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Quoting defence

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NVI reported that the

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#### BRIEFLY

#### Apni Party's Muntazir **Mohiuddin** withdraws his nomination from Budgam seat

SRINAGAR, Sep 9 (Agencies): Apni Party candidate from Budgam assembly segment, Muntazir Mohi-Ud-Din on Monday withdrew his nomination papers to "give people chance to opt for the deserving candidate."

"There are many big names in the electoral fray from Budgam constituency, who can play big role in the assembly for the people," Muntazir said, adding that he had decided to withdraw his nomination papers today, reported news agency.

It is to be noted that the former chief minister and National Conference (NC) Vice President Omar Abdullah, Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) candidate Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi are among the ten candidates, who are contesting for the seat.

#### Apni party to support Taj **Mohiuddin** from Uri as chief Bukhari says they're on lookout for more independents to back

SRINAGAR, Sep 9 (Agencies): Jammu Kashmir Apni Party chief, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari on Monday said that his party will support the former minister and the independent candidate from north Kashmir's Uri, Taj Mohuiddin in the forthcoming elections in J&K

While confirming his support, Bukhari said that his party is identifying constituencies where they will support independent candidates for "the well being of people."

"We will consolidate with the independent candidates where ever necessary for the public wellbeing," Bukhari said as per news agency. Taj Mohuiddin thanked Apni Party for

#### Three houses damaged in fire incident at Srinagar's Noorbagh area

its support.

SRINAGAR, Sep 9 (Agencies): At least three residential houses were damaged in an Turn to page 9

# Sonam Wangchuk urges PM Modi to act on Ladakh's demands

NEW DELHI, Sep 9 (Agencies): Climate activist Sonam Wangchuk requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday to include Ladakh in the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution, granting lawmaking powers to local people to protect their land and cultural identity.

On September 1, Wangchuk and around 75 volunteers embarked on a foot march from Leh to New Delhi to request the Centre to resume dialogue with Ladakh's leadership regarding their demands.

At a virtual press conference, Wangchuk said he has not received a response to the memorandum of demands submitted to the prime minister during the lat-



ter's visit to Dras for the 25th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas in

Wangchuk also said the creation of five additional districts in Ladakh could be "indirectly linked" to their protest.

"However, we still do not know if these districts have been granted decision-making powers," he said, adding that it would be unfortunate if that is not the case.

"Ladakh is an ecologically-fragile region facing industrial and climate-related challenges. I urge the prime minister to include it in the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution to safeguard the autonomy of its people," Wangchuk

He said through the march, he aimed at drawing the attention of world leaders and the global community

to the severe impacts of climate change in the region.

Responding to a question from agency, Wangchuk said the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils (LAHDCs) of Leh and Kargil have only been granted authority to spend development funds. "The people of Ladakh want lawmaking powers too," he added.

Wangchuk acknowledged that a single march would not resolve the issue. "We want the Centre to resume discussions on the demands of the Ladakhi people," he said.

Wangchuk said he has no intention of joining politics and that the Turn to page 9

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edibles.

#### **BJP appoints Sat Sharma Two terrorists** killed as Army as working president for party in J-K infiltration bid



SRINAGAR, Sep 9 (Agencies): In a bid to pacify its leaders, the BJP on Monday assigned new responsibilities to its leaders who were denied tickets.

The former minister Sat Sharma has been appointed as working president and former deputy chief minister Nirmal Singh as campaign in-charge.

As per the party communication, Sat Sharma, party's former president and minister in BJP-PDP government, has

Congress to release manifesto in

been reappointed as J&K BJP's working president. He represented Jammu West constituency in the last assembly but he was replaced by Arvind Gupta as candidate.

Former deputy chief minister Nirmal Singh has been appointed as head of party's campaign committee. He was MLA from Kathua district's Billawar constituency, but the party fielded Satish Sharma in the segment. Moreover, party appointed former minister Sukhnandan Choudhary as vice

-president of campaign . Another former deputy CM Kavinder Gupta has been appointed as head of election management committee. He was aspirant of the party ticket from Bahu constituency,

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#### BJP's opposition to our manifesto shows NC is headed in the right direction: Omar Abdullah



SRINAGAR, Sep 9 (Agencies): National Conference (NC) vice president and former chief minister J&K, Omar

Abdullah on Monday said that the BJP's opposition to their election manifesto shows that National Conference is headed towards right direction.

He urged people to go through the maniesto of the party, and claimed they would like it as compared to the manifestos made public by other political parties.

to fight Assembly elections in J-K in 3-decades

sons on the sidelines of an election rally in Banihal, the NC vice president said had BJP praised their manifesto, it would have pushed him into fear, but their opposition makes them aware that they are headed in the right direction.

"Had BJP praised our manifesto, it would have pushed me into

#### Husband, wife critically injured in Kulgam accident

SRINAGAR, Sep 9 (Agencies): A husbandwife couple was critically injured in a road accident on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway in J&K's Kulgam district on Monday, police said.

Police said that the accident occurred at the when the scooty which the couple was riding was hit by a tempo.

Both the husband and wife suffered serious head injuries in the accident.

"They were shifted to the government medical college (GMC) hospital in Anantnag town for treatment. The couple has been identified as Saiad Ahmad Naikoo and his wife, Flory Jan," a police official said,

#### next 3 days: PCC Chief Karra SRINAGAR, Sep 9 (Agencies): The Indian National Congress (INC) is all set to release the party's much await-

ed manifesto for the upcoming assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir within the next

Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Commitee (JKPCC) Chief, Tariq Hameed Karra while confirming that the manifesto will be released in next two **Turn to page 9** 

#### REMEMBRANCE Malpora Chowk on the Talking to media per-Turn to page 9 Jammu-Srinagar National Highway in Kulgam Daisy Raina becomes first Kashmiri Pandit woman



lage in south Kashmir's Pulwama is a lone candidate fielded by the Republican Party of India (Athawale), which is an ally of the BJP in the NDA alliance. Ms Raina will be contesting from the Rajpora Assembly constituency in Pulwama. She says, she "was compelled to contest elections by the youth who want her to be their voice," NDTV reported.

"The youth forced Turn to page 9

adding that a case has **Turn to page 9** 



LATE SH. MANOHAR LAL MAHAJAN 1-4-1938 to 9-9-2006

About 18 years has passed since you left us for heavenly abode, but the fragrance of your love, affection and memories will always remain alive in our hearts and minds.

We miss you very much and do feel your presence around us every moment of our life with your loving memories. We missed you every day and prayed to Almighty to rest your soul in peace.

#### **DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY**

SON AND DAUGHTER IN-LAW Sunil Mahajan and Neena Rajiv Mahajan and Anita **GRAND CHILDERN** Dr. Sushant Mahajan (J.K.A.S) Vaneeka Sukant Mahajan (Engineer) Ayoosh (Major Indian Army) 

#### Sheikh Rashid's party proxy of BJP, claims Mehbooba ANANTNAG, Sep 9 their chief was behind

(Agencies): PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Monday accused jailed MP Sheikh Abdul Rashid's Awami Ittehad Party of being a proxy of the BJP, and warned the people of Jammu and Kashmir not to come under the influence of such parties.

worked in a private

company in Delhi, and

has also served as a

Her remarks came a day after PDP candidate from south Kashmir's Shopian assembly segment Yawar Shafi Banday was injured in an alleged attack by the workers of the Awami

Ittehad Party (AIP), which is led by Rashid, popularly known as Engineer Rashid, in Balpora area of Shopian.

"Our candidate was going to his constituency, some workers associated with AIP assaulted them, even our candidate Yawar Banday was beaten and he is fighting for his life, his ribs broken, his condition is serious," Mehbooba claimed while addressing a press conference in Khanabal area of

Anantnag district. Rashid defeated



former chief minister and National Conference (NC) vice president Omar Abdullah from the Baramulla Lok Sabha constituency earlier this

The PDP chief questioned how the AIP was organising resources and candidates when

the bars. "I want to know that

Rashid is in jail. (PDP founder) Mufti (Mohammad Sayeed) took 50 years to form the party, we still do not have resources to field candidates everywhere. Who is behind his (Engineer's) organisation as their candidates are fielded everywhere, wherefrom is the funding coming? Wherefrom are they getting such courage to engage in hooli-

ganism?" she added. Turn to page 9

#### TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Pawan Kumar Gupta S/o Late Sh. Labhu Ram R/o Ward no 7 Hari Nagar near Pine Villa Guest House Udhampur who left for heavenly abode on 31-08-2024.

Tenth Day will be performed on 09-09-2024 (Monday) at 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at Mahajan Hall near Sheetla Mata Mandir Udhampur.

Kriya will be performed on 12-09-2024 (Thursday) at Devika Ghat Udhampur.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:-**Smt. Shashi Gupta (Wife)

Mr. Piyush Gupta (Son) Mr. Ayush Gupta (Son)

Sh. Chaman Lal Gupta and Smt. Shobha Gupta (Brother and Bhabhi) Late Sh. Kulbushan Kumar Gupta and Smt. Shobha Devi (Brother and Bhabhi) Mob:-8803702682

#### TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform that our beloved Anjana Sapru W/o Subhash Sapru R/o Kolkata, Presently at Bharat City Tila pipeline Ghazibad Tower A4 /1002 Pin 201003 left for heavenly abode on 5th of September.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 14th of September at Muradnagar Ghat Uttar Pradesh.

PRAYER MEETING will be held at Bharat City Tila pipeline Ghazibad Tower A4 /1002 Pin 201003 at 13.00 hour.

GRIEF STRICKEN Subash Sapru - Husband Saicesh Sapru - Son Kumar Dev Chatterjee - Brother Sherya Sapru - Daughter Shashwat, Pratistha Nancy Sapru - Aunty

Sunil Sapru - Brother in law



Sh. Pawan Kumar Gupta

ANJANA SAPRU

Shweta Sapru - Sister in law Brother and Sister in law Amit and Khushboo Sapru Brother and Sister in law Sumit and Megha Sapru

KALPANA MONDAL Contact No: 9999098818. 9821262259

#### **OBITUARY**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform that our beloved father Sh. Autar Krishan Bagati S/o Late Sh. Sarawanandh Bagati originally R/o Kawdera, Ali Kadal Srinagar and presently at Gitorni, N. Delhi has left for his heavenly abode on 5th September.

**GRIEF STRICKEN** Smt. Sarla Bagati - Wife

Daughter-in-law & Son Smt. Manisha & Sh. Chintan Bagati Feshikha Bagati - Grand Daughter

Samast Bagati Parivar, Challu's, Thusoo's, Balli's Mob.No: 6005917472, 6006155039

SH. AUTAR KRISHAN BAGATI

#### TENTH DAY KRIYA

This is to inform that 10TH DAY KRIYA of Dr Sanjay Bhat S/o Nand Lal Bhat H/o Dr Aarti Razdan 120 C Sector 2 Pocket 2 DDA Flats opposite Bhaskara Charya College Of Applied Sciences, New Delhi-110075 will be held on 13th September-2024 (Friday) at 7.00 AM at Venue Shri Gauri Shankar Mandir New Palam Vihar, Block T, Sector 109, Gurugram, Haryana .



DR SANJAY BHAT

After the KRIYA, a prayer assembly will be held at residence at 120 C Sector 2 Pocket

2 DDA Flats opposite BhaskaraCharya College Of Applied Sciences New Delhi-110075.

N L Bhat (9622102156) Ajay Bhat(9899361973)

#### 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 Muthi 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 sad demise of our beloved Sh Shuban Krishan Koul S/o Late Sh. Sarwanand Koul original resident of Hiller Arhama (Mohripora) at present TRT Purkhoo Camp Block D, Qtr No.27 Jammu currently staying at Community Hall Purkhoo Camp who left for heavenly abode on 07-09-2024.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education Jammu on 15th Sept 2024 at 9:30 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN Smt. Seema Koul -Wife Sanjay Koul -Son

Sakshi Koul -Daughter Smt. & Sh. Avtar Krishan Koul -Brother & Bhabi Smt. & Sh. Jawahar Lal Koul -Brother & Bhabi CONTACT NO'S: 6006175229, 9086471717



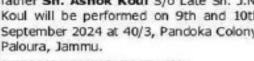
Sh Piaray Lal Koul

SH SHUBAN KRISHAN KOUL

#### MASVAR AND VAHARVAR

One year has passed since you left all of us in deep grief and sorrow for your eternal journey to heavenly abode. We feel your presence everywhere and every moment with silent tears. May Almighty grant peace and moksha to your departed noble soul.

Masvar & Vaharvar of our beloved father Sh. Ashok Koul S/o Late Sh. J.N. Koul will be performed on 9th and 10th September 2024 at 40/3, Pandoka Colony,



DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:

Smt. Asha Koul (Wife)

Aayansh Koul (Grandson)

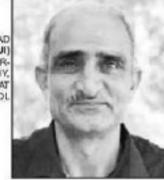
Mr. Atul Koul & Mrs. Ritika Koul (Son & Daughter-in-law) Miss Ayesha Koul (Daughter)

Miss Deeksha Koul (Daughter)

Mrs. Veena Kaul & Mr. Ashwani Kaul (Sister and Brother-in-law) Mr. Ravinder Koul & Mrs. Vijay Koul (Brother and Bhabhi)

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMSE OF OUR BELOVED SH. PIARAY LAL RAINA (BITTU JI) SO LATE SH. NIRANJAN NATH RAINA RIO IRKUMOO KOKER NAG ANANTNAG A'P HNO 6/A, SEC-2 SHARDA COLONY, PATO LI BRAHMNA JAMMU. 10TH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED AT 30 AM AT MUTHI GHAT, NEAR DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION JAMMU ON SATURDAY 14/09/2024.

GRIEF STRICKEN SONI RAINA -SISTER IN LAW BITARAINA WIFE BROTHERS AND SISTER IN LAW IANAJI RAINA & KIRAN RAINA SUDESH RAINA & RAJNI RAINA SISTER & BROTHER IN LAW SURJA BHAT & PIARAY LAL BHAT SONS AND DAUGHTER IN LAW AJIT RAINA & SULKASHNA RAINA AMIT RAINA & POCJA RAINA GRANDSONS: VIVAAN, RIVAAN.. 7006839261, 9891005159, 6005127454, 7006208584



Ashok Koul

(Saibha Jee)

SH. PIARAY LAL RAINA (BITTU JI)

Shri H N Jattu

Sh. Praveen Tikku

Sh. Ashok Kumar Wali

Smt Shanti Devi

#### 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 reunite once more.

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

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Nigam Bodh Ghat, Kashmere Gate, New Delhi on Thursday, 12th September, 2024 at 9:00AM GRIEF STRICKEN:

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

Jattu's, Sharma's, Bhat's

Mobile Numbers : 9810027476 (Kishore Jattu) , 9818765999 (Vinay Jattu) , 9987567821 (Raj Kumar Sharma)

#### TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform that our beloved Sh. Praveen Tikku, S/o Lt Sh N N Tikku, originally from Rainawari, presently at 138, Matri Kunj, Jhotwara, Jaipur untimely left for the heavenly abode on 6th September 2024.

Mourning will be at C 707, Hanging Gardens, Jaisinghpura, Bhankrota, Jaipur on 15.09.2024

DEEPLY GRIEF STRICKEN

Anuradha Tikku (Wife) 8112252840 Gourish Tikku (Son) 9509894491

Samast Tikku, Bhat, Saraf, Raina & Pandita Parivaars 9999093638

#### AST RITES

Those we love don't go away They walk beside us everyday Unseen, unheard, but always near

Still loved, still missed and very near Tenth Day Kriya-11th Sep 2024 at Alandi Pune 9:00 AM

Eleventh Day Kriya- 12th Sept 2024 at J701 Park Titanium Twelth Day Kriya- 13th Sep 2024 at

J701 Park Titanium DEEPLY MOURNED BY:-

His loving Wife- Smt. Shyama Wali

(1953-2024)His beloved Daughter and Son-in-law - Sheetal and Nitin Srivastava His beloved Son and Daughter-in-law- Alok and Nidhima Wali

His lovely Grand Children: Nabhit Srivastava, Myra Wali, Kyra Srivastava His caring Brother and Sister-in-law - Inder Krishan and Baby Wali Pune Address: J701 Park Titanium, Park Street Wakad Pune

Phone: 8007072220

#### 10TH DAY & 13TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother Smt Shanti Devi W/o Late Sh Naib Chand R/o Village Janwas Sarthal Kishtwar A/P House No. 44/45 Sec. 5 Lower Roop Nagar Jammu. 10th Day will be performed at 7.30 AM at Muthi Ghat Jammu on 7.09.2024.

13th Day will be performed on 10.09.2024 at our residence 44/45 Sec 5 Lower Roop Nagar Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN :

Sons & Daughter-in-laws Mohinder Singh Sen & Smt Sushma Devi Rajinder Singh Sen & Smt Anita Devi Dr Ghansham Singh & Dr Simi Kotwal

Daughters & Son-in-laws Smt Reeta Devi & Sh Dev Raj Rana Late Smt Chander Kanta & Sh Nirdosh Parihar

Smt Anita Devi & Sh Nikesh Parihar Mob No. 9419167534, 7006283959, 9419194716, 9469179164



ts has been four years without your loving presence, but not a single day passes when we don't remember. May God grant you eternal peace & salvation. CHOUBARSI of our beloved Late Sh D K Sharma shall be performed at 12 Noon on Tuesday 10 Sep 24 at our residence H No. 599/A Gandhi Nagar



Late Sh D K Sharma S/o Late R C Sharma

Deeply Missed & Remembered by

Smt Shobha Sharma- Wife Daughter in law & Son

Adv. Kavita Sharma & Mr Tushar Goswami Mr Taresh Goswami -Son

Yashvi Goswami- Grand Daughter C. T TRADERS, YASHVI ENTERPRISES, VARADA NUTS

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#### CHOUBARSI

our years have passed since you left us. We feel your presence at every moment with attend tears. May your soul will be rest in peace. Your love affection memories and guidance will remain with us.

Choubarsi of our beloved mother Lt Smt Chander Kanta Gupta W/o Lt Sh Satpal Supta will be performed on 10th of

September (Tuesday) at Kotli Janj Ghar at Lt Smt Chander Kanta Rehari Colony Jammu near Hari Mandir Rehari Colony Jammu at 12.00 Noon. Deeply Missed and Remembered By Sneh Gupta W/o O P Gupta (Retd AE PHE Deptt) Suman Gupta (Retd AFO GPFJammu) W/o Lt Sh Romesh Chander Gupta

Seema Gupta W/o Suraj Parkash Gupta (Retd HDM Flouricultue Deptt) eenakshi Gupta W/o Sanjay Kumar Gupta

(AEE Electrical SMVDSB/SMVD University Katra) All Grand & Great Grand Children 9419186283, 9889544272, 7006733052, 9419195706

#### IN THE LOVING MEMORY OF

WWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWW

Sh. Om Prakash Gupta, Retd. KAS (22-09-1942 to 10-09-2019) **5TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY** Deepty missing, the one who's not just a suppo our shoulder too, we used to lean on. Your kindness, generosity and wisdom touched our lives in ways we'll never forget. Thought You're no longer with us in person, your spirit & love continue to bind our family together.

We miss you and honour your memory today and ableave.

Vimla Gupta (Wife) Bothers & Bhabis KK Gupta & Mohini Gupta Vijay Gupta & Veena Gupta Sons & Daughters-in-Law Nigam Gupta & Jyoti Gupta Vikas Gupta & Vandana Gupta



#### MASVAR AND VAHARVAR

One year has passed since you left us for your heavenly abode. Your blessings are always with us and you will forever remain in our hearts. Mas var and Vaharvar of our beloved brother Late Sh Tej Kishen Maghzine S/o Late Sh Kashi Nath Maghzine erstwhile resident of Chattabal Srinagar, now at Bangalore shall be performed on 9th and 10th of September 2024.

