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BRIEFLY

Tremors felt in Delhi, neighbouring region as 5.8 magnitude earthquake strikes Pak

NEW DELHI, Sep 11 (Agencies): Earthquake tremors were felt across north India, Pakistan and Afghanistan on Wednesday afternoon. Netizens claimed that they felt tremors in Peshawar, Islamabad and Lahore in Pakistan, and New Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir in India.

The German
Research Center for
Geosciences (GFZ)
said an earthquake
of magnitude 5.8 has
struck Pakistan. The
quake was at a depth
of 10 kilometers (6.21
miles), GFZ said.

"An earthquake with a magnitude of 5.8 on the Richter Scale hit Pakistan at 12:58 pm (IST) today," the National Center for Seismology

Man dies, another injured in pickup truck accident in Kishtwar

KISHTWAR, Sep 11 (Agencies): A man died while another was injured after the vehicle, they were traveling in veered off the road near Padyarna area of Jammu's Kishtwar on, reports said Wednesday morning.

Quoting an official, news agency NVI reported that the accident this morning at Padyarna left one person dead and another injured when a pickup truck bearing registration number JK17 3894 veered off the road near Padyarra Kichtwar

arna, Kishtwar.
The official identified the deceased as Dharminder Singh, son of Kashmir Singh from Masu Padder, driver of the vehicle. Singh died on the spot, the official said.

Another person, Suman Kumar, son of Bhagat Ram from Sohal Padder, was injured and was shifted immediately to the District Hospital Kishtwar for treatment, said the official.

Father dies, son injured in Pampore accident

SRINAGAR, Sep
11 (Agencies): A man
died while his son
was injured after an
oil tanker collided with
their scooty at Drangbal
area of Pampore on
Wednesday, reports

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Assembly Polls | Kharge announces five guarantees for people of J&K



ANANTNAG, Sep 11 (Agencies): Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesday announced five guarantees for the people of Jammu and Kashmir,

including five lakh interest-free loan for women entrepreneurs and Rs 25 lakh health insurance per family, if the Congress-NC alliance is voted to power in the

Union territory.

Campaigning for the alliance candidates in this south Kashmir town, Kharge also said the Congress-NC government will give Rs 3,000 monthly to the women heads of families besides promising to restore the provision to give 11 kg grains per person through the public distribution system.

He said the promise for rehabilitation of Kashmir

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Gunfight breaks out in Udhampur

Amit Shah attacks Rahul

Gandhi over 'anti-national

statements' in US

JAMMU, Sep 11 (Agencies): An encounter broke out between security forces and terrorists in the upper reaches of Basantgarh in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, officials

The gunfight took place when troops of the first para of the Army along with police moved to Khandara top following information about the presence of a group of

back: Rahul Gandhi WASHINGTON, Sep 11 (Agencies): Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi has alleged that democracy in India for

Indian Democracy broken from

last 10 years, now it is fighting

broken. It's fighting back, but it was broken," Gandhi said.

"I have seen the government of Maharashtra just being taken away from us. I've seen it with my own eyes. I've

watched it, as our legislators have been bought in and hooked off and suddenly became BJP legislators. So Indian democracy has been under attack, has been very badly weakened, and now it's fighting back. And I'm confident that it'll fight back," Gandhi said.

"If you see the election results, does it give you more hope for a democracy in India?" he was

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Ravinder Raina faces stiff competition from Ex-BJP colleague in Nowshera

JAMMU, Sep 11 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir BJP chief Ravinder Raina, seeking re-election from Nowshera assembly constituency of Rajouri district in Jammu and Kashmir, is facing a major challenge from his former party colleague Surinder Choudhary.

BJP state President Ravinder Raina at Kargil during election campaign of LAHDC polls in September 2018.

September 2018. A former MLC, Choud-



hary is fighting the elections on a National Conference (NC) ticket and enjoys the Congress

support.
There are three more

candidates in the fray

from the Nowshera con-

stituency, including from the PDP and the BSP.

The Nowshera constituency is among the 11 assembly segments in Rajouri, Poonch and Reasi districts in Jammu region going to polls in the second phase along with 15 seats of central Kashmir districts of Srinagar, Ganderbal and Budgam on September 25. A total of 239 candidates are left in the final poll fray from these 26 constituencies.

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ED files fresh petition against Farooq Abdullah in JK cricket scam



the last 10 years was

broken, but now it is

Gandhi made these

remarks on Tuesday

while talking to reporters

at a news conference

here at the National

"I can say to you that

Indian democracy for

the last 10 years was

fighting back.

Press Club.

SRINAGAR/NEW DELHI, Sep 11 (Agencies): The Enforcement Directorate has filed an application before a court in Srinagar seeking addition of two fresh criminal charges against former chief minister Farooq Abdullah and others in the JKCA money laundering case that was quashed by the Jammu and Kashmir High Court last month.

Official sources said the agency recently submitted its plea before the court of Principal District and Sessions

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BSF Trooper injured in unprovoked firing incident in Akhnoor Sector: BSF

JAMMU, Sep 11 (Agencies): A Border Security Force (BSF) personnel was injured when Pakistani troops resorted to unprovoked firing on Indian posts in violation of a ceasefire agreement along the border here on Wednesday, offi-

cials said.

The BSF troops also retaliated but the casualties on the Pakistani side were not known immediately, they

"At about 2.35 am, an incident of unprovoked firing in the Akhnoor area from across the border happened and which was befittingly responded by the BSF. One BSF personnel sustained injuries in Pakistani firing," a spokesperson of the border guarding force said.

He said the troops are on high alert and keeping a strict vigil all along the International Border and Line of Control.

The ceasefire violation between the two countries has been very rare ever since India and Pakistan renewed the ceasefire agreement on February 25, 2021. Last year, a BSF jawan was killed in Pakistan Rangers firing in the Ramgarh sector, the first loss of life on the Indian side in more than three years.

The latest ceasefire violation comes days ahead of the first phase of the three-phase assembly elections scheduled on September 18. The second phase of the elections will be held on September 25 followed by the third phase on October 1.

Govt Officer suspended in Sgr for dereliction of duties

SRINAGAR, Sep 11 (Agencies): In view of dereliction of the Election related duties, the District Election Officer(DEO) Srinagar has ordered suspension of a Government Official with immediate effect.

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Omar Abdullah Blames BJP for Revival of Militancy in 'Peaceful' Jammu

SRINAGAR, Sep 11 (Agencies): The BJP's "mishandling" of the situation led to the revival of militancy in otherwise peaceful Jammu, NC vice president Omar Abdullah alleged on Tuesday.

With his cap in hands. Omar

Abdullah beseeched voters for

support in Ganderbal on September 4, 2024 minutes after filing his nomination

The National Conference (NC) along with its coalition partner Congress will ensure to make the region free once again from militancy after forming the next government



in Jammu and Kashmir, said Abdullah. The former chief minister

also criticised the "double engine" BJP government in the Union Territory and alleged that except for increasing the problems of the people, causing destruction and devastation, and spreading disappointment, it did nothing as "nobody in Jammu and Kashmir is ready to praise the government for even a single thing".

"Excluding intimidation and threatening, they have done nothing. They are spreading rumours **Turn to page 9**



With profound grief and sorrow, we inform that our beloved and revered mother Smt Radhika Bhan (Bhabi) wife of Late Sh Radha Krishan Bhan originally esident of Malik Bhag Zaindar Mohalla Habba Kadal Srinagar at present H.No. 41/42 Trilokpur Lane No.1, Swaran Colony Camp Road Gole Gujral Jammu attained moksha on 3rd September 2024.

Tenth Day Kriya shall be held at Muthi Ghat on 12-9-2024 (Thursday) (at 9.00 am)

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. B.L. Bharr- Son Smt. Veena Bhan- Daughter-in-Law

Sh. Ashok Bhan- Son Sh. Kukoo Ji Bhan- Son

Smt. Rajni Bhan- Daughter-in-Law Sh. Ramesh Salman- Son-in-Law

Smt. Bharti Salman- Daughter Mob.: 94192-41777, 8800617929, 94191-31650, 7006920810



Radhika Rani Bhan

Sh. Pawan Kumar Gupta

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

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

11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at Mahajan Hall near Sheetla Mata Mandir Udhampur.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Mr. Piyush Gupta (Son)

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

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform that our beloved Anjana Sapru W/o Subhash Sapru R/o Kolkata, Presently at Bharat City Tila pipeline Ghazibad Tower A4 /1002 Pin 201003 left for heavenly abode on 5th of September. TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 14th of September at Muradnagar Ghat Uttar Pradesh.

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

GRIEF STRICKEN Subash Sapru - Husband Saicesh Sapru - Son Kumar Dev Chatterjee - Brother

Shashwat, Pratistha Nancy Sapru - Aunty Sunil Sapru - Brother in law

Sherya Sapru - Daughter

ANJANA SAPRU Shweta Sapru - Sister in law Brother and Sister in law Amit and Khushboo Sapru Brother and Sister in law Sumit and Megha Sapru KALPANA MONDAL



Contact No: 9999098818,

9821262259

TENTH DAY KRIYA

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

After the KRIYA, a prayer assembly will be



DR SANJAY BHAT

held at residence at 120 C Sector 2 Pocket 2 DDA Flats opposite BhaskaraCharya College Of Applied Sciences New Delhi-110075.

N L Bhat (9622102156) Ajay Bhat(9899361973)

TENTH DAY, KRIYA & UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow and with heavy heart, we regret to inform the sad demise of our father Shri Nand Lal (S/o Late Sh. Sunder Das) R/o F-692, Resham Ghar Colony, Jammu.

Tenth Day Kriya shall be performed at 10,30 AM on 12th Sep. 2024, at his residence F-692, Resham Ghar Colony, Jammu.

Uthala shall be performed between 4 pm to 5pm on 13th Sep. 2024, at Radha Krishan Mandir, Resham Ghar Colony, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Vijay & Vineeta Malhotra (Son & Daughter in Law) Rtu & Munish Trilokia (Daughter & Son in Law) Bindu & Ashok Verma (Daughter & Son in Law) Seema & Kewal Krishan (Daughter & Son in Law) And All Grand Children

Contact: 9906283880, 9560533880, 9797575783



Shri Nand Lal

TENTH DAY KRIYA

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

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

GRIEF STRICKEN Smt. Seema Koul -Wife

Sanjay Koul -Son

Sakshi Koul -Daughter

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



OBITUARY

OBITUARIES

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad & untimely demise of our beloved Sh Brij Bushan Zalpuri (Kaka Ji) S/o Lt Sh D N Zalpuri on 5th of September 2024, at Jamshedpur, 7.00 AM. Erstwhile resident of Rainawari, Srinagar (Kmr), at present Flat No. A-6, 1st floor, Parvana Vihar apartment, Sector-9, Rohini Delhi.

Shanti Path will be performed on 14th of September 2024 at 1.00 PM onwards at our residence.

GRIEF STRICKEN Smt Jyoti Zalpuri (Wife)

Bhabis & Brothers

Smt Kavita Ji & Sh Shravan K Zalpuri Smt Kiran Ji & Sh Ashok Zalpuri- Mob 9810374473

Smt Usha Ji Kaul & Sh Shashi Ji Kaul (Sister & Brother in law) Sh Raj Zalpuri (Brother) Mob 9820844085

Mr Abhishek Zalpuri (Son)

Miss Dipti Zalpuri (Daughter) Mob. 9711282247 SAMAST ZALPURI & ZUTSHI PARIVAR

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SH GIRDHARI LAL SHARMA S/O LATE SH RAGUNATH DASS R/O 91-C. SHIV NAGAR JAMMU WHO LEFT FOR HEAV-ENLY ABODE ON 2ND SEPT. 2024

TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON 11TH SEPT. 2024 (WEDNESDAY) AT OUR RESI-

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

GRIEF STRICKEN SMT SANTOSH -WIFE

MR MUNISH -SON

MOB. 778 08 22174, 98 58 172 137

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY/KRIYA

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

We keep you close in our hearts, where you will stay, walking with us through our lives until we reunite once more.

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Shri H N Jattu original resident of Ganpatyar, Srinagar and presently at A-2385 Greenfield Colony Sector 42, Faridabad. He left for heavenly abode on 3rd Sept 2024.

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

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

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

Samast Parivar Jattu's, Sharma's, Bhat's

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

TENTH DAY KRIYA

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

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

DEEPLY GRIEF STRICKEN

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

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

AST RITES

Pune 9:00 AM Eleventh Day Kriya- 12th Sept 2024 at J701 Park Titanium

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

His beloved Daughter and Son-in-law - Sheetal and Nitin Srivastava His beloved Son and Daughter-in-law- Alok and Nidhima Wali His lovely Grand Children: Nabhit Srivastava, Myra Wali, Kyra Srivastava

His caring Brother and Sister-in-law - Inder Krishan and Baby Wali Pune Address: J701 Park Titanium, Park Street Wakad Pune

Phone: 8007072220

With profound grief & sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our Smt Sudesh Rani Kala w/o Late Sh. Sat Parkash Kala of Kishtwar on 3.09.2024 at

10th day will be performed at 11:30AM on 12/9/2024 (Thursday) at our residence H.No: 149 Sec-2, JDA Housing Colony Roop Nagar Jammu Kriya will be performed at our residence at 12:00 Noon on 14/09/2024 (Saturday).

14/09/2024 (Saturday) at Hari Mandir Rehari Colony, Jammu . GRIEF STRICKEN

Daughter & Son-in-law Smt. Archana Gupta & Sh. Chander Shekhar

Smit. Sudesh Gupta & Bharat Bhushan Gupta Smit. Usha Gupta & Dr. Satvir Gupta - Sister & Brother-in-law Smit. Kanchan Gupta Wd/o Late Sh. Suresh Gupta Smit. Sarla Dogra Wd/o Late Shri Swami Raj Dogra Samast Kala Parivar



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.

Barkhi of our beloved mother Smt. Phoola Devi, wife of Sh. Inder Parkash i will be performed at our residence, Ward number 8, near Town Hall, Rajouri on September 12, 2024 (Thursday).

Akhand Path of Ramayan will be on September 11, 2024 at 8 am, Bhog will SMT. PHOOLA DEVI be on September 12, 2024 at 8 AM.

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:-Sh. Inder Parkash (Husband) Daughters-in-law and sons: Shashi Bala and Rakesh Kumar Rita Devi and Anil Kumar

Sarita Sharma and Sunil Kumar Contact: 9596669561, 9419329290, 9797397349

10TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform that Sh. Puran Lal Kaloo S/o Late Sh Janki Nath Kaloo, Originally R/o Badiyar Srinagar and presently at Bangalore has eft this mortal world and merged with supreme consciousness on 8th Septembe 2024 at 3 am. 10TH DAY will be held at Yedyuru Vaidika

Gendra, 22nd Cross Road, Sakkamma

Garden, Jayanagar, Bengaluru 560082

Bangalore) on 16th September 2024 at 10 am

Sunita & Ramesh Kumar Dhar Mobile: 9425403824

Tenth Day will be performed on 09-09-2024 (Monday) at

Kriya will be performed on 12-09-2024 (Thursday) at

Devika Ghat Udhampur. Smt. Shashi Gupta (Wife)

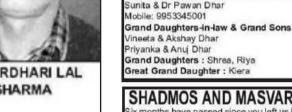
Mr. Ayush Gupta (Son)



Sh Brij Bushan Zalpuri

(Kaka Ji)





GRIEF STRICKEN:

Daughters-in-law & Sons



ix months have passed since you left us it deep grief & sorrow for your eternal journey o heavenly abode. We feel your presence verywhere and every moment because you gave us so much to remember. You will always remain in our heart because in there you are still alive.

Shadmos and Masvar of our beloved nother Lt Smt. Kishni Koul, W/o Late Sh. agger Nath Koul, original resident of alpora Wasoora Pulwama Kashmir, a

present Durga Nagar,Sector Extn 02, Jammu will be performed on 11.09.24 and Lt Smt. Kishni Koul 12.09.2024 (Wednesday & Thursday) respectively.
DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:

Son & Daughter-In-Law Sh. Mukesh Koul & Smt. Deepali Koul Sh. Mukesh Koul & Smt. Deepali Kou Ph. 705137617, 9419229210 Daughters & Son-In-Laws Smt. Pinky Ji & Sh. Tej Krishan Koul Smt. Baby Ji & Sh. Tej Krishan Bhat. Smt. Anjali Ji & Sh. Kulbhushan Koul

Grand Children Mr. Akshay & Mrs. Arunita Koul, Nitin, Vinny, Komal, Kanshika Vansh, Mudrika, Daksh.

Sh. Puran Lal Kaloo

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Raman Sethi** W/o Sh. Dinesh Sethi R/o 410/2 Suraksha Vihar Toj loura who left for heavenly abode on 3rd of Sept.

Tenth Day will be performed at our residence from 10.00 am to 11.00 am on Thursday 12th Sept. 2024. Kriya will be held at our residence on 14th of Sept. 2024 at 12.00 Noon.

