Anju Bala also spoke on the relevance of the teaching faculty in the modern

The entire programme was organised and coordinated by Shivani Raina, HOD, Music, and Dr. Geeta Lakhotra, NSS PO. The scintillating event was attended by all revered staff and non-teaching staff of the college

GDC Marheen celebrates Teachers' Day

Top News Report

MARHEEN, Sep 5: The students of GDC Marheen celebrated Teachers' Day in the college today to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. S. Radhakrishanan, an academician and philosopher who served as the second president of India. The programme began with the traditional lighting of the lamp, Saraswati Vandana and a tribute to Dr. S. Radhakrishanan. The event was celebrated under the supervision of the Principal of the college, Prof. (Dr.) Anupama Gupta. In her address she highlighted the contribution of Dr. S. Radhakrishanan in the field of education and she

encourage the students the follow his ideology. Further she appreciated the performances of the students and congratulated the teachers for their contribution in shaping up students' lives. The staff members present in the event were Prof. Sandeep Chaudhary, Dr. Arun Dev Singh, Prof. Anoop Shrama, Dr. Munisha Devi, Dr. Shallu Rani and Prof. Manu Saini. On the occasion, the

students expressed their gratitude to their teachers by performing different activities like poems, debate, skit, dance and singing. The proceedings of the event were conducted by Ms. Anisha and Titish of semester fifth.

Prof Uppal receives "Bharatiya Sahitya Samman"

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 5: Dr. Rajinder Kumar Uppal, emeritus Principal of Guru Gobind Singh College of Management and Technology, Gidderbaha, was awarded the "Bharatiya Sahitya Samman".

The Dawn Research and Development Council awarded Dr. Uppal this honor for her outstanding contributions to education, especially in the field of literature. Among the most prestigious awards in the field, the Bharatiya Sahitya Samman honors individuals who have made exceptional contributions to education and research.

Over 50 countries



are served by Dawn Research and Development Council, an ISO and **Quality Control Certified** organization that promotes entrepreneurship. research, and development. He currently holds the positions of Principal at the G.G.S. College of Management and Technology as well as MTC Global Chair Professor in Banking and Finance.

In addition to his work at the Indian Institute of Finance in New Delhi, where he is a Research Professor in Finance, he shapes the national and international discourse on banking and finance. His scholarly excel-

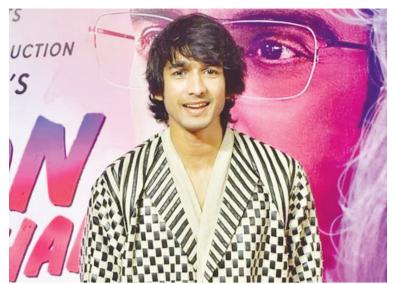
lence, leadership skills, and unwavering commitment to excellence have earned him accolades both in academia and research. Inspiring generations across disciplines and charting a course for a better future, his work transcends disciplinary boundaries. It is no secret that Dr. Uppal is a towering presence in academia and has had a profound impact on educational policy and practice.

The boy who arrived

Shantanu Maheshwari, who has garnered praise for his performance in Auron Mein Kahan Dam Tha, will next be seen in films like Love in Vietnam and Crossfire and a web series, Campus Beach

Actor Shantanu Maheshwari infuses charisma and dedication in his craft. Known for his versatility, Shantanu's latest venture Auron Mein Kahan Dam Tha has garnered praise for his engaging performance and natural on-screen presence. When discussing what drew him to Auron Mein..., Shantanu opens up about his initial excitement about the project. "I remember this being the first time I checked who the director was," he recalls. "The story impressed me. It was fastpaced without the usual songs or love stories."

Shantanu's commitment to the role involved a rigorous process. "The audition process took multiple rounds over two months, followed by another two months of workshops," he explains. "This was crucial for building the chemistry and intensity, especially between young Vasudha (Saiee Manjrekar and young Krishna (Shantanu Maheshwari), which forms the film's core." The workshops, he notes, played a significant role in developing the intensity needed for the characters, ensuring that the performance aligned with the film's overall vision. "We needed to deliver a performance that complemented Ajay sir and Tabu ma'am." Addressing his chemistry with Saiee, he praises the environment encouraged during the preparation phase. "We were comfortable with each other from day one, and the workshops were incredibly helpful.



We did numerous exercises to delve into the scenes and refine our understanding," he says. Adding that the director's specific guidance helped them in shaping their performances, focusing on the importance of exploring different perspectives and layers in their roles.

To step into a role whose grown-up version is played by Ajay Devgn wasn't so easy either. "Initially, I felt a lot of pressure," he admits. "I began with watching Ajay sir's movies to understand his style. Eventually, I asked if I needed to copy certain things or emulate his mannerisms or the way he talks, but the director advised me to stay true to my own approach and that conversation gave me a lot of confidence and helped me understand that the goal was to get the character right and see it evolve into Ajay sir."

Reflecting on his journey from

a dancer to an actor, Shantanu shares how his passion for dancing has always been complemented by his acting career. "My first project was actually an acting role where dancers were selected based on their potential to act," he explains. Although his idea was to take up a behind-the scenes job, he discovered a deep-seated passion for acting. "I wanted to work

behind the scenes, perhaps as a

photographer or in a similar role.

However, when I started acting,

I decided to give it my all." For those who think he is an actor and those who call him a choreographer, Shantanu is clear he is both. "It was quite frustrating for me because when I acted, people would say I forgot dancing, and when I danced, they said I forgot acting. I wondered, why can't I excel at both? I am equally passionate about both fields," he says.

Balancing is the key and it may be challenging but he does it. "I don't try to mix them up but rather balance them within my projects," he says, noting that maintaining this balance helps him understand rhythm better, essential for both dancing and acting. "For me, acting and dancing complement each other. After Gangubai, which became a significant breakthrough, people accepted me as an actor too."

As we talk about Gangubai and dance, he fondly recalls his experience of working on its songs. "The songs Meri Jaan and Jab Saiyaan hold special places for me. The one-shot sequence of Meri Jaan was particularly memorable. It felt like an international experience because that's how international choreographers work," he elaborates, praising Sanjay Leela Bhansali's direction and vision.

From past to present and

future, as Shantanu continues to evolve in his career, he remains focused on taking on diverse roles and contributing to compelling stories. "I want to be part of good stories and give my 100 per cent to each project." he says. And he has several projects on the horizon, including the films Love in Vietnam and Crossfire, as well as a web series titled Campus Beach. While details remain under wraps, he is enthusiastic about the opportunities these projects present. "I'm happy and grateful that I have this freedom of choice right now," he says.

'Madam Sapna': Sapna Choudhary to unfold her life in new film



Filmmaker Mahesh Bhatt presented a film titled 'Madam Sapna'. based on the life of dancer Sapna Choudhary. The film will take the audience through Sapna's life journey from the modest lanes of Haryana to the prestigious stages of Cannes, tracing the rise of a small-town girl who became a national sensation.

'Madam Sapna' explores the incredible story of Sapna Choudhary, who overcame multiple challenges to become a sensation. She survived a suicide attempt and endured a near-fatal gunshot and is now ready to open her life to her fans.

The film will capture the essence of Sapna's journey, from humble beginnings to her time in the 'Bigg Boss' house and beyond. More details on who will play Sapna will be unveiled later. The script for the film and shoot will begin

In 2023, Sapna marked her Cannes debut. Opening up about the same, she said, "Cannes is not just a dream, but a lifetime dream for any actress/ actor, and I am thankful to God that today I could conquer this besides the facts of not even knowing English or any international languages, I am a proud Indian standing here at Cannes for my country and my State Haryana. People of Air France are so generous and accepting, I think acceptance is the biggest step towards change and humanity as well!'

Talking about her dream debut of walking the red carpet, Sapna shared, "It was an incredible experience to debut at the Cannes Film Festival. Walking the red carpet was surreal. The atmosphere was electric and I was thrilled to be there with so many other talented artists from around the world."

She further mentioned, "Being the first regional artist to achieve this milestone is a dream come true. I never anticipated it, but I am grateful for the opportunities that have come my way and because of the support of my fans and my team."

Copy that: Kareena Kapoor Khan plays a cop in The **Buckingham Murders**

Kareena Kapoor Khan, who is awaiting the release of her upcoming mystery thriller The Buckingham Murders, talked about what connected her to the role of a cop in the film.

The Jab We Met actress was in Mumbai for the trailer launch of her movie along with director Hansal Mehta and co-producer Ektaa R Kapoor.

"I think a mother's love has no language. It's a feeling. So, I think being a mother I understand that a mother's love has no specific language. It's in her eyes — her love, her pain, you can see it in her eyes. That's important." Kareena said. Speaking about how she balances her personal and professional lives, Kareena said, "I enjoy that hustle



of working and being a mother and wife at the same time." Kareena looked stunning as she arrived at the event wearing an all-black

pantsuit.

In the film, Kareena essays the role of a grieving police detective tasked with tracking down a child murderer.

Teachers Day 2024 | Sanjana Sanghi says 'school was the best time of my life'

Growing up, many of us view our teachers with a mix of awe and trepidation. Imagine the surprise when that formidable figure evolves into a cherished friend in adulthood. For actor Sanjana Sanghi, an alum of Modern School, Barakhamba, this transition is both heartwarming and profound.

On Teacher's Day today, we speak to the actor and Lata Vaidyanathan, the former principal of the school, who recalls her student, Sanghi, with nothing but admiration

"Sanjana was that one kid in school one would want to encounter. She was so cheerful, in her speech, movement. and completely loved by the teachers. If there was somebody upset in the morning, just looking at her would cheer them up," Vaidyanathan, who last met Sanghi at the screening of 2023 film Dhak Dhak, reminisces. Hearing this praise, she can only respond with shy giggles, clearly touched by the sentiment.

The 28-year-old, who has appeared in films such as Dil Bechara (2020), Kadak Singh



(2023) and Woh Bhi Din The (2024), looks back at her school days with nostalgia. "Honestly, I have always hesitated to even bother Lata ma'am with anything, but I know in my heart that if I have my way, I would go to my school every single morning. It is still the best time of my life. A lot of the credit goes to Lata ma'am for the atmosphere she created for all of us." Sanghi

Sanghi's journey into the world of cinema began during her school years. Her acting career took off with Rockstar in 2011, a move strongly supported by

Lata. "It required her teachers to adjust to her shooting schedules, but Sanjana never gave anyone a chance to complain even then," says Vaidyanathan, adding, "Every child should pursue their dreams. I was the last one to know about Sanjana starring in Rockstar, but she had all the confidence and bearings to do it. She chose that profession, and the only thing I could do was support her." "I never heard a single complaint from her teachers whenever she would come back from her shoots; she handled it all. Maybe some things never reached me!"

Vaidyanathan laughs.

However, it wasn't all smooth sailing. Vaidyanathan fondly recalls Sanghi's mischievous side. "Sometimes she tried to hide things from me, knowing I might disapprove. However, she understood that any missteps would be addressed privately rather than publicly. Despite the occasional class bunking or lingering around, she was always responsible and never neglected her duties and responsib ties," adding, "And Sanjana is still the same she was as a small

Reflecting on the celebration of teachers, Sanghi questions why such significant contributions are acknowledged only one day a year. "There can't be just one day where you celebrate their contributions. Whenever I am going on stage somewhere or I feel nervous, I can still hear my teachers whisper in my ear like they would in school... you think of those moments that are so crucial. Days like these are just about celebrating the things you love. There are such vivid memories," she ends.

Naseeruddin Shah shares his experience of working with Pankaj Kapur in IC 814: The Kandahar Hijack

Veteran actor Naseeruddin Shah shared his experience of working with Pankaj Kapur in the series IC 814: The Kandahar Hijack.