Deeply Missed and Remembered By: Smt Nirmala Maghzine -Wife

Son & Daughter-in-law

Sh Nilash & Aakansha Maghzine

Sh Nagesh & Girja Maghzine -Brother & Bhabhi Smt Veena & Vijay Kr. Mattoo -Sister & Brother-in-law

Nimish Maghzine -Son

#### OBITUARY

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh Chaman Lal MunshiS/o Lt. Sh Ja Lal Munshi on 07-09-2024 originally hailing from Munshi Mohalla, Rangteng Alikadal A/P H.No. 64/4 Pamposh

Sh M K Murshi & Jyoti Murshi -Brother & Sister-in-law Smt Pushpa Dhar Wio Lt. P.N. Dhar - Sister & Brother-in-lav Smt Kanta Koul Wio Sh.J. N. Koul - Sister & Brother In-law Daughters & Sons-in-law Ms Seema Koul Wio Sh. Ramesh Koul

Ms Sharni Koul W/o Sh Vijay Koul Ms Meetu Hak W/o Sh Rahul Hak

Ms Anupama Munshi Ms Suleikha Nebhnani Wo Sh Dhiraj Nebhnani Grand Childron: Badam, Natad, Shehjar, Krishna, Ruhan, Reedhee In Grief: Abhai, Koul, Ayzbeghi, Hak, Bhan, Dhar, Safaya, Nebhnani, Bhat



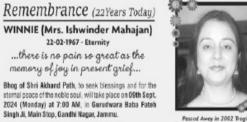
SUHASINI DHAR

(23.02.1964 - 05.09.2024)

Late Sh Tej Kishen

Maghzine

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Deeply Missed & Remembered by: Sonia and Sanjeev Mahajan Nipeksh Ishwinder Mahajan (Son) Sudesh & Late Dr. J.K. Gupta (Parents-in-law) | Sidansh Mahajan Nupan & Dr. Sujay Mahajan (Bhabhi & Brother)

(Resi.: 33-E, C-Block, C-Sector, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. Mob.: 94191 94300.)

#### 第7年4年本了第7年4年至1年(五月安本)第7年4年 TENTH DAY KRIYA

The Tenth-Day Kriya of Suhasini Dhar Wio Sunii Dh (who left for her heavenly abode on 05 September, 202 at Delhi) will be performed at Munak Canal Ghat, Sect 18, Rohini, Delhi, near Badli Telephone Exchang Saturday, 14th September 2024 at 9 AM. GRIEF STRICKEN:-3 REE STRICKEN: -Sunil Dhar - Husband Rachna Kar - Mami Ji Bister-In-law & Brother In-law Jpasana Bhan & Brig, Vikia in Bhan Brothers & Sisters-In-law Jilin Dardto & Pakin Jandin Dilip Pandita & Rohini Pandita /inod Pandita & Indu Pandita

ions & Daughters-In-law Spars h Dhar & Shruti Ahuja Dhar Daughter & Son-in-law Sandini Dhar Dwivedi & Anshuman Dwivedi

Niccos & Nochew opsoe Pandita, Arjita Bhan, Srijan Bhan, Diwanshi Pandita & Danish Pandita

In-laws Inder Ahuja & Family Nirja Misri & Anil Misri Seema Dwivedi & VP Dwivedi

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# Randhawa receives warm welcome from BJP Cadres

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Sep 9: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Prominent leader Vikram Randhawa, the newly nominated MLA candidate for the Bahu assembly seat, was warmly accorded by enthusiastic BJP cadres at the Bahu constituency office. The event saw the presence of Prabhari District Jammu South Ayodhya Gupta, Bahu constituency election Incharge Jaidev Rajwal, Bahu election Convenor Rikki Gupta, Co Convenor Vivek Patyal, District Vice Presidents Narinder Koki and Shalu Gupta, District Secretary Rohiin Chandan, Mandal Presidents Neeraj Puri and Bharat Bhushan, Ex Councillors including Mandal General Secretaries Nayan Gupta and Rachit Khosla, and



others were present on the occasion. The event marked a significant milestone in the run-up to the upcoming elections, showcasing the party's unity and strength in the region. The warm welcome accorded to BJP popular leader Vikram Randhawa is a testament to the party's strength and unity in the region.

Addressing the gathering, BJP leader Randhawa expressed his gratitude to the BJP cadres, saying, "You are the backbone of our party.

Your tireless efforts and dedication are the driving force behind our success." He emphasized the crucial role that party workers play in connecting with the people and understanding their needs

Randhawa assured the cadres that he would work tirelessly to address the concerns of the constituents and ensure that the party's vision for development and prosperity is realized. He also praised the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi

and the BJP's commitment to good governance. Vikram Randhawa assured that BJP is the only party that believes in commitment and delivers on its promises. He said, 'We don't make false promises like others, our word is our bond. We are committed to the development and prosperity of J&K, and our track record speaks for itself.

The event was attended by senior party leaders, who congratulated Vikram Randhawa and expressed confidence in his ability to win the election with a huge margin. They highlighted the party's achievements in the region and the need for continued support to ensure the completion of ongoing development projects.

Notably, BJP leader Randhawa's popularity has been widely welcomed by party workers and the general public of Bahu Constituency, who see him as a strong, visionary, intellectual. and capable leader. His campaign is expected to focus on key issues such as employment, education, healthcare, and infrastructure development of the Bahu assembly seat.

Jaidev Rajwal and Ayodhya Gupta emphasized the need for the party cadres to be prepared and work tirelessly to ensure a decisive victory. They said BJP workers play a pivotal role in forming up the government in J&K. They praised their tireless efforts, saying, 'our workers are the backbone of the party, working selflessly to ensure the government's policies reach the grassroots level.

#### Congress disassociates itself from Vikar Rasool Wani's derogatory remarks

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Sep 9: The Jammu & Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) President, Tariq Hameed Karra, has strongly condemned the recent derogatory remarks made by Congress leader and INC candidate Vikar Rasool Wani against the National Conference (NC) leadership. The remarks, made during a programme in Banihal, sparked concern and controversy, prompting swift action from the Congress party.

In a statement issued today, Karra expressed deep disapproval of the language used by Wani, calling it unparliamentary and inappropriate. He

emphasized that the Congress Party disassociates itself from such comments and underscored the party's respect for the NC leadership, particularly Late Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah and Dr. Farooq Abdullah, who are regarded as senior and highly respected political figures in Jammu and Kashmir.

Karra reiterated the Congress Party's commitment to maintaining a strong alliance with the National Conference in the upcoming elections, with the joint goal of opposing the divisive politics of the BJP. He acknowledged the importance of unity and cooperation between the INC and NC in their ongoing fight for the dignity, rights,

and welfare of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. In his statement, the JKPCC President urged

all political leaders to uphold the values of democracy by maintaining dignity and respect in public discourse. He stressed that using derogatory language or making personal attacks goes against the core values of the democratic

Karra concluded by reaffirming the Congress Party's dedication to the alliance with the National Conference and their collective resolve to safeguard the interests of Jammu and Kashmir, ensuring that the people's voice is heard through a united front against the policies of the BJP.

#### **Devinder Kumar Manyal to File Nomination for Ramgarh Constituency**

RAMGARH, Sep 9: Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate for the newly formed Ramgarh constituency, will officially file his nomination papers tomorrow, September 10, 2024.

ground as a former Health Minister of Jammu and Kashmir and former MLA of Samba, Dr. Manyal is well-equipped to address the needs and aspirations of the people in Ramgarh. He is committed to work tirelessly to

With a strong back- and bring positive change to the constituency.

Well-wishers are invited to join Dr. Manyal as he files his nomination papers. The procession will follow the route from: Ramgarh BJP Office- Village Pangdour- Rajpura-SDM Office Ghagwal in

#### **CEO kick starts plantation drive under Green Election initiative in Jammu**

represent their interests

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Sep 9: In order to achieve the target of planting above one lakh plants under the 'Green Election' initiative of Election Commission of India (ECI) during the J&K Assembly Elections 2024, the Office of Chief Electoral Officer, J&K. in collaboration with J&K Forest Department organised a plantation drive in the premises of Model Higher Secondary School, Domana, in Bhalwal block of Jammu district on Monday.

The plantation drive was inaugurated by Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Pandurang K Pole, who was the Chief Guest at the event, whereas Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya,(District Election Officer), Jammu, Director Forest Protection Force, J&K, Sandip Kujur; Akther Hussain Qazi, Nodal officer of SVEEP, J&K; Sapna Kotwal, Nodal Officer for Media: Dr Vikas Sharma. ACD Jammu (Nodal Officer SVEEP-Jammu), and officers from the District Administration and Forest Department were present at the event.

Speaking on the occa-



**Environment-Friendly** Plantation Drive along with the Assembly Elections to create a sense of responsibility towards the environment protection among the masses and those participating in the elections

The CEO also informed that the directions were given to the officers to plant more than 100 plants in the premises of Polling Station identified as Green Polling Station in each Assembly Constituency, whereas rest of the Polling Stations must plant 10-15 plants each in the premises across J&K UT so that a target of planting 1 lakh plants can be achieved before

15 September, 2024. Pandurang K Pole also asserted that a massive plantation is going to take place across the

UT during the Assembly Elections to foster environmental stewardship among the electorate, to compensate for the impact on the environment due to waste generated during the election process.

He also asked all the stakeholders that plantation drives shall be organised at all Polling Stations across the UT on scheduled dates, expressing the significance of environmental responsibility.

Today's plantation drive was launched as a part of the SVEEP campaign during which above 100 plants were planted and nearly 200 students, NCC cadets and staff members including the Principal of the school also participated in the event.

The students also pledged to take the initiative of Green Election to every nook and corner of

#### Farooq Abdullah vows to bring back Article 370 to J&K

**Top News Report** 

SRINAGAR, Sep 9: National Conference (NC) President Faroog Abdullah on Monday vowed to bring back Article 370 to Jammu and Kashmir one day even if it takes time

Farooq said this while reacting to a remark made by Union Minister Amit Shah during an election rally in Jammu when he said that NC and PDP are dreaming of bringing back Article 370 to Jammu and Kashmir.

"It may take time, but we will bring back Article 370. It took them (BJP) years to abrogate it; maybe it will take us time to restore it." Abdullah told reporters in north Kashmir.

He said this is the voice of all the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Farooq questioned the BJP for claiming that terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir was because of Article 370. "They are now in government for the past five years in from where the terrorism come". Faroog asks.

"I had told Delhi to talk



to militants when an Indian Airlines plane was hijacked to Kandahar in 1999. But they refused and released Pakistan based Jaish-e-Mohammad leader Masood Azhar and others who are running this all", the former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister said.

Asked that Mehbooba alleged that if there would not have been the PDP party NC could have continued with the autocratic rule, Farooq said "I feel sorry for Mehbooba who excessively says. For 20 years her father Mufti Mohammad Syed remained associated with the Congress party who forced him to leave the party, Farooq questions.

Farooq said the Almighty willing NC and Congress alliance will be victorious in the upcoming elections in Jammu and Kashmir

#### PDP withdraws support for Taj Mohi-ud-Din, decides to field own candidate from Uri

SRINAGAR, Sep 9 (Agencies): Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has withdrawn its support for senior leader Taj Mohi-ud-Din in Uri Assembly constituency after Apni Party extended its support to him.

"In view of Apni party extending support to Taj Mohuddin in Uri constituency, PDP has decided to withdraw its support to him and put out party's own candidate," PDP wrote in a post on X.

Confirming the development to the news agency, PDP's Mohammad Rafique Rather said that they are ideologically apart from the Apni Party.

It has become natural for them to withdraw the support after Apni Party announced its support to him, he said.

Reacting to PDP's decision, Taj Mohi-ud-Din said that it was their wish to support him, and it is their wish to withdraw. "I had already informed PDP during the press conference that the Apni Party was supporting me," he said

#### to 'wipe out' BJP: Mula Ram neglected this critical issue but also exacerbated it with ill-conceived

People are eagerly waiting for Oct 1

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Sep 9: In a powerful show of support for Congress, Mula Ram, a senior Congress leader, addressed a large and enthusiastic gathering at Akalpur in the Marh constituency in Jammu on Monday.

The event saw an overwhelming turnout, signaling growing discontent with the ruling BJP in Jammu and Kashmir.

Mula Ram's speech struck a chord with the audience as he criticized the BJP's governance and pointed out the hardships people have faced under its rule.

"The people are eagerly awaiting October 1st to make their voices heard and to remove the BJP from power in Jammu and Kashmir, Mula Ram said.

Mula Ram accused the BJP for using Jammu and Kashmir as an "experiment ground" for its political agendas.

He highlighted the implementation of smart meters, rampant unemployment, and the loss of statehood as key issues that have caused widespread suffering among the people

"Wherever you go, you're burdened with taxes," he said, pointing out how ordinary citizens are being squeezed by rising costs and financial

The senior Congress leader also emphasized how the BJP government has failed to address the pressing concerns of unemployment.

With many young people struggling to find jobs, Mula Ram argued that the BJP has not only

policies

He promised that Congress would bring about meaningful change, focusing on restoring jobs and dignity to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Another critical point raised by Mula Ram was the need for the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood.

He criticized the BJP for reducing the region to a Union Territory, describing it as an affront to the people's identity. "The BJP has used

Jammu and Kashmir as a laboratory for their political experiments, without any regard for the wellbeing of its people," he said

The crowd responded with loud applause, reflecting their desire to regain the lost status of their state.

Mula Ram also touched on the growing sense of dissatisfaction with the BJP across the region. "Wherever you go,

people are frustrated with the BJP's policies. They feel abandoned, burdened by taxes, and ignored by the government," he said.

The smart meter issue has been a particularly contentious one, with many residents expressing anger over what they see as unfair increases in electricity bills, he said.

Mula Ram assured the people that Congress would revisit these issues and provide relief if voted into power.

Several local leaders also spoke at the event, echoing Mula Ram's sen-

Ghar Singh, a former Corporator from Akalpur, emphasized that the people of Marh have lost

faith in the BJP. "BJP leaders have made promises, but where are the results? Unemployment is higher

than ever, and our youth

are suffering," he said. Kulwant Singh, Sarpanch of Akalpur, along with leaders like Mandeep Singh, Randhir Singh, Balkar Singh, Rattan Sharma, Shashi Kant, and Deva Choudhary, all rallied behind Mula Ram, vowing to work tirelessly

for the Congress party.
They accused the BJP of failing to deliver on its promises and asserted that the people of Jammu and Kashmir deserve better leadership, one that listens to their concerns and acts in their

As the October 1st date approaches, there is a palpable sense of anticipation among the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Mula Ram said that change is on the horizon, with many residents eager to cast their vote in favour of Congress.

"The discontent with the BJP is evident, and the party's policies have drawn widespread criticism," he said.

Mula Ram concluded his speech by urging the people to come out in large numbers on October 1st and "wipe out" the BJP from Jammu and Kashmir.

"The rally at Akalpur was not just a display of strength but also a message to the BJP: the people are ready for change," Mula Ram

#### Khushboo Bhagat to contest as independent candidate for Assembly elections from Kathua

**Top News Report** 

KATHUA, Sep 9: Renowned social activist and politician of 13 years, Khushboo Bhagat, made a sensational announcement today that has sent shockwaves through Kathua's political land-

In a press conference, Bhagat declared her canfor the upcoming Kathua Assembly elections, challenging both Congress

and BJP directly. Bhagat accused Congress of looting the country for the past 70 years and BJP of exploiting the people in just 10 years. She held BJP accountable for the region's



highlighting its failure to offer women representation in assembly elections. She criticized BJP's policies, calling them power-hungry and disconnected from public growing popularity and her strong appeal to the public, especially women and youth, could turn this election into a heated three-way battle. With her bold stance. Bhagat may become a significant force in Kathua politics, challenging both major parties for dominance.

#### SVEEP Awareness, Pledge held at SMVDU

**Top News Report** 

KATRA, Sep 9: SVEEP programme was organized at SMVDU University, Katra on Monday under the guidance of District coordinator SVEEP, Narinder Kishore. Speaking on the occasion, District coordinator SVEEP highlighted the importance of SVEEP activities in creating awareness about electoral participation.

During the programme, SMVDU employees as well as students were educated about the importance of voting and their role in the democratic process. They were

informed about the various initiatives taken by the Election Commission of India (ECI) to increase voter turnout and ensure free and fair elections.

**GDC Nowshera organises Awareness Rally** 

The students actively participated in the programme and asked several questions about the electoral process. They also pledged to become active voters and encourage others to do the same

The programme was a success and helped in creating awareness about the importance of electoral participation among the students.

#### **GDC Ramgarh unveils** 'Wall of Democracy'

**Top News Report** 

RAMGARH, Sep 9: In a commendable initiative to enhance voter awareness, the Electoral Literary Club (ELC) of Government Degree College, Ramgarh unveiled a 'Wall of Democracy' in the college premises under the aegis of Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP).

The wall features engaging content and visuals designed to capture the essence of democratic responsibility and the impact of each vote.

The inspiring event was carried out under the supervision of Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjli Andotra, Principal of the College.

Prof. Sandeep Kumari Nodal officer SVEEP highlighted the events value, saying, "Our goal with this wall is to make students aware of the significance of their vote and to motivate them to participate in the electoral process

#### on Voting Rights under SVEEP **Top News Report**

NOWSHERA, Sep 9: In a vibrant and spirited display of civic responsibility, NSS unit of GDC Nowshera in collaboration with Electoral Literacy club of GDC Nowshera organized an awareness rally on Monday to promote voter awareness and educate the public about their voting rights under the guidance and supervision of our Principal Dr. Shamim Ahmed

Azad The rally is part of a broader initiative to encourage informed and active participation in the upcoming elections.

The rally began at Hanjana village which is the adopted site of GDC Nowshera and proceeded through key locations in the village, attracting the attention of residents and passersby. Students carried banners, placards, and distributed pamphlets that highlighted the importance of voter registration, the value of every vote, and the ease of accessing voting-related information.