Rasam Pagri/Uthala will be performed on Saturday 14th of Sept. 2024 at Trimurti Mandir near Ram Life Ground Janipur Colony Jammu from 4.00 om to 5.00 pm. Grief Stricken

Sh. Dinesh Sethi- **Husband** Rhythem Sethi- **Son** mbika- Daughter Frothers & Bhabhis

h. Khem Raj Sethi & Late Smt. Bimla Sethi h. Mahesh Sethi & Smt. Kanchan Sethi Adarash Sethi & Smt. Anu Sethi h. Arun Sethi & Smt. Monika Sethi

OBITUARY & TENTH DAY KRIYA

M.
RIEF STRICKEN:
H. BADRI NATH (HUSBAND)
ONN S. DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW
H. RAJ KUMAR PANDITA S.SMT. SANGEETA PANDIT
H. SATISH PANDITA S.SMT. PUSHIP LATA
H. SATISH PANDITA S.SMT. PUSHIP LATA
H. SUNL. KUMAR PANDITA
MT. ANJANA PANDITA
RAMAD CHILDREN: SAHIL, ASHISH, AYUSH, ANKAS TA SAHIL, ASHISH, AYUSH, AA

PLY REMEMBERED BY: KOOLA JEE ASKAR NATH SIDHA & SMT. KRISHNA JEE



Smt. Raman

Sethi

SETHI FAMILY Mob. 9682390128,

7298015910. 9596352244

10TH DAY/KIRYA

of our beloved Sh. Hari Krishan Sharma R/o Kallar, Udhampur Near BDO office. 10th Day will be performed at Doodadar Mandir, Udhampur on 12/09/2024, a

11:00 am (Thursday). Kirya Karam will be performed at Devika Ghat Udhampur on 13/09/2024 (Friday). GRIEF STRICKEN dershana Sharma -Wife

Brothers & Bhabhis Sh. Rattan Chand Sharma & Smt. Sudershan Devi Sh Yogaj Sharma & Late Smt Champa Sharma Daughter & Son-In-Law Smt. Neeraj Sharma & Sh. Rohit Sharma meet Sharma -Daughter

Mobile: 9796221545, 7889723608, 9149726670

TENTH DAY KRIYA

The Tenth-Day Kriya of Suhasini Dhar Wio Sunii I (who left for her hoaverly abode on 05 September, 2 at Delhi) will be pedermed at Munak Caral Ghat, Se 18, Rohini, Delhi, near Badii Telephone Exchange Saturday, 14th September 2024 at 9 AM. GREFSTRICKEN:Sunii Dhar - Husbard Rachna Kar - Mami Ji Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law Upesare Bhan & Brig. Vike in Bhan Brothers & Sisters-In-law Dilip Pandita & Rohini Pandita

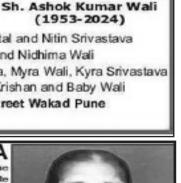
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Viricof Panditio & Indu Pandita
Sons & Daughters-In-law
Spass h Driar & Shruti Ahuja Dhar
Shructarsch Darar & Roshri Dhar
Daughter & Son-In-law
Sandiri Dhar Dwicedi & Anshuman Dwivedi
Nicces & Nephew
Roopsee Pandita, Arjita Bhan, Srijan Bhan, Diwanshi Pandita & Danish Pandita
In-laws

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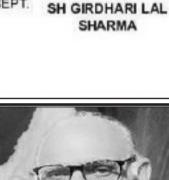
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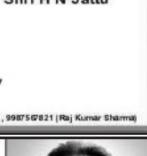
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Jammu.

UTHALA will be performed 5PM to 6PM on

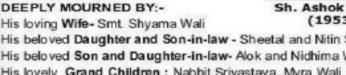


Shri H N Jattu



Those we love don't go away They walk beside us everyday Unseen, unheard, but always near Still loved, still missed and very near Tenth Day Kriya-11th Sep 2024 at Alandi

DEEPLY MOURNED BY:-



10TH DAY, KRIYA, UTHALA

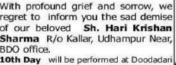
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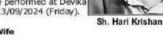
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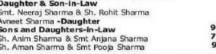


Sh. Praveen Tikku











SUHASINI DHAR (23.02.1964 - 05.09.2024)

Nirja Misri & Anil Misri Seema Dwivedi & VP Dwivedi

CS reviews functioning of Technical Education Board Laid emphasis on quality teaching and training of the candidates



Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Sep 11: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Wednesday took a detailed review of the working of the Board of Technical Education (JKBOTE) here during which he emphasised on imparting hands-on training and quality teaching to the students in the technical institutions of the UT.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, School Education Department; Secretary, Skill Development Department: Director SDD; Secretary BOTE; Registrar BOTE, besides other concerned officers

The Chief Secretary took this occasion to impress upon the board to make the polytechnic colleges and Industrial Training Institutions (ITIs) the hub of training wherefrom quality manpower is produced for industrial and technical nature of the jobs available in the market

He maintained that such institutions are least meant for providing theory lessons but chiselling the talent of-the candidates to turn them into astute professionals well-versed in their respective trades.

Top News Report

BANIHAL, Sep 11: In

a fervent campaign for

the Bharatiya Janata

Party (BJP), Senior BJP

leader and Rajya Sabha

Member of Parliament

(MP) Er Gulam Ali Khat-

ana urged the people of

Jammu and Kashmir to

reject the National Con-

ference (NC)-Congress

alliance, accusing it of

pushing the region into

Speaking at a series of

meetings in Levra Cha-

malwas, Ajnadi, Khari,

Amkoot, and Badigam

Fagow in Banihal,

Ramban, MP Khatana

highlighted the impor-

tance of continuing the

BJP's journey of peace

and progress initiated

under Prime Minister

Narendra Modi's lead-

Addressing large

gatherings in these

areas, Khatana called

on the masses to sup-

port BJP candidates in

the upcoming elections,

ership.

turmoil in the past.

that in order to enhance the employability of these pass-outs and to increase the traction of these technical courses among the students, the board should make the examination process strict with focus on imparting market-driven skills to them.

He also advised for taking necessary measures to determine the equivalence of these diplomas given by polytechnic colleges with respect to the mainstream courses offered by the School Education Department. He also asked for making the lateral entry into these courses smooth and hassle-free for the interesting candidates

The Secretary, BOTE, Shaista Shamim presented the detailed picture of the mandate, working and achievements of the Board She revealed that the nose dive in seeking of admissions in technical education institutions during past few years had been tackled well by creating awareness

in schools here. She also apprised the meeting about the current trend in seeking of admissions along with that of the courses and colleges in demand. She gave out that

NC-Congress rule left thousands orphaned

and widowed in J&K: Gulam Ali

'Vote for BJP to continue peace and progress in

the board offers admissions and conduct examinations for nearly 3500 candidates in 26 polytechnic colleges and 84 ITIs of J&K.

It was further disclosed that during the ensuing and previous academic sessions the admissions reached to about 95% with pass percentage of around

Regarding the implementation of NEP-2020, it was added that the same was successfully adopted in JKBOTE for all Polytechnics of J&K. It was said that the registration of JKBOTE with National Academic Depository (NAD), DigiLocker and Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) Portal has also been done for the overall benefit of the stu-

Regarding the conduct of examinations it was informed that these are held timely with declaration of results as per the examination/academic calendar issued on the commencement of the session.

It was further given out that all the services of JKBOTE are offered in online mode which has substantially minimized the footfall of students visit to JKBOTE for the redressal of their grievances.

they come together

because they fear a

humiliating defeat in the

elections. This is not an

alliance of principles but

one of desperation," he

Referring to former

Jammu and Kashmir

Chief Minister Omar

Abdullah contesting

from two constituen-

cies, Khatana suggest-

ed that this was a sign

of the alliance's fear of

losing credibility. "These

elections are between

the aspirations of the

people of Jammu and

Kashmir and the NC-

Congress alliance. The

fact that Omar Abdullah

is contesting from two

seats shows the fear

within the alliance. They

know their influence is

waning," he remarked.

Khatana appealed to

the people to vote for the

BJP and form their own

government, saying, "It

is time for the people of

Jammu and Kashmir to

come together and form

their own government, a

government led by the

BJP. Let us continue

the journey of peace,

prosperity, and devel-

The campaign trail

in Banihal, which has

traditionally seen a

strong presence of the

NC-Congress alliance,

witnessed enthusias-

tic support for Khatana

as he championed the

BJP's narrative of prog-

ress and stability, with

many locals express-

ing hope for a brighter

future under the Modi-

The MP was accom-

panied by Haji Yousef,

Ajaj Ahmed Sohail,

Sarpanch Iqbal Katoch,

Gulam Hussain, BJP ST

Morcha district presi-

dent, Muzzfar Ahmed

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Lone, Ab Rashid Dar,

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Rahul Gandhi is good person but he does not respect his elders: Chandel

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 11: In a press interaction, Raju Chandel, a national leader of the BJP and a candidate from Jammu and Kashmir, made critical remarks about Congress leader Rahul Gandhi.

Chandel stated that Rahul Gandhi is under the influence of Pitra Dosh (a supposed astrological curse), which he attributes to Gandhi's failure to respect his ancestors.

Chandel accused Gandhi of not visiting the grave of his grandfather, Feroze Khan, and claimed that this lack of respect has brought him misfortune.

further Chandel alleged that the Congress party is spreading politics of hatred in Jammu and Kashmir, while asserting that the region's people live harmoniously like a "bouquet." including the Muslim community who respect their elders by

visiting their graves.

According to Chandel, Gandhi's failure to honor his ancestry is preventing his success in politics.

Chandel also criticized Congress's stance on Article 370, asserting that it will never be reinstated, and accused the party of making empty promises to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He predicted that after

October 8, all the opposition parties, which he referred to as the "Maha Thugbandhan," would lose influence in the region.

Chandel Lastly, assured that if the BJP forms the government in Jammu and Kashmir after the assembly elections, they will regularize temporary employees and address their demands.

He encouraged the youth of the region to support the BJP, claiming that the party is committed to ending unemployment and securing a better future for them.

ing Assembly polls, just as

they have done in the past.

We believe in the power of

democracy, and the BJP

stands firm in its commit-

ment to the welfare and

development of the region."

with party leaders reaffirm-

ing their resolve to ensure

BJP's victory in the upcom-

ing elections, confident

that the people will stand

by them in their mission to

build a stronger and united

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Jammu and Kashmir.

The event concluded

First Capacity Building Program for Finance and Planning Officials inaugurated at IIM Jammu



Top News Report JAMMU, Sep 11: The

Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu hosted the inaugural ceremony of the first Capacity Building Program for officials from the Finance and Planning & Monitoring Department of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir at Vivekananda Classroom, Jagti on Sept 11 2024. The program under the Centre for Innovation and Transformation in Governance (CITaG), is a visionary initiative of the Planning Development & Monitoring Department, Government of J&K. This center integrates the State Institute of Transformation, NITI Aayog, Gol, the PPP Cell funded by the Department of Economic Affairs, Gol, and the Future Ready Governance initiative of the J&K Government. IIM Jammu serves as the Nodal Knowledge Part-Br. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, DRM's Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi for & on behalf of President of India, invites open e-tender for the under noted work: ner and implementing body for CITaG, guid-Name of Work Renovation of existing building of switching post over Delhi with its location Division. ing its mission to bring transformational change Approx. Cost of work to the region. The cer-Earnest Money Deposit emony began with a E-Tender Bid Online Submission Period traditional lamp light-

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IAS, Principal Secretary to the Government of J&K, Finance Department and Mohammad Aijaz Asad, IAS, Administrative Secretary, Planning Development, and Monitoring Department, Govt of J&K and presided over the inaugural ceremony on online mode. The event was Sahay, Director, IIM

graced by Prof. B.S. Jammu. Present on the occasion were Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean, Academics, IIM Jammu, Dr. Rajesh Sikka, Program Director, Dr. Ashish Kumar, Program Director, Dr. Praveen Kumar, Program Director and Dr. Harsha Jariwala, Program Director, IIM Jammu. A brief video showcasing the history and milestones of IIM Jammu was then presented, providing insight into the institution's sig-

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nificant contributions to education and governance in the region. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Rajesh Sikka, Program Director. The ceremony culminated with the National Anthem, marking the beginning of CITaG's journey towards fostering innovation and transformation in governance. The Centre for Innovation and Transformation in Governance (CITaG) at IIM Jammu is a pioneering initiative that seeks to drive positive change and innovation in governance. By focusing on capacity building, promoting public-private partnerships, and developing future-ready governance frameworks, CITaG aims to elevate Jammu & Kashmir to the level of the bestperforming states and UTs in India.

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Kavinder assumes charge as Incharge Election



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 11: Senior

Reddy further praised Kavinder's vast experience and commitment to the party's principles, while Chug lauded his strategic acumen and his role in strengthening the BJP's presence in the region.

address, thanked the party leadership for entrusting him with this crucial role. He assured that the BJP, under his guidance, would work tirelessly to achieve the objectives set forth by the Party and continue to uphold the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a prosperous and devel-

Kavinder emphasized Congress in the upcom-

and Kashmir, in the presence of G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister & In-charge, BJP, J&K, Tarun Chug, BJP National General Secretary and party workers at BJP

headquarters Jammu. sion, G. Kishan Reddy and Tarun Chug felicitated Kavinder Gupta on his new responsibility. They expressed confidence in his leadership and ability to steer the party towards success in the forthcoming

Kavinder Gupta, in his oped Jammu and Kashmir.

Reacting strongly to the comments."

that it is the people who are the true judges in a democracy. "The people of Jammu and Kashmir will give a fitting reply to the

BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Wednesday assumed the charge of Incharge Election Committee, BJP, Jammu

Speaking on the occa-Assembly elections.

recent statement made by Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, who claimed that if Congress secured more than 20 seats in the Lok Sabha polls, it would "crush the BJP," Kavinder said, "This statement reflects the mentality and ideology of the Congress, a party that once imposed the Emergency to crush the voice of the people. Now, once again, the Congress leadership shows their disregard for democratic values by making such dangerous

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asserting that it is now the responsibility of the people to elect a government that will continue the region's development. He stated, "It is the people of Jammu and Kashmir who must now elect their own government by voting for BJP candidates to keep the momentum of peace and progress going. Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji has brought about tremendous changes in Jammu and Kashmir, and under the dynamic leadership of Home Minister

the country.' Khatana did not mince words when criticizing the past regimes led by the NC-Congress alli-

Amit Shah, the region

is transforming into a

model of peace and

progress for the rest of

J&K, form your own government' ance, accusing them of misgovernance and fostering an environment of violence. "Nobody can undermine the changes that have taken place in J&K under Modi Ji's leadership. The NC-Congress alliance, which ruled the region for decades, is responsible for terrorism, strikes, stone-pelting, and other issues that plagued the state under their patronage. These dynastic parties pushed Jammu and Kashmir into the depths of chaos. leaving thousands of children orphaned and

thousands of women

widowed," he remarked. The BJP leader accused the NC-Congress alliance of introducing a gun culture in Jammu and Kashmir, which, he said, devastated the futures of countless families. "They sacrificed the well-being of thousands of families for their own political gain," he stated. In contrast, he praised Prime Minister Modi for offering hope to nationalist-minded citizens eager to contribute to nation-building. "The BJP has put pens, laptops, and quality education in the hands of your children, paving the way for a brighter future. I am

PM Modi," he added. Khatana also took a swipe at the internal contradictions within the NC-Congress alliance, calling it an alliance formed out of the lust for power rather than any genuine ideological convergence. "The NC and Congress are not united by any common cause.

Their leaders have been

at each other's throats,

proud that our people

have chosen the path

of progress under the

visionary leadership of

EDITORIAL

SECURE CYBER SPACE

reating a secure cyber space is essential in today's interconnected world, where cyber threats and attacks have become increasingly sophisticated and frequent. As technology advances, so do the tactics of cybercriminals, making it crucial for individuals and organizations to implement comprehensive security measures to protect sensitive information and maintain digital integrity.

To build a secure cyber space, it's crucial to first understand the various types of cyber threats. These include malware, which encompasses viruses, worms, and ransomware designed to damage or gain unauthorized access to systems; phishing attacks, where attackers use deceptive emails or messages to trick individuals into revealing personal information; and denial-of-service (DoS) attacks, which overwhelm systems with traffic to render them inoperative. Other threats include insider threats, where trusted individuals misuse their access, and advanced persistent threats (APTs), where attackers gain long-term access to networks to steal data.

A fundamental component of cyber security is protecting the network infrastructure. Firewalls are the first line of defense, filtering incoming and outgoing traffic to block malicious data. Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS) and Intrusion Prevention Systems (IPS) monitor network activity for suspicious behavior and take action to mitigate potential threats.

Every device connected to a network, such as computers, smartphones, and tablets, represents a potential entry point for cyber threats. Endpoint security involves using antivirus software, endpoint detection and response (EDR) tools, and regular patching of vulnerabilities to protect these devices.

Encrypting data ensures that even if it is intercepted, it remains unreadable without the correct decryption key. This applies to data at rest (stored data) and data in transit (data being transmitted over networks). Encryption protects sensitive information such as personal data, financial records, and confidential communications.

Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) adds an additional layer of security by requiring users to provide two or more verification factors before gaining access to systems. These factors typically include something the user knows (a password), something the user has (a smartphone or hardware token), and something the user is (biometric data like fingerprints or facial recognition).

Software vendors frequently release updates and patches to address security vulnerabilities. Regularly updating operating systems, applications, and firmware ensures that known vulnerabilities are fixed, reducing the risk of exploitation by cybercriminals.

Implementing strong password policies helps prevent unauthorized access. Passwords should be complex, incorporating a mix of letters, numbers, and special characters, and should be changed regularly. Additionally, avoiding the reuse of passwords across different accounts can mitigate the impact of a breach.

Educating employees and users about cyber security best practices is crucial. Regular training sessions can help individuals recognize phishing attempts, understand the importance of secure password practices, and respond effectively to potential security incidents.

Regularly backing up data ensures that in the event of a cyber attack, such as a ransomware incident, critical information can be restored. Backups should be stored securely and tested regularly to ensure they are functional and upto-date

Developing and maintaining an incident response plan is essential for effectively handling cyber security breaches. This plan should outline procedures for identifying, containing, and mitigating the effects of an attack, as well as for communicating with stakeholders and regulatory bodies.

Adhering to industry standards and regulatory requirements, such as GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) and PCI DSS (Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard), ensures that security measures meet established benchmarks for protecting sensitive information.

Creating a secure cyber space is an ongoing process that requires vigilance and proactive measures. By implementing robust security measures, understanding potential threats, and fostering a culture of security awareness, individuals and organizations can protect their digital environments from evolving cyber threats. Continuous evaluation and adaptation of security strategies are essential to staying ahead of cybercriminals and maintaining a safe and secure cyber space.

Manipur: Local ethnic 'war' turns into a national crisis

By: Wasbir Hussain

t began as a local ethnic "war" between the majority Meiteis **▲**and the minority Kuki tribal people, but 16 months down the line, the violence in Manipur has clearly become a national security issue with charges of "external" elements fishing in troubled waters. The violence suddenly escalated during the past ten days, but the disturbing part has been the use of sophisticated drones carrying payloads of rocket-propelled grenades to attack civilians. And, there has been one instance where a longrange improvised "missile system" was used that killed a 78-year-old Meitei priest at the ancestral home of Manipur's first chief minister M. Koireng near the INA Memorial in Moirang, in the state's Bishnupur district. Also Read - Kasturi M. | All that India's women really need is respect and equality Advertisement The use of drones and the long-range projectile that was fired from a distance of at least 7 km is what made the state and Central security establishment sit up and take a deeper look at the prevailing situation. The use of these weapons meant that the attackers, whichever side they belonged to, could strike at will from their safe locations and create havoc if they wanted to. Besides, it has also raised questions as to the source of these weapons because Manipur shares a 398-km-long porous border with strife-torn Myanmar. This is a serious cause for worry because civil war-torn Myanmar has any number of militias active along the border with the northeastern Indian states and having in their possession sophisticated weapons and military hardware

even for sale to Also Read - Aakar Patel | Modi's 3.0 govt to last for full 5 yrs, but can do only what allies permit raise funds. Already, Manipur has turned out to be one of the most militarised states in the country. Within months of the ethnic violence starting on May 3, 2023, agitated mobs, mainly in the Imphal Valley, looted weapons belonging mostly to state security forces. Estimates say around 5,000 automatic and semi-automatic weapons and 500,000 rounds of ammunition have been looted from armouries and other facilities belonging to the Manipur police. So, a group of people in the Imphal Valley suddenly had a lot of arms and ammunition in their hands, and, this during a blistering ethnic clash added to the security challenge in the state. On top of this, the Valley-based Meitei insurgents who had bases across the border in Myanmar appeared to have returned home in the wake of the war in Myanmar between the military junta and the pro-democracy militias. Also Read - Shikha Mukerjee | Of bulldozers, bail & bad faith in Leviathan State In the hills, the spotlight, right from the start of the ethnic upsurge, has been on the 2,000-plus Kuki rebel cadres (officially listed) under the banner of the Kuki National Organisation (KNO) and the United Democratic Front (UDF), who has been on a Suspension of Operations (SoO) agreement with the Centre and the state government since 2008. These Kuki rebels have been accused by groups in the Imphal Valley of leading the attacks of the Meiteis, along with others, a charge these SoO groups have denied. Manipur chief minister N. Biren Singh and his government wants the SoO

agreement abrogated. The SoO agreement, basically a ceasefire deal, expired in February last and has not been officially renewed, although the rebels are supposed to be still staying at the 14 designated camps. The leaders of these groups under truce say that their weapons are under double lock and key, with one set of keys with the state authorities. But, despite such claims, the SoO groups have continued to be accused by leaders and organisations in the Imphal Valley of being involved in attacks on Meiteis. Also Read - AA Edit | India's para power in Paris During the past few days, from Friday to Sunday, chief minister Biren Singh chaired two Cabinet meetings and met governor Laxman Prasad Acharya twice, alone on Saturday and along with several ministers and MLAs of the ruling alliance on Sunday. The chief minister clearly told the Centre, through the governor, to vest full powers on the state government to deal with the situation and give the charge of the Unified Command of security forces to the state. The fact that the chief minister has even made such a demand (law and order is in any case a state subject) is because Article 355 is supposed to be in force in Manipur for more than a year now. What is Article 355? This provision states that It shall be the duty of the Union to protect every state against external aggression and internal disturbance. By asking the Centre to be more proactive (not in so many words though) and seeking the charge of the Unified Command, the state leadership in Manipur seeks to send out a message that it does not have the full authority or final say as of now in handling matters on the ground. Besides, chief minister Biren Singh once again reiterated the demand for abrogation of the SoO agreement with the Kuki rebel groups, fencing of the border with Myanmar and stricter implementation of the ban on the Free Movement Regime (FMR) with Myanmar. The FMR, that allowed people of both India and Myanmar to go up to a distance of 16 km into the territory of the other country, has been discontinued after the ethnic violence. This indicates the fear or suspicion of the Biren Singh government that elements from Myanmar could be aiding the Kukis in the ongoing battle as the border regions of Myanmar is inhabited by people belonging to the same Kuki-Chin group. "I am not against the original Kukis. Our threat is from the Kuki immigrants who have been coming in from Myanmar," Mr Biren Singh has said. Drawn into the vortex of the conflict is a section of the Central security forces, particularly the paramilitary Assam Rifles, the nation's oldest paramilitary force that traces its origin to 1835. The Meitei groups and leaders accuse the Assam Rifles of been supportive towards the Kukis and therefore not playing a neutral role. The Assam Rifles, however, denies this accusation. Nonetheless, there is a move to withdraw at least two battalions of the Assam Rifles from the hill areas, something the Kukis are upset about and are opposing, saying the Assam Rifles is required to stay for their safety against the "onslaught from the Valley". If there is no end to the violence in sight, there is also no solid attempt at brokering peace between the two sides. The tragedy in Manipur, therefore, is likely to continue and become a long-drawn battle.

All that India's women really need is respect and equality

By: Kasturi M.

-n the aftermath of the recent rape and murder case at ■Kolkata's R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital, the Supreme Court has declared that the nation cannot afford to wait for another rape for change to happen on the ground. This stark observation by the highest court of the country underscores a grim reality -- that in India a woman is raped every 20 to 30 minutes. However, it is always women who are often expected to prove their innocence. Also Read - Wasbir Hussain | Manipur: Local ethnic 'war' turns into a national crisis Advertisement As a society, we have traditionally framed this issue as "violence against women", rather than recognising it as "men's violence against women". This change in wording is crucial as it correctly identifies the problem as rooted in male behaviour. However, holding the perpetrators accountable challenges the patriarchal system that shields men and suppresses any dialogue that demands their taking responsibility. Also Read - Aakar Patel | Modi's 3.0 govt to last for full 5 yrs, but can do only what allies permit The expectation for women to validate their experiences highlights a systemic issue where violence against women is often seen as a women's problem rather than a broader societal issue. Every day, 110 rape cases are reported in India, with 40 per cent involving minors, while many more go unreported. According to a Thomson

Reuters Foundation study, India

is ranked as the most dangerous country for women. Also Read - Shikha Mukerjee | Of bulldozers, bail & bad faith in Leviathan State Unfortunately, efforts to improve women's security often appear to be more about political posturing aimed at gaining votes rather than genuine attempts to address the issue. In our political system, blame game and finger pointing is overshadowing constructive problem solving in India. When all that governments and political leaders focus on more is assigning blame to previous administrations or other parties rather than addressing it as a social issue together, the problem continues to perpetuate. Also Read - AA Edit | India's para power in Paris While it's not all men, it is always men. But for every woman, every man can be perceived as a potential threat. Research into the mindset of convicted rapists shows that many do not express remorse and often try to justify their actions. They may blame their victims for dressing provocatively or behaving in ways they perceive as inviting. Some even argue that all men commit rape, but only a few are caught. This troubling attitude is not confined to those who are less aware of the laws, it can also be found among well educated people. Moreover, the movies and the media can perpetuate these harmful views, misguiding young people and reinforcing dangerous stereotypes. It's deeply concerning that both the public and media only react to some horrific rape cases, despite

the ongoing epidemic of sexual violence. In India and elsewhere, constant news coverage of such cases can lead to desensitisation rather than a call to action. Every instance of rape should prompt a change. In some Muslim-majority nations, the punishment for rape is instant death. In India, however, capital punishment is a contentious subject and the country is divided on its very utility. It is, therefore, reserved for the "rarest of rare" cases, where the offence is so severe that it demands the death sentence. However, years of data shows that the death penalty does not effectively lower violent crime rates, including rape and terrorism. The so-called "Nirbhaya" gangrape case, also known as the Delhi gangrape case, is a well-known example, where capital punishment was given to the convicts. The people's outcry that followed the crime gave birth to expectations for change in India. In this case, the Supreme Court ruled that the severity with which the act was perpetrated cannot be overlooked, and there was no hope of redemption. Hence, the accused should be hanged. The term "rarest of rare" originated in a 1980 judgment which urged judges to award capital punishment sparingly. It recommended that the judges should consider factors such as age, income, premeditation, mental illness, and prior criminal history, before opting for the death penalty. Setting such criteria essentially reserves the death penalty for the most heinous crimes. The idea is to examine all factors

influencing the individual's behaviour before deciding on execution. We have several rules in place to control such heinous crimes, but when it comes to implementation, we are found lacking. As a result, the offence is viewed differently, resulting in a miscarriage of justice. Worshipping women or mothers is widely practised in India. However, we can see the paradigm fading away these days. Women are now viewed mostly as sex objects, resulting in the rising instances of women getting raped. Due to the perverted actions of some men, a woman does not feel secure travelling alone at night, wearing short or revealing clothes, or going clubbing at night. We have several laws in place to protect their lives, yet they appear to be riddled with loopholes. One of the ways to address societal issues like sexual violence is to sensitise boys through a value-based education in both homes and schools. Education can empower individuals, and promote respect and equality, which can challenge harmful behaviour. In communities where literacy rates are low, access to information about rights and legal protections is typically low, which can contribute to a higher prevalence of such issues. Such a solution, however, would require all governments -- both at the Centre and in the states -- to come together to devise a longterm strategy to effect a change in society's perception towards women. So, the fight is essentially for respect and equality.

CEC chairs meeting to plan Ladakh Festival 2024: emphasizing cultural heritage and event coordination

Top News Report

LEH, Sep 11: Chairman/CEC Adv. Tashi Gyalson ,Leh has convened a meeting regarding the upcoming Ladakh Festival 2024 in the conference hall of Deputy Commissioner Office, Leh.

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Chairman Tsering Angchuk; Deputy Commissioner/ CEO, LAHDC, Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve; Senior Superintendent of Police, Leh, Shruti Arora; Additional District Development Commissioner, Leh, Sonam Nurboo; District Superintending Engineer PWD Dorjey Gyatso; CPO Tsewang Gyalson; Chief Controller Finance Dr. Zulfikar Ali ;Director Tourism Department, Fesal Igbal Tantray; Dy Secretary Ladakh Academy Art and Culture Tsewang



Paljor; Superintendent of Police, Traffic; Xen Construction division; Chief Agriculture Officer, Thinles Dawa; Chief Medical Officer, Leh; Chief Animal Husbandry Officer; Chief Horticulture Officer, Leh, and various officials attended the meeting.

The Ladakh Festival is set to commence on September 21, 2024, and run through September 30, 2024. This vibrant festival promises to be a grand celebration of Ladakh's rich cultural heritage and traditions.

The festival will official-

ly kick off on September 21 with an inaugural ceremony held at the Polo Ground in Leh. The day will begin with a Cultural Walk from Karzoo to the Polo Ground, setting the stage for a series of exciting events.

CEC has directed that the Ladakh Festival 2024 be celebrated with grandeur and efficiency. They reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the various departments and committees involved, and discussed the scheduled itinerary of events for the festival

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Throughout the festival
val, attendees can look
through social media campaigns, hoardings, and local media such as

Red FM.

The Ladakh University students will also play a role in welcoming guests at the airport, ensuring a warm reception for all attendees. Temporary branded gates will be installed at key locations including the Airport Road, Polo Ground, and Eco Park to enhance visibility and engagement.

A special attraction at the festival will be the TRIFED stall at Eco Park, dedicated to showcasing Ladakhi arts and crafts.

Content creation will be supported by professional photographers and videographers, along with local influencers who will help promote the festival through various platforms.

In closing the meeting, the CEC expressed hope that the Ladakh Festival would be a resounding success.

Executive Councillor, Agriculture flags off farmers' exposure tour to Kashmir Valley



Top News Report

LEH, Sep 11: Executive Councillor for Agriculture, LAHDC Leh, Stanzin Chosphel, inaugurated an exposure tour for a group of farmers from Khaltsi block to the Kashmir Valley. This initiative, organized under the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) scheme, aims to provide

local farmers with valuable insights and knowledge through visits to various research stations and farms in the region.

The event held at the Leh Agriculture Department premises, was attended by Chief Agriculture Officer Thinles Dawa and other departmental officers.

The tour is expected to enhance the farm-

ers' understanding of advanced agricultural practices and foster better farming techniques

By exposing farmers to innovative methods and successful practices in the Kashmir valley, the initiative seeks to promote sustainable agricultural growth and improve productivity in the Khaltsi block.

GDC Marheen organizes Signature Campaign to encourage students about right to cast vote

Top News Report

MARHEEN, Sep 11: Voter Literacy Club of GDC Marheen organized Signature Campaign to encourage the students to make them aware about their right to cast their vote.

The programme was organized under the patronage of the Principal of the college Prof.

(Dr.) Anupama Gupta.

The principal personally shared her views about the related topic and guided the students to cast their vote with full enthusiasm in the upcoming J&K Legislative Assembly Election 2024

She also cleared the queries raised by the students on the spot. Further the Principal

appreciated the staff members for initiating such activities inside the college campus to make students become responsible future citizens of our country and can contribute a lot in the development of their society as well as for the nation. Students of the college actively participated in the pro-

GDC Marh inaugurates QR code-enabled bank account for college's Alumni Association

Top News Report

forward to a variety of

activities including tradi-

tional archery and horse

Cultural performances

from different regions

of Ladakh will be held

daily, providing a deep

dive into the local heri-

In addition, the festival

will feature an archival

exhibition, a heritage

walk from Leh Palace to

Chokhang Vihara, and

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The festival will be

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JAMMU, Sep 11: In a pioneering move for the J&K Higher Education Department, Government Degree College (GDC) Marh has inaugurated its first-ever QR code-enabled bank account for the college's registered Alumni Association.

This innovative step aims to streamline contributions and donations from alumni and the public, fostering stronger ties between the institution, its former students, and the broader community.

Principal Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul, while addressing the inauguration ceremony, emphasized the importance of this initiative.

He highlighted how it will not only strengthen the bond between the college and its alumni but also contribute positively towards fulfilling NAAC accreditation cri-

teria.

Dr. Koul encouraged

She assured Chair-

man Gyalson of her

the people of Jammu to make donations at their convenience, assuring that the funds raised would be dedicated to student-centered development projects within the college and the Marh area, benefiting both students and

alumni.
Dr. Koul also commended the efforts of Atul Narayan Singh, President of the GDC Marh Alumni Association (GDCMAA), and Akhil Sharma, General

Secretary of GDCMAA, for their hard work in making the QR code bank account a reality.

Special recognition was given to Ramesh Bhat, Branch Manager of J&K Bank, Marh, for expediting the account opening process.

It is noteworthy that the Alumni Association of GDC Marh is registered under the Cooperative Societies Act, 1860, with registration no. 577-CSA of 2023, dated October 10, 2023. The inauguration ceremony took place in the office of the Principal's Chamber, in the presence of IQAC Convenor Prof. Imtiaz Shahid, HOD Education Dr. Ashu Jolly, HOD EVS Prof. Anjana Chib, alongside staff members Mohd. Yaqoob, Mohit Kalotra, Rachhpal Lal, and Rohit Chib.

This development marks a significant milestone for GDC Marh in advancing its alumni engagement efforts.

Shaker chiktan delegation meets CEC LAHDC

Top News Report

LEH, Sep 11: A delegation from Shakar Chiktan including nominated Councillor Hakima Khatoon, President Kacho Shameem Mandal, General Secretary Haji Hussain, Senior Leaders Own Ali, Sajjad Hussain, Ghulam Qadri, and Younus Ali, as well as Senior Workers Khalil Khan and Mohd Ismail Khan call on Chairman/ CEC. LAHDC Leh. Tashi Gyalson.



CEC extended congratulations to Hakima Khatoon on her recent nomination, expressing support for her upcoming endeavors. Nominated Councillor

Khatoon conveyed her profound gratitude for CEC support and reaffirmed her commitment to working with unwavering diligence.

During the meeting,

several key issues concerning women's rights were brought to the forefront. Khatoon highlighted the critical need for women's reservation within the Karqil council. steadfast dedication to addressing these pressing challenges. Khatoon emphasized her commitment to aligning her efforts with the responsibilities and expectations set forth by the Prime Minister, Home Minister, Lieutenant Governor, and the BJP party, vowing to advance the cause of women's empowerment with resolute determination.

DPS Jammu students shine in Pancak Silat & Taekwondo Championships



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 11: Students of Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu brought laurels to the school and their parents by winning gold medals in District Jammu Pencak Silat Championship organized by J&K Pencak Silat Association held at Bhagwati Nagar Indoor Stadium, Jammu from August 30

to 31, 2024. Further, all the students are also selected for the state championship to be

held later at Srinagar.

Mahika Sharma (X-G)
won one gold and one
silver medal, Rigved
(X-G) won gold medal,
Kriti Badyal (VIII-E)
won gold medal, Raizel
(VI-C) won gold medal,
and Shashwat Badyal
(III-C) won gold medal.
Whereas, Ayaan

Mahajan (X-K) got 1st position in Inter-Divisional District level Taekwondo Tournament held on August 22, 2024 and he has also been selected for the state level championship to be held later.

The management DPS Jammu, President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC- Dr. Ritu Singh, Director- S.S Sodhi along with Principal-DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chabra and staff congratulated all the winners, their parents and coach, Suresh Kumar for their achievement. They also extended their best wishes to them for all their future endeavours

Dr. Sunil Sharma exposes fraudulent practices of Sushma Builders and Suksha Developers

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 11: Dr. Sunil Sharma, a retired Senior Consultant Physician from J&K Health Services, addressed a press conference today to highlight the fraudulent activities of Sushma Builders and Suksha Developers, based in Chandigarh.

Dr. Sharma detailed his unfortunate experiences with the builders, beginning shortly after his retirement in September 2018. He was approached by their marketing representatives, Raman Sharma and Vibhu Bhasker, who persuaded him to invest in their real estate projects. In early 2019, Dr. Sharma invested Rs. 16 lakhs in a studio



apartment at Sushma Crescent, Zirakpur, with a promised possession date by the end of 2020. Despite making payments on schedule amounting to Rs. 14 lakhs, the possession was delayed indefinitely. In August 2022, Dr. Sharma secured a written agreement stating he would either receive possession or a refund within 90 days. However, neither condition was fulfilled.

In a second investment, Dr. Sharma purchased office space in Sushma Metropol, Zirakpur, through a "Buy Back Offer" valued at Rs. 23.61 lakhs. The builder promised assured monthly returns until September 2023, after which Dr. Sharma opted to reclaim his principal amount. Two postdated cheques totaling

Rs. 23.61 lakhs were issued by the builder but were dishonored with the reason "Payment Stopped by Drawer." Despite repeated attempts to resolve the matter, including visiting Chandigarh, the builder refused to return the funds.

Dr. Sharma has taken legal action, filing complaints in both Jammu and RERA Chandigarh. He also escalated the matter by writing to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi. The Prime Minister's office referred the case to the DGP Chandigarh, leading to the registration of FIR No. 7 dated August 31, 2024, under sections 406, 420, and 120B of the

IPC with the Economic

Offense Wing, Sector 17, Chandigarh.

Through this press release, Dr. Sharma appeals to the media to ensure that the FIR is acted upon swiftly and that legal proceedings are expedited to hold Sushma Builders accountable.

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He also urges the public, especially potential investors, to be cautious and avoid investing with Sushma Builders and Suksha Developers, warning that their practices have proven to be dishonest and unethical.

Dr. Sharma's call for media support aims to prevent further victimization and ensure that justice is served, urging the authorities to return his hard-earned retirement funds with dignity.

Fresh Talent shines at SMVDU's Annual Talent Hunt Program

Top News Report

KATRA, Sep 11: The vibrant Matrika Auditorium was abuzz with energy and enthusiasm as SMVDU held its much-anticipated Talent Hunt Program, organized by the Board of Cultural Activity (BCA), SMVDU showcasing the remarkable talents of the university's freshers. The event, a highlight of the university's cultural calendar, saw an impressive array of performances from new students eager to make their mark. From melodious vocal performances and instrumental solos to captivating dance routines, bhangra, and dramatic skits, the stage was set for a celebration of creativity and youthful energy. Dean of Students Welfare, Prof. R.K. Mishra inaugurated the event with the lamp lighting ceremony and an inspiring address, emphasizing the importance of nurturing and showcasing student talent. He commended the

freshers for their courage and creativity, noting that such events are crucial in fostering a vibrant campus culture. Dr. Rahul Sharma, the Cultural Coordinator, and Dr. Rakesh Thusoo, the BCA President, played pivotal roles in organizing the event. Their dedicated efforts ensured that the Talent Hunt was a well-executed and memorable experience for everyone involved. In addition to the individual acts, group performances brought a sense of camaraderie and teamwork to the stage, highlighting the collaborative spirit of the university community. The audience, composed of students, faculty, and staff, cheered on the performers with enthusiastic support, creating an encouraging atmosphere throughout the event. Overall, the Talent Hunt was a resounding success, reflecting the vibrant and dynamic culture at SMVDU and setting a promising tone for future university events.

'They called me back after 10 years: Shah Rukh **Khan's epic IIFA return**

King Khan asks Karan Johar 'when are you going to make films?'

Superstar Shah Rukh Khan has teased his friend and filmmaker Karan Johar for hosting more chat shows and directing lesser films.

Shah Rukh and Karan, who are set to host the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards 2024, have worked together in several hit movies such as "Kuch Kuch Hota Hai", "Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham...", "My Name is Khan", and "Kabhi Alvida Naa Kehna".

At the press conference of the IIFA Awards on Tuesday evening, Shah Rukh pulled Karan's leg for being less active on the directorial front.

"He hosts chat shows, film shows. Picturein bhi toh bana mere bhai (When are you going to make films, my brother?)" said the superstar, eliciting laughter from the filmmaker.

Karan, whose last directorial was 2023's "Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani", admitted Shah Rukh was right.

"This is sounding so wrong on so many levels for a filmmaker. That I should be making movies. (But) That is exactly what I should be doing," said the filmmaker, who also hosts the popular celebrity chat show "Koffee With Karan".

IIFA Awards, the three-day award gala, returns to Yas Island, Abu Dhabi, for the third consecutive year and will be held from September 27 to 29. Actor Vicky Kaushal will join Shah Rukh and Karan on the stage as a host.

There will also be performances by veteran actor Rekha and



ing but you are in Vancouver,

Toronto, Malaysia, do it (IIFA)

here in Borivali or in film city like

others do. But their vision is big,"

For the first time, IIFA Awards

2024 is bringing together the

best of both Hindi and South

film industries—Tamil, Teluqu,

Malayalam, and Kannada, with

an aim to celebrate and honour

the richness and diversity of

Indian cinema by showcas-

ing Bollywood flair at the IIFA

Awards and vibrant South

Indian cinema at IIFA Utsavam,

which marks the beginning of

Telugu star Rana Daggubati,

who will host IIFA Utsavam with

Teja Sajja, also attended the

Shah Rukh said this year's

"IIFA has always thought of

taking Indian cinema, now with

the inclusion of Malayalam,

edition of IIFA is "more Indian"

press conference on Tuesday.

the grand event.

than ever.

he added.

stars such as Shahid Kapoor, Janhvi Kapoor, and Kriti Sanon.

"I'm so privileged to be hosting this show with Vicky and Karan, and all the amazing talent. Some of us are present here this evening. And of course, there's going to be great performances to follow. There's going to be Shahid, Vicky, Jahnvi, Kriti, and of course, the most wonderful star of them all, Rekha ji," said Shah Rukh.

The "Pathaan" star, who is returning to the IIFA stage as a host after almost a decade, said he wanted to present all editions of the awards show but the dates didn't match

"They called me once to host (IIFA), they are calling me back after 10 years," he guipped, saying these days it's important to "clarify" when it's a joke.

"IIFA is being hosted all around the world, which makes us very proud. And more often than not I've had to beg them 'I'm shoot-

Kannada, Tamil and Telugu and Hindi cinema (to the world)...

"This is even more Indian than it has ever been before. Keeping up with your vision, I'm thankful now for trying to come back after so many years, I hope we can present it well and keep people entertained." Rana recalled being hosted by Shah Rukh at his house in Dubai for an afterparty some time ago.

"He is so hospitable. He has actually entertained the entire four (South) industries, not only as an actor but also as a human being," he said.

The actor also thanked Karan, who presented the Hindi version of his two-part epic fantasy film "Baahubali", for supporting South cinema.

"And really Karan, it started with you. The fact that we got 'Baahubali' here (in the north)... (It was) the first time all the languages started speaking cinema in some form. Thank you for that," Rana added.

The press conference was also attended by "Yudhra" actor Siddhant Chaturvedi and "Stree 2" star Abhishek Banerjee. They will host IIFA Rocks 2024, the musical extravaganza which will bring down the curtain on the

As he stepped on to the stage, Shah Rukh took a moment to congratulate Abhishek on the success of "Stree 2", his latest release.

"Abhishek, it's so wonderful to see you live after watching your wonderful film. I've been wanting to call you," he said.

Zeenat Aman reveals why she finds 'most designer outfits unwearable'



Veteran star and fashion icon Zeenat Aman is a casual dresser and said that she finds most designer outfits unwearable

Zeenat took to Instagram, where she shared a picture of herself wearing a sculpted 3D dress in earthy shade, which she said is giving her best dog breed 'Komondor' impression.

'I've been blessed by the hand of many a genius in my life. The very best in not just cinema, but also fashion. The formidably talented Bhanu Athaiya, India's first Academy award winner, designed

Under the watchful eyes

my costumes for over 15 movies including Satyam Shivam Sundaram,' she wrote.

She said Athaiya was prolific and meticulous. and soon after our first partnership had a mannequin made to her measurements.

'It would stand in her studio, and on this inanimate bust she would actualise the fantastical ideas that appeared in her mind. I only had to pop in very occasionally for trials, an arrangement that was most suitable to my schedule.'

Zeenat minced no words when she said that no other designer

A self-taught director,

in the actress' life has come close to creating outfits for her 'that were as comfortable as they were sensual'.

'I am constantly tickled by my persona as a woman of high fashion. Those who know me know that I am quite the casual dresser. One who finds most designer outfits unwearable!' she said.

The actress added, 'An impossibly wealthy friend of mine, with museumesque mansions in Dubai and London, would routinely gift me haute couture and then rue the fact that their fate was to moulder in my wardrobe. It's an unfortunate fate shared by my most prized heirlooms.

Talking about her most meaningful clothing, Zeenat said, 'My mother's exquisite saris, the most meaningful clothing I own, also languish in the depths of my closet. Perhaps one day I will have the wherewithal to wear them or repurpose them into new outfits more suitable to my taste.'

'Anyway, here I am. Giving my best Komondor (it's a dog breed, look it up and tell me if I'm wrong) impression. All in the name of fashion,' she added, describing her look.

Prajakta Koli: I'm most confident when I'm comfortable

Prajakta Koli has made a mark for herself in digital creation as well as the acting world, but she feels her journey with fashion has "just started". "Growing up, I was always trying to fit in, I didn't have a clear sense of personal style. It wasn't until about two years ago that I began to find my own style. I've become more confident in my own skin, my body, and my work," she says, adding, "Comfort remains my top priority: I'm most confident when I'm fortable in what I'm wearing."

Coming from the world of social media where appearance is judged the most, Prajakta admits feeling the pressure to present herself as more glamorous than she is. "There were times when I felt unsure of how to carry an outfit as I felt the pressure to meet expectations of how one should dress. However, as I've matured, I've stopped worrying about what's expected and what's deemed appropriate for different occasions," she

Ask the 31-year-old about her fashion influence and she shares, "I love observing and experimenting with ideas I pick up from others' style. Even my parents' college photos have inspired me. My father's mid-rise baggy jeans and sweater vests from that era seem especially cool to me."

Reflecting on her nine years' journey in showbiz, Prajakta admits that it feels surreal looking back at the milestones she has achieved. "I'm very proud of the secure upbringing my parents provided, which has contributed to my sense of security. I'm constantly overwhelmed, but I see it as a positive thing. It is a sign that I'm fully engaged and present," shares the actor, who has the web shows Mismatched 3 and Andhera in



the pipeline.

Prajakta also has her soon-to-be published book, Too Good to Be True in her kitty. Mention all these hats she is juggling between acting, writing, content creation and more, and she says, "I never expected to take on so many different projects, but I embrace opportunities and challenges as they come. I appreciate the unpredictability and the chance to try new things. Whether they work out or not, I value the experience."

Having represented India globally on various platforms, Prajakta shares, "There is a lot of pressure and responsibility, but it's wonderful to be introduced as Prajakta Koli from India; it fills me with pride. I remember visiting the United Nations in 2018 and touching the Indian flag for the first time. It was an incredible feeling, and I strive to chase that sense of pride," she ends.

Vinay Shukla, whose documentary While We Watched bagged the Peabody Award, says with his dry humour, journalist Ravish Kumar made for a great protagonist Once an 'Insignificant

Man', Vinay Shukla has come a long way. His journey from being a cinema buff to becoming one of the leading men in documentarymaking is an inspiration for many. The recent one, While We Watched, received the Peabody Award in June, which revolves around renowned prime-time journalist Ravish Kumar fighting propagandadriven misinformation and receiving death threats, as he continued to bring grassroots issues to the fore. It would be apt to say, 'While We Watched, Vinay Shukla filmed'! Shukla, humbled by the award, says, "These are awards that for years were given to my favourite films and directors. So, personally I feel like an imposter to receive this honour. But also feel grateful to be receiving it for my team. It represents their hard

Recalling his journey as a director, Shukla recalls 2011 when his friend Khushboo Ranka



wanted to cover the Jan Lokpal protest movement in India. As they together went with their cameras to document it, unlike billions of Indian citizens, they also didn't know that it would transform into something big and also the formation of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). His first documentary, An Insignificant Man, also went to festi-

vals and his co-director Khushboo later became the producer of While We Watched. He says, "For most of the months that we shot, there was no audio. We got better sound system, learnt about software and editing. So, in other words, we learnt on the job and also established a core team while working on that project."

Shukla says we have long moved past the times when learning in an institute was a necessity to become a filmmaker. "In today's time, mics are not scarce but many have nothing to say. The same way, it's tougher to decide, kehna kya hai (what to say through your films) than to study theory and practicality of direction. I was very privileged as a child to be exposed to world cinema, and fortunate further to have the right friends and community that helped me understand cinema in a better way." Shukla's film is available on Mubi and shown as part of Mubi Top 1000 and New Voices.

About his favourite scene from While We Watched, he says is the opening shot where Ravish is strolling through the debris of one broken floor of NDTV office. Shukla has given more than two years of his life to While We Watched, and talking about the making of it recalls, "We had approached Ravish for the documentary and he obliged, but permissions were needed from his employers — NDTV. During the shoot, I had seen him work and learnt from him that 'there's beauty in detail'. He would write 10,000 words daily and did not believe in bullet-point newsmaking." Shukla jokes that many would ask why Ravish and not any other journalist, like Nidhi Razdan or Sreenivasan Jain, but he has realised that 'English people love English people'! "In my mind, I see a great protagonist in Kumar. Also, his dry humour intensified the narrative. I wish I could add more of it into the documentary."

Shukla refuses to be put in a box as documentary filmmaker and shares how his first attempt at filmmaking was a fictional short film, Bureaucracy Sonata (Raag Sarkari), in 2011. He is currently focused on promoting Shasn, which isn't a film but a political strategy board

Filmmaker Rupinder Korpal, whose short film Mohabbat Di Mitti has been doing the rounds at festivals, wants to take the treasure of literature to the screen

Bringing the rich literary heritage into films is what theatre artiste and filmmaker Rupinder Korpal aspires for. His debut short film Mohabbat Di Mitti is based on Ram Saroop Ankhi's book. The 21-minute film has been doing the rounds at festivals, has witnessed 35 official selections and won 20 awards so far! An elated Korpal says, "I considered many stories but on suggestion of our lead actor Sukhpal, we zeroed down on Mohabbat Di Mitti for it made the best possible bet for visual drama.'

A Masters in Theatre and Television from Punjabi University, Patiala, Korpal has cast his theatre fellows Sukhpal Bajwa and Sandeep Kaur in the lead roles. The high of this project for them was a clay statue that was made by an artiste named Janak. "It's a love story between a well-to-do girl and a not-so-well-to-do boy. We needed a life-size statue of the female lead of our story and Janak delivered in one day."

The film has won multiple honours at Indie Shorts Film Festival, One Leaf International Film Festival, Bioscope Cine Inter-



national Film Festival, Ma Boli International Punjabi Film Mela, among others. Festival circuit wasn't a plan, but Korpal aims at a YouTube release. When some OTT players expressed interest in his film, he thought of taking it to festivals, a move that paid off. He has no plans to release it for the masses though. "It's a slow film that needs patience. Theatre-goers might click with the tenor of our film, but it's not for everybody. We have done some screenings and plan to hold a few for the discerning audience," he says. Korpal clears that he is not

making films for money. "I want to bring the treasure of our literature on to the screen and take it to non-readers." For finances, he does photography, cinematography and shoots music videos. Already in preproduction of his next venture, he says, "It's based on Gurbachan Singh Bhullar's story Tori Di Vel." It deals with young girl married to a much older man. "The pre-production of our film is complete and I can't wait to take to take it to the floors," says the writerdirector, who intends to adapt the story to suit contemporary times.

"It's our dream to have Indian-made chip in every device in world": PM Modi

PM Narendra Modi made a pitch to boost investments in domestic manufacturing of semiconductors at the SEMICON 2024 conference.

GREATER NOIDA, Sep 11 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said the resilience of supply chains is critical for the economy as he made a pitch to boost investments in domestic manufacturing of semiconductors -- the foundation of everything from smartphones to EVs and Al. Speaking at the SEMICON 2024 conference on the outskirts of the national capital, the Prime Minister said the Covid pandemic showed the importance of the supply chain and underscored the need to act to ward off any disruption.

"Resilience of the supply chain is very important," he said. "India is working to create the same in different sectors of the economy." The world witnessed supply shocks during Covid-19, as stringent mea-



sures to control the spread of pandemic in China affected the industries and sectors dependent on imports from that country. One of the sectors impacted was chips that form a critical part of every electronic device. PM Modi showcased India's reformist regime, stable policies and a market that has tasted technology to make a strong pitch for investments in semiconductor manufacturing.

"It is our dream to have an Indian-made chip in every device in the world," he said and added that "We will do everything that is needed to make India a semiconductor powerhouse." Talking of steps taken by his government to boost semiconductor manufacturing, he said a reformist government, a growing manufacturing base and an aspirational market that has tasted technology provide a 'Three-D Power' for chip making in the country.

"Today's India inspires confidence in the world. When the chips are down, you can bet on India," he said.

He said investment of over 1.5 lakh crore has already been committed in semiconductor manufacturing and many projects are in the pipeline.

Two more children, both 11, attacked by lone wolf in UP's Bahraich

BAHRAICH, Sep 11 (Agencies): Two more children were attacked by the lone wolf in Uttar Pradesh's Bahraich in the early hours of Wednesday. The children, both 11, were sleeping when they were attacked.

Bahraich has seen a series of wolf attacks in the past one and half months, with over 10 people, including nine children, being killed due to the attacks. At

least 36 people have been injured due to wolf attacks in Bahraich as well.

The forest department has captured five out of the pack of six wolves, who terrorised the residents in Bahraich under 'Operation Bhediya', and the lone male wolf left in the region attacked two children early on Wednesday.

The wolf attacked 11-year-old Suman in Gadarian Purwa vil-

lage in Bahraich district. The wolf entered their house at around 12 am and caught the girl by her neck while she was sleeping on the cot and dragged her to the nearby field. Her family members called for help, following which other villagers entered the field and chased away the wolf. Suman's family said that they were unable to install doors in their house as

they were poor. She has

been admitted to the district hospital in Bahraich. In the second inci-

dent, the wolf attacked 11-year-old Shivani in Khairighat village in Bahraich. This attack happened at around 4 am when Shivani was sleeping with her mother in their thatched hut. The wolf grabbed the girl by her neck and was taking her away. However, villagers started chasing it, following which it ran

away. Report of the wolf showing pug marks. She has been admitted to the Community Health Center (CHC) in Mahasi.

The forest department had formed several teams to patrol the areas in the night and was using elephant dung and urine to drive away the wolves.

The Uttar Pradesh government has declared the wolf attacks as a 'wildlife disaster'.

Situation 'under control' as students clash with police in Manipur

IMPHAL, Sep 11 (Agencies): The situation in Manipur remained tense but under control on Wednesday after students clashed with security forces during their march to Raj Bhavan here a day before, police said.

According to a senior officer, the curfew, that was imposed in Imphal on Tuesday afternoon. continued to be in place this morning, while additional security forces

were deployed and frequent patrolling by policemen was underway in the town to avoid any untoward incident.

"The situation remains tense but under control,' he said.

A clash broke out between students and security forces during a march to the Raj Bhavan here on Tuesday.

The government on Tuesday evening issued an amended order, stating that the suspension of internet services in the wake of intensified agitation by students applies only to the five valley districts.

The agitating students attempted to march towards the Raj Bhavan in Imphal to press for their demands to remove the DGP and security advisor to the

state government. The police had fired tear gas shells to disperse students who were accused of pelt-

ing security forces with stones in Khwairamband and Kakwa Naorem Leikai areas in the state capital.

More than 55 students were injured in the clashes and admitted to RIMS hospital, a students' body claimed.

The Raj Bhavan, in a statement issued late on Tuesday night, said. "Representatives of students met Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya and submitted a memorandum. They urged the governor to take appropriate steps to fulfil their demands.

The governor assured them that he would take steps in the best interest of the students and the people of Manipur, the statement added.

Meanwhile, search operations and area domination exercises were underway in the Kangpokpi district and arms and explosives were recovered.

Amit Shah attacks Rahul Gandhi over 'anti-national statements' in US



NEW DELHI, Sep 11 (Agencies): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday blasted Congress MP Rahul Gandhi for making "anti-India" and "anti-national" remarks during his trips abroad. He said Gandhi has "always threatened the nation's security and hurt sentiments".

"Standing with forces that conspire to divide the country and making anti-national statements have become a habit for Rahul Gandhi and the Congress party. Whether it is supporting the JKNC's anti-national and antireservation agenda in J&K or making anti-India statements on foreign platforms, Rahul Gandhi has always threatened the nation's security and hurt sentiments," he tweeted.

"Rahul Gandhi's statement lays bare the Congress's politics of causing rifts on the lines of regionalism, religion, and linguistic differences.'

The Union Home Minister also blasted Gandhi on the issue of reservation, saying that "by speaking about abolishing reservations in the country, Rahul Gandhi has once again brought the Congress's anti-reservation face to the forefront".

"The thoughts that were in his mind eventually found their way out as words. I want to tell Rahul Gandhi that as long as the BJP is there, neither can anyone abolish reservations nor can anyone mess with the nation's security."

Amit Shah's tweet came a day after Rahul Gandhi spoke on reservation, as well as religious freedom in India,

causing a political storm.

While addressing an interactive session at Georgetown University in Washington D.C., the Congress MP said "we should think of scrapping reservations only when India becomes a fair place. And India is not a fair place right now".

On religious freedom in India, the Congress MP said at an event in Virginia that the "fight (in India) is about whether a Sikh is going to be allowed to wear a turban...whether a Sikh will be allowed to wear a kada or go to the Gurudwara. That's what the fight is about, and it's not just for Sikhs, but for all religions".

His statements have caused a political storm and drew sharp criticism from top BJP leaders.

7 workers killed as mini-truck overturns in Andhra Pradesh

AMARAVATI, Sep 11 (Agencies): Seven people were killed when a mini-truck they were travelling in overturned in Andhra Pradesh's East Godavari district on Wednesday, police said.

Two others were injured in the accident that occurred in the Chilakavari Pakala area of Chinnaigudem on the highway connecting East and West Godavari districts.

The mini-truck, laden with cashew nuts, was on its way from Borrampalem of Eluru district to Tadimalla in East Godavari district. Police said the accident occurred when the driver lost control. The vehicle veered off the road and overturned in the adjoining agricultural field.

Nine labourers, who

Protesting doctors get invite to meet Mamata

were travelling on the mini-truck, got trapped under the sacks of cashew nuts. While seven of them died on the spot, the police rescued two others and shifted them to a nearby hospital.

The police with the help of locals pulled out the bodies from beneath the sacks and shifted them to Kovvuru Government Hospital for autopsy.

According to police, the driver fled the scene after the accident. A case has been registered, and an investigation is underway.

Six of the deceased were identified as Burraiah (40), Tammireddy Satyanarayana (45), P. Chinna Musalaiah (35), Kattava Krishna (40), Kattava Sattipandu (40) and Tadi Krishna (45), all residents of Samishragudem mandal. The seventh deceased Bukka Prasad hailed from Kata Koteswara in Nidadavolu mandal.

One of the injured was identified as Ganta Madhu while the details of the other injured were not known.

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has expressed grief over the road accident. He conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased.

Pawan Kalyan said he was pained to learn about the ghastly mishap and the tragic deaths of seven workers in East Godavari district. He assured that the government would extend all possible help to the families of the victims.

Locals, cops clash in Shimla during protest over 'illegal' construction in mosque

SHIMLA, Sep 11 (Agencies): Shimla witnessed chaotic scenes on Wednesday as locals clashed with police during a protest march over alleged illegal construction inside a mosque complex in the city.

Visuals from Shimla protesters showed toppling police barricades and security personnel resorting to lathicharge and water cannons to control the crowd. The protesters were heard chanting slogans such as "Himachal Ne Thaana Hai, Devbhoomi Ko Bachana Hai" and "Bharat Mata Ki Jai.

The march was called to protest against the alleged illegal construction of extra floors in a mosque located in Shimla's Sanjauli area. Earlier, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu had said that while people have the right to protest, they should do so peacefully and without damaging



public property. "There have never

been communal riots in our state. Himachal is known as Devbhoomi. Currently, the situation is normal and everyday public life is running smoothly. Protesting is the right of the people, but everything should happen within the limits of the law", Himachal Pradesh Minister Rohit Thakur echoed Sukhu after the prohibitory orders were issued.

Sukhu had also said that the issue of the alleged illegal construction at the Sanjauli mosque was being heard by a local municipal court and that law would take its course.

"We held meetings with the stakeholders and are hopeful that the protest would be peaceful", SP Sanjeev Kumar Gandhi said while appealing to the locals who joined the protests.

The protesters defied the prohibitory orders issued on Tuesday in the area following escalating tension over the alleged construction of extra floors in the mosque and calls for a shutdown by some Hindu organisations.

Earlier on Wednesday, a heavy presence of police forces was seen in the Dhalli tunnel before the protest march. Vehicles were also being checked at police posts in order to see to it that no untoward incident takes place.

cies): The West Bengal government has invited doctors protesting over the rape and murder at RG Kar Medical College for a meeting with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee at 6 pm today. A letter by Chief Secretary Manoj Pant suggested that the delegation of doctors meeting the Chief Minister com-

prise 12-15 members.

KOLKATA, Sep 11 (Agen-

Earlier, the protesting doctors had said they were open to a meeting with the Chief Minister. The doctors have been protesting outside Swasthya Bhawan, the state health secretariat. Their demands include action against those guilty in the August 9 rape-murder of a 31-year-old doctor, those involved in an alleged cover-up, and the resignation of top officials, including the Kolkata Police Commissioner and Health Secretary.

Doctor Aniket Mandal, a representative of the doctors, said they have come to know from media reports that the Chief Minister is ready to meet them. "To clarify this, we will send a mail to the CM's office and put



forward our demands. We want to talk to the Chief Minister," he told agency.

Today is the 33rd day of the Kolkata doctors' protest over the rape-murder incident that has shaken the country. In the aftermath of the incident, allegations of massive corruption within the state healthcare apparatus have emerged. Dr Sandip Ghosh, former principal of RG Kar Medical College, has been arrested by the CBI in connection with alleged financial irregularities in

the hospital. The protesting doctors are

demanding the removal of top officials of the state health department, including health

secretary Narayan Swaroop

Nigam. Earlier, the state government said it had written to the protesters and invited them for a meeting at the state secretariat 'Nabanna' to find a way out of the impasse. But the doctors said the mail for the meeting was from the state health secretary, whose resignation they are seeking. They termed this "insulting" and objected to the

state government restricting the

number of protesters attending the meeting to 10.

The doctors are defying the Supreme Court's directive to return to duty by 5 pm on September 10. The court had asked the doctors to rejoin duty and asked the state government to not take any action against

But the doctors have said they would not rejoin work till their demands are met. They have put up sheds, arranged fans and food and water, indicating that they have no plans to back off till their demands are met.

Besides the resignation of police commissioner Vineet Goyal and top health officials, the doctors are demanding safe working conditions for healthcare staff in the state's hospitals.

The protests in Kolkata and other parts of Bengal have erupted after a 31-year-old postgraduate trainee doctor was found raped and murdered in a seminar room of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital on August 9. One person has been arrested in this connection and the CBI is investigating the

Mexico becomes first country to approve popular election of judges

Around 1,600 judges would have to stand for election in 2025 or 2027.

MEXICO CITY, Sep 11 (Agencies): Mexico became the world's first country to allow voters to elect judges at all levels on Wednesday, after protesters invaded the upper house and suspended debate on the issue.

Outgoing President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador had pushed hard for the reform and criticized the current judicial system for serving the interests of the political and economic elite.

The reform was approved with 86 votes in favor and 41 against, garnering the two-thirds majority needed to amend the constitution, in an upper chamber dominated by the ruling Morena party and its allies.

Debate on the reform had sparked mass demonstrations, diplomatic tensions and investor iitters.

Senate leader Gerardo Fernandez Norona declared a recess after demonstrators stormed the upper house and entered the chamber, chanting "The judiciary will not fall."

Lawmakers were forced to move to a former Senate building, where they resumed their debate as demonstrators outside shouted "Mr. Senator, stop the dictator!"

Obrador, who wanted the bill approved before he is replaced by close ally Claudia Sheinbaum on October 1, said that protesters were protecting the interests of the political elite. "What most worries those

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vote.

elected," she told agency.

Mexico's overhaul puts it "in a

unique position in terms of its

method for judicial selection,"

Satterthwaite said ahead of the

In an unusual public warn-

ing, Supreme Court chief

justice Norma Pina said that

elected judges could be more

vulnerable to pressure from

criminals, in a country where

powerful drug cartels regularly

use bribery and intimidation to

"The demolition of the judi-

ciary is not the way forward,"

she said in a video released

Pina said last week that the

top court would discuss wheth-

er it has jurisdiction to halt the

reforms, though Lopez Obra-

dor has said there is no legal

The reforms were passed

last week in the lower house

by ruling party lawmakers and

their allies, who were forced

basis for it to do so.

influence officials.

on Sunday.

who are against this reform is that they will lose their privileges, because the judiciary is at the service of the powerful, at the service of white-collar crime," the leftist leader said at a news conference.

'Demolition of the judiciary'
Opponents, including court
employees and law students,

employees and law students, have held a series of protests against the plan, under which even Supreme Court and other high-level judges, as well as those at the local level, would be chosen by popular vote.

Around 1,600 judges would have to stand for election in 2025 or 2027.

"This does not exist in any other country," said Margaret Satterthwaite, United Nations special rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers.

"In some countries, such as the US, some state judges are elected, and in others, such as in Bolivia, high-level judges are to gather in a sports center because access to Congress was blocked by protesters. 'Dangerous proposals'

'Dangerous proposals'
The United States Mexico

The United States, Mexico's main trading partner, has warned that the reforms would threaten a relationship that relies on investor confidence in the Mexican legal framework.

The changes could pose "a major risk" to Mexican democracy and enable criminals to exploit "politically motivated and inexperienced judges," US Ambassador Ken Salazar said last month.

Financial market analysts say investor concerns about the reforms have contributed to a sharp fall in the value of the Mexican currency, the peso, which has hit a two-year low against the dollar.

Satterthwaite has also voiced "deep concerns" about the plan, calling access to an independent and impartial judiciary "a human right essential for protecting rights and checking power abuses."

"Without strong safeguards to guard against the infiltration of organized crime (in the judicial selection process), an election system may become vulnerable to such powerful forces," she warned.

Human Rights Watch had urged lawmakers to reject what it called the "dangerous proposals," saying they would "seriously undermine judicial independence and contravene international human rights standards."

A partial bridge collapse in eastern Germany disrupts traffic. No one was injured

Officials are investigating why part of a bridge in eastern Germany has collapsed



BERLIN, Sep 11 (Agencies): Officials are investigating why a concrete bridge partially collapsed in eastern Germany early Wednesday, disrupting a major traffic artery in Dresden and interrupting the heating system for a city nicknamed "Florence on the Elbe" for its Baroque architecture.

No one was injured when a section of the Carola Bridge fell into the Elbe River, the Dresden fire department said on its website. Police are treating the collapse as an accident, because there are no signs of foul play, according to German news agency dpa.

The bridge dates back to East Germany's formerly communist era, dpa reported, and officials at the scene said that chlorine corrosion from the time could have contributed to Wednesday's collapse.

The emergency closure of the entire bridge snarled travel for the city's tram system, as well as motorists, pedestrians and cyclists who use the span to travel between Dresden's Old Town and New Town. Boat traffic is also halted, affecting cargo ships and tourism sightseeing vessels.

Crews were alerted shortly after 3 a.m. and are concerned more of the bridge — one of several crossings over the Elbe — could collapse in the coming hours.

The last tram crossed the span just 18 minutes before the collapse, dpa reported.

The section that fell was scheduled to be renovated next year, while other parts only reopened in March after months of construction.

Pipes that are part of the city's heating system were also damaged.

"In addition, due to the bursting of two large district heating pipes, we have the problem that the supply of hot water has come to a complete standstill in the entire federal state capital of Dresden," fire department spokesman Michael Klahre told reporters.

Dresden is about 160 kilometers (100 miles) south of Berlin.

Flights grounded at Kenya's main airport as workers protest against Adani deal

NAIROBI, Sep 11 (Agencies): Hundreds of workers at Kenya's main international airport demonstrated on Wednesday against a planned deal between the government and a foreign investor. Planes have remained grounded, with hundreds of passengers stranded at the airport.

The government has said that the build-and-operate agreement with India's Adani Group would see the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport renovated, and an additional runway and terminal constructed, in exchange for the group running the airport for 30 years.

Kenya Airport Workers Union, in announcing the strike, said that the deal would lead to



job losses and "inferior terms and conditions of service" for those who will remain.

Kenya Airways on Wednesday announced there would be flight delays and possible cancellations because of the ongoing strike at the airport, which serves Nairobi.

Last week, airport workers had threatened to go on strike, but the plans were called off pending discussions with the government.

The spotting of unknown people moving around with airport officials taking notes and photographs raised concerns that the Indian firm officials were readying for the deal, local media outlets reported last week.

The High Court on Monday temporarily halted the implementation of the deal until a case filed by the Law Society and the Kenya Human Rights Commission is heard.

Flash flood sweeps away hamlet as Vietnam's storm toll rises to 141 dead

HANOI, Sep 11 (Agencies): A flash flood swept away an entire hamlet in northern Vietnam, killing 22 people and leaving dozens missing as deaths from a typhoon and its aftermath climbed to 141 on Wednesday.

Vietnamese state broadcaster VTV said the torrent of water gushing down from a mountain in Lao Cai province Tuesday buried Lang Nu hamlet with 35 families in mud and debris.

Only about a dozen are known so far to have survived. Rescuers have recovered 22 bodies and are continuing the search for about 70 others.

The death toll from Typhoon Yagi and its aftermath has climbed to 141. Another 69 people are missing and hundreds were injured. VTV said.

Floods and landslides have caused most of the deaths, many of which have come in the northwestern Lao Cai province, bordering China, where Lang Nu is located. Lao Cai province is also home to the popular trek-



king destination of Sapa.

Many roads in the province were blocked by landslides and unrelenting rainfall, said Sapa tour guide Van A Po. The weather has forced them to limit travel with all trekking

suspended

"It is very scary," he said.

Tourism is a key engine for the local economy, and many in the industry found themselves stranded. Nguyen Van Luong, who works in a hotel, said he couldn't return home since the

15-kilometer (9-mile) road from Sapa to his village was too dangerous to drive.

"The road is badly damaged and landslides could happen anytime. My family told me to stay here until it's safer to go home."

On Monday, a bridge collapsed and a bus was swept away by flooding, killing dozens of people.

The steel bridge in Phu Tho province over the engorged Red River collapsed, sending

two motorbikes into the river. The bus carrying 20 people was swept into a flooded stream by a landslide in mountainous Cao Bang province.

Yagi was the strongest

10 cars and trucks along with

Yagi was the strongest typhoon to hit the Southeast Asian country in decades. It made landfall Saturday with winds of up to 149 kph (92 mph). Despite weakening on Sunday, downpours have continued and rivers remain dangerously high.

The heavy rains also damaged factories in export-focused northern Vietnam's industrial hubs.

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

Iran president visits Iraq on first foreign trip amid political turmoil

BAGHDAD, Sep 11 (Agencies): Iran's new president, Masoud Pezeshkian, began a visit to Iraq on Wednesday, aiming to deepen already close ties with the neighbouring country on his first trip abroad since taking office.

The three-day trip comes amid turmoil in the Middle East sparked by the war in Gaza, which has drawn in Iran-backed armed groups around the region and complicated Iraq's relations with the United States.

"Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani welcomes the president of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Masoud Pezeshkian," the Iraqi premier's office said in a brief statement alongside a picture of the two men shaking hands on the tarmac at

Baghdad airport.
Pezeshkian has vowed

to make relations with neighbouring countries a priority as he seeks to ease Iran's international isolation and mitigate the impact of US-led sanctions on its economy. His visit comes after

Western powers on Tuesday announced fresh sanctions on Iran for supplying Russia with short-range missiles for use against Ukraine.

Iranian foreign ministry spokesman Nasser Kanani warned Britain, France and Germany that they "will face the appropriate and proportionate action" for the "hostile" move.

Hours before Pezeshkian's arrival, an explosion rocked a base at the airport used by a US-led anti-jihadist coalition, Iraqi security

officials said.
A spokesperson for the

Iranian-backed Hezbollah Brigades in Iraq said Tuesday night's "attack" aimed to "disrupt the Iranian president's visit".

Ties between Iran and Iraq, both Shiite-majority countries, have grown closer since the US-led invasion of 2003 toppled the Sunni-dominated regime of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

"Iraq is one of our friends, brothers and Muslim countries," Pezeshkian said before leaving Iran, according to footage aired on Iranian state television.

"And for this reason, we will go to this country as the first trip," he added.

Pezeshkian, who took office in July after an early election following the death of his predecessor Ebrahim Raisi in a helicopter crash, has previously linked shoring up ties to sanctions



pressure.

"Relations with neighbouring countries... can neutralise a significant amount of pressure of the sanctions," he said last month.

Iran has suffered years of crippling Western sanctions, especially after its arch-foe the United States, under then-president Donald Trump, unilaterally abandoned a landmark nuclear deal between

the Islamic Republic and

major powers in 2018.
Pezeshkian has made the top diplomat who negotiated the 2015 deal, Mohammad Javad Zarif, his vice president for strategic affairs as part of his bid for a more open Iran.

Key trade partners Iran has become one of Iraq's leading trade partners and wields considerable political influence in Baghdad, where its Iraqi allies dominate parliament and the current government.

Every year, millions of Iranian pilgrims travel to Iraq's Shiite holy cities of Najaf and Karbala, and Pezeshkian will also visit the shrines there during his visit.

Non-oil trade between Iran and Iraq stood at nearly \$5 billion over the five months from March 2024, Iranian media reported.

Iran also exports millions of cubic metres of gas a day to Iraq to fuel its power plants, under a regularly renewed waiver from US sanctions.

Iraq is billions of dollars in arrears on its payments for the imports, which cover 30 percent of its electricity needs.

Political scientist Ali al-Baidar said expanding trade ties was a major goal of Pezeshkian's visit.

"Iran needs the Iraqi market for its exports, just as it needs Iraq's energy imports," the Iraqi analyst said.

US troop drawdown Washington still has around 2,500 troops in Iraq and 900 in neighbouring Syria as part of an international coalition against the Islamic State jihadist group.

Last winter, US-led coalition forces in both Iraq and Syria were targeted dozens of times with drones and rocket fire as violence related to the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza has drawn in Iranbacked armed groups across the Middle East.

The barrage of attacks triggered retaliatory US air strikes in both countries

On Sunday, Iraqi Defence Minister Thabet al-Abbassi told pan-Arab television channel AlHadath that the US-led coalition would pull out of most of Iraq by September 2025 and the Kurdish autonomous region by September 2026.

Despite months of talks, the target dates have yet to be agreed between Baghdad and Washington.

Pezeshkian will also travel to the Kurdish regional capital Arbil for talks with Kurdish officials, Iran's official IRNA news agency said.

In March last year, Tehran signed a security agreement with the federal government in Baghdad after launching air strikes against bases of Iranian Kurdish rebel groups in the autono-

mous region.

They have since agreed to disarm the rebels and remove them from border areas.

Ex-MLA Jammu East Yogesh Sawhney Files Nomination for Upcoming Elections

Top News Report

JAMMU. Sep 11: Former Minister and ex-MLA from Jammu East, Yogesh Sawhney, today filed his nomination papers for the upcoming assembly elections. Representing the Congress-NC Alliance, Sawhney submitted his candidacy, reaffirming his commitment to serving the people of Jammu. The supporters gathered in huge numbers and joined his nomination rally. The rally included tour of the Jammu East Constituency, starting from Sidhra, passing through Panitirthi, Chowk Chabutra, Purani Mandi, Shaheedi Chowk, Vivekanand Chowk, Gummat, finally concluding at JMC (RO) where nomination papers were filed. As a leader with deep roots in the region, his nomination marks a key moment for the Congress campaign in



Jammu East.

During the rally, Sawhney received grand welcome from local residents at various locations namely Sidhra, Radio Station Panitirthi, Police Station Panitirthi, Upper Bazar, Tonthli Bazar, Bhairav Mandir where he stopped to offer his prayers, Tange vali Gali, Avnotri Gali, Gadadhari Mandir Gali, Chowk Chabutra, Pacca Danga, Khilaune vali Gali, Maha Lakshmi Mandir, Sabzi Mandi, Moti Bazar, Sabzi Mandi Chowk, Raj Tilak Road, Purani Mandi Chowk, Near Centre Basic School, Super Bazar, City Chowk, Kanak Mandi, Shaheedi Chowk, Residency Road, Kanjhi House, Vivekananda Chowk, Gummat Chowk, and Bus Stand before reaching the final point of the rally.

The people of Jammu East

expressed their strong support for the Congress mandate by gathering in large numbers to accompany Sawhney during his nomination rally. The enthusiastic crowd reflected the widespread approval of his leadership and his past contributions to the constituency. Local leaders and party workers also joined the rally, adding to the momentum of the event. Yogesh Sawhney's nomination has been welcomed across the constituency, with residents voicing their confidence in his ability to address their concerns and drive progress in the region. His previous tenure as an MLA and minister has earned him a reputation for delivering results, making him a key contender in the upcoming elections. He will now be starting his election campaign in the constituency, polling date is set on Oct 01.

DEO B'la holds interactive session with Zonal/ Sector Magistrates

Top News Report

BARAMULLA, Sep 11: In view of the General Assembly Elections 2024. District Election Officer (DEO) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa on Wednesday held an interactive session with all the Sector/Zonal Magistrates of the district at Dak Bungalow,

During the session, the DEO emphasized the critical role that Sector and Zonal Magistrates play in the electoral process, particularly in ensuring that all pre-poll responsibilities like verification of polling stations, identification of route maps and other crucial duties are diligently fulfilled.

Minga Sherpa directed the designated Zonal/Sector officers to visit the designated polling stations in their zones to inspect the facilities and ensure that all Assured Minimum Facilities (AMFs), including safe drinking water, sanitation facilities, ramps, and other arrangements, are in place for the convenience of voters and polling staff.

Meanwhile, the DEO highlighted the role of Zonal/Sec-

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toral officers on the day of the poll in assisting polling parties, replacing EVMs and VVPATs if required, sending various reports to the Returning Officers from time to time including voter turnout and incidents, ensuring the return of polling parties along with

EVMs and VVPATs as per the prescribed movement plan etc.

He further instructed the magistrates to work in close coordination with the district election office to promptly resolve any issues that may arise in the run-up to the elections.

The session was attended by the Deputy District Election Officer, Baramulla, Abdul Rahman, designated Zonal/ Sector magistrates, and other officers involved in the conduct of Assembly Elections in district Baramulla.

Assembly Polls | Kharge announces five guarantees for people of J&K

Pandit migrants, which was made during the term of Manmohan Singh, will be ful-

The OBCs will also get their rights as enshrined in the Constitution, he added.

The five guarantees were read out by the Congress president in presence of National Conference president Farooq Abdullah and other senior Congress leaders, including K C Venugopal and Subodh Kant.

Kharge said there were one lakh jobs vacancies in Jammu and Kashmir but the current dispensation appointed by the BJPled Centre is not filling them as "they want to keep people of Jammu and Kashmir poor".

"We will fill these vacancies. They did not bring any industry, hence no job creation. We will focus on tourism and manufacturing. More than 4,400 government schools have been closed in the past several years. We will reopen them as we will focus on education," the Congress president said.

Kharge reiterated that the party will strive for restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir while promising to restore a bicameral legislature in the Union territory.

"We will strive to get statehood for J-K. The bi-cameral House will be restored. They (BJP) keep asking how we will do it? When people are with us, we will do it as it is people's power," he added.

Gunfight breaks out in Udhampur

terrorists, they said.

The hiding terrorists opened fire on the search parties around 12.50 pm, prompting retaliation by the security forces.

Reinforcements have been rushed to the forest area to neutralise the terrorists, the

Indian Democracy broken from last 10 vears, now it is fighting back: Rahul Gandhi

"Yeah, I mean, it does. But it's not good enough to say that the Indian voter is resilient and knowledgeable. Because the Indian voter is informed by a whole set of structures. So if we don't have a level playing field, the voter might be very knowledgeable and resilient. It doesn't really matter," he said.

"We fought an election with our bank accounts frozen. I don't know any democracy where that's happened. Maybe that type of thing happened in Syria or used to happen in Iraq. But we literally sat during our election and spoke to our treasurer and he says, well, we have no money. Now, you can have a resilient voter. You still need to run campaigns. You still need to have conversations. You still need to have meetings," he said.

"I've got 20-plus cases in me. I'm the only person in Indian history to get a prison sentence for defamation. We have a chief minister who's in jail right now. So, mean, one way of saying it is, yes, the Indian voter is very resilient, and he stands like a rock. Absolutely, he does. But the Indian voter requires an architecture to work on, which

is not there," Gandhi said.

Gandhi continued with his attacks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Here's a prime minister of a modern country in the 21st century telling people that I speak to God. I'm different than everybody else. You are biological people. I'm a non-biological person. I have a direct link to God. And that for us was a game over (for the prime minister during the elections). We knew that we had defeated the prime minister," he said.

"And then the beautiful thing was the first thing he did when he walked into the Lok Sabha, he was sworn in. He took the Constitution of India, and he placed it in his head," he added.

"So, it was an interesting paradox. On one hand, he's destroying the Constitution. He's attacking the democratic structure. And then the Indian people have forced him to put it in his head," Gandhi said.

Ravinder Raina faces stiff competition from **Ex-BJP colleague in** Nowshera

Among the 79 contestants in the second phase from Jammu, there are 28 independents including two ex-ministers, a former judge and two women candidates. The contest will also witness relatives fighting against each other from two seats and some turncoats including two former ministers - Choudhary Zulfikar Ali and Syed Mushtag Ahmad Bukhari.

All eyes are set on the Nowshera seat which was won by Raina in the 2014 assembly polls when he defeated his nearest rival Surinder Choudhary, then a PDP member, by over 9,500 votes. It was for the first time that the BJP won from the seat.

Nowshera had traditionally remained a Congress bastion wining it for eight consecutive terms from 1962 to 2002 before losing the seat to the NC in the 2008 elec-

Choudhary quit the PDP in March 2022 and joined the BJP within a week. However, he left the BJP and joined the NC on July 7 next year, levelling serious allegations of "corruption and familism" against Raina who responded by serving him a defamation notice for "baseless allegations with the sole aim to defame my reputation within the party and the masses".

In Budhal (ST), the main contest is expected between BJP's Choudhary Zulfkar Ali and his nephew and NC candidate Javed Choudhary.

Ali, a former minister, had won the seat twice in 2008 and 2014 elections on PDP ticket before joining Altaf Bukhari-led Apni Party in 2020. He joined the BJP just before the party announced its first list of candidates for the J&K polls. The BSP and PDP had also fielded their candidates from the

The fight in Sunderbani-Kalakote is between Thakur Randhir Singh (BJP) and Yasuvardhan Singh (NC) who are brother and son of former NC MLA Rashpal Singh respectively. There are nine other contestants in the fray including a woman candidate Pinty Devi and PDP's Majid Hussain Shah – a lone Muslim face from the seat.

A triangular contest is on the cards in Rajouri (ST) among Vibodh Gupta (BJP), Iftikhar Ahmad (Congress) and independent candidate Mian Mahfooz, a prominent spiritual leader. PDP's Tasadiq Hussain and four others are also trying their luck

Gupta's candidature initially triggered a revolt with former MP and minister Choudhary Talib Hussain jumping the fray as a rebel candidate but later withdrew his candidature.

In Thanamdni (ST), a multi-cornered contest is likely among six contestants including former minister Shabir Khan (Congrss), former MLA Qamar Choudhary (PDP), retired bureaucrat Iqbal Malik (BJP) and former judge and NC rebel Muzaffar Ahmad Khan.

In Surankote (ST) constituency of Poonch district, former minister Syed Mushtaq Ahmad Bukhari, who joined the BJP in February after the Centre granted ST status to his Pahari community, is facing challenge from Shahnawaz Choudhary (Congress) and NC rebel Choudhary Akram who had won the seat in 2014 assembly polls. There are five other candidates including PDP's Javaid Iqbal contesting from the seat.

Among nine contestants in Mendhar (ST), NC leader Javed Rana who had won the seat in 2002 and 2014 elections is locked in a three-cornered contest with PDP's Nadeem Khan, son of former MLA Rafeeq Khan, and Murtaza Khan, a former MLC who joined the BJP last month.

There are eight candidates contesting in Poonch-Haveli seat but the main contest is expected between former MLAs Aijaz Jan (NC) and Shah Mohammad Tantray (Apni Party). The BJP has fielded Choudhary Abdul Gani, also a new entrant to the party.

The three assembly segments of Reasi including the newly created Shri Mata Vaishno Devi seat are likely to witness interesting battle with two former Congress ministers fighting as Independents

Former minister Jugal Kishore Sharma, who joined Ghulam Nabi Azad-led DPAP in September 2022, is fighting as an Independent from Vaisho Devi seat after he was denied ticket by the Congress despite

expressing his desire to return to the party. While the Congress has fielded Bhupinder Jamwal from the seat, former MLA and senior BJP leader and former MLA Baldev Raj Sharma's presence makes it a triangular contest even as the total number of candidates in the fray from the seat is seven. The BJP overcame a rebellion by the party workers after it initially announced Rohit Dubey as its candidate before withdrawing the list.

Former minister Aijaz Khan, who shifted from the Congress to the April Party in 2022, is also fighting as an independent candidate from Gulabgarh (ST) and is facing challenge from NC's Khursheed Ahmad and new entrant to BJP Akram Khan. Aijaz Khan had won Gool-Arnas constituency three times in 2002, 2008 and 2014.

A direct contest is expected between former MLA Mumtaz Khan (Congress) and Kuldeep Raj Dubey (BJP) from Reasi constituency, where a total of seven candidates including independent woman candidate Diksha Kaluria are in the fray.

ED files fresh petition against Farooq Abdullah in JK cricket scam

Judge praying for addition of IPC sections 411 (dishonestly receiving stolen property) and 424 (dishonest or fraudulent removal or concealment of property) in the case

related to alleged financial irregularities in the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA).

The move by the federal agency comes after the Jammu and Kashmir High Court quashed its case and charge sheet against Abdullah and some others on August 14 saying the offence of money laundering was not made out.

The high court, however, allowed the ED to "canvass" its case before a local court seeking addition of fresh IPC sections and if it decides to frame charges against Abdullah and five others for any of the scheduled offences, it shall be open for the ED to register a fresh case and launch prosecution.

The ED, as per the sources, filed this high court-directed application recently stating that the CBI "inadvertently missed/failed to specifically incorporate/mention the said offence under Section 411 and 424 of IPC".

The move comes at a time when assembly polls are being held in J&K and 86-yearold Abdullah's party, National Conference (NC), is in the fray along with other parties. Abdullah is the president of NC.

The ED, in its application, has requested the Srinagar court to frame fresh charges against the accused under the two stated sections saying it (Srinagar court) was vested with wide powers under section 216 of CrPC to "add/amend" charges and that "this can be exercised in appropriate cases, in the interest of justice".

Abdullah has been questioned multiple times by the agency in the case.

The ED had attached assets belonging to Abdullah and others worth Rs 21.55 crore. The agency's case is based on a 2018 charge sheet filed by the CBI against the same accused.

The CBI charge sheet alleged "misappropriation of JKCA funds amounting to Rs 43.69 crore" from grants given by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to promote the sport in the erstwhile state between 2002 and 2011.

The ED had earlier said its probe found that JKCA received Rs 94.06 crore from BCCI in three different bank accounts during financial years 2005-2006 to 2011-2012 (up to December 2011).

Omar Abdullah Blames BJP for Revival of Militancy in 'Peaceful' Jammu

that if the NC and Congress coalition comes to power, the terrorism will return. I want to remind them, whether he is home minister (Amit Shah) or defence minister (Rajnath Singh), that Jammu region was made completely free of militancy during my tenure."

"Over the last five years, terrorism has revived in Chenab valley, Pir Panjal, Udhampur, Reasi, Jammu, Kathua and Samba districts. Tell me one district where our brave soldiers are not being targeted in Jammu region which was freed of terrorism long back," Abdullah said, addressing an election rally in support of party colleague and coalition candidate Puja Thakur in Paddar-Nagseni constituency in Kishtwar district.

Reacting to Home Minister Amit Shah's recent statement that militancy will return if the NC-Congress alliance comes to power in Jammu and Kashmir, he said, "We have to bear the brunt of their misdeeds and lapses which led to the revival of militancy

in the peaceful areas.

However, the former chief minister said he wants to assure the people of Jammu that the NC-Congress alliance will free the region of terrorism once it comes back to power.

Seeking votes for Thakur who is the chairperson of district development council, the NC leader said the people of Jammu and Kashmir waited for 10 long years for assembly elections and the time has come to show the door to the BJP which is directly or indirectly in power in the Union Territory.

"They first joined hands with PDP even as both the parties sought votes from the people against each other. They continued their rule through Raj Bhawan after the collapse of the previous government.

"They are talking about double-engine governments in the poll-bound states but here we have seen how the double engine government functions. They have only increased the problems of the people, caused destruction and devastation and spread disappointment among the people. Wherever we go, the people have only complaints against them and no one is ready to praise the BJP government for even one thing," he said.

He also said his party does not believe in seeking votes on the basis of religion because "all sections of society, irrespective of their religion, suffer when you are faced with growing unemployment, inflated electricity bills, price rise and lack of basic needs like health, education, water and

Abdullah assured the people that the NC-Congress coalition government will fulfil all its promises to provide relief to the people.

Govt Officer suspended in Sgr for dereliction of duties

The order issued in this regard by the DEO Srinagar, a Government Officer namely, Sarfaraz Ahmad Dar, Assistant Director erstwhile Gazetteers Unit (presently posted in the National Register of Records Office, Srinagar in Department of Archives, Archaeology & Museum Kashmir) had been appointed as Zonal Magistrate for Barzulla Zone falling in 23-Chanpora Assembly Constituency.

The order also reads that "the Officer despite repeated intimations refused to perform his duties is hereby placed under suspension with immediate effect and attached with the Additional Deputy Commissioner(K), Srinagar till further orders

The order further stated that 'the Additional Deputy Commissioner (K), Srinagar shall conduct the detailed enquiry into the dereliction of duties and misconduct of the Officer. He shall submit the comprehensive report to the DEO Srinagar within a week

Meanwhile, the DEO Srinagar has warned all Officers and Officials deployed for General Elections to Legislative Assembly-2024 to be careful and perform their duties diligently. He said the action against the Officer has been taken to ensure the smooth conduct of the ongoing election process in the district

Father dies, son injured in Pampore accident

Quoting an official, news agency reported that in the incident, the father died on the spot, while his son was injured.

The official identified the man as Abdul Rahim Mir and his son as Nazir Ahmed Mir, both residents of Frestbal, Pampore.

The official said that investigations have been taken up.

2nd phase of Election Trainings for Poll Personnel concludes at Srinagar

DEO Srinagar stresses on effective Training sessions to leave no scope for errors during upcoming Assembly Elections

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Sep 11:-In run-up to the General Elections to Legislative Assembly-2024, the 2nd phase of Election Trainings for Poll Personnel to be deployed in all Eight Assembly Constituencies of Srinagar District concluded here today.

The Training Sessions which are a part of the District Election Office's Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) program were carried out on the directions of District Election Officer(DEO) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat at Eight different locations across the District.

While paying visits to training venues, Dr. Bilal applauded the efforts of Master Trainers in equipping the Election manpower with required



skills during elections and stressed on intensifying the training sessions to leave no scope for errors during the process of upcoming Assembly Elections.

Dr. Bilal further said that the Administration is fully geared up with all machinery for smooth conduct of the Elections and is making significant arrangements for the welfare of poll personnel before and on the day of Polling.

The Master Trainers deputed by the DEO delivered exhaustive training sessions to equip the participating Employees with skills and knowledge to operate polling machinery on the day of elections.

During the sessions, the participating Employees were given hands-on experience to operate and manage Poll Machinery on the day of Polls and were also trained how to handle emergencies, manage crowds and to address issues of secu-

While delivering his exhaustive session, Coordinator Trainings for Srinagar, Dr. Manzoor Reshi ensured that the Employees have a clear understanding of the Election Laws,

Rules and Regulations which, as the Election Staff, have to follow in the Election process.

The special instructions were conveyed by Dr. Reshi to the participating Employees for strictly following the Poll guidelines for ensuring free and fair Assembly Elections in Srinagar.

Besides, the Employees were also oriented towards the proper management and the adherence to the Model Code of Conduct enforced by the Election Commission of India.

The trainings and hands-on experience sessions were conduct-

ed in different sessions with the objective to lay a strong base of well-skilled manpower for the smooth and hassle-free elections in 8 Assembly Constituencies in district Srinagar.

The trained staff will be deployed to man 932 Polling Stations in Srinagar for which, 26 Nodal Officers, 40 Assembly Constituency Nodal Officers, 23 Zonal Magistrates and 112 Sectoral Magistrates are working tirelessly to ensure smooth conduct of scheduled elections.

Moreover, 25 Flying Squad Teams (FST), 26 Static Surveillance Teams (SST), 13 Video Surveillance Teams (VST) and 8 Video Viewing Surveillance Teams (VVST) have been put on the job as an extra layer of security and monitoring for the elections.

Mega SVEEP event held at Hazratbal- AC

Event aimed to enhance Voter awareness & encourage participation of residents in the electoral process



Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Sep 11: A significant mega Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) event was conducted on Wednesday at Baghe-Shagufa Park, Nigeen in Hazratbal Assembly Constituency (AC) with an aim to enhance voter awareness and encourage the participation of residents in the electoral process, emphasizing the importance of every eligible citizen casting their vote.

The primary goal of the event was to spread mass awareness about the importance of voting among the residents of Hazratbal constituency. The event underscored the need for all eligible voters, particularly those over the age of 18, to actively participate in the electoral process and avoid wasting their votes.

The event was presided over by Dr Akhilesh Kumar Mishra, Election Observer 19-Hazratbal

AC and was attended by Returning Officer Hazratbal AC, Syed Ahmad Kataria; Chief Education Officer, Nodal Officer SVEEP Hazratbal AC, Principals of Various Constituent Higher Secondary Schools, Heads of Constituent Schools, Officers from Civil Administration and police and National Awardee Teachers.

The mega SVEEP event was a resounding success, with over 15,000 participants across the constituency of Hazratbal including students, teachers and local residents came together to promote the crucial message of voter participation.

The event commenced with a lively 'Run from Democracy', starting from the lawns of BHSS Hazratbal, passing through the streets of Hazratbal, and concluding at Nigeen Park. This run symbolized the journey and importance of participating in the democratic process.

On the occasion, cultural programs includ-

ing indigenous art form Nukad Natak, traditional dance (Rouf) and Kashmiri Chakker were presented, which were aimed to highlight the significance of voting and encouraged the audience to participate actively in elections.

Among sports events, Kho-Kho, Freestyle Martial Arts, Kite Flying, Tug of War and Human Chain were performed by students from various schools emphasizing teamwork, discipline, unity, freedom and dedication and community spirit, paralleling the unity needed for effective electoral participation.

The event witnessed key speeches by the students on the importance of elections, these speeches served as powerful reminders of the impact of voting on the community and the nation.

The event concluded with heartfelt gratitude from the Nodal Officer SVEEP Hazratbal AC, Fayaz Ahmad to the district administration for their support, to all participants, including principals, heads of institutions, students, and teachers, for their contributions in making the event a grand success.

Chief Education Officer Srinagar also addressed the audience, urging students and participants to engage actively in the upcoming assembly elections.

BJP adopts divisive agenda as it fears defeat in LA polls: Manjit Singh

Appeals the voters to remain vigilant, calls for unity among communities

Top News Report

VIJAYPUR, Sep 11: The contesting candidate of the Apni Party for Vijaypur Assembly Constituency, Manjit Singh has criticised BJP for adopting a policy to divide society for vote bank politics.

Addressing a series of public meetings as a part of ongoing aggressive election campaign in Vijaypur Assembly Constituency, the Former Minister raised his concern over the election campaign adopted by the opponent political parties in Vijaypur to divide the voters in caste, creed, and religion.

"The voters are aware that the BJP has failed to fulfil the promises which they made with the people of Jammu and Kashmir. As far as Vijaypur is considered, the development has been stalled and the unemployment ratio has increased in the last ten years," said the former Minister, assuring that the jobs in the industrial sector would be

reserved for the local youth and no outsider will be allowed to replace them.

Asking the people to extend their support to him in the scheduled assembly elections, he said that the Apni Party will revamp the development in Vijaypur, and its villages by upgrading the road infrastructure and improving the living standard of the people.

"The developmental and welfare schemes have not been implemented on the ground, and the people have been rendered without support from the authorities because of the poor performance of the authorities which worked on the behest of BJP," he stated.

He questioned the BJP for avoiding questions on development, growing unemployment, grab of resources by the non-locals, influence of mafia system in mining and liquor trade that has compromised the interest of the local people, who were dependent upon these



trades. As the situation has turned against the wishes of the BJP, he said that the saffron party has adopted an agenda that could trigger a division in the society.

"The politics should be based on the agenda of development, and employment in place of division in the society that would create hurdles in the progress of the nation." he stated.

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Meanwhile, he also educated

people about the equitable developmental policy, welfare schemes and other agenda of the party that would be implemented if the Party forms the Govt in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that he is committed to revamp the development, and bring a positive change in the lives of the people, who were left without representation by the traditional parties for their gains.

58 award winning 'Navras Katha Collage' movie team reaches Jammu as part of K2K promotion

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 11: A team comprising of producer-director and some of the actors associated with the Hindi feature film "Navras Katha Collage" today reached Jammu as a part of its Kashmir to Kanyakumari (K2K) promotion campaign. The campaign was started from Srinagar on Monday.

The team associated with the film including producer director and actor Praveen Hingonia, Atul Shrivastava, Alka Amin, Swar Hingonia today addressed a press conference in Jammu also visited 'Govt Polytechnic for Women Jammu' and

'SRML Hr Sec School' and had a fun time with the students and teachers while discussing about the movie there. The trailer was also shown to the students and the media.

A special vanity van has been prepared for the tour of India on which the promotion of the film Navras Katha Collage is being done. The entire team will travel from Kashmir to Kanyakumari in this van. Praveen Hingonia is telling people about the theme of his film.

This social film is releasing in theaters across the country on 18 October 2024, which also has a message.
Writer, director and

actor Praveen Hingonia has paid tribute to Kamal Haasan and Sanjeev Kumar by playing 9 challenging characters in this film. The great actor Sanjeev Kumar has played 9 roles while Kamal Haasan has played 10 roles in the film Dasavatharam.

Ever since the trailer of

the upcoming Hindi fea-

ture film "Navras Katha Collage" by producer Praveen Hingonia and SKH Patel, which has won 58 national and international awards, was launched even before its release in theatres, the audience has become extremely curious about this film. Now the entire team is on a journey from Kashmir

to Kanyakumari (K2K) for the promotion of this film.

Among the cast of this film, the names of Pathan fame Shaji Chaudhary, Dayanand Shetty, Revathi Pillai (Kota Factory fame), Panchayat fame Sunita ji, Dum Laga Ke Haisha fame Mahesh Sharma, Prachi Ranjan Sinha, Three Idiots fame artist Amardeep Jha and his daughter Shreya, Jai Shankar Tripathi, Ishan Shankar, Swar Hingonia are notable. Made under the banner of Swardhrupad Productions, this film is produced by SKH Patel along with Praveen Hingonia while co-producer is Abhishek Mishra.

Shiv Sena (UBT) candidates file nomination, vow to fulfill people's aspirations

Appeal to teach lesson to those who violate our rights, identity

Top News Report

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PUR, Sep 11: In the last

phase of Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections, four candidates of Shiv Sena (UBT) filed their nomination on Wednesday. In the presence of party state chief Manish Sahni, with hundreds of supporters and drums, Meenakshi Chhibber filed her nomination from Jammu West, Sahil Gandotra from Udhampur East, Sanjeev Kumar from Udhampur West and Raj Singh from Ramnagar(Udhampur). Sahni said that the voters of Jammu and Kashmir have a great

opportunity, those who

were attacked on the



identity of Jammu and Kashmir, divided it into two parts, snatched the status of the state, violated the rights of the local people, pushed the youth into the quagmire of drugs, looted our resources, hollow out the right to vote, pushed Jammu and Kashmir into the quagmire of corruption and crime should be taught a lesson. Sahni said that every

candidate of Shiv Sena

(UBT) is in the election fray. with the vow to restore the rights of the people and fulfill the aspirations of the people. On the occasion. General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Vice President Sanjeev Kohli, Balwant Singh, President Kamgar Wing Raj Singh, Secretary Rajesh Jandial, Vishal Verma, Jatinder Arora and many other leaders and workers were pres-

Awareness programme on Menstrual Hygiene organized for BRO lady workers

Top News Report

SAMBA, Sep 11: 'THE – SARA' a Registered Non-Governmental Organization under its 'Mission Compassion' through its 'Health is Wealth' initiative in collaboration with Border Roads Organisation (BRO) carried out awareness programme on Menstrual Health & Hygiene for the benefit of lady workers at Babban Bridge Rajpura, Samba.

Shankar Tayal, OC 69 RCC of BRO welcomed the Team members of 'THE –SARA' led by Kamla Punj and said, "It is essential that discussing menstruation stops being viewed as a taboo and accepted as a normal biological process that has an important bearing on a wom-

an's health and wellbeing."

During the programme, field volunteer at

'THE - SARA' Minakshi Sharma conducted the awareness programme underlining the awareness of period poverty, communicating the importance of managing health and hygiene during menstruation, preventing social discrimination against menstruating women, and debunk prevalent myths and taboos. On the occasion hygiene kits consisting of sanitary pads, antifungal powder and ant-bacterial soaps were also distributed among 50 lady workers. From Border Roads Organisation Dharamvir Singh, OIC, Rajendra, JE (C), Balram Meena, Adm JCO, from 'THE - SARA' Dr. Raminder Jit Singh and Shaunak Verma were also present

on the occasion.

Suhaib appeals to vote wisely to prevent further challenges in future

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Sep 11: Suhaib Zargar, the District Working President of the National Conference Student Union (NCSU) in Kishtwar, has appealed to the educated voters of the Kishtwar constituency ahead of the upcoming Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections.

In his address, Zargar emphasized the importance of making an informed decision in the

elections, cautioning that any mistakes made now could lead to five years of regret. Reflecting on the aftermath of the 2014 elections, Zargar criticized the decision to vote for the BJP, citing increased struggles for

educated youth, high inflation, and a sense of loss of freedom. He urged the voters to consider the hardships of the past decade and vote wisely in order to prevent further challenges in the future.

PM Modi's heartfelt letter for PR Sreejesh: 'The wall between victory and defeat'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrote a heartfelt letter for former India hockey player PR Sreejesh hailing him for his contribution in the national team.

NEW DELHI, Sep 11 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi sent a heartwarming letter to the legendary India Hockey player PR Sreejesh. Notably, Sreejesh recently retired after India's bronze medal win at the Paris Olympics 2024. The legendary goalkeeper looked extremely emotional following the team's victory over Spain by 2-1 as he bowed down in front of the goal post and even recreated his famous celebration from the 2020 Tokyo Olympics by sitting on top of it.

Recalling Sreejesh's journey on the hockey field, PM Modi penned down a heartwarming letter for the legendary goalkeeper and wished him good luck as he assumes the position of head coach of the junior men's team.

"It must have been a deeply



emotional moment for you to savour the sweetness of victory while also digesting the fact that this would be your last game for the country as a player. I'm sure that the final hooter that sounded in the game was only a signal for the beginning of the next half of the game of life, in which you will be the Head Coach of the Junior Men's team. I am sure your work in the new role will be as impactful and inspirational," wrote PM in his letter.

PM Modi also hailed Sreejesh as the wall that stood between victory and defeat.

You provided sense of assurance in the hearts of Indian fans:

PM Modi

"When you stood on the field as our goalkeeper, there was a sense of assurance in the hearts of Indian fans that no matter what, Sreejesh will take care Time and again, you have been the wall that stood between victory and defeat with your quick reflexes, sharp instincts and calm confidence under pressure," the letter further read.

PM Modi also held a special meeting with Sreejesh and his entire family after his return from Paris. Sreejesh bid adieu to the game after representing India in 278 matches in a career spanning over 18 years. The Keralaborn player was also bestowed with the honour of being India's flagbearer at the closing ceremony of the games along with Manu Bhaker.

OTD 2007: Chris Gayle gets T20 World Cup off the mark with a breathtaking hundred

NEW DELHI, Sep 11 (Agencies): On 11th September 2007, the world got introduced to the T20 behemoth named Christopher Henry Gayle, who laid the foundation of the success of cricket's newest format with a breathtaking hundred in the inaugural edition of its World Cup. Batting in just his fourth T20I, Gayle had no qualms whatsoever in taking down a South African bowling attack spearheaded by veterans Shaun Pollock and Makhaya Ntini.

The southpaw mercilessly thrashed Proteas bowlers launching the ball into the stands for fun with his thunderous strikes at The Wanderers Stadium, Johannesburg. The crowd was seen running for a cover as the West Indies opener diminished the role of boundaries at the venue, sending the ball soaring into the night sky leaving the fans enthralled. What ensued on the 22 yards of land in Johannesburg gave the perfect picture for what the T20 format will mean for the fans in the years to come, who were left swooned with the fast-paced action offered by it. Gayle would go on to become a pivotal figure in the success of the format all over the

globe as he introduced his belligerent strokeplay with a breathtaking 117 (57) vs South Africa whacking seven fours and ten sixes. The score of 117 and the feat of ten sixes stood as a world record until broken by Brendon McCullum and Richard Levi in 2012. Thanks to the 'Gayle Storm' West Indies posted a monumental score of 205/6 batting first. It needed another mind boggling knock from one of the Protean batters to surpass West Indies' score.

South Africa pull of a record chase South Africa's favourite rescue man Herschelle Gibbs once again put his hand up for his team and plundered a sensational 90* (55) with the help smacking 14 fours and two sixes.

He was well-supported by Justin Kemp's knock of 46* (22) as the duo got involved in a massive 120-run stand off just 57 balls to help their team chase down 206 in just 17.4 overs and etching their name in record books for completing the then highest successful chase in T20Is. Hence, Gayle's record-breaking outing culminated into a tragic end but the 'Universe Boss' was still adjudged Player of the Match for lighting up the tournament at the very beginning.

Delhi HC seeks NADA's stand on plea by wrestler Bajrang Punia against suspension

NEW DELHI, Sep 11 (Agencies): The Delhi High Court on Wednesday sought the stand of the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) on a petition by wrestler Bajrang Punia challenging his suspension.

Justice Sanjeev Narula issued notice to the agency on the plea which has been filed ahead of the Senior World Wrestling Championships to be held in Albania in October.

As the senior counsel appearing for the athlete pressed for an interim relief, the judge remarked that no formal application has been filed for the same.

"This is a classic case of hounding someone. World Championship is round the corner. I have to practice," senior advocate Rajiv Dutta said.

The court, however, questioned Punia on his refusal to submit a sample for the testing, asking, "how will they let you play if you don't test".

Punia's counsel asserted that there were issues concerning the use of an "outdated kit" and he has sought answers from authorities.

The counsel for NADA said a disciplinary panel has been constituted, which is looking into the issue, and Punia was not being "targeted". The court orally said that Punia should agitate his grievances before the panel and listed the matter for further hearing in October.

On June 21, the National Anti-Doping Agency suspended Punia for a second time and issued the formal "notice of charge", rendering him ineligible to train and participate in competitions.

The move came three weeks after an Anti-Disciplinary Doping (ADDP) panel had revoked the earlier suspension on the grounds that NADA had not issued a "notice of charge" to the wrestler.

NADA had first suspended Punia on April 23 for refusal to give his urine sample for a dope test during the selection trials held in Sonepat on March 10

tion trials held in Sonepat on March 10. The sport's global governing body, United Wrestling World (UWW), had also suspended him.

In his petition filed through lawyer Vidushpat Singhania, Punia -- who was at the forefront of last year's protest at Jantar Mantar demanding the arrest of then WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh for the alleged sexual harassment of seven women grapplers-- argued that NADA has acted in violation of the testing guidelines and protocols.

The grappler has claimed that the conduct of the agency is in violation of his fundamental rights to practice a profession and earn a livelihood under the Constitution, and that he would be "forced to retire" if the "arbitrary" suspension is not lifted.

Vinesh Phogat says no support from PT Usha, 'politics' played during Olympics saga

NEW DELHI, Sep 11 (Agencies): Former India wrestler Vinesh Phogat has accused the Indian Olympic Association President PT Usha for not providing enough support during her tragic journey at the Paris Olympics 2024. Notably, Phogat became the first Indian woman to qualify for the wrestling final at the Games.

The 30-year-old had assured herself of at least a silver medal after qualifying for the summit clash of the women's 50kg freestyle wrestling category. However, her dream journey at the quadrennial event came to a tragic end as she was disqualified on the morning of her final bout after failing at weigh-in, weighing 100g more than the permissible limit of the competition.

Phogat's dream of winning an Olympic medal was destroyed as the entire nation stood behind her for support. However, in major development, the Haryana-born wrestler has accused the Indian Olympic Association of not supporting her during her tumultuous journey and accused President PT



Usha of just clicking pictures with her and not providing any

"I don't know what support I got there. PT Usha madam visited me at the hospital. One photo was clicked...Like you said, in politics a lot happens behind closed doors. Similarly, politics happened there (in Paris) as well. That's why I was heartbroken. Otherwise a lot of people are saying 'don't leave wrestling'. For what should I continue! There is politics everywhere," said Phogat in an interview with AAA media.

"You are on a hospital bed,

where you don't know what's happening in life outside, you are going through one of the worst phases of your life. At that place, just to show everyone you are standing with me, aap bina bataye photo kheench rahe ho, fir social media pe daal ke bol rahe ho hum saath mein khade hain (clicked a photo without telling me and then putting it on social media to say you are standing with me). That's not how you show support. What was it more than (posturing)!,"

I filed my case on my own: Phogat

Following her disqualification from the event, the Indian wrestler also appealed against her disqualification at he Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) to be awarded a joint silver medal. However, after a week-long hearing, the CAS ruling also didn't come in her favour and she had to return empty-handed from Paris. Reflecting on the entire incident, she said that the Government of India should've filed the case on their behalf but only joined in after she had filed it herself.

"I filed my case on my own. Harish Salve sir joined the next day. The lawyers who were in Paris filed that case on my behalf. It was not done from the Government of India, they acted as a third party. I was there to represent India there, hence it was their duty to file it," Vinesh said.

A day after her disqualification from the Games, Phogat announced her retirement from wrestling. She ventured into politics last week, having recently joined the Indian National Congress.

OTD in 2023: Kohli-Rahul's hundreds power India to biggest win over Pakistan

NEW DELHI, Sep 11 (Agencies): On this day last year, Virat Kohli once again stamped his authority over Pakistan in the Asia Cup 2023. He played a magnificent knock that reaffirmed his love affair with scoring against the arch-rivals. The Colombo crowd witnessed yet another Kohli masterclass as he powered his way to an unbeaten 122 off 94 balls. His innings was not only full of vintage Kohli shots but also marked his 47th ODI century, further extending his record of tormenting Pakistan's bowlers in high-pressure matches. He was awarded the Player of the Match award, his 4th and most one in the ODI Asia Cups.

Kohli's ability to rise to the occasion against Pakistan has become a hallmark of his career, and this match was no different. He reached his hundred in just 84 balls as he India to a domi-



nant position. His innings also saw him surpass 13,000 ODI runs, making him the fastest player to achieve this milestone. For Kohli, matches against Pakistan seem to bring out the best in him, and this game added another memorable chapter to his rivalry with the neighbours. Kohli and Rahul shine vs Paki-

While Kohli's brilliance stole the show, KL Rahul's century was equally crucial. Returning from injury, Rahul played a composed knock, scoring 111* off 106 balls, proving that he is back to his best. The duo's partnership of 233 runs was the backbone of India's huge total of 356 for 2. Before this, Indian openers Rohit Sharma

and Shubman Gill shared a solid stand, but perishes right after completing their respective half-centuries. Their performance was a testament to India's batting in the lead-up to the ODI World Cup.

India's biggest win against Pakistan

Pakistan, in response, crumbled under the pressure. Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj, and Hardik Pandya ripped through their top order before Kuldeep Yadav spun a web around the middle and lower order, taking 5 wickets for just 25 runs. Pakistan's chase ended at a mere 128 runs, handing India a thumping 228-run victory. The match, which lasted for 32 hours and was shifted to a reserve day, eventually turned out to be a one-sided affair with India registering their 4th highest ODI win.

Noida washes out play on Day 3 of the Test Notably, the Greate Noida Sports Comple

AFG vs NZ: Persistent rain in Greater



GREATER NOIDA, Sep 11 (Agencies): The Day 3 of the one-off Test between Afghanistan and New Zealand has been called off due to heavy rain at the Greater Noida Sports Complex Ground, Greater Noida on Wednesday, September 11. As a result, the historic maiden Test between the two teams saw no play for the third successive day.

Notably, overnight rains in the city had massively deteriorated the conditions at the venue for the first two days of the match and couldn't be prepared for play despite witnessing no rain in the morning. The rains left several puddles of water on the ground which the ground staff tried their best to remove but to no avail.

However, Day 3 painted an even more worrying picture as the

entire ground was under covers due to incessant rainfall at the venue since early morning. With more rain predicted throughout the day, the officials had no choice but to call off the day's play for the third day as well.

Both New Zealand and Afghanistan teams didn't even arrive at the venue on Days 2 and 3. Meanwhile, the preparedness of Noida Sports Complex Ground to host an international Test match came under question on the first two days as the game couldn't get underway despite no rain in the morning.

The groundstaff had limited covers to protect the playing area and hence the major part of the playing field was exposed to the heavy rainfall, the city has been witnessing over the past few days.

Notably, the Greater Noida Sports Complex Ground has hosted 11 international matches so far as it has served as the home ground for the Afghanistan Cricket Team since 2017. The venue has hosted six T20Is and five ODIs so far and the ongoing Test is its first.

No Blame Games on anyone confirms Afghanistan Cricket Board

Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) International Cricket Manager praised the efforts of the ground staff and said that it's extremely bad luck that the game couldn't get underway.

"There's no blame games at all on anyone, it's extremely bad luck. Everybody has worked so hard but the reality is that for Day 3, we will have no play," said the Manager as quoted by ACB in their video.

Meanwhile, the forecast for the remaining two days of the game isn't too favourable either and the match could possibly turn out to be the eighth Test in the history of the game to be abandoned without a ball being bowled.

India's probable starters for Bangladesh Test rested from Duleep Trophy

ANANTAPUR, Sep 11 (Agencies): A majority of the players picked in the India squad for the first Test against Bangladesh, including Rishabh Pant, KL Rahul and Shubman Gill, were

today rested for the second round of Duleep Trophy beginning here on September 12.

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The others picked in the national squad on Sunday include Akash Deep, Kuldeep Yaday, Axar Patel, Yashasvi Jaiswal and Dhruv Jurel, who all have been exempted from the second round.

Left-arm pacer Yash
Dayal and Sarfaraz
Khan, who too are part

of India's 16-man squad for the opening Test, have not been released from their Duleep Trophy duties indicating they won't be part of the playing XI against Bangladesh in the game to be played in Chennai.
Mayank Agarwal has
been named as India A
captain. As Jaiswal and
Pant's replacements, the
selectors have named
Suyash Prabhudessai
and Rinku Singh.

Director RMPS participates in CBSE School Principals' exposure visit at IIM Bangalore

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 11: In a significant step towards advancing educational leadership and institutional excellence, the Director of RM Public School Rakshan Mengi, was honored to participate in the CBSE School Principals' exposure visit at the prestigious Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB).

This event, organized by the Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL) of IIMB, was held from August 19 and 20, 2024.

The two-day visit aimed to provide educational leaders from across the country with insights into modern teaching methodologies, administrative leadership, and sustainable educational practices.

The program, which commenced with a formal inaugural session on August 19, included



interactive sessions, group discussions, and a campus tour of IIM Bangalore, renowned for its academic excellence.

The Director's participation in this exposure visit is a testament to RM Public School and a commitment to continuous improvement in education.

The program focused on vari-

ous aspects of school management and leadership, empowering the participants with cuttingedge strategies and innovations that can be implemented to enhance the learning environ-

As an outcome of the program, the Director will be working on applying the knowledge gained

to further refine and strengthen the academic and administrative frameworks within the school This effort is in line with the school's vision to provide students with a holistic and futureoriented education.

The event emphasized the importance of sustainable practices in educational institutions, which aligns with IIMB's commitment to a greener future.

As part of this initiative, the school will also explore the possibility of introducing ecofriendly measures in campus to support environmental sustain-

The Director's visit to IIMB marks a pivotal moment in the school's journey toward educational excellence. We are proud to have had this opportunity to connect with other leaders in education and contribute to the national discourse on transformative educational practices.

Kisan Mela-cum-Fruit Exhibition 2024 celebrates agricultural achievements in Ladakh

Top News Report

LEH, Sep 11: LAHDC Leh, hosted the Kisan Mela-cum-Fruit Exhibition 2024 at the Horticulture Complex, Agling, Leh. The event was graced by Chairman/ CEC LAHDC, Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson as the Chief Guest, and Executive Councillor, Horticulture Ghulam Mehdi as the Guest of Honour. Director Horticulture UT Ladakh Tsewang Phuntsog also attended the

function The exhibition showcased an impressive range of horticultural produce, including different varieties of apples, chuli (a local fruit), watermelons, and an array of vibrant flow-

This display highlighted the region's rich horticultural heritage and demonstrated the exceptional results achieved by local farmers. Each exhibit highlighted the quality and diversity of produce cultivated in Ladakh. reflecting the advancements in farming techniques and the dedication of the agricultural community.

The variety of fruits and flowers on display not only celebrated the region's unique climatic conditions but also emphasized the successful integration of modern agricultural practices in enhancing local produce.

The event was attended by over 200 farmers and showcased around 450 exhibits of fruits, flowers and value added products

In his address, Chief **Executive Councillor** Adv. Tashi Gyaltsan emphasized the significance of such events in showcasing the progress and performance of local farmers. He highlighted the crucial role of collaboration between farmers and various departments to ensure they receive the necessary support and

equipment. He encouraged farmers to actively participate and take advantage of the resources offered by the Administration and LAHDC.

CEC highlighted that LAHDC provides subsidies for horticulture tools to support and enhance agricultural practices.

CEC also expressed a desire to extend these events to more remote regions such as Sham, Chamgthang, and Rong, underlining their importance in raising awareness about agri-

cultural advancements. CEC also appreciated the department for organizing the event and bringing farmers and Scientist at one platform.

Executive Councillor Ghulam Mehdi discussed the advantages of modern farming technologies and the necessity of pushing forward with innovation in horti-

He underscored the benefits of integrating new technologies and methods to enhance productivity and support farmers in the region.

The Kisan Mela Cum Fruit Exhibition 2024 not only celebrated agricultural achievements but also served as a platform for promoting further development and cooperation in the horticultural sector.

SGWF honors forest martyrs with mega plantation drive

Top News Report

JAMMU. Sep 11: The Synergetic Green Warriors Foundation (SGWF) commemorated Forest Martyrs' Day with a mega plantation drive at the road divider near Kameshwar Temple, Akhnoor.

The event paid tribute to the forest martyrs who made the ultimate sacrifice in safeguarding our environment, allowing us to live in a cleaner and healthier world.

This initiative honors their memory and encourages environmental stewardship among local communi-

Various plant species, including Parijaat, Thevetia, Sukhchain, Tecoma, Rudraksh, and Cassia glauca, were planted along the road dividers from Kameshwar Temple to the old bridge in Akhnoor.

Volunteers from across Akhnoor, such as Raju Bajiger, Kaluram, Mithu. Rajuram, Gourav, Rohit, Shubham, and Monika, alongside many women participants, contributed to making the event a success

The plantation drive was spearheaded by Dr. Sonia Verma, Director/CEO of SGWF, with the active involvement of Sandeep Sharma, Treasurer. The entire initiative was carried out under the direct supervision of Sham Lal



Sharma, Chief Patron of SGWF.

Parijaat, a new entrant to the road dividers of Akhnoor, holds deep socio-cultural significance. Sandeep Sharma, Treasurer of SGWF, highlighted the importance of Parijaat, stating that it is revered in Indian culture for its religious and medicinal properties. "The addition of Parijaat to our plantation efforts not only enhances the biodiversity of the region but also brings a plant with rich cultural heritage to our streets. It symbolizes peace and spirituality, making it a meaningful choice for the beautification of our roads," said Sandeep Sharma.

During the event, Dr. Sonia Verma paid tribute to the forest martyrs, acknowledging their role as the true custodians of our "green gold." She emphasized the importance of their sacrifices in maintaining a healthy,

pollution-free environment for everyone. Dr. Verma noted that these

martyrs' selfless dedication to nature conservation is the reason we continue to enjoy the benefits of cleaner air and a greener world. Raju Bajiger, one of the key volunteers, spoke

about the significance of planting trees along road dividers. He emphasized that such efforts not only enhance the aesthetic value of roads but also help in curbing road accidents. "Tree plantations along the as natural barriers that improve visibility and provide shade, which in turn helps reduce accidents," he said.

Monika, another dedicated volunteer, also addressed the gathering, further highlighting the bravery and sacrifices of the "green soldiers" — the forest martyrs. She emphasized that their legacy should

inspire all of us to protect and preserve the environment for future

SGWF remains steadfast in its mission to safeguard the environment through sustainable practices, largescale plantation drives, and public awareness campaigns. The organization has committed to planting and adopting 25,000 trees across India under its 'Adopt a Tree' campaign, aimed at reducing deforestation and increasing green cover.

In addition to tree plantation, SGWF is actively involved in promoting eco-friendly agricultural practices, restoring degraded ecosystems, and conducting educational workshops on the importance of biodiversity. The organization collaborates with local communities, schools, and government bodies to foster a culture of environmental responsibility and create a sustainable future for the next generation.

Dr. Verma highlighted SGWF's vision for a greener planet, where every individual plays a role in nurturing and protecting nature. "By remembering our forest martyrs and continuing our work, we hope to inspire a new generation of environmental warriors who will carry forward the legacy of those who sacrificed their lives

for the cause," she said. SGWF is dedicated to leading the way in environmental protection by combining action, education, and community involvement to address climate change, deforestation, and other environmental challenges.

Dimple leads protest against Pakistan's ceasefire violations

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 11: Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood, led a strong protest rally against Pakistan's ceasefire violations along the Akhnoor and Ramgarh sectors of the Line of Control (LoC), where a BSF soldier was injured.

During the demonstration, effigies of Pakistan, its flag, and the ISI were burnt.

Addressing the protestors, Dimple condemned Pakistan's repeated ceasefire violations and called for a robust military response from India.

Dimple demanded that the Central Government liberate Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (POK), Gilgit, and Baltistan from Pakistani control.

He also alleged that Indian security forces are continuously targeted, with many soldiers being injured or mar-



tyred in attacks by Pakistani militants in Jammu and Kashmir.

Dimple urged the Indian government to carry out surgical strikes against Pakistan and emphasized the need for immediate action to counter these threats.

He further alleged that over 600 Pakistani Special Operations Group (SOG) commandos and Border Action Team (BAT) soldiers had infiltrated regions like Doda, Kishtwar, Poonch, Rajouri, and

ing Kathua, Udhampur, and Basohli.

According to Dimple, in just 60 days, more than 50 security personnel and civilians had been martyred due to these infiltrations and militant activities

He also issued a warning to both the governments of Pakistan and Bangladesh, condemning attacks on Hindus, temples, and Jammu and Kashmir students in Bangladesh. Dimple demanded that Prime

parts of Jammu, includ-

Minister Narendra Modi and Islamic countries take action to protect Indian citizens and Hindus living in Bangla-

Additionally, Dimple accused the Pakistani army of persecuting Hindus, Sikhs, Shia Muslims, and other minorities, alleging instances of killings. rapes, and forced religious conversions.

Prominent leaders who joined the protest included Rupesh Bhat, Nitin Saini, Sat Pal. Sachin Soi, and Bunty Dogra, among others.

J&K Rollers Skating Association hosts Srinagar District Skating Championship

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Sep 11: The Jammu and Kashmir Rollers Skating Association proudly presented the Srinagar District Skating Championship at Radpora Stadium, Srinagar. This dynamic event brought together skaters from various age groups, showcasing their exceptional talent and passion for the sport.

The championship was a vibrant display of skill and sportsmanship, with enthusiastic participation from young athletes eager to demonstrate their prowess on skates. The event not only celebrated the sport of roller skating but also fostered a spirit of healthy competition and camaraderie among the participants.

500 Meter Race

BOYS 5-7 yrs: Zayeem, gold, Hasnain, silver, Abdulah, bronze. 9-11 yrs: Ibrahim Pindoo, gold, Mohd. Irham, silver and Ayan Wani, bronze. 11-14 yrs: Anas, gold, Haider, silver and Himayat, bronze.

GIRLS 5-7 yrs: Maarsha Wasim, gold and Alima. silver. 7-9 yrs: Ilma, gold, Khadijah, silver and Aisha Wani, Bronze. 9-11 yrs:



Huriya, gold, Armeen, silver and Zanaira, bronze. 11-14 yrs: Sakeena, gold, Aleena, silver and Ayra Shabeer,

Small Race Event: Esa, gold and Mustaqeen, silver 1000 Meter Race

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gold, Ilma, silver and Aroush Fatimah, bronze. 11-14 yrs: Sakeena, gold, Aleena, silver and Ayra Shabir, bronze. 9-11 yrs: Huriya, gold, Armeen, silver and Zunairah Shah, Bronze.

Small Race Event: Esa, gold and Mustageen, silver. The Jammu and Kashmir Rollers Skating Association President G.S Khurmi extends his heartfelt congratulations to all the winners and participants.

The championship was a testament to the growing enthusiasm for roller skating in Srinagar and a crucial step in nurturing the next generation of skating champions.

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