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Why weren't NC, PDP bad when BJP need their support in past: Omar's jibe at PM Modi

SRINAGAR, Sep 14 (Agencies): Stating that the Prime Minister Narendera Modi should have talked about the killing of two soldiers in Kishwtar and the ongoing encounter at Baramulla, National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah today said why NC and PDP weren't bad when BJP need their support in the past.

"BJP was in government with the PDP post 2014 elections. Wasn't PDP bad then and responsible for Kashmir mess? If BJP would get less numbers after Assembly elections and if PDP extends support to it, BJP won't find any faults in PDP to form the government," Omar as per News Vibes of India (NVI) told reporters on the sidelines of a political rally in Devsar area of Kulgam district of South Kashmir.

He said when late Vajpayee made him (Omar) a minister in BJP regime, why didn't

"Since its election time, PM Modi is all of a sudden finding faults within NC and PDP. He should have talked about the killing of two soldiers in Kishtwar yesterday and the ongoing encounter in Tappar, Baramulla," Omar said.

He said they were told that after revocation of Article 370, gun will go away from J&K, but "Is

Pertinently, PM Modi in his speech in a political rally in Doda today, held NC, Congress and PDP responsible for ruining J&K for the past 70 years.

The PM said that these parties promoted separatism and terrorism in J&K. He even targeted the NC manifesto stating that the document advocates revival of terrorism, separatism and stone pelting in J&K.

Complaint filed against **IAS Officer** over alleged irregular appointments in J&K

JAMMU, Sep 14 (Agencies): A complaint has been filed with the Chief Electoral Officer of Jammu and Kashmir, accusing IAS officer Nazim Zai Khan, Mission Director of the National Health Mission and Ayushman

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"Three dynasties destroyed J&K": PM Modi attacks Congress, PDP, NC in Doda

JAMMU, Sep 14 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said that the upcoming Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir will be a fight between "three dynasties" and the youth of the union territory.

He named Congress, National Conference (NC) and People's Democratic Party (PDP) as the three dynasties whose corrupt practices "hollowed out" and "destroyed" Jammu and Kashmir.

"This year, the elections to Jammu Kashmir assembly are going to be held between th dynasties and the youth of Jammu and Kashmir," PM Modi said in his first rally in the election bound erstwhile

"These three families are responsible for the dire state that J-K was in for decades. They indulged in corruption

and made you struggle for your basic needs. These families laid the foundation for terrorism and extremism in the valley. They provided a safe haven for the propagation of terrorism for personal gains," the Prime Minister

"On one side, there are these three dynasties and on the other, my sons and daughters of Jammu and Kashmir. These three dynasties are – the Congress, the National Conference and the PDP. What these three dynasties have together done with you all is nothing less than a sin. These three families prepared the necessary ground for separatism and terrorism here. Who benefitted from it? The enemies of the nation. They were harbouring terrorism so that their shops of millions continue to prosper. They are responsible for ruin-



ing Jammu and Kashmir for decades," PM modi said.

The Prime Minister pledged that his government would make a prosperous Jammu and Kashmir, stating that it was "Modi Ki Guarantee."

"I can see that our sisters and daughters have come here in big numbers to bless us. I am thankful to you all. I will repay this love and blessings of yours by working twice and thrice as hard for you and the country. Together we will build a safe and prosperous Jammu and Kashmir and this is Modi's guarantee," PM Modi said.

The Prime Minister further stated that the assembly elections of Jammu and Kashmir would decide the fate of the Union Territory.

"This time the elections of Jammu and Kashmir is going to decide the fate of J-K. Since independence, our beloved J-K has been targeted by foreign powers. After this, 'pariwarwad' started hollowing this beautiful state. The political parties you trusted here did not care about your children. Those political parties only promoted their own children. The youth of J&K have been suffering with terrorism and the parties promoting 'pariwarwad' were having fun by misleading you. These people have never allowed new leaders to emerge anywhere in J-K. You also know that panchayat elections were not held here after 2000," PM

Modi said. He further said that "Pariwarwad' did not allow the youth to come forward and that is why, after coming to power in 2014, I have tried to

bring forward the new leadership of the youth in Jammu and Kashmir."

"In 2018, panchayat elections were held here. In 2019, BDC elections were held and in 2020, DDC elections were held for the first time. Why were these elections held? So that democracy reaches the grassroots level in Jammu

and Kashmir," he said. The Prime Minister referred to the remark by then Congress' Home Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde in which he said that he was scared to visit Lal Chowk

"There was a time when there used to be an undeclared curfew after evening. The situation was such that the Union Home Minister used to be scared to visit Lal Chowk," he said.

PM Modi referred to the changing situation in Jammu ■Turn to page 9

Militants

won't be

allowed to

disrupt J&K

Terrorism increased in J&K since Modi Sworn in for third term: Supriya Shrinate

SRINAGAR, Sep 14 (Agencies): Congress on Saturday accused the Centre of failing to end terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir and claimed that terrorism has returned stronger in union territory where it had been eliminated many years ago.

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Addressing a press conference at the party office here, the party's



spokesperson Supriya Shrinate said there have been 25 terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir in

the 98 days since Prime Minister Narendra Modi was sworn in for his third

"Huge claims were made that after August 2019, peace will be established in Jammu and Kashmir. I will not talk about the time since 2014 or 2019, but it has been 98 days since Modi was sworn in. In the last 98 days, there have been 25 terror strikes in J-K in which 21 security personnel were martyred, while 28 others were injured," she said. Shrinate said 15

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Three terrorists killed in Baramulla encounter, search ops on

BARAMULLA, Sep 14 (Agencies): Three terrorists have been killed in an encounter at Chak Tappar area of Pattan in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, officials said Saturday.

An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), that two more unidentified terrorist have been killed at Chak Tappar encounter that started late night yesterday, the

the number of total slain to three. Initially, one terrorist was killed.

The search operation is ongoing. The terror ists were trapped inside a school building.

Earlier officials told KNO, that a joint team of Army's 29 RR, CRPF and Jammu and Kashmir Police had laid a cordon and search operation in Chak Tappar village of

Pattan in Baramulla

polls: IGP Kashmir SRINAGAR, Sep 14 (Agencies): Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir Zone, Vidhi Kumar Birdi Saturday said that security forces are much alert and attentive to thwart designs of anti-national elements, and said ter-

rorists won't be allowed

to disrupt upcoming

Assembly elections in

sort of design of terror-

ists which aims to upset

upcoming Assembly

elections in J&K will

be foiled. They won't

be allowed to interrupt

elections at any cost,"

IGP Kashmir Zone told

reporters in Tappar area

of Baramulla where

encounter between

terrorists and security

IGP Kashmir said the

encounter is underway,

and it will take more time to get over. "The

encounter is underway,

and it will take more time to be completed.

The body of a terrorist

has been spotted at the encounter site. Once the

firefight is over, things

will be cleared," he said. Replying to a query,

the IGP Kashmir said that it will be premature

to share operational

details at this point of

"The topography of the

area is wild and rugged,

and is distanced from a

populated area. It is pre-

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forces was underway.

Jammu & Kashmir. "Security forces are alert and attentive. Any

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SH. RAM LAL JI

AKHAND PATH & ANTIM ARDAS

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THAT OUR BELOVED MAHEEP SINGH RANDHAWA (S/O LATE S. INDER SINGH RANDHAWA) HAS COMPLETED HIS JOURNEY OF LIFE AND LEFT FOR HIS HEAVENLY ABODE ON

9TH SEPTEMBER 2024. FOR THE PEACE OF THE DEPARTED SOUL ARAMBH SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB AT OUR RESIDENCE H. NO 18/B, KARAN NAGAR, JAMMU ON FRIDAY 13-09-2024 FROM 9:00 AM.

BHOG SHRI AKHAND PATH ON SUNDAY 15-09-2024 AT 9:00 AM, FOLLOWED BY KIRTAN AND ANTIM ARDAS AT GURUDWARA KALGIDHAR SAHIB, REHARI, JAMMU FROM 10.00 AM TO 12.00 NOON.

GURU KA LANGAR - 12:00 NOON ONWARDS GRIEF STRICKEN:

SALINDER KOUR (MOTHER) SISTERS AND BROTHERS-IN-LAW GURPREET KOUR AND HARTEJ SINGH MANPREET KOUR AND SACHIN ARORA MANUEET SINGH RANDHAWA (UNCLE)

PRITHPAL SINGH RANDHAWA (UNCLE)



MAHEEP SINGH RANDHAWA

MOB:- 9205050505. 9906294624

TENTH DAY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SOR-ROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD AND UNTIMELY DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SMT. RINKU KUMARI W/O SH SUNIL KHAROO, PRESENTLY RESIDING AT H. NO 411, SECTOR- 2, VINAYAK NAGAR, MUTHI JAMMU ON

SMT. RINKU KUMARI TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2024 AT

MUTHI GHAT (NEAR DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL

EDUCATION) JAMMU AT 9 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN: SAMAST KHAROO FAMILY SAMAST PANDITA FAMILY SAMAST RAINA FAMILY

AND ALL EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS. 7006262130, 7006701628, 9596779378

TENTH DAY/UTHALA/KRIYA

With hard heart and deep sorrow, we inform that our beloved SMT. RAMO DEVI W/o Lt. Sh. Tirath Ram Sharma R/O 137-138, Bakshi Nagar, near Shri Geeta Mandir, Jammu has left for her heavenly abode on 05-09-2024. TENTH DAY will be performed at Shri Geeta Mandir Smriti Bhawan on 14-09-2024 (Saturday) at 11.00 a.m. UTHALA will be performed at Shri Geeta Mandir Smriti Bhawan (Lower Hall) on 14-09-2024 (Saturday) from

2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. KRIYA will be performed at our residence on 15-09-2024 at 12.00 noon.

GRIEF STRICKEN SONS & DAUGHTERS-IN- LAW

Sh Vishnu Prakash Sharma & Smt. Kanchan Sharma Sh Rajesh Badyal (SBI Retired) & Smt. Shakti Sharma (Retired Master) Sh Susheel Sharma & Smt. Rekha Sharma (USA)

DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW Smt Sangeeta Sharma & Rajinder Sharma (JKB Mumbai)

GRAND DAUGHTERS & SONS-IN-LAW Smt Suchika & Sh. Ankush Gupta (JKB) Smt Harshita & Sh. Utkarsh Jain GRAND SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

Mr Ajitesh Badyal & Mrs. Megha Sharma GRAND CHILDREN: Satvik, Saksham, Pranav, Samarth, Ipshita

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SMT. RAMO DEVI

(Son & Daughter-in-law)

Peuish Dhar Khushboo Dhar

Ms. Sandhya Dhar (Daughter)

Contact No. - 09797094908/07006678300

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved SH CHAMAN LAL MUNSHI R/o Rangteng Alikadal A/P 64/4 Pamposh Colony, Janipur.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 16-09-2024 (Monday) at Muthi Ghat at 8.30 AM.

Grief Stricken

Brother & Sister-in-law Sh M K Munshi & Smt Jyoti Munshi

Daughters & Sons-in-law Smt Seema & Sh Ramesh Koul Smt Shami & Sh Vijay Koul

Ms Anupama Munshi Ms Sulekha & Mr. Dhiraj Nebhnani

Ms Meetu & Mr Rahul Hak



Sh Chaman Lal Munshi

M.N. 9419184676, 7006357694, 9086004589, 9419112130

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt Sangeeta Thakur (Master) wife of Sh Ravi Chand Thakur residence of village Kotli near new Bus Stand Bhadarwah.

10th Day will be performed on Sunday 15-09-2024 (9.00 am) at Chabra Ground Kotli Bhadarwah.

Grief Stricken

Champa Devi -Mother-in-law Ravi Chand Thakur -Husband Saniya Thakur -Daughter Taniya Thakur -Daughter Surya Partap Singh -Son



Smt Sangeeta Thakur (Master)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

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

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

GRIEF STRICKEN Smt. Seema Koul -Wife

Sanjay Koul -Son

Sakshi Koul -Daughter

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



SH SHUBAN KRISHAN KOUL

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Maharaj Krishan Dhar (Bajee) S/o Lt. Shr Vidya Lal Dhar on 07-09-2024 at House No. 341, Sector 4, Gangyal Garden Jammu.

10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Bhadrakali Mandir Thalwal Jammu on 16th September at 10am.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Santosh Dhar (Wife) Smt. Santosh Kachroo (Sister)

(Brother & Sister-in-law)

Sh. Ashok Kumar Dhar & Girja Dhar (Son & Daughter-in-law)

Mr. Sanjay Dhar & Mrs. Sandra Dhar

Peuish Dhar Khushboo Dhar

Puneet and Sakshi Ms. Sandhya Dhar (Daughter)

Koul's, Bhat's, Mattoo's, Raina's, Kachroo's, Munshi's Contact No. - 09797094908/07006678300

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief we inform the sad demise of SH. JAWAHAR LAL MUNSHI S/o Lt. Sh. Prithvi Nath Munshi originally resident of Munshi Mohalla, Alikadal currently resident of Dehradun on 08-09-2024.