He appreciated the acting skills of Pankaj Kapur, saying, "It is such a joy to work with him because he's unpredictable and you know that this is a person who's thoroughly done his preparation. And, I also make it a point to be completely prepared. It's like playing tennis where you envy his game and you also respect it at the same

Kapur also praised his co-actor and said, "Such kind words from somebody you deeply admire. When I'm working with him there's a sixth sense within me which is always ready to learn, to see what



he is up to, what new I can learn from him because that's the kind of respect and awe I hold him in. He has said such beautiful words for me," Kapur said. He shared how it was to work with the director Anubhav Sinha, saying, "I have a

kind of soft corner for this gentleman... And when I got to know that these are the actors who are going to be part of it, it was, as Naseer Sahib said, a pleasure to be among all of them," Kapur added.

Karisma Kapoor refutes claims of acting restrictions on Kapoor women

Karisma Actor Kapoor recently refuted rumours regarding Kapoor women and how they weren't allowed to work, especially after marriage. Speaking on comedian Zakir Khan's show, Aapka Apna Zakir, Karisma said that there is no truth to such reports and said the women who didn't work did it voluntarily.

The actor said, "Yeh sab baatein hain ki mujhe allow tha yaa nahi tha. Jab meri mummy ki shaadi hui aur Neetu aunty ki shaadi hui, unka choice tha ki unko ghar basana tha, bachche karne the aur career achha tha unka. Unka choice



tha (All these discussions about whether I was allowed or not are just baseless rumours. When my mother and Neetu aunty got married, it was on their own terms because they wanted to focus on starting a family and having children, as their careers were already well-established)."

"Similarly, Shammi

uncle and Shashi uncle's wives, Geeta Bali ji and Jennifer aunty, unhone kaam kiya shaadi ke baad. Toh aisa kuch baat hai nahi ki Kapoor family mein shaadi ke baad kaam nahi kar sakte yaa Kapoor ladki kaam nahi kar sakti (Geeta Bali ji and Jennifer aunty continued working after marriage. So, it's not true that in the Kapoor family, you can't work after marriage or that Kapoor women aren't allowed to work. There was no restriction of that kind)," Karisma concluded.

On the work front, Karisma was last seen in the Netflix thriller, Murder Mubarak.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said improved sanitation has become a "game-changer" for public health in India.

NEW DELHI, Sep 5 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said access to proper toilets plays a crucial role in reducing infant and child mortality, as he shared a research that highlighted the impact of efforts like the Swachh Bharat Mission.

In a post on X, the prime minister said improved sanitation has become a "game-changer" for public health in India.

"Happy to see research highlighting the impact of efforts like the Swachh Bharat Mission. Access to proper toilets plays a crucial role in reducing infant and child mortality," PM Modi said on X.

"Clean, safe sanitation has become a game-changer for public health. And, I am glad India has taken the lead in this," he added.



He shared a link to a research paper on "Toilet construction under the Swachh Bharat Mission and infant mortality in India", published in the British weekly scientific journal 'Nature'.

The report said toilet construction increased dramatically across India following the

implementation of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) in 2014. The post-SBM period in India exhibited accelerated reductions in infant and child mortality compared to the pre-SBM years, it said.

The Swachh Bharat Mission is a country-wide campaign initiated by the central government on October 2, 2014, to eliminate open defecation and improve solid waste management.

The report also said that based on regression estimates, the provision of toilets at scale may have contributed to averting approximately 60,000 to 70,000 infant deaths annually.

It added that the implementation of transformative sanitation programmes can deliver population health benefits in low and middle-income countries.

6 Maoists killed in encounter in Telangana, 2 commandos injured

Two commandos of the Greyhounds, the elite anti-Naxal force of Telangana Police, injured in the exchange of fire



HYDERABAD, Sep 5 (Agencies): Six cadres of the banned CPI (Maoist), including two women, were killed in an exchange of fire between the ultras and police in Bhadradri Kothagudem district of Telangana on Thursday, police said.

Two commandos of

the Greyhounds, the elite anti-Naxal force of Telangana Police, were also injured in the exchange of fire and were shifted to a hos-

pital, they said.
The incident happened in a forest area under Karakagudem police station limits of the district, a senior

police official told agency.

Based on inputs that a Maoists team crossed over to Telangana from neighbouring Chhattisgarh, special police parties took up combing in the area when the incident happened, he said.

Bodies of the six Maoists were recovered from the spot and their identification was being done, police said.

The dead included a senior cadre of the Maoists, he said, based on preliminary investigation.

Police seized six weapons -- two AK47s, SLRs and others from the spot.

Kharge urges teachers to be nation builders, fight historical distortions

NEW DELHI, Sep 5 (Agencies): Calling teachers the "true nation builders", Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday urged them to educate students about India's diversity and attempts being made to distort and misrepresent the country's history.

"Children should be taught about India's diversity. They should be cautioned against the attack on the idea of India's unity in diversity. Furthermore, your efforts to educate the future generation regarding attempts to distort and misrepresent history in the present times will go a long way in the service of the nation", Kharge said in a message posted on his X handle on the occasion of Teachers' Day. Kharge also appealed

Kharge also appealed to teachers to tell students about the Constitution and its Preamble, which represented the core values of the countries.

Kharge said since 1962, S Radhakrish-

nan's birthday was being celebrated as Teachers' Day in the country.

R a d h a k r i s h n a n wanted his birthday to be celebrated as Teachers' Day in honour of the teachers of India, Kharge wrote.

The Congress leader, who is also Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, wrote "Gurus" as teachers were revered in our culture since ancient times because they were the true nation builders.

"They don't just educate an individual but shape the future of a nation. They teach the

path of truth, honesty, and uprightness to society. They guide and build the character of our future generations by teaching the values of patriotism, hard work, dedication, justice, and equality", Kharge wrote.

Teachers also instill in us the courage to face the adversities of life, Kharge added.

"I appeal to all teachers across the country to keep educating their students about the Constitution of India and its values, and the importance of the Preamble of our Constitution", Kharge wrote.

'Kejriwal not a threat to society'; Supreme Court hears bail plea

NEW DELHI, Sep 5 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Thursday began hearing Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's bail plea in a corruption case linked to the Delhi Excise Policy 'scam'.

Commencing arguments on behalf of Kejriwal, senior counsel Abhishek Manu Singhvi told a Bench of Justice Surya Kant and Justice Ujjal Bhuyan that it's "the only and unprecedented case" in which two release orders have been passed by the top court and one by a trial court but he still remained in jail.

Singhvi was referring to an interim bail (May 10) and thereafter a regular bail (July 12) given to Kejriwal by the top court under a more stringent Prevention of Money Laundering Act and the Delhi Vacation Judge Niyay Bindu's June 20 order for his release on bail that was stayed by the Delhi High court.

"I believe bail matters should be done on



robust common sense... and not on hyper-technicality... You don't defeat liberty by technicality," Singhvi told the Bench hearing his pleas seeking bail and challenging the June 26 arrest by the CBI in a corruption case linked to the excise policy 'scam'.

Singhvi said Kejriwal is

not a threat to society. Kejriwal has filed two petitions – one challenging dismissal of his bail plea by the Delhi High Court and the other against his arrest by the CBI in the case. The Delhi High Court had

dismissed both his peti-

tions on August 5. Four prominent accused in the Delhi excise policy 'scam' -- AAP leaders Sanjay Singh and Manish Sisodia, BRS leader K Kavitha and AAP's former communication in-charge Vijay Nair -- have already been granted bail by the Supreme Court in cases relating to the scam.

On July 12, the top court had granted interim bail to Delhi Chief Minister and AAP National Convenor in the money laundering case linked to the excise 'scam'.

However, Kejriwal continues to be in jail following his June 26 arrest by the CBI in a corruption

case linked to the scam. If granted bail in the corruption case as well, the Delhi Chief Minister will be released from jail.

The CBI had on August 23 told a Delhi court that it has obtained the necessary sanction from the "competent authority" to prosecute Kejriwal in the corruption case linked to the excise 'scam'.

The CBI has defended his arrest before the top court, saying it was necessary as he remained "evasive and non-cooperative" during his interrogation on his role in the excise policy 'scam' and that he was arrested on June 26 only after being examined on June 25.

"The petitioner is simply attempting to politically sensationalise the case before this Hon'ble Court, despite repeated orders passed by various courts being prima facie satisfied of the commission of the offences herein, for which cognizance already has been taken. Such unwarranted aver-

ments are liable to be discarded," it alleged in an affidavit filed in the top court.

"Being a prominent politician and Chief Minister of Delhi, the petitioner is very influential, and he may influence the witnesses and evidence already exposed before him during the custodial interrogation and also the potential witnesses. He would also likely tamper with the evidence to be further collected and may hamper the ongoing investigation," the agency submitted.

"The petitioner (Keiriwal) does not hold any ministerial portfolio, including that of excise. However, it emerged over a period of time that all the critical decisions in the formulation of the new Excise Policy were taken at the behest of the petitioner, in connivance with the then Deputy Chief Minister and Minister of Excise Manish Sisodia", the CBI submitted in its affidavit.

Stop bulldozer politics, make strategy to deal with wild animals: Mayawati to CM Yogi Adityanath

LUCKNOW, Sep 5 (Agencies): Bahujan Samaj Party supremo Mayawati on Thursday asked the Yogi Adityanath government to stop doing "bulldozer politics" and make a strategy to deal with wild animals straying into the human habitat and attacking people.

"In some districts of UP, wild animals are attacking children, elderly and youngsters. Government should take necessary steps to stop this because labourers and poor people are not able to arrange fodder

for their animals. The government should make a strategy to deal with wild animals," she

Mayawati also asked the government and the Samajwadi Party to leave the "bulldozer politics" to the Supreme Court "where there is full hope of getting justice."

A bench of Justices B R Gavai and K V Viswanathan had on Monday remarked, "How can anybody's house be demolished only because he is an accused? Even if he is a convict, still it can't be



done without following the procedure as prescribed by law."

The observation sparked off an acrimonious exchange between Chief Minister Adityanath and his predeces-

sor Akhilesh Yadav.
Adityanath defended his government's "bull-dozer action" as brave, while Yadav challenged him to run for elections on a "bulldozer" symbol if he was so confident

about his approach
In a statement, the
BSP President also
mentioned the rape of
a woman in a private
ambulance and urged
the government to take
strict action against the
guilty.

"In Basti district of UP, a private ambulance driver, while taking a patient, tried to molest and rape his wife, this is very shameful.

The husband of the woman died. Government should take strict action against the driver," she said.

Adhir backs RG Kar victim's father's claim of police offering him money



NEW DELHI, Sep 5 (Agencies): Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury on Thursday backed the RG Kar rape-murder victim's father's claim that he was offered money by the police when his daughter's body was lying in another room of his house.

"When I first visited their house on Saturday (August 31), the victim's father had told me that money was offered to him by police. I told this to press reporters also when I talked to them after coming out of the house," Chowdhury told the ABP-Ananda news channel.

Media reports on Adhir's visit to the victim's home on August 31 mentioned the Congress leader telling the media about the victim's father complaining to him about police offering him money for expediting the cremation of the body of his daughter.

Participating in a candlelight vigil called by junior doctors at RG Kar hospital in Kolkata on Wednesday, the victim's father said the Deputy Commissioner (North) of Kolkata Police offered him money when his daughter's body was lying in another room of the house.

"DC north entered our house and offered us money. We told him what we had to," the victim's father said.

However, later, a new video surfaced with the parents denying any bribery, calling the claims false and politi-

cally motivated.

The father of the

31-year-old junior doctor also alleged on Wednesday night that they were pressured to cremate their daughter's body in a hurry even though they did not want that.

"We wanted to keep her body. But there was so much pressure on us. We were sitting in front of Tallah police station for an hour and about 300-400 police personnel surrounded us and created such a situation that we were almost forced to return home," he said.

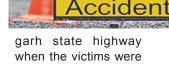
"When we returned home, we saw that 300-400 policemen had barricaded our house. The circumstances were such that we were left with nothing more to do. We were forced to cremate our daughter's body," he said.

The father said that the fee for his daughter's cremation was waived. "Who did that? We don't know that till today. Our daughter must have thought even in death her father could not spend that little amount for her. How heartbreaking that day was for me," he said.

Six persons killed in Rajasthan after car collides with two motorcycles JAIPUR, Sep 5 (Agen"Six people have been The deceased"

JAIPUR, Sep 5 (Agencies): Six people were killed in Rajasthan's Sriganganagar district when a car rammed into two motorcycles, police said on Thursday.

The accident occurred on Wednesday night on the Suratgarh-Anup-



returning after attending a religious programme.

killed in the accident. Three died on the spot while three others died while on way to the hospital," Bijai Nagar police station in-charge Govind Ram said.

The car driver fled from the spot.

The deceased were identified as Tarachand (20), Manish (24), Sunil Kumar (20), Rahul (20), Shubhkaran (19) and Balram (20).

The bodies will be handed over to family members after postmortem.

Joe Biden Condemns Shooting Incident In Georgia School

The US president lamented that students across the country are learning how to duck and cover instead of how to read and write.

WASHINGTON, Sep 5 (Agencies): Expressing condolences for the victims of a shooting incident at a school in Georgia, President Joe Biden has called on Republicans to work with Democrats in the US Congress to pass gun safety legislation to help prevent future gun violence in the United States.

At least four people, including two students, have been killed and nine others were injured when a fellow student opened fire in a high school in the US state of Georgia on Wednesday, agency reported.

Biden described the shooting incident as "another horrific reminder of how gun violence continues to tear our communities apart."

"Jill (Biden) and I are mourning the deaths of those whose lives were cut short due to more senseless gun violence and thinking of all of the survivors whose lives are forever changed. What should have been a joyous back-to-school season in Winder, Georgia, has now turned into another horrific reminder of how gun violence continues to tear our communities apart," Biden said in a statement released by the White House.

The US president lamented that students across the country are "learning how to duck and cover instead of how to read and write."

"We cannot continue to accept this as normal. We are closely coordinating with officials at the federal, state and local levels and are grateful for the first responders who brought the suspect into custody and pre-



pass common-sense gun safety

legislation. We must ban assault

weapons and high-capacity

magazines once again, require

safe storage of firearms, enact

universal background checks,

and end immunity for gun manu-

facturers. These measures will

not bring those who were tragi-

cally killed today back, but they

will help prevent more tragic gun

violence from ripping more fami-

US Vice President Kamala

Harris also took to X and

expressed condolences for the

people who are impacted by this

shooting and described it as a

"Today, Doug and I are mourn-

ing the deaths of those whose

lives were cut short by gun

violence at Apalachee High

School in Georgia. Our hearts

are with the students, teachers,

and families impacted by this

shooting, and we are grateful

to the first responders and law

enforcement on the scene. This

is a senseless tragedy -- and it

does not have to be this way.

We must end the epidemic of

lies apart," Biden said.

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vented further loss of life," Biden said.

Further, Biden reaffirmed his commitment to tackling the gun violence epidemic in the US and highlighted his efforts to address the issue, including the signing of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act.

"Ending this gun violence epidemic is personal to me. It's why I signed into law the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act--the most meaningful gun safety bill in decades--and have announced dozens of gun safety executive actions. I also established the first-ever White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention, overseen by Vice President Harris. We've made significant progress, but this crisis requires even more," the US president said.

Biden called on Republicans to work with Democrats in Congress to pass gun safety legislation to help prevent future gun violence and stated that 'enough is enough.

"After decades of inaction, Republicans in Congress must finally say 'enough is enough' gun violence in our country once and for," said Kamala Harris.

Georgia Governor Brian P Kemp also posted on X and stated "I have directed all available state resources to respond to the incident at Apalachee High School and urge all Georgians to join my family in praying for the safety of those in our classrooms, both in Barrow County and across the state."

"We will continue to work with local, state, and federal partners as we gather information and further respond to this situation," he added.

Meanwhile, the suspected gunman is in custody and was identified as 14-year-old Colt Cray, a student of Apalachee High School in Winder, Georgia, about an hour outside of Atlanta. Two of those killed were students and two were teachers. Law enforcement agencies are still investigating the shooting and the motive behind it.

The high school had received an earlier phone threat, multiple law enforcement officials told agency.

The phone call Wednesday morning warned there would be shootings at five schools, and that Apalachee would be the first. It is not known who placed the call. Officials tell CNN they are investigating the call and where it originated.

The US has suffered at least 385 mass shootings so far this year, according to the Gun Violence Archive, which, like agency, defines mass shootings as those in which four or more victims are shot. That's an average of more than 1.5 mass shootings every day.

Putin says India, China, Brazil could mediate Russia-Ukraine peace talks



MOSCOW, Sep 5 (Agencies): Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday said that he was ready for talks with Ukraine, on the basis of an aborted deal between Moscow's and Kyiv's negotiators reached in Istanbul in 2022.

Speaking at a question and answer session at Russia's Eastern Economic Forum in the city of Vladivostok, Putin said Russia was ready for talks but based on an aborted deal between Moscow's and Kyiv's negotiators reached in Istanbul in 2022, the terms of which were never made public.

"Are we ready to negotiate with them? We have never refused to do so, but not on the basis of some ephemeral demands, but on the basis of those documents that were agreed and actually initialled in Istanbul," Putin said at a forum in Vladivostok. Russia has previously said that Kyiv's incursion into the Kursk region made talks

impossible. The Kremlin has repeatedly claimed Russia and Ukraine were on the verge of a deal in the spring of 2022, shortly after Moscow launched its offensive in Ukraine.

"We managed to reach an agreement, that is the whole point. The signature of the head of the Ukrainian

delegation who initialled this document testifies to this, which means that the Ukrainian side was generally satisfied with the agreements reached." Putin

"It did not come into force only because they were given a command not to do so, because the elites of the United States, Europe - some European countries - wanted to achieve a strategic defeat of Russia," Putin added.

Russian President also added that China, India and Brazil could act as mediators in the potential peace talks between Russia and Ukraine according to a report by agency.

According to the report, the Russian president stated that a preliminary agreement reached between Russia and Ukraine in the first weeks of the war in Istanbul, which was never implemented could act as the basis for the talks.

Notably, the BRICS summit is to happen in Russia later this year between October 22 and October 24.

Hasina must stay silent in India till Bangladesh seeks her extradition: Chief Advisor Yunus

DHAKA, Sep 5 (Agencies): Muhammad Yunus, the head of Bangladesh's interim government, has said that former prime minister Sheikh Hasina making political remarks from India is an "unfriendly gesture", asserting that she must remain silent to prevent the discomfort to both countries until Dhaka requests her extradition.

"If India wants to keep her until the time Bangladesh (government) wants her back, the condition would be that she has to keep quiet," he said.

In an interview with agency at his official residence in Dhaka, Yunus, who was appointed the country's Chief Advisor after Hasina's ouster, stressed that while Bangladesh values strong ties with India, New Delhi must move "beyond the narrative that portrays every other political party except Awami League as Islamist and that the country will turn into Afghanistan without Sheikh

"No one is comfortable with her stance there in India because we want her back to try her. She is there in India and at times she is talking, which is problematic. Had she been quiet, we would have forgotten it; people would have also forgotten it as she would have been in her own world. But sitting in India, she is speaking and giving instructions. No one likes it," he said.

Yunus was apparently referring to Hasina's statement on August 13 in which she demanded "justice", saying those involved in recent "terror acts", killings and vandalism must be investigated, identified and pun-

"It is not good for us or for India. There is discomfort regarding it," he told agency.

Following unprecedented anti-government protests that peaked on August 5, Hasina resigned as prime minister and fled to India. Her presence in India for nearly four weeks has fuelled speculation in Bangladesh.

When asked whether Bangladesh has communicated its stance to India, Yunus said it has been conveyed verbally and quite firmly that she should keep quiet. "Everyone understands it. We have said

quite firmly that she should keep quiet. This is an unfriendly gesture towards us; she has been given shelter there and she is campaigning from there. It is not that she has gone there on a normal course. She has fled following a people's uprising and public anger," he said.

Yunus stated that the interim government is committed to ensuring justice for the people of Bangladesh against the atrocities, and justice requires that she be brought back to

"Yes, she has to be brought back or else the people of Bangladesh won't be at peace. The kind of atrocities she has committed. she has to be tried in front of everyone here," he emphasised.

Discussing the future of the India-Bangladesh relationship, Yunus expressed a desire for good ties with India but insisted that New Delhi must abandon the narrative that only Hasina's leadership ensures the country's stability.

"The way forward is for India to come out of the narrative. The narrative is that everybody is Islamist, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) is Islamist, and everyone else is Islamist and will make this country into Afghanistan. And Bangladesh is in safe hands with Sheikh Hasina at the helm only. India is captivated by this narrative. India has to come out of this narrative. Bangladesh, like any other nation, is another neighbour,'

Referring to the recent incidents of alleged attacks on Hindu minorities in the country and India raising concerns about it, Yunus said this is just an excuse.

"The issue of trying to portray the conditions of minorities in such a big way is just an excuse," he said.

The minority Hindu population has faced vandalism of their businesses and properties, as well as the destruction of Hindu temples, during the student-led violence that



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his Independence Day address from the ramparts of the Red Fort on August 15, expressed hope that the situation in violence-hit Bangladesh would return to normal soon and stated that 1.4 billion Indians are concerned about the safety of Hindus and minorities in the neighbouring country.

The 84-year-old Nobel laureate emphasised the need for India and Bangladesh to work together to improve their currently strained relationship.

When asked about ways to improve the Indo-Bangla relations, Yunus said both the countries need to work together and it is on a downhill presently.

"We need to work together to improve this relationship, which is now at a low," he said. Speaking about the future of bilateral treaties with India, Yunus said there are demands for a relook at certain treaties such as transit and the Adani electricity deal.

"Everybody is saying that it is needed. We will see what is on paper and, second, what is actually happening on the ground. I can't answer it specifically. If there is any need to review, we will then raise questions about it." he said.

The BNP has said if voted to power, it will review and re-evaluate the "questionable" Adani electricity deal signed during the Awami League regime, as it is putting "tremendous pressure" on the people of Bangladesh.

Japan and Australia agree to increase joint military training

MELBOURNE, Sep 5 (Agencies): Japan and Australia agreed on Thursday to increase joint military training exercises as their government ministers shared concerns over China's recent incursions into Japanese airspace and territorial waters.

Japanese Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa and Japanese Defense Minister Minoru Kihara met for a regular summit with their Australian counterparts. Foreign Minister Penny Wong and Defense Minister Richard Marles in the Australian coastal town of Queenscliff.

They discussed greater security cooperation in the context of the ministers' shared support for peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait and concerns over China's increasingly aggressive territorial claims in the South and East China Seas, Wong said.

The ministers agreed on more engagement in training exercises involving the two air forces after F-35A Lighting II stealth fighters from both countries ioined in combat training over Japan last year in Exercise Bushido Guardian, Marles said.

Next year, Australia will participate for the first time in Orient Shield, the largest annual field training exercise between the U.S. Army and Japan Ground Self-Defense Force.



also plan to involve the Japanese Amphibious Rapid Deployment Brigade, a marine unit of the Japan Self-Defense Forces, in annual training rotations of U.S. Marines in the northern Australian city of Darwin.

China's increasingly assertive activity around Japanese waters and airspace has caused unease among Japanese defense officials, who are also concerned about the growing military cooperation between the Chinese and Russian air forces.

Japan lodged a formal protest through the Chinese Embassy in Tokyo against what it called an incursion by a Chinese survey ship in its waters last weekend.

This followed Tokyo's protest after a Chinese military aircraft briefly entered Japan's southwestern airspace on Aug. 26. It was the first time the Japan Self-Defense Forces detected a Chinese military aircraft in Japan's air-

Chinese Foreign Min-

istry spokesperson Lin Jian said later his country had "no intention" to violate any country's airspace.

Kihara confirmed the incidents were discussed with the Australian counterparts.

"We have shared very strong concern over these incidents and, for the East China Sea and South China Sea, any attempts to unilaterally change the status quo by force or by coercion, we have put forward our strong opposition," Kihara told reporters through an interpreter.

Marles said he and Wong "did express our support for Japanese sovereignty in that moment.

"It really underlined our shared commitment to asserting the rulesbased order in the Indo-Pacific, in our neighborhood," Marles said.

"The countries of the region and indeed the world want to be in a world where disputes are resolved not by power and might but by reference to international law," Marles added.

New Zealand's Maori crown 27-Year-old queen after her father's death

NGARUAWAHIA, Sep 5 (Agencies): Twenty-seven-year-old Nga Wai hono i te po was Thursday anointed as the new monarch by Maori chiefs in New Zealand. The decision came after the death of King Kiingi Tuheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero VII. Nga Wai was chosen as Kuini in a formal ceremony held on the North Island by a council of the Indigenous Māori chiefs, reported agency.

With this, Nga Wai became the second-ever Maori queen in the eight-dynasty reign of the Kingitanga movement to ascend the throne. Her father died last week at the age of 69, following heart surgery.

"The new monarch was raised in a ceremony known as Te Whakawahinga, in front of thousands of people gathered for the tangihanga (funeral and burial) of Kiingi Tuheitia," a spokesperson for the Kiingitanga or royal family

Instead of crowning the queen,



Archbishop Don Tamihere placed a bible, that has been in use since 1858, on her head and used holy oils to bestow dignity, sacredness, strength, and spiritual essence

upon her.

Thousands flocked to Turangawaewae, the King movement's meeting spot, to bid farewell to him in a traditional funeral ceremony. After his daughter's anointment, the King's coffin was transported by hearse to the Waikato River. From there, it was floated in a flotilla of traditional Maori waka, or canoes, to Taupiri Mountain, where he was to be buried with other royals and high-profile Maori. The Maori monarchy was estab-

lished back in 1858 to fight colonisation and protect Māori culture and land from intruders. Although the monarch is primarily ceremonial and has little official authority, it is nevertheless regarded by many tribes as the supreme chief.

With a master's degree in Māori cultural studies from Waikato University, Nga Wai has served on several boards, including the Te Kohanga Reo National Trust, an organisation charged with revitalising the Maori language, according to 1News.

Her anointment comes amid strained racial relations in New Zealand. Since assuming power last year, the centre-right coalition in New Zealand has begun to roll back the policies of the previous administration, especially those that supported the official use of the Maori language, improved living conditions and rights for Indigenous people, and attempts to right some of the wrongs committed during colonisation.

Shiksha Niketan School celebrates Teachers' Day

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 5: A future of the nation lies in the hands of Teacher and no nation can progress without the active participation and contribution of Teacher. To appreciate and honour the role of teacher in the society, Shiksha Niketan Hr. Sec. School, Jeevan Nagar celebrates Teachers' Day on Thursday in school premises.

The Teachers' Day which is celebrated every year on the birth anniversary of former India's First Vice President Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan who was first a teacher and then Vice President. To express his gratitude towards the role of Teachers in the society, he prefers to celebrate his birthday as Teachers' Day.

On this auspicious day the premises of Shiksha Niketan was graced by

the various personalities from the State including the Chief Guest C. L Sharma, Director Horticulture Jammu & Kashmir, Taranjeet Singh (Tony) DDC Suchetgarh, Amit Gupta Ex- Incharge of Hr. Sec. Wing and also present Ex -Teachers including Meenal Sawhney, Rasmeet Kour, Akshay and Chajju Ram.

The programme began with Lamp Lightningby Chief Guest along with Principal, Trustee of RMPS, Director of RMPS, Director of PushpVatika and SNS Gandhi Nagar, Headmaster, Incharges of various wings and other dignitar-

The lamp lightning was conducted along with Saraswati Vandana.

Later, Bouquets were presented to Chief Guest, Guest of Honour and other Guests by Principal Sir, Directors, Headmaster and Incharges.

The Cultural Items including Guru Vandana by Primary Wing, Guru Puja by PushpVatika were performed enthusiastically by the Students to honour and respect the Teachers . Later, the Gifts were distributed among Special Communities of School Staff.

A skit and other cultural items from Primary, Middle, High & Hr. Sec. Wing were performed which mesmerized the Audience and also described the role and contribution of Teachers in the dynamic World.

The Gifts were presented to all the Teachers of different Wings and Menial Staff of the School by the Invited Guests and the School Management. On this occasion, a feast for Teachers and other Staff was organized by the School Management. In his speech, C.L.

Sharma (Director Hor-

ticulture) states that "Teacher plants the seeds of knowledge that grow forever".

He appreciated the role of Teacher in the society and praised them for being selflessness and always work for the betterment of society.

He praised the role of Shiksha Niketan and Rameshwar Mengi for his tireless efforts to provide quality and value oriented education to the Students of Jammu and Kashmir.

He stated that Shiksha Niketanis providing quality education year after year to the Students. In their Speech Mr. Taranjeet Singh and Mr.Amit Gupta congratulated the teachers on the auspicious day and praised for their role in imparting quality education.

Principal of the School, Rameshwar Mengi said that School and its teachers are committed to pro-

opment, skill enhance-

ment, and meaningful

activities that contribute

to a brighter and more

successful future.

vide better citizens to the State.

He said that we are providing quality education to the students of the State who belongs to the far-flung areas. He also praised those Teachers who have spent a part of their life in this School and appreciated their contribution in giving quality education and also contributing to the betterment of the School.

He said that the influence of the teacher extend beyond the classroom well into the future.

It was a wonderful programme and in his vote of thanks, Headmaster Harish Sharma thanked all the dignitaries including the Chief Guests and other Guests for sparing their precious time to grace the occasion . He also conveyed his thanks to Management and Principal and all other presented.

Govt. Polytechnic

Dogra Law College celebrates Teachers' Day

Top News Report

SAMBA, Sep 5: Dogra Law College was abuzz with energy and appreciation as students organized a vibrant Teachers' Day celebration, honouring the dedicated educators who have been instrumental in shaping their academic journey. The event, held to showcase a heartfelt tribute to the teaching staff with a series of engaging activities, including games, songs, dance, and the traditional lighting of the lamp to mark the beginning of the festivities.

The occasion commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing knowledge and enlightenment. The welcome address was delivered by Jhanvi Parihar, Student of BALLB 6th Semester who extended a warm greeting to the esteemed guests and

the faculty members. The celebration featured a delightful array of performances, including spirited games, melodious songs, and energetic dances, all performed by the students to express their gratitude and admi-

ration for their teachers. A special highlight of the event was the "Title Giving" ceremony, where students playfully awarded unique titles to their teachers, reflecting their appreciation and the special roles their educators play in their lives. The ceremony was both entertaining and touching, underscoring the deep bond between students and teachers.

The program also included a heartfelt vote of thanks by Bhoomi Thaper, acknowledging the relentless efforts of the teaching staff and the support of the distinguished guests. The event was further graced by the presence Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, Chairman, Dogra Educational Trust, Dr. Samar Dev Singh Charak, Secretary, Dogra Educational Trust, and other dignitaries.

The evening concluded with presidential remarks delivered by Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, Chairman, Dogra Educational Trust, who commended the students for their thoughtful and enthusiastic celebration. He praised the dedication of the faculty and the importance of recognizing their hard work and commitment.

The Teachers' Day celebration at Dogra Law College was a memorable event, filled with joy, laughter, and sincere appreciation. It successfully highlighted the pivotal role that educators play in nurturing the next generation of leaders and professionals

Orientation Session for ECE First-Year students



Top News Report

KATRA, Sep 5: The School of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) organized an orientation session for the newly admitted first-year B-Tech students of the ECE department. The event, held in Lecture Theatre-3 (LT-3). was addressed by faculty members including Dr. Amit Kant Pandit, Dr. Shashi Bhushan Kotwal, Dr. Purnima Hazra, Dr. Vikram Singh, Dr. Sumeet Gupta, and the Head of

the School of ECE, Dr. Anil Bhardwai

The primary objective of the orientation was to motivate the freshers and equip them with essential information to help them navigate their new academic journey.

During the session, the students were introduced to their academic plan for the four-year B.Tech degree, including the course structure and curriculum.

Dr. Sumeet Gupta highlighted that the overall development of an individual through their engineering education involves not only mastering technical skills but also fostering critical thinking, creativity, and ethical responsibility, all of which contribute to shaping a well-rounded and capable professional.

In addition to academic guidelines, the session covered the rules & regulations of the university and expectations regarding discipline, ensuring that students are well-prepared for this new chapter of their life at SMVDU.

Dr. Shashi briefly mentioned the Feynman Technique for studying. providing an overview

for Women of its approach, which celebrates emphasizes breaking down complex concepts **Teachers' Day** into simpler terms to **Top News Report** enhance understanding and retention. The event JAMMU, Sep 5: The provided a platform for Students of various students to connect with departments of Govt. the faculty members and Polytechnic for women, understand the resources Jammu organized funcavailable to them, setting tions for celebrating a positive vibe for the "Teacher's Day" today in exciting journey ahead. their respective Depart-Dr. Anil Bhardwai, in his

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gratitude and admiration Er. Suket Gupta, Principal, Govt. Polytechnic for women, Jammu while interacting with students on this occasion extended his blessings to the students and inspire them to do hard work for

a bright future.

We will fight for restoration of Article 370, Statehood: PC president **Top News Report** measures to pursue the tracts is inhuman and

SRINAGAR, Sep 5: Stating that they are committed to fight for restoration of Article 370, Article 35A and statehood, Peoples Conference on Thursday promised a judicial commission to probe electoral

rigging of 1987. In its election manifesto, which was released by the party president Sajad Gani Lone and senior leaders today, the party said that it is committed to fight for the pre- 2019 constitutional position for J&K." It will support all efforts within and outside the legislative forums to restore the pre-2019 constitutional position of J&K," reads the party's

manifesto. The PC, which had challenged abrogation of Article 370 in the Supreme Court, said that "it stands by its commitment to undertake all exhaustive

cause of the restoration of Article 370 and the return of Statehood".

The party promised setting up a judicial commission to probe rigging of 1987 assembly elections.

"We will set-up a judicial commission to probe the murder of democracy in 1987 and hold its perpetrators accountable. It is our firm belief, that the source of major sociopolitical instability that continues to mar Kashmir even today, is a derivative of that one cataclysmic event. The Great Robbery of 1987 - that of our rights, our young, our lives and our collective destiny needs to be brought to account," reads the manifesto.

The party promised to put an end to blacklisting of Kashmiris by security agencies, saying the practice that debars them from getting government jobs, passports and conregrettable.

The PC also committed that it would strive to end arbitrary attachment of properties, destructive demolition drives and unwarranted terminations.

In its manifesto, the party said it "will strive to repeal the Public Safety Act (PSA) and other draconian laws which have been indiscriminately used to punish Kashmiris in the past three decades"

The party said that it will revive July 13 Martyrs day holiday to safeguard the ethos associated with Kashmiris.

In its manifesto, the party also talked about free electricity to BPL families, land ownership rights to poor dwellers, waiving off KCC loans, fast-track recruitments, revival of old pension scheme, transfer policy for female ReT teachers.

Teachers true architects of nation: **Lieutenant Governor**

and shaping the destiny of our country. A teacher plays many roles simultaneously by instilling creativity, curiosity, teamwork, leadership qualities and civilizational values of harmony, brotherhood and compassion in our children," the post added.

Fire breaks out near Bahu Plaza. Jammu

Firefighters were able to bring the blaze under control after a coordinated effort. Several fire engines remained at the scene to ensure the situation was fully under control and to prevent any further

BJP J&K Chief Ravindra Raina files his nomination from **Nowshera assembly** constituency

big victory in Jammu and Kashmir," he

Raina also accused Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and his alliance partner National Conference of insulting the Maharajas of the region and stated that the people of Jammu and Kashmir will give an answer to Congress and their alliance.

"Rahul Gandhi and his alliance partner National Conference have always insulted the very respected Maharajas of Jammu and Kashmir. The people of Jammu and Kashmir will definitely give an answer to Congress, Rahul Gandhi and their alliance partner National Conference," he added. Another BJP candidate from Mendhar Assembly constituency Murtaza Khan also filed his nomination papers on Thursday.

Speaking to ANI Murtaza Khan, she said, "Tomorrow is the last date so I decided to file my nomination today. From tomorrow, the campaign will start. The government of India accepted the recommendation of the Backward Classes Commission. We are grateful towards the BJP government. Jammu and Kashmir has 90 assembly constituencies, with 7 seats reserved for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and 9 for Scheduled Tribes (STs).

As per the Election Commission of India, Jammu and Kashmir has 88.06 lakh eligible electors. In the previous Assembly elections, the People's Democratic Party (PDP) won 28 seats, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) secured 25, the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (NC) won 15, and the Congress won 12.

These upcoming elections will be the first in Kashmir since the abrogation of Article 370. Polling in Jammu and Kashmir will be conducted in three phases on September 18, 25, and October 1.

Congress Chief Karra files nomination from **Central Shalteng**

the second phase of the three-phased assembly elections in the Union Territory. Central Shalteng is among 26 segments spread across Srinagar, Ganderbal and Budgam in Kashmir, and Rajouri, Poonch, and Reasi districts in Jammu that will go to polls on September 25.

The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections are scheduled to be held in three phases with voting for the first phase to be held on September 18 followed by the second phase on September 25 and the third phase on October 1.

Accompanied by enthusiastic supporters who chanted slogans in his favour, Karra filed his papers before the returning officer for the constituency.

"This moment marks a sacred responsibility for generations to come as I filed my nomination for the assembly elections. This is not just my nomination, but a representation of the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir who have yearned for democracy and justice," he told agency.

Karra is a former PDP leader who quit the party in 2016. He was a fierce critic of the BJP-PDP alliance in Jammu and Kashmir that lasted for three years before ending

He joined the Congress in 2017, a few

months after he resigned from the Lok Sabha and the basic membership of the

He handed the first-ever electoral defeat to NC president and former chief minister Farooq Abdullah by winning the Srinagar parliamentary constituency in the 2014

"This nomination is a tribute to every single Kashmiri who has cried for democracy, and every single citizen of Jammu and Kashmir who laid down his life for the sake of secularism and democratic values. It is a symbol of hope and resilience in the face of oppression and suppression," the Congress leader said.

Karra, who took over as the Pradesh Congress Committee chief in August, replacing former minister Vikar Rasool Wani, said: "This is not just an election after 10 years, but a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to shape J&K's destiny for the next 100 years.'

"It's a vote for securing J&K's future, restoring its glory, and empowering its people. This is a chance to write the next chapter in J&K's history and define the course for the next 100 years," he said.

On the National Conference-Congress alliance, he said it demonstrates the strength and unity of the two parties against "dictatorship".

"Together, we will fight for the rights of the people, restoration of statehood, and protection of our unique identity. The BJP's policies of divide and rule and divisive politics will not succeed here. We will not be silenced or suppressed. We will rise and reclaim what is rightfully ours," Karra said.

The NC and the Congress have agreed on a seat-sharing arrangement for the 90 assembly seats, with the National Conference set to contest 51 of them and the Congress 32.

Additionally, the CPI(M) and the Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party (JKNPP) have been allocated one seat each while both parties are having a "friendly contest" on five seats.

Asking the voters to vote wisely in this election, he said, "Let this election be a turning point in J&K's history. Let us march towards a brighter future, together."

"The future of J&K is in your hands; vote wisely, as this decision will shape the next 100 years of our beloved motherland," he

J&K. its people not slaves of New Delhi: Dr Faroou

honour and dignity," Dr Farooq said. On being asked about contesting polls by separatists and their kins, Dr Farooq responded "This can be answered better by those who were talking of Pakistan till

About restoration of rights, the NC president Dr Farooq said, "I want to tell you that we are not slaves of New Delhi. We are the real owners of Jammu and Kashmir. They should note my words. I want to ask their pawns that be aware in times to come a storm will come and you have to face that.

Pulwama Police arrests terrorist associate: hand grenade recovered

planned to lob the grenade at the Naka party, posing a serious threat to security forces and public safety. The timely action by the Pulwama police thwarted the attack, preventing any potential loss of life or injury. Accordingly, a case has been registered under FIR No. 182/2024, under Sections 4/5 explosives act and sec 18, 23 of UAPA act in PS Pulwama. The investigation has been set into motion to uncover further details and possible links to other terror

1 person killed, 3 others injured in Rajouri road accident

injured. All the injured were shifted to GMC Rajouri for treatment.

The deceased has been identified as Tahir Ahmad (18) son of Ghulam Nabi resident of Sayila Surankote. The injured persons have been idenfied as Ashfaq Ahmad(40) son of Azam Hussain, Muzamil Hussain (29) son of Abdul and Arbaz

Sheikh(25) son of Mohammad Bashir all resident of Surankote.

We will fight for restoration of Article 370. Statehood: PC

efforts within and outside the legislative forums to restore the pre-2019 constitutional position of J&K," reads the party's manifesto, news agency KNO reported.

PC, which had challenged abrogation of Article 370 in the Supreme Court, said that "it stands by its commitment to undertake all exhaustive measures to pursue the cause of the restoration of Article 370 and the return of Statehood".

The party promised setting up a judicial commission to probe rigging of 1987 assembly elections.

"We will set-up a judicial commission to probe the murder of democracy in 1987 and hold its perpetrators accountable. It is our firm belief, that the source of major socio-political instability that continues to mar Kashmir even today, is a derivative of that one cataclysmic event. The Great Robbery of 1987 – that of our rights, our young, our lives and our collective destiny needs to be brought to account," reads the manifesto. The party promised to put an end to blacklisting of Kashmiris by security agencies, saying the practice that debars them from getting government jobs, passports and contracts is inhuman and regret-

The PC also committed that it would strive to end arbitrary attachment of properties, destructive demolition drives and unwarranted terminations. In its manifesto, the party said it "will strive to repeal the Public Safety Act (PSA) and other draconian laws which have been indiscriminately used to punish Kashmiris in the past three decades". The party said that it will revive July 13 Martyrs day holiday to safeguard the ethos associated with Kashmiris. In its manifesto, the party also talked about free electricity to BPL families, land ownership rights to poor dwellers, waiving off KCC loans, fast-track recruitments, revival of old pension scheme, transfer policy for female ReT teachers.

IIM Jammu, MSDE join hands with GPCW Srinagar to host Ideathon and Workshop

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Sep 5: To create an enabling environment for transforming informal businesses into formal enterprises across identified locations, IIM Jammu, under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, partnered with the Ministrv of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, and Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce (DICCI) to establish 22 Small Business Development Units (SBDUs) in the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Under this project, the SBDUs will strengthen institutions to deliver quality initiatives for entrepreneurship development across identified locations. Dr. Mahesh Gadekar is the Chairperson of Small Business Development Units at IIM

In a collaborative effort to foster innovation and entrepreneurial spirit among the youth of Jammu and Kashmir. a one-day Ideathon and workshop was organized at the SBDU Srinagar located at Government Polytechnic College for Women (GPCW), Sri-



The event saw enthusiastic participation from individuals representing various districts across South and Central Kash-

The Ideathon and workshop saw enthusiastic participation from 57 individuals across various sectors, including Food Tech, Dairy, Science Promotion, Handicrafts. Pashmina, and Apparels. The diversity of ideas showcased the participants' creativity and innovation.

Notable concepts included training artificial intelligence to design intricate Pashmina shawls, setting up a mobile space observatory to promote science education in remote areas, and an integrated farming project combining livestock management with a bakery producing health-conscious, digestive-friendly prod-

Additionally, ideas focused on transforming waste into wealth and addressing hygiene issues, reflecting the participants' commitment to

within their fields. The workshop opened with a presentation by Mohammad Shafi Bhat, Principal of GPCW, who welcomed participants and outlined the event's objectives

tackling both traditional

and modern challenges

He emphasized the importance of empowering youth through opportunities to turn their ideas into viable ventures and highlighted the value of institutional collaborations in harnessing the potential of young minds

in the region. Following the opening remarks, Dr. Muqbil Burhan, Chairperson, Srinagar Campus, IIM Jammu, emphasized the institute's commitment to advancing education and entrepreneurship

stressing the importance of inter-institutional collaboration for socio-economic progress.

Dr. Vivek Sharma, Chief Innovation Officer, IIM Jammu, highlighted the pivotal role of the IIM Jammu incubation centre (DST iTBI) in transforming ideas into scalable businesses and enhancing the region's startup ecosystem.

Naren Karunakaran, Consultant, SBDU, IIM Jammu, discussed the importance of integrating sustainability into business ventures, urging entrepreneurs to build socially responsible businesses. Dr. Shahid Jibran, Project Manager, SBDU, was also present on this occasion.

The workshop also

featured key district leads from the Small **Business Development** Units (SBDUs), including Manzoor Kumar (GP Shopian), Dr.Shafqaut Ara (GP Budgam), Altaf Gowhar (GP Kulgam), and Ghulam Nabi Shah (SBDU Pulwama), who play vital roles in fostering local entrepreneurship. The event also featured inspiring interactions with successful

Abdul H. Bhat (Rahim Greens) encouraged participants to pursue business ventures with confidence while keeping social objectives in mind. and Mr. Adnan Shah, CEO of Fashion Fiesta and a gaming venture, shared guidance and motivation, illustrating how innovation and social responsibility can lead to significant achievements.

Throughout the Ideathon, the IIM Jammu incubator team provided crucial guidance on grants, seed funds, and mentor connectivity, equipping participants with actionable insights essential for securing funding and mentorship-key factors for startup success. The vote of thanks was proposed by Hakim Mohammad Ilyas, GPCW Srinagar.

This Ideathon was the second of five events planned by IIM Jammu under the SBDU Program, following the first held at SBDU Bandipora on 2nd September 2024. These initiatives aim to inspire grassroots entrepreneurship across Jammu & Kashmir, providing the tools and knowledge needed to turn ideas into sustain-

Training Session on 'Noting and Drafting -I & II' organized at SMVDU



Top News Report

KATRA, Sep 5: Directorate of Quality Assurance, SMVDU organized a Training Program entitled, "Noting and Drafting I & II" for staff members of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi

University (SMVDU). Resource Person of the training sessions, Rajesh Sharma, Deputy Registrar, Research and Development Wing, SMVD University, emphasized on the essentials for effec-

tive Noting and Drafting. Sharma explained the techniques and key features for writing the effective office notes, Minutes of Meeting, drafting the notifications, and circu-

He also explained the requirement of effective noting and drafting techniques for enhancing the overall efficiency of an employee.

Sharma also emphasized on the file management system for effective record keeping in the offices.

The session was very

lively participated by the different members of the University. The resource person with the help of Power Point Presentation thoroughly explained the difference between the various types of communication used in office like Notification, Notice, Circular, Inter Office Correspondence, Office Order and order. Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University has conveyed warm wishes on this

Directorate of Quality Assurance, SMVDU under the able guidance

occasion

of Prof. (Dr.) Supran K. Sharma is regularly focusing to conduct different training program on relevant areas including Stress Management; Administrative Rules; Communication Skills and Personality Development; Up gradation of Computer Skills; Leadership Skills; Purchase Management, Capacity **Enhancement Program**

It has been well established that to improve the productivity and quality of the present era educational Institute of National & International repute, regular knowledge upgradation is the key, working on the same lines; a complete calendar for the academic year has been prepared by Directorate of Quality Assurance

SMVDU launches 'Design Your Degree' Program with focus on experiential learning

Top News Report

KATRA, Sep 5: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) marked the launch of its first Four Year Undergraduate Program (FYUG) batch of students enrolled in the innovative 'Design Your Degree' (DYD) program with an interactive session led by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Pragati

This groundbreaking program allows students, all from science background in their Class 12 to explore a wide range of subjects to identify their ideal specialization of choice.

The DYD program is distinguished by its unique pedagogy, which combines experiential learning with projectbased evaluation, and involves faculty members from ten different disciplines of the University having both Engineering and non-Engineering courses.



Prof. Balbir Singh, Dean Academic Affairs encouraged the newly admitted students to visit the various labs and facilities available in the University to develop special skills and explore the possibility for implementing them in participating in projects which can be useful in solving immediate problems prevailing in the society

During the session, the Vice Chancellor highlighted the program's objective to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary for holistic development. The

program aims to make students self-sufficient. encouraging them to explore entrepreneurial ventures and startups rather than relying on traditional employment

The Vice Chancellor also congratulated Dr. Sharada Potukuchi, the Nodal Officer of the DYD program, and her Faculty Team for their dedication to this innovative educational approach, inspiring students to contribute to the vision of a 'Viksit Bharat' and contributing truly for the objectives of NEP-2020.

APSCC candidate seeks vote with message of brotherhood and amity emanates from Valley

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Sep 5: The All Parties Sikh Coordination Committee (APSCC) candidate for the Central Shalteng assembly constituency, Indumeet Singh has reiterated the committee's appeal to the members of majority community to vote and support him so that the message of brotherhood and amity emanates from Kashmir

Singh said that the same will negate the propaganda of the elements who have been defamind Kashmiris for being antinational and communal.

Singh who submitted his nomination form today said that the people should reject the traditional political parties and give a chance to the APSCC backed candidates so that there is a mitigation of their problems.

He said it is impera-

tive to send a message to the outside world that Kashmiris are peace loving and believe in coexistence adding that same is possible only when Sikhs are elected on three seats of Kashmir where they are fighting the elections.

APSCC Chairman, Jagmohan Singh Raina said that although Sikhs suffered huge economic losses in the past three decades no step was taken to provide them relief. He said that Sikh youth were denied jobs under a job package sanctioned for the nonmigrant people of Kash-

Raina said that since the political parties have ditched the masses in the past time for change has come. He said that Sikh candidates should be given a chance so that they mitigate the problems of youth and take steps to give due rights to the community members.

Assembly elections: Former Legislator asks people to vote for change, prosperity over dynastic politics

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 5: Former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader Vikram Randhawa called the forthcoming assembly elections in J&K as "a movement for the people" as the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) continues its efforts to redefine the future of Jammu and Kashmir.

He made these remarks during Public Outreach Programme in Qasim Nagar area of Ward Number 47 in Bahu Assembly segment.

While speaking on the occasion, the people assured their full support to the BJP in the forthcoming Assembly elec-

"We want you (Randhawa) to contest the elections from Bahu Assembly Segment as you are the leader of masses", the people said and urged the party High Command to give mandate to Vikram Randhawa from Bahu Assembly Segment.

"Leader of masses Vikram Randhawa reaches out to us whenever called. He always listen to our issues and get them

resolved by taking up with the concerned authorities. Many so called leaders are making efforts to take credits of the works done by Randhawa, but we know who are with us and who are just trying to befool us", the people said. "As we look at the pres-

ent political landscape in Jammu and Kashmir, we are eager to see our favorite leader Vikram Randhawa in action. Randhawa is our beacons of hope", they said. "We strongly believe

that Vikram Randhawa is the ideal candidate to represent the Bahu assembly segment. His leadership, vision, and dedication to the people make him the perfect fit", the people said and requested the grant the mandate to Vikram Randhawa from Bahu Constituency. We are confident that his victory will be a resounding one, they stated.

"If the Bharatiya Janata Party fields any other candidate from Bahu Constituency, we fear that the party may lose the assembly seat", the people said.

In his speech, Former Legislator emphasized that this election is the first after the historic abrogation of Article 370, signaling a new era for the people of J&K.

He remarked that the world's eyes are on J&K now, as India demonstrates how peace, development, and democracy are taking root in the region.

He urged voters not to see this election as a mere political contest but as a crucial step in securing the rights and futures of all people in J&K.

He called on voters to put aside divisions of caste, creed, and religion and unite for a future that prioritizes development and stability.

He asked the people to perity over the dynastic politics that have defined the region for decades.

Randhawa was accompanied by Surjeet Sonu, Amit Gupta, Akshay Kumar, Anil Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Mohinder Sharma, Ajay Sharma, Mukhtiar Singh, Deepak Dogra, Maan Singh, Ajay Sharma and many

Cong-NC giving legitimacy to terrorism & Separatism: BJP

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 5: The former Deputy Chief Minister and senior BJP leader, Dr Nirmal Singh, on Thursday launched a frontal attack on the Congress Party and the National Conference (NC) and said that these parties (NC & Congress) are "giving legitimacy" to terrorism and Separatism.

"Congress and National Conference are giving legitimacy to terrorism and Separatism." Dr Nirmal Singh said, while addressing a press conference here today, while adding, "both these parties are trying to create a situation and atmosphere here in J&K which gave rise to terrorism and Sep-

Terrorism claimed more than 50,000 lives and NC and Congress are trying to bring back those days again, Dr Singh said.

Both Congress and NC, he said, "talk of bringing back the situation in J&K that was prior to abrogation of Article 370," and added, "this shows they want to bring back terrorism, Separatism and

bloodshed"



Dr Singh further said, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi abrogated Article 370 after which there is peace here, terrorism has been crushed and there is no stone pelting and hartals but Congress and NC want situation that was here prior to abrogation of Article 370"

The security forces personnel gave supreme sacrifice for wiping out terrorism and restore peace here in J&K, he said. "Sadly, the Congress calls our jawans as outsiders," Singh said and added, "Not only our jawans, Congress and NC also call Dogras as outsiders"

Sheikh Abdullah, in 1946, launched quit Kashmir movement and termed Dogras and Kashmiri Pandits as outsiders. Now, Congress after entering into alliance with NC, is also calling our jawans as outsiders,

"Nyaya yatra nikal kar, Dooru mein rally karke aur Lal Chowk mein Ice cream kha kar (after taking out Nyaya yatra, doing rally in Dooru and after eating ice-cream in Lal Chowk), Rahul Gandhi is saying that there is no peace in Kash-

mir," Dr Singh mocked. Rahul Gandhi must also clear Congress' stand on NC manifesto which talks about changing laws and restoration of situation prior to abrogation of Article 370.

Congress has no issue except misleading the people, Dr Singh said and added, "The Prime Minister and the Home Minister have already assured that Statehood of J&K would be restored but Rahul Gandhi is misleading the people over the issue".

Singh said, "Congress should clear stand on NC's manifesto mentioning release of terrorists, stone pelters, holding talks with Pakistan and snatching away the rights of Valmikis, Gorkhas, West Pak Refugees and other given to them after revocation of Article 370".

Vansh Mahajan conferred with Mahaguru Award

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 5: Vansh Mahajan, international fencer and writer, has been conferred with "Mahaguru Award" by National Sports & Physical Fitness Board on the Teachers' Day.

Vansh Mahjan was also awarded Sher-e-Kashmir Sports Award and Ranjit Singh Sports Award. Vansh Mahajan has

represented the Country in common wealth fencing championship at Cape Town South Africa, World Cup at Sochi Russia, World Championship at Verona at Italy, World university Game at Napoli Italy and open Navy International championship at Bangkok, International championship at Singapore, International championship at Hongkong Thailand International Championship at Bangkok and also won a number of medals in school National and National Championships and also wrote a book



"The Medal Standard" on fencing discipline. He is the first International Players from Jammu & Kashmir who has written a book on Fencing Game.

The Fencing Fraternity in Jammu & Kashmir celebrates his reorganization as an ICON and Role model for young athletes in the Jammu & Kashmir (U.T.).

on the map of India.

The President of Vansh Sabre Sports Foundation Anil Padha praised his achievement on being awarded Mahagura award on Teachers' Day and gave her best wishes to achieve his goals in dent NILM J&K said. fencing game in near future to mark his name

NILM J&K organizes School Level Painting Competition at Adarsh Shiva High School

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 5: National Incredible Literacy Mission organized school level painting competition to aware school students about the importance of our environmental and natural resources.

Students of Adarsh Shiva High School Chandan Vihar Muthi, Jammu took part in this painting competition. This competition aimed

to aware the school children about green wealth and need of conservation of forest, water and other need full environment resources

"This year hundreds of students actively participated in this competition and has evaluated their approach for environment and water conservation through painting" Vidya Devi Vice Presi-

During the painting competition Rajni Koul



Adarsh Principal of Shiva High School Chandan Vihar Muthi, Jammu along with Nisha Devi Vice Principal of said school and other staff including Hmanshi Sharma, Sorab Dogra, Prarthana Sharmma, Palvi Sharma, Diksha Raina, Anjukta Pradhan and Natashu Shrma remain present.

Painting competition certificates were distributed among the participants by the Project Director NILM J&K at the end of event.

Rakeshwar Singh Project Director NILM said, "This type of competitions are specially designed by our NGO to make a positive attitude among the children to love their surrounding and environment."

He further added that students are passionately participating in the competition.

Rahul Dravid to be appointed head coach of **Rajasthan Royals for IPL 2025**

He was the team's captain for two seasons in 2012 and 2013

NEW DELHI, Sep 5 (Agencies): Rahul Dravid — who masterminded India's T20 World Cup, 2024, triumph — is set to take over the role of head coach of Rajasthan Royals in

Dravid, who is currently on a short career break since India's victory at Barbados in June, will soon start working with the franchise on important issues such as player retention ahead of the auction later this year.

"The discussions have reached the final stages and he will soon step into the role of head coach," a source close to the development told agency.

Kumar Sangakkara, who has been Royals' Director of Cricket since 2021, will continue his role



and is likely to be more handson with Barbados Royals (CPL) and Paarl Royals (SA20).

Dravid has a long-standing

association with the team as their captain for two seasons in 2012 and 2013, before serving as mentor for two more years.

He then moved to Delhi Capitals in a similar role in 2016 and continued with the team till he

reunite with Sanju Samson, who is all set to be retained as RR captain for another season. Samson blossomed first under

assumed the role of the head of National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru. In 2021, he moved on from the NCA to take up India's head coach role from Ravi Shastri. Now at Royals, Dravid will

the 52-year-old. Meanwhile, ESPNCricinfo reported that Vikram Rathour, who was batting coach of India during Dravid's tenure, could be roped in by the franchise as its assistant coach.

T20 WC in Dubai will be once in a lifetime experience: Mughal

CHENNAI, Sep 5 (Agencies): With the 2024 ICC Women's T20 World Cup shifting from Bangladesh to Dubai and Sharjah, former UAE captain Chaya Mughal believes this could work as a boost for women's cricket in the region. While not many participating nations have extensive experience of playing in these conditions, she hopes the marquee event gives the players an experience of a

"Having this opportunity in my county is huge," Mughal told this daily. " It is a great boost for girls here who want to pursue cricket at the highest level. Weather conditionswise, October is going to be better. Around 4 or 5 PM, it does get better. So expect the weather not to be too harsh in the month. It

But I do hope this becomes one of the best experiences for all the players involved," she

Mughal highlighted that watching the top side compete for the trophy will provide a great experience for the young players from UAE. As an associate nation, the UAE hardly get an opportunity to compete against the top-ranked nations outside of Asia. She hopes players can make the most of this opportunity by observing the matches in person. "It could be a learning curve for the national team. You don't just learn by playing, you can learn plenty by sitting outside and observing the game. They can look at what the best teams, the likes of Australia, India and England, are doing at the international level to be the best. Players can miss out on while watching the game on TV." With ICC's recent announcement regarding the 2026 edition of the WC, where 12 teams will participate for the first time, it will open the gate for teams other than full member nations. Mughal welcomed this decision. "This decision feels like these teams coming from associate nations belong at the highest level, they just need to play better cricket to

They would have to go through a long qualification process to make it to the WC and once they get it, I know, the feeling for these players would be like, we have earned that place at the highest possible level. It is a great initiative from the ICC. Now, when they are practicing the whole year, they have this realistic aim: they can play in the WC," she signed off.

Indian-origin star, who played 53 T20Is for ireland, battling for life



GURUGRAM, Sep 5 (Agencies): Indianorigin all-rounder Simi Singh, who has played 35 ODIs and 53 T20Is for Ireland, is currently battling for his life. The cricketer, who is suffering from acute liver failure, is currently in the ICU of a Gurugram hospital, according to a report by agency. The report further stated that the cricketer is waiting for a liver transplant that will be performed at the hospital. Simi, who was born in Mohali, played for Punjab at the U-14 and U-17 levels but failed to make the U-19 team. He decided to travel to Ireland for studying hotel management and in 2006, he joined Malahide Cricket Club in Dublin as a professional. He went on to become one of the leading cricketers for Ireland with 39 ODI wickets and 44 T20I wickets. He has also scored an ODI century against South Africa in 2021.

Simi Singh's fatherin-law Parvinder Singh opened up about the cricketer's condition.

"Some five-six months back, when he was in Dublin, Ireland, Simi developed a strange kind of fever which kept coming and going. He got himself examined there, but nothing conclusive came out in the check-ups. The medical professionals there said that they couldn't find the underlying cause and therefore they wouldn't start medication," Parvinder told agency.

"The process was getting delayed and Simi's health was deteriorating, so we decided to get him treated in India for 'better medical attention'. Simi flew to Mohali in late June, and after a few consultations with

various physicians his treatment started in PGI, Chandigarh in the beginning of July. There the line of treatment was taken for TB (tuberculosis) and antibiotics were given to him. Later, results came out that he didn't have TB." "As his fever didn't

subside, we took him to a private hospital in Mohali for a second opinion. There, we were told that Simi didn't have TB, but the course of the medicines - six weeks had to be completed. Along with the TB medicines, steroids were also given to him. After that, his fever started increasing again and he developed acute jaundice. In the last week of August, we took him back to PGI where he was admitted to the ICU. But his health kept deteriorating and the PGI physicians detected that he had developed acute liver failure. They advised us to take Simi to Medanta, Gurugram, because there was a high probability of him slipping into coma after which a transplant wouldn't be possible. We came to Medanta on September 3," he added.

According to the report, Simi is now waiting for a liver transplant and his wife - Agamdeep Kaur - has agreed to donate one part of her liver.

will be a different experience for players in these conditions surrounded by the desert. observe the minute details that they can

Sarah Storey wins 18th Paralympic Gold at

46, breaking age and disability barriers PARIS, Sep 5 (Agencies): Sarah Storey, a British Paralympian, secured her 18th Paralympic gold medal at the Paris Paralympics 2024, reinforcing her status as a para-sporting legend. Participating in the Women's C5 Time Trial cycling event, she completed the race in 20 minutes 22.15 seconds, beating her opponent by 4 seconds. This victory was another milestone in a career that spanned over three decades, with a total of 29 Paralympic medals across

Born with an underdeveloped lefthand due to complications in the womb, Sarah's journey began in swimming at age 14 when she won medals at the 1992 Paralympics. Despite early successes, she faced personal challenges, including being bullied at school for her disability. The pressure led to an eating disorder that affected her health until her parents intervened, helping her focus on her athletic dreams.

both swimming and cycling

By the 2000 Paralympics, Sarah extended her dominance in swimming. However, an ear infection in 2004 led her to make the difficult decision to retire from the sport. Instead of giving up, she switched to cycling in 2005. Her career took off, and by 2008, she had won two gold medals at the Bei-



iing Paralympics. Sarah's tenacity and adaptability allowed her to compete with able-bodied athletes as well as she broke barriers as well as numerous records

Her personal life also flourished. Sarah married cyclist Barney Storey in 2007, and after the birth of her two children, she continued to excel. She won gold at both the 2016 Rio and 2020 Tokyo Paralympics.

Now 46, Sarah Storey remains a symbol of resilience and determination. Her philosophy of being her own biggest competitor drove her forward, constantly pushing her limits and breaking her own records. With 18 gold medals and countless accolades, she has left an indelible mark on Paralympic history.

Despite facing personal and physical challenges, including raising two children, Storey has consistently set new standards. The 46-year-old proved that she is her own greatest competitor.

Ugandan Olympian Rebecca Cheptegei dies after being set on fire by boyfriend

NAIROBI, Sep 5 (Agencies): A Ugandan Olympic athlete, Rebecca Cheptegei, died on Thursday after she was doused in petrol and set on fire by her boyfriend. Cheptegei, 33, died at a Kenyan hospital where she was being treated after sustaining 80 percent burns on her body. She participated in only last month.

Cheptegei was receiving treatment at the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Eldoret city after the incident on Sunday. The marathon runner and her boyfriend were involved in a heated argument over a land dispute before she was set on fire, according to AP news

Trans Nzoia County Police Commander Jeremiah ole Kosiom, according to AP, said on Monday that Cheptegei's partner, Dickson Ndiema, bought a jerrican of petrol, poured it on her and set her ablaze during a disagreement on Sunday.



Ndiema was also burned and was being treated at the same hospital.

The Ugandan Athletics Federation confirmed Cheptegei's death in a post on X, formerly Twitter. It also condemned the 'domestic violence' and called for justice for the marathon runner

"We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of our athlete, Rebecca Cheptegei early this morning who tragically

fell victim to domestic violence. As a federation, we condemn such acts and call for justice. May her soul rest in peace," the statement read. On Wednesday. the Ugandan Athletics Federation confirmed that Cheptegei was hospitalised in Eldoret after her Kenyan boyfriend set her on

Cheptegei's parents said their daughter bought land in Trans Nzoia to be near the county's athletics training centres. A report filed by the local chief stated that the couple was heard fighting over the land where the house was built before the fire started.

Rebecca began her athletic journey in 2010, initially specialising in middle-distance running. Over the years, she expanded her repertoire to include longdistance events, particularly the marathon

She qualified for her Olympic debut in the marathon after setting a personal best of 2:22:47s at the Abu Dhabi Marathon in December 2022. She went on to represent Uganda in the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris, finishing 44th in the women's marathon.

In addition to her Olympic appearance, Cheptegei has achieved notable success in various marathon events. She won the Padova marathon in Italy in 2022 with a time of 2:31:21s, marking her first major marathon victory.

Gracious in defeat, Medvedev calls Sinner 'one of the best' after US Open exit

Daniil Medvedev was gracious in defeat as he called Jannik Sinner one of the best players after the former US Open champion suffered an exit in the quarter-final. Sinner advanced to semi-final of the US Open 2024.

NEW YORK, Sep 5 (Agencies): The World No. 5 Daniil Medvedev was the only US Open Champion in the men's singles draw, who was up and running at Flushing Meadows after a series of shock exits in early rounds.

However, the 2021 US Open winner could not overcome the Jannik Sinner threat as he suffered a defeat in the quarter-final match at Arthur Ashe Stadium. Despite the loss, Medvedev was gracious in defeat as he opened up about his rivalry with Sinner and called him 'one of the best players in the world'.

He also said that having big match-ups like this pushes him to do better.

"It's tough. I mean, he's one of the best players in the world, by ranking the best one, and he deserves it. He's a tough player to play against. He feels the game well. He chooses the right shot at the right moment many times, and that's where I actually like to play players like this because that's where it gets very, you know, tight in a way where every point matters and then the breakpoint you're trying to think what does he do

on this breakpoint and

how you can counter it," Medvedev told the US Open 2024 press.

Sinner vs Medvedev: Blockbuster rivalry

It was a trifecta of Grand Slam meetings between Sinner and Daniil Medvedev this year and it was the Italian who prevailed for the 2nd time.

However, Medvedev who emerged victorious against Sinner in Wimbledon 2024 quarterfinal was happy to face him more often at Grand Slam events.

"I feel like, yeah, all the matches were interesting in their own way, the crowd likes it, I think. Yeah, will be happy to



play more against him in Grand Slams," he

added. The World No. 1 Sinner brushed aside the antidoping controversy to edge past the 2021 US

Open champion Medvedev. He won 6-2, 1-6, 6-1, 6-4 against the Russian, but the win was not easy at all. It was a topsy-turvy victory for

Sinner who secured his

maiden US Open semifinal berth.

Medvedev, who was runner-up in US Open 2023 and in 2019, hit six double faults and sprayed 57 unforced

While Sinner was not at his most accurate, he was far superior on serve, closing out victory in two hours and 39 minutes.

However, Medvedev felt his battles have been tough against Sinner, against whom he also lost Australian Open 2024 final.

"Such rivalries pushes

"Lately tough one for me, but at the same time, honestly today, comparing to some matches I played with him last year when he started to beat me, I felt like I was doing the right things. I just didn't manage to execute them well. So I feel like the match itself, like, he was doing the right thing and I was doing the right thing.

"So I feel like we both come out of this match thinking, okay, now I feel what he does. Well, the only thing is that I lost and he won. So he will be feeling better.

I like it. You know, to have big rivalries like this always pushes me to be better, and sometimes I lose; sometimes I win.

I will try to be better next time, and that's the only thing I can do."

GDC Kathua celebrates Teachers' Day 2024

Top News Report

KATHUA, Sep 5: To mark the auspicious occasion of Teachers' Day 2024, Govt Degree College (GDC) Kathua organised a grand function to commemorate the selfless contribution of the teachers of the college.

The programme started with the Guard of Honour to the Chief Guest, Prof. Seema Mir, Principal GDC Kathua and the invited guests by the NCC Cadets followed by Tilak Vandan and Rosette Ceremony by the NSS volun-

A welcome address was delivered by Prof. Shivani Kotwal, Head, Department of English welcoming the Chief Guest, invited guests and the faculty of the college.

The program started



with the traditional lighting of the lamp and Saraswati Vandana. A cultural program of dance, singing and games was organised by the students for the staff of the college.

A formal address was given by Principal, Prof. Seema Mir, GDC Kathua. On this occasion while addressing the gathering, the Principal focused on teachers as a yardstick that measures the achievements and aspirations of the nation.

They're the backbone on which the entire structure of the institution rests. She also appreciated the conveners of their valuable support and wellbeing of the institution. She also shared her own experiences and thanked God for His invisible energy and support.

The students also envisioned teacher as a person who can inspire hope, ignite imagination and instil love of learning.

The students expressed gratitude towards the teachers for their noble task of teaching and guiding the students. They thanked them for their love and motivation.

It was followed by the most awaited moment, felicitation ceremony where all the mementos were presented to the Invited Guests, faculty members, non-teaching staff and Casual Labourers of the college by the Chief Guest.

It was a day full of love, laughter and respect. Along with the students, teachers also shared their experiences and talents. In her address Principal outlined the importance of Teachers' in the contemporary scenario.

She stated that respect for teachers has always

ture and a significant tradition of our society.

She further maintained that in this phase of decline of moral values, the role of teacher becomes crucial in bringing on the right path. She also stressed on the importance of NEP 2020. The policy envisions a strong education system compatible to transform society to a vibrant knowledgeable society. The program concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Prof. R.K.Pandita, HOD Zoology followed by National Anthem. The event was anchored by Vishal Gupta and Rahul Sharma, students of Semester 5th. The whole event was coordinated by the students with the support of faculty members.

Major blow to BJP as key members join Congress in Jammu East

Congress remains committed to local development: Sawhney

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 5: In a major development ahead of the 2024 Assembly Elections in Jammu & Kashmir, some BJP members officially joined the Congress party in presence of Congress leaders Yogesh Sawhney, Choudhary Waffa senior Congress leader, ex-Cousellor Ward no. 71 Shama Akhtar and other senior Congress leaders.

Significantly, Farid (Dealer) along with other ex-BJP members joined the Congress fold.

The new members were welcomed to the party and present leaders encouraged them for their anticipated contribution towards strengthening the party at the grassroots level while emphasising Congress party's commitment to bringing progress to the people of Jammu.

Members who joined Indian National Congress from BJP and other parties included Farid (Dealer), Mohd Faroog, Mohd Rafiq, Jameel Ahmed, Munir Ahmed, Ghulam Mohd, Sobat Ali, Fagir Ali, Muneer Ali, Khadim Hussain, Rafiq Ahmed, Irshad Ahmed, Akbar Hussain, Shah Mohd, Razaq Mohd, Kaka Hussain, Rafiq

Hussain, Khatam Hussain, Arshad Ahmed, Muneer (SBI), Manjoor Kohli, Akbar Ali, Rasheed Ahmed, Arshad Ali, Billo, Monawar, Zulfikar, Zulfi, Lal Hussain,

Patwari, Zafar Hussain,

and Wasem. Addressing the party members, Sawhney emphasized the longstanding commitment of the Congress party to the welfare of the people, stating that it has consistently championed the causes that matter most to the common man.

He pointed out that the Congress party's vision and policies have always prioritized the needs of the masses, in stark contrast to the BJP's governance.

According to him, the BJP's rule has been marked by unmet promises and underperformance, leading to widespread dissatisfaction. especially in critical areas like unemployment, infrastructure development, and social welfare.

Sawhney criticized the BJP's inability to address the pressing issue of unemployment. He argued that despite grandiose promises, the BJP has failed to create meaningful employment opportunities for the youth in Jammu, leading to frustration and disillusionment. The lack of job creation, he noted, has been a key point of contention, as many young people continue to struggle with uncertainty about their future.

As passionate and dedicated workers, new joiners will add to the pool of Congress party's invigorating team readying itself for forthcoming assembly elections, Sawhney said.

NHM Employees Association Kishtwar felicitates **Chief Education Officer Javed Kichloo**

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Sep 5: In a prestigious ceremony held at the District Headquarters, the NHM Employees Association Kishtwar honoured Javed Ahmed Kichloo. Chief Education Officer (CEO) Kishtwar, for his remarkable contributions to the education sector in the region.

The event was graced by the presence of Dr. Nazir Hussain, Medical Officer and District President of the NHM Employees Association, alongside key members of the association including Sumit Kotwal, Pardeep Wazir, and Vikas Sen.

The appreciation ceremony was organized to recognize Kichloo's dedicated service and leadership in improving educational standards across Kishtwar

Under his stewardship the district has witnessed significant strides in the quality of education, infrastructure development, and inclusivity in the learning environment. His efforts to promote the welfare of both students

and teachers were highly praised during the event. Dr. Nazir Hussain, while presenting the Certificate of Appreciation, lauded Kichloo's exemplary leadership and unwavering commitment to shaping the future of the younger generation.

"His contributions have had a far-reaching impact on the academic landscape of the district. His work stands as a testament to what visionary leadership in education can achieve," said Dr. Hussain

The certificate carried

a special quotation: "The best teachers are those who show you where to look, but don't tell you what to see." - Alexandra K. Trenfor This quotation, as emphasized by Dr. Hussain, reflects Kichloo's philosophy of empowering teachers and students alike to think crit-

ically and pursue knowl-

JKMSL launches DVDMS Mobile App in Doda

Organizes capacity building programme for health staff

edge independently.

Speaking on the occasion, Javed Ahmed Kichloo expressed his gratitude to the NHM Employees Association for recognizing his efforts and reiterated his commitment to continue working for the upliftment of education in Kishtwar.

He thanked the association and the district community for their support and collaboration in various initiatives aimed at educational growth. The ceremony concluded with a note of appreciation from other dignitaries present, including Sumit Kotwal, Pardeep Wazir, and Vikas Sen, who echoed similar sentiments of gratitude for Kichloo's visionary efforts in the district's education-

al development. The NHM Employees Association Kishtwar hopes this recognition will inspire continued collaboration across various sectors in the district to ensure progress in education and public welfare.

Vote and support Sajjad Kichloo in election: Kamlesh

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Sep 5: Former Sarpanch Halqa Panchayat Pochhal and General Secretary Women Wing of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Kishtwar Kamlesh Kumari said that former Home Minister Sajjad Ahmed Kichloo is fully expected to win.

In contrast, Sunil Sharma, the BJP candidate from Nagseni Paddar has benefited only a few people during his tenure, and has supported his friends in hydropower projects, she said.

Kamlesh Kumari said that people will vote for former Home Minister Sajjad Ahmed Kichloo to ensure victory with a huge majority.

She said to vote and support Sajjad Ahmad Kichloo so that he can win and provide jobs to the unemployed youth, as his late father Bashir Ahmad Kichloo did for the poor youth.

Time has come for change in J&K, like Delhi and Punjab: **AAP** candidate Devsar

Top News Report

KULGAM, Sep 5: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidate for Devsar assembly constituency Sheikh Fida Hussain continues his election campaign in Devsar 40-AC from last one week and sought vote and support from people in upcoming Assembly elections.

Sheikh Fida Hussain said AAP is the only viable alternative to traditional parties who always cheated the voters, adding people of Devsar have repeatedly given chances to the NC, PDP, Congress but there has been no improvement so far in the constituency. Asked about AAP man-

ifesto and it's impact in J&K, Sheikh said "Vision of Arwind Kejriwal is to serve poor people in all aspects, adding AAP provides 300 units of free electricity for every household in Punjab and Delhi, also free water supply to each house hold in Delhi, while education and healthcare sectors have seen significant improved and same would be implemented in J&K if AAP comes to Power" he said.

When asked about regional parties manifesto regarding restoration of Article 370 and 35A, and others things, he said, Abdullahs, and Mufti's families had exploited people of J&K, adding these families had done nothing for people of J&K since last 60 years, and if they had done anything for J&K people was pellets, Gun and graveyards for people in which 1.2 lakh youths have been killed till now", he stated.

Asked about Jamaate-Islami contesting elec-



tions in J&K. Fida said. "Anyone contesting elections here according to constitution of india should be welcomed, adding it is pleasure move that Jamaat-e-Islami is contesting elections in J&K as it is their right in electoral participation, adding election is for all not for only Abdullahs, and Mufti's families who had exploited people here", he said.

Asked about his election campaign feedback from people, he stated "Campaign received an overwhelming positive response from the people, who expressed their inclination to vote for the Aam Aadmi party candidate in Devsar Constituency, as over the decades, the problems being faced by the people of Devsar have only increased under different Governments, now time has come for change in J&K and like Delhi and Punjab", he

Babu Rampaul exhorts JKNC Central Zone office bearers to intensify election campaign

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 5: A meeting of JK National Conference (JKNC) Central Zone (Jammu, Kathua & Samba) was held under the chairmanship of Former Minister and President Central Zone Babu Rampaul in which strategy for Assembly elections was discussed with the office bearers. The meeting was organized by Dr Vikas Sharma, Secretary Central Zone JKNC.

While addressing the meeting Rampaul exhorted upon all the office bearers to launch vigorous door to door campaign in their respective areas to garner support for party candidates as well as candidates of coalition partners. Former Minister flayed

the Govt for its hollow promises to bring "Achhe Din" (good days) as mere basic facilities like water and power are still not fully available as per the requirement of the public.

He emphasized upon the need to inform the masses about the election manifesto of JKNC wherein the party has given several guarantees to people, if elected to power. Main guarantees include 200 units of free electricity per month, one time waiver of pending electricity charges, 12 free of cost LPG cylinders per family per year, free drinking water supply to all households, a monthly support of Rs

5000 to EWS families which would be credited to female head, hike in the widow pension from Rs. 1000/- to Rs 3000/-

To strengthen the election campaign, Babu Rampaul also named Coordinators and Co-Coordinators for Jammu, Samba and Kathua districts.

Those included Dr Vikas Sharma as Coordinator for Jammu district whereas S. Surjeet Singh Sassan, BD Dalotra (Retd SP), Rahul Mahajan, Adv. Aslam Choudhary and Arvind Singh Jamwal were named as Co-Coordinators.

For Samba district, Bharat Bhushan was made Coordinator whereas Shakeel Ahmed, Devi Dass and Udhay Singh were made Co-Coordinators. For Kathua district, Sham Lal Mehra was made Coordinator whereas Birbal and Rohit Kumar were named as Co-Coordinators.

All the Coordinators and Co-Coordinators were asked to visit every nook and corner of their

areas to synergize the party workers. They were further asked to distribute copies of party's election manifesto among the people and make them aware about the election promises

He exuded confidence that people of J&K will wholeheartedly support NC and its coalition partner in this election and again give the opportunity to form a government which would work to empower the masses.

Among others included, Dr. Vikas Sharma, Adv. Rajinder Chanyal, Bharat Bhushan, Sham Lal Mehra, Rahul Mahaian, Sureet Singh Sassan. B.D Dalotra, T.R Maandi, Adv. Aslam Choudhary, Sat Pal Shabotra, Arvind Singh Jamwal, Dr. Y.P Singh, Shakeel Ahmed, Som Raj Taroch, Hem Raj, Manohar Lal, Mool Raj, MK Rana, Dwarka Nath, Bahadur Lal, Parveen kumar, Kartar, Talik Raj, Prem Kumar Verma, Charan Dass, Manohar Lal, Rajinder Kumar, Master Balvir

Singh and others.

Rich Harvest celebrates Teachers' Day

aims to recognize and

honour the contributions of our beloved teachers. The students expressed their love and gratitude for their mentors through emotional songs, skits and scintillating dance

Bhatia congratulated the staff and thanked the students for putting up a captivating show for the faculty members.

The Managing Director of RHS Gambhir Dev Singh Charak expressed his gratitude to the faculty members for their dedication and commitment to the profession. The Chairman of the School, Gulchain Singhji Charak- former minister PWD (R&B) and Higher Education blessed the teaching fraternity and motivated them to bring out the best in each and every child under their

held on the directions of worthy Health Secretary Health & Medical Education Deptt. J&K and guidance of MD JKMSCL, MD NHM & DHS Jammu.

DODA, Sep 5: To

ensure the smooth imple-

mentation and utilization

of Drugs and Vaccine

Management System

portal (DVDMS) upto

CHC level, the JKMSL

on Thursday launched

Mobile App and orga-

nized a one day capacity

building programme at Lecture Hall GMC Doda

The programme was

at Ghat.

On this occasion, the programme was graced by Chief Medical Officer Doda Dr Om Kumar and was attended by Nodal Officer JKMSCL Dr Sudershan Katoch, Medical Officer RDHW Doda Dr Faheem Ahsan, Supply

PATH Foundation Akbar Hussain, Nikhil Goswami, Ankush from IT Unit JKMSCL besides the programme was also attended by Medical Officers, Paramedical Staff and Dealing Incharges DVDMS from Assar, Bhaderwah, Gandoh, Ghat and Thathri blocks. At the onset of the pro-

Management Expert

gramme, Dr Faheem Ahsan (Medical Officer), RDHW Doda in his welcome address welcomed all the guests and participants and briefed them about the aim and objectives of conducting programme.

During the programme, hands-on training and orientation were briefed on the functionalities and feathers of newly launched Mobile Application on DVDMS. The training included detailed discussions on the Mobile

App user interface and various modules/features to function the app. Emphasis was placed on the importance of timely and efficient handling of Mobile App, to improve transparency and in order to ensure the seamless and timely supplies of the health care institutions and strengthening the supply chain manage-

CMO Doda Dr Om Kumar while interacting with the participants also laid stress to implement the newly launched Mobile App at gross root level and directed the staff to learn each and every aspect of the features of this Mobile App, which shall not only streamline the distribution network for machinery and equipments, drugs and disposables but shall also ensure timeliness and transparency.

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 5: RHS Scholars paid rich tributes to the 2nd President of India Dr S Radhakrishnan on 5th September--his Birth Anniversary--which is celebrated as Teachers' Day. This Day

performances. The Director of RHS Ruchi Charak and the

Head of the Institute Anita

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