SVEEP, a flagship program of the Election Commission of India, focuses on voter education, outreach, and empowerment, with an aim to enhance the quality of electoral participation across the country. In line with this mission, the students engaged the public through speeches, skits, and interactive activities to drive home the significance of exercising one's voting rights responsibly. Through this rally, we hope to inspire not only the youth but every citizen to recognize the power of their vote

### **EDITORIAL**

# **SVEEP Activities**

he Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) initiative is a crucial program implemented by the Election Commission of India (ECI) aimed at increasing voter awareness, promoting voter participation, and fostering informed electoral decisions. Since its inception in 2009, SVEEP has evolved into a comprehensive voter education program that targets various demographics, including first-time voters, women, rural populations, urban youth, marginalized groups, and persons with disabilities (PwDs). Through a variety of outreach activities, campaigns, and educational drives, SVEEP seeks to empower citizens to exercise their democratic rights responsibly and participate in free and fair elections. The primary goal of SVEEP is to encourage higher voter turnout and ensure that elections are inclusive, participatory, and transparent. SVEEP encourages eligible citizens to register as voters, particularly those who may have missed earlier opportunities, such as first-time voters and those from marginalized communities. SVEEP raises awareness about the importance of ethical voting practices, urging voters to make informed decisions based on candidates' qualifications, policies, and performance rather than being influenced by money, fear, or favoritism. By educating voters about the electoral process, voting procedures, and the significance of each vote, SVEEP helps to demystify elections and empower citizens with the knowledge they need to participate actively. SVEEP designs tailored campaigns for different demographic groups, including women, PwDs, elderly citizens, first-time voters, and urban non-voters, to address the unique challenges and barriers they may face. SVEEP implements a wide range of activities to engage citizens and encourage electoral participation. These activities are carried out at the national, state, and district levels, leveraging partnerships with civil society organizations, educational institutions, government agencies, and media outlets. SVEEP conducts extensive voter awareness campaigns through print, electronic, and social media platforms. These campaigns include public service announcements, short films, jingles, posters, and brochures designed to spread key messages about voter registration, polling dates, and the importance of casting a vote. SVEEP organizes voter registration camps in collaboration with local administration and non-governmental organizations. These drives are often conducted in colleges, universities, and rural areas to target firsttime voters, young citizens, and those in remote locations who may not have easy access to registration facilities. Educational workshops and seminars are held in schools, colleges, and community centers to spread awareness about the electoral process. These events provide hands-on training on how to register to vote, how to use Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trails (VVPATs), and how to identify polling stations. SVEEP also utilizes cultural events such as street plays, rallies, contests, and quiz competitions to engage with the public. These events are popular in both urban and rural areas and help communicate voter awareness messages in an entertaining and easily digestible format. Special initiatives are undertaken to ensure the participation of women and PwDs in the electoral process. These include providing accessible polling stations, training polling officers in inclusivity, and deploying mobile apps that offer voter assistance. Additionally, campaigns encourage women to register and vote independently and assert their electoral rights. Schools and colleges are vital partners in SVEEP activities. The Election Commission partners with educational institutions to create awareness among young voters, especially those eligible for the first time. Youth-focused programs like 'Campus Ambassadors' and Electoral Literacy Clubs encourage students to take active roles in promoting voter awareness. SVEEP campaigns often include "voter pledge" activities where citizens commit to exercising their vote and encouraging others to do so. The pledge is promoted widely through media channels and in person at campaign events, strengthening the culture of voting in the community. One of the significant aspects of SVEEP is its effort to educate the public about the use of EVMs and VVPATs. Demonstration camps are held in public places and educational institutions to familiarize voters with the voting machines, making the process less intimidating, especially for first-time and elderly voters. SVEEP's initiatives have significantly impacted voter turnout and participation in Indian elections. The outreach campaigns, voter education, and awareness efforts have helped increase voter registration and reduced the gender gap in electoral participation. The program's success in promoting informed voting has also contributed to more ethical electoral practices, with voters becoming less susceptible to coercion and inducements. Moreover, SVEEP has been instrumental in reaching remote and marginalized communities, ensuring that elections in India are more inclusive than ever. The focus on involving youth, women, PwDs, and the elderly has created a more engaged and informed electorate, laying the foundation for stronger democratic practices. SVEEP is a critical component of India's electoral framework, ensuring that every citizen is aware of their electoral rights and responsibilities. By fostering voter education, encouraging participation, and promoting ethical voting, SVEEP plays a pivotal role in strengthening India's democracy. As it continues to evolve, SVEEP will remain central to the Election Commission's efforts to ensure free, fair, and inclusive elections.

#### 'Act East' policy demands relook, but stabilise N-E

By: Manish Tewari

**¬**he Act East Policy (AEP) has been one of New Delhi's most enduring and consistent foreign policy strategies since the end of the Cold War. Initially launched as the Look East Policy, it primarily focused on strengthening economic and strategic relations with Southeast Asian nations. Over time, this approach has evolved into a broader strategy, including deeper engagements with East Asian countries like Japan and South Korea, and addressing the economic and strategic needs of India's Northeastern region by promoting cross-border economic ties. However, recent political instability in neighboring Bangladesh and Myanmar has raised serious concerns about the policy's effectiveness, indicating that a significant reassessment may now be necessary. Also Read - Bhopinder Singh | Trying to breach the glass ceiling: Can gender be made irrelevant? Advertisement A Sudden Shift in the Neighborhood: The political landscape in Bangladesh underwent a dramatic change with the ousting of Sheikh Hasina's government in August 2024. Her administration, long viewed as a stable and friendly neighbour to India, fell amidst widespread protests. For India, which had fostered a strong relationship with Hasina's government, this development marks a significant setback. This shift has strained diplomatic relations between the two countries and cast doubt on several critical infrastructure and connectivity projects vital to India's strategic interests. Also Read - Shobhaa De Does anyone give a damn for rape victims in India? The immediate fallout from this political turmoil includes the suspension of train services and the stoppage of goods and people moving across the India-Bangladesh border. A more pressing concern for India is

the possibility that the new leadership in Bangladesh might shift its alignment towards China or even, ironically, Pakistan whose depredations in the first place led to the creation of Bangladesh. These are nations with which India shares complex and often adversarial ties. The interim government in Bangladesh, now headed by Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus, may be less willing to sustain the close cooperation that previously existed between Bangladesh and India. Such a shift could result in a geopolitical realignment that negatively impacts India's security and economic interests. Also Read - Farrukh Dhondy | UK should check social media use to spread hatred, instigate violence Navigating relations with the interim government could be difficult for India. The Yunus administration has hinted at a potential reevaluation of the bilateral relationship, suggesting that Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) previously signed with India might be reviewed or even cancelled if they are deemed unfavorable to Bangladesh. This, along with increased scrutiny of Indian-funded projects and renewed discussions on contentious issues like the Teesta water-sharing treaty, highlights the complexities India faces in preserving its strategic interests in the region. Also Read - Indranil Banerjie | Hunt for scapegoats won't improve future of B'desh The Dilemma of Engagement in Myanmar: The strategic and economic significance of Myanmar to India is considerable, especially for advancing India's influence in Southeast Asia through the Act East Policy (AEP) and strengthening ties with Asean countries. However, political turmoil in Myanmar, stemming from the military's takeover in February 2021, poses a serious challenge. On February 8, 2024, the Indian government decided to terminate the Free Movement Regime (FMR)

with Myanmar after fencing the border to bolster internal security and maintain the demographic balance in the Northeastern states. The India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway, linking Manipur in India's northeast with Mae Sot in Thailand via Mandalay and Bagan in Myanmar, is a crucial project. While approximately 70 per cent of the highway has been completed, progress on the remaining 30 per cent has stalled due to the ongoing conflict in Myanmar. Similarly, the ambitious trans-Asian railway link, intended to connect New Delhi with Hanoi, has made little tangible progress. Furthermore, the future of the Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project, designed to link the eastern Indian port of Kolkata with Sittwe in Myanmar's Rakhine state by sea, is also in jeopardy. The recent capture of Paletwa by the Arakan Army has further complicated the situation, casting doubt on the completion of this strategically vital project. The Northeast Region on Edge: The northeastern region of India is of immense strategic importance due to its unique geographic location, bordering Bhutan, China, Myanmar, Nepal, and Bangladesh. This pivotal position makes the region a gateway to Southeast Asia, placing it at the heart of India's AEP. However, ongoing ethnic tensions in Manipur, often referred to as India's "gateway" to Southeast Asia, threaten to derail India's ambitious plans under the AEP. These conflicts have far-reaching implications for the Northeastern region, which has historically been plagued by ethnic strife and insurgencies. The instability spilling over from neighboring countries, coupled with the influx of refugees from Myanmar and the potential for similar movements from Bangladesh, has intensified tensions in states such as Mizoram and Manipur. The Indian government's decision to suspend the Free Movement Regime (FMR), which

facilitated the movement of people across the India-Myanmar border, not only underscores security concerns but also disrupts the social and economic lives of border communities. For India's vision of a "shared destiny" under the AEP to succeed, stability in the northeastern states is essential. The future of the AEP extends beyond improving infrastructure; it hinges on fostering peace and trust both within the region and with neighboring countries. Navigating a New Reality: Given these challenges, it is evident that India's Act East Policy needs a comprehensive reassessment. The policy's core components of economic engagement, connectivity projects and strategic alliances are increasingly strained by shifting political and security dynamics in the region. The recent political upheavals in Bangladesh and Myanmar, combined with persistent tensions in India's Northeast, highlight the need for a more adaptable and nuanced approach. India must reevaluate its traditional alliances and explore new strategies that include broader political engagement, humanitarian considerations, and a recalibrated approach to regional cooperation. By doing so, India can better protect its interests and ensure that the Act East Policy remains effective in an increasingly volatile environment. India's Act East Policy has the potential to significantly alter the geopolitical and geo-economic landscape of the region, especially in light of rising Chinese influence. Rooted in the principle of a "shared destiny," the AEP emphasises equal roles for all nations. The northeastern region of India is crucial to this policy, and its future success is heavily dependent on achieving peace, stability and development in these states. Addressing these needs is essential for ensuring that the Act East Policy continues to advance India's strategic interests.

#### Trying to breach the glass ceiling: Can gender be made irrelevant?

By: Bhopinder Singh

The countries of the Indiansubcontinent can pride on putting women leaders into high office long before the rest of the world. The world's first elected woman Prime Minister was Sirimavo Bandaranaike of Sri Lanka (which was then Ceylon) in 1960. India's "Iron Lady" Indira Gandhi emerged soon afterwards, in 1966. Other pathbreakers in the region were the first elected woman Prime Minister in a Muslim country, Benazir Bhutto in Pakistan in 1988, and were followed by Bangladesh's Begum Khaleda Zia and Sheikh Hasina Wajed in 1991 and 1996 respectively. Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi has been the virtual leader of the masses, though her victory in 1990 was disallowed and her party took over as late as 2015. Even Nepal has had Bidya Devi Bhandari as its President in 2015. Also Read - Manish Tewari | 'Act East' policy demands relook, but stabilise N-E Advertisement However, the global champion of democracy and all kinds of progressive movements, the United States of America, has not had a woman in the top job. While women have made it to the posts of vice-president (Kamala Devi Harris), secretary of state (Condoleezza Rice, Madeliene Albright and Hillary Clinton), Speaker of the House of Representatives (Nancy Pelosi) and even as presidential candidates (Hillary Clinton won nearly three million more popular votes than Donald Trump in 2016, but still lost in the electoral college) -- they

didn't make the final cut for the Oval Office as POTUS. The United States remains amongst the 113 countries worldwide that have not had women in the top position. Also Read - Shobhaa De | Does anyone give a damn for rape victims in India? One of the metastasized theories of gender discrimination and sexism that is frequently bandied about is that countries with strong militaristic culture and nuclear wherewithal are naturally averse to women at the top. This holds good not just for the United States but also for Russia and China, the other claimants for "superpower" status. Implicit in this flawed logic is that women would not be "tough enough" in difficult situations, that might lead to declaring war. But this theory is negated by the examples of Israel's Golda Meir (Yom Kippur War 1973), India's Indira Gandhi (Bangladesh War 1971) or even Britain's Margaret Thatcher (Falklands War 1982). So many others, such as Angela Merkel, Jacinda Arden, Tsai Ing-wen, etc, held their own and navigated their countries with a rare combination of nerves of steel, decisiveness, and empathy, all rolled in one. There hasn't been a credible reason posited for women's denial, except undeniable discrimination. Also Read - Farrukh Dhondy | UK should check social media use to spread hatred, instigate violence It is with this backdrop that Hillary Rodham Clinton reignited the hope of breaking the "highest, hardest glass ceiling" at the recent Democratic National Convention in Chicago last month.

Punting on Kamala Harris to defeat the ultra-macho appeal of Donald Trump, Hillary recalled the collective journey of American women: "Together, we've put a lot of cracks in the highest, hardest glass ceiling". And then she went on to the larger significance: "When a barrier falls for one of us, it clears the way for all of us". She then alluded to a so-far missing piece of the American Dream to suggest: "On the other side of that glass ceiling is Kamala Harris raising her hand and taking the oath of office as 47th President of the United States". However, it is an angularity that hasn't been pitched aggressively enough by Kamala herself: perhaps she doesn't need to state the obvious and may tactically pitch the same in the final stages, to win over the fencesitters. Right now, she is focusing on the winning with the "prosecutor versus felon" theme that reiterates the fact that Mr Trump has been formally indicted in multiple jurisdictions and convicted of 34 felonies. It seems to be working, as she is statistically ahead. Also Read - Indranil Banerjie | Hunt for scapegoats won't improve future of B'desh Earlier, "electability" had been a code phrase for convenient male preference. But with a reassuring record as vice-president in the shadow of a perceptibly shaky President Joe Biden, Kamala can flex her performance for the top job. She has already started getting under the skin of Donald Trump with statements like: "In those roles I took on perpetrators of all kinds: preda-

tors who abused women, fraudsters

who ripped off consumers, cheaters who broke the rules for their own gain. So, hear me when I say, I know Donald Trump's type". This has left Mr Trump with no choice but to up the ante in retaliation and create even more space for more damaging "self-goals". Mr Trump personifies the term "abuse of power", and history is instructive that the more power he has been afforded, the more people (especially women) he has hurt. His known treatment and commentary of women have been the original peek into his abuse of power. In a wounded and polarised world, Kamala Harris brings personal experience of so many societal prejudices -- race, ethnicities, immigration, religion, colour and gender -- as someone who has endured the same. She could affirm for gender, like President Barack Obama managed for race. Conversely, voting for Kamala on account of her gender is also sexism -- therefore, traction for her should really be because she is inherently more qualified, competent and likely to manage to govern America more effectively. In an ideal world, gender should not be a part of the conversation, and by defeating Mr Trump she will instil the "normalcy" of such expectations. By not over-emphasising on gender, Kamala is confidently pitching her opinions, policies and experiences -- this by itself should be enough, though sadly isn't, given the regressive beliefs of some people. Therefore, the importance of shattering that glass ceiling. Eventually, how Kamala Harris will fare as President will have nothing to do with gender.

#### **BVP** celebrates "Guru Bandhan Chhatra Abhinandan"

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU. Sep 9: Bharat Vikas Parishad (BVP) Tridev Branch, Shastri Nagar, Jammu, celebrated the "Guru Bandhan Chhatra Abhinandan" event at Dogra Higher Secondary School, Shastri Nagar, with great enthusiasm.

The event was marked by a large gathering of teachers, students, and prominent members of the community, all coming together to honor the role of teachers in shaping the future of students.

The ceremony began with the traditional "Deep Ujala" ritual, symbolizing the light of knowledge and wisdom.

Arun Sharma, National Member of BVP, was the Chief Guest for the occasion. His presence added significance to the event as he addressed the students, underscoring the importance of the day.

Arun Sharma enlightened the students about the relevance of "Guru

Bandhan Chhatra Abhinandan" and its significance not only in India

but globally.

He reminded the gathering that this day is celebrated in honor of the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a distinguished educationist and the second President of India

Sharma urged the students to show respect and gratitude toward their teachers, acknowledging them as the real guides and mentors who shape their future lives.

In addition to the importance of respecting teach-

ers, Sharma emphasized the need for students to be responsible citizens. He spoke on environmental protection, encouraging students to ensure cleanliness in and around their school premises. He stressed the importance of keeping the environment clean as part of their responsibility toward

Sharma also highlighted the growing menace of drug abuse, a serious issue affecting the youth today. He urged the students to stay away from this evil. which not only destroys careers but also

the future of the younger generation. His words resonated strongly with the audience, inspiring both students and teachers to take a stand against

The event was further enriched by speeches from Shiv Ram Sharma, General Secretary of BVP JK Prant, and Suman Khanna, Sewa Pramukh of BVP Tridev Branch.

Both speakers emphasized the values of service, education, and respect for teachers, while also encouraging the students to uphold these values in their daily lives.

ures were present at the function, including M.L. Padha, President of BVP Tridev Branch, B.R. Sharma, Secretary, JS Slathia, Treasurer, Darshan Gupta, Patron, Prof. Rakesh Vaid, Sanskar Pramukh, Smt. Kailash Mohani, Mahila Pramukh of BVP Tridev Branch, and the Vice Principal of Dogra Higher Secondary School. Their presence highlighted the collective commitment of the community to promoting education and moral values among the younger generation The event concluded on

a patriotic note with the singing of the National Anthem, reinforcing the spirit of unity and respect for the nation. The "Guru Bandhan Chhatra Abhinandan" event was not only a celebration of the teacher-student relationship but also a call for the students to become responsible, disciplined, and socially aware citi-

#### **NSS Units of GGM Science College organize** awareness rally on 'Say No to Plastics'

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Sep 9: As a part of Swacchta Pakhwara being observed in the College, the National Service Scheme (NSS) units of GGM Science College on Monday successfully organized an awareness rally on the theme 'Say No to Plastics: Plastic-Free Campus.

The rally was aimed at educating students, staff, and the nearby community about the harmful effects of plastic use and the importance of adopting sustainable practices.

More than 100 students participated enthusiastically in the rally, marching with banners and slogans that promoted eco-friendly alternatives and environmental consciousness.

The rally was flagged off by the Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta from the College Campus, who in his address highlighted the

need for collective action in combating plastic pollution and added that creating a plastic-free environment starts with

A sustainable campus will lead to a sustainable future." Prof. Gupta also discussed the harmful impacts of microplastics on human health and the environment and emphasized the regulations regarding the minimum thickness of plastic bags.

each one of us

The rally was led by **NSS Programme Officers** Dr. Rahul Kait and Dr. Neha Sharma, along with faculty members Dr. M.S. Saini, Dr. Vinod Bakshi, and Dr. Ashaq Hussain which passed through the college campus and

nearby streets, spreading the message of sustainability

Students carried placards with powerful messages such as 'Say No to Plastic, Yes to Life' and 'Refuse, Reuse, Recycle, creating an impactful presence in the local community

The event concluded with all participants taking a pledge to minimize plastic use in their daily lives and commit to a plastic-free environ-

Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta applauded the efforts of the NSS units, students, and staff, encouraging them to continue their efforts in leading sustainable initiatives.

#### India's top grade music composer award conferred to Pt Abhay Sopori

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Sep 9: Distinguished Santoor Maestro & Music Composer Pandit Abhay Rustum Sopori has been awarded the 'Top Grade Music Composer' award by All India Radio.

Dr. Santosh Nahar, well known Violinist & Deputy Director Programmes, All India Radio and Sangeeta Jain (TREX Policy), AIR, presented the certificate to Pandit Abhay Rustum Sopori at Akashvani Bhavan, New Delhi.

Pandit Abhay Sopori was earlier awarded the 'Top Grade Artist' award as a Santoor player by All India Radio in 2019.

He expressed his heartfelt gratitude to All India Radio for bestowing upon him the second 'Top Grade' award, becoming the youngest artist in the country to be awarded a double 'Top Grade'

He said it's a rare honor to be awarded a double Top Grade, both as a Santoor player and now Music Composer, and dedicated the honor to his father and guru, the Great Saint - Music Legend Late Pandit



Bhajan Sopori, who is hailed as the Saint of Santoor and King of Strings.

Pandit Abhay Sopori represents the 300-yearold exclusive traditional Santoor family of the country with age-old Shaivite - Sufi roots.

Regarding as a Cultural Icon of Jammu and Kashmir. Sopori has been instrumental in introducing 'Cultural Policy' in J&K and also introducing music as a subject in various Districts of Jammu and Kashmir creating new academic streams in colleges and universities as well as new job opportunities. for the youth in

His efforts have also paved the way for the introduction of the PG Program in Hindustani Music in Kashmir earlier this year in June 2024.

He has also composed 5 new ragas namely Raga Nirmalkauns, Mahakali, Sharda, Bhajaneshwari & Bhagwati.

He has been honored with a number of awards in recognition of his outstanding contribution and achievements in the field of music including the prestigious Mahatma Gandhi Seva Medal. J&K Govt. Award, Atal Shikhar Samman, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan National Award, Bharat Shiromani Award, Dogri Award.

#### Chandel calls for strengthening India's Defense capabilities

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Sep 9: Hinduist BJP leader, Raju Chandel, in a conversation with journalists today, made a strong appeal to India's defense scientists at DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation) and HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Limited) to expedite the establishment of additional manufacturing units for fighter planes across the country. He emphasized the need for rapid action to bolster India's defense capabilities in the face of growing military advancements by neighboring countries.

Chandel expressed concern over delays in producing the engines for modern fighter planes, a critical component that has hindered India's ability to compete with the advanced air forces of other nations. "Our country is at a disadvantage due to delays in the development of fighter plane engines," he said.

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Sep 9: State

Organ and Tissue

Transplant Organization

(SOTTO) J&K in col-

laboration with Swami

Vivekanand Medical Mis-

sion Charitable Hospital

(SVMMCH) Amphalla

organized an Eye/Organ

Donation rally as part of

the 39th National Eye

Donation Fortnight cele-

brations, to create aware-

ness among the public on

Eye/Organ Donation and

importance of saving lives

by pledging eye/organs

for donation on Monday.

The awareness rally

"However, the talent and technological expertise of our DRDO and HAL scientists are second to none. These institutions are capable of developing sixth-generation fighter planes-technology that even superpower nations like the U.S. struggle to match.

Chandel stressed that India currently needs around 500 modern fighter planes to stay competitive in global defense. With friendly nations now ready to supply India with advanced fighter plane engines and related technologies, he urged the government and defense institutions to act swiftly. "The structure of these aircraft should be prepared immediately, so when the engines arrive, we can quickly assemble and deploy the planes," he noted. By doing so, India could ensure that its defense forces receive the necessary modern equipment without delay.

In addition to serving national security, Chan-



del pointed out that the demand for India's fighter planes is also growing abroad. "Western countries are expressing interest in our modern aircraft, and India has the opportunity to not only strengthen its own defense but also to boost its economy by fulfilling international orders," he stated. Chandel highlighted that timely production and delivery of these aircraft would enhance global trust in India's defense manufacturing sector and open up lucrative business oppor-

Chandel further urged DRDO and HAL scientists to leverage India's cutting-

J&K SOTTO, SVMMCH organize Eye/Organ Donation Awareness Rally

edge technology, such as advanced laser weapons like Kali and Durga. These high-powered laser systems, he said, have the potential to revolutionize aerial combat. "We need to integrate such powerful technologies into our modern fighter planes so that enemy missile systems and fighter aircraft can be neutralized midair. The era of conventional warfare is over. Today, it's all about technological

supremacy.' He went on to emphasize the changing dynamics of warfare, where nations with advanced technologies hold a significant advantage. "When we have weapons as powerful as Kali and Durga, which embody the power of Mahakali, we must deploy them in our aircraft to ensure dominance. With these weapons installed, India's fighter jets will be unmatched by any aircraft in the world." he asserted

Chandel also noted that by preparing the infrastructure for hundreds of fighter planes in advance, India would not only be able to deliver to its forces quickly but also meet international demand. He suggested that foreign companies often fail to fulfill large defense orders on time, and India could fill that gap by providing readyto-assemble planes once the engines are received.

"India's fighter planes, equipped with modern technologies, become a symbol of our nation's capability and strength on the global stage. The timely production and delivery of these planes will boost both our defense and economic systems, and position India as a key player in the global arms industry."

Chandel made a fervent appeal to India's defense scientists to expedite the production of fighter planes and integrate advanced weaponry. His vision is not just for India to secure its own borders but to emerge as a global leader in defense technol-

#### **GDC Kathua concluded series of SVEEP activities**

Sneha Sharma secured

**Top News Report** 

KATHUA, Sep 9: Government Degree College, Kathua concluded the series of SVEEP activities conducted in connection to Upcoming General Elections of J&K Legislative Assembly 2024

The activities were conducted to promote awareness among the students regarding voting and particularly encouraging the new voters to participate in the electoral process as an aware citizen. The event started with a welcome address by Prof. Shivani Kotwal, Convener. Literary Committee. She briefed the audience about the series of events that were conducted under the SVEEP program. The chief guest of the event was

Prof. Seema Mir, Principal, GDC, Kathua, She congratulated the literary committee and the students for the successful completion of the activities. She emphasized the importance of active participation of the youth in the electoral process and the significance of democratic institutions.

On Day 1, a symposium was conducted where a number of students participated in the event. The event was judged by Dr. Eva Sharma and Dr. Nitasha Baloria. Shivika Rajput secured first position, Kanika stood second and

third place in the competition. After the completion of symposium, a pledge ceremony was conducted where in Prof. Seema Mir, Principal, GDC, Kathua, Faculty members and the students of the college took pledge for the unbiased voting and fair participation in the elections. She stressed that the voting is a privilege and a fundamental duty of every citizen to exercise.

Day 2 witnessed a Poetry Recitation and Painting Competition. The competitions were judged by Dr. Yash Paul Sharma, Dr. Jagmohan Sharma and Prof. Rakhi Malhotra. Sneha secured first, Rekha secured second, and Nitika Sharma secured third in Painting Competition. Kanika stood first, Tania stood second and Shivika stood third in Poetry Recitation Competition.

On Day 3 of the SVEEP program, a signature campaign was conducted under the able guidance of Principal of the College, Prof. Seema Mir. Through this campaign the young voters were made aware of their rights and what would be the consequences if they don't exercise their right to vote. Students and staff actively partici-

pated in the campaign. The campaign started off with the senior staff members including

Prof. R.K Pandita. Prof. Sanjay Karlupia, Prof.R.K Manhas, Dr. Yashpal sharma, Dr. Neelam Prof. Shivani Bhagat, Prof. Ambika Kotwal, Raiput followed by Dr. Eva sharma, Dr.Nitasha Baloria, Prof. Rakhi Malhotra . Dr.Kamaliot Kour. Prof. Supreet Kour and continued by other staff members. In the valedictory func-

tion, a cultural program, highlighting the importance of voting was performed by the students followed by skit, featuring a compelling narrative that followed the journey of students discussing the impact of voting, debunking common myths, and interacting with an aware citizen who explained the steps involved in casting a vote. It also included mock campaign speeches and an illustration how every vote can shape the future of the country. A vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Yashpal Sharma, Staff secretary

and HOD Urdu. Further, winners were felicitated by the Principal, Prof. Seema Mir, senior faculty members and members of literary committee. The event was attended by the members of literary committee, faculty members of the college and students. The event was hosted by Vishal, student

of Semester-5.



Director SOTTO J&K, Dr Rehana Khurshid, Medical Superintendent, SSH Jammu and Mohan Singh Chauhan, Treasurer, **SVMMCH** 

was flagged off from the main gate of Super Students from Rajiv Specialty Hospital by Dr Gandhi College of Col-Ashutosh Gupta, Prinlege of Nursing, Chak cipal, GMC Jammu, Dr Bhalwal participated in Elias Sharma, Nodal the rally, held placards, Officer SOTTO J&K and banners and raised slo-**HOD Urology and Renal** gans to create awareness regarding the eye/organ

Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Principal GMC Jammu said many vital organs like heart, liver, kidneys, intestine, lungs, pancreas etc can be donated and saves many lives. "People should come forward for this noble cause", he added.

Dr. Elias Sharma, Nodal Officer SOTTO J&K and HOD Urology and Renal Transplant SSH Jammu said that organ donation can save many lives and ensure that donors continue to make a difference in the lives of others.

Dr. Sanieev Puri, Joint Director, SOTTO J&K said that SOTTO is carrying out various campaigns to create mass awareness on the importance of eve/organ donation and motivating people to pledge their eyes/organs for donation after death. On Saturday, he delivered a lecture about Status of Eye Donation in J&K along with Dr Suruchi Gupta who talked about Myths and Facts on eye donation in an event organized by Bee Enn College of Nursing Chack Bhalwal attended by faculty and nursing students.

The rally covered Maheshpura Chowk, Rehari, Amphalla & concluded at SVMMCH

Mushro

Amphalla and received by Anil Gupta, President, SVMMCH; Amar Chand Gupta, Sr. Vice President, SVMMCH; Dr Romesh Gupta, Administrator, SVMMCH; Dr. Sham Jurangal, Sr. Ortho Surgeon, BB Gupta, General Secretary, SVMMCH; B.S Jamwal, Secretary, SVMMCH; Subash Gupta, Member, SVMMCH and Dr. Sachin Gupta, Member, SVMMCH.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Suruchi Gupta, Sr. Eye Consultant and Dr Pallvi Sharma, Sr. Eye Consultant. SVMMCH and Team SOTTO J&K comprising Anshu Sharma, Consultant (IEC/Media), Irfan Ahmad Lone, Transplant Coordinator, Nisha Kumari, Programme Assistant and Drivers Ashok Singh and Ashwani Kumar.

#### Dr. Narinder delivers lecture on 'Mushroom Cultivation' at GDC Chatroo

**Top News Report** 

Transplant SSH Jammu,

KISHTWAR, Sep 9: A five-day Skill Development Programme on Mushroom Cultivation was inaugurated at Government Degree College

(GDC) Chatroo. Prof. M. M. Mattoo introduced the chief speaker Dr. Narinder Paul, Senior Scientist and Head, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kishtwar (SKUAST, Jammu).

Dr. Paul, in his inaugural lecture, emphasized the significance of mushroom cultivation as a sustainable agricultural practice. He highlighted its potential for income generation, food security, and its role in organic farming sys-

The event saw the presence of the Principal of GDC Chatroo, Prof. (Dr.) Ved Kumar, faculty members as well as all the students of the college.

The Skill Development Programme aims to equip students and faculty with hands-on training in mushroom cultivation techniques, fostering entrepreneurship and self-



reliance. The Principal of GDC Chatroo expressed gratitude to Dr. Narinder Paul for his valuable contribution and encouraged students to actively participate in such initiatives,

which align with the institution's goal of promoting

The five-day programme will include practical sessions, expert talks, and field demonstrations,

offering participants an opportunity to gain indepth knowledge about various aspects of mushroom cultivation. The event concluded

with a vote of thanks presented by Asstt. Prof. Vikram Rathore from the Department of Environmental Science.

Prof. Rathore emphasized how mushroom cultivation is an ideal practice for non-land farmers, highlighting its accessibility and economic viability even for those without traditional farming land.

# The adventures of Kamiya Jani

Nothing is impossible, says Kamiya Jani, who was awarded the Best Travel Creator title for her digital channel Curly Tales

From being the daughter of an auto-rickshaw driver to India's leading travel content creator, Kamiya Jani's life has been nothing short of an amazing adventure! Turning her love of travel, delicious food and heartfelt conversations into a passionate venture, Jani has been cruising through life with her favourite playlists and a bagful of travel dreams.

Presently associated with premium brands like Starbucks, Cox & Kings, JW Marriott, Japan Tourism and Royal Orchid, Kamiya's digital travel channel Curly Tales is among the top 10 Facebook video pages in India, with monthly views of over 45.4 million. This travel platform has over three million monthly visitors.

In 2022, Kamiya was honoured with The Best Food Influencer of The Year award by Exhibit Magazine. She was awarded Best Travel Creator for Curly Tales by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2024. "I'm a visual storyteller. All stories interest me; but travel stories haunt me till I don't share them on social media!" smiles Kamiya.

Discovering her true calling When she switched to Curly Tales, Kamiya was already a mother of a three-year-old daughter Zaina. However, unlike many Indian women who lock their personal dreams in a suitcase once they become moms, Kamiya used her maternity leave to discover her true calling-travelling!

"My pregnancy was a difficult time physically and emotionally. But it taught me something that I could not stay confined at home!" I decided on taking a



sabbatical, to explore the world!" reveals Kamiya.

She pursued her travel dreams with a simple thought—if not now, then when? So, it was while juggling her job as an anchor, part-time mommy and her passion to travel the world, that she got an idea to start **Curly Tales!** 

Passion for globetrotting

Rather than travelling solo, she ideated on sharing her globetrotting experiences through engaging videos. After quitting her full-time job as an anchor with a business news channel in 2017, Kamiya poured her passion for travelling into her personal blog, Curly Tales.

"Ever since childhood, I've had this strong desire to see this beautiful world. By 18, I had seen quite a few places in India in a limited budget. So, after having worked as a producer and news anchor in with ET NOW, Bloomberg TV and CNBC TV18 for 10 years, I felt that I should pursue my passion to travel the world," recalls Kamiya. During Covid, when we all were confined to our homes, she introduced the pathbreaking concept of armchair travel.

"While sitting in the safety of

their houses, we made people

explore new places virtually,"

she quips. While Curly Tales takes viewers on a journey through offbeat locations, Kamiya's popular show Sunday Brunch With Kamiya Jani hosts celeb interviews, wherein, Kamiya invites renowned personalities for a brunch. In free-flowing conversations, they discuss their journey, their passion for travel and their food experiences.

The road ahead And today, Curly Tales is

undoubtedly on of India's top food and travel content platforms. Amidst her astounding success, however, Kamiya gives the girl-next-door vibe, calling herself a local wanderer in the city of dreams!

Navigating her way through inspired storytelling, Kamiya has till date travelled 40 countries and 153 cities. Next in her wish-bucket is her desire to conduct a content creation guide for aspiring travel bloggers. She's also launching her video series India in Motion— a pioneering exploration of India's elevated travel infrastructure.

Success mantra

Envious of Kamiya's job? Want to make moolah while chilling out and exploring the world? Well, follow into Kamiya Jani's footsteps, with these on-the-go

Have a Plan B: Making a strong Plan B before taking the plunge is the smart thing to do.

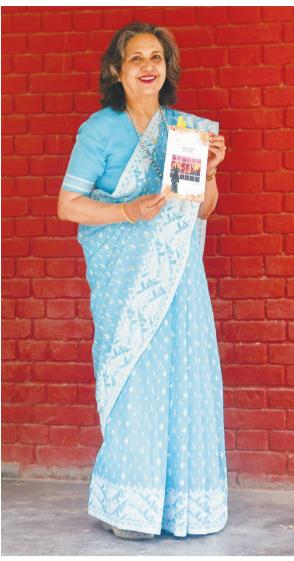
Discipline is the key: On my work trips, I start my day at 6 am and end it at 11 pm! Following a routine really helps taking things forward.

Take the plunge: Don't wait for the big moment. Just to go out there with your mobile phone and a selfie tripod and create content.

Embrace your shortcomings: The most important rule is to remind yourself constantly that you cannot have everything all the time and that's absolutely okay.

Weigh the risks involved: Assess the situation completely before setting out to pursuing your passion. Creative vision must be bolstered with an ability to see things as they stand.

#### Manju Jaidka releases poetry anthology A World in Flames



The TS Central State Library in Sector 17, Chandigarh was abuzz with literary enthusiasm as it hosted a vibrant book discussion celebrating the illustrious career of Manju Jaidka, a renowned academic and poet. This event marked the 50th anniversary of Professor Jaidka's academic journey, coinciding with the

release of her latest poetry anthology, titled A World in Flames.

Jaidka, former Chair of the English Department at Panjab University and past Chairperson of the Chandigarh Sahitya Akademi, has been an important contributor to the literary and academic life in the region. After five decades of enriching the literary landscape, she has decided to retire from an active teaching career, making this event a farewell to a significant chapter of her life.

The discussion featured insights from distinguished academics, including Professor Anirudh Joshi, formerly of Panjab University, and Professor Roshan Lal Sharma from CUHP, Dharamshala. Their thoughtful analysis of A World in Flames illuminated the depth of Jaidka's work. The session was expertly moderated by Aradhika Sharma, whose engaging style facilitated a lively and insightful conversation.

Neeza Singh, the librarian who has been instrumental in organising a series of literary events, served as the event host. Her dedication to making the TS Central State Library a cultural hub was evident throughout the proceedings.

A World in Flames — Jaidka's third poetry collection — is a bilingual anthology featuring poems in both English and Hindi (Sulagata Sansar), reflecting her ability to bridge linguistic and cultural divides. The collection draws inspiration from the devastating forest fires in Himachal Pradesh, exploring themes of environmental destruction, human impact, and nature's response.

#### Patralekha says, she lets her natural flair for acting take over on the sets

Portraying a real incident on reel is a tough enough task any day but when it is a hijacking being relived on screen, it gets all the more challenging. Little wonder then, actress Patralekha aptly claims that the experience of enacting an air-hostess in Netflix's latest series IC 814: The Kandahar Hijack was 'intense'.

Directed by the talented Anubhav Sinha, the series recreates the 1999 hijacking of the Indian Airlines plane on way from Nepal to India. "It is not everyday that one gets to recreate such emotions. It was difficult to enact the mental as well as emotional turmoil that the passengers and crew members must have gone through, but I took it up as a challenge and enjoyed the overall experience. The intensity of the role was telling," says Patralekha, whose latest digital film Wild Wild Punjab made a mark too.

Patralekha made her acting debut with Citylights in 2014, while her first web series was Bose: Dead/Alive (2017). She has also been a part of films, including Nanu Ki Jaanu (2018), and the web series Mai Hero Boll Raha Hu (2021) as well as Aar Ya Paar (2022).

Regarding the preparations for her role in The Kandahar Hijack, or for that matter any other that she essays, Patralekha says, "I believe my intuition and feelings flow on the sets, so when I essay a particular character there is not much pre-thinking. Although there are reading sessions, but on the sets I go with my spon-



taneity. Natural flair is important for me and I trust my instinct.'

must have been a learning experience, right? "Of course, it was. In fact, it was a dream come true for me as he is a very gifted director. Although the script is the Bible, he lets his actors 'be' and perform in their own space. Also, as the topic was intense and not much fun happened on the sets, we really enjoyed the food that Anubhav sir often got for us," she recalls.

If it was such a serious affair, challenges would have sure presented themselves? "Yes, there were many. Most of all, working in a tight space with so many people as well as junior artistes was quite a task. As I am a bit claustrophobic, it was not the happiest situation for me, but it is all worth the effort once the result is fruitful," she shares. Hailing from Shillong, Patralekha has completed a decade in the industry along with her co-actor Vijay Varma, with whom

Working with Sinha

to go yet."

two to tango! she has collaborated

earlier in the series Cheers. "During the last decade, we have grown as actors and working together is always fun. But there is a long way

Patralekhaa, whose ranking jumped from #180 to #30 on IMDb's popularity list since the release of this series, credits the OTT for providing more opportunities to artistes, "It's a good space to be in and the talent pool has become wider. The competition too has increased, but there is more work now. At least I definitely got more work since the advent of OTT and am thankful for that." Ah, are we missing something? Personal front? Being the wife of the super-talented Rajkummar Rao, whose latest film Stree 2 was a huge hit, does work go home? "Yes, we often have discussions on our projects. I seek his advice on particular scenes and how to go about them. So does he. It's wonderful to have a talented soul around as your life partner." Well,

#### Mariah Carey speaks out for first time after the loss of her mother and sister

Mariah Carey spoke out after her mother. Patricia and sister Alison recently died in August. She posted a video on Instagram, including her rehearsing for her upcoming shows in China and Brazil on Sunday, September 8. In the video, Carey sang a slow version of her hit track It's Like That released back in 2005. In the video, she said, "We'll see you soon, China." Previously, she informed People that her mother and sister died on the same day.

Mariah Carey speaks out after her mother & sister's death

The post's caption read, "Back at work" along with her words of gratitude for the love and support shown by the fans. The caption continued, "It's been a couple of rough weeks, but I appreciate every-



one's love and support so much and I can't wait to see my fans in China & Brazil. Love you!"

On August 27, the

singer announced that both her mother and sister died on the same day, the previous weekend. In a statement, she heart is broken that I've lost my mother this past weekend. Sadly, in a tragic turn of events, my sister lost her life on the same day." She continued, "I feel blessed that I was able to spend the last week with my mom before she passed. I appreciate everyone's love and support and respect for my privacy during this impossible time.'

revealed to People, "My

Patient advocate, David Baker who knew Alison said that she "had a tough life" before she died in her home in New York. He said, "We saw it coming, but it's still a shock. She got ill fairly quickly and a month later, she's gone."

Maria Carey's estrangement from her family

The All I Want for Christmas singer was estranged from her mother and sister before their deaths. She revealed in her memoir, The Meaning of Mariah Carey that her relationship with her mother "has caused me so much pain and confusion." She wrote in the memoir, "For my sanity and peace of mind, my therapist encouraged me to literally rename and reframe my family. My mother became Pat to me, Morgan my ex-brother and Alison my ex-sister ... I had to stop expecting them to one day miraculously become the mommy, big brother and big sister I fantasized about."

family including her

Her brother, Morgan told in a statement to the media outlet, "I'm praying for them and hope they are finally at peace. We were five, and now we are two," after the death of his mother.

#### Tamannaah Bhatia says South films are more 'rooted' than Bollywood

Tamannaah Bhatia is basking in the huge success of her last release Stree 2. The actor, who has worked in Hindi as well as Tamil and Telugu films in her career, opened up about her career on Raj Shamani's podcast. The actor shared that according to her, films in the South choose to tell more 'rooted' stories hence they work so well with the audience.

In the new interview, when the host asked Tamannaah to share her opinion on what makes Bollywood films different than the ones made in South, she said, "The difference I have par-

ticularly noticed is that South films talk more in terms of their geographical locations. I think their content is translating globally primarily because they are trying to tell rooted stories."

She added, "They don't work from the standpoint of choosing... segments in people. They go for basic human emotions, related to mother, father... revenge on brother, sister... stories that tend to tell many more stories about basic human emotions through different storytelling formats. They are also very much concerned about putting their perspective



the way it is. They are not trying to service different kinds of people.

They are trying to only tell what they know fully. That has really worked, I

think, for the South."

Tamannaah also added that many a times in Bollywood, the films are made for the sake of 'everybody's consumption' which might not work well. She heaped praises on Laapataa Ladies and said how it has been spoken so well about the people.

On the work front, Tamannaah was last seen in Vedaa, which also released around Stree 2. Directed by Nikkhil Advani, it had John Abraham and Sharvari Wagh in lead roles. She'll star next in Odela 2 (Telugu) and the web series Daring Partners (Hindi).

# PM Modi, UAE Crown Prince meet in delhi, hold bilateral talks

This is the first time India is officially engaging with the next generation of royalty and government from the UAE, highlighting the importance India gives to its ties with the UAE.

NEW DELHI, Sep 9 (Agencies): The Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi has met Prime Minister Narendra Modi today in New Delhi as he begins his first official trip to India as the Crown Prince. The two leaders have begun talks to further bilateral ties between India and the UAE

PM Modi received Crown Prince Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan at the Hyderabad House, where they will hold talks.

This is the first time India is officially engaging with the next generation of royalty and government from the UAE, highlighting the importance India gives to its ties with the UAE.



Apart from meeting the PM, the Crown Prince will also call on President Droupadi Murmu.

He is also scheduled to visit Mumbai tomorrow, where he will participate in a Business Forum in which top business leaders from both countries will partici-

Since the landmark visit by PM Modi to UAE in August 2015, the first by an Indian Prime Minister

in 34 years, bilateral relations between the two countries have elevated to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

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India is the UAE's secondlargest trading partner, while the UAE is India's largest trading partner in the Arab world. Total trade between India and the UAE is projected to reach USD 100 billion by the end of the decade. The bilateral trade between the two countries in 2022-23 was about USD 85 billion, according to official data.

The UAE is also among the top four investors in India in terms of Foreign Direct Investments or FDI in 2022-23.

#### Kolkata rape-murder: SC directs CBI to file fresh status report by September 17

NEW DELHI, Sep 9 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Monday directed the CBI to submit a fresh report by September 17 on the probe in the rape and murder case of a postgraduate medic at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospi-

A bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud perused the report filed in a sealed cover by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the CBI.

"A status report has been filed by CBI, it appears that investigation is in progress, we direct the CBI to file fresh status report...We don't want to guide the

CBI on its investigation," the bench said.

Mehta told the bench also comprising Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra that the probe agency has decided to send forensic samples to AIIMS for further investigation.

The apex court also directed a senior officer of the West Bengal government's Home department and a senior CISF officer to ensure all three companies of the CISF. which are deputed for security at the RG Kar Hospital, are given accommodation.

It also directed that all requisition, security gadgets needed by the CISF should be handed over to it today.

At the outset, the West Bengal government told the top court that 23 people have died as doctors are on strike protesting the rape and murder of the postgrad-

uate medic. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the West Bengal government, submitted a status report filed by the state health department.

"A status report has been filed. The state health department has filed a report. Twenythree people have died as doctors are on strike," Sibal told the bench.

The hearing is still underway.

On August 22, the apex court had torn into the Kolkata Police over

the delay in registering the unnatural death of the woman doctor, who was raped and killed at the RG Kar Hospital, calling it "extremely disturbing", and questioned

the sequence of events

and the timing of its pro-

cedural formalities. The top court had earlier constituted a 10-member National Task Force (NTF) to formulate a protocol for ensuring the safety and security of doctors and other health care profes-

Terming the incident as "horrific", the apex court had excoriated the state government over the delay in filing the FIR and allowing thousands

sionals.

of people to vandalise the state-run facility.

The alleged rape and murder of the junior doctor in a seminar hall of the state-run hospital has sparked nationwide protests.

The medic's body with severe injury marks was found inside the seminar hall of the hospital's chest department on August 9. A civic volunteer was arrested by the Kolkata Police in connection with the case the following day.

On August 13, the Calcutta High Court ordered the transfer of the probe from the Kolkata Police to the CBI, which started its investigation on August 14.

#### MoD HAL ink Rs 26K crore contract for 240 Sukhoi engines



NEW DELHI, Sep 9 (Agencies): In a boost to being self-reliant, the Ministry of Defence (MoD), on Monday, signed a Rs 26,000 Crore contract with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to produce 240 engines for the fleet of Sukhoi 30-MKI fighter jets in the Indian Air Force

The Sukhoi uses a 'AL-31FP' engine designed in Russia. Public Sector giant HAL – the Ministry of Defence holds a majority stake in it -- will produce the engines at its plant at Koraput, Odisha.

HAL would supply 30 aero-engines per annum as per the contractual delivery schedule. The supply of all

240 engines would be completed over the period of next eight years, the MoD said on Monday.

The engines will have an indigenous content over 54 per cent, enhanced due to indigenisation of some key components of aeroengines. HAL plans to take support from the country's defence manufacturing ecosystem, involving MSMEs and public and private industries.

The Cabinet Committee on Security, had, on September 2, okayed a proposal for procurement of 240 engines to power the Sukhoi- 30 MKI jets. The IAF has 272 of these jets of Russian parentage and form the biggest fleet of the IAF jets.

In the past HAL and its suppliers had been supplying sub-parts of the engines and the servicing and overhaul of the engines is done at Koraput.

With Russia being involved in a conflict with Ukraine the supply of engines was suffering, sources said adding, the Sukhoi fleet has some planes that are now more than 20 vears old. Engines of a jet are changed after a certain number of flying

The Sukhoi – a twin engine jet -- is one of the most powerful and strategically-significant fleet of IAF. The supply of these aero-engines by HAL would meet the fleet sustenance requirement of IAF to continue their unhindered operations and strengthen the defence preparedness of the country.

The contract was inked by the senior officials of MoD and HAL in the presence of Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane and IAF Chief Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari

# **Mpox scare: Centre advises states**

to screen, test all suspects

NEW DELHI, Sep 9 (Agencies): A day after a suspected case of mpox was detected in India, the Union Health Ministry on Monday advised states and union territories to screen and test all suspected mpox cases in the community, and identify isolation facilities in hospitals for both suspect and confirmed patients.

In a letter addressed to the states, Union Health Secretary Apurva Chandra said the officials should review public health preparedness at the state and district levels.

Under the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP), state health officials should ensure orienting the healthcare workers about the actions which need to be taken following the detection of suspected cases of mpox.

The Health Ministry has also asked the states to ensure no panic amongst the masses occurs.

"While all states are requested to undertake appropriate activities to make communities aware about the disease, its mode of spread, need for timely reporting and preventive measures, it is crucial that any undue panic

amongst the masses is prevented. The Union Health Ministry shall continue to monitor the situation closely and will extent all requisite support in this regard to States and UTs," Chandra said.

He also said that no cases of mpox have been reported in India and none of the samples tested at National Institute of Virology (NIV) Pune have tested positive.

"The laboratory network under the Indian Council of Medical Research has also been strengthened to test samples from any suspect cases. Further considering the disease epidemiology, the State AIDS control societies are requested to be kept on alert to pick up on suspect cases and improve community awareness on the issue to promote timely reporting of cases," the Health Secretary said.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has highlighted that the most cases of mpox are young males within age group of 18-44 years. Among the mode of transmission reported globally, sexual contact is the most commonly reported, followed by person-to-person non-sexual contact, the WHO said.

#### 2 children killed after SUV carrying school students overturns in Jodhpur

JODHPUR. Sep 9 (Agencies): At least two children were killed after an SUV carrying school students overturned in Rajasthan's Jodhpur city. As a result of the accident, nine others were also injured.

Following the accident. the 11 children were rushed to the Government District Hospital in Phalodi, where the two victims were declared brought dead.

Of the nine injured, two children were referred to be treated in Jodhpur due to their critical condition.

The children are said to be students of the Desert Public School



#### Mamata Banerjee denies offering money to doctor's family, calls it slander

KOLKATA, Sep 9 (Agencies): West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday dismissed allegations that the Kolkata Police offered bribe to the parents of the trainee doctor who was raped and killed at a state-run hospital in Kolkata. Banerjee called the accusations slander against her government, asserting that no money was ever offered to the parents.

The father of the 32-year-old doctor alleged last week that the Kolkata Police attempted to cover up the case and offered them money to keep auiet.

"The police, from the very beginning, tried to hush up the case. We were not allowed to see the body and had to wait at the police station while the body was taken for a postmortem examination. Later, when the body was handed over to us, a senior police official offered us money, which we immediately declined," the father had alleged. Countering this, the Chief Minister



never offered money to the deceased doctor's family, this is nothing but slander".

"...I had told the parents that money can never compensate for a life, but if they ever feel they want to do something meaningful in memory of their daughter, they could reach out to me, as the government stands by their side," she said.

Baneriee added that Kolkata Commissioner of Police, Vineet Goyal, offered to resign after the protests, "but we need someone who knows law and order ahead of Durga Puja".

She also alleged a "conspiracy by the Centre," involving the left parties.

After the parents' allegations added fuel to

criticism against Mamata Banerjee's government over its handling of the incident, the Trinamool Congress released a video in which the father appeared to refute the bribery allegations.

In the video, the trainee doctor's father can be heard saying, "These are baseless rumours; we have not said anything about attempts being made to bribe us by police officials. This is a blatant lie".

A second-year postgraduate medical student was raped and murdered inside the seminar hall of RG Kar Medical College on August 9. A civil volunteer, the sole accused, was arrested the next day. The CBI, which is probing the case, is in the final stage of the

investigation.

#### PM Modi's 'abject failure' in Manipur is unforgivable: Kharge

NEW DELHI, Sep 9 (Agencies): Amid escalation in violence in Manipur, the Congress on Monday demanded that Chief Minister N Biren Singh be immediately dismissed and the Union government take full responsibility of the sensitive security situation.

It also said the Supreme Court-mandated Manipur Commission of Inquiry must expedite its probe.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "abject failure" in Manipur is "unforgivable".

The opposition party's assertions come amid fresh violence in which at least five people were killed in the state's Jiribam district on Saturday. According to police, militants entered the house of a person and shot him dead in his sleep.

Following the murder, there was a heavy exchange of fire between members of the warring communities, leading to the



deaths of four armed men.

Ethnically diverse Jiribam, which was earlier largely untouched by the ethnic clashes in Imphal Valley and adjoining hills, erupted in violence after a 59-year-old man belonging to one community was killed allegedly by militants of another community in June.

In a post on X, Kharge said, "PM Modi's abject failure in Manipur is unforgivable.

ernor, Anusuiya Uikey ji has echoed the voice of the people of Manipur.

She said that people of the strife-torn state are upset and sad, for they

them.

wanted PM Modi to visit

"In the past 16 months,

Prime Minister Modi

has not spent a single

second in Manipur,

even as violence con-

tinues unabated in the

state and people suffer

the consequences of

"Modi-Shah's complic-

ity", the Congress presi-

dent said.

Former Manipur Gov-

"BJP's Manipur CM who has set a record in shamelessly brazening out his rank incompetence has reportedly demanded the transfer of the 'Unified Command' to the state government," he said.

Kharge said the unified command oversees security operations in Manipur and is currently handled by a team of Union Home Ministry officials, the state security adviser and the Indian Army.

"Just like the PM, it looks like the Union Home Minister has also given up on his Constitutional responsibility to ensure security in Manipur, and is busy politicking and addressing rallies in elections going states," Kharge said.

Drone and rocket-propelled grenade attacks have begun, and this is now turning out to be a national security threat, he said.

In such a serious situation, the BJP seems to enact a resignation drama, he added.

Kharge said the Congress demands that the Manipur CM should be immediately dismissed.

The Union government must take full responsibility of the sensitive security situation and there should be a massive crackdown on all kinds of insurgent groups, with the help of the state forces, he said.

"The Supreme Court mandated and monitored Manipur Commission of Inquiry into ethnic violence must expedite its investigation.

Modi government must not misuse CBI, NIA and other agencies investigating the violence," Kharge demanded.

Attempts to foster peace and normalcy must start immediately by taking all political parties, representatives and civil society member of every community on board, he said.

"People of Manipur are asking, why doesn't Modi ji want to end violence in the state?" Kharge said.

Clashes between Meitei and Kukis left over 200 people dead and thousands homeless since May last year.

#### Storm deaths in Vietnam rise to 59 and flooding sweeps away a bus carrying 20 people

HANOI, Sep 9 (Agencies): A bridge collapsed and a bus was swept away by flooding Monday as more rain fell on northern Vietnam from a former typhoon that has caused at least 59 deaths in the Southeast Asian country, state media reported.

Nine people died during the typhoon, which made landfall in Vietnam on Saturday before weakening to a depression, and 50 others died during the consequent floods and landslides. The water levels of several rivers in northern Vietnam were dangerously high.

A passenger bus carrying 20 people was swept into a flooded stream by a landslide in mountainous Cao Bang province Monday morning. Rescuers were deployed but landslides blocked the path to where the incident took place.

In Phu Tho province, rescue operations were continuing after a steel bridge over the engorged Red River collapsed Monday morning. Reports said 10 cars and trucks along with two motorbikes fell into the river. Three people were pulled out of the river and taken to the hospital, but 13 others were missing.

Pham Truong Son, 50, told VNExpress that he was driving on the bridge on his motorcycle when he heard a loud noise.



Before he knew what was happening, he was falling into the river. "I felt like I was drowned to the bottom of the river," Son told the newspaper, adding that he managed to swim and hold on to a drifting banana tree to stay afloat before he was res-

Typhoon Yagi was the strongest typhoon to hit Vietnam in decades when it made landfall Saturday with winds up to 149 kph (92 mph). It weakened to a tropical depression Sunday, but the country's meteorological agency has still warned the continuing downpours could cause floods and landslides.

On Sunday, a landslide killed six people including an infant and injured nine others in Sa Pa town, a popular trekking base known for its terraced rice fields and mountains. Overall,

state media reported 21 deaths and at least 299 people injured from the weekend.

Skies were overcast in the capital, Hanoi, with occasional rain Monday morning as workers cleared the uprooted trees, fallen billboards and toppled electricity poles. Heavy rain continued in northwestern Vietnam and forecasters said it could exceed 40 centimeters (15 inches) in places.

Initially, at least 3 million people were left without electricity in Quang Ninh and Haiphong provinces, and it's unclear how much has been restored.

The two provinces are industrial hubs, housing many factories that export goods including EV maker VinFast and Apple suppliers Pegatrong and USI. Factory workers told agency

that many industrial parks were inundated and the roofs of many factories had been blown away.

Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh visited Haiphong city on Sunday and approved a package of \$4.62 million to help the port city recover.

Yagi also damaged agricultural land, nearly 116,192 hectares where rice is mostly grown.

Before hitting Vietnam, Yagi caused at least 20 deaths in the Philippines last week and four deaths in southern China.

Chinese authorities said infrastructure losses across the Hainan island province amounted to \$102 million with 57,000 houses collapsed or damaged, power and water outages and roads damaged or impassable due to fallen trees. Yagi made a second landfall in Guangdong, a mainland province neighboring Hainan, on Friday night.

Storms like Typhoon Yagi were "getting stronger due to climate change, primarily because warmer ocean waters provide more energy to fuel the storms, leading to increased wind speeds and heavier rainfall," said Benjamin Horton, director of the Earth Observatory of Singapore.

#### Israeli strikes in Syria leave 14 dead and more than 40 wounded, says Syrian state media



DAMASCUS, Sep 9 (Agencies): The number of people killed in overnight Israeli strikes in Syria has risen to 14 with more than 40 wounded, Syrian state media said Monday morning.

Israeli strikes hit several areas in central Syria late Sunday, damaging a highway in Hama province and sparking fires, Syrian state news agency SANA said. The initial death count reported by the Masyaf National Hospital in western Hamas province was four.

SANA, citing hospital head Faysal Haydar, said 14 were killed and 43 wounded. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a U.K.based war monitor, said at least four of those killed were civilians.

One of the strikes targeted a scientific research center in Maysaf and others struck sites where "Iranian militias and experts are stationed to develop weapons in Syria," the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said. Local media also reported strikes around the coastal city of Tartous.

There was no immediate comment from the Israeli military. Israel has carried out hundreds of strikes on targets inside government-controlled parts of war-torn Syria in recent years, but it rarely acknowledges or discusses the operations. The strikes often target Syrian forces or Iranian-backed groups.

Israel has vowed to stop Iranian entrenchment in Syria, particularly since Syria is a key route for Iran to send weapons to the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah.

Hezbollah has been clashing with Israeli forces for the past 11 months against the backdrop of Israel's war against Palestine people and Hamas, an ally of Hezbollah in Gaza.

#### Plane carrying 48 passengers skids off Indonesia runway, several injured

JAYAPURA, Sep 9 (Agencies): A plane with 48 people aboard skidded off the runway in Indonesia's remote eastern region of Papua on Monday, police said, injuring several passengers. The Southeast Asian archipelago has a poor aviation safety record, and Papua is covered in mountainous terrain where flying is hampered by frequent poor weather.

The ATR-42 aircraft belonging to Trigana Air was taking off from an airport in the remote Yapen Islands regency to Papuan capital Jayapura on Monday morning when it skidded off the runway.

The flight was carrying



42 passengers, including a baby, and six crew. "Praise God every-

body survived and has been taken to a hospital for a health checkup," local police chief Ardyan Ukie Hercahyo said in a statement.

"We are investigating the incident and coordinating with related parties to ensure this will never happen again."

The local search and

rescue agency said in a statement that some passengers were injured and traumatised by the incident.

Indonesia relies heavily on air transport to connect its thousands of islands, but Papua is a particularly difficult area to reach.

In 2015, a Trigana Air plane crashed there, killing all 54 people on board.

#### China announces joint naval, air drills with Russia

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BEIJING, Sep 9 (Agencies): China's Defense Ministry on Monday announced joint naval and air drills with Russia starting this month, underscoring the closeness between their militaries as Russia presses its grinding invasion of Ukraine.

The ministry said the "Northern United-2024" exercises would take place in the Sea of Japan and the Sea of Okhotsk farther north, but gave no details.

It said the naval and air drills aimed to improve strategic cooperation between the two countries and "strengthen their ability to jointly deal with security threats."

The notice also said the two navies would



cruise together in the Pacific, the fifth time they have done so, and together take part in Russia's "Great Ocean-24" exercise. No details were given.

China has refused to criticize Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, now in its third year, and blamed the U.S. and NATO for provoking President Vladimir Putin.

While China has not directly provided Russia with arms, it has become a crucial economic lifeline as a top customer for Russian oil and gas as well as a supplier of electronics and other items with both civilian and military uses.

Russia and China, along with other U.S. critics such as Iran, have aligned their foreign policies to challenge and potentially overturn the Western-led liberal democratic order. With joint exercises, Russia has sought Chinese help in achieving its long-cherished aim of becoming a Pacific power, while Moscow has backed China's territorial claims in the South China Sea and elsewhere.

That has increasingly included the 180-kilometer (110-mile) wide Taiwan Strait that divides mainland China from the self-governing island democracy that Beijing considers its own territory and threatens to invade.

Based on that claim, the Taiwan Strait is Chinese. Though it is

tion by others through one of the world's most heavily trafficked sea ways, China is "firmly opposed to provocations by countries that jeopardize China's sovereignty and security under the banner of freedom of navigation," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said at a daily briefing on Friday.

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Mao was responding to a report that a pair of German navy ships were to pass through the strait this month for the first time in more than two decades. The U.S. and virtually every other country, along with Taiwan, considers the strait international waters.

#### South Korean truth commission says it found more evidence of forced adoptions to a local medical school

SEOUL, Sep 9 (Agencies): A South Korean commission found evidence that women were pressured into giving away their infants for foreign adoptions after giving birth at government-funded facilities where thousands of people were confined and enslaved from the 1960s to the 1980s.

The report by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Monday came years after The Associated Press revealed adoptions from the biggest facility for so-called vagrants, Brothers Home, which shipped children abroad as part of a huge, profitseeking enterprise that exploited thousands of people trapped within the compound in the port city of Busan. Thousands of children and adults - many of them grabbed off the streets - were enslaved in such facilities and often raped, beaten or killed in the 1970s and 1980s.

The commission was launched in December 2020 to review human rights violations linked to the country's past

military governments. It had previously found the country's past military governments responsible for atrocities committed at Brothers. Its latest report is focused on four similar facilities in the cities of Seoul and Daegu and the provinces of South Chungcheong and Gyeonggi. Like Brothers, these facilities were operated to accommodate government roundups aimed at beautifying the streets.

Ha Kum Chul, one of the commission's investigators, said inmate records show at least 20 adoptions occurred from Daegu's Huimangwon and South Chungcheong province's Cheonseongwon in 1985 and 1986. South Korea sent more than 17,500 children abroad in those two years as its foreign adoption program peaked.

Ha said children taken from inmates at Huimangwon and Cheonseongwon were mostly newborns, who were transferred to two adoption agencies, Holt Children's Services and

Eastern Social Welfare Society, which placed them with families in the United States, Denmark, Norway and Australia. Most of the infants were transferred to the agencies on the day of their birth or the day after, Ha said, indicating that their adoptions were determined prebirth. While the facilities'

records say some of the women submitted memos expressing their consent to give away their children, other records indicate women were being pressured to do so, Ha said. A 1985 inmate record from Huimangwon flags a 42-year-old inmate with supposed mental health issues for "causing problems" by refusing to relinquish her child. Officials later note that she eventually did.

"It's difficult to accurately determine how many more adopted children there might have been in other years," Ha said, citing the commission's limitations in staff. For Huimangwon, Ha said, the commission was only



able to look through its inmate records from 1985 and 1986 and still found 14 adoptions. A further six adoptions were linked to inmates at Cheonseongwon.

At their peak, Huimangwon had about 1,400 inmates and Cheonseongwon 1,200. That was still smaller than the population at Brothers, which exceeded 3,000.

Holt and Eastern did not immediately respond to requests for comment on the commission's findings.

Through documents obtained from officials, lawmakers or through public information

requests, the AP in 2019 found direct evidence that 19 children were adopted out of Brothers between 1979 and 1986, and indirect evidence suggesting at least 51 more adoptions.

About 200,000 South Koreans were adopted to the United States, Europe and Australia in the past six decades, creating what's believed to be the world's largest diaspora of adoptees. Most of the adoptions occurred during the 1970s and '80s, when South Korea's thenmilitary leaders were focused on economic growth and saw adoptions as a tool to reduce the number of mouths to feed, erase the "social problem" of unwed mothers and deepen ties with the democratic West.

The commission has also been conducting a separate investigation into the cases of 367 Korean adoptees in Europe, the United States and Australia, who suspect their biological origins were manipulated to facilitate their adoptions. It's expected to release an interim report on that later this year. The commission also

identified other human rights problems at the four facilities it highlighted on Monday, which also included Gaengsaengwon in Seoul and Seonghyewon in Gyeonggi province. The facilities' death tolls were high the 262 inmates who were reported as dead from Gaengsaengwon in 1980 accounted for more than 25% of the facility's population that year, Ha said.

Nearly 120 bodies of Cheonseongwon inmates were provided

for anatomy practice from 1982 to 1992, the commission said. Most of the bodies were transferred to the school on the day the inmates were declared dead or the day after, and there are no indications that the facility made efforts to transfer the bodies to relatives, according to the commission, which didn't identify the school.

Huimangwon, Seonghyewon and Cheonseongwon also regularly received inmates transferred from Brothers, suggesting a "revolving-door" labor-sharing scheme between facilities that likely increased profit and prolonged the inmates' confinements, the commission said.

The population at South Korea's vagrant facilities peaked in the 1980s as the then-military government intensified roundups to beautify streets ahead of the 1986 Asian Games and the 1988 Olympic Games held in Seoul. South Korea transitioned to a democracy in the late 1980s and has long stopped its practice of grabbing homeless people, the disabled and children off the streets and confining them.

Brothers closed in 1988, months after a prosecutor exposed its horrors. Seonghyewon now runs welfare programs for homeless people in the city of Hwaseong, while the three other facilities have changed their names and the services they provide. None of those facilities immediately released comments following the commission's report.

"The four confinement facilities had been allowed to continue their operations without receiving any public investigations even after 1987," when Brothers was exposed, said Lee Sang Hoon, one of the commission's standing commissioners. "It's significant that we have comprehensively revealed the details of the human rights violations at (other) vagrant facilities across the country that had been concealed for 37 years."

# **CEO SMVDSB inaugurates Telemedicine Studio** at SMVD Narayana Superspeciality Hospital

**Top News Report** 

KATRA, Sep 9: In a significant step towards enhancing healthcare services for devotees and the local community, Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB), today inaugurated a state-ofthe-art Telemedicine Studio at the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital (SMVDNSH), Kakryal.

The Telemedicine Studio is a result of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between SMVDSB, Hewlett Packard Enterprise India Private Limited (HPEIPL) and Hewlett Packard (India) Software Operation Private Limited (HPISO) on April 6 this year as per the directions of Shri Manoj Sinha, Lt Governor, JK-UT and Chairman, SMVDSB. The MoU aimed to install



nine cloud-enabled stateof-the-art Health ATMs along the revered Vaishno Devi pilgrimage track and one Telemedicine Studio at Katra.

The newly established Telemedicine Studio at SMVDNSH is designed to facilitate real-time consultation with doctors on the Vaishno Devi track and medical experts in SMVDNS Hospital. This innovative initiative provides instant access to specialized medical

advice, contributes to improved response to medical emergencies and enhances patient care on the track. It is pertinent to mention here that the Board provides free accident insurance cover to pilgrims visiting the Holy Shrine to Rs.5 lakh besides free treatment to ailing devotees

The Chief Executive Officer highlighted the importance of telemedicine in today's healthcare land-

at SMVDNSH

the track besides, allow patients to receive expert medical opinions and follow-ups from specialists located at SMVDNSH. The launch of the Telemedicine Studio reflects

healthcare delivery on

the Shrine Board's dedication to integrating modern technology with traditional healthcare practices, ensuring quality medical services are available to all. The Board is committed to providing a safe, convenient, and spiritual experience for millions of pilgrims visiting the shrine every year.

Among those present on the occasion were Satish Kumar Sharma, Jt. CEO, SMVDSB; Som Satsangi, Sr. Vice President & MD, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, India; Dy. Administrative Officer, SMVDIME; Facility Director, SMVDNSH and Officers from SMVDSB and

#### Take Mountain Dew's Sip of Courage for opportunity to win a wild card entry to Kaun Banega Crorepati

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Sep 9: Mountain Dew, a brand synonymous with courage, has launched an exciting collaboration with the renowned game show Kaun Banega Crorepati (KBC), offering consumers a chance to secure a wild card entry into the show's 16th Season.

This unique opportunity allows the Mountain Dew® fans an opportunity to sit on the iconic hot seat, playing this popular game show, opposite the legendary Amitabh Bachchan, even after the official participation period has closed.

This partnership is a testament to Mountain Dew's commitment to motivating people to confront their fears and embrace Courage, a theme central to both the brand and KBC.

So, the Mountain Dew x KBC campaign theme is, "Yeh khel 'gyaan' ka hai, par jeeta 'himmat' se jaatahai" (KBC is a game of knowledge, however, it



Commenting on the partnership, Akankshaa Dalal, Category Head, Mountain Dew, PepsiCo India, said, "Mountain Dew has always been about celebrating courage and victory in the various 'hot seat' situations that one can face in life. And this partnership with KBC is A natural fit as the game shows with it moments where the stakes are high, and both knowledge and courage are tested every step of the way, Mountain Dew hopes to inspire millions to take bold steps towards realizing dreams

Consumers can purchase Mountain Dew x KBC packs featuring a tember. By scanning the code, they will be directed to a WhatsApp bot where they can enter the 16-digit code found behind the label, provide demographic details, and answer a qualifying question. Those who complete these steps will have a chance to move on to auditions, with 10 lucky winners ultimately participating in KBC's exclusive 'Week of Courage.'

The Mountain Dew x KBC campaign will be amplified through a TVC and a 360 campaign. The special Mountain Dew packs are being introduced across India and will be available at retail outlets and online

#### People are yearning for basic amenities under BJP rule: Ajeet Bhagat

**Top News Report** 

KISHTWAR, Sep 9: Ajeet Bhagat of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference, slammed the BJP's proxy government in Jammu and Kashmir for failing to ensure equitable development across the region.

Bhagat said that people are feeling isolated under the current system due to lack of basic facilities in the centrally administered area.

The people of the entire Chenab Valley region are suffering due to lack of infrastructure, healthcare and educational facilities.

The National Conference Senior leader said that despite the BJP's promises, the ground realities are bleak, with no progress seen in these important sectors.



In its election manifesto, the National Conference has pledged to implement the National Food Security Act, ensure food security for all citizens, and increase free rice from 5 kg to 10 kg per person per month. "Besides, the party's manifesto includes important promises such as providing Rs 5,000 per year for household support to elderly

women from economically weaker sections. providing one lakh jobs to the youth of Jammu and Kashmir, 12 cylinders per family per year and free 200 power units for every household", he said.

Bhagat appealed to the people to vote and support DDC Chairperson Pooja Thakur from Nagseni Paddar Constituency and former Home Minister Sajjad Ahmed Kichloo from Kishtwar Constituency in the assembly elections for equal development of Kishtwar.

The National Conference Senior leader Ajeet Bhagat said that the first agenda of the NC government will be the development of the weaker sections without any prejudice or discrimination on the basis of colour, caste or ethnicity.

#### Former hockey players participate in friendly match

**Top News Report** 

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and specialists, ensur-

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and reducing the need

for referrals. He also

expressed optimism about

the project, stating that

the Telemedicine Studio

will significantly improve

JAMMU, Sep 9: In a vibrant celebration of sportsmanship and camaraderie, former hockey players from Jammu and Kashmir came together today for a friendly hockey match held at Bhour School Stadium

The event was organized by J&K Masters Hockey Club and was graced by the presence of the esteemed Padma Shri Pargat Singh, an Olympian and current Member of the Punjab Legislative Assembly (MLA).

Pargat Singh, known for his legendary contributions to Indian hockey, met with the players before the match. Sharing his vast experience and passion for the game, he offered valu-

able tips and insights to the players, inspiring them to continue their dedication to the sport.

The match saw enthusiastic participation from several former hockey players, including Jaswinder Singh Kuku, P.P. Singh, Parveen Singh, Vijay Kumar, Kuldeep Singh, Iqbal Singh, Ranjit Singh Tara, Pramjeet Singh, Kamalieet Singh, and Inder Pal Singh Ritti.

The club members

expressed their grati-

tude to S. Pargat Singh for his time and encouragement. His presence about their critical role in at the match underhealthcare and biodiverscored the importance of fostering sports at the grassroots level, and he praised the efforts of J&K Masters Hockey Club for organizing the event and keeping the spirit of hockey alive in the region.

#### **GGM Science College organizes** awareness campaign "Save Tree Save Life"

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Sep 9: The National Cadet Corps (NCC) in coordination with Systematic Voters' **Education and Electoral** Participation (SVEEP) Cell and Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) of GGM Science College Jammu organized an awareness campaign titled "Save Tree Save Life" aimed at promoting the conservation of medicinal plants and raising awareness

The event, held on the college campus, was inaugurated by the Principal, Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta, who highlighted the importance of preserving medicinal plants. many of which are endangered due to overharvest-



ing, habitat loss, and climate change.

These plants, he said, have been a vital part of traditional medicine systems for centuries and continue to provide the basis for many modern pharmaceuticals.

The NCC cadets, in collaboration with the SVEEP Cell, took an active role in cleaning the booth area and border area of medicinal herbs and trees around the college premises, ensuring a greener campus and a

hands-on learning experience for the students. Demonstrations were provided on how to identify grow, and care for medicinal plants such as neem tulsi, aloe vera, and ashwagandha, which hold immense health benefits.

The faculty members who participated in the event included, Lt. Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma (ANO), Prof. Brinder Kumar (Convener ELC). Dr. Chaman Lal (Convener SVEEP Cell) and all the committee members.

#### **Sonam Wangchuk** urges PM Modi to act on Ladakh's demands

march is unrelated to the upcoming Assembly elections in several states. In fact, "we are considering avoiding Haryana, which is about to hold elections",

Wangchuk claimed that the government has withdrawn its promise to provide tribal area status and full statehood to Ladakh under pressure from "industrialists, who want to exploit the resources" of the eco-

logically-fragile region. The noted engineer had earlier told agency that land in Ladakh is being allocated for solar-power projects without the consent of the LAHDCs.

With around 320 clear sunny days a year and an average daily global solar radiation of 2022 kWh/m sq./annum, Ladakh is a solar-power generation hotspot in the country. The cold desert also has the potential to generate 35 GW from solar energy and 100 GW from wind energy.

The government has already approved a 13-GW renewable-energy project, with a 7.5-GW solar park, in Ladakh.

Wangchuk went on a 21-day fast in March, surviving only on salt and water, to demand statehood for Ladakh and its inclusion under the Constitution's Sixth Schedule to help protect the ecologically-fragile region from "greedy" industries.

#### Two terrorists killed as **Army foils infiltration bid** along LoC in Rajouri

Defence sources said that both the infiltrators were foreigners and their identity and affiliation is underway.

The armed operation happened just nine days before the J&K Assembly polls. Search operation in the Lam area is still

on, sources said. **BJP appoints Sat** 

#### Sharma as working president for party in J-K

where from the party fielded Vikram Randhwa. Gupta represented erstwhile Gandhi Nagar segment, which is now bifurcated into Bahu and Jammu South, news agency reported.

#### **BJP's opposition to our** manifesto shows NC is headed in the right direction: Omar **Abdullah**

fear. Their (BJP) opposition and criticism make us aware we are going towards right direction. So I don't think there is a need to talk over their utterances," Omar Abdullah said

Omar earlier in the morning reached Banihal to campaign in support of his party candidate from the constituency, Sajjad

"I have spoken what our party has mentioned in its manifesto. Let you visit our manifesto. I am hopeful if people will go through into our manifesto, they would like it, as compared to manifestos of other

political parties," Omar continued.

#### **Daisy Raina becomes** first Kashmiri Pandit woman to fight **Assembly elections in J-K in 3-decades**

me to contest and asked me to ensure that their voice reaches the J&K Assembly. I was working here as a sarpanch and, on the side, I would meet young people, hear them out and try and understand their problems. Our youth have been suffering despite not being guilty of anything. Young

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people born in Jammu and Kashmir in the 1990s have seen only bullets," Ms Raina told NDTV in Hindi.

Ramdas Athawale, president of Republican Party of India, visited the Union Territory recently and said that statehood should be restored. When Ms Raina was asked whether that was when it was decided that she would contest the Assembly elections.

she answered in the negative. "I had not even thought of contesting the elections. Young people asked me to become the chief minister for one day, saying that I could fix Pulwama," she said.

Ms Raina emphasised that she has experienced no difficulties despite not having many people from her community living in

"When I came here to work, I used to move around in Pulwama without any security. I did not have any personal security officers (PSOs). Some people kept PSOs but I did not. I worked here for years and even established a Shivling in Pulwama. Muslims asked me to do so because I had got a wazukhana (ablution pond) constructed and did many other things for them. They said Hindus would get angry if I did not do anything for that community as well," she said.

Ms Raina worked in New Delhi and then got elected unopposed as a sarpanch in

Jammu and Kashmir will see its first election in nearly 10 years as well as its first as a Union Territory after it was stripped of its special status under Article 370 in 2019. Voting will be conducted for the UT's 90 seats in three phases between September 18 and October 1. Counting will take place

#### on October 8. **Husband. wife critically** injured in Kulgam accident

been registered in this incident at the Mirbazaar police post.

"The tempo driver has been arrested and the tempo has been seized," the official added.

**Congress to release** 

#### manifesto in next 3 days: PCC Chief Karra

"The manifesto was being prepared keeping in view the Jammu angle as well as the Kashmir angle," Karra said, adding that it will be released in the next three

Pertinently, Congress is the only party that has not released the manifesto for the upcoming assembly elections here.

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) released the party manifesto on last Friday in Jammu.

#### Sheikh Rashid's party proxy of BJP, claims Mehbooba

The former chief minister alleged that the government has come up with new proxy parties like the AIP.

"I want to ask the government, if you have again come up a proxy party, Engineer Rashid's party, when all your other proxy parties have failed, you have brought Engineer Rashid's party to the fore, and you are supporting them fully with funds and everything, then tell us clearly that others parties do not have to contest elec-

tions," she said. The PDP chief alleged her party is being targeted everywhere.

"Had PDP workers done such a thing, the whole PDP would have been in jail.

How did the AIP workers have the courage to attack our workers? Why has there been no action on them till yet? Why are they not in jail yet?" she questioned.

She warned the people of Jammu and Kashmir not to come under the influence of the proxy parties.

"There is a huge power behind them who wants to divide the vote in Kashmir. The PDP is particularly on their target,

they know PDP is the only party which stood for the people of Kashmir.

"All these parties in the guise of independent candidates, in the guise of AIP, they are certainly getting funding from somewhere. Wherefrom are they getting such

resources? The people have to think about it." she said

She alleged when the other 'proxy' parties failed in the Parliamentary elections, the government came up with new "proxy parties".

"They broke the PDP and made several proxy parties, but when their other proxy parties failed in the Parliamentary elections, they have now brought Engineer Rashid's party. So, I warn the people of Kashmir that all the other parties than the PDP, NC and Congress, are backed by some power, including Rashid's party. They want to harm the cause of J-K," she added.

On a question about former Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) president Wagar Rasool Wani's reported remarks that NC has "sucked the blood" of the people, she said the alliance between the NC and Congress is not based on principles.

"I have already said the alliances is not based on principles. Had it been, they would not have pushed J-K into a river of blood to form the government after rigging the elections in 1987," she said

"They can go to any extent to from the government, they do not have any principles. The NC has fielded independent candidates against Congress everywhere,'

#### Three houses damaged in fire incident at **Srinagar's Noorbagh** area

early morning blaze at Noorbagh area of Srinagar city on Monday, officials said. An official said that an early morning blaze at Noor Bagh, Srinagar, damaged at least three residential houses while the fire was brought under control later.

He said the fire, which reportedly started around 7 AM, damaged two residential houses. The flames have been controlled now, and the rescue operation by F&ES has been completed.

He added that, as per initial reports, no loss of life or injuries were reported, while more details about the cause of the fire are under investigation.

## **Shiv Sena candidate Tilak Raj Shan intensifies** campaign in Doda, big blow to BJP as workers join Sena

**Top News Report** 

DODA, Sep 9: The political landscape of Doda witnessed a significant shift today as Tilak Raj Shan, the Shiv Sena UBT Balasaheb Thackeray candidate from the Doda West Assembly constituency, intensified his election campaign. Shan's outreach to various areas of his constituency highlighted his determination to address long-standing issues that have plagued the region, with a strong focus on infrastructure development, power generation,

and employment.

In a surprising turn of events, many disillusioned BJP workers quit the party and pledged their support to Shiv Sena UBT, giving a major boost to Shan's campaign. This marks a significant blow to the BJP in the region, as the defection indicates growing dissatisfaction with the ruling party.

While speaking to the public, Shan emphasized the Shiv Sena's commitment to national unity and integrity. He outlined key initiatives of his party, promising to prioritize the

construction of roads in underdeveloped areas that have long suffered from poor connectivity. Shan also vowed to ensure that the people of the Chenab region, a major hub of power generation, receive 300 MWs of free electricity. He pledged to push for the construction of additional power projects in the area, where surveys have already been conducted, creating muchneeded job opportunities

for the local population. Shan appealed to voters, urging them to support him for a bright-

the Best Polytechnic award for its remarkable performance during the academic year 2023-24 in various aspects like. academics, industries

linkages, placements,

MOUs, entrepreneurship

activities, seminars and

other co-curricular and

extra-curricular activi-

ties conducted during

the year 2023-24. Gov-

ernment Polytechnic

Jammu has established

a Center for Invention.

Innovation, Incubation &

Training (CIIIT) Jammu

and is imparting training

to the students in latest

trends of Manufacturing

Technology, Automo-

bile Engineering such

as Mechatronics & IoT,

Electric Vehicles, Robot-

ics Design engineering

etc conforming to Indus-

try 4.0 with the help of

Tata Technologies Ltd

Pune thereby enhancing

their employability skills.

The faculty and staff of

college had won many

National and International

awards during the year.

Research papers, book

chapters, text books were

published by the staff.

The college has orga-

nized various Seminars/

Workshops/Conferences,

Expert Talks, Short Term

programmes and various

social activities like Plan-

tation drives, Swachh

Bharat programmes,

Sports activities, Yoga etc

during the year 2023-24.

ing traditional political parties in Jammu and Kashmir for failing to meet the expectations of the people, especially in the Chenab region. "This is a golden opportunity to reject such parties, he said, highlighting the sense of frustration and disillusionment among the electorate.

As he continued his campaign tour, Shan visited various villages in the West Doda constituency, expressing dismay over the poor state of infrastructure in the region. He remarked

that the BJP's claims of a decade of development have proven to be hollow. as the dire conditions on the ground paint a far different picture. "It's time for them to open their eyes and witness the harsh reality that the people here are facing. The residents are utterly fed up with this government," Shan stated.

With growing support and a palpable shift in the political mood, Tilak Raj Shan's campaign is gaining momentum as he positions himself as the voice of change for the people of Doda.

#### India's Traditional Archery team set to compete in 5th World Nomad Games

**Top News Report** 

LEH, Sep 9: The 5th World Nomad Games, recognized as the largest and most prestigious event of its kind, commenced today in Astana, Kazakhstan.

The inauguration ceremony marked the official start of the games, which will run from September 8 to 15, 2024.

India's Traditional Archery team, representing the Traditional Archery Society of Ladakh, is poised to compete among the world's finest.

This year's games feature 92 countries and 4,000 athletes across a diverse array of disciplines. In Traditional Archery alone, 120 players are set to showcase their skills across three



distinct distances: 70 meters, 60 meters, and 30 meters

The inauguration ceremony celebrated the rich heritage and cultural significance of the games, setting the stage for a week of intense competition and camaraderie.

The Indian team is ready to display their expertise and contribute to the vibrant tapestry of the World Nomad

#### Govt Polytechnic Jammu bags 'Outstanding Institution Award'



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Sep 9: Government Polytechnic Bikram Chowk, Jammu bags the "Outstanding Institution Award" at National level in a grand ceremony conducted at National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Chandigarh on its 57th Annual Day function. This award is given by NITTTR every year to the Best Polytechnics and Engineering Colleges in the country whose performance during the year is the best.

Er Arun Bangotra, Principal of Government Polytechnic Bikram Chowk, Jammu received the award from Gulab Chand Kataria, Governor, Punjab, and Administrator, UT, Chandigarh. He appreciated the efforts of Government Polytechnic ity education in J&K UT. The Principal was accompanied by Er Sukhdeep Singh, HOD Civil Engg.

Dr. Binod Kumar Kanaujia, Director, N.I.T, Jalandhar and Dr. Bhola Ram Gurjar Director NITTTR present in the function also congratulated Government Polytech-

nic Jammu for its excellent performance during the year 2023-24.

Kumar Rajeev Ranjan, IAS Administrative Secretary Skill Development Deptt J&K congratulated the Principal and staff on its exponential growth in imparting quality education and receiving the Outstanding Polytechnic Award at national level. Om Prakash Bhagat, JKAS, Director Skill Development, J&K also congratulated and applauded the efforts and hard work of Er Arun Bangotra, Principal and staff of college in bringing the laurel to the J&K UT and stressed that Skill Development Department should achieve such milestones in future endeavors also. Er Arun Bangotra informed that the college had received this prestigious award for the second time, which is an achievement by itself and the credit for the award goes to the hardwork and dedication of staff and students.

While ascertaining the performance of the Polytechnic and Engineering colleges in the country, Prof. A.B Gupta, Chairman. Awards Committee, NITTTR Chandigarh

JKBS hails Vicky Kaith on being honoured with 'Best **Music Director Award'** said that Polytechnic and Engineering colleges are awarded every year and this year three Polytechnics one each from Tamil Naidu, Gujrat and third Government Polytechnic Jammu has bagged

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Sep 9: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha (JKBS) at its meeting held here today hailed Vicky Kaith on being honoured with 'Best Music Director Award' by SKKRDA Event India.

JKBS' President Rachhpal Kaith said all the songs which he has so for released are very inspirational. He never fails to amaze us with what he can do with his music. "We are all proud of him and wish him all the best".

While JKBS' General Secretary R.L.Kaith said Vicky Kaith apart from being a great music director, is also a very generous person by nature

Among those who were present in the meeting included Messers Hony Captain Kamal Dass Kaith (Retd), Havildar Des Raj Kaith (Retd), SI (Retd) Darshan Kumar Bassa, Hans Raj Loria, Madan Raj Kaith, Birender Kaith, Tilak Raj Bassa, Jagdish Raj Kaith, Naresh Kumar Kaith, Banty Sargotra and Deepak Jyoti.

#### Heritageans shine at 3rd JK UT **Ranking Table Tennis C'ship**

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Sep 9: Two talented students from Heritage School, Zain Bhat of Class V-E and Samar Dev Bansal of Class VI-C. have secured an impressive 2nd Rank in their respective categories at the 3rd JK UT Ranking Table Tennis Championship, held from 4th to 7th September 2024 at the MA Stadium.

Zain Bhat showcased his skills and determination in the Under-11 category, while Samar Dev Bansal delivered an exceptional performance in the Under-15 category. In addition, Pranwat Singh of Class IX-C and Laksh Rajput of Class VI-B were recognized with consolation prizes for their efforts in the tournament.

Heritage School congratulated these young athletes on their outstanding achievement and wishes them continued success in their future endeavours.

#### Kishtwar lifts U17 Cricket Trophy, dominates Doda in final



**Top News Report** 

KATHUA, Sep 9: The much-anticipated final match of the U17 cricket tournament took place on Monday at the GDC Cricket Ground, featuring an intense face-off between the teams of Kishtwar and Doda. Kishtwar emerged victorious, lifting the coveted trophy after an impressive performance that saw them chase down a modest

target with ease. After winning the toss, Kishtwar chose to field first. Doda, struggling to find momentum, was bowled out for a meager total of 51 runs in 16.2 overs, losing all 10 wickets. Kishtwar's bowling attack was led by Arun Singh, who took four wickets, dismantling Doda's batting lineup. Arun's outstanding bowling earned him the title of Man of the Match

wasted no time in chasing the low target. They reached 52 runs in just 8.2 overs, losing only three wickets in the process, securing a comfortable win. The District Youth Ser-

Kishtwar's batsmen

vices and Sports Officer of Kathua, Sunil Singh Sambyal, presented the winner's trophy to Kishtwar's captain, recognizing the team's excellence on the field.

Doda, though defeated,

was awarded the runnerup trophy, while District Poonch secured third place in the competition.

In addition to the cricket final, an athletics competition for boys of all age groups was also organized today by the Department of Youth Services and Sports Kathua at the Sports Stadium in Kathua. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation, adding to the sporting fervor of the day.

With such initiatives, the Department of Youth Services and Sports continues to promote vouna talent in the region, fostering the spirit of competition and sportsmanship among the youth.

#### J&K government to train Finance & Planning **Cadres Officers at IIM Jammu**

**Top News Report** 

SRINAGAR, Sep 9: Jammu and Kashmir Government has initiated a major drive for capacity building of 400 officers of Finance and Planning (F&P) cadres with an intention to upskill them in Fiscal Management, Budget Supervision, Taxation, Innovative Revenue Generation, Debt Management, Infrastructure Development, Public Private Partnership (PPP) Projects, Project appraisal and other related aspects of fiscal administration.

The Government has roped into partnership with Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Jammu for this purpose and IIM Jammu has developed training modules for the same pur-

The aim of this unique programme is to to upskill the officers of Finance and Planning cadre in improving financial resources from tax and non-tax avenues, encouraging private investments and appraising risks and costs in projects. The first batch of 50 officers each from Finance Department and Planning Department shall undergo the nonresidential training at IIM Jammu from 11th to 13th September 2024.

During the three days' training programme, the officers are expected to be trained in project appraisal techniques, enhanced expenditure control, raising resources from financial institutions and better fiscal supervision. Both the departments have shortlisted various officers for this intensive training programme.

The partnership with IIM Jammu will help the departments enhance expertise and skills of officers in governance and management of finances. Earlier as such partnership was not available, the departments had to depute officers to far-off institutions for training purposes.

Through this partnership, the UT government aims to design and implement PPP projects, develop new Tourist destinations in J&K, initiate measures for creation of sustainable jobs, devise strategies for regulation of user fees, develop policies for self-sustenance of PSUs, Universities and design innovative measures for development of Agro and Horticultural

#### R.K. Uppal awarded "Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Excellence Award -2024"

**Top News Report** 

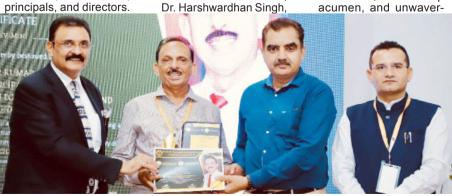
JAMMU, Sep 9: The Founder, Chairman of the Preethvi Educators Association - India (PAAI), Dr. Harshwardhan Singh, organized a function on the eve of Teachers Day celebrations in 2024 to honor teachers, educators,

ing contributions to the field of education, particularly in the specialist genre of literature. My visionary leadership and exceptional commitment to aesthetic literacy, inspiring creativity, and nurturing innovation in education have earned me this award. PAAI's founder and chairman,

Banking and Finance. In addition to his influence at the Indian Institute of Finance in New Delhi. he is also a Research Professor in Finance there, shaping debates on banking and finance on a national and international scale.

Known for his scholarly eminence, leadership

ing commitment to excel-



"Best Principal of The Year Award -2024" was presented to Professor Emeritus Dr. Rajinder Kumar Uppal, Principal of Guru Gobind Singh College of Management and Technology, Gidder-

Dr. Uppal has been recognized by the Preethvi **Educators Association** - India for his outstandcongratulated Professor Uppal on his remarkable achievements

The highest honor in the field, conferred on individuals who have contributed significantly to education and research. He currently serves as

lence, Dr. Uppal has won accolades not only in academia but also in the realm of research. His work continues to inspire generations, transcending disciplinary boundaries and charting a course Principal at G.G.S. Colfor a brighter future. I am lege of Management and highly thankful to the Technology and as MTC Global Chair Professor in founder Chairman of PAAI organization.

#### JKBS hails Hritik Rai Kaith for playing role in **Indo-Nepal Football Game**



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Sep 9: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha (JKBS) members who joined General Secretary R.L.Kaith at Surya Vihar today, hailed Hritik Rai Kaith for playing a significant role in Indo-Nepal Football Game National Winner-2, and also hailed him on being awarded a

'Medal' by SGADF. Hritik Rai Kaith participated in Indo-Nepal International Football Tournament held recently at Pokara Stadium,

Pokhara, Nepal. JKBS's members also congratulated the other team members for doing exceptionally well in their shared success, and wished them all the best for future.

JKBS members included Havildar Des Raj Kaith (Retd), Hans Raj Loria, Darshan Kumar Bassa, Tilak Raj Bassa, Madan Raj Kaith, Hakikat Anmol, Naresh Kumar Kaith and Jagdish Raj Kaith.

#### Community Welfare initiatives undertaken by MIER College of Education

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, SEP 9: The extension unit of MIER College of Education recently undertook two significant activities under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyanaimed at community welfare: a needs assessment of the residents of Village Purkhoo and an awareness campaign regarding diseases common during the rainy season and their precautions

The first activity focused on conducting a thorough needs assessment of the residents of Village Purkhoo. The purpose of this initiative was to understand the specific challenges and requirements of the community, with the goal of tailoring future interventions effectively. The extension unit engaged with the residents through surveys, focus group discussions, and individual interviews to gather data on various aspects of their lives, including

health, education, sanitation, and employment opportunities.

The second major activity was an awareness campaign aimed at educating the community about diseases commonly prevalent during the rainy season and the necessary precautions to avoid them.

The rainy season brings with it a surge in diseases such as malaria, dengue fever, cholera, and leptospirosis, all of which can be life-threatening if not treated promptly. The campaign was designed to provide residents with essential knowledge about the symptoms, transmission,

and prevention of these diseases. Dr. Adit Gupta, Principal and Director of MIER College of Education, appreciated the efforts of the In charge extension unit and coordinator, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Suman Devi, who worked tirelessly and enthusiastically toconductthis event.

# OTD: Sachin Tendulkar scores maiden ODI hundred vs Australia

Sachin Tendulkar scored his maiden ODI hundred on September 9, 1994 against Australia at R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo. Opening the innings, he played a magnificent knock of 110 (130).

NEW DELHI, Sep 9 (Agencies): On September 9, 1994 Sachin Tendulkar finally registered his maiden ODI hundred after batting 76 innings in the format scoring a remarkable 110 (130) against Australia in the 3rd Match of Singer World Series in Colombo. The legendary cricketer had got his career off to a disastrous start scoring ducks in his first two innings before finally getting off the mark in the format against New Zealand in March 1990.

Unlike his performances in Tests, the Master Blaster failed to emulate his success in 50-over cricket, scoring 1758 runs in the first 66 innings at an average of 30.84 and a strike rate of 74.36 with 13 half-centuries to his name. However, Tendulkar's career took a drastic turn when he opened the innings for the first time on 27th March 1994 vs New Zealand.



The right-handed batter stunned the world on his maiden outing as an opener scoring a breathtaking 82 (49) with the help of 15 fours and two sixes. Having tasted success as an opener, there was no looking back for the batting stalwart as he registered scores of 82, 63, 40, 63, 73 in his first five innings at the top of the order.

In his tenth innings, he finally

managed to touch the elusive three-figure mark scoring a sensational hundred against the opposition which would later become his favourite opposition in the years to come. After captain Mohammad Azharuddin won the toss and elected to bat first, Tendulkar took the attack on Australia right from the get-go and reached his half century off 43 balls.

Sachin's prolific run as an opener

He further went on to complete his first of the 49 ODI hundreds, he would go on to score in his career. Tendulkar whacked eight fours and two sixes in his innings announcing his era of domination in the 50-over format. India won the match by 31 runs as Tendulkar was adjudged Player of the Match.

The Mumbai-born cricketer

went on to score 15,310 runs as an opener at an average of 48.29 with 45 hundreds and 75 fifties at a strike rate of 88.04. He bid adieu to the game as the most prolific batter in the format with 18,426 runs from 452 innings at an average of 44.83 and a strike rate of 86.23 with 96 fifties. His record of 49 centuries was broken by Virat Kohli during the ODI World Cup 2023 semi final against New Zealand.

#### Neeraj Chopra celebrates India's performance at Paris Paralympics

NEW DELHI, Sep 9 (Agencies): Star Indian javelin thrower Neerai Chopra on Monday congratulated the Indian contingent for their performance at the Paris Paralympics. The Indian contingent concluded its historic Paris Paralympics campaign with a total of 29 medals, including seven gold, nine silver, and 13 bronze medals, the most by the country in the history of the competition. With this landmark campaign, India has surpassed their previously most-successful campaign at Tokyo 2020 Paralympics, which gave them 19 medals, including five golds, eight silvers, and six bronze medals.

Taking to his official X handle, Neeraj said that the whole nation is proud of the Indian contingent that participated at the Paris Paralympics.

"What a performance by #TeamIndia at the 2024 Paralympics. Congratulations to every participant and the entire support staff for giving their best and returning home with 29 medals! India is proud of you," Neeraj wrote on X.

This record-haul also helped India cross the 50-medal mark in the history of the competition. A record of 84 para-athletes represented the tricolour from August 28 to Sunday in 12 disciplines, as compared to nine back in Tokyo 2020. India also participated in

new sports at Paris: paracycling, para rowing, and blind judo.

India established several records and unlocked some new "firsts" at the Paralympic Games. Para-shooter Avani Lekhara became the first ever Indian woman to secure two Paralympic gold medals as she managed to defend her women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 shooting title with a world record score of 249.7 points.

India recorded a one-two finish at a para-athletics competition for the first time, with Dharambir and Parnav Soorma clinching gold and silver, respectively, in the men's club throw F51 event. This was among India's first-ever medals in this sport. Dharambir also set an Asian record of 34.92 m.

India also found its first-ever archery champion across both the Olympics and Paralympics, with Harvinder Singh getting the gold in the gold medal clash of the individual recurve para-archery against Poland's Lukasz Ciszek.

Indian javelin throw ace Sumit Antil became the first Indian male to defend their Paralympics title, making it back-to-back gold in F64 event with a stunning Paralympic record-breaking throw of 70.59 m. He broke his own previous record set during the Tokyo 2020 not once, but thrice.

#### Rishabh Pant recalls Suryakumar Yadav's catch: 'Felt like everything was gone'

NEW DELHI, Sep 9 (Agencies): India wicketkeeper batter Rishabh Pant recalled his thoughts before Suryakumar Yadav's iconic catch in the T20 World Cup 2024 final against South Africa. Notably, Suryakumar took a sensational game-changing catch in the last over of the final to dismiss David Miller which tilted the balance in India's favour.

He showed great presence of mind to grab hold of the ball near the boundary at long-off and quickly got rid of it as the momentum took his body over the ropes. The Indian fielder further jumped back quickly to complete one of the greatest catches in Indian cricket history which became one of the pivotal reasons behind India's seven-run win in the final.

Recalling the nerve-wracking incident, Pant said that he felt like everything was gone as Miller had timed the ball nicely. He even joked that the prayers of Indian fans stopped the ball from crossing the boundary line.

"When the ball was in the air, it felt like everything was gone. When it hit the bat, it seemed like a sure-shot six. The ball didn't cross the boundary line because of the Indian fans' prayers," said on Tanmay Bhatt's Youtube Chan-

Further speaking ahead, Pant also said that the world cup winning moment will stay with him forever, but he also understands that he has to move on and focus on the next target.

Rishabh Pant returns to Indian Test team

"I am not thinking much about it now because I feel in India, people forget after 10-15 days what you have done. So, it is important for you to forget these things as well. That moment will always be there with me, but now we have to move on and focus on what's next," Pant said.

Meanwhile, Pant was recently seen playing for India B in the Duleep Trophy, and he registered a brilliant half century in the second innings of the match scoring 61 (47). The wicketkeeper batter was also involved in some fun antics during the match as India B won the match by 76 runs. Pant has also marked his return in the Test team having found a place in the Indian squad for the upcoming two-match series against Bangladesh beginning from September 19.

#### MS Dhoni's words inspire Tushar Deshpande's key role in Chennai Super Kings' fifth IPL title win

CHENNAI, Sep 9 (Agencies): Chennai Super Kings (CSK) seamer Tushar Deshpande shared some inspirational words from MS Dhoni that motivated him ahead of the 2023 Indian Premier League (IPL) season. Deshpande, who had initially struggled in the competition, played a crucial role in CSK's fifth title victory, solidifying his position in the bowling unit. During the 2023 season, CSK faced a significant injury crisis within their pace bowling department, with Ben Stokes, Deepak Chahar, Sisanda Magala, Simarjeet Singh, and Mukesh Choudhary all sidelined by serious injuries.

In their absence, Deshpande led the attack alongside young talents like Rajvardhan Hangargekar, Matheesha Pathirana, and Akash Singh. Deshpande rose to the challenge, taking 21 wickets in 16 matches with an economy rate of 9.92.

Deshpande recounted a motivating conversation with Dhoni at Chepauk during the IPL 2023



preparation camp.

"You have everything to succeed at international level. But you have to be calm during your run-up. Don't get distracted by the crowd. Just take a deep breath, stay calm and bowl.' If Mahi tells you that you have everything to be successful at international level, boss, that itself is an achievement," Deshpande told ESPNcricinfo.

Despite an expensive spell in

the season-opening loss to the Gujarat Titans (GT) in Ahmedabad, Dhoni encouraged him to persevere.

"Mahi came to me and said, 'You haven't made any mistakes. You bowled all good balls. It was not your day today. In the next match repeat the same," he said.

His ability to take wickets in challenging situations has been crucial. He mentioned another instance where Dhoni's advice had a significant impact on his approach.

Dhoni advised him to stick to his strengths and believe in himself during a match simulation in the nets.

"I was bowling good yorkers, but suddenly I bowled a bouncer and got hit for a 100-metre six. He asked me, 'Kyun daala bouncer?' [Why did you bowl the bouncer?' I told him I thought he was expecting the yorker. He told me, 'Don't play cricket in the mind. Yorker is a yorker and no one can hit you,' " Deshpande noted.

"He was telling me we keep trying to play ahead of the game instead of staying in the present. The other thing he told me is to focus on my fitness, which is important for fast bowlers," he told ESPNcricinfo.

Deshpande made his national debut during the tour of Zimbabwe in July 2024, where he recorded figures of 1-30 and secured his spot for the subsequent match.

#### Not KL Rahul or Jasprit Bumrah: Ex-India star names two 'all-format captain' choices

NEW DELHI, Sep 9 (Agencies): Former Indian cricket team wicketkeeper batter Dinesh Karthik snubbed both Jasprit Bumrah and KL Rahul while picking the top choices for cricketers who can succeed Rohit Sharma as the 'all-format captain'. Instead, he opted for the two youngsters - Shubman Gill and Rishabh Pant - as his options. Rohit remains the ODI and Test captain but following his retirement from the shortest format of the sport, Suryakumar Yadav piped Hardik Pandya to become the T20I captain. However, BCCI traditionally prefers to have an all-format captain and Karthik gave his reasons behind picking the two stars.

"Two players come straight into my mind who are young, who have the potential, and definitely can lead India in all the formats shortly. One Rishabh Pant, two Shubman Gill. Both of them are captains of IPL teams and have captained India. I do think in time, they have the chance to become the allformat captain for India as well," said Karthik on the 'HEY CB with DK' show on Cricbuzz.

Meanwhile, ahead of the Test and ODI series against Bangladesh, star India opener Yashasvi Jaiswal shared his thoughts on the significance of domestic tournaments like the Duleep Trophy and his aspirations for India's red-ball cricket season.

At just 22, Jaiswal has already made a name for himself with impressive

performances on both domestic and international stages. When asked about his approach to domestic tournaments like the Duleep Trophy, he emphasized their importance in his development as a cricketer.

"It's a great opportunity whenever we have the chance to play the Duleep or Ranji Trophy. I'm really looking forward to that, and I hope I'll enjoy my game. I'll try my best," Jaiswal stated on Jio-Cinemas

His enthusiasm and commitment to these tournaments highlight the critical role they play in honing his skills and preparing him for higher challenges.

As India gears up for the upcoming red-ball season, Jaiswal is well aware of the stakes involved, especially with the World Test Championship (WTC) in sight. He stressed the importance of every match and the need to perform consistently to ensure India remains competitive on the global stage.

"Every match is important because of the World Test Championship. You have to make sure you give your best as every win counts. Any opportunity to play for India is incredible, and representing the country is the biggest motivation that I have," Jaiswal remarked.

India will be playing a two-match Test and three-game T20I series against Bangladesh at home from September 19 to October 12, in which Bangladesh spinners like Shakib AI Hasan, Taijul Islam, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Mahedi Hasan, and many more could feature.

#### 'Khaa Maa Kasam': Rishabh Pant's hilarious banter with Kuldeep in Duleep Trophy

BENGALURU, Sep 9 (Agencies): India wicketkeeper batter Rishabh Pant was seen being involved in a hilarious banter with Kuldeep Yadav during the Duleep Trophy match between India B and India A at the M.Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru. On Day 4 of the Match, India A were chasing a target of 375 runs but were left reeling at 99/6 when Kuldeep Yadav joined a well-set KL Rahul at the crease.

With his team in desperate need of runs, the southpaw played some shots to get closer to the target. However, Kuldeep had his India teammate Rishabh Pant behind the stumps, who tried his best to make life difficult for him at the crease by getting him involved in hilarious banters.

On the last of the 41st over of India A's innings bowled by Sai Kishore, Pant asked the fielders to come up and stop Kuldeep from running a single on the last ball to farm the strike. However, the tailender instantly denied that he won't take a single. Unsure of Kuldeep's integrity, Pant hilariously asked him to swear it on his mother's name saying, 'Khaa Maa Kasam!.' The comment even drew a smile from Kuldeep as he took his guard to face the next ball.

India B won by 76 runs

Kuldeep was eventually dismissed for 14 by Washington Sundar as India A were eventually bundled out for 198. KL Rahul was the top scorer for his team with his knock of 57 (121) but it didn't prove to be enough to take his team over the line. Apart from him, Akash Deep also played a valiant knock down the order scoring 43 (42) before he was unfortunately run out by Musheer Khan.

Yash Dayal was the pick of the bowlers for India B with figures of 3/50 in 12 overs. Apart from his batting heroics, Akash Deep was phenomenal with the ball as well scalping nine wickets across two innings. Meanwhile, Musheer Khan was adjudged Player of the Match for his scintillating innings of 181 in the first innings as he helped rescue India B from 94/7 to propel their score to 321.

#### Have till March to get sport back in LA Olympics, says World Boxing president



NEW DELHI, Sep 9 (Agencies): World Boxing president Boris van der Vorst has stressed that for the sport to return to the Olympics programme the entire boxing world has to unite. Van der Vorst was in New Delhi to garner support from the majority of the 45 Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) who were here to attend the 44th General Assembly.

The International Boxing Association (IBA) was derecognised by the International Olympics Committee (IOC) last year over failing to adhere to good governance principles, including questionable refereeing standards. Boxing was not included in the programme for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

Speaking to agency, the Dutch administrator said the new body has only till March next year to convince the IOC. "The IOC can only bring boxing back

into the Olympics programme when there is an international federation that can take control of the sport," van der Vorst said.

"World Boxing is the only pathway for boxing to remain in the Olympics. The programme of LA will be confirmed in the beginning of 2025, and in order to be re-included, there has to be an international body," the honorary president of the Dutch Boxing Federation added.

"We have a very short time. We must have at least 50 national federations but that is not enough. We need to have diversity, so that's why we are here to win more hearts in the Asian sporting world but also in Africa and in the regions that need to be developed," he

"It is important to show that we can stand on our feet and not be dependent on the IOC funding. The governance statutes need to be good. In officiating, we need to show that the procedures are good for fair results and also explore modern technology," he added.

The seasoned administrator was confident that boxing will stay in the Olympics. "The situation is unprecedented. After March, there won't be any flexibility because the local organisers need to work with the venues. I am absolutely convinced that at the end of this year or early next year our hand will be raised and we will write one of the most remarkable comeback stories in the Olympics movement by getting boxing back on the programme for LA 2028," he said.

# **NSS volunteers attend First Aid Training**

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Sep 9: A one day First Aid and Youth Red Cross Camp was organized under the joint aegis of NSS Unit of Central Sanskrit University, Shri Ranbir Campus, Jammu and Indian Red Cross Society, Jammu.

During this period various activities were organized for the volunteers.

In the camp, the volunteers were given first aid training by the Red Cross Society regarding the treatment of heart attack, brain stroke and angina. Red Cross Society instructor Dr. Kavita Nijhon told the volunteers about CPR.

She explained the process of giving CPR to a



person if he has chest pain. She told that if the heart stops beating or blood stops then giving CPR is the first aid.

During this, students were also told about the immediate treatment to be given to a person injured in an accident. She too explained about the treatment given to stop excessive bleeding

in an accident.

She said that timely first aid given to the injured person in an accident plays the biggest role in saving his life. She said that in such a situation, a cotton cloth should be tied tightly on the bleeding spot. An attempt should be made to stop the bleeding by pressing

ne pressure point.

Red Cross Field Officer Veronica formed the Red Cross unit in the campus. During the camp, students were also given information about first aid and assistance to be given to an accident victim in case of head injury.

She emphasized that head injury is the biggest cause of death in road accidents. In such a situation, if the injured person gets proper treatment on time, the chances of saving his life increases.

Campus Director Prof. Shreedhar Mishra said that the NSS unit of the campus is doing commendable work for the mental and social development of the students. He said that NSS develops the feelings of patience, service to others, service to society and country, hard work and working in a group among the students. Students should participate in nation service by joining NSS. He said that by joining NSS, students can do social service along with stud-

The guests were duly welcomed by Dr. Shweta Sood. The program was conducted efficiently by NSS Program Coordinator Dr. Yogendra Dixit and vote of thanks was given by NSS Program Officer Maninder Singh. Volunteers and other students of the NSS Unit were present on this occasion.

# Vivek Bali for ensuring employment opportunities, addressing social concerns

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 9: Vivek Bali, a political leader, said the stone pelting issue, which was once a major concern, has largely subsided.

The BJP's vision for a new Kashmir is taking shape, and we're witnessing a significant decline in such incidents. This positive development is a testament to the efforts made by the government and the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Vivek Bali said youth are drifting towards drugs due to lack of job prospects. If we provide them with gainful employment, there's no need for them to look elsewhere, including Delhi.

Employment opportuni-



ties will not only address the drug menace but also unleash the potential of our youth, enabling them to contribute positively to society.

Regarding my suspension from the JDU J&K State General Secretary post, I am surprised to say that I did not receive any show-cause notice, and the order has been

passed without explanation. I am unsure about the reasons behind this decision.

On the issue of stone pelting, I believe a nuanced approach is necessary. I request Home Minister that a committee should be formed to review such cases, and those willing to reform should be given a chance. We must strive for rehabilitation, not mere punishment. By doing so, we can ensure that our youth are guided towards a constructive path.

Bali said we will continue working towards a brighter future for our youth, ensuring employment opportunities and addressing social concerns. Our commitment to the welfare of Jammu and Kashmir's citizens remains unwavering.

#### Holy Chhari Yatra departs on Oct 2, Darshan will be on first Navratra



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Sep 9: The 42nd Holy Chhari Yatra of Shiv Sena (UBT) will depart from the famous Shri Raghunath Ji temple of Jammu on October 2 in the form of a Shobha Yatra.

Following the mythological form, the Holy Chhari Yatra will reach Maa Ke Darbar via Kaul Kandoli, Deva Mai and on the eve of the first auspicious Navratri Chhari Poojan darshan will be performed.

In a press conference held today at the party state central office, state head Manish Sahni said that the 42nd Chhari Yatra for Shri Mata Vaishnodevi will depart from the famous and historical Shri Raghunath Ji temple of Jammu on October 2 as a Shobha Yatra. After receiving the blessings of the first Darshan at Kol Kandoli and the second Darshan Deva Mai, it will depart towards Katra and on the first auspicious Navratri, the Chhari Poojan and Maa ke darshan will be performed at Maa Ke Darbar.

Sahni has appealed to the devotees to become a part of the Yatra and seek the blessings of Mata Vaishno Devi.

Along with this, Sahni appealed to the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha (who is the Chairman of Shri Mata Vaishno

Devi Shrine Board) to create Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Yatra Circuit by connecting the famous and historical temples of Jammu and Katra on the lines of Lord Shri Ram Temple Yatra Circuit in Ayodhya and for this, start special bus service from Jammu Railway Station and Main Bus Station so that the devotees get the opportunity to visit these temples and the economy of the Jammu division gets a boost.

On this occasion Vikas Bakshi (General Secretary), Balwant Singh (Vice President), Raj Singh (President Kamgar Wing), Rohan (President Jammu City), Mangu Ram (Secretary) were present.

# Inspector Tsewang Namgyal demise condoled

**Top News Report** 

LEH, Sep 9: It is with profound sadness that we report the tragic loss of Inspector Tsewang Namgyal, a dedicated leader of the UT Disaster Response Force (UTDRF), who lost his life during a rescue operation in the Indus River near Khaltsi.

The mission, which aimed to save a minor girl who had drowned, saw the UTDRF boat capsize. Despite the brave efforts of the team, Inspector Namgyal succumbed to the challenges of this perilous situation, has given his life in line of duty.

Inspector Tsewang Namgyal was a stalwart figure in disaster response, having played a pivotal role in numerous rescue operations. His unwavering commitment and courage were evident in every mission he undertook, often putting his own safety at risk to save others. His exemplary service has been a beacon of hope in many

We at LAHDC extend our heartfelt condolences to Inspector Namgyal's family and colleagues. Chairman/CEC, Adv. Tashi Gyalson, LAHDC, Leh, has conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family and recognized Inspector Namgyal's invaluable service and sacrifice.

In honor of Inspector Namgyal's bravery, LAHDC will provide an ex gratia payment of Rs 5 lakh to his family. Additionally, Rs 1 lakh will be given to those seriously



injured in the incident.

CEC has also urged the UT Administration to extend an ex gratia payment and award the highest recognition for his distinguished service, for he was also a decorated police officer.

We are grateful for the courageous efforts of all involved and extend our sincere thanks to the rescuers who risked their lives in this difficult situation.

#### Sawhney slams government over faulty Smart Meters in Jammu



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Sep 9: Former Minister of J&K and Ex-MLA of Jammu East, Yogesh Sawhney, on Monday issued a sharp statement condemning the government for the severe problems caused by the installation of faulty smart meters across Jammu city.

He criticized both the government and the local administration for their failure to address the rising concerns of the locals, who are bearing the brunt of these flawed devices. "Smart meters, which were introduced under the guise of modernization, have instead caused undue hardships to the people of Jammu," said Sawhney.

The senior Congress leader said that the residents, during his visit to Jammu East, have reported a range of issues

stemming from the faulty smart meters, including inaccurate readings leading to inflated bills. There have even been incidents of smart meters catching fire, putting both lives and property at risk.

Furthermore, the harsh enforcement of bill payments has added to the woes of citizens. Power connections are being cut with barely 12 hours' notice in cases of nonpayment. The implementation of smart meters against all public grievances and then the subsequent failure to address or alleviate these genuine concerns of the people completely goes against and undermines the principles of a welfare state as outlined in the Indian Constitution.

He emphasized that while Congress party fully supports technological advancement, it cannot back policies that harm the very people they are meant to benefit. "Technology should be a tool that improves lives, not something that worsens them.

The current implementation of smart meters has created more problems than it has solved," Sawhney stated. Immediate action needs to be taken to rectify the issues caused by these devices and focus on the welfare of the citizens rather than on punitive measures such as cutting power connections.

It is very clear that current regime is not ready or willing to implement these steps. He added that the government's indifference towards the concerns of the people reflects a lack of commitment to welfare policies. A fair and humane approach to resolving the growing power crisis in Jammu, and BJP government is not ready to do that.

# Painting & Photography competition held at Govt SPMR College of Commerce

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Sep 9: In line with the directives of the Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu & Kashmir, Government SPMR College of Commerce organized a vibrant Painting and Photography Competition on Monday, as part of a broader initiative to promote electoral literacy among youth ahead of the upcoming J&K Legislative Assembly Elections 2024.

This event was conducted under the guidelines set by the Electoral Literacy Clubs (ELCs) and aimed to encourage maximum participation of first-time voters and foster a sense of civic responsibility among students.

A total of 30 students enthusiastically participated, showcasing their artistic skills by painting walls, creating posters, and capturing thought-provoking photographs.

The event highlighted the theme of "Greater Participation for a Stronger Democracy" with students expressing their interpretations of democratic values and the importance of voting through creative media.

The entries were evaluated by a panel led by Dr. Deepshikha Sharma and her team, who assessed the paintings and photographs based on creativity, relevance to the

theme, and execution.

The top three students in wall painting were Pranav and Jaismine, Sonakshi and Bhoomi and Varsha, Vivek and Sumit and in Poster making Competition, Muskan gets first prize, Siddharth bagged 2nd and 3rd prize was won by Kiranjeet who were awarded certificates of excellence in recognition of their outstanding contributions.

Principal Dr. Rajinder Singh graced the occasion and appreciated the efforts of the participants, faculty, and organizers in making the event a success.

He emphasized the importance of such initiatives in educating and motivating the youth to exercise their voting rights.

The entire event was efficiently coordinated by Prof. Rajni Sharma, Dr. Ridhi Sharma, Prof. Rishu Mahajan, Dr. Mamta Rani and Ravi Kumar.

This event is part of a series of activities initiated by the college under the Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) campaign, as directed by the Chief Electoral Officer, J&K, to boost electoral participation among the youth. Further activities planned include street plays, debates, quizzes, film screenings, and social media campaigns,

all aimed at spreading electoral awareness.

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