10TH DAY KRIYA will be held on 17-09-2024 at Kashmiri Pandit dharamshaala, Haridwar.

DEEPLY MOURNED BY:

SMT. VEENA MUNSHI (WIFE)

NEERU & SAMEER NANAJKAR (DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW) SH. JAWAHAR LAL ANJU & DINESH PANDITA (DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW) NIKHIL, NEHA, HARDIK & VARUN (GRANDCHILDREN)

CONTACT 9810036667, 9149334347, 7011900274, 9900265847



MUNSHI

Sh. Maharaj Krishan Dhar

(Bajee)

Sh. Praveen Tikku

Khanna

Bhan

TENTH DAY KRIYA

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Sh. Ashok Kumar Dhar & Girja Dhar

Mr. Sanjay Dhar & Mrs. Sandra Dhar Puneet and Sakshi

Koul's, Bhat's, Mattoo's, Raina's, Kachroo's, Munshi's

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

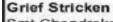
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Samast Tikku, Bhat, Saraf, Raina & Pandita Parivaars 9999093638

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Capt. Om Parkash Khanna S/o Late Sh Karam Chand Khanna, who left for heavenly abode on 5-9-2024. Tenth Day will be performed at our res-

idence 190/3 Shant Nagar, Old Janipur, Jammu on 14-9-24 (Saturday) at 11 am. Kriya will be performed at our resi- Capt. Om Parkash dence 190/3 Shant Nagar, Old Janipur, Jammu on 17/9/24 (Tuesday),



Smt Chandrakanta - Wife

Smt Susheela & Govind Ram Khanna- Bhabi & Brother Smt Shalini & Ashok Khanna- D-In-law & Son Smt Usha Arora- Daughter

Smt Sushma & Vijay Khanna- D-in-law & Son Mob. 9622010045/7006637441

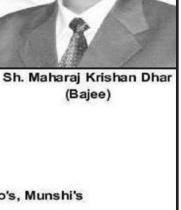
SHADMOS AND MASWAR

(NOBLE SOUL NEVER DIES) With profound grief and sorrow, due to untimely demise of Late Jita Kumari Bhan (Jeeta Bhan) wife of Maharaj Krishen Bhan resident of Sebdan Badgam Kmr, presently residing at H No. 57/A, Amar Colony Lane No. -2 Gole Gujral Camp Road, Talab Tillo Jammu. Shadmos and Masvar will

Late Jita Kumari be held on 14/9/24 and 15/9/24. Grief Stricken Dulari Bhan (Mother in law) Wife of Late Gopi Nath Bhan (Retd Headmaster) (Jeeta Bhan) Maharaj Krishen Bhan - (Husband) (Retd Senior Lecturer) Manish Bhan (Son)

Shikha Bhan (Daughter) S. S. Bhan (PNB) & Usha Bhan (Devar & Devrani) DURANIS, SAFROOS, KOULS, DULLOOS, RAINAS, BAZAZ, PANDITAS, AND

ALL NEARS & DEARS MOBILE: 9419305309, 9419143120



10TH DAY

10TH DAY

RADHA SWAMI

With Profound Grief & Sorrow We Inform

the sad demise of Sh. Ram Lal ji S/o Sh.

Kamlu Ram R/o Bharat Nagar Jakhani

Udhampur (New Star Tailoring House

10TH DAY SATSANG Wednesday

18/09/2024 at 12:00 noon Sansar Palace

Sh Amit Bhardwaj & Smt. Rimpy Thappa

Sh Ajay Kumar NT & Smt. Priyanka Bhardwaj

Brothers: Sh. Parkash Ram, Late Sh Des Raj,

Court Road Udhampur)

Jakheni Udhampur

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Wife Smt. Veena Devi

Whole Bogal family

Son and Daughter in law

Daughter and Son in law

Sh Baldev Raj, Sh Vijay Kumar

Grand child : Mahira Bhardwaj

With profound grief and sorrow we inform hat 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 Yedryuru Vaidika Gendra, 22nd Cross Road, Sakkamma Garden, Jayanagar, Bengaluru 560082 Bangalore) on 16th September 2024 at 10 am

GRIEF STRICKEN: Sh. Puran Lal Kaloo Daughters-in-law & Sons Sunita & Ramesh Kumar Dhar Mobile: 9425403824 Sunita & Dr Pawan Dhar

Mobile: 9953345001 Grand Daughters-in-law & Grand Sons /ineeta & Akshay Dhar Priyanka & Anuj Dhar

Grand Daughters: Shrea, Riya

Great Grand Daughter: Kiera

TENTH DAY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE NFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF SMT DULARI SAPROO KAUL W/O SH MOTI LAL KAUL R/O C-5 BHARAT NAGAR TALAB TILLO JAMMU ORIGINALLY R/O KARAN

TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AT AKHNOOR GHAT AND GATHERING ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD AT MUTHI GHAT FROM 11.00 AM.

FAMILY MEMBERS : SH MOTI LAL KAUL HUSBAND SANJEEV KUMAR KALIL -SON ANITA KAUL -DAUGHTER-IN-LAW CHANDNI KAUL -GRAND DAUGHTER SURAJ KAUL -GRANDSON

GRIEF STRICKEN NAQUIB'S, SAPROO'S, GANJOO'S, MOZA'S, MALLA'S CONTACT NO. 9419186136

ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform ou the sad demise of our beloved S. JANA SINGH JI S/o Late S. Amar Singh Ji R/o H. N 141, Sector-1, Nanak Nagar Jammu who left us heavenly to a bode on 10-09-2024. PROGRAMME Arambh Sri Akhand Paath Sahib on 13-09-2024

(Friday) at 9 AM at our residence.

Bhog Sri Akhand Paath Sahib on 15-09-2024
(Shog Sri Akhand Paath Sahib on 15-09-2024
(Antim Ardas at Gurudwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha,
Nanak Nagar, Jammu from 3.30 PM to 5.00 PM

GRIEF STRICKEN

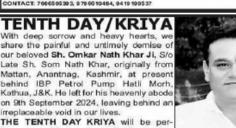
Talvinder Singh -son in Gument Kour - Baughter in Gument Kour - Baughter in Simranjeet Kour & S. Maninderpal Singh - Daughter & Son in Law seler S. Avtar Singh & Sch Jazzbir Kour - Brother & Bhabhi Mani Singh (JaK Baniq) & Sdn Aahwnder Kour - Brother & Bhabhi Kaka Singh & Sdn Haimeet Kour - Brother & Bhabhi Ajt Singh & Sdn Haimeet Kour - Brother & Bhabhi Law - Bandhard - Bhabhi Kaka Singh & Sdn Haimeet Kour - Brother & Bhabhi Rang i Singh & Sdn Jatinder Kour-Brother & Bhabhi Surjeet Singh (Retd SE, PHE) & Sdn Robinderpol Kour-Brother & Bhabhi

OBITUARY & TENTH DAY KRIYA

RIEF STRICKEN:I. BADRI NATH (HUSBAND)
ONS & DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW
I. RAI KUJMAR PANDITA & SMT. SANGEETA PANDIT.
I. SAITSH PANDITA & SMT. PUSHIP LATA
I. SUNI, KUJMAR PANDITA
MT. ANJANA PANDITA
RAND CHILDERN: SAHIL, ASHISH, AYUSH, AAKASI TA SAHIL, ASHISH, AYUSH, AA

PLY REMEMBERED BY:

KOOLA JEE NSKAR NATH SIDHA & SMT. KRISHNA JEE ASKAR MATH SILIFES S SHAN LAL & SMT. RENU JEE NOHAR KRISHAN DHAR & SMT. INDU BALA KOK SHARIMA & SMT. PREM LATA IL KUMAR & SMT. ANITA JEE



formed on Wednesday 18th September 2024 at 10:00 AM at Bowli, near Ramilla FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS: imt. Suman Khar (Wife) Archana Khar & Amit Raina (Daughter & Son-in-law)

rchana Khar & Amit Raina (Daughter & Son-in-law)
nobal Khar & Akash Arora (Daughter & Son-in-law)
noisha Raina (Grand Daughter)
mt. & Sh. Ashok Khar (Brother & Bhabhi)
mt. & Sh. Veer Ji Khar (Brother & Bhabhi)
mt. & Sh. Veer Ji Khar (Brother & Bhabhi)
mt. Mohini Pandita (Sister)
imt. & Sh. Ranjni and Moti Lai Mukhi (Sister and Brother-in-law)
ONTACT NUMBERS: 9999127411, 9906071070, 8766227886, 9858204077

TENTH DAY/KRIYA WITH PROPOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE AD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SMT. SUMAN GUPTA** WIOSH. SODA-SAR GUPTA INO WARD NO. 10, HOUSE NO. 12, VIJAY PUR WHO LEF

OR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 6TH OF SEPTEMB ER (FRIDAY TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON 15THOF SEPTEMBER (SUNDA) AT LAXMI NARAYAN MANDIR VIJAYPUR AT CARD INVESTANT MAYOUR STAFFUR.

ARTSAMS 100 AM TO 12 80 NOON, KRIN WILL BE PERFORMED AT OUR RESIDENCE HOUSE NO. 12 WARD NO. 10 VIJAYPUR AT 12.00 NOON ON 18TH OF SEPTEMBER (WEDNESDAY).

RIEF STRICKEN :-HSODAGAR GUPTA (HUSBAND) DISTT. PRESIDENT N.C. VIJAYPUR BH. FACIR CHAND GUPTA (JETH JI) BMT. SUNITA GUPTA & SHKULDI PRAJ GUPTA (JETHANI & JETH JI). NSH GUPTA (SON)

ANSH GUPFA (SOM)
(DAUGHTERS & SON: IN LAWS)
HEDIA & SUNNY MALHOTRA
HARSHA & NIKHL DOGRA
(SONS & DAUGHTERS: IN-LAWS)
RAKESH & MONICA GUPTA
ARLN & B HAWANA GUPTA
AND IN & B GERAAC LEPTA ARLIN & REEMAGUPTA

JAY & SHKHAGUPTA

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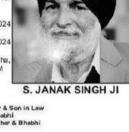
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SMT. RATTAN RANI





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Sawhney criticizes BJP's 10-year rule in Jammu during campaign

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 14: In a strong statement during his door-to-door campaign for the Jammu East assembly, Congress - National Conference candidate Yogesh Sawhney strongly criticized the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for a decade of inaction and neglect in the region.

As he listened to the concerns of local residents, Sawhney said it was clear that people are "fed up" with the BJP administration.

Sawhney noted the widespread discontent among the public, stating, "People have been suffering under the BJP's rule for the last 10 years, and it seems they have done nothing but spread false narratives to whitewash their failures." He added that during his interac-



tions with residents, recurring complaints about key issues like power shortages, frequent disconnections, and water scarcity were voiced.

The Congress NC candidate referenced the long and unannounced power cuts that have plagued the area. According to many locals, power infrastructure has either not been upgrad-

ed or has deteriorated over the years, leading to worsening electricity supply, especially in peak summer months. Water shortages were also a major issue highlighted by Sawhney.

Residents of several areas in Jammu East expressed their frustration over irregular water supply, saying that the problem had persisted for years without any long-term solutions from the administration.

Sawhney further criticized the BJP for its lack of focus on infrastructure.

He pointed out that basic civic amenities like roads and public transportation remain underdeveloped. "The condition of infrastructure in Jammu is appalling. What was the BJP doing for 10 years? Why did they fail to address these fundamental problems?" he asked. Concluding his campaign, Sawhney promised that if elected, he would work toward resolving these long-standing issues, ensuring better access to power, water, and infrastructure for the people of Jammu East. He reiterated that the time had come for a change in leadership, as "the BJP has had its chance, and it failed to deliver."

Randhawa unveils visionary blueprint for Bahu Constituency



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 14: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader, MLA candidate for Bahu Constituency, Ch. Vikram Randhawa, interacted with voters during door to door campaign at Ward No. 48, Gorkha Nagar and its adjoining areas of Bahu Constituency, emphasizing the need for change and prosperity over dynastic politics. He was accompanied by State Vice President J&K Anuradha Charak, BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan, Ex Councillor Sharda Kumari Co-Covenor Vivek Patyal, Mandal President Neeraj Puri, District Vice President Karuna Chetri, District Secretary Amit Sharma, District Mahila Morcha President Divya Jain, Sunny Sangotra, Daljit Singh, Subash Chander and others were present on the occasion.

Vikram Randhawa unveils blueprint for the general public of bahu constituency. He high-

lighted the BJP's commitment to good governance, development, and social justice, contrasting it with the legacy of dynastic politics that has hindered Jammu and Kashmir's progress. He emphasised that there is renewed enthusiasm among the people in a fear-free Jammu and Kashmir, and expressed confidence that the people

would choose the BJP

and a "double engine"

government focused on

development. While addressing the gathering BJP popular leader Vikram Randhawa emphasized that J&K is moving forward on the path of development under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He remarked that the BJP has always stood for "one country, one constitution, one flag, and one leadership," and now, Jammu and Kashmir is fully integrated with India. Randhawa noted that tourism and investment in the region are increasing rapidly, opening up new

employment opportuni-

ties. He noted a significant change since the abrogation of Article 370.

He stated that incidents of stone-pelting have completely stopped, with terrorism at an all-time low and tourism reaching new heights. According to him, the dominance of terrorists and stone-pelters has been eradicated.

He elaborates my vision is to create a Bahu Constituency where every citizen has access to quality education, healthcare, and economic opportunities," Randhawa said. "I will work tirelessly to ensure transparency, accountability, and good governance in all domains of society.

Randhawa's vision has resonated with the public, who are eager for a leader who will bring about transformative change and development of Bahu constituency. Randhawa appealed to the voters to exercise their franchise wisely, choosing a candidate who will work for their betterment and the region's prosperity.

Randhawa pointed out that voter participation in Jammu and Kashmir has surged, with voting percentages increasing from around 10 per cent in the past to 58 per cent in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. He said that the upcoming assembly elections will be historic and the people of Jammu and Kashmir will choose BJP for sustained development and stability in the region.

Selective Media Entry at PM Modi's event in Doda sparks outrage

Top News Report

DODA, Sep 14: A surprising turn of events, several mediapersons were denied entry to cover Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address in Doda, Jammu & Kashmir, despite being invited by the district administration. The incident has sparked discontent among the local media fraternity, who are raising concerns about transparency and fairness in the event's media coverage.

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According to reports,

the district administration had extended invitations to all media outlets, encouraging them to cover the high-profile event.

However, when journalists arrived at the venue early in the morning, only 3-4 mediapersons were handed entry passes, leaving the majority of accredited journalists standing outside. No clear explanation was provided for the restricted access, leading to frustration among the excluded journalists.

"We were all invited, and we came prepared

to cover the event in a fair and comprehensive manner. But when we reached the venue, only a handful of media personnel were given entry passes. This kind of selective access

goes against the spirit of

press freedom," stated a

and transparent cover-

journalist who had been denied entry.
The media fraternity has expressed serious concerns over the incided for the cess, leadtion of journalistic rights. They emphasized that the role of the press is to provide unbiased

age of significant public events, especially when the Prime Minister addresses the nation.

"The lack of clarity regarding the distribution of passes is troubling. Events of national importance should be accessible to all media outlets, big or small. Excluding the majority of journalists undermines the right to free and fair reporting," said another media representative.

In response, the local media is urging the district administration to take corrective

measures and ensure that future events are conducted with full transparency and equal access for all accredited journalists.

This incident has triggered a broader discussion about the need for media freedom, with several journalist associations calling for an official explanation from the district authorities. While there has been no official comment from the administration as of now, the media fraternity remains hopeful that such oversights will not be repeated.

76 Bn CRPF organizes "Swachhta Hi Seva-2024" Abhiyan



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 14: Under the most significant cleanliness campaign, 76 Bn CRPF organized "Swachhta Hi Seva-2024" abhiyan and Rally at Bachittar Complex, Sector-7, Channi Himmat, Jammu under the leadership

of Sh. Rajesh Kumar Yadav, Commandant [A.O.L]- 76 Bn. Sh. Raj Kumar, Ex- Chairman of Health & Sanitation, Channi Himmat Jammu, graced this occasion.

This Program was inaugurated with an aim to achieve the vision of "Clean India". Sanitation and cleanliness plays an important role in our daily life. It is important as it prevents dangerous diseases like Dengue, Malaria, Typhoid, Hepatitis and other diseases caused by mosquito bite.

During this program, Jayram Prasad, Second in Command-76 Bn, Girish Chand Singh Sontiyal, Deputy Comdt-76 Bn, Jawans & families of 76 Bn and Local Public of surrounding area of Channi Himmat participated with full zeal & enthusiasm.

CBSE hosts insightful capacity building programme on NCF-Foundational Stage at DPS Nagbani



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 14: Delhi Public School Nagbani proudly hosted a significant workshop on the "National Curriculum Framework - Foundational Stage." The sessions were attended by educators from various **CBSE** affiliated schools from Jammu region. The CBP was led by distinguished CBSE resource persons Dr. Atul Hans and Mr. Arindam Roy Choudhury.

The event was inaugurated with the traditional lighting of lamp followed by Ganesha Vandana which set a reflective and respectful tone for the day's proceedings. Mr. R K Verma, Principal of the school welcomed the resource persons with the presentation of potted plants. Both the resource persons delivered an in-depth exploration of the National Curriculum Framework, emphasizing its pivotal role in shaping the

foundational stage of education. Their expert guidance covered various aspects, including curriculum design, effective teaching strategies, and the integration of new pedagogical approaches to enhance early childhood education.

S S Sodhi, Chief Guest on the occasion said that Delhi Public School Nagbani continues to demonstrate its commitment to educational excellence and professional development through such impactful initiatives. The workshop served as a valuable opportunity for educators to refine their skills and contribute to the enhancement of early childhood education.

The workshop included interactive sessions, where participants engaged in discussions and hands-on activities to better understand the framework's application. The resource persons'

practical insights and answers to educators' queries made the workshop highly informative and engaging.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Bhawna Madaan, Headmistress of the school. She expressed her gratitude to the resource persons, participants and the school's organizing team for their contributions to the success of the workshop.

Massive landslide affects connectivity on Jammu-Rajouri-Poonch National Highway

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 14 (Agencies): A massive landslide hit the Jammu-Rajouri-Poonch National Highway on Saturday leading to the suspension of vehicular traffic.

Connectivity to the Bhata Dhurian village has been affected.

According to official

According to official sources, road-widening work was under way

when debris, including big boulders, fell on the road resulting in its complete closure.

However, restoration work has begun to assist the hundreds of stranded vehicles.

JP Atray Cricket Tournament

Teamwork powers J&K to big win over Minerva Club

Top News Report

JAMMU / PATIALA, Sep 14: Teamwork powered Jammu and Kashmir to a big victory by a huge margin of 196 runs over Minerva Cricket Club to keep their hopes alive in the ongoing 29th All India JP Atray Memorial Cricket Tournament 2024 at Dhruv Pandove Cricket Stadium, Patialia today.

Earlier, J&K rode on a magnificent batting display by the quartet of Suryansh Raina, Irfan ul Haq, Kanhaiya Wadhawan and Nasir Lone to score a good total of 267

runs in the stipulated 50 overs, losing 7 wickets in the process.

Suryansh top scored with splendid 91 runs off 105 balls, studded with 13 boundaries, while Irfan UI Haq contributed power-packed 53 runs off just 26 balls with 4 fours and an equal number of sixes. Kanhaiya Wadhawan also scored valuable 52 runs off 69 balls with 4 boundaries, while Lone Nasir remained unbeaten on 30 runs off 43 balls with 3 fours.

Anshul Negi was the most successful bowler for Minerva Cricket Club, who took 3 wick-



ets by conceding 46 runs in his 10 overs, while Monty Saini, Sid-

harth Bakshi, Jashanpreet Singh and Tushar Kapadiya claimed one

wicket each

In reply, Minerva Cricket Club bundled out for paltry 71 runs to lose the match by a huge margin 196 runs

Skipper Agni Chopra top scored with 24 runs off 31 balls with 2 boundaries, while Jovanpreet Singh contributed 17 runs to the total.

For J&K all the bowlers bowled with the disciplined line and length and hit the right areas. Left-arm spinner Sarvashish Singh and right-arm off spinner Uday Pratap Singh bagged 3 wickets each,

while skipper Shubham Singh Pundir took 2 wickets. Speedsters Mujtaba Yousuf and Lone Nasir claimed one wicket each.

The Jammu and Kashmir team is being accompanied by Punit Bisht as the Head Coach, Kavaljeet Singh as the Bowling Coach, Sameer as the Bowling Coach, Guru Pratap Singh as the Trainer and Rehman as the Physiotherapist.

J&K will face Punjab Cricket Association (PCA) Colts in the next outing on September 16 at PCA Stadium, Mohali.

EDITORIAL

Jal Sanchay Jan Rhagidari A ater, the lifeblood of all ecosystems

ater, the lifeblood of all ecosystems and human activities, is becoming an increasingly scarce resource in many parts of the world, including India. With rising demand due to population growth, urbanization, and industrialization, coupled with erratic monsoons and depleting groundwater levels, water security has become a critical concern. India, home to 17% of the world's population but only 4% of its freshwater resources, faces a daunting challenge. To address this, the concept of "Jal Sanchay", or water conservation, through "Jan Bhagidari" (people's participation) has emerged as a key strategy. This participatory model of water management not only encourages collective action but also fosters a sense of ownership and responsibility towards water resources.

"Jal Sanchay" refers to the sustainable management, conservation, and storage of water resources. It encompasses practices like rainwater harvesting, groundwater recharge, the rejuvenation of traditional water bodies, watershed management, and efficient agricultural water use. While governments play a pivotal role in providing policy support and infrastructure, community involvement is essential to ensure the long-term sustainability of water conservation efforts.

Jan Bhagidari, or public participation, is the cornerstone of successful water conservation. The collective action of communities in conserving water resources not only helps in managing water crises but also brings about social and economic benefits, such as improved agricultural productivity, reduced conflict over water, and enhanced livelihoods

India's water crisis is multifaceted. Overexploitation of groundwater, inefficient agricultural practices, and pollution of water bodies have led to a severe water shortage in several regions. According to a report by NITI Aayog, nearly 600 million people in India face high to extreme water stress. Further, India is projected to have a 50% water demand-supply gap by 2030. In this scenario, Jal Sanchay is crucial for several reasons:

Sustainable Water Supply: Jal Sanchay ensures a sustainable water supply by storing and conserving rainwater and replenishing groundwater. It also helps in mitigating the effects of erratic rainfall and droughts, providing a buffer during dry seasons.

Agricultural Productivity: Given that over 80% of India's water is used for agriculture, efficient water use in this sector is critical. Jal Sanchay practices such as rainwater harvesting, micro-irrigation, and watershed management ensure that agriculture remains productive even during water-scarce periods.

Reducing Water Conflicts: Water scarcity often leads to conflicts between states, communities, and even within households. By ensuring an equitable and sustainable water supply, Jal Sanchay helps reduce these tensions and promotes harmony.

Environmental Benefits: Water conservation efforts help in the restoration of ecosystems, recharge of groundwater, and rejuvenation of rivers, lakes, and wetlands, which are crucial for maintaining biodiversity and ecological balance.

The success of any water conservation initiative largely depends on the active participation of the community. Jan Bhagidari, or people's participation, has proven to be a transformative approach in water management. Engaging local communities in the planning, implementation, and maintenance of water conservation projects ensures that these initiatives are grounded in the needs and knowledge of the people who directly depend on water resources.

The involvement of local communities in water conservation is not a new idea. For centuries, traditional water harvesting systems such as baolis (stepwells), kunds (small storage tanks), talabs (ponds), and johads (small earthen dams) were managed and maintained by communities. These structures played a critical role in ensuring water availability, especially in arid and semi-arid regions. Reviving these traditional methods through community engagement is an important aspect of Jal Sanchay.

One such example is the work of the late Rajendra Singh, also known as the "Waterman of India." Through the revival of johads in the drought-prone region of Rajasthan, Singh demonstrated how community participation could restore the water table, increase agricultural productivity, and transform barren landscapes into lush, green environments.

The Government of India has launched several initiatives that emphasize people's participation in water conservation. The Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA), launched in 2019, focuses on rainwater harvesting, watershed development, and water body rejuvenation with the active participation of local communities. Through campaigns such as "Catch the Rain" and "Water Conservation Awareness Drives," the government seeks to involve citizens, NGOs, and other stakeholders in water conservation efforts.

Another flagship program, the Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal), aims at ensuring groundwater sustainability through community-driven water management. This scheme encourages village-level water budgeting and the adoption of efficient water use practices, ensuring that groundwater resources are replenished and used judiciously.

In rural areas, the role of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Water User Associations (WUAs) is critical in managing water resources. These local governance bodies are well-positioned to mobilize community resources, resolve conflicts, and ensure equitable distribution of water. By empowering these institutions, Jal Sanchay initiatives can be implemented effectively at the grassroots lovel.

Water conservation is not just about infrastructure and policy; it requires a change in behavior and mindset. Raising awareness about the importance of saving water, reducing wastage, and adopting water-efficient practices is essential for creating a culture of conservation. Schools, colleges, community centers, and NGOs can play a vital role in educating people about the importance of Jal Sanchay

and the steps they can take at an individual level.

1. Hiware Bazar, Maharashtra: This village is a shining example of how community-driven water management can transform a drought-prone area into one with a surplus of water. By adopting watershed management techniques, building check dams, and engaging the entire village in water conservation, Hiware Bazar became watersufficient and economically prosperous.

As mentioned earlier, the revival of johads under Rajendra Singh's leadership turned the once drought-hit Alwar district into a water-secure region. His work earned him the Stockholm Water Prize, also known as the "Nobel Prize for Water."

Jal Sanchay through Jan Bhagidari is not just an option but a necessity for India's water future. The combined efforts of the government, local communities, NGOs, and individuals can create a sustainable water management system that ensures water security for future generations. As we face the twin challenges of climate change and growing water scarcity, fostering a culture of water conservation through collective action is the key to building a resilient and sustainable future.

Venom or Viksit Bharat: The choice is quite clear

By: Patralekha Chatterjee

ow do we get to "Viksit Bharat" without dealing **■** with the clashing images of "vikas" and venom? Last month, 72-year-old Ashraf Ali Sayyad Hussain was brutally assaulted by a mob in a moving train in Maharashtra. The reason: they suspected him of carrying beef. In another ghoulish and widely reported case, 22-year-old Sabir Malik, a Muslim migrant worker from West Bengal, was beaten to death by self-proclaimed cow protectors in Charkhi Dadri district of poll-bound Haryana because they suspected him of consuming beef. The same venom led to 19-yearold Aryan Mishra being shot dead on a highway in Haryana. Thugs who call themselves "cow protectors" mistook the teenager for a Muslim and a cattle smuggler. It is vicious prejudice which prompted a school principal in Amroha, Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous and politically powerful state, to take on a seven-year-old schoolboy because his lunch box carried non-vegetarian biryani. Also Read - Farrukh Dhondy | Will the 'Swifties' swing it for Dems? Or 'weird' Don call the shots in Nov? Advertisement These are not isolated instances. Neither is killing, assaulting, and humiliating in the name of the cow a new horror story. Back in 2016, this columnist pointed out that "the ringing endorsement about vikas" coincided with 'gruesome images of the lynching two Muslim cattle-herders, one a teenaged boy, in a remote village in Jharkhand's Latehar district... The two had been mercilessly beaten, then hung from a tree. The relatives of the victims said the pair were taking buffaloes to a nearby cattle market when a mob attacked them." Also Read -Abhijit Bhattacharyya | Ukraine fights to survive as Europe battles fatigue There have been

many other gruesome incidents. Then, as now, the response has been condemnations with caveats. And a few arrests. The end result -- near-normalisation of mob-instigated crimes spurred by an ideology which brooks no deviations. In the case of Aryan Mishra's murder, the Haryana police arrested five people but later claimed they had acted out of a misunderstanding. The Haryana police have also arrested five persons for allegedly beating migrant worker Sabir Malik to death and injuring another in Charkhi Dadri district. Also Read - Dilip Cherian After Khedkar's IAS exit, more complaints of fake credentials The police says it is preparing a "list of cow vigilantes" to track their movements. In Amroha, the committee investigating the lunch box story has reportedly given the principal a clean chit. The schoolboy's mother had alleged that the principal had beaten up the student, confined him to a solitary room in the school for three hours and then expelled him. The committee said it could not find any corroborative evidence of that and that the boy had not been expelled. The basic point remains: can a lunch box carrying a seven-yearold's favourite dish be a threat to society? Also Read - Sunanda K. Datta-Ray | Delhi, Dhaka need to mend fences: Could Hasina help? The larger question: Can a country with a dominantly young population and aspirations to be a "developed" nation persist with a politics of polarisation in India that leaves almost nothing untouched? It is no secret that cows are revered by most Hindus. Many Indian states ban their slaughter, as well as the sale or smuggling of beef. But it is grotesque and ghoulish to divide killers into "good killers" and "bad killers" and condone the murder of human beings in the name of saving the cow. Due process must be followed. Anil Kaushik,

the self-proclaimed protector of cows who allegedly shot dead Aryan Mishra, regrets killing the teenager as he was a Brahmin, on the top of India's caste hierarchy. In contrast, Uma, the grieving mother of Aryan Mishra, asked the most pertinent question: "Are Muslims not humans? Are they not our brothers? Why would you kill a Muslim?" How can a country which uses democracy as its calling card normalise killings in the name of saving cows? How can we vilify the food choices of any community or people? Food is a matter of personal choice and no cuisine is superior or inferior. Take the case of Indonesia and Malaysia, two countries in Southeast Asia with a Muslim majority. Muslims traditionally do not eat pork, as everyone knows. But nothing stops minorities and visitors to both countries from consuming the same. Restaurants openly advertise pork delicacies. For the record, official data from the latest National Health and Family Survey (NFHS-5, 2019-2021) shows that the number of Indians who eat non-vegetarian food -- eggs, fish, chicken or meat -- has been increasing steadily. Around 57 per cent men eat such food items at least once a week now, compared to 49 per cent in 2015-16. However, there are gender disparities. Far fewer Indian women eat non-vegetarian dishes. Why is there such a push to vilify the much-loved biryani in India? Is it because demonisation of biryani, and other non-vegetarian delicacies, intersects with broader issues of cultural exclusion and identity politics? This brings us to another fundamental question: what do we understand by a "developed" nation? Is "Viksit Bharat", the Narendra Modi government's promise and hope to make India a developed nation by 2047, only about malls, multiplexes, high-rise buildings, highways, soaring GDP and inter-

national clout? Or is Viksit Bharat also about the vision of a cohesive, stable society where all communities can thrive, where everyone lives without fear, without having their culture and cuisine demonised and where everyone can aspire to have a slice of that dream of development? India has over 200 million Muslims. There is no way the country, with a population of over 1.4 billion, can realise its full potential if such a significant number of its people constantly live in an environment of fear. In recent years, there have been attempts to economically boycott Muslim scrap dealers, bangle sellers, dosa hawkers, tongawallas, fruit sellers, street vendors, tour operators, cabbies, meat shop owners. These are Indian citizens. Targeting and instilling a sense of fear and insecurity among Muslims is not just morally and ethically wrong, it is also economically damaging. How can we expect to have a booming economy if a large section of our population cowers in fear and is sidelined? During his recent visit to Singapore, Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his hope to create "several Singapores" within India. But Singapore is not just about the optics of a developed country. It is also about systematically creating a cohesive society, seen as a prerequisite for material prosperity. Singapore intervenes politically to ensure social cohesion. There is near-zero tolerance for hate and offensive speech of any kind and no room for ghettoisation or stigmatisation of any community's culture or cuisine. Singapore's housing laws are intended to prevent the formation of ethnic enclaves. Residents of different ethnicities and religions must live together and interact on a regular basis in public housing, where most Singaporeans live. India has a compelling story to tell and an exciting future. Junking the ongoing toxic narrative which otherises entire communities will get us closer to Viksit Bharat.

Way to increase agricultural exports

By: Vijay Garg

y speeding up the farmto-table supply chain, promoting collaboration in the global and Indian food sector, and promoting on-farm food processing units, farmers will be able to ensure better profits and avoid postharvest losses. can be avoided. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, playing a leadership role in this direction, is organizing 'Word Food India' from 19-22 September in New Delhi. Along with this, in the Union Budget of 2024-25A provision of Rs 1.52 lakh crore has been made for agricultural sector development. Through this funding, the focus will be on tackling climate problems and promoting productivity, exploration and processed food exports. This is necessary to increase the export of agricultural products which has declined by 8 percent. It declined from \$53.52 billion in 2022-23 to \$48.9 billion in 2023-24. Agricultural exports grew at an average pace of only 2 percent annually between 2014-23. It is notable that the five products are rice, wheat, meat The share of tea, spices, sugar and coffee is more than 50 percent in the total agricultural product exports. Sometimes exports have to be controlled to meet domestic demand and control inflation. Only a percentage of our agricultural exports are processed or value-added. There has been almost no change in this figure in the last decade. However, this is sufficient considering the more tech-based operational size and production capacity and meeting international standards in the global market. But 111 billion processed foods and drinks Looking at the success of companies like Nestle, an exporter of goods, it becomes clear what can be possible with the use of technology and research.

Amul, a prominent Indian domes-

tic processed agricultural products seller with a turnover of \$9 billion, is far behind Nestle in terms of operational efficiency, production capacity and meeting international standards. Despite this, with proper support and attitude, she too can achieve similar success. Exports of processed agricultural products amount to approximately \$1 trillion annually. In which Germany is at the top position with 63 billion dollars. After this is America with 58 billion dollars, Netherlands with 57 billion dollars, China with 53 billion dollars and France with 50 billion dollars. Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand are major exporters of processed agricultural products in Southeast Asia. However, India's value-added exports have increased by \$6.5 billion in the last five years after the implementation of the Agri-Export Policy promoting export of valueadded agricultural products and This total has reached 15 billion dollars. But despite this, there has been only a slight improvement in the global rank and we have been able to rise from 21st position to 17th position. This situation can definitely improve. The Economic Survey 2023-24 said India is the second largest producer of fruits and vegetables in the world. With a production of 300 million tonnes it is second only to China. But the processing level in India is very low. It is 4.5 percent for fruits, 2.7 percent for vegetables, 21 percent for milk.1 percent, 34.2 percent for meat and 15.4 percent for fish. In comparison, processing in China is 25-30 percent and in Western countries it is 60-80 percent. Due to this lack of processing capacity, a large part of the product in India goes waste. The level of post-harvest wastage in the country is estimated to be between 18 to 25 per cent across the supply chain, although in the case of fruits and vegetables it is around 45 per cent. NITI

Aayog estimates post-harvest wastage to be around Rs 90,000 crore. is wasted. To improve the situation, a need is felt to increase proper sorting and grading and processing on the farms themselves. By making changes in agricultural incentives, it is necessary to motivate the farmers to make efforts to stop wastage in and near the fields. In 2020, the central government announced an Agriculture Infrastructure Fund of Rs 1 trillion to provide medium to long-term debt financing to build cold chain chains and post-harvest management infrastructure on farms and crop collection centers., The new food processing policy recently announced by Tamil Nadu takes steps to prevent wastage and increase the value of agricultural produce. In this policy, efforts have been made to ensure financial assistance and access to central schemes for the promotion of agricultural producer organizations, FPO and food processing industry. But it is noteworthy that Punjab has not taken any steps in this direction till now, whereas neighboring state Haryana has made a committed agribusiness food processing policy. food processing A provision of Rs 10,900 crore has been made for the Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Industry -PLISF between 2021-22 to 2026-27. Its objective is to attract globally competitive firms into the produce and agricultural export sector in India. The objective of this scheme is to improve processing capacity, strengthen Indian brands, increase presence in the world market, generate employment and increase the income of farmers. As of May 2024, 90 percent of PLSF funds were not utilized. The government has identified 158 SME beneficiaries. Only Rs 1,073 crore was given and thus even after half the time of the scheme had passed, only 10 per cent of the funds were utilised. Thus, very little use of

money highlights the need for more focused policy intervention. The aim of the PLI scheme is to increase global competitiveness and exports. In view of this, SMEs should form joint ventures with globally established 'anchor' firms. In the last decade, India received Rs 500 billion of FDI after allowing 100 per cent FDI. ThisIn view of this, food processing should be considered as the 'Sunrise Industry' of India which is important from the point of view of effectively providing benefits to the farmers, adopting a multidimensional approach towards MSP and establishing value addition and coordination in the industry. For the development of agriculture, it is necessary to give strategic importance to food processing. As the world's most populous country, we are experiencing environmental pressure on Earth. Due to this, ecological issues like soil erosion, reduction in biodiversity and water crisis are coming to the fore., Preventing waste in broader food systems is critical to avoiding the harmful effects of climate change. This will help in improving the food supply from farms to the dinner table and reduce harmful emissions. This focused strategy can achieve our goals by attracting large global firms through the use of latest food processing technologies, adopting globally accepted quality standards and opening up access to international markets. 'Apple' targeted in electronic sector The approach is a model for success. The same model should therefore be implemented in various industries. The Ministry of Food Processing should develop a time-bound program to promote partnerships between agricultural producer organizations, FPOs and SMEs with leading global firms.

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Dimple leads anti-**Pakistan protest**



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 14: Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood, led a strong anti-Pakistan protest and demonstration in response to the martyrdom of two Army JCOs in Kishtwar and the ongoing encounter in the Kashmir Valley.

The protest also addressed the recent discovery of a terrorist plot to blast in Poonch and the recovery of large quantities of ammunition in the Pir Panjal region, Poonch, and Chenab Valley.

Addressing the

Top News Report

NAGROTA, Sep 14:

Cultural Committee of

the College celebrated

Hindi Diwaswith great

enthusiasm with this

year s theme "From

Traditional Knowledge

to Artificial Intelligence".

Every year on 14th

September Hindi Diwas

is celebrated to promote

the language and its use

throughout the nation.

This day commemo-

rates the adoption of

Hindi as Raj Basha in

Hindi Diwas

protesters, Dimple expressed deep shock over the terrorist attacks in Kishtwar, which resulted in the death of the brave Army JCOs and injuries to other soldiers. He accused militants of escalating violence across all ten districts of Jammu after

of the J&K Dogra state. Dimple pledged zero tolerance for militancy, anti-national activities, attacks on security forces, and targeted killings in Jammu and Kashmir. He issued a stern warning to ISI,

GDC Nagrota celebrates

First Prime minister of

the country Pt. Jawa-

harlal Nehru declared

this day to be observed

as Hindi Diwas. It also

celebrates the Birth

Anniversary of Beohar

Rajendra Simha, a great

Hindi poet and scholar

who worked tirelessly

towards making Hindi

the Raj Bhasha of the

Students shared their

views using different

elements of the lan-

guage like poetry and

country.

the abrogation of Article

370 and the demolition

Pakistan, asserting that Jammu and Kashmir will remain an integral part of India.

He extended full support from Mission Statehood to the Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police, and emphasized the people's readiness to support efforts to integrate Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (POK) into Jammu and Kashmir. Dimple called for the initiation of an "Operation All Out" to address active ISI sleeper cells in the region. He also urged the Indian Army Chief to consider surgical strikes or even a war with Pakistan to liberate POK, Gilgit, and Baltistan, and integrate these territories into Jammu and Kashmir.

Other leaders present included Swarn Lal, S Kala Singh, Arun Verma, Mohinder Lichee. Mohan Lal, Kewal Kumar, Daleep, Vikas, Deepak, Balu Kumar, and Lohri Shaha.

These celebrations

aim at honoring the

Hindi language and

making it more popular

among the youth of the

speech.

country

Hindi.

Use Hindi in every sphere of life: ABS

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 14: Aadarsh Bhartiya Samaj (ABS), a social organization working under the guidance of Col (Retd) RK Sharma-Chairman and Daljeet Singh-President observed Hindi Diwas.

On the occasion they said that we should promote the use of Hindi language in every sphere of life for unity and integrity of nation so that Hindi as a national language and mother

tongue may retain its glorious importance.

Ex Sub Tek Chand Raina expressed that every citizen of the country should contribute in promotion of Hindi language and should encourage others to teach and learn the language.

Pt Chaman Lal Sharma reiterated that Hindi Diwas is not only the day of importance but it's a day to feel proud to use our mother tongue.

Hindi Diwas celebrated at Kathua



Top News Report

KATHUA, Sep 14: In

The exhibition was inaugurated by Anna Jamwal, Tehsildar Nagri, in the presence of distinguished citizens and dignitaries such as Cdr Amit Khajuria, Baldev Raj Bhagat, Madan Mangotra, and Sham Lal Sharma. Sunil Sharma, Librarian of the District Library, briefed

cance of Hindi.

Hindi.

Chief guest Anna Jamwal lauded the library's efforts and emphasized importance of Hindi in the modern world. The event was wellreceived and attended by many, including Vijay Kumar, Jatinder Kumar, Navdeep, and others.

GDC Nowshera celebrates Hindi Diwas with enthusiasm



Top News Report

NOWSHERA, Sep GDC Nowshera celebrated Hindi Diwas on September 14, marking the day when Hindi was adopted as one of the official languages of India in 1949. The event was organized by the Department of Hindi and witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and staff members highlighting the rich linguistic and cultural heritage of the Hindi language.

The celebration com-

Top News Report

SUNDERBANI, Sep

14: Department of Hindi

GDC, Sunderbani cele-

brated Hindi Diwas on

Various activities were

conducted to celebrate

the event including a

Poster Making Competi-

tion on 12th September,

Essay Writing Competi-

tion on 13th September

and a Poetry competi-

tion on 14th September

under the patronage of

Principal Dr. Ashu Vash-

The main aim of the

event was to focus on

honoring and promoting

Saturday.

menced with an inaugural speech by Dr. Shamim Ahmed Azad, the Principal of the college who emphasized the significance of Hindi as a unifying force in India's diverse linguistic landscape. GDC Nowshera takes immense pride in promoting linguistic diversity and honoring Hindi, a language that reflects the soul of our nation. The event featured a variety of cultural performances, including poetry reci-

tations and debates that

GDC Sunderbani celebrates Hindi Diwas

showcased the beauty of the Hindi language. Students also participated in essay writing and storytelling competitions, expressing their love and appreciation for the language.

A special lecture on the history and evolution of Hindi was delivered by Prof. Priyanka Kumari, HOD Hindi who highlighted the global importance of Hindi and its growing presence in the digital world.

Prof. Sonali Katharia, Assistant Professor in Hindi encouraged students to embrace Hindi not only as a language of communication but as a carrier of India's ancient wisdom and modern aspirations. The celebration concluded with a vote of thanks and the promise to continue fostering a love for Hindi and other regional languages.

District Library



an effort to promote the Hindi language, the District Library Kathua today organized a vibrant Hindi book exhibition and Kavi Sammelan. The event saw enthusiastic participation from readers, noted writers, social activists, journalists, and schol-

Principal GDC Nagrota, Prof. Anjali Mahajan addressed the students and highlighted the immense cultural and linguistic significance of The programme was organized smoothly by Dr. Radha Rani, Dept.

attendees about the program and highlighted the history and signifi-

The Kavi Sammelan featured poets like Cdr Amit Khajuria, Vijay Sharma, Sham Lal Khajuria, Mosami Bhagat, and others, who mesmerized the audience with their heartfelt recitations, encouraging everyone to embrace

> Hindi Language among people especially stuthe dents. While speaking on the occasion Principal of the College congratulated the students and reiterated to promote the use of Hindi Language. besides highlighting the importance of Hindi in

uniting the entire coun-

try. Dr. Kuldeep Raj Sharma and Prof. Davinder Kumar also welcomed the students and spoke on the occasion and encouraged the students to make Hindi universal language.

A large number of students participated in the event. In the poster making competition Khusal Sharma (Semester 5th) secured the 1st prize, whereas Shreya Verma (Semester 3rd) and Harpreet Kour (Semester 5th)

secured second and third spot.

While in the Essay Writing Competition, Rohit Sharma (Semester 3rd) got 1st prize, Damini Thakur (Semester 5th) got second prize and Sapna Sharma

(Semester 5th) got 3rd prize and in poetry competition Nitish Sharma (Semester 5th) got Ist prize, Rohit Sharma (Semester 3rd) got 2nd prize, Jyoti Devi (Semester 3rd) got 3rd prize. The whole event was hosted by Prof Jyoti Sharma Department of

GDC Kishtwar celebrates Hindi Divas

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Sep 14: Department of Hindi. Government Degree College (GDC) Kishtwar celebrated Rashtriya Hindi Divas on Saturday in the Department of Hindi by organising a Symposium and Poster Making campaign.

The event was organised by Dr. Vijay Kumar, **HOD** Department of Hindi under the patronage of worthy Principal Prof. Basharat Iqbal who, speaking on the occasion, stressed the need of learning and speaking Hindi language.

The function was attended by over 100 students who spoke on about the various dimensions of the Hindi language, taking pride in the language, glorifying its beauty and how it helps us in preserving our culture. Various inspiring poems were recited by the partici-



pants showing the richness of Hindi literature and its significance as a means of cultural and social identity. Beautiful posters made by students also showed the beauty of Hindi language and how it helps in retaining our cultural

Dr Vijay Kumar, Prof Sonika Sen, Prof Asma Javed and Prof Vikram Singh also expressed their opinions on the occasion and enlightened students about Hindi language and culture and significance of the language in maininting unity and harmony in the country.

The anchoring on the occasion was done by Sanjana Sharma while the participants included Ashish Sharma, Priyanka Devi, Neha Devi, Kirti Kumar, Sandhya Devi, Payal Sen, Sakshi Devi, Alka Devi, Sonika Devi and Vanshveer.

The vote of thanks was presented by Prof Vikram Singh and refreshment was given to all the students present on the occasion.

GDC Darhal holds SVEEP pledge in campus

Top News Report

DARHAL, Sep 14: Government Degree College (GDC) Darhal organized a SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) pledge ceremony on its campus today. The event aimed to promote voter awareness and encourage students to participate in the democratic process.

Students and faculty members took the pledge, promising to exercise their right to vote and contribute to a stronger democracy. The ceremony was led by Prof Zamir

Darhal in presence of Najma Niazi CDPO Thanamandi Darhal, Dr Ghulam Abbas, Dr M Saleem Wani, Dr Tahseen. Dr Mohd Akhlag and Prof Anzaar Ahmed who emphasized the importance of voter participation in shaping the country's future.

The event was part of the college's efforts to promote civic engagement and electoral literacy among its students. By taking the SVEEP pledge, the students committed to casting their votes in upcoming elections and inspiring others to do the same.



GDC Ramgarh celebrates Hindi Diwas



Top News Report

RAMGARH, Sep 14: Government Degree College (GDC), Ramgarh celebrated Hindi Diwas with great fervor and enthusiasm.

The event was organized under the supervision and guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra, Principal of the college.

The highlight of the celebration was a thought-provoking lecture delivered by the esteemed guest speaker, Professor Balwan Singh, Department of Hindi, Govt. College of Education Jammu. The program commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp, setting a tone of reverence and cultural significance for the event.

The principal of the college extended a warm welcome to Prof. Balwan Singh and expressed gratitude for his participation. She highlighted the importance of the day and stressed upon preserving and nurturing this language in order to promote universal brotherhood. She also briefed that Hindi is the only language that links our ancestry with present generations and thereby inculcating cultural linguistic heritage.

Prof. Balwan Singh delivered an engaging lecture on "Hindi: Ekta ki Bhasha" exploring the role of Hindi in promoting national unity and cultural integration. In his lecture, he elaborated on how Hindi serves as a common thread that weaves together the rich culture of India. His discussion highlighted the language's historical evolution and its role in promoting national integration and cultural harmony.

The lecture was attended by all faculty members and students of the college. The celebration of Hindi Diwas not only honored the language but also reinforced its significance as a unifying force in contemporary society.

GDC R S Pura releases Newsletter "Vartika"

Top News Report

R S PURA, Sep 14: Newsletter/Magazine Committee of Govt. Degree College R.S. Pura released Newsletter Vartika Volume IX under the patronage of the Principal Prof (Dr.) Preetpal Kour and supervision of Dr. Neena Gupta Rohmetra, Head Department of English and Convener of college Newsletter/Magazine Committee.

This Newsletter mirrors the vision and mission of the college. It also highlighted events, activities, academic prowess and achievements. Indeed, a college Newsletter is a souvenir that documents achievements of the students and staff as it leaves behind a trail of legacy

for the prospective generations to

follow and evolve over.

While addressing the gathering, Principal said that through this newsletter the student community will realize and achieve the blessings of a fully active and successful college life, useful to themselves and to the country - a life in which the intellect may be



roused, the emotions trained and social instincts are given proper

She also emphasized that the college Newsletter also helps in building up teamwork which is very much needed today in the world of competition. It provides a platform for exposing the merits and academic achievements of the faculty. This enhances the documentation culture of the institute. This would definitely create an impact in the minds of readers by way of providing larger visibility and dimension

to the campus. Efforts to groom the students to serve the society are progressing.

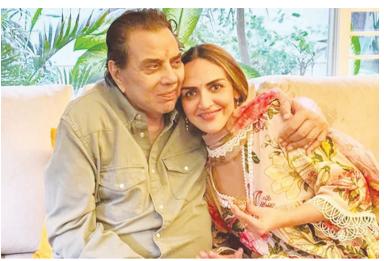
Principal Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour appreciated the efforts of the Editorial Board for bringing out this volume of the Newsletter. HODs of all departments graced the occasion. Members of the editorial board present in this event were Prof. Shelly Kalsi, Dr. Hari Singh, Dr. Renu Sharma and Mr. Akshay Sharma. Dr. Kiran Pathania Coeditor of the Editorial Board coordinated the event.

Esha Deol says father Dharmendra wanted her to 'settle down at 18' instead of acting: 'But I wanted to do something'

Actor couple Dharmendra and Hema Malini's daughter Esha Deol followed in their footsteps and debuted as an actor in 2022 with Koi Mere Dil Se Poochhe. While everyone assumes it might have been smooth sailing for her, given her lineage, the actor told Hauterrfly it was anything but that.

'He wanted me to get married' Esha told the publication that her father Dharmendra wanted her to get married at 18 instead of entering films. She said that because of his orthodox background, he wasn't game with her acting but shared that she was inspired by mom Hema's career.

She said, "He didn't want me to enter films. He was rightfully orthodox because he was a Punjabi, so he wanted me to get married and settle down at 18 because that was his condition-



ing, he's coming from there. The women in his family are brought up that way. But my upbringing was very different in my house, seeing my mom act in films and her dance gave me a direction. It was ingrained inside me that I wanted to do something. Esha also revealed that it took a 'long time' to convince him that she didn't want to get married but have a career instead. "It took a long time to convince

him, it was not easy, but today

is a different story. In the interview, Esha also said that despite being inspired by Hema, she 'wasn't prepared' for the comparisons between her and her mother that followed. She also admitted to 'feeling uncomfortable' with Hema, asking her not to pay heed and telling her she was in the 'wrong profession' if she cared.

Esha Deol's career

Esha took a hiatus from acting after the 2011 film Tell Me O Kkhuda and married Bharat Takhtani in 2012 in Mumbai. She gave birth to their daughters, Radhya and Miraya, in 2017 and 2019. In February this year, the couple announced their separation. After the 2015 film Kill Them Young, Esha is looking to make a comeback with films titled Main and Hero Herroine.

Lady Gaga mocks her college group that claimed she'd never be famous



Lady Gaga has an Academy Award, two Golden Globes, 13 Grammy Awards, 10 Billboard Music Awards, and 18 MTV Music Video Awards to her credit as of now. But do you know that her collegemates back in New York University made a group that claimed she'd never be famous?

Lady Gaga mocks college group

Lady Gaga commented on a TikTok that juxtaposed her achievements against the 12-member college Facebook group named, "Stefani Germanotta, you will never

be famous," which addresses her by her real name. Lady Gaga commented on it, "Some people I went to college [with] made this way back when. This is why you can't give up when people doubt you or put vou down — gotta keep going."

Before she became a popstar, Lady Gaga attended the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University. However, she dropped out in 2005 and began performing in New York clubs. Lady Gaga released her debut album The Fame in 2008, and went on to dole out multiple successful albums like Born This Way (2011) and most recently, Chromatica (2020). She also turned actor in 2013 and starred in Bradley Cooper's Oscar-nominated movie. A Star Is Born (2018).

Lady Gaga's next film Lady Gaga will be next seen as the iconic comic book character Harley Quinn in Joker: Folie a Deux. The sequel to the 2019 blockbuster Joker is set to release in theatres on October 2. The first joker was a huge success, both critically and commercially. It was nominated for 11 Oscars, with Joaquin Phoenix winning Best Actor and Hildur Gudnadottir winning for Original Score. It became the highestgrossing R-rated movie ever. In the sequel, Phoenix reprises his role as Joker.

The supporting cast includes Brendan Gleeson. Catherine Keener. Jacob Lofland, and Harry Lawtey. Zazie Beetz returns as Sophie from the first film. The seguel is said to be a musical, building on Phoenix's dancing scenes from the original. It recently premiered at the Venice Film Festival, where Lady Gaga made a stylish appearance.

"Truly humbling": Diljit Dosanjh on response to Dil-Luminati India Tour ticket sales

Actor-singer Diljit Dosanih says he is "overwhelmed" with the response towards his upcoming Dil-Luminati India Tour 2024, which became the highest grossing concert tour ever in India with the sale of 2.5 lakh tickets.

Dosanjh, who has become a global singing sensation and currently on his international music tour, assured that the upcoming concerts will bring "an experience like no other"

"I'm honestly overwhelmed. The love, the energy, it's truly humbling! I'm so grateful to everyone who managed to get a ticket. Trust me, this is going to be an experience like no other," Dosanjh, 40,

said in a statement.

"And for those who missed out, don't worry... There may be some good news. Punjabi aa gaye oye, and I promise to make it worth the wait! See you all very soon," he said.

The Dil-Luminati tour is being organised by Ripple Effect Studios and Saregama India and tickets to the tour were sold within minutes of going live on ticketing platforms.

Sonali Singh, CEO of Ripple Effect Studios, said the tour is a gamechanger for Indian musicians.

"The love and enthusiasm we've seen from fans are beyond anything we could have imagined. Diljit has set

a new gold standard for Indian artists on tour... Diljit has not only broken records but has also raised the bar for Indian artists.'

Vikram Mehra, managing director, Saregama India Ltd, said the response to the Dil-Luminati tour has been phenomenal.

"Having collaborated on over 35 shows with him worldwide, it's exhilarating to witness his evolution into one of the finest artists globally. It's truly incredible to witness him scale these new heights," he said.

Dil-Luminati India Tour will begin on October 26 with Dosanjh's performance in New Delhi, followed by performances across Hyderabad,



Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Pune, Kolkata and other

It will conclude with a show in Guwahati on December 29.

Zomato Live is the ticketing partner for the shows and the makers are planning to add more cities to the tour given the demand.

Simran shared that

she decided to share the

video to bring attention

Simran Bhandrup claims harassment at Lalbaugcha Raja; calls it a 'really disheartening experience' ing devotees," she said.

Television actor Simran Bhandrup, best known for her role in Pandya Store, had a harrowing experience when she visited Mumbai's famous Lalbaugcha Raja pandal, claiming the staff manhandled her and her mother.

The actor took to Instagram to share a video of the pandal staff pushing her after she called them out for snatching her mother's phone. She called the incident "unacceptable".

Looking back at the incident

Simran started the note by writing, "Really Disheartening Experience at Lalbagh Cha Raja Darshan. Today, I visited Lalbagh Cha Raja with my mother to seek blessings, but our experience was marred by the unacceptable behaviour of the staff".

The actor added, "A

man from the organization snatched my mother's phone while she was clicking the picture (she was In The queue behind me not that she was taking any extra time as It was my turn for the Darshan), and when

she tried to retrieve it,

he pushed her. I inter-

vened, and the bounc-

ers rough-handled me,

and accountability. when I started recording this behavior of them "People visit such they tried snatching my places with good intenphone too (it's In this tions, seeking positivity video where I am yelland blessings. Instead, ing "Mat Karo! Kya Kar we were met with Rahe ho aap) . It was aggression and disreonly when they discovspect. I understand that

they backed off". The actor feels the incident needs to be highlighted for awareness

ered I'm an actor that

to the issue. "And hope it serves as a wake-up call for event organizers and staff to treat visitors with dignity and respect. Let's work together to create a safer, more positive environment for everyone," she added. Simran's fans and

friends expressed their shock over the incident in the comments section of the post.

About Simran's work Simran found popularity on the small screen through the role of Rishita Dwivedi Pandya. Her character broke the relationship between the show's lead characters--Raavi and Dev. She has also featured in Nazar (2018) and Fuh se Fantasy (2019).

Hina Khan posts picture with cancer crusader Mahima Chaudhry

Actor Hina Khan, who is currently undergoing treatment for stage three breast cancer, shared a picture with cancer crusader Mahima Chaudhry and said that the Bollywood star's hardships became her life lessons. Hina took to Instagram, where she shared

a picture from the first day of chemotherapy. The picture has Hina and Mahima, who in 2022 opened up about her cancer diagnosis, posing for a picture in the hospital.

'This picture is from the day of my very first chemo. And this angel of a Woman surprised me all of a sudden in the hospital. She has been there with me, guiding me, motivating me and illuminating my path before me during this toughest phase of my life. She is a hero. She is a super human being," Hina wrote.

Hina mentioned that Mahima went out of her way to make sure her journey was easier than her. 'She lifted my spirits and comforted me every step of the way. Her hardships became my life lessons. Her love and kindness became



my benchmark and her courage became my greatest goal. We became friends and shared our individual experiences but she never once made me feel that I was alone, she made it through and she made sure that I realise and believe that I would too. (InshaAllah),' Hina added.

Wishing Mahima happy birthday, Hina wrote, 'May you always be this divine, beautiful soul Dear Mahima. Happy Birthday love All my family sends you blessings. All my being sends you Love. Muuuuah #womanforwoman #strongwomen.' Hina recently revealed dealing with 'mucositis', which is inflammation of the mucous membranes that line the mouth and the entire gastrointestinal tract. She posted her fight against an update about her health, revealing that her 'Mucositis' is much better, and thanked fans for sending love to her.

She captioned it as, 'This is for each one you.. My Mucositis is much better.. I read all your comments and suggestions.. You all hv been a great great help.. Sending you all tons of love'.

Kourtney Kardashian announces new 'Ozempic-style' capsules but are these effective and safe?

managing crowds is

challenging, but it's the

staff's responsibility to

maintain order without

misbehaving or harm-

Kourtney Kardashian has launched a new weight loss product called Lemme GLP-1 Daily capsules. Kardashian sisters have various business ventures from Kendall Jenner's 818 alcohol brand to Kim Kardashian's SKIMS and Kylie Jenner's beauty brand. Kourtney seems to have chosen one to help people achieve their weight loss goals. However, some people are referring to the new capsules as "Ozempic-style" capsules.

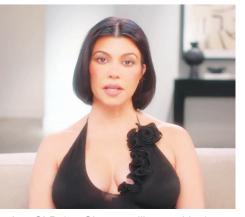
Kourtney Kardashian announces new

Kourtney announced via her company's official Instagram account. The caption of the announcement post read, "Introducing Lemme GLP-1 Daily. A breakthrough innovation in metabolic health, formulated to naturally boost your body's GLP-1 produc-

tion, reduce appetite, and promote healthy weight loss." The supplement contains Eriomin lemon fruit extract, Supresa saffron

extract and Morosil red orange fruit extract. The press release of the business announcement stated that the idea of the plant-based supplement was rooted in various customers using their Lemme GLP-1 solutions "without any side effects". Kourtney explained, "We spent years working with our medical advisory board to formulate Lemme GLP-1 Daily into the most effective and researched GLP-1 supplement on the market. I'm excited and proud of our cutting-edge formulation that uses both clinically-studied and patented ingredients to increase GLP-1 levels in the body, naturally," as reported by Page Six.

According to the National Library of Medi-



cine, GLP-1 or Glucagon-like-peptide-1 are agonists known to be associated with a class of medications which are utilised to "treat type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) and

obesity". Its primary function is to "lower serum glucose levels and thereby manage metabolism". An Ozempic is a type of diabetes medicine popular as a method of reducing weight are classified as GLP-1. However, Lemme is not like the prescription-based GLP-1 agonist, Ozempic, Kourtney's brand "does not contain synthetic GLP-1 hormone and is not a GLP-1 agonist drug," as per the press release.

Is Kourtney's new product effective? Lauren Harris-Pincus, MS, RDN in talks with Page Six shared her expert insights on the efficiency and safety of Kourtney's new product. Harris-Pincus said, "No supplement can come close to mimicking the effects of the GLP-1 agonist medications like Ozempic and Wegovy. It's like the difference between an eye dropper and a garden hose." She also revealed that she only recommends "supplements that are third-party tested and verified" to her clients as products like Lemme are not FDA-

About using the product, Harris Pincus said, "This supplement probably won't harm most people, except for their wallets. There are a plethora of supplements claiming to act like a natural Ozempic and it's unlikely they will result in any real, sustained weight loss." She emphasised the importance of permanent diet and lifestyle changes" for long-term health results. She also explained that it is "unlikely" that these supplements have a "more significant effect" than fibre-rich natural food. Eating the latter will "stimulate natural GLP-1 and help keep us full."

Modi announces arrival of new family member — a calf named 'Deepjyoti'

Images posted by PM on eve of Haryana elections in midst of Ganesh Chaturthi carry religious, political symbolism

NEW DELHI, Sep 14 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday announced the arrival of a new family member — a calf named Deepjyoti in deference to a white mark on its forehead, which the Prime Minister said was a mark of light.

Posting images of the arrival of the calf, and another where he is seen sitting for Lord Ganesh puja with the calf in his lap, he said, "It is said in our scriptures - 'Gaav: Sarvasukha Prada' (the cow is an eternal giver of happiness). There has been an auspicious arrival of a new member in the Prime Minister House Family



at Lok Kalyan Marg. In the Prime Minister's residence, our beloved mother cow has given birth to a calf, which has a symbol of light on its forehead. Hence, I have named it 'Deepjyoti'."

Protection of cow is

one of the top political and ideological commitments of the ruling BJP.

The images the Prime Minister posted right on the eve of Haryana elections in the midst of Ganesh Chaturthi carry both religious and political symbolism.

Hindi set to be a global language, is now 2nd language of 10 nations: Amit Shah

NEW DELHI, Sep 14 (Agencies): Hindi is on course to becoming a global language and is already the second language in ten countries, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Saturday while addressing an event on the occasion of Hindi Divas.

Hindi Divas is annually celebrated on September 14 to mark the adoption of the language as India's official language. This year the day has been made even more significant as it is the 75th anniversary of Hindi's journey as an official language.

Pledging to make Hindi more acceptable, flexible and behavioural, Shah asked all ministries to start corresponding in Hindi.

"It has taken me three years to ensure all home ministry related files



come to be in Hindi. I have eventually succeeded. Today the entire official correspondence of both my ministries is happening in Hindi. I urge other ministries to do so too. Language is a means of expression. We express better when we express it in our own language," Shah said on the occasion.

He reiterated that Hindi was not in competition to Indian languages but in a complementary role.

"Hindi takes nourishment from other Indian languages and vice versa. Both will grow by learning from each other," said Shah.

He said teachers across India should also start communicating with students in Hindi.

"There is no cause for anyone to push children to learn any other language. In the coming times Hindi will be the

language of the world. We have to shed colonial legacy in languages too," said Shah, a day after his ministry renamed Port Blair as

Sri Vijaya Puram.

The home minister also said that the first batch of Indian students who have taken MBBS instruction in Hindi had reached the fourth semester in Madhya Pradesh.

Efforts are on to translate technical, medical and legal education books in Hindi, he added.

Tracing the history of Hindi, Shah recalled how it was late prime minister Atal Behari Vajpayee who first used Hindi to address the UNGA. "And the world was stunned. Today many years later Hindi is a UN language and a second language of ten

countries," he said.

He also revealed on the occasion that some Hindi language experts had been phoning him to raise concerns on what they saw as a solution of Hindi.

"I told them Hindi is an all embracing language which can never lose its purity and which has indeed become richer by absorbing the various civilisational elements that touched our country," Shah said.

To mark 75 years of completion of Hindi as an official language department of posts today released a postal stamp and Finance ministry has released a commemorative coin.

Earlier on Saturday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted people on the occasion of Hindi Divas.

'CBI caged parrot': AAP cites SC remarks to seek **Amit Shah's resignation**

NEW DELHI, Sep 14 (Agencies): The Aam Aadmi Party on Saturday demanded immediate resignation of Union Home Minister Amit Shah on the ground that the "arrest of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal was allegedly made by the CBI at his behest, which is proved by the observation made by the Supreme Court in its bail order yesterday.'

MP Sanjay Singh said on Saturday that the CBI is a parrot caged by Amit Shah and the entire conspiracy was hatched only to end the politics of Arvind Kejriwal and finish the AAP.

Addressing a press conference at the party headquarters today, AAP Rajya Sabha MP said the observations made by the Supreme Court in its order granting bail to Arvind Kejriwal yesterday prove that his arrest was the conspiracy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah.

"The Supreme Court mentioned what we had been maintaining from Day 1 that it was the objective of the BJP and Amit Shah to end the politics of Arvind Kejriwal, to finish the AAP, do horse trading of MLAs in Delhi and topple the government in Delhi," he said.

Praising the AAP supremo for keeping its flock together under such trying times, Sanjay Singh said, "I would like to congratulate our leader Arvind Kejriwal that under his leadership the AAP stood like a rock. Despite their best efforts, they could not break us in Delhi, Punjab and Municipal Corporation of Delhi and failed to topple our governments."

The senior AAP leader said they (BJP) sent all AAP leaders to jail with the sole objective that Arvind Kejriwal and the leaders of the



Aam Aadmi Party bow down.

"But Arvind Kejriwal courageously chose to fight them by remaining in jail rather than yielding. I said it yesterday and I am repeating it again today that a dictator bows down, we need someone to make him bow down. Arvind Kejriwal is the person to make country's dictator, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, bow down," said Singh.

Sanjay Singh alleged that various atrocities were committed on Arvind Kejriwal, but he fought and did not give in.

"What is this liquor scam that is being made a spectacle of for the last three years? Not even a rupee was recovered from the house of Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia or mine; nor corruption was proved. Even then our leaders were being arrested one after the other based on a pack of lies created by Narendra Modi and Amit Shah. Yesterday's decision of the Supreme Court has demolished those lies," he said.

He said there was not even an iota of proof of the so-called liquor scam. This is sheer dictatorship with the intention of breaking the

Aam Aadmi Party. Arvind Kejriwal got bail in the ED case from the lower court. For the first time in the history of Indian judiciary, without an order of the lower court, Modi's agency, ED, goes to the high court to get the order against Arvind Kejriwal's release by the lower court. Then, the Supreme Court grants bail to Arvind Kejriwal in the ED case. "Based on a fabricated case, the CBI then arrests an elected chief minister, Arvind Keiriwal, before he is released from jail in violation of the laws," he said.

Sanjay Singh said the Supreme court said yesterday that the CBI woke up after 22 months to arrest Arvind Kejriwal despite having grilled him 22 months back. 'Modi and Shah put the CBI on hold till the time the ED was in charge and when bail was granted in the ED case, Amit Shah told the CBI to go ahead, making a travesty of investigative agencies. Home Minister Amit Shah is directly responsible for this," he alleged..

Demanding Amit Shah's resignation in view of yesterday's Supreme Court order, Sanjay Singh said, "The CBI has been caged by Amit Shah. The CBI arrested Arvind Kejriwal at the behest of Amit Shah. He must immediately resign from his post; he has no right to hold that post. A home minister who engages in breaking parties, toppling governments and horse trading has no right to remain in his position even for a minute. Amit Shah is the culprit behind the arrest of Arvind Kejriwal, and he must immediately quit his post. This has been proved by the Supreme Court order. The CBI that arrested Arvind Kejriwal comes under him, and it is a parrot in Amit Shah's cage."

Came here as your 'didi' not as CM: Mamata to protesting doctors



KOLKATA, Sep 14 (Agencies): Amid the continuing impasse, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday made a surprise visit to the site where the junior doctors were protesting, and assured them that she would look into their demands and take action if anyone was found guilty.

Addressing the protesting doctors amid chants of 'we want justice' outside the Swasthya Bhawan in Salt Lake, Banerjee said she would not take any steps against them as she did not believe in suppressing a democratic movement.

However, after she left the site, the agitating doctors said they were not ready to compromise on their demands till discussions were held, indicating no immediate breakthrough in the impasse.

Accompanied by DGP Rajiv Kumar, Banerjee reached the site in Sector 5 around 1 pm, taking those present there by surprise.

The chief minister said she was spending sleepless nights as the medics were agitating on the road amid rains.

"I came to meet you as your 'didi' (elder sister) not as the chief minister." she said.

"I assure you that I will

study your demands and take action if someone is found guilty," she added, urging the protesting doctors to return to work.

She also announced that patient welfare committees of all staterun hospitals were dissolved with immediate effect.

"This is my last attempt to resolve the crisis," Banerjee said.

The medics have been camping outside Swasthya Bhawan, the headquarters of the state Health Department, since Tuesday with a host of demands, including better security at state-run hospitals and the removal of top officials over the rape and murder of the doctor at the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital.

The junior doctors have been protesting for over a month, affecting the public healthcare infrastructure of the state. The government claimed that 29 people have died due to the protests allegedly after not receiving treatment.

Leaders pay tribute to Yechury amid chants of 'Lal Salaam'

NEW DELHI, Sep 14 (Agencies): A sea of mourners cutting across political spectrum and age groups paid tributes to CPI(M) leader Sitaram Yechury at the CPI(M) party office on Saturday.

Party workers, admirers, and students surrounded the coffin amid chants of 'Laal Salaam' a humble tribute to the leader

Wrapped in the red flag of the CPI, Yechury's mortal remains were kept at the party office, where prominent political figures, including Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, Congress parliamentary party chairperson Sonia Gandhi, Congress leaders P Chidambaram and Jairam Ramesh, and NCP-SCP chief Sharad Pawar paid homage to Yechury, who passed away on September 12

at AIIMS. Politburo members Prakash Karat, Brinda Karat, Pinarayi Vijayan and MA Baby also paid tributes



MP Kanimozhi said, "I am here on behalf of my party and also on a personal level to pay my respects to a very important and great leader of this country. He was a thinker, a writer and a philosopher.'

"Only when I saw him in a box could I believe that someone so full of life, wit, and love could just go, leaving us in shock and disbelief. Highness, I wish it was not you in that box. I just can't accept it," she said.

Recounting his meeting with Yechury, RJD MP Manoj K Jha said, "He was always full of ideas on what to do next. It is difficult to fill the void left by him. Without the mention of

his name, no discussion in Indian politics will be completed. I was constantly in touch with him and always found him to be full of energy."

Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal said, "Many politicians live for themselves and power, but people like Yechury dedicated their lives to others. He was a dear friend."

On Friday, Yechury's body was taken to Jawaharlal Nehru University from AIIMS, where students and faculty members paid their last respects.

A bus draped in flowers, with a portrait of Yechury, has been prepared to carry his mortal remains back to AIIMS, where his body will be donated for research.

PM Modi making plans to travel within country, abroad but 'studiously avoiding' Manipur: Congress

NEW DELHI, Sep 14 (Agencies): The Congress on Saturday slammed Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the Manipur situation and said he continues to make plans to travel in other parts of the country and abroad, "studiously avoiding" a visit to the "most troubled state".

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said that on May 3, 2023, Manipur began burning and on June 4, 2023, a three-member Commission of Enquiry was set up to investigate the causes and spread of violence and riots.

"It was given six months to submit its report. No report has been submitted till now. The Commission has just been given time till Nov 24, 2024 to do so," he said.

"Meanwhile the anguish and agony of the



people of Manipur continues unabated. And the non-biological PM continues to make plans to travel in other parts of the country and abroad, studiously avoiding a visit to this most troubled state," Ramesh said in his post on X.

His remarks come a day after the Centre granted time till November 20 to a Commission of Inquiry to submit a report on its investigations into the series of violence in Manipur that has claimed more than 220

The commission, headed by former chief justice of Gauhati High Court Ajai Lamba, was set up on June 4, 2023.

The panel, also comprising retired IAS officer Himanshu Shekhar Das and retired IPS officer Aloka Prabhakar, was mandated to make inquiries with respect to the causes and spread of the violence and riots targeting the members of different communities which took place in Manipur since May 3, 2023.

More than 220 people were killed and thousands rendered homeless in ethnic violence between the Imphal Valley-based Meiteis and the adjoining hills-based Kuki-Zo groups since May last year.

Two girl students died, four others injured in road mishap in Bihar; driver held

PATNA, Sep 14 (Agencies): At least two girl students were killed, and four others were Seriously injured when a mini truck hit them on NH-28 near Musarigharari in Bihar's Samastipur district on Saturday. The injured have been rushed to a nearby private hospital for treatment.

The incident took place when the girls hailing from Fatehpur village were on way to their school located at Nawka Tol. A mini truck running at a high speed hit them from behind, causing grievous injuries to six of them. While two girls died on the spot, three were critically injured. One of them managed

to jump into a nearby roadside ditch filled with rainwater and saved herself.

The critically injured were rushed to a private hospital; their condition was stated to be serious. The deceased were identified as Kritika Mausam (10) and Swati Priya (10), both students of class IV at Upgraded Middle School, Nawka Tol in Samastipur district.

The local residents chased the ill-fated mini truck and caught the driver. As news about the mishap spread in the area, a number of residents, including relatives of the injured reached the accident site and blocked the road. The protestors demanded stringent action against the driver and compensation for the next of kin of the dead. Additional superintendent of police, Samastipur, Sanjay Kumar Pandey said that efforts were on to remove the road blockade and restore traffic on the NH-28. Additional police force have been deployed on the spot as a precautionary measure. The incident has sent shock waves among parents of the students who send their wards to schools. The parents demanded action against the drivers for running their vehicles at high-speeds, violating traffic rules. "There should be speed breakers near schools," they added.

Israel strikes Gaza as friends and family of slain Turkish-American activist prepare for her funeral

Israeli airstrikes have hit central and southern Gaza overnight, killing at least 14 people as the friends and family members of a Turkish-American activist killed by an Israeli soldier prepared for her funeral

DEIR AL-BALAH, Sep 14 (Agencies): Israeli airstrikes hit central and southern Gaza overnight into Saturday, killing at least 14 people as the friends and family members of a Turkish-American activist killed by an Israeli solider prepared to honor her in a funeral.

The airstrikes in Gaza City hit one home housing 11 people, including three women and four children, and another strike hit a tent in Khan Younis housing Palestinians displaced by the Israel-Hamas war, Gaza's Civil Defense said Saturday. They followed airstrikes earlier this week that hit a tent camp on Tuesday and a United Nations school housing displaced people on Wednesday.

They hit as a campaign to inoculate children in Gaza against polio drew down and the World Health Organisation said about 560,000 under 10 have recovered from their first dose, seven out of every eight children the campaign aimed to vaccinate. The second doses are expected to begin later this month as part of an effort for which the WHO said parties had already agreed to.

WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus described the campaign as "a massive



success amidst a tragic daily reality of life" in a post on X on Friday.

Meanwhile, the body of Aysenur Ezgi Eygi, the Turkish-American activist killed Sept. 6 by an Israeli soldier, was returned to her hometown late Friday accompanied by a police honor guard, the official Turkish news agency reported.

Draped in a Turkish flag, the coffin carrying her remains was carried from a hearse to a hospital in Didim by six officers in ceremonial uniform. Her funeral is due to be held in the coastal town in western Turkey later Saturday.

The 26-year-old activist from Seattle, who held United States and Turkish citizenship,

was killed after a demonstration against Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, according to an Israeli protest-

er who witnessed the shooting.

The Israeli military said Tuesday that Eygi was likely shot "indirectly and unintentionally" by Israeli forces. Turkey announced it will conduct its own investigation into her death.

Anadolu Agency reported her body arrived in Didim after an autopsy at the Izmir Forensic Medicine Institute.

As Eygi's family watched the coffin being unloaded, her mother had to be helped by medics, the agency said.

Her death earned condemnation from U.S. Secretary of

State Antony Blinken as the United States, Egypt and Qatar push for a cease-fire and the release of the hostages. Talks have repeatedly bogged down as Israel and Hamas accuse each other of making new and unacceptable demands.

The war began when Hamasled fighters killed some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, in an Oct. 7 attack on southern Israel. They abducted another 250 people and are still holding around 100 hostages after releasing most of the rest in exchange for Palestinians imprisoned by Israel during a weeklong cease-fire in November. Around a third of the remaining hostages are believed to be dead.

It has caused vast destruction and displaced around 90% of Gaza's population of 2.3 million, often multiple times, and plunged the territory into a severe humanitarian crisis. Gaza's Health Ministry says over 41,000 Palestinians have been killed since the war began. The ministry does not distinguish between civilians and militants in its count, but says women and children make up just over half of the dead. Israel says it has killed more than 17,000 militants in the war.

Iran says it successfully launched a satellite in its program criticized by West over missile fears

TEHRAN, Sep 14 (Agencies): Iran launched a satellite into space Saturday with a rocket built by the country's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard, state-run media reported, the latest for a program the West fears helps Tehran advance its ballistic missile program.

Iran described the launch as a success, which would be the second such launch to put a satellite into orbit with the rocket. There was no immediate independent confirmation of the launch's success, nor did Iranian authorities immediately provide footage or other details.

The launch comes amid heightened tensions gripping the wider Middle East over the ongoing Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip, during which Tehran launched an unprecedented direct missile-and-drone attack on Israel. Meanwhile, Iran continues to enrich uranium to nearly weaponsgrade levels, raising concerns among nonproliferation experts about Tehran's program.

Iran identified the satellite-carrying rocket as the Qaem-100, which the Guard used in January for another successful launch. Qaem means "upright" in Iran's Farsi language. The solid-fuel rocket put the Chamran-1 satellite, weighing 60 kilograms (132 pounds), into a 550-kilometer (340-mile) orbit, state media reported.

The U.S. State Department and the American military did not immediately respond to requests for comment over the Iranian launch.

The United States had previously said Iran's satellite launches defy a U.N. Security Council resolution and called on Tehran to undertake no activity involving ballistic missiles capable of delivering nuclear weapons. U.N.

sanctions related to Iran's ballistic missile program expired last October.

Under Iran's relatively moderate former President Hassan Rouhani, the Islamic Republic slowed its space program for fear of raising tensions with the West. Hard-line President Ebrahim Raisi, a protege of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei who came to power in 2021, has pushed the program forward. Raisi died in a helicopter crash in May. It's unclear what Iran's new president, the reformist Masoud Pezeshkian, wants for the program as he was silent on the issue while campaigning. The U.S. intelligence community's worldwide threat assessment this year said Iran's development of satellite launch vehicles "would shorten the timeline" for Iran to develop an intercontinental ballistic missile because it uses similar technology.Intercontinental ballistic missiles can be used to deliver nuclear weapons. Iran is now producing uranium close to weapons-grade levels after the collapse of its nuclear deal with world powers. Tehran has enough enriched uranium for "several" nuclear weapons, if it chooses to produce them, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency repeatedly has warned.

Iran has always denied seeking nuclear weapons and says its space program, like its nuclear activities, is for purely civilian purposes. However, U.S. intelligence agencies and the IAEA say Iran had an organized military nuclear program up until 2003.

The launch also came ahead of the second anniversary of the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini, which sparked nationwide protests against Iran's mandatory headscarf, or hijab, law and the country's Shiite theocracy.

The president of Comoros was 'slightly injured' in a knife attack, his office says

MORONI, Sep 14 (Agencies): The president of the Indian Ocean island nation of Comoros was "slightly injured" in a knife attack while attending the funeral of a religious leader on Friday, his office said today.

President Azali Assoumani's injuries were not serious and he had returned to his home, his office said in a statement. It said the attacker was arrested by security forces and is in their custody, but gave no details on the attacker's identity or any more information on the circumstances of the attack.

Government minister Aboubacar Said Anli said Saturday that a civilian was also injured during the attack while



attempting to protect the president.

Assoumani was reelected as president of Comoros in January in a vote denounced by opposition parties as fraudulent. At least one person died in unrest following the election. Assoumani, 65, is a former military leader

who first came to power in Comoros in a coup in 1999.

The country, which is made up of an archipelago of islands off the east coast of Africa, has experienced more than a dozen coups or attempted coups since its independence from France in 1975.

Ukraine and Russia trade overnight drone attacks, military officials say

Ukraine said Saturday it shot down 72 Russian drones in several regions.

KYIV, Sep 14 (Agencies): Dozens of Russian drones were launched overnight in an attack targeting regions throughout Ukraine, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said.

Seventy-two of the 76 Shahed drones that were launched were destroyed by Ukrainian anti-aircraft defenses, the Ukrainian air force said. The drones targeted regions throughout Ukraine, including Kyiv, the capital, officials said.

At least two regions in Russia were also targeted overnight by Ukrainian drones, the Russian Ministry of Defense said early Saturday.

"Ten UAVs were destroyed over the territory of the Kursk region and nine over the territory of the Belgorod

region by air defense systems on duty," the ministry said on Telegram.

The overnight launches between Ukraine and Russia followed talks on Friday in Washington, where President Joe Biden and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer discussed possibly lifting restrictions on the use of some Western weapons that could be used by Ukraine to strike deeper within Russia.

A decision on whether to ease those restrictions, which Starmer described as a "particular tactical strategy," was not announced following the meeting.

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday said allowing such long-range strikes would amount to NATO forces becoming "directly involved" in the war.

"If this decision is

made, it will mean nothing short of direct involvement -- it will mean that NATO countries, the United States and European countries are parties to the war in Ukraine," Putin said, according to a transcript published by the Kremlin. "This will mean their direct involvement in the conflict, and it will clearly change the very essence, the very nature of the conflict dramatically."

Zelenskyy and other Ukrainian officials have long been pressing the U.S. and Western allies for permission to conduct strikes deeper in Russia with long-range U.S.-made weapons.

"We need more air-

shield, air-defense and long-range capabilities to continue to protect life and our people," Zelenskyy said in a message in Ukrainian on Saturday on the messaging app Telegram.

The U.S. State Department said Saturday on its official Russian-language social media channels that America's "goal is to make sure that Ukrainians resist Russian aggression as effectively as possible," adding, "Putin will continue to suffer strategic failures in Ukraine."

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and British Foreign Secretary David Lammy traveled to Kyiv this week to discuss those long-range capabilities, among other topics, with Ukrainian leadership.

"We have adjusted and adapted as needs have changed, as the battle-field has changed, and I have no doubt that we'll continue to do that as this evolves," Blinken said on Wednesday.

The two diplomats briefed Biden and Starmer during their White House meeting, according to Downing Street.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on Thursday said he had "no doubt" that the decision "was taken long ago" to lift restrictions on long-range weapons.

"[A]nd now they are only trying to find the most suitable, acceptable and elegant way of presenting it to the public," he said in remarks in Moscow.

Tropical Storm Ileana heads northward over the southern Gulf of California, bringing heavy rains

MEXICO CITY, Sep 14 (Agencies): Tropical Storm Ileana forced residents and tourists in Mexico's resort-studded Los Cabos to stay inside as rain pounded the southern tip of the Baja California peninsula.

lleana moved Saturday northward over the southern Gulf of California at 9mph (15 kph), according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center. It was about 75 miles (115 km) north-northeast of Cabo San Lucas with maximum sustained winds of 40 mph (65 kph), the center said.

A tropical storm warning was in effect for portions of the Baja California Peninsula, including Cabo San Lucas and San Jose del Cabo. Forecasters predicted 4 to 6 inches (10 to 15 centimeters) of rain would fall with Ileana, and up to 12 inches (30 centimeters) was possible for coastal areas of Michoacan, Colima, and Jalisco states through Friday.

Tropical storm conditions are expected to begin in portions of Baja California Sur during the next several hours where Tropical Storm Warnings are in effect.

This heavy rainfall will bring a risk of flash flooding and mudslides to portions of western Mexico and southern Baja California. Juan Manuel Arce Ortega, from

Los Cabos Civil Protection, said, "The entire municipalities of La Paz and Los Cabos are already on red alert. This means that efforts are already underway to inform the population, as well as the implementation (of measures) and evacuation to temporary shelters."

They also urged residents to avoid crossing rivers, streams, and low areas where they can be swept away by water.

All schools in Los Cabos were also suspended Friday due to the storm

Óscar Cruces Rodríguez of Mexico's federal Civil Protection said in a statement that residents should avoid leaving their homes until the storm passes and if residents are in an area at risk of flooding to find temporary shelters.

Authorities prepared 20 temporary shelters in San Jose del Cabo and Cabo San Lucas, according to Los Cabos Civil Protection.

Los Cabos Civil Protection.

At the Hacienda Beach Club and

Residences in Cabo San Lucas, valet worker Alan Galvan said the rain arrived late Thursday night and has been constant. "The rain isn't very strong right now, but the waves are choppy," he said.

"The guests are very calm and already came down for coffee," Galvan said. "There's some flights canceled but everything is ok at the moment." Galvan said they are awaiting further advisories from authorities.

Rain remained consistent through Los Cabos Friday afternoon, with several roads flooded and some resorts stacking up sandbags on their perimeters. Some people were still walking around boat docks with their umbrellas.

"The priority has to be safety, starting with the workers. We always have to check on our colleagues who live in risk areas," said Lyzzette Liceaga, a tour operator at Los Cabos.

We give them the information shared by the authorities — fire-fighters in risk areas — so that they can go to the shelters if necessary," she added.

Five people found dead in eastern Romania as rainstorms leave scores stranded

BUCHAREST, Sep 14 (Agencies): Five people in eastern Romania have been found dead after torrential rainstorms left scores of people stranded in flooded areas, emergency authorities said Saturday

Rescue services scrambled to save 95 people in the hard-hit eastern counties of Galati and Vaslui. The bodies were found in the localities of Pechea, Draguseni, Costache Negri, and Corod, the Department for Emergency Situations said without providing details on how they died.

Emergency authorities released video footage that showed a team of rescuers evacuating an elderly man on a small lifeboat before carrying him to safety.

A Black Hawk helicopter was deployed to Galati to help with the search and rescue missions.

The storms battered

19 localities in eight counties in Romania, with strong winds downing dozens of trees that damaged cars and blocked roads and traffic. Authorities sent text message alerts to residents to warn them of adverse weather as emergency services rushed to remove floodwaters from homes. Some roads have also been closed. Romania's Prime

Minister Marcel Ciolacu canceled planned engagements Saturday to travel to Galati county to assess the fallout. "The Prime Minister will discuss with the local authorities the urgent measures for the population and communities severely affected by the floods," his office said.

intervention and support

The stormy weather comes as several central European nations anticipate severe flooding forecast to hit the Czech Republic, Poland, Austria, Germany, Slovakia, and Hungary over the weekend.

Meteorologists say a low-pressure system from northern Italy was predicted to dump much rainfall in most parts of the Czech Republic, including the capital and border regions with Austria and Germany in the south, and Poland in

the north.

"We have to be ready for worst-case scenarios," Czech Prime Minister Petr Fiala said

after the government's central crisis committee met. "A tough weekend is ahead of us."

In Poland, Prime Minister Donald Tusk also traveled on Friday to the southwestern Polish city of Wrocław where floods are forecast. Authorities appealed to residents to stock up on food and to prepare for power outages by charging power banks.

The weather change arrived following a hot start to September in the region, including in Romania. Scientists have documented Earth's hottest summer, breaking a record set just one year ago.

A hotter atmosphere, driven by human-caused climate change, can lead to more intense rainfall.

SPF resents BJP's Sankalp Patar 2024 for ignoring Sikh Community in JKUT



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Singh said party who came to power on the Slogan of Sabka Sath Sbka Vishwas And Sabka Vikas, given by none other than the Prime Minister of India its 45 pages Sankalp Patar didn't mention the

name of Sikh in it. Moreover, they further stated that it is surprising that out of 11 designated members of Manifesto Committee there are four Muslims, three Rajputs, two Hindus and two from Pandit Community but not included a single member from the Sikh Community, despite the presence of good number of Community members in the

BJP since decades. Singh recalled Press

cational Policy, and its incorporation into the JKUT Official Language Bill, Setting Up Minority Commission IN Jammu & Kashmir, Providing Additional Exgratia Compensation to the NOK's of those 14 peoples killed in anti Sikh Riots of 1989 at par with compensation Conference organized provided to other riot Victims in the Country, Granting of OBC status to 55000 Sikhs Living in Valley, Installation of the Statue of Baba Banