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## BRIEFLY

### CRPF man dies of cardiac arrest in south Kashmir's Tral

SRINAGAR, Sep 10 (Agencies): A Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) man posted with the 180th Battalion of the CRPF at Tral on south Kashmir's Pulwama died of cardiac arrest Tuesday, officials said.

Quoting an official news agency NVI reported that the CRPF personnel suddenly complained of chest pain, after which he was referred to the nearest medical health care center.

The official said the CRPF personnel later died of cardiac arrest. He has been identified as Jitender Singh, a resident of Baldhan Kalan village in Rewari district, Haryana.

### NC's Sajad Shafi accuses Taj Mohi-Ud-Din of being BJP proxy

SRINAGAR, Sep 10 (Agencies): National Conference on Tuesday accused Taj Mohi-Ud-Din of being a proxy of the Bharatiya Janata Party, stating that he sought support from the saffron party after his failed attempt to rejoin Congress.

Addressing a press conference, Dr Sajad Shafi, son of Mohammad Shafi Uri and NC candidate for Uri seat said that recent developments in Uri are an open challenge to the National Conference.

"Taj Mohi-Ud-Din went to Delhi, held talks with top BJP leadership, and agreed to contest as an independent with their backing," he told reporters, as per news agency

Sajad said that Taj Mohi-Ud-Din is now BJP's proxy candidate, and it has already been decided that he will join BJP if he wins.

He said that it's now people of Uri who will make a clear choice whether they support NC-Congress alliance or stand with the BJP and its proxies. "It is now National Conference vs BJP and its allies in Uri," he said.

He also criticised Apni Party president Altaf Bukhari for endorsing Taj Mohi-Ud-Din despite previously seeking a young candidate. "Altaf

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## Borders Fully Secure; Will not allow terrorists to disturb Assembly Polls in J&K: BSF

BHADERWAH / JAMMU, Sep 10 (Agencies): Counter-infiltration measures have been put in place along the borders to ensure that terrorists don't infiltrate and disturb the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, a top BSF officer said on Tuesday.

Inspector General of Border Security Force (BSF), Jammu frontier, D K Boora was speaking to reporters in Bhaderwah area of Doda district which along with six other districts covering a total of 24 assembly segments in south Kashmir and Chenab valley



region of Jammu is going to polls in the first phase on September 18. "The borders are completely secure as the BSF in coordination with sister agencies, including police, have taken all necessary counter-infiltration measures. I want to assure everyone that

no such activity (infiltration of terrorists from across the border) will be allowed during the election process," the BSF officer said.

He said the BSF is capable of dealing with any situation and will play its role in ensuring the conduct of free and

fair elections.

"The BSF is an able force and you will find our troops deployed more in difficult terrain as they are capable of dealing with any type of situation and do their job bravely. The BSF is deployed here (in Chenab valley) for safe conduct of the elections," Boora said.

Referring to recent terror incidents in Doda and Kishtwar districts, the BSF officer said the commanders on the ground are aware of some incidents and are conducting their

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## Sitaram Yechury in 'Critical' condition, on respiratory support at AIIMS: Party



NEW DELHI, Sep 10 (Agencies): CPI (M) General Secretary 72-year-old Sitaram Yechury who is undergoing treatment for acute respiratory tract infection for the last fortnight at All India Institute of Medical Science is in a critical condition, a commu-

nication from the party's polit bureau informed.

He was admitted to AIIMS on August 19th for the treatment of a pneumonia-like chest infection. "Comrade Sitaram Yechury, General Secretary of Communist Party of India (Marxist), is in the intensive care unit of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, being treated for an acute respiratory tract infection. He is on respiratory support. A multi-disciplinary team of doctors is closely monitoring his condition,

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## Four Cops injured in escort vehicle accident in Jitendra Singh's cavalcade

JAMMU, Sep 10 (Agencies): At least four cops were injured after the security escort vehicle they were traveling in experienced a burst in its front tires, leading to an accident this morning in Kathua district, officials said.

A vehicle carrying an advance party of ten personnel who were a part of escort to Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh's cavalcade crashed after its front tires burst while they were moving from Preet Nagar Gangyal for a public rally in Billowar.

They said that the accident resulted in injuries to four personnel, identified as Head Constable Jaiveer Singh, Head Constables Yudhveer Singh, Suresh Patil, and Mohinder Singh.

They said that the other personnel sustained minor injuries and that all the injured personnel received first aid and treatment at CHC Billowar.

## Two-Year-Old's throat slit by masked attackers in Budgam

SRINAGAR, Sep 10 (Agencies): In a tragic and disturbing incident, a toddler was killed by two masked men who forced their way into his home in the Kechwari area of central Kashmir's Budgam district late Monday night, officials said.

The boy, identified as Zeeshan Ahmad Kalas, 1.5 years old, was reportedly asleep with his mother when the attackers entered their home at around 2 am and slit his throat with a knife.

"His father was not present at the time of the attack. The woman's mouth was gagged, and the baby boy was killed," an official source told KashmirLife.

Zeeshan's body was discovered shortly after the incident, and the family has alleged that their son was deliberately murdered by the assailants. The motive behind the attack remains unclear, and police have launched an investigation into the case.

"The body will be handed over to the family following

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## Afzal Guru's brother to contest elections from Sopore, says 'won't seek votes in his name'

SRINAGAR, Sep 10 (Agencies): Afzal Guru's brother, Ajaz Ahmad Guru has said that he will be contesting elections as an independent candidate from north Kashmir's Sopore seat.

Afzal Guru was hanged in 2013 after being convicted in the 2001 Parliament attack.

Ajaz Guru (58) had voluntarily retired from the Animal Husbandry department in 2014, is presently working as a contractor. Hindustan Times reported that Guru will probably submit his form on Tuesday or Wednesday. The last day for filing the nomination is Thursday.

"When everyone is contesting elections, then why shouldn't I,"

he said.

Although he said that he has a different ideology as compared to hanged brother, he said, he will fight for those youths, who he said have been arrested in fabricated cases by the J&K police, including his son Shoaib. He said, "Shoaib was arrested nine-months ago by police in a fabricated case."

Citing the jailed parliamentarian's victory in recently held Lok Sabha Elections, Ajaz said that if Er Rashid's son can campaign for their jailed father, "why can't I campaign to prove that my son didn't do anything wrong. He studies in Pune."

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## Annual Gangabal Yatra flagged off in Ganderbal

GANDERBAL, Sep 10 (Agencies): The authorities on Tuesday flagged off annual Gangabal yatra from Naranag base camp in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district.

An official said that deputy commissioner Ganderbal, who was accompanied by SSP Ganderbal and other officers flagged off the yatra today morning.

He said that yatra will reach Gangabal, at an altitude of 14500 feet, by evening, while special puja was held at the base camp

Meanwhile, Kashmiri Pandits residing in

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## "I used to get scared to go there," former Home Min Sushil Shinde recalls his earlier visits to JK

NEW DELHI, Sep 10 (Agencies): Recalling his experiences of visiting Jammu and Kashmir while he was the Home Minister of India, Congress leader Sushil Kumar Shinde said that he used to feel scared but wasn't able to tell anyone about it.

During the launch of his memoir "Five Decades of Politics" on Monday at the India International Centre in Delhi, Shinde said that when he used to visit Kashmir's Lal Chowk and Dal Lake in Srinagar as the Home Minister, he used to get scared and was unable to share all this with anyone despite getting good publicity for his visits.

Shinde stated that he used to visit those places



for advice. He advised me to not roam around but to visit Lal Chowk (in Srinagar), meet people and go around Dal Lake. That advice gave me publicity and people thought that here is a Home Minister who goes there without any fear, lekin meri fat'ti thi wo kisko bataoon? (But who do I tell that I was scared?) I told you this just to make you laugh, but an ex-policeman can't speak like this," he said.

Shinde's remarks come in the middle of the election season in JK. The BJP has been reiterating that the withdrawal of Article 370 has resulted in the return of peace to the region.

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Late Sh Satya Pal Gupta

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OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad & untimely demise of our beloved Sh Brij Bushan Zalpuri (Kaka Ji)...



Sh Brij Bushan Zalpuri (Kaka Ji)

GRIEF STRICKEN Smt Jyoti Zalpuri (Wife) Bhabis & Brothers Smt Kavita Ji & Sh Shrawan K Zalpuri...

BARKHI

One year has passed since you left us for your heavenly journey but your blessings still help us in every ups and downs of our life.



SMT. PHOOLA DEVI

Barkhi of our beloved mother Smt. Phoola Devi, wife of Sh. Inder Parkash Ji will be performed at our residence...

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Pawan Kumar Gupta...



Sh. Pawan Kumar Gupta

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

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SH GIRDHARI LAL SHARMA...



SH GIRDHARI LAL SHARMA

TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON 11TH SEPT. 2024 (WEDNESDAY) AT OUR RESIDENCE. KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 12TH SEPT. 2024 (THURSDAY) AT OUR RESIDENCE.

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform that our beloved Anjana Sapru W/o Subhash Sapru...



ANJANA SAPRU

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 Ghazabad Tower...

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.



Shri H N Jattu

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.

FIFTH DAY

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of our beloved daughter Dr. Samiksha Suri...



Dr. Samiksha Suri

Fifth Day will be performed on 11-09-2024 (Wednesday) at 12:00 Noon at our residence - House No. 416, Ward No. 11, Near PWD Office, Degree College Road, Udhampur.

SHADAMOS AND MASVAR

Six months have passed since you left us in deep grief & sorrow for your eternal journey to heavenly abode.



Lt Smt. Kishni Koul

Shadmos and Masvar of our beloved mother Lt Smt. Kishni Koul, W/o Late Sh. Jagger Nath Koul...

BARKHI

One year has passed since the passing of our beloved mother Smt Satya Devi W/o Late Sh. Dharam Chand Gupta...



SMT SATYA DEVI

Barkhi of our beloved mother will be performed at House No. 461, Sector-5 Channi Himmat Jammu on Wednesday, 11th September, 2024 at 12 noon.

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...



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.

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...



Sh. Praveen Tikku

Mourning will be at C 707, Hanging Gardens, Jaisinghpura, Bhankrota, Jaipur on 15.09.2024. DEEPLY GRIEF STRICKEN Anuradha Tikku (Wife) 8112252840...

LAST 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



Sh. Ashok Kumar Wali (1953-2024)

Tenth Day Kriya-11th Sep 2024 at Alandi Pune 9:00 AM Eleventh Day Kriya- 12th Sept 2024 at J701 Park Titanium Twelfth Day Kriya- 13th Sep 2024 at J701 Park Titanium

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow and with heavy heart, we regret to inform the sad demise of our revered father Sh Piary Lal Koul (S/o Late Sh Sarwanand Koul)...



Sh Piary Lal Koul

Tenth Day Kriya shall be performed at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education on 11-09-2024 at 8.30 AM. Grief Stricken Smt Toshia Koul W/o Late Sh M K Koul- Bhabhi Sh Sanjay Koul and Smt Simran Koul- Son & Daughter in law...

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh Shubhan 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...

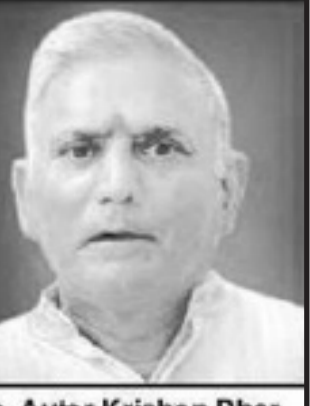


SH SHUBHAN KRISHAN KOUL

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 & Bhabhi Smt. & Sh. Jawahar Lal Koul -Brother & Bhabhi CONTACT NO'S : 6006175229, 9086471717

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform that our beloved father, Sh. Autar Krishen Dhar S/o Late Sh. Gopi Nath Dhar, R/o 147 Ambika Vihar, Talab Tillo Jammu, (originally resident of Herman, Shopian, Kashmir) has left for heavenly abode on 03/09/2024.



Sh. Autar Krishen Dhar

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 11/09/2024 at Garhganga, Murad Nagar, Gharmukteshwar, UP. Prayer meeting will be held at 11:00 AM at the residence, Flat-104, Plot No 1/7, Rajendra Nagar, Sector 2, Ghaziabad-201005 Contact number: 9906048788, 9560510050

FIFTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you the sad demise of our beloved Jija Ji Sh. Joginder Badyal H/o Smt. Rani Sharma.



SH. JOGINDER BADYAL

Fifth Day will be performed on Wednesday 11-09-2024 at our residence H.No. 182, W.No.09, Gali New Hospital Road, Udhampur. GRIEF STRICKEN:- Smt. Lalita Sharma & Sh. Jagdish Sharma Smt. Anita Sharma & Sh. Kulbushan Khajuria Mob: 9419162716, 9469625419

CHOUBARSI

CHOUBARSI of our beloved Smt Swarna Devi W/o Late Sh. Radhey Shyam Contractor R/o Subash Nagar Udhampur will be performed on 11-09-2024 (Wednesday) at Ram Mandir Near State Bank at 12.00 Noon



SMT SWARNA DEVI

GRIEF STRICKEN Son & Daughter in law Sh. Pr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma & Smt Sheetal Sachola Sh. Sanjeev Kumar - Son Sh. Kehror Sachola - son Sh. Nitin Sharma & Smt Arjuna Bab - Daughter & Son in Law Mr Midul Sachola - Grand Son Miss Agniya Sharma - Grand Daughter Miss Ambika Parida - Grand Daughter Mobile No: 9419863083, 9697528103, 7899581202, 7899867451 Sadohra Family

TENTH DAY KRIYA

The Tenth-Day Kriya of Suhasini Dhar W/o Sunil Dhar (who left for her heavenly abode on 05 September, 2024 at Delhi) will be performed at Munaq Canal Ghat, Sector 15, Rohini, Delhi, near Sacha Telephone Exchange on Saturday 14th September 2024 at 9 AM.



SUHASINI DHAR (23.02.1964 - 05.09.2024)

GRIEF STRICKEN:- Sunil Dhar - Husband Rachna Kaur - Mami Ji Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law Upasone Bhan & Brig. Vikram Bhan Brothers & Sisters-in-law Deep Parthiv & Rohini Parthiv Vinod Parthiv & Indu Parthiv Sons & Daughters-in-law Spash Dhar & Shruti Anuja Dhar Shweta Dhar & Rohini Dhar Daughter & Son-in-law Sunil Dhar Divedi & Anshuman Divedi Nieces & Nephew Ropooze Parthiv, Aqila Bhan, Srijan Bhan, Divyanshi Parthiv & Danish Parthiv In-laws Inder Ahuja & Family Niji, Meera & Anil Misra Sooma Divedi & VP Divedi

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# Powerful mining mafia growing under political patronage of BJP in Vijaypur: Manjit Singh

## Questions authorities for harassment to local youth

### Top News Report

VIJAYPUR, Sep 10: Apni Party's Contesting Candidate from Vijaypur Assembly Constituency and Provincial President of the Party, Manjit Singh has raised serious concern over the rise of powerful mining mafia, majority of them non-local in Koulpur, its adjoining areas of Vijaypur under the political patronage of BJP.

"The mining mafia, mostly outsiders, have become so powerful that the authorities do not question them for their illegal actions, and loot of the resources that has affected the ecosystem and snatched employment from the local youth," said the contesting candidate and former minister, S. Manjit Singh, addressing a public meeting at village Koulpur in Vijaypur



assembly constituency. Manjit Singh the police and administration apparently have become silent spectators as no action is taken against them and the locals youth, whose livelihood has been snatched by this mining mafia has been put to harassment.

He asked the authorities to end the harassment and work on to protect

the ecology and resources of Koulpur, and adjoining villages from the mining mafia, who work hand in gloves with the authorities.

"There is no accountability on them. The local youth, who were working at the local mining blocks have become unemployed, and the authorities did nothing to grant them permission. However, the

outsiders have grabbed the local resources with the help of the authorities," he said, warning the authorities that the Apni Party will not tolerate the exploitation of resources and harassment of local youth by the police and administration.

He asked the authorities and the police department to release all the vehicles which were seized in the

name of illegal mining.

"Thousands of families have become helpless and facing starvation-like situations because of the poor economic conditions after the authority's allowed allotment of mining blocks to the outsiders," he said.

He said if he gets elected as Member of Legislative Assembly from Vijaypur action shall be taken against the outsiders, and local mining will be promoted with a sustainable manner that will give a boost to employment and reduce the cost of construction by providing cost effective construction material i.e., sand, stones etc.

Meanwhile, the developmental issues were also discussed during which the Apni Party's candidate has assured all over development of Koulpur and other areas.

# Raman Bhalla will file nomination tomorrow

## General Secy Satish Sharma reviews the preparations

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 10: The last date for nomination for the third phase of the assembly elections is September 12, due to which Congress candidate from RS Pura Jammu South, Raman Bhalla will file his nomination papers tomorrow, for this the preparations were finalized on Tuesday, State Congress Committee General Secretary and former Chairman of Jammu Municipal Corporation Satish Sharma, who arrived to review the preparations, said that first a grand road show will be held from Satwari Chowk to RS Pura and



after that Raman Bhalla will file his nomination after reaching RS Pura.

He said that in view of the popularity of Raman Bhalla, people will welcome him at various places from Satwari to RS Pura and the entire route will be decorated with flags, banners and hoardings.

He said that before filing the nomination papers, there will be a kind of show of strength.

Satish told that at 9:30 in the morning, the workers and senior leaders of the party will gather at Satwari Chowk and then from there they will proceed towards RS Pura in the form of a rally.

# PM Modi empowered women of J&K, gave them dignified life: Priya Sethi

## 'Our Sankalp Patra promises socio-economic upliftment of women'



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 10: Former minister, Priya Sethi, on Tuesday said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi empowered the women of J&K, who had earlier been denied their constitutional rights for seventy years.

"The Prime Minister Modi by abrogating Article 370 on August 5 2019 empowered the women of J&K and they are now living a dignified life," Priya Sethi said, while addressing a press conference, here today.

J&K BJP Chief Spokesperson, Sunil Sethi, BJP Mahila Morcha General Secretaries, Neha Mahajan and Reema Padha were also present on the occasion.

Prior to abrogation of Article 370, Sethi said that girls of J&K were denied their constitutional

rights if they married outside J&K. "Now, after the abrogation of Article 370, the girls do get their constitutional rights even if they marry outside J&K," she said and added that the women are living a dignified life under PM Modi's regime.

She said that NC, Congress and PDP denied constitutional rights to women of J&K for 70 years but BJP ensured that they get equal constitutional rights.

"Only BJP government can ensure dignity of women," she said, adding that BJP rolled out several schemes for the welfare of women and large number of women are getting benefitted.

Sethi said that 1.61 lakh girls got benefit of 'Ladli Beti Yojna', while 4.12 lakh girls of J&K have been benefitted under 'Matra Vandna Yojna' launched by Modi gov-

ernment.

Sethi said, similarly, 70,000 girls have been benefitted under Marriage Assistance Scheme, also launched by BJP Government. Sethi said that the BJP 'Sankalp Patra' released by Home Minister Amit Shah also takes care of the women, especially the elderly.

In our 'Sankalp Patra', we have also promised the socio-economic upliftment of the women of J&K, she said.

"In our 'Sankalp Patra' we have promised Rs 18,000 per year to senior most women of every family in J&K and free cylinders to women under Ujjawa Yojna." She said, while adding, "we will also give 50% reservation to women in local body elections."

Apart from this, we have also promised to strengthened Self Help Groups (SHG), she said.

# NCB arrest two traffickers with 0.410 Kg Heroin at Chadwal

## One 1 trafficker arrested from Delhi in another case

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 10: Keeping its commitment to combat drug trafficking in the region, NCB Jammu seized 0.410 Kg. Heroin on 09.09.2024 at Chadwal, Kathua and registered case CR-17/2024 & in this connection, arrested two persons namely Shahid Hussain & Murad Ali both resident of Kathua.

The team has also seized the Motorcycle which these traffickers used in illicit trafficking of the seized Heroin.

Initial investigation has revealed that the seized Heroin was supplied from Taran Taran district of Punjab and further it was destined to Hiranagar, Kathua.

Another team of NCB Jammu arrested main supplier Shahbaz, resident of Okhla Vihar Delhi on September 9, 2024 in connection with case CR-15/2024, in which various Narcotics and Psychotropic substances were seized.

NCB Jammu Zonal Unit recovered and seized 3000 Nos of Alprazolam Tablets, 14106 Nos of Spasmo Proxvov Plus (Tramadol) Capsules,

221 Bottles of Codeine based Cough Syrup (100 ml each) and Approx 5 Litres of Codeine based Cough syrup in water bottles at Near Zamindara Dhaba, Ring Road, Samba, J&K from the possession of 02 accused persons namely Mohd Abbas Bhat, son of Nazir Ahmad Bhat, resident of Noorpora, Pulwama, J&K and Zahoor Ahmad Shah, resident of Takeya, Ghulab Bagh, Pulwama, J&K, who were arrested in this connection. The receiver of the seized drugs namely Sareed Ahmad Ganiem son of Abdul Rasheed Ganie, resident of Anantnag, was arrested on September 3, 2024.

Now, NCB Jammu has arrested main supplier Shahbaz on September 9, 2024.

In the wake of upcoming Legislative Assembly elections, NCB has geared up its preparation to tackle the drug menace and its possible misuse in the election scenario. Being the national nodal agency for drug law enforcement, it has geared itself to stop the supply of drugs in the region.

# Gol more concerned about POJK residents than POJK refugees: Ravinder

## residents than POJK refugees: Ravinder

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 10: Senior Congress Leader & former MLC Ravinder Sharma has said that BJP government at the centre is more concerned about the welfare of POJK residents than the 14 lakh displaced community from POJK, for nothing material was done to resolve their genuine issues.

Reacting to the statement of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in which he talked of POJK residents, stating one day they would voluntarily join us, Ravinder Sharma said that BJP government did nothing to resolve the pending issues of POJK displaced community settled here and other parts of country during ten years in power.

BJP had made tall promises to them before Lok Sabha and assembly elections in 2014 including reservation of eight assembly seats, implementation of full financial package of Rs 30 lakh to each family besides other components.

Instead of fulfilling the commitments to them & solving their issues, UT administration has further snatched their rights over allotted lands and power to sell etc, which is very unfortunate.

Sharma during his tours of Sunderbani & adjoining areas of kalakote and Nowshera areas, asked party cadres to work for the success of coalition candidates to oust BJP which has caused sufferings to different sections of society. People were evicted from lands, rights erased from revenue records and caused numerous hardships to them.

He said BJP only did lip service and aroused their emotions and secured votes but did nothing. He questioned the commitment to the suffering displaced communities of POJK, KPs and internally displaced but their manifesto this time has nothing substantial for them.

He asked the centre government to fulfill the commitments to the POJK DPS instead of exploiting them.

# Tribal in Ramban declare support for BJP During MP's Tour

## Khatana's visit boosts BJP's appeal ahead of elections



### Top News Report

RAMBAN, Sep 10: Senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, during his tour of Ramban district today, held several public meetings across the region.

The tour saw scores of people from tribal communities expressing their support for the BJP, joining the party, and putting their faith in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

Er. Khatana visited multiple panchayats, including Batote, Shapa, and Rakh Jaroka, where he addressed large gatherings of local residents. He highlighted the developmental initiatives undertaken by the central government in Jammu and Kashmir and encouraged the public to vote for BJP candidates in the upcoming elections.

Addressing the meeting, the MP underscored the government's relentless efforts to ensure the empowerment and upliftment of Jammu and Kashmir's residents. "Under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, the central government is working tirelessly for the development and empowerment of Jammu and Kashmir and its Awam (people)," he said.

One of the key highlights of Khatana's visit was the growing sup-

port for the BJP among the tribal communities in Ramban. Large numbers of tribal residents, who have traditionally been underrepresented in mainstream political circles, declared their allegiance to the BJP. The MP emphasized that the government's policies are focused on bringing marginalized communities into the fold of progress and development.

The inclusion of tribal groups into the BJP's fold is seen as a significant achievement for the party, particularly in the context of upcoming elections. Their participation strengthens the BJP's foothold in areas that have long been neglected in terms of development, and it also boosts the party's presence in remote and rural areas. Khatana reassured the tribal communities that their needs and concerns would be addressed through concrete actions.

During his addresses, Er. Khatana appealed to the public to continue supporting the BJP and its candidates to ensure the region's sustained progress. "Modi Ji has brought significant changes in J&K, now it is our responsibility to strengthen BJP and Modi Ji. Elect your own government, a BJP government in Jammu and Kashmir," Khatana urged the crowds.

He outlined the signifi-

cant strides made under the BJP government, particularly in infrastructure development, education, healthcare, and social welfare. Khatana stressed that the central government has been investing in Jammu and Kashmir's future, ensuring that the benefits of these initiatives reach every citizen, especially those in rural and underserved areas like Ramban.

In addition to his speeches, the MP spent considerable time listening to the grievances and concerns of the public in Batote, Shapa, and other panchayats. Issues related to road infrastructure, access to healthcare, and educational facilities were raised by local residents, who expressed hope that the BJP government would address their challenges.

Khatana assured the public that their concerns would be taken up with the appropriate authorities. He stressed that the BJP is committed to fulfilling its promises and that the region's development is a top priority for both the party and the central government.

As the political landscape in Jammu and Kashmir shifts, the BJP is positioning itself as a dominant force in the region, with Er. Gulam Ali Khatana played a crucial role in rallying support from all sections of society.

# JMC Commissioner visits dengue affected hotspot areas



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 10: In a bid to intensify efforts to control the spread of dengue fever in Jammu, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Dr. Devansh Yadav, conducted an extensive tour of various wards under the jurisdiction of Jammu Municipal Corporation here on Tuesday.

During the tour, the Commissioner visited wards number 63, 64, 65, 66, and 67, where the health and malaria team of JMC is actively engaged in fogging exercises to eradicate mosquito breeding sites and the main objective of the initiative is to prevent further cases of dengue fever by eliminating the mosquito population.

Emphasizing the impor-

ance of collective efforts in combating this public health concern, the Commissioner urged upon the residents to take proactive measures by disposing of collected water in and around their homes and dwelling units. Disposing of collected water in and around their homes would significantly contribute to preventing mosquito breeding, he said and added that working together, we can successfully mitigate the spread of dengue fever and maintain a healthy environment.

Dr. Yadav directed the fogging team to expedite their operations, ensuring comprehensive coverage of all wards under jurisdiction of JMC as soon as possible, saying that the concerted effort would effectively control

the dengue menace and safeguard public health.

Interacting with the locals during the tour, the Commissioner informed that JMC has initiated a range of measures aimed at providing better civic facilities, including improved sanitation, waste management, and water supply systems. He also highlighted the commitment of JMC for upgrading infrastructure, such as roads, drainage, and public transportation, to make the city more livable and sustainable.

Later, the Commissioner also visited Ward No. 52 to get a firsthand appraisal of the grievances and difficulties faced by the locals. Issuing on-the-spot directions to the concerned officers, the Commissioner instructed them to prioritize addressing the people's grievances.

Among others, Joint Commissioner, works, Firdous Ahmad Qazi, Deputy Commissioner (South) Lal Chand, Health Officer, Dr. Vinod Sharma, besides other senior officers of JMC accompanied the Commissioner during the tour.

# Dogra SSB Coaching and Personality Development Center to start course with first batch on Oct 15

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 10: The Dogra SSB Coaching and Personality Development Center, led by DN Dogra and Major General Sanjeev Dogra (Retd), has been established to provide high-quality coaching for youth from Jammu and Kashmir who aspire to join the armed forces as officers.

Many capable and motivated students from the region face challenges due to the lack of specialized coaching within the state, often being forced to travel to cities like Chandigarh and Delhi for preparation.

To address this need, the center will offer a range of courses, including a 15-day SSB course, 30 and 45-day UPSC exam preparation courses, and a 15-day Personality Development course.

With over six decades of combined experience, DN Dogra, a senior psychologist, and Major General Sanjeev Dogra, a qualified Interviewing Officer, bring expertise in SSB coaching and leadership development.

Their unique approach emphasizes holistic personality development, person-



alized attention, tailored assessments, and innovative training techniques.

The center aims to ensure that students are not only prepared for exams but also equipped with the leadership and communication skills necessary for success.

The first batch will commence on 15 October 2024, and interested candidates can register via email [dograssbcoaching@gmail.com](mailto:dograssbcoaching@gmail.com) and [sanjeev662006@gmail.com](mailto:sanjeev662006@gmail.com) or phone 8178140078, 9312415362, 7781002248 for a place in this prestigious program.

## EDITORIAL

Rise of  
Crime Cases

In recent years, crime rates have been steadily increasing in various parts of the world, becoming a significant concern for governments, law enforcement agencies, and citizens alike. The rise in crime, which encompasses a broad spectrum from violent crimes to cyber offenses, has numerous contributing factors, including social, economic, technological, and political influences. Understanding the root causes behind this surge is crucial to developing effective strategies to curb criminal activities and ensure the safety and security of communities.

One of the primary reasons behind the rise in crime is the widening socio-economic gap. Poverty, unemployment, and lack of education often push individuals toward criminal activities, either as a means of survival or out of frustration and hopelessness. In economically deprived areas, where job opportunities are scarce, many individuals turn to theft, drug trafficking, or other illegal means to sustain themselves and their families. The absence of stable income sources exacerbates the cycle of poverty and crime, making it difficult to break free without significant interventions such as job creation, better access to education, and social welfare programs.

In addition, economic inequality has contributed to feelings of resentment and injustice among the lower-income population. This gap between the rich and the poor fosters an environment where criminal behavior can thrive, especially in urban areas where affluence and poverty coexist side by side. The disparity between wealth and opportunities can create tension, leading to an increase in property crimes, such as burglaries, and even violent crimes like assaults and homicides.

The rapid advancement of technology has also played a pivotal role in the rise of crime. While technology has undoubtedly brought about numerous benefits, it has also created new avenues for criminal activities, particularly in the form of cybercrime. Hackers and cybercriminals exploit vulnerabilities in digital systems to commit fraud, identity theft, and financial scams. The anonymity provided by the internet allows criminals to operate from different parts of the world, making it difficult for law enforcement agencies to track and apprehend them.

Cybercrime has become one of the fastest-growing criminal industries, with billions of dollars lost annually due to online scams, data breaches, and ransomware attacks. Individuals and businesses alike are vulnerable, and the complexity of these crimes often leaves victims with little recourse. As our reliance on technology grows, the risks associated with cybercrime also increase, highlighting the need for stronger cybersecurity measures and better education on digital safety.

The proliferation of illegal drugs and the rise of organized crime syndicates have also contributed significantly to the increase in crime rates. Drug-related crimes, including trafficking, possession, and violence associated with drug trade disputes, have escalated in many regions. The lucrative nature of the drug trade makes it an attractive option for those seeking quick financial gains, but it comes with dire consequences for society at large.

Organized crime groups, such as gangs and drug cartels, often operate in areas with weak governance and law enforcement, exploiting these vulnerabilities to expand their operations. These groups not only engage in drug trafficking but also in human trafficking, smuggling, and extortion, further contributing to the rise in crime. The influence of organized crime extends beyond borders, affecting multiple countries and requiring international cooperation to combat effectively.

In some regions, political instability and corruption have fueled the rise in crime. When governments are unable or unwilling to enforce the rule of law, criminal elements can operate with impunity. Corruption within law enforcement agencies and the judiciary can undermine efforts to tackle crime, allowing criminals to evade justice. In countries experiencing political turmoil, civil unrest, or weak governance, crime rates often surge as a result of lawlessness and a breakdown of social order.

Political instability can also lead to the rise of extremist groups and terrorist organizations, which engage in violent activities that further destabilize communities. These groups often recruit disillusioned individuals, particularly in regions with high unemployment and poverty rates, adding another layer of complexity to the crime landscape.

The rise in crime is a multifaceted issue that requires a comprehensive approach to address effectively. Governments, law enforcement agencies, and civil society must work together to tackle the root causes of crime. This includes addressing socio-economic disparities, improving education and employment opportunities, and investing in social programs that target vulnerable populations.

In addition, law enforcement agencies must adapt to the changing nature of crime, particularly in the digital age. Strengthening cybersecurity, improving international cooperation to combat organized crime, and ensuring transparency and accountability within the justice system are crucial steps toward reducing crime rates.

Public awareness campaigns can also play a significant role in preventing crime. Educating citizens about cyber threats, encouraging community policing, and fostering a culture of trust and cooperation between law enforcement and the public can help deter criminal activities and create safer environments.

## Modi's 3.0 govt to last for full 5 yrs, but can do only what allies permit

By: Aakar Patel

Minority governments have two major concerns. Clearing votes of no-confidence and passing legislation. The first, remaining in office for five years, requires meeting a threshold number of MPs for the ruling party. It means having a sufficiently large mass at the centre of the coalition to keep it together. Our history indicates that this can be as low as 150 seats, but not much lower. The 1996 coalition formed by the Janata Dal and the Communists with two Prime Ministers, H.D. Deve Gowda and Inder Kumar Gujral, had only 78 seats – too few for stability and too dependent on external support. After much drama, having survived at the whim of the Congress led by Sitaram Kesri, this fell in just two years. Also Read - Shikha Mukerjee | Of bulldozers, bail & bad faith in Leviathan State Advertisement Running a government where the “allies” have almost an equal number of seats is not easy, but it is possible to finish the term. All three coalitions in office before 2014 survived five years, the first of them confidently choosing to go into elections six months early. This is despite the ruling party in these coalitions having as few as 182 seats (Atal Behari Vajpayee 1999), 145 seats (Manmohan Singh 2004) and 206 seats (Manmohan Singh 2009). Also Read - AA Edit | India's para power in Paris It is

true that much of the news cycle in these years was occupied by reports and rumours of “allies” sulking, throwing tantrums and pulling out, but all three crossed the finishing line. In the 18th Lok Sabha, the BJP with 240 seats is the only party that can form a government. It may have lost its majority but it will remain in power as long as it wants to. The BJP's “allies” know this, they understand also that they will keep their ministries till 2029 and for this reason have no reason to defend the government except with their vote. One news report from mid-August described the strange situation this has produced: “The NDA constituents remained curious onlookers in Parliament whenever BJP MPs got into heated exchanges with the INDIA bloc. While the INDIA bloc reacted in unison, the BJP remained isolated.” Also Read - Manish Tewari | ‘Act East’ policy demands relook, but stabilise N-E This is because the “allies” have no investment in the BJP's ideology and no incentive to defend it on issues like the Waqf Bill. This brings us to the second concern of coalition governments: getting legislation passed. If the BJP is assured of a full term, and I believe it is, what is it to do with five years in office? Its early U-turns on waqf and lateral entry indicate that getting legislation passed will be difficult, but again, the history of coalitions informs us that this is not necessarily the case. Also Read - Bhopinder Singh

| Trying to breach the glass ceiling: Can gender be made irrelevant? The weakest of the three previous coalitions, of Dr Manmohan Singh in 2004, was able to get high impact legislation passed. This included laws on the Right to Information, NREGA and the civil nuclear deal with the United States. The last of these was especially opposed by an “ally”, the Communists, but made it through nonetheless. P.V. Narasimha Rao had only as many seats as Narendra Modi does today, but was able to get Parliament to clear the economic reforms that are referred to as “liberalisation”. And so it would appear that it is possible for weak governments to take strong action, if they have the conviction. It is also the case that strong governments often avoid debate and clear laws in dubious fashion. The BJP in the past has hidden behind something called the “money bill” to avoid the Rajya Sabha and passed laws on Aadhaar and electoral bonds in this manner. This will no longer be possible for the current Narendra Modi government, given its weakness in the Lok Sabha. So how is Mr Modi to proceed? The only course available appears to be to let go of things that are guaranteed to get into trouble, like the Uniform Civil Code and the National Register of Citizens. Like Atal Behari Vajpayee, he has to abandon Hindutva and form some other framework of governance and policy. This may not

be easy in the absence of a clear vision such as the UPA had, on citizens' empowerment, or the first two Modi governments had, on minority persecution. In any case, entering a third term, any leader would have exhausted his grand ideas. Think of Jawaharlal Nehru after the 1962 election or Tony Blair after 2005. The media tycoon Rupert Murdoch gave the then presidential candidate Barack Obama some advice before the 2008 election: he had known all Presidents since Harry Truman but none of them had been able to push reform after their first few months. That was the only period in which motivation, energy and goodwill produced results. It should be noted that all of the things Dr Manmohan Singh got cleared that are listed above came within months of him taking office. Today, even those who support Prime Minister Modi feel there is a certain sense of listlessness in this government. What is it intending to achieve? This is not easy to say. The U-turns have come because when the old ways were persisted with in the absence of a majority, they failed. In the absence of new and, importantly, inclusive, ideas from Mr Modi, this directionless drift will continue. The leader will be in office but unable to make any significant impact. The British have a line describing the role of their monarch, who is sovereign but severely constrained: “The King reigns but does not rule”.

## Of bulldozers, bail &amp; bad faith in Leviathan State

By: Shikha Mukerjee

Backed by a legislative majority, there is a noticeable difference in how the executive power of coercion that is vested in elected governments is skewing the balance. To maintain law and order, there is a growing perception that the frequency of the Supreme Court's intervention has increased. Told off by the Supreme Court about following the rules on bulldozing built structures that encroach on public land or flout the rules of municipalities and municipal corporations, the response of Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath is a classic instance of delinquency. “Bulldozer chalane ke liye himmat chahiye”. One needs courage to use bulldozers, he said. In other words, the law is not important, the power to use violence is all that matters. Also Read - Aakar Patel | Modi's 3.0 govt to last for full 5 yrs, but can do only what allies permit Advertisement Not happy to be challenged politically following the rap on his knuckles, Mr Adityanath lashed out: “Those who bow before rioters and mafia – how would they use bulldozers?” In doing so he attempted to defend his actions by returning to his familiar attack of accusing the Samajwadi Party and its leader Akhilesh Yadav of harbouring criminals and trouble makers. To Mr Adityanath, being held responsible by the Supreme Court for the misdemeanours of his government was irrelevant; he was heedless that the petitioners who pleaded that rule of law ought to be maintained by the Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Assam and Haryana governments were not necessarily rioters or the mafia. By turning the issue into a political confrontation, the BJP leader justified the violations that the Supreme Court had found trou-

bling. Also Read - AA Edit | India's para power in Paris This chest-thumping toxic articulation of authority is a form of intimidation by the government, much like punishments meted out by kangaroo courts. Not only does it violate the rights of citizens, it is a breach of the law. Bulldozer government destroys the check on power that the elected executive must exercise to do its job in good faith. Bad faith or delinquency, it seems, is gaining the upper hand, as more and more acts of different governments provoke the judiciary to respond in terms that are shocking in a democracy that takes pride in remaining a democracy for over seven decades. The Supreme Court called out Uttarakhand chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami over the appointment of a director of the Rajaji Tiger Reserve; it reportedly observed: “The chief minister cannot take a decision like this... We are not in the feudal era when raja jaise bole waisa karein” (the king must be obeyed). Also Read - Manish Tewari | ‘Act East’ policy demands relook, but stabilise N-E Every time the Supreme Court reminds an “agency” of the Union government that bail, not jail, is the rule of law, it is a warning that might is right is becoming normalised, and extended incarceration is possible merely because the ruling regime thinks that an individual should remain incarcerated. The problem is that judicial rulings have to be implemented. When a government justifies its use of bulldozers or insists that jail, not bail, should be the norm regardless of what the Supreme Court says, then democracy is certainly in danger. Also Read - Bhopinder Singh | Trying to breach the glass ceiling: Can gender be made irrelevant? The BJP can be put in the dock for choosing leaders who appear to have very

little faith in the rule of law and a constitutional structure of governance where the functions of the executive, the legislature and the judiciary are reasonably clearly separated. If Mr Adityanath is held to be the inventor of bulldozer justice, then Mr Dhami is the example of a new feudatory order and Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the role model because he crafted the cult of a leader who had the “courage” to get things done, like the sudden announcement of demonetisation and the shock of a sudden shutdown during the Covid-19 pandemic. Since 2014, the idea that a majority of seats in the legislature is a licence to sweep aside the Opposition and critics has become normalised. The ease with which public perception believes that, with power concentrated in the hands of the elected executive and is being used to manipulate decision-making by independent and autonomous institutions, not excluding the judiciary, underscores that “government” means unchecked power. Blaming it all on the BJP for turning out delinquent leaders and making things nasty for the common man is wrong. There has been a growing decline of public confidence in all institutions, be it the government in power which is perceived as manipulating, the legislature which is perceived as a rubber stamp by the ruling majority party and even the judiciary which is suspected of being partisan to those in power, is bad for democracy. The public outrage over the rape and murder of the trainee doctor in Kolkata's R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital is a case in point. The public demonstrating on the streets for the past one month believes that certainly not the ruling Trinamul Congress nor for that matter any other political party or institution can be trusted to uncover the facts,

identify the culprits and deliver justice to the victim. It all boils down to perceptions. The lynching of Aryan Mishra, a Class 12 student in Haryana, is just one more tragedy that seems to have provoked no outrage. Lynching by cow vigilantes have become the second order preference for collective protests against government failure to maintain law and order. When perceptions define the magnitude of crime, then there is a danger of different crimes becoming temporarily the focus of citizens' attention and other crimes being downgraded as a lower order of wrongdoing. This widespread belief that all political parties are equally bad, once they are in power, distorts the way choices are made by voters have when elections come around. When rule-based governance is perceived as the exception, then governments become merely a façade and power is in the hands of a parallel “system” where deals are made and the illegalities are managed. The only remedy for an aggrieved citizen is to go to court. Because the perception has grown that the lower courts do not deliver justice through impartial application of the law, the Supreme Court has become the last and desperate resort. There is a danger in this desperation. It distorts the balance between the different institutions for maintaining the order of things within the State. A popular judiciary is as much of a hazard as is an over-the-top populist government to democracy. There is a difference between mafia raj and elected rajas and chief ministers who believe that it takes courage to use bulldozers and reasonably sane elected government that will act in good faith. Political parties can dream of running a Leviathan State; that should not deter the voter from thinking and acting differently.

# HIM Tech Symposium 2024 to be held at Leh

## Top News Report

LEH, Sep 10: HIM Tech Symposium 2024, is being organised by the Indian Army in collaboration with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) at Rinchen Auditorium and Grounds in Leh. The event is scheduled to be conducted on 20 and 21 September 2024.

The symposium will focus on technological advancements and innovations in defence and military applications. More than 75 Indian defence manufacturers have registered to participate in the event. Sources mentioned that

the registrations are still underway. The firms will be travelling from various parts of India to Leh with their latest products and innovations. Technical experts and marketing teams are likely to accompany their products to provide an edge to their respective products.

This year the theme of the symposium is "Harnessing Defence Technology for High Altitude Areas". The entire border in Ladakh is a high altitude area. Siachen Glacier, Kargil and Dras Sectors pose maximum challenges to troops deployed. Low oxygen levels and cold temperatures affect the health condition of men as well

as the equipment. Even the movement of troops is difficult due to disruptions in road connectivity, especially during winter. The symposium would showcase various types of equipment that address these challenges and increase operational effectiveness.

Senior military and civilian dignitaries are likely to attend the symposium. Army sources informed that the symposium will be open to community members of Ladakh from 2pm on 21 Sep 2024. College and school students, academia, civil society members, entrepreneurs and community members are invited to witness the symposium.

Key features of the Symposium are the technology showcases. Demonstrations of advanced technologies and solutions designed for military use, including cybersecurity, artificial intelligence and unmanned systems are the most likely take aways for a visitor. Stalls or pavilions featuring the latest equipment and technologies from various defence and tech companies will be a lifetime experience.

Expert Discussions and Panel discussions are also planned as part of the symposium. Prominent figures in defence technology, military strategy and industry leaders are likely to address the

audience. Sessions are also designed to provide hands-on experience and in-depth knowledge about specific technologies and their applications in defence. It will provide a great opportunity for networking and building business relations.

Conducting the event at Leh will boost tourism and the economy in the region. Besides giving exposure to the defence industry to the people of Ladakh, the symposium will also provide an opportunity for the industry as a suitable business destination. Hence, the expectations are high for the HIM Tech symposium.

# Kaith bestowed with remarkable honour

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 10: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha members who joined here on Tuesday, were happy over the remarkable honour given to their General Secretary L. Kaith (Assistant Registrar retired from University of Jammu) by the SKKRDA Event India at a function held in Press Club Jammu on Sunday.

Kaith said, "I am truly overwhelmed by this incredible recognition and thank the SKKRDA Event India for bestowing upon me such a great honour, which will forever hold a special place in my



heart. I am deeply grateful for this honour."

Kaith appreciated all performers who were present over there especially the most prominent figure Sonu Taneja for his excellent communication

skills, energetic stage presence, and ability to engage large audiences. Kaith said Sonu is an established trainer and host, having conducted a number of events at various places.

# PHC Gundna accords farewell to CHO Ayaz Ahmed Butt on retirement



## Top News Report

DODA, Sep 10: A grand farewell party was organized by the staff of Govt Primary Health Centre Gundna Doda to bid warm farewell to Ayaz Ahmed Butt, Community Health Officer posted at PHC Gundna District Doda after rendering more than 25 years of dedicated services.

Ayaz Ahmed Butt, CHO the highly respected part of Health Department Doda is going to retire in the month of September 2024 marking the end of a distinguished career characterized by dedication and integrity. Known for his honesty and commitment Ayaz Ahmed

Butt has been a pivotal figure in the department.

During the ceremony, the staff of PHC Gundna presented various gifts to Ayaz Ahmed Butt as a token of their appreciation and love. The speakers which include D Dr Shabnam Rozi, Arshad Natnoo, Faizan A Trambboo, in their speeches, commended the outgoing official for his unwavering commitment, dedication, and honesty towards his duties.

They also highlighted Butt's sociable nature and praised him for shouldering his responsibilities with utmost sincerity.

The staff of PHC

Gundna took the opportunity to express their admiration for Butt's exemplary qualities and character. They spoke fondly of his dedication, passion, and sociability, emphasizing his significant contributions to their team during his service tenure in PHC Gundna and the community.

Ayaz Ahmed Butt, while speaking on the occasion, expressed his gratitude to his officers, colleagues and staff of PHC Gundna for organizing a grand farewell in his honor.

At the end of the programme, the staff members wished the retiree a happy and healthy post retirement life.

# If voted to power, will ensure significant development of Devsar: Independent candidate Nazir

## Top News Report

KULGAM, Sep 10: Former member of Jamaat-e-Islamia and an independent candidate for Devsar assembly seat, Nazir Ahmad Bhat continues his election campaign in Devsar 40-AC from last one week and sought vote and support from people in upcoming Assembly elections.

Bhat addressed a mega workers convention at Kujjar area of Frisal hamlet which is a part of Devsar Constituency.

Talking to top news jk correspondent Gh Nabi khanday on the side-line of the convention, Bhat said If elected, I would

ensure the development of infrastructure in the Devsar constituency and initiatives for the well-being of its residents"

"Our first priority will be to ensure significant development in education and health sector in the constituency, and to bring Kashmiri pandits back in the valley, to provide employment opportunities to educated youths, adding their would be no backdoor entries.

Asked about his election campaign feedback from people, Nazir said "We are getting a good response from people which indicates victory would be ours in Devsar Constituency", he said.

# Rich Harvest celebrates Hindi Divas



## Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 10: Rich Harvest School (RHS) joyfully celebrated Hindi Divas with great enthusiasm, paying homage to the legacy of the Hindi language and the rich history of Hindi literature.

The event aimed to instill pride in the minds of young scholars about India's rich and varied

cultural heritage. Through role plays students were made aware about the linguistic and literary treasures of the nation.

The Head of the Institute Anita Bhatia congratulated the Students for a job well done and appreciated the Staff's commitment in promoting linguistic pride among the students.

# Grand finale of Talent Ka Mahasangram organized under banner of Aapna Kangra Entertainment



## Top News Report

KANGRA/JAMMU, Sep 10: Under the banner of Aapna Kangra Entertainment, Mahasangram of Talent was organized in which the participants showed their talent in singing, dance, painting, yoga and modeling and other activities.

Mansingh was present in the jury of singing, Pankaj in the jury of dance, Vishal in painting, Miss India Rashin Sharma and Mr. Haryana Sahil Khan in modeling.

Diwan's director Rohit Diwan and Yatri Sadan's director Sanjeev Patial inaugurated the program by lighting the lamp.

Jasmine Thakur was first in the kids category of dance, Sanvika Sood was second, Samaira was third, Dhruv Gupta was first in the junior category, Sidhi Thapa was second and Kewalin was third, in the senior category, Ritika Kashyap was first, Shubham was second, Shivanaya and Saurav Sharma were

third. In Super Mom, Monica Rana, Vandana Thakur, Baby Kumari were the winners in group dance and Sheetal Sharma was second.

Srijani Das was first in painting, Vandana was second and Sunny was third. Himanshu was first in writing, Srijani Das was second, Nikhil Sharma was third. In modeling kids, Jasmine Thakur was first, Shruti Sharma was second. In junior, Riya Sharma was first, Cavalin was second, Ganika was third, in modeling senior, Prachi Guleria was first and Aparajita was second, in modeling Kanchan was first and Sheetal was second, in senior boys, Ajay was first.

Apart from young poet and writer Dr. Rajiv Dogra, Virendra Chaudhary, social worker Narendra Trehan, brand ambassador Prakriti Koonde, brand promoter Bedanshi Kaul, RV Soni, Preji Sharma, many dignitaries were present.

Himachal Pradesh's number one tableau artist Tinku Vihaan and Deshraj Rana were also honored. Uma Sharma and her daughters Aparajita and Aditi mesmerized everyone by chanting mantras in Sanskrit. On this occasion, Kangri Dham was organized for everyone, which was enjoyed by all the guests. Sumit Gupta, director of Aapna Kangra, thanked all the guests. Himachal Pradesh's well-known director Eklavya Sen was present on this occasion and he has selected some participants in his short movie, information about which will be given to everyone soon.

MTV fame Pankaj Sharma was also present on this occasion and Sahil Datkaru played the special role of a groomer and Meena Kumari welcomed all the guests and also gave a special guest performance. On this occasion, in the musical gathering, Payal Sharma mesmerized the audience with her melodious voice.

# CEC Gyalson, EC Mehdi visit injured patients and provide assistance following UTDRF Boat Incident



## Top News Report

LEH, Sep 10: In response to the recent drowning incident involving a UT Disaster Response Force (UTDRF) boat in the Indus River, Hon'ble Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson and Executive Councillor for Minority Affairs, Ghulam Mehdi, visited SNM Hospital to meet with injured patients during the rescue operation.

During their visit, the officials engaged with both patients and hospital staff, discussing the measures being taken for the patients' recovery and ensuring that all necessary medical support is provided. They offered reassurance and support to the injured individuals.

In addition, Chairman Gyalson also visited the victims of the recent school bus accident, personally interacting with them and handing over a cash assistance of ₹1 lakh to those who were seriously injured.

# Several workers of PDP, NC, DPAP join congress in Devsar



## Top News Report

KULGAM, Sep 10: Several senior party workers of National Conference, People Democratic Party, Democratic Progressive Azad Party joined Congress at Devsar in presence of Congress candidate for Devsar assembly seat, Amanullah Mantoo on Tuesday. They were welcomed in the party fold by Congress leaders.

Amanullah Mantoo said, the absence of an elected government has left people at the mercy of bureaucrats and led to widespread anguish and disappointment across both the Jammu & Kashmir provinces," he said.

# Accounting Fresher Course inaugurated at Leh

## Top News Report

LEH, Sep 10: Chairman/CEC Tashi Gyalson, LAHDC, Leh along with Deputy Chairman Tsering Angchuk, Leh; Executive Councillor for Minority Ghulam Mehdi; Executive Councillor for Agriculture Stanzin Chospheh; DC/CEO Santosh Sukhadeve; CPO Tsewang Gyalson; NIELIT Director Phuntsog Toldan, officially inaugurated Accounting Fresher Course.

This initiative is designed to provide Ladakhi students with essential accounting skills and improve their employment prospects.

The course will be conducted over ten days, featuring one day for assessment and one day



for placement. Coaching will be provided by CA Preeti Singh and CA Ankit Prasad.

CEC Tashi Gyalson expressed his enthusiasm for the new course, emphasizing its potential to impact the local job market significantly. He encouraged students to seize this opportunity to build their skills and assured them of support in securing placements. CEC also assured to engage with private banks

to facilitate job opportunities for the graduates. DC Santosh Sukhadeve elaborated on the course's design, noting its focus on addressing both business and employment challenges. He highlighted that the course was carefully crafted to meet the needs of the current job market. DC urged students to make the most of the course, as these are crucial years for personal and professional growth.

## Streeverse smith!

*Amar Kaushik, the director of blockbuster franchise Stree, is not flattered by comparisons with Marvel Cinematic Universe. As he hints at a threequel, he says 'let us be just what we are'*

Rs 500 cr and counting... Stree 2 has blockbuster writ all over it! From sleeper-hit Stree to its sequel breaking record after record, finding a place in top five grossers, the spooky and quirky Stree has indeed established itself as a money-spinning franchise. Amar Kaushik, the director of the super-hit 'horror.coms', can't possibly pinpoint at the formula of success or if there are any rules to making a sequel.

But yes, the astute storyteller in him recounts the tale of two salesmen who land in a village to sell shoes. "One is disheartened for everyone in the village goes around barefoot. The other jumps at the idea of doing something never done before," he says. And that explains how he went about making horror comedies a genre so far dismissed as C-grade. Indeed, he, who has not one but three hits that fall in the same genre, can take a bow for achieving yet another impossible — goad cinema lovers to watch films in theatres in times when movies are flopping left, right and centre.

Why as Stree 2 clashed with Akshay Kumar-starrer Khel Khel Mein, there was greater buzz around Akshay's cameo in Stree 2. Of course, for those who think Stree 3, indeed a given, will see the superstar in a much more meatier part, something on the lines of Thanos of Avengers Infinity War, Kaushik reveals, "I



don't know why people believe so. Indeed, the Stree universe will get bigger with more and more additions. But my five central characters and actors will always be Shradha Kapoor, Rajkumar Rao, Pankaj Tripathi, Aparshakti Khurana and Abhishek Banerjee. What is the 'Streeverse' without them?" If that is a promise, yet another covenant he swears by is, "My films will always remain rooted, original and made with utmost honesty." As the lead character from his other film Bhediya jumped verses and Varun Dhawan joined the Stree gang, the idea of marriage of different verses, he insists, "Was not copied from Hollywood."

In fact, he doesn't watch too

many films. And even when he did during his formative years, he can't list a single film, the likes of which he would have cared to make. That's why he does not find any comparisons with Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) flattering. Rather, he quips, "First we called Hindi film industry Bollywood, more an ode to Hollywood than our originality and now we are talking of Indian Cinematic Universe fashioned after Marvel Cinematic Universe. Let us be just what we are."

Though fairly young in years and in the industry, with four hit films to his credit, he would certainly not like to be associated with 'horror.coms' alone. He laughs, "After all I can't keep

selling shoes, need to market socks and may be a neck-tie too." Precisely why he produced and not directed Munjya, and does not see his directorial Bala, a social drama about how 'bald is beautiful', as an aberration in his filmography. The mantra of this break-out director always is and will remain entertainment. Indeed, packaging messages around laughter is tough, "If you get carried away by talking down to viewers." Both Stree and Stree 2, and even Bhediya, have many subtle inflections.

Only he is not unduly perturbed by it nor intends to drum it in. Thus, he is okay with it if audiences don't get all the cues and clues. Or even critics fail to see it. "Full house might be the best critic," but he certainly values critics' opinion. Viewers' feedback is critical too. And if you care to value his advice, well, aspiring directors, in particular, better pay heed, "Don't count the negatives or dwell in pessimism. Ro mat. Look at what you have and can do. I made my first short film Abba without any resources or stars. For Stree, I didn't have enough money for VFX yet it is today rated as one of the best." If with Stree 2 he upped the game, a threequel can only chart newer frontiers. Remember his salesman story... if you believe in something, don't fret or fume, just go ahead and sell it.

## 'Guardians of the Galaxy' star Karen Gillan announces pregnancy



Actor Karen Gillan, best known for playing Nebula in Marvel Studios' 'Guardians of the

Galaxy' franchise, is expecting her first child with husband and 'Saturday Night Live' writer-actor Nick Kocher.

Gillan debuted her baby bump at the red carpet of the ongoing Toronto International Film Festival which screened her latest film 'The Life of Chuck', reported People magazine.

The 36-year-old was spotted wearing a neon yellow bodycon dress that highlighted her baby bump as she posed for the cameras smiling throughout.

She attended the photo call alongside co-stars Chiwetel Ejiofor, Tom Hiddleston and author Stephen King at the Princess of Wales Theatre.

The couple has kept their relationship relatively private over the years, but Kocher has still joined Gillan for several public events, including the premiere of the series 'Catch-22 in 2019'.

Gillan and Kocher, 38, tied the knot in 2022 in a secret wedding in her native Scotland.

## Dia Mirza says every actress was told to have a 'certain weight' in early 2000s

Dia Mirza is known for often expressing her views on cinema and the film industry. The actor recently spoke about the challenges she faced when she entered Bollywood in the early 90s. Dia, in an interview with Times of India recalled how she was intimidated due to the weight expectations from female actors in the early 2000s. (Also read: R Madhavan, Dia Mirza's Rehnaa Hai Terre Dil Mein to re-release in theatres)

Dia Mirza on career hardships in early 2000s

Dia, when asked if she was hurt when things didn't work out in Bollywood said, "I was hurt. I was horrified. I was intimidated. I was filled with fears because that's what was fed to us by the media, by the industry. Aurat ho, toh aapki shelf life hoti hai (You have a shelf life because you are a woman). Be in your 20s. You will not be cast with the stars. The male superstars need you to be a certain age. You have to look a certain way. You have to be a certain weight. Every single actress who came into the industry in the early 2000s was told that you have to be a certain weight. You have to look a certain way. You have to be single."

Dia Mirza's acting career

Dia made her acting debut with Govind Menon's Rehna Hai Tere Dil Mein. She later acted in films like Dum, Tehzeeb, Tumsa Nahin Dekha, Parineeta, Dus,



Fight Club – Members Only, Alag, Lage Raho Munnabhai, Honeymoon Travels Pvt. Ltd., Sanju, Thappad and Bheed.

The actor recently featured in Anubhav Sinha's thriller series IC 814: The Kandahar Hijack. The show also featured Vijay Varma, Naseeruddin Shah, Pankaj Kapur, Arvind Swamy, Kumud Mishra, Manoj Pahwa, Aditya Srivastava, Patralekha, Amrita Puri, Dibyendu Bhattacharya, Rajiv Thakur and others in pivotal roles.

## Brush with reality

*Artist Navpreet Kaur's works delve into the complex emotions and challenges faced by women in a male-dominated society*

Dreams have many colours and no descriptions. Likewise, artist Navpreet Kaur's 40 vibrant-coloured abstract and figurative works bear no title. Displayed at the Chandigarh Lalit Kala Akademi's Open Hand Art Studios, Le Corbusier Centre, Sector 19, Chandigarh, Kaur's exhibition, The Dreamland, brings our blurry dreams into vivid reality.

Her paintings, centred on the theme of women, delve into the complex emotions and challenges faced by women in this male-dominated world. The parrot becomes a recurring motif in her art, symbolising a yearning for love and freedom. The elements of flora and fauna reflect the vibrant life within her soul. Animals like the frog, goat and cat make their way into her drawings and paintings, each serving as a conduit for her emotions. Pointing at one of her paintings, which has the figurative image of woman and an abstract form-less frog, Navpreet says, "I do not decide what to paint. These paintings are like mere presentation of my thoughts and dreams. Frogs are mischievous creatures and you cannot pre-



dict their next move. As far as colours are concerned, I often pick a palette that inspires me. For instance, I was in Canada in the Fall, and the leaves and various hues of brown inspired me to make an art piece of it."

Without any formal academic training, she blossomed as an artist, experimenting boldly with various mediums. Despite her growing prowess, her creations remained a personal sanctuary, unseen by the world for a long time. Apparently, Navpreet's journey into the world of art was ignited after her marriage to Prem Singh, a distinguished figure in the art community.

Nearly 45 years ago, Navpreet began channelising her latent artistic impulses, drawing inspiration from the remnants of her husband's and son's art supplies — papers, canvases, and colours.

Navpreet's mastery of colour and rendering has reached a level of maturity that captivates the viewer. Her innate sense of space brings an intriguing quality to her work.

The colour palette Navpreet chooses describes her expertise in painting and yet she calls herself a mere student, who learnt from the company she was exposed to.

She recalls, "I often asked my husband how he knew which colour to use next, it felt like he was doing it without thinking twice. He would say... a particular colour automatically invited the next one. I didn't understand it then, but now I do. Also, I pick vibrant colours for I have lived a vibrant life." She celebrates the beauty of both nature and humanity with equal passion. Navpreet has also created pieces that reflect her social concerns and thoughts on life and death, deeply moved by the passing of artists like Manjit Bawa and MF Hussain. She even experimented in jugalbandi — a creative duet — with her four-year-old granddaughter, Ananya.

While Navpreet has explored abstraction, she has never fully abandoned the imagery of form. Recently, this figurative element has resurfaced in her intriguing new series focused on faces. "But one thing is for sure, I will never dabble with digital form of art. It's beyond my understanding and interest. The feel of holding a brush and painting is what I hold real and dear."

## Selena Gomez shares motherhood plans, says she 'can't carry' her own children

The most important thing for Selena Gomez is family, but her motherhood journey would look a lot different from many people's. The 32-year-old singer discussed her plans to start a family in the next few years. A vulnerable Gomez revealed that she "can't carry" her own children due to "medical issues."

Gomez, who had a kidney transplant in 2017 after struggling with lupus for years, opened up about her inability to get pregnant for the first time during interview. "I haven't ever said this, but I unfortunately can't carry my own children. I have a lot of medical issues that

would put my life and the baby's in jeopardy. That was something I had to grieve for a while," the Calm Down singer said.

The Who Says hitmaker explained that while it was difficult for her to accept this initially, she has made peace with it now. "It's not necessarily the way I envisioned it," she said of becoming in the future. "I thought it would happen the way it happens for everyone. [But] I'm in a much better place with that. I find it a blessing that there are wonderful people willing to do surrogacy or adoption, which are both huge possibilities for me," Gomez went on. "It made me really



thankful for the other outlets for people who are dying to be moms. I'm one of those people. I'm excited for what that journey will look like, but it'll look a little different. At the end of the day, I don't care. It'll be mine. It'll be my baby," she added.

Gomez, who has been dating Benny Blanco since July 2023, also noted that before meeting the 36-year-old record producer, she was "single for five years, with the exception of going on a few dates." "And I was like, 'Okay, if this is the vibe, then what is the most important thing to me? Family.'"

## After Rahul Vaidya, wife Disha Parmar enters into 'sick club'



Actor Disha Parmar has revealed that she has entered the 'sick club', after her hus-

band and singer Rahul Vaidya has got infected with dengue.

Taking to Instagram stories, Disha shared her picture, in which she is looking extremely sick. She is wearing a tee-shirt and has covered herself with a blanket. Her hair is tied in a bun and she is wearing glasses.

The post is captioned as, "Welcome to the Sick club!"

Rahul posted a note on his Instagram stories, and said, "Wasn't it enough for me to have dengue ki Disha ko bhi ho gaya..."

Disha reposted Rahul's note and captioned it as, 'Together Forever'.

## PM Modi asks automakers to bring global best practices to India, focus on clean mobility

NEW DELHI, Sep 10 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday asked the automotive industry to bring global best practices to India, while also working on green and clean mobility.

In a written address to the annual convention of the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), Modi said the automotive industry will drive even higher economic growth and in turn, thrive on demand growth.

"As we shift gears towards our collective goal of a Viksit Bharat by 2047, I am confident that organisations like SIAM will continue to bring together all stakeholders and become a force multiplier in this mission," he said.

The prime minister said the road ahead demands that the country's progress is rapid, while also being sustainable.



"Working (on) greener and cleaner mobility is a vital step in this direction. It is important that this climate-conscious and sustainable vision resonates with domestic and international partners," he asserted.

"Further, at this critical juncture for India and the world, it is essential that our automobile

sector set not only an example for others to follow, but also work towards bringing global best practices to India. I am confident that the discussions and deliberations during the Annual Convention will serve as a catalyst for this," he added.

He further said, "Through innovation and enterprise, I am sure

that the automotive industry will drive even higher economic growth and in turn, thrive on the demand growth that inevitably creates." He said over the last decade, India's automotive sector has witnessed tremendous and unprecedented growth. "This is as much a testament to our nation's expanding economic growth, as it is to the pivotal role played by the automotive industry," Modi said.

The success story of Indian mobility is noteworthy. The nation is witnessing the creation of future-ready infrastructure, such as state-of-the-art expressways, high-speed railways and other forms of multimodal connectivity that reaches every corner, the prime minister noted. "The holistic approach is ensuring that the benefits of growth are not just confined to a few, but shared by all," Modi said.

## Country's progress impossible without cybersecurity: Amit Shah



NEW DELHI, Sep 10 (Agencies): The country's progress is not possible without ensuring cybersecurity, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Tuesday, terming cybersecurity an integral part of national security.

He also said that cybercrime has no boundary, and hence it is imperative that all stakeholders come together to deal with the menace.

"Cybersecurity is an integral part of nation-

al security. We must ensure cybersecurity as without cybersecurity, the country's progress is not possible," he said addressing the foundation day celebrations of the I4C or Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre here.

The home minister said the government is planning to train and prepare 5,000 cyber commandos over the next five years to deal with cybercrimes in India.

Stressing the impor-

tance of making the cyberspace safe, he said 46 per cent of digital transactions of the world are taking place in India.

Shah also inaugurated four platforms under I4C to fight cybercrime in the country.

The I4C was established in 2018, under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

Its primary objective is to establish a national-level coordination centre for addressing all issues related to cybercrimes in the country.

The I4C also is mandated to enhance the capabilities of law-enforcement agencies and improve coordination among various stakeholders dealing with cybercrime.

## Five dead, three injured after landslide hit Kedarnath route

More pilgrims could be trapped under the debris, Rudraprayag Police said on Tuesday.

DEHRADUN, Sep 10 (Agencies): A devastating incident occurred on the Kedarnath yatra route when boulders fell between Sonprayag and Gaurikund, trapping a group of pilgrims. Unfortunately, five people lost their lives, while three others were injured and have been rescued. The rescue operation is facing challenges due to continuous rockfall.

Nandan Singh Rajwar, District Disaster Management Officer, told agency, "Due to challenging conditions caused by continuous rockfall during the rescue operation, the search was halted late Monday night and resumed early Tuesday

morning. Following the resumption, two more bodies were recovered, bringing the death toll to five". Search efforts are ongoing in the area, as there is a possibility of other pilgrims still being trapped.

According to the police, a distress call around late Monday evening alerted Sonprayag police to a rockfall incident in a landslide-prone zone, approximately one kilometer beyond Sonprayag market, on the Sonprayag-Gaurikund route. Promptly responding to the emergency, the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) deployed a rescue team to the affected area.

According to Sub-Inspector Ashish Dimri, the SDRF team, upon reaching the incident site, managed to rescue three individuals trapped under the debris, while also recovering two bodies. The rescued injured persons have been transported to a nearby medical facility for further treatment.

Sources have revealed that rescue and search operations are ongoing, amid concerns that additional pilgrims may be trapped at the accident site. Authorities suspect that more individuals could be buried under the debris, prompting a continued search and rescue effort.

## BJP slams Rahul Gandhi over 'Sikh anxiety' remarks in US, citing 1984 riots

NEW DELHI, Sep 10 (Agencies): The BJP on Tuesday condemned leader of opposition Rahul Gandhi for "perpetrating a false narrative about Indian Sikhs being prevented from wearing a turban and a kara" and said the only time the minority community ever felt anxious or insecure was when his family was in power and a pogrom was unleashed on Sikhs in 1984.

Union minister Hardeep Puri slammed Gandhi who while speaking at an event in Virginia, the US, said, "The fight in India is about Sikhs are going to be allowed to wear a turban or not...whether they can wear a kara or go to a gurdwara."

Gandhi made his remarks in context of religious freedom in India. Puri while terming the narrative "dangerous and false" said Gandhi needed to introspect. "Rahul has never measured his words. A simplistic understanding of his statements is he speaks out of ignorance and



lack of knowledge. But some sensitive issues involve our national identity, our unity, the strength of our unity in diversity. When he comments on these issues I think he attempts to set a dangerous narrative," Puri said questioning Gandhi for whipping up an "imaginary anxiety among Sikhs."



longer. I am a proud Sikh and extremely proud of the fact that this government has gone out of its way to address issues of concern the Sikh community. I don't think Sikhs have felt safer and more honoured than any time after 1947. And if there has been one time in our history as a community where we have felt a sense of insecurity and an existential threat it has been at times when Rahul Gandhi's family was in power. In 1984 a pogrom was carried out against the Sikhs. Nearly 3000 people were killed. People were

dragged out of homes and tires were put around them and they were burnt alive. These are all documented cases and charge sheets have been filed against those people and wheels of justice have taken a long time to grind," said the minister.

He said at least in India the only time Sikhs have felt a certain anxiety, insecurity and faced an existential crisis is when statements were made -- When a big tree falls earth shakes (late Rajiv Gandhi, Rahul's father comments when Indira Gandhi was assassinated).

"This is as close a justification to target the minority community as I have seen in my entire life," Puri said as Gandhi sparked another row with his off shore comments.

Puri blamed Rahul's advisor Sam Pitroda, chief of Overseas Congress, for these "aberrations" and noted, "Pitroda said Rahul is no longer Pappu. But frankly Pappu or Gappu, I don't care."

## Fifth wolf captured in UP's Bahraich, hunt continues for sixth predator

BAHRAICH, Sep 10 (Agencies): Fifth wolf was captured on Tuesday as part of the 'Operation Bhediya' campaign that has been ongoing in Bahraich's Mahasi tehsil to catch a pack of six wolves that have killed eight people and injured more than 20 since mid-July, officials said here.

The fifth man-eater wolf was captured near the Ghaghra river close to Harabnspur village, Divisional Forest Officer Ajit Pratap Singh told agency.

"Now the pack's last wolf, who is lame, is left. It is hoped that he will also be caught soon," he said.

According to Singh, the forest department team had found wolf footprints in the area on Monday night. However, since the operation could not be carried out at night, four forest department teams arrived in the morning and surrounded the area.

The wolf attempted to flee but was trapped in a net laid by the forest



department. With the help of villagers, the forest workers managed to capture and cage the wolf, the divisional forest officer said. The forest department team had captured the fourth wolf of the pack on August 29.

The threat will persist until the lame wolf is captured, he added.

'Operation Bhediya', an ongoing campaign since July 17, aims to capture a pack of six wolves that have been terrorising 50 villages in Mahsi tehsil of Bahraich district.

So far, at least eight people, including seven children, have died in suspected attacks by these wolves, District Magistrate (Bahraich) Monika Rani said on September 2.

## Tensions flare in Manipur as students clash with police; curfew imposed

Curfew in two Manipur districts, clamp down in 3rd, Centre 'closely watching'



IMPHAL, Sep 10 (Agencies): Manipur remained on the boil on Tuesday with an indefinite curfew being imposed in Imphal West and Imphal East and prohibitory orders under Section 163 (2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Suraksha Sanhita being imposed in Thoubal.

This action came a day after student protests demanding restoration of law and order in the state rocked Imphal, exposing chinks in the armour of chief minister N Biren Singh who continues to fire fight.

Biren Singh, who has handed over an ambitious wish list to the Centre including the transfer of the 12 member unified command control to him, is

learnt to be losing support of the BJP MLAs with some having pressed upon the ruling party to consider President's Rule in the state. Biren Singh has already met the state governor twice in the past four days with no peace in sight.

"Due to the developing law and order situation in the district, earlier orders of curfew relaxation stand cancelled with immediate effect from 11 am of September 10. Hence, there is total curfew in Imphal East district with immediate effect until further orders," an order issued by the district magistrate said.

In a separate direction district magistrate of Imphal West said, "In

supersession of all earlier orders, curfew relaxation period for September 10 is hereby lifted with effect from 11 am of today. Restriction on the movement of people outside their respective residences was lifted from September 1 last year," it said.

Essential services will not fall under the purview of the curfew, the order said.

Fresh clamp down follows students' plans to escalate protests demanding the removal of DGP and security advisor to Manipur government for failure to control the situation.

At least seven people have been killed in the past week with rocket propelled drones in the state as Kuki insurgents have targetted Meitei dominated areas.

In Thoubal, prohibitory orders bar assembly of five or more persons.

Thoubal cops said one personnel was hit by a bullet fired from among protesting students in the district on Monday.

## 51 doctors at RG Kar hospital summoned to appear before inquiry committee

KOLKATA, Sep 10 (Agencies): The RG Kar Medical College and Hospital has issued a notice to 51 doctors for promoting a culture of intimidation, endangering the democratic atmosphere of the institution and has been asked to appear before the inquiry committee on September 11.

They have to prove their innocence before the committee, the notice issued by the hospital authority said. According to the deci-



sion made by the special council committee

of the RG Kar hospital, access to the institu-

tion's campus is restricted for those 51 doctors unless summoned by the inquiry committee.

"Additionally, participation in college activities is prohibited," the notice signed by the hospital's principal said.

The list includes senior residents, house staff, interns and professors.

The RG Kar hospital has been rocked by protests by junior doctors following the tragic death of a postgraduate trainee doctor at its premises since August

9. The victim was reportedly raped and murdered while on duty, the incident that has triggered nationwide outrage and demonstrations.

Agitating junior doctors in West Bengal said they would continue their 'cease work' to demand justice for the RG Kar hospital medic who was raped and murdered, despite Supreme Court directions to resume duties by 5 pm on Tuesday.

## 40 killed, 60 injured in Gaza after Israel strikes humanitarian zone

**The Israeli military said in a statement that its aircraft had "struck significant Hamas terrorists who were operating within a command and control center embedded inside the Humanitarian Area in Khan Yunis".**

GAZA, Sep 10 (Agencies): Gaza's civil defence agency said Tuesday that an Israeli strike on a humanitarian zone in the south of the Palestinian territory killed 40 people and wounded 60 others, with the Israeli army saying it had targeted a Hamas command centre in the area.

The strike hit Al-Mawasi -- in Gaza's main southern city of Khan Yunis -- which was designated a safe zone by the Israeli military early in the war, with tens of thousands of displaced Palestinians seeking refuge there.

However, Israel's military has occasionally carried out operations in and around the area, including a strike in July that it said killed Hamas military chief Mohammed Deif, and which Gaza health authorities said killed more than 90 people.

Gaza civil defence official Mohammed Al-Mughair told AFP early Tuesday that "40 martyrs and 60 injured were recovered and transferred" to nearby hospitals following the overnight strike.

"Our crews are still working to recover 15 missing people as a result of targeting the tents of the displaced in Mawasi, Khan Yunis," Mughair added.

In a separate statement, civil defence spokesman Mahmoud



Basal said that people sheltering in the camp had not been warned of the strike, adding a shortage of tools and equipment was hindering rescue operations.

"More than 20 to 40 tents were completely damaged," he said, adding the strike left behind "three deep craters".

"There are entire families who disappeared under the sand in the Mawasi Khan Yunis massacre."

The Israeli military said in a statement early Tuesday that its aircraft had "struck significant Hamas terrorists who were operating within a command and control center embedded inside the Humanitarian Area in Khan Yunis".

"The terrorist organizations in the Gaza Strip continue to

systematically abuse civilian and humanitarian infrastructure, including the designated Humanitarian Area, to carry out terrorist activity against the State of Israel and IDF troops," it added.

Hamas said in a statement on Tuesday that claims its fighters were present at the scene of the strike were "a blatant lie".

Over the course of the war, Israel has repeatedly accused Hamas of using civilians as human shields, an accusation the group denies.

Shrinking safe zone

Hamas's October 7 attack on Israel that sparked the war in Gaza resulted in the deaths of 1,205 people, mostly civilians, including some hostages killed in captivity, official Israeli figures show.

Militants seized 251 hostages during the attack, 97 of whom are still held in Gaza, including 33 the Israeli military says are dead.

Israel's retaliatory offensive in the Gaza Strip has so far killed at least 40,988 people, according to the health ministry in the Hamas-run territory.

The UN human rights office says most of the dead are women and children.

The vast majority of Gaza's 2.4 million people have been displaced at least once during nearly a year of war, according to the United Nations.

From 1,200 inhabitants per square kilometre before the war, the Al-Mawasi humanitarian zone now houses "between 30,000 and 34,000 people per square kilometre", and its protected area shrank from 50 square kilometres to 41, the UN has calculated.

The United States, Qatar and Egypt have been mediating in efforts to forge a ceasefire and hostage-prisoner exchange deal between Israel and Hamas, but talks remain stalled.

Hamas is demanding a complete Israeli withdrawal from Gaza as part of any deal, but Israel insists troops must remain along the Gaza-Egypt border.

## Ukraine launches 140 drones at Russia overnight, 1 killed near Moscow



MOSCOW, Sep 10 (Agencies): Ukraine unleashed more than 140 drones on Russia overnight, officials said Tuesday, killing a woman near Moscow, grounding flights and setting off air defences in several parts of the country.

Russia's ministry of defence said in a statement it had shot down 144 Ukrainian drones overnight -- "72 UAVs over Bryansk region, 20 over Moscow region, 14 over Kursk region, 13 over Tula region", and 25 more over five other parts of the country.

Moscow regional governor Andrey Vorobyov said in a Telegram post that a 46-year-old woman had been killed and several people wounded in the strikes.

But an earlier statement in which he reported the death of a 9-year-old child was still "not confirmed", he added.

As a result of the attack, four airports serving Moscow -- including major hubs Domodedovo and Sheremetyevo -- had cancelled or

delayed flights on Tuesday morning, according to state media.

In Bryansk, which borders Ukraine, "the enemy carried out a massive terrorist attack", regional Governor Aleksandr Bogomaz said on Telegram, adding "there were no casualties or damage, all attacks were repelled".

Ukraine and Russia routinely carry out nighttime drone attacks on each other's territory.

Advances in east

The latest wave of drones came as Moscow continued to claim incremental gains in Ukraine's east more than 30 months into its offensive, and as Kyiv's forces pressed their incursion into Russia's region of Kursk.

Russia on Monday said its forces had captured another Ukrainian village, Memryk, seen as a stepping stone to the Kyiv-held logistics hub of Pokrovsk some 20 kilometres (12 miles) away.

Pokrovsk lies on the intersection of a key road that supplies Ukrai-

nian troops and towns across the eastern front and has long been a target for Moscow's army.

Kyiv had launched its Kursk offensive on August 6 aiming to force Russia to redeploy troops pressing forward in the east, but Moscow has appeared to intensify its attacks there.

Moscow has also kept up its own aerial attacks on Ukraine in recent weeks, including on key energy infrastructure ahead of winter.

Three Russian drones were shot down above Ukraine's Sumy overnight, the regional military administration said early Tuesday, while air defences were also activated around Kyiv.

The military administration in the capital later said there were "no consequences after the Russian UAV attack".

United Nations human rights chief Volker Turk condemned Russian attacks on Ukraine's energy facilities on Monday.

Ukraine's population was enduring "ongoing attacks by the Russian Federation striking civilian facilities like hospitals, schools and supermarkets, and repeated waves of targeting of energy infrastructure", Turk told the UN Human Rights Council.

"I fear for Ukrainians this coming winter," he said.

## Google loses final EU court appeal against 2.4 billion Euro fine in antitrust shopping case

LONDON, Sep 10 (Agencies): Google lost its final legal challenge on Tuesday against a European Union penalty for giving its own shopping recommendations an illegal advantage over rivals in search results, ending a long-running antitrust case that came with a whopping fine.

The European Union's Court of Justice upheld a lower court's decision, rejecting the company's appeal against the 2.4 billion euro (USD 2.7 billion) penalty from the European Commission, the 27-nation bloc's top antitrust enforcer.

"By today's judgment, the Court of Justice dismisses the appeal and thus upholds the judgment of the General Court," the court said in a press release summarizing its decision.

The commission's original decision in 2017 accused the Silicon Valley giant of unfairly

directing visitors to its own Google Shopping service to the detriment of competitors. It was one of three multibillion-euro fines that the commission imposed on Google in the previous decade as Brussels started ramping up its crackdown on the tech industry.

Google made changes to comply with the commission's decision requiring it to treat competitors equally. The company started holding auctions for shopping search listings that it would bid for alongside other comparison shopping services.

At the same time, the company appealed the decision to the courts. But the EU General Court, the tribunal's lower section, rejected its challenge in 2021 and the Court of Justice's adviser later recommended rejecting the appeal.

Google is also appealing the other two EU antitrust penal-



ties involving its Android mobile operating system and AdSense advertising platform. The company was dealt a setback in the Android case when the EU General Court upheld the commission's 4.125 billion euro fine in a 2022 decision. Its initial appeal against a 1.49 billion euro fine in the AdSense case has yet to be decided.

Those three cases foreshadowed expanded efforts by regulators worldwide to crack down on the tech industry.

The EU has since opened more investigations into Big

Tech companies and drafted new laws to clean up social media platforms and regulate artificial intelligence.

Google is facing particular pressure over its digital advertising business. In a federal antitrust trial set to begin Monday, the U.S. Department of Justice alleges the company holds a monopoly in the "ad tech" industry.

British competition regulators accused Google last week of abusing its dominance in "ad tech" while the EU is carrying out its own investigation.

## Australia proposes legal minimum age for children accessing social media

MELBOURNE, Sep 10 (Agencies): The Australian government on Tuesday promised to legislate this year to enforce a minimum age for children to access social media, but it has yet to announce how ages will be verified.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said the government would soon trial age verification technology with a view to banning children from opening social media accounts. The line would be drawn between the ages of 14 and 16.

Several countries and U.S. states are attempting to legislate to spare children harm from social media, including bullying.

The Australian move comes as parents increasing call for their children to be protected online and with the opposition party promising a social media ban for children under 16 if it wins elections due by May next year.

"We've committed to introducing legislation before the end of this year for age verification to make sure that we

get young people away from this social harm," Albanese told Australian Broadcasting Corp.

"This is a scourge. We know that there is mental health consequences for what many of the young people have had to deal with. The bullying that can occur online, the access to material which causes social harm, and parents are wanting a response," Albanese added.

Lisa Given, an information technology expert at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, said the government's plan would prevent children accessing useful content as well. "This is actually a very problematic move," Given said.

"This is a very blunt instrument that's going to potentially exclude children from some very, very helpful supports on social media."

South Australia state has recently proposed a law that would fine social media companies that did not exclude children under the age of 14 from their platforms.

## Elon Musk slams Democrats over illegal immigration in US

**In a tweet, the Tesla CEO alleged that the goal of almost all Democratic leaders was to "legalise 15 million illegal immigrants as soon as possible, as well as bring in tens of millions more".**



WASHINGTON, Sep 10 (Agencies): Tesla CEO Elon Musk has blasted the Democratic Party over the issue of illegal immigration in the US, saying that the upcoming presidential polls in November would be the nation's "the last real election" if Republican nominee Donald Trump loses to his rival, Vice President Kamala Harris.

The tech billionaire also alleged that the goal of almost all Democratic leaders was to "legalise 15 million illegal immigrants as soon as possible, as well as bring in tens of millions more".

He also alleged that if the Democrats succeeded in doing so, it "would

immediately make all swing states deep blue, just like happened in California with the 1986 amnesty, turning America into a permanent one-party state".

Swing states, or battleground states, are where either the Republican or Democratic candidate can win due to a change in voter support.

"This is the last real

election if Trump loses," Musk added.

The tech billionaire's tweet came a day after Trump reiterated a crackdown on illegal immigrants and accused them of "stealing jobs and killing Americans".

Addressing supporters in Mosinee, Wisconsin, the former President on Monday presented migrants as a grave

danger to the state, warning without evidence that immigrants in the country illegally could evict local residents from their homes.

"Crime is through the roof, and you haven't seen the migrant crime yet. It started, and it's vicious, but you haven't seen the extent of it yet," news agency Reuters quoted Trump as saying.

Similar to what Musk said in his tweet, the Republican nominee said the "2024 election could be the nation's last".

Meanwhile, on her part, Harris has reiterated that the immigration system in the US is "broken and requires a legislative fix".

Her new presiden-

tial campaign website, which went online on Sunday, says that she vows to establish an "earned pathway to citizenship" for illegal immigrants.

"She knows that our immigration system is broken and needs comprehensive reform that includes strong border security and an earned pathway to citizenship," says the website.

"As President, she will bring back the bipartisan border security bill and sign it into law."

Immigration and border issues are said to be key points of argument during the first Trump-Kamala Harris presidential debate on Tuesday night (US local time).

## 13 years after tsunami, nuclear debris removed from Fukushima reactor

TOKYO, Sep 10 (Agencies): A difficult operation to remove a small amount of radioactive debris from Japan's stricken Fukushima nuclear plant began Tuesday, after technical issues suspended an earlier attempt. Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) said in a statement that its "pilot extraction operation" had started. It will take about two weeks, according to the company.

The tiny sample will be studied for clues about conditions inside the reactors -- a crucial step towards decommissioning the Fukushima Daiichi plant.

Around 880 tons of extremely hazardous material remain 13 years after a tsunami caused by a 9.0-magnitude earthquake triggered one of the world's worst nuclear accidents.

Removing the debris from the reactors is regarded as the most daunting challenge in the decades-long decommissioning project.

TEPCO originally planned to start its first trial removal on August 22, aiming to collect just three grams (0.1 ounces) for analysis -- if the extraction process is successful.

But the company had to stop the work at a preliminary stage after detecting a problem involving the installation of the necessary equipment.

Three of the Fukushima plant's six reactors were operating when the tsunami hit on March 11, 2011, sending them into meltdown.

The debris within has radiation levels so high that TEPCO had to develop specialised robots able to function inside.

TEPCO deployed two mini-drones and a "snake-shaped robot" into one of the three nuclear reactors in February, as part of the preparations for the removal task.

Separately, last year Japan began releasing treated wastewater from the Fukushima plant into the Pacific Ocean, sparking a diplomatic row with China and Russia.

Both countries have banned Japanese seafood imports, although Tokyo insists the discharge is safe, a view backed by the UN atomic agency.

And in a TEPCO initiative to promote food from the Fukushima area, swanky London department store Harrods on Saturday began selling peaches that were grown in the region.

Fukushima peaches are renowned for their juicy, sweet taste -- but they aren't cheap, with one box of three reportedly going for 80 pounds (\$100).



# Aryans Group of Colleges organizes blood donation camp on 43rd death anniversary of Lala Jagat Narain

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 10: A voluntary blood donation camp was organised by Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh. Dr. Harjinder Singh Bedi, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Patiala inaugurated the camp as Chief Guest while Dr. Jatinder Kansal, Civil Surgeon Patiala was the Guests of Honour.



Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group, presided over. The donors were honored with medals & Certificates. 51 unit of blood were collected in this camp.

A 10 members team of blood transfusion from Rajindra Hospital, Patiala including Doctors, Nurses and Technicians conducted a thorough medical

checkup of voluntary & eligible donors to donate blood. Medical guidance & prescription was given to the students, parents, faculty members & local residents of nearby villages.

ADC, Dr. Bedi praised Aryans selfless efforts in organizing blood donation camps, calling it a significant contribution to humanitarian service. He exhorted people to come forward to contribute to

the cause and save lives. Also, by donating blood, the demand supply gap at the blood banks could be minimized, he said. He urged students to launch a rigorous campaign in making people aware of blood donation.

Civil Surgeon, Patiala, Dr. Kansal while emphasizing the importance of blood donation during the camp said that blood donation is one of the best donations through which

we can help the needy people and save their lives. Collected blood would be utilized for two or three patients requiring a special component like red cells, platelets and plasma. He expressed gratitude to donors and volunteers.

Chairman, Aryans Group, Dr. Anshu Kataria, while motivating the students, said that Aryans Group has been organizing blood donation & free health camp for the last 18 years under its Corporate Social Responsibility. Kataria said that a person can save 3 lives from 1 unit blood and these camps not only provide blood to the blood banks but also are a great boon to the thalassaemia and leukemia patients who need blood infusions frequently.

Principal, Aryans Institute of Nursing, Kamlesh Rani, said that the aim of the blood donation camp was to inculcate moral values among the students and to inculcate a sense of social responsibility in them. While the free health checkup camp would help the local people to get their free checkup done and knowledge about their personal hygiene, care, medication etc.

From Rajindra hospital, Patiala: Dr. Shefali; Sukhvinder Singh (Publicity Assistant); Vikas (Nursing Officer); Ramandeep Kaur (Nursing Officer); Subhash (Nursing Officer); Smt Jeevan Leta (Nursing Officer); Urinderpal Singh; Kesar Singh (Helper); Madan Lal (Helper) Kiran etc. were present.

# Poster-Making event organized by GGM Science College

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 10: The National Service Scheme (NSS) units in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Science (EVS) at GGM Science College, Jammu, held a vibrant poster-making event on the theme "Environmental Pollution and Cleanliness." With over 50 students participating, the event became a platform for the students to express their concerns about environmental issues through artistic creativity.

The event was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of GGM Science College, who commended the collaborative efforts of the NSS unit and the Department of Environmental Science. In his opening remarks, Dr. Gupta highlighted the crucial role students play in environmental conservation, urging them to lead by example and raise awareness about cleanliness and pollution control.

The organizing team was led by Dr. Rahul Kait and Dr. Neha Sharma, NSS Program Officers (POS), whose dedication ensured the event's success. Dr. Arti Sharma, Head of the EVS Department, played a significant role in guiding the participants, emphasizing the importance of education in creating environmentally conscious citizens. She motivated the students to take practical steps toward solving the challenges of pollution and promoting cleanliness, both locally and globally.

Faculty members, including Dr. Pankaj Mansotra and Dr. Ashaq Husain, were also present, sharing their expertise on environmental protection and engaging with the students. Their involvement added depth to the discussions, encouraging students to think innovatively about addressing pollution and cleanliness issues.

The students' posters reflected a wide array of environmental concerns,

from air and water pollution to waste management and sustainable practices. The posters not only captivated visually but also conveyed strong messages that urged the community to take immediate action. The best posters, selected for their creativity and relevance, were honored with certificates of appreciation.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Rahul Kait, who expressed his gratitude to the college's leadership, faculty, and students for their active involvement. He reaffirmed the NSS unit and Department of EVS's commitment to continuing initiatives that promote environmental awareness and societal change. This poster-making event is part of GGM Science College's broader efforts to engage students in meaningful, socially responsible activities aimed at creating a cleaner and sustainable future.

# Ganesha Mahotsav celebrated with devotion at Laxmi Narain Mandir



## Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 10: The Ganesha Mahotsav was celebrated with immense devotion at Laxmi Narain Mandir, Gandhi Nagar, from September 7 to September 17, 2024.

Lord Ganesha, the revered deity known as the remover of obstacles and the God of wisdom and prosperity, was honored during this 11-day festival.

His teachings, which are timeless, offer deep insights for personal growth and success in today's modern world.

At the heart of the event, Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain, the State Yoga Commissioner, Chairman of the Indian Yoga Association, and President of Vichar Kranti Manch International, elaborated on six key teachings of Lord Ganesha that are highly relevant to contemporary life.

Firstly, overcoming obstacles is a central aspect of Ganesha's symbolism. As the deity often invoked to remove hurdles in life, his teachings inspire individuals to face challenges with courage and determination, a lesson deeply relevant to navigating the complexities of today's world.

Secondly, Ganesha is known for wisdom and knowledge. His large head signifies the importance of thinking big and using intellect wisely. In a world driven by knowledge and innovation, these teachings remind us to value learning and apply wisdom thoughtfully

in our pursuits.

A vital message from Lord Ganesha's form is the balance between material and spiritual life. His elephant head and human body represent the harmony between worldly success and spiritual growth, a balance that many strive to achieve in today's fast-paced and success-oriented society.

Dr. Jain also emphasized humility and modesty, as Ganesha, despite his immense power, is depicted riding a small mouse, symbolizing that true success is found in humility, regardless of how high one climbs in life.

Another profound teaching is respect for time, signified by Ganesha's broken tusk, which represents sacrifice and the acceptance of imperfection. In the present day, this encourages prioritizing tasks, making sacrifices when necessary, and embracing imperfections in ourselves and others. This acceptance fosters productivity and peaceful living.

Lastly, Ganesha's leadership and listening skills were highlighted. His large ears are a symbol of his ability to listen deeply, a critical trait in modern leadership, where active listening and empathy are essential for effective communication and guidance.

These teachings of Lord Ganesha, when integrated into our lives, can lead to balance, success, and contentment in today's dynamic world.

The religious proceedings during the Mahotsav were led by the Head Pujari, Ashwani Sharma, who was assisted by other priests, including Arun Sharma, Sham Lal, Manoj Kumar, Gauri Shankar, and Surinder Kumar.

The President of the Laxmi Narain Mandir Management Trust, Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, along with General Secretary S.C. Rekhi and Trustee P.C. Gupta, were also present at the event.

Incidentally, the 83rd birthday of Th. Gulchain Singh Charak fell on the same day, making the celebration even more special.

His birthday was celebrated by members of various organizations, including Vichar Kranti Manch International, the Retired Officer Forum, and the Resident Welfare Association of Gandhi Nagar, among others.

As part of the festivities, Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain composed a detailed life sketch of Th. Charak in poetic form, which was recited during the occasion, adding a personal and heartfelt touch to the celebration.

Bhushan Verma, Secretary of the Gandhi Nagar Welfare Association, also addressed the gathering, paying tribute to Th. Charak's contributions. The event concluded with Subhash Rekhi, General Secretary of the Laxmi Narain Mandir Management Trust, delivering a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all participants and organizers for making the event a grand success.

The Ganesha Mahotsav at Laxmi Narain Mandir not only honored the divine teachings of Lord Ganesha but also celebrated the spirit of community, faith, and wisdom that resonates through the lives of its devotees.

# 20 vehicles seized for illegal mining in Kulgam



## Top News Report

KULGAM, Sep 10: As many as 20 vehicles involved in illegal mining were seized in south Kashmir's Kulgam district from last three days.

An official told Top News J&K Correspondent Gh Nabi khandani that a team of officials from the Geology and Mining Department Kulgam led by District Mineral Officer (DMO) Bilal Ahmad and full assistance of District administration and police laid a major crackdown at several locations including Qaimo, Ashmuji, Damhall hanjipora and other area of the district.

He said during the raids 20 vehicles including, 04 Dumper 08 Tipper, 08 Tractors, were found engaged in illegal mining and transportation of raw

materials.

He said the vehicles seized during the raids have been handed over to police.

Meanwhile, District Mineral Officer (DMO) Kulgam Bilal Ahmad told that they will act tough against illegal miners. "Only mining through legal process will be allowed, illegal mining will not be allowed," he said, adding they raid whenever they receive reports about illegal mining.

He also warned the legal miners for involving illegal mining during night hours, asked them to desist from such doings or to face action.

He further said that no leniency will be provided to those trying to loot natural resources and causing irreparable damage to the ecology.

# GHS HSS Camp Bohri organises prog on Laleshwari

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 10: Government Hari Singh Higher Secondary School (GHS HSS) Camp Bohri Jammu in collaboration with Socio-Cultural Organisation Sashakt Nari-Sein Kasheer Sein Praznaeth organised an impressive, colourful and well attended programme as part of the week-long celebrations in honour of mystic poetess and saint Mata Laleshwari, popularly known as Led Ded in the school premises, here on Tuesday. On the occasion, Lall vaakh and painting competitions regarding the signifi-

cance of the day were organised where in a good number of students took part and expressed their feelings artistically.

Renowned Social Activist and Poetess, Santosha Naadan was the chief guest on the occasion, while Social Activist Smt Pamposh Ambarbar was the guest of honour and Principal of the School, Sanjay Kumar Pandit presided over the function. Describing Mata Laleshwari as the revolutionary mystic poetess of all ages, all the dignitaries said that she used her poetry to engage with Shaivism and Sufism, adding that Lall Ded's verses have come down from

generations to generations through the folk tradition of Kashmir.

Meanwhile, the students who expressed their views by presenting 'Lall Vaakhs' included Yashasvi Pandita, Upasana Pandita, Kritika Dhar, Meghna Pandita, Nidhi Koul, Anshuman Pandita, Krish Thusoo, Simran Bhagat, Riddhi Kachroo and Suman Kumari, while those who presented their views through their paintings were Archana Devi, Shrutu Verma, Devanshi Pandita, Khushi Devi, Suman Kumari, Ankush Saini, Mamta Kashyap, Khushi Sapolia, Rohit Verma and Akshara Jain.

# Senior Citizen Services Support Club organizes Mokhik Niband Pratijogita to promote Dogri language

## Top News Report

JAMMU Sep 10: The Senior Citizen Services Support Club, Chowadi successfully organized a Mokhik Niband Pratijogita (Oral Essay Competition) for students from twelve schools, each of whom had previously won the competition in their respective institutions. The event was aimed at promoting the Dogri language and saw participation from various prominent citizens, as well as a gathering of eminent Dogra personalities.

The competition was initiated by Dr. Kasturi Lal Gupta, Founder and Chairperson of the club, and former Principal of GMC Jammu. In his address, Dr. Gupta emphasized the objectives of the program, particularly its focus on fostering the growth and recognition of the Dogri language among the youth. Ashok Gupta, President of the club and former Drug Controller of J&K, welcomed the par-

ticipants and the audience, highlighting the importance of the Dogri language and its promotion.

Maj. Gen. S.K. Sharma, General Secretary of the club, informed the attendees that the School Education Department has issued orders for schools to teach at least two native languages alongside English. As Dogri is the mother tongue for most citizens in the Jammu province, it will now become a compulsory subject in schools, ensuring the preservation and promotion of the language among the younger generation.

A panel of distinguished judges, including Padma Shri Mohan Singh Slathia, Prof. Padma Dev Malhar from Jammu University, Yash Pal Yash, General Secretary of Nami Dogri Sanstha, and Rajeshwar Singh Raju, presided over the competition.

After careful deliberation, Tarushi from S.D. Tarapuri High School,

Gandhi Nagar, was declared the winner of the competition. She was awarded a token prize of Rs. 2100 by the Senior Citizen Services Support Club, Chowadi.

The audience, participants, and dignitaries congratulated Miss Tarushi for her outstanding achievement and praised her for promoting Dogri language through her participation.

The primary objective of the event was to create awareness about the importance of Dogri language and to encourage its use and preservation among the youth.

The event was expertly coordinated by Dr. Vijay Sharma, Former Technical Officer of Door-darshan, who ensured smooth engagement with media representatives who captured the event on camera.

Prominent attendees included Harish Kaila (President, Nami Dogri Sanstha), H.C. Vaid (Finance Secretary), Ashok Khajuria, Anju Bansal, and Rajneesh Gupta from Viraj Kala Kendra, as well as Kaliash Langer, Janak Khajuria, Madan Rang-illa, and Jyash Gupta.

Their presence, along with other eminent citizens from various fields, added grace to the occasion.

The Mokhik Niband Pratijogita is yet another step toward preserving and promoting the rich cultural and linguistic heritage of Jammu and ensuring that future generations remain connected to their roots.

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# Borders Fully Secure; Will not allow terrorists to disturb Assembly Polls in J&K: BSF

activities in a tactical way to sanitise the whole area, and "I am hopeful that no untoward incident will happen during elections".

Earlier, the BSF IG reviewed election security at a meeting with 20 commanding officers of the force whose units are deployed across all the three districts, informing that traces of militancy were found in this area in the recent past.

"They (terrorists) are not in large numbers but since the area has vast forest cover, they are getting an opportunity to survive," he said, asking his men to be alert and foil any nefarious design of the terrorists.

## Sitaram Yechury in 'Critical' condition, on

# respiratory support at AIIMS: Party

which is critical at this time," the CPI(M) Polit Bureau said in a statement here.

Mr. Yechury had released a six-minute video from the hospital on August 22nd X on his social media accounts paying condolence to former Chief Minister West Bengal Buddhadev Bhattacharya.

# Afzal Guru's brother to contest elections from Sopore, says 'won't seek votes in his name'

He said, he will highlight the cases of other innocents who are in jail on false charges.

Afzal Guru was hanged and buried in Tihar on February 9, 2013, after being convicted for the 2001 attack on Parliament. He was hanged for his role, triggering mass protests in the Valley. His body

was not handed over to his family in north Kashmir's Sopore town and was instead buried inside the jail premises. Activists and people in Kashmir have been critical of the hanging.

Afzal is survived by his wife who live separately in Baramulla town.

Ajaz Guru, however, said he won't seek votes in the name of his brother. "My ideology is different. I believe that the people of Kashmir were betrayed by every political leader, some in the name of autonomy, self rule, and some in the name of 'Azadi'. Everybody betrayed the people of Kashmir," he said.

Sopore was considered a stronghold of separatist leader and Jamaat ideologue Syed Ali Geelani, and voters stayed away from polling in the past few decades.

That changed in the recent Lok Sabha elections, with more than 44% registering their choice in the Sopore assembly segment.

# "I used to get scared to go there," former Home

# Min Sushil Shinde recalls his earlier visits to JK

September 7, Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched an attack on the National Conference and the People's Democratic Party, Shah said that there were people who became Chief Ministers when there was peace in the territory but whenever there was little disturbance, they rushed to Delhi in coffee bars.

"Kashmir has suffered a lot from terrorism. There were governments in Kashmir that turned a blind eye to terrorism. There are people who would come here and become chief ministers when there was peace and when there was terrorism, they would go to Delhi and drink coffee in coffee bars," he said.

# Annual Gangabal Yatra flagged off in Ganderbal

different parts of the country thronged Naranag to participate in the annual yatra. The yatra is being organised by by Harmukh Ganga Gangbal Trust with arrangements made by district administration and the concerned departments.

# Two-Year-Old's throat slit by masked attackers in Budgam

medico-legal formalities. The police are conducting a detailed probe to uncover the circumstances behind the crime and identify the masked attackers," the official said.

# NC's Sajad Shafi accuses Taj Mohi-Ud-Din of being BJP proxy

contradicted himself by supporting a 50-year-old man. It's clear he received instructions to back Taj Modi-Ud-Din as BJP doesn't have its own candidate in Uri," he said.

## Dr. Devinder Manyal files nomination papers for Ramgarh Constituency

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 10: Amidst thousands of party workers and supporters, Former Health Minister of J&K, former MLA Samba and General Secretary of BJP J&K Dr Devinder Kumar Manyal filed his nomination papers for the 69 Ramgarh Constituency before the Returning Officer at Ghagwal, Samba on Tuesday.

MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, DDC Chairman, Keshav Dutt Sharma, DDC Rajpura Asha Rani, DDC Samba Romesh Chander, DDC Ramgarh Sarbjit Singh Johal, Former BDC Samba Kamlesh Kumari, Former BDC Rajpura Radha Sham, Former BDC Ramgarh Dar-

shan Singh, Neeraj Jain Deputy Moyer Ajmer, Rajasthan and Ramgarh Constituency Incharge BJP were among the prominent figures who accompanied Dr Manyal, along with thousands of supporters.

Dr Devinder Kumar Manyal cavalcade, in the form of a roadshow, consisted of a large number of four-wheelers and two-wheelers, with thousands of party workers waving flags and banners. The procession began at the Tara Palace Ramgarh in Pangdour, passed through Mawa, Rajpura and Sunoora culminated at Ghagwal. Enthusiastic youth from different wards chanted slogans in support of BJP and Dr Devinder Kumar Manyal throughout the route.

While interacting with the media after filing his nomination, Dr Devinder Kumar Manyal expressed full confidence in BJP's victory in the polls, stating that he is certain the party will form the next government with a clear majority in Jammu and Kashmir. "The people's enthusiasm clearly indicates that the environment is in favor of BJP this time, as they have tested all parties in the past and now want a change by electing BJP to power," said Dr Devinder Kumar Manyal.

Reiterating his resolve to serve the people of the state with zeal and dedication, Dr Devinder Kumar Manyal said he will work hard to address the issues of the people, especially those of the

Ramgarh constituency. He emphasized that essential services such as regular water supply, uninterrupted power supply, improved road connectivity, upgraded health infrastructure, and the implementation of all public welfare schemes will be top priorities on his agenda. He also stated that all government functionaries will be made accountable for their duties, and all-out efforts will be made to provide better services to the common man.

He urged the party workers to reach out to every individual, make them aware of the BJP government's programs and policies, and seek support based on BJP's clear agenda. He also encouraged them to

motivate people to cast their votes for a better and more secure future.

Dr Manyal expressed gratitude to the top party leadership for placing their faith in him and giving him the responsibility of representing Ramgarh. He also thanked the Election Prabharies and local leadership for their wholehearted support. He assured that BJP will emerge victorious in the Ramgarh seat with a significant margin.

Others present included Mandal Presidents Ramgarh Shiv Choudhary, Shamsher Singh, Swankha Mandal President, Kulbhushan Jasrotia Mandal President Rajpura from different wards of Ramgarh, Samba District and Mandal teams.

## Only BJP truly imbibed BR Ambedkar's vision: Jaidev Rajwal

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 10: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader and Bahu Constituency election Incharge Jaidev Rajwal stated that the PM-led government's unwavering commitment to their upliftment. He emphasized that the SC community has been a strong supporter of the BJP, playing a crucial role in the party's success.

BJP leader Jaidev Rajwal emphasized that the BJP-led government, under PM Modi's leadership, prioritizes the promotion and empowerment of the Schedule Caste (SC) community. He assured that the government ensures effective implementation of reservation policies and safeguarding of SC rights, fostering an inclusive environment for their growth and development.

In a statement issued by Jaidev Rajwal emphasized that only the BJP has truly imbibed the vision of B.R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution.

He highlighted that the



BJP Party, under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has consistently worked towards uplifting the SC community. Rajwal pointed out that the Modi government's policies and initiatives have been instrumental in empowering the SC community, ensuring their social and economic upliftment.

He reiterated that the BJP's commitment to Ambedkar's ideals is unwavering, and the party will continue to work tirelessly for the welfare of the SC community.

Rajwal praised the PM's vision for an inclusive and equitable society, citing various initiatives and schemes launched by the government to empower the SC community.

He said, "Our govern-

ment has taken concrete steps to ensure the socio-economic development of the SC community, including measures to enhance their education, employment, and entrepreneurship opportunities."

He highlighted the BJP's commitment to social justice and equality, saying, "We believe in the empowerment of all sections of society, and our policies reflect this commitment."

Rajwal also praised the SC community's contributions to the country's growth and development, saying, "Your community has always played a vital role in shaping India's destiny."

Jaidev Rajwal elaborated that the BJP is the only party that truly cares for the welfare of the SC community, saying, "We don't just make promises; we deliver. Our government's track record speaks for itself." He urged the SC community to continue their support for the BJP, saying, "Together, we can achieve great things and create a brighter future for all."

## Election Observers brief candidates, political representatives about ECI guidelines

Top News Report

REASI, Sep 10: As mandated under the guidelines of the Election Commission of India (ECI), General Observers for AC-56 Gulabgarh (ST) Saroj Kumar Sethi and for AC-57 Reasi and AC-58 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi, Avi Prasad along with Police Observer Pradeep Kumar Yadav held a meeting on Tuesday with contesting candidates and representatives of different political parties to inform them about guidelines, do's, and don'ts of the election process.

District Election Officer (DEO) Vishesh Mahajan, welcomed all observers and representatives of



political parties and contesting candidates.

General Observer Avi Prasad informed about various aspects of elections like adherence to model code of conduct (MCC), permissions, Postal ballots, intermediate strong rooms and importance of 12 Identity proof documents for voting on the day of poll.

Police Observer Pradeep Kumar Yadav

ensured that the observers shall be available 24/7 for any grievances by representatives. General Observer for 56-AC Gulabgarh Saroj Sethi emphasized on free, fair and peaceful elections and the role of political parties in ensuring that. Observers told the members of political parties to feel free to come up to them with any apprehension about any person and assured

the same will be dealt with strictly.

The representatives of contesting candidates used the opportunity to clarify their doubts and also discussed a few issues which according to them were of great importance. The Representatives were briefed about C-Vigil app for reporting violations regarding MCC and expenditure and the use of Suvridha

app designed for seeking timely permissions.

Observers asked election authorities to provide handbooks to all candidates, both hard and soft copies, and asked political party representatives and candidates to acknowledge receipt of notices communicated to them. Observers highlighted the critical role of political parties for ensuring good and enhanced voter engagement and turnout.

Representatives of various political parties: SSP Gaurav Sikarwar, ADDC Sukhdev Samyail, ADC Kulbhushan Khajuria, RO-57 Anshumali Sharma, RO-58 Piyush and others were present.

## NCC Dte Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh announces selection of Cadet Samrat Sudan for overseas ship deployment

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 10: NCC Directorate Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh proudly announces the selection of NCC Cadet Samrat Sudan of the 1 J&K Naval Unit NCC, SPMR College, Jammu, for an esteemed Overseas Ship Deployment (OSD) series. Cadet Sudan will represent India during a visit to Oman, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain, and Kuwait from 27 September to 23 October 2024.

Cadet Samrat Sudan exemplifies excellence as one of the 10 selected cadets.

Maj Gen RK Sachdeva, Additional Director General of NCC for Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh, has commended Cadet Sudan for his selection, highlighting the significance of this achievement. This opportunity not only honors the Union Territories of Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh but also fosters cultural exchange and enhances strategic

relationships between nations.

The Overseas Ship Deployment aims to provide cadets with valuable exposure to diverse traditions and cultures, contributing significantly to their personal and professional growth. It reflects our dedication to fostering global exposure and cultural exchange. As Cadet Samrat Sudan embarks on this prestigious journey, we extend heartfelt wishes for a successful and enriching experience.

## Tiny Tots School observes World Suicide Prevention Day with Interactive Session

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 10: In observance of World Suicide Prevention Day, the Urban Health Centre Sainik Colony, Jammu, organized an interactive session on "Prevention of Suicide" at Tiny Tots Higher Secondary School. The event aimed to raise awareness and educate students on the importance of mental health and suicide prevention.

Dr. Rita and her team led the session, emphasizing the need for open conversations about fears and seeking help when needed.

They discussed the devastating effects of

suicide on individuals, families, and society.

The interactive session encouraged students to share their thoughts and concerns, providing a safe space for discussion.

Students from classes 9 to 12 actively participated in the session, engaging in meaningful conversations about suicide prevention. Gurpreet Handa, Director of the School, expressed gratitude to Dr. Rita and her team for sharing valuable insights and expertise.

This event marked a significant step towards promoting mental health awareness and encouraging youngsters to prioritize their well-being.

## DEO Srinagar presides over Training cum Interaction session of Political Parties, Contesting Candidates

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Sep 10: The District Election Officer (DEO) Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today presided over a Training cum Interaction session of Political Parties and Candidates regarding permissions and online applications.

On the occasion, the DEO briefed participants regarding proper procedures for obtaining permission for their election related activities through online mode.

DEO emphasized on the Political stakeholders to obtain permission before planning to hold meetings, rallies or congregational programs.

The District Administration Srinagar has nominated Chief Planning Officer as Nodal Officer for Permissions



to facilitate Contesting Candidates in obtaining the permission for electioneering.

The Political party representatives were informed that permission to conduct activities for the election campaign shall be given on the principle of 'First Come First Serve' basis.

Parties and the Candidates were sensitized regarding their responsibilities to comply with ECI guidelines and Model

## DEO Samba media on ECI's election coverage guidelines

Top News Report

SAMBA, Sep 10: A press meet was held on Tuesday in the Deputy Commissioner's Office Complex and chaired by District Election Officer (DEO) Rajesh Sharma. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Samba, Vinay Kumar also attended the meet. Media representatives from across the district, besides District Information Officer (DIO) Pranav Manhas and SVEEP Nodal Officer Ekshu Sharma were present at the meeting.

The DEO stressed the indispensable role of the media as the fourth pillar of democracy and a key factor for free, fair, and transparent elections. He

reiterated the importance of responsible journalism, urging the media to follow the "General Guidelines for Media during Elections" to ensure balanced, apolitical, and fact-based reporting.

The DEO and SSP Vinay Kumar also discussed the need for maintaining law and order during the elections and requested the media's support in fostering an environment of peace and impartiality.

A brief interaction session followed, where the media personnel had the opportunity to raise various issues related to election coverage and media conduct. Topics such as access to election-related information, ensuring timely dissemination of

updates, and challenges faced by media houses during the election period were discussed.

The DEO assured the media of full cooperation and support from the administration to address these concerns and facilitate smooth coordination.

The DEO further encouraged media participation in the upcoming Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) events, emphasizing their role in raising voter awareness and encouraging higher voter turnout.

DEO also appreciate the media's commitment to upholding democratic principles and their valuable contribution to the electoral process.

## School of Business Studies, CUJ organises National Webinar on Financial Wisdom Tools for Prosperity

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 10: School of Business Studies, Central University of Jammu and AMFI jointly organized an informative and engaging Webinar on the topic of 'Financial Wisdom Tools for Prosperity' under the mentorship of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, Central

University of Jammu. The event marked the gracious presence of distinguished faculty members from School of Business Studies along with Sh. Surya Kant Sharma, Senior Consultant at AMFI. The programme was formally inaugurated by Prof. Jaya Bhasin, Dean School of Business Studies and Convener of National Webinar. Prof. Bhasin in her opening address appreciated the efforts of faculty members from School of Business Studies, Central University of Jammu under the visionary leadership of Prof. Sanjeev Jain in carrying out outreach activities in collaborative mode.

Speaking on the occasion Prof. Bhasin impressed upon the participants to take the maximum benefits from the distinguished Speaker of the day having vast experience in financial markets.

Dr. Shahid Mushtaq, Assistant Professor, School of Business Studies in his address highlighted the need to have more self-regulated and systematic saving habits to secure one's financial future. He also elaborated on various financial instruments to choose from and suggested a time-tested method to choose investment instruments wisely.

Earlier Dr. Asif Ali, Assistant Professor, School of Business Studies welcomed the guests and introduced the resource person of the day. He highlighted that resource person have significant corporate experience and would share valuable insights with a goal of equipping learners with tools essential to make smart financial decisions.

The entire programme was coordinated by faculty members including Dr. Jaya Bhasin, Dr. Asif Ali and Dr. Shahid Mushtaq. Dr. Asif Ali conducted the proceedings of the Programme and Dr. Shahid Mushtaq proposed formal vote of thanks.

## DEO Doda reviews arrangements for upcoming J&K Assembly Elections 2024

Top News Report

DODA, Sep 10: District Election Officer (DEO) Doda, Harvinder Singh on Tuesday chaired a meeting with Zonal and Sectoral Magistrates to review the preparations for the upcoming Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Elections 2024. The meeting focused on ensuring smooth and efficient management of election-related tasks in District Doda.

The session was attended virtually by Returning Officer (RO) for AC-51 Bhandarwah, Sunil Kumar, along with key officials including Chief Planning Officer (CPO) Doda, Manesh

Kumar Manhas, and Dr. Akhter Hussain Akhnoon, District Nodal Officer for Trainings and Human Resources. The discussion covered the allocation of manpower, the logistical arrangements required for polling, and the importance of a coordinated effort between different departments.

The DEO stressed the need for meticulous planning and execution, particularly in sensitive areas. He directed the Zonal and Sectoral Magistrates to ensure that all polling stations are equipped with necessary facilities, including accessibility for persons with disabilities. He also emphasized

the importance of security arrangements and urged the officials to work closely with law enforcement agencies to maintain order during the election process.

Additionally, the DEO highlighted the significance of voter awareness campaigns and SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) initiatives to maximize voter turnout. He instructed the nodal officers to ensure that training programs for polling staff are conducted efficiently and all officials are well-versed in handling Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and other election-related equipment.

## GHSS Hatli hosts SVEEP event to promote electoral participation

Top News Report

KATHUA, Sep 10: Government Higher Secondary School, Hatli organized an impactful awareness programme under the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) initiative, here on Tuesday. The aim was to educate the public on the importance of voting and encourage greater electoral

participation ahead of upcoming elections. The programme was presided over by the Principal, Dev Raj in presence of AC Nodal Officer Mangal Singh (Principal of GHSS Girls Kathua), saw a strong turnout of over 400 participants, including students, teachers, Booth Level Officers (BLOs), ANMs, ASHA workers, patwaris, chowkidars, lam-bardars and other community members.

## Indian contingent receives rousing welcome on return home from Paris Paralympics

*The Indian Paris Paralympics contingent touched down at the Indira Gandhi International Airport on Tuesday.*

NEW DELHI, Sep 10 (Agencies): The Indian Paris Paralympics contingent touched down at the Indira Gandhi International Airport on Tuesday. People gathered in large numbers to welcome them for their record-breaking performance at the multi-sport event. People also danced to the beats of dhols. Para javelin thrower Sumit Antil and para archer Harvinder Singh were among the others who returned to New Delhi on Tuesday.

The Indian contingent concluded its Paralympics campaign in Paris on Sunday with a record haul of 29 medals, including seven golds, nine silvers, and 13 bronzes.

The 29-medal tally is the most by India in the history of the Paralympics. Following the conclusion of the landmark campaign, India surpassed its



record medal tally of 19, which was achieved at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics. India ended the marquee event in the 18th position.

India rewrote several records and unlocked some new "firsts" at the Paralympic Games. Parashooter 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.

In the T64 high jump event, Praveen Kumar stood at the top of the podium with an Asian record-breaking jump of 2.08 m, landing India their sixth gold. India finished the competition with seven gold medals.

India also found its first-ever archery champion across the Olympics and Paralympics, with Harvinder Singh getting the gold in 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 the 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.

## Saina Nehwal hits back at trolls for belittling her 2012 Olympics bronze medal



NEW DELHI, Sep 10 (Agencies): India badminton star Saina Nehwal has hit back at her trolls for questioning her bronze medal win at the 2012 Olympic Games in London. Notably, Nehwal scripted history at the Games as she became the first Indian shuttler to win an Olympic medal.

The Haryana-born athlete was up against China's Wang Xin in the bronze medal match and ended up losing the first game by 18-21. She was further trailing in the second game as well by 0-1 before the Chinese athlete ended up twisting her right knee. As a result, she had to withdraw from the match and Nehwal was awarded the bronze medal.

Nehwal's victory was

recently questioned by some trolls on social media who alleged that she was gifted her bronze medal. Saina and her husband, Parupalli Kashyap recently addressed the issue in an interview.

"During the Paris Olympics she had said something and in the comments (on social media) I was seeing people saying that that she got gifted the bronze medal," said Kashyap in a conversation with RJ Anmol and actor Amrita Rao.

Nehwal hit back at her trolls asking them to at least qualify for Olympics first.

"Olympic level ke layak toh bano aap. Pehle Olympics ke liye qualify toh karke dikhao (Try and get yourself up to the level of the Olym-

pics)," said Saina.

Saina Nehwal's comments on Vinesh Phogat irked fans

Nehwal openly expressed her opinion during the recently concluded Olympic Games in Paris. Following wrestler Vinesh Phogat's disqualification from her gold medal match, Nehwal had stated that she was also responsible for the unfortunate turn of events.

The comment didn't go down well with several social media users who began bashing her left, right and centre for her remarks. The badminton player also found herself in another controversy after she compared the fitness demands of cricket with other sports. The former world number one player was also subjected to trolling for her remark with people asking her to face Jasprit Bumrah once.

Meanwhile, Nehwal did not participate in competitive badminton since her Singapore Open appearance last year. As she battles arthritis, she is considering retirement as well by the end of the year.

## Led by young strikers, India aim to maintain winning run in Asian Champions Trophy

HULUNBUIR, Sep 10 (Agencies): India's new-found ability to score field goals will be crucial as the defending champions will look to extend their winning streak when they face Malaysia in the Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament in Hulunbuir, China on Wednesday. Field goal conversion was a key concern during India's bronze medal-winning campaign at the Paris Olympics last month, where they netted 15 goals but managed only three from open play. It even prompted the legendary goalkeeper PR Sreejesh, who retired after the Games, to stress the need for improvement in this area.

"If we are thinking

about the next level for the Indian hockey team and want to consistently win Olympic medals, we need to score more field goals because our defence has its limitations," Sreejesh had remarked.

Coming into the tournament after securing their successive bronze wins at the Olympics, India are looking a more enterprising side, grabbing opportunities up front with a rock solid defence in place.

India started their title defence with a 3-0 win over hosts China before thrashing Japan 5-1 in their next league match on Monday.

Out of the eight goals India have scored, seven have come from open play, with young drag-flicker Sanjay con-

verting a penalty corner against Japan.

Young striker Sukhjeet Singh, who was part of the Paris Olympics squad, has been phenomenal, scoring three field goals, while Abhishek and Uttam Singh have added two each from open play.

Going by world status and current form, India are favourites to reclaim the title having won the tournament four times before.

The first two matches witnessed strong performances from the young Indian forwards, which meant star dragflicker and skipper Harmanpreet Singh had to do very little so far.

In contrast, last-edition's runners-up Malaysia are languishing at the penultimate posi-



tion with one loss and a draw.

Despite the strong start, the Indians can ill afford to take any side lightly as they begin a new Olympic cycle.

India's new first goalkeeper Krishan Bahadur Pathak, who replaced the talismanic Sreejesh following his retirement

after the Paris Games, too had a decent outing so far in the tournament, conceding just one goal.

After the round-robin league among the six teams, the top-four sides will qualify for the semifinals to be played on September 16.

The final is scheduled for September 17.

## Anwar Ali handed suspension by AIFF, Mohun Bagan to receive huge compensation

NEW DELHI, Sep 10 (Agencies): Indian defender Anwar Ali's move from Mohun Bagan Super Giant To East Bengal has been a hot topic of debate for several months. The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has decided to Anwar a suspension for four months after finding him guilty of terminating his four-year loan deal with Mohun Bagan Super Giant. That isn't all, as a result of the Anwar Ali deal, his parent club Delhi FC, and East Bengal, the club he was recently loaned to, have been barred from registering new players for two transfer windows.

"Anwar Ali will serve a four-month sporting ban, while East Bengal and Delhi FC will face two transfer window bans, starting from the January transfer window. All three parties - Anwar Ali, Delhi FC and East Bengal - must pay Rs 12.90 crores in compensation to Mohun Bagan," AIFF's Players' Status Committee (PSC) said in its judgment on Tuesday.

One of the pillars of the



Indian national team's defence, Anwar has played 22 matches for the Blue Tigers so far since making his international debut in March 2022, winning the Tri-Nation series (2023), the Intercontinental Cup (2023) and the SAFF Championship (2023).

The 23-year-old has represented the national team at all age group levels from U-17 to the senior team. He was a vital member of the Indian team that participated in the U-17 FIFA World Cup in 2017 on home soil.

Anwar rose through the youth set-up of the Minerva Academy before rising to prominence whilst playing for the AIFF's developmental side in 2017. In the

Indian Super League, Anwar has played a total of 46 matches so far since 2021.

Besides being one of the finest centre-backs in the country, Anwar has also displayed his knack for scoring on multiple occasions. Anwar not only scored three goals and provided one assist across 26 matches last season, he was also the top scorer for Delhi FC in the 2021 I-League Qualifiers (four goals).

In last season's ISL, Anwar registered four clean sheets, 18 interceptions, 17 tackles, 45 successful duels, 19 successful aerial duels, 9 blocks, 67 recoveries, 52 clearances and 549 successful passes in 16 matches.

## New Zealand announce squad for women's T20 World Cup 2024, Rosemary Mair returns

WELLINGTON, Sep 10 (Agencies): New Zealand announced their 15-member squad for the upcoming women's T20 World Cup 2024 on Tuesday, September 10. Veteran players Suzie Bates and Sophie Devine are all set to feature in their ninth edition of the T20 extravaganza having been a part of the tournament ever since its inception in 2009.

Devine will also give up her T20 captaincy at the end of the tournament. Seamer Rosemary Mair

has marked her return to the team following a back injury sustained during the home series against England. Off-spinner Leigh Kasperick will reinforce the spin attack alongside Melie Kerr, Fran Jonas and Eden Carson. On the other hand, wicket-keeper batter Izzy Gaze will be making her first appearance in the T20 World Cup.

White Ferns head coach Ben Sawyer is delighted with the squad and congratulated everyone for making it

to the team.

"Congratulations to all of the players named in this squad, it's a significant achievement to be selected to represent your country at a World Cup. I'm really pleased with this squad, I think these are our best 15 players to adapt to what will likely be varied conditions," said Sawyer in a media release.

T20 World Cup to start from October 3

Notably, the T20 World Cup is set to begin from October 3 and will be hosted in the UAE after

the tournament was shifted from Bangladesh due to the political unrest in the country. New Zealand have been put in Group A alongside Australia, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

The Sophie Devine-led side will start their campaign with a couple of warm-up fixtures against South Africa and England on September 29 and October 1 respectively before playing their first Group Match against India on October 4. Ahead of the

tournament, New Zealand will tour Australia for a three-match T20I series to prepare for the mega event beginning from 19th September.

New Zealand women's squad for T20 World Cup 2024: Sophie Devine (C), Suzie Bates, Eden Carson, Izzy Gaze, Maddy Green, Brooke Halliday, Fran Jonas, Leigh Kasperick, Amelia Kerr, Jess Kerr, Rosemary Mair, Molly Penfold, Georgia Plimmer, Hannah Rowe, Lea Tahuu.

## KL Rahul likely to start ahead of Sarfaraz in Test series against Bangladesh

NEW DELHI, Sep 10 (Agencies): Sarfaraz Khan's fearless approach in the home series against England impressed one and all but KL Rahul's experience will give him the advantage when it comes to finalising the playing XI in India's season-opening Test series against Bangladesh starting September 19 in Chennai.

It is believed that the team management and the selection committee's full focus is on the tour of Australia in November-December

and Rahul's experience of 50 Tests puts him in an advantageous position.

For the team management, it is a choice between a younger man's (Sarfaraz) flamboyance and fearlessness and a seasoned campaigner who has been a Test captain and is part of the national set-up for a decade now.

"For people on the outside, they don't understand how a team works and what are the systems in place. In his last three Test matches, KL scored a century

in South Africa, one of the best Test knocks in recent times and 86 at Hyderabad in the last Test he played before injury.

"He was not dropped but got injured. So, he is fit and available, scored a fifty in Duleep, got match time and he will start," a BCCI source told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

Sarfaraz, a domestic giant, had a very impressive debut with twin half-centuries on debut against England at Rajkot and another half-ton against the same



opposition at Dharamsala, showing his precise footwork and improvisation against both fast and slow bowlers.

"Sarfaraz has done everything right and mind it, if there is an

injury anywhere, he will just walk in but Rahul's experience is irreplaceable. And the team management is not just looking at Bangladesh, they are looking at Australia where previous

experience matters," the source added.

Rahul had missed two previous Test tours of Australia due to injuries but in 2014, he had scored a century in Sydney.

While Rahul's average of less than 35 after 50 Tests doesn't paint a rosy picture but his uncanny knack of scoring at big overseas venues like Sydney, Lord's, Oval, Centurion along with his range of strokes when on song keeps him slightly ahead of the Mumbaiaer.

The same theory

of continuity will also be applicable in the Rishabh Pant vs Dhruv Jurel case.

Jurel is a fine talent and did well in the England series but Pant is an exceptional Test player. Jurel will have to wait for his chance.

The only slot where there could be some close competition is the third spinner's position where Kuldeep Yadav is pitted against Axar Patel, who has also had a decent Test career so far.

In the recently-concluded Duleep Trophy

first round, Axar and Kuldeep had contrasting performances for their respective sides.

While Axar took three wickets apart from scoring 86 on a green top at Anantapur, Kuldeep looked a bit off-colour unable to trouble the talented Musheer Khan and tailender Navdeep Saini.

But Kuldeep has had success against Bangladesh in the 2022 away series and also with more variations in store, he is abetter bet than Axar on good batting tracks.

## Guest Lectures organized by Dept of Education and Commerce, GDC Kathua

Top News Report

KATHUA, Sep 10: The Department of Education and Commerce of Govt. Degree College Kathua organized guest lectures on the topics "Communication Skills for Holistic Educational Development of Students" and "Financial Literacy as a Gateway to Financial Independence" for students on Tuesday as part of lecture series to be conducted in the academic session 2024-25.

The event aimed to equip students with essential skills for personal and professional development.

The Resource Person for the event was Prof. Pawan Kumar Gupta, Head, Department of Commerce, Govt. SPMR College of Commerce, Jammu. He provided



valuable insights into both topics, emphasizing the importance of effective communication in education and the role of financial literacy in achieving long-term financial independence.

Principal Prof. Seema Mir appreciated the efforts of both departments in organizing such an impor-

tant event for student development. She encouraged students to apply the knowledge gained in their academic and personal lives.

The event saw the participation of more than 100 students. Dr. Ram Singh, HOD Education, delivered the introductory remarks, setting the stage

for the discussions. Prof. Charandeep Handa, HOD Commerce, concluded the event with a formal vote of thanks. Dr. Pinkey, Assistant Professor in Commerce and Prof. Anil Kumar Verma, Assistant Professor in Education skillfully conducted the proceedings of the event, ensuring its smooth ex-

ecution.

Other members of the organizing committee, including CA (Dr.) Rahul Gupta and Prof. Manisha from Department of Commerce, also contributed to the successful conduct of the event.

Other faculty members who attended the event included Prof. Sanjay Karupia, Prof. Shivani Kotwal, Dr. Yashpaul Sharma, Prof. R.K. Manhas, Prof. Ambika Rajput, Dr. Jaswinder Singh, Dr. Kulbir Singh, Prof. Shivani Sharma, Dr. Satbir Kour, Dr. Esha Verma and Dr. Pratima Sangra.

This initiative was a significant step towards enhancing student engagement and promoting holistic development through education and financial awareness.

## GDC R S Pura organises Counseling Session on "Various Career Aspects in Future"



Top News Report

R S PURA, Sep 10: Career Counseling / Guidance and Placement Cell in collaboration with EBSB Club of Govt. Degree College, R S Pura Jammu organized a career counseling session on the topic "Various Career Aspects in Future" on Tuesday under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour, Principal of the College.

The resource person of the event was Dushiant Kumar, Head Counselor DIT University, Dehradun. The event started with the welcome address by Dr. Shivani Manchanda, HOD, Economics. Dushiant Kumar gave

an insight of various career opportunities available to students after graduation. In a detailed power point presentation, he elaborated the scope of various courses like MBA, MFA, PG Diploma/ Masters in Event Management, Journalism and communication. Masters/ PG Diploma in Digital Marketing, Mobile App Development, various graduation courses in IGNOU etc.

He motivated the students to thrive for marketing specific skill courses so that they become confident enough and job ready after graduation.

The lecture was attended by a large number of students who patiently

listened to the lecture with great enthusiasm and actively participated in question session after culmination of the lecture. Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour also highlighted the importance of career counseling session which helps them to analyse their strength and develop strategy to achieve academic and career course.

The program ended with the motivational words by Convener, Career Counseling Cell, Dr. Neeru Sawhney.

The program was attended by members of Career Counseling Cell, EBSB and other faculty members of the college.

## Mahajan Sewa Sangh extends greetings to Randhawa, Yudhvir



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 10: Mahajan Sewa Sangh (MSS) is pleased to announce its heartfelt congratulations to Vikram Randhawa and Yudhvir Sethi on their recent selection as BJP candidates for the Bahu and Jammu East constituencies, respectively. On behalf of Mahajan Sewa Sangh, Neeraj Gupta, President, along with other esteemed members of the organization, extends their warm wishes to Randhawa and

Sethi for being appointed as the candidates of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and praised their dedication, leadership, and commitment to serving the community. Neeraj Gupta expressed strong support for the candidates, stating, "We are delighted to celebrate Vikram Randhawa and Yudhvir Sethi's candidacy. Their selection as BJP representatives is a testament to their hard work and vision for our region. Mahajan Sewa Sangh stands

firmly behind them and will provide unwavering support throughout their campaign."

Mahajan Sewa Sangh is committed to assist Randhawa and Sethi in their efforts to bring positive change and progress in Bahu and Jammu East.

The organization's support reflects its dedication to community service and its belief in the candidates' potential to contribute significantly to local development.

As the election campaign advances, MSS encourages all members and supporters to rally behind Vikram Randhawa and Yudhvir Sethi and work collectively to ensure a successful campaign.

The people who were present on the occasion included Advocate Anil Gupta Secretary and Cashier R. K Gupta Gen Secretary MSS, Apurav Gupta, Krishan Gupta Rahul Gupta etc.

## Rising Dogs population in Devser town irks residents, appeal Municipal Committee Devser to intervene



Top News Report

KULGAM, Sep 10: Residents of several areas of the Qasba Devser here on Tuesday appealed to Executive officer Municipal Committee Devser to take prompt measures in stopping the rising population of dogs in the Qasba Devser.

Residents said the Dogs have created terror in many parts of the Qasba Devser and other areas of Devser Tehsil and even attack vehicles and motorcycles during late hours.

In absence of any measures taken by the Municipal Committee Devser, peoples' lives remain at risk. These dogs attack commuters in groups. Such has been the scare that people prefer not to venture out of homes during evening hours," he said.

In residential areas of Devser children and elderly people are afraid of moving out of their houses during the early morning hours and evening hours. "One can spot dozens of stray dogs roaming freely, feasting on garbage and chasing residents," local Resident said.

Dogs chase us even during the daytime. At least 10 to 15 dogs can

be spotted in our street at any time during the day," another resident of Devser said.

Residents of the Devser area told Top news JK correspondent Gh Nabi Khanday that authorities have failed to initiate any concrete efforts to control the dog population. "There are always chances of road accidents when a group of dogs chase a two-wheeler rider," he said.

Residents complained that the authorities have failed to check the dog menace.

For the past several Months the dog population has reached an alarming level in Devser and other areas of Kulgam district The Municipal Committee Devser has failed to act," a resident said.

Locals expressed concern over the presence of a large number of stray dogs at Devser. The stray dogs chase pedestrians even during evening hours. We are making a fervent appeal to Deputy Commissioner Kulgam and Executive officer Municipal Committee Devser to look into the matter and direct the concerned officials to take measures to check the menace," they said.

## LAHDC hosts district award investiture ceremony



Top News Report

LEH, Sep 10: LAHDC Leh, hosted the District Award Investiture Ceremony. This prestigious event, which had been on hiatus for two years, provided a platform to honor individuals whose exceptional contributions have greatly benefited the community and their respective fields.

Chairman / CEC, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalson; Dy. Chairman, Tsering Angchuk; Executive Councillor for Minority Affairs, Ghulam Mehdi; Executive Councillor for RDD, Tashi Namgyal Yakzee; Executive Councillor for Culture, Stanzin Chosphe; Councillors of LAHDC Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve; Councillor of Different Constituencies, ADDC Leh, Sonam Norbu; ADC Ghulam

Mohd; CPO Tsewang Gyalson, Accounts officer, Leh Zulfikar Ali, officers and officials from concerned department and the awardees are present during the occasion.

The ceremony highlighted the achievements of several outstanding individuals. Jigmet Wangchuk was recognized for his pivotal work in the health sector, contributing significantly to public health initiatives. Attaullah Khan, who holds the esteemed position of Naib Tehsildar, is a dedicated officer serving in government service. Jigmet Nurbu was celebrated for his role in popularizing Urdu poetry, bringing cultural enrichment through his literary contributions. Tsetan Dorjai, known for his skillful thanka artistry, was honored for preserving and advancing this traditional art form. Kunzang Angmo received accolades for her specialized knowledge and work with seabuckthorn, a crucial resource for the district. Sonam Chorol was acknowledged for her meticulous work as an accounts officer, ensuring transparency and efficiency in financial management.

Rigzin Nurboo, a devoted teacher at Government High School Lingshed, was celebrated for his tireless efforts in educating and inspiring students. Cyclist Lekzes Angmo, whose achievements include numerous

medals, was recognized for her excellence and dedication in sports.

In his address, H'CEC highlighted the importance of the District Awards in recognizing and celebrating the extraordinary achievements of individuals who contribute positively to society. He highlighted that this year's ceremony is just the beginning, with plans to expand the scope and scale of future events to honor even more deserving individuals.

The CEC also took a moment to remember Inspector Tsewang Namgyal, who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. His legacy, the CEC noted, reinforces the importance of acknowledging and celebrating exceptional contributions.

DC Leh Santosh Sukhadeve praised the dedication and hard work of Ladakh's officers and workers, emphasizing that the strong work culture in the region is a testament to their commitment. He expressed confidence that recognizing these outstanding individuals will serve as an inspiration to others and encouraged continued excellence and innovation across all sectors.

The District Award Investiture Ceremony was a meaningful celebration of dedication and excellence, reaffirming the community's commitment to recognizing and fostering exceptional talent and achievements.

## World Physiotherapy Day celebrated at Composite Regional Centre Jammu



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 10: In a vibrant display of community health awareness and collaboration, the Composite Regional Centre (CRC) Jammu, in collaboration with Jammu College of Physiotherapy and Team AYUSH from Ayurvedic Hospital, celebrated World Physiotherapy Day.

The event, which took place on CRC Jammu, saw active participation from a diverse group of attendees, highlighting the significance of physiotherapy in improving quality of life and promoting holistic health.

An Assessment cum Medical Awareness Camp was organised

under the guidance of Dr. Rohnika Sharma, Director, CRC Jammu.

The celebration was marked by the enthusiastic involvement of 17 students from Jammu College of Physiotherapy, 5 members of the AYUSH Team from Ayurvedic Hospital, and over 50 beneficiaries from the local community.

The day's events included informative sessions on the benefits of physiotherapy, interactive workshops, and free health screenings designed to showcase the integral role physiotherapy plays in rehabilitation and wellness.

During the camp, free assessment and Medicines were distributed

among the beneficiaries. The camp was coordinated by Dr. Devedika Padha, Lecturer Physiotherapy (Consultant) CRC Jammu (Samba).

The celebration of World Physiotherapy Day at CRC was not only a testament to the commitment of the institutions involved but also a valuable opportunity to connect with the community and promote the essential services provided by physiotherapy professionals.

## Dr. Bhavna Kaul conducts Session on Hygiene and Mental Wellbeing at SMVDU

Top News Report

KATRA, Sep 10: Dr. Bhavna Kaul, Professor and Head, Department of Paediatric Dentistry at Indira Gandhi Government Dental College and Hospital Jammu, conducted an interactive and informative session on Hygiene and Mental Well Being during the 2024 student induction program at Shri MataVaishno Devi University. Dr. Kaul emphasized



the importance of physical and mental hygiene as essential tools for leading a healthy and balanced life, improving emotional resilience,

stress management, and overall well-being.

She explained ways to maintain mental hygiene through regular practices that help preserve emo-

tional, psychological, and mental well-being.

Professor Balbir Singh, Dean of Academic Affairs, expressed gratitude to Dr. Kaul for guiding the newly admitted undergraduate and post-graduate students at the University.

Dr. Bharat Bhushan Jindal, Associate Dean of Academics (Engg.), and Dr. Kamaldeep, Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering, coordinated the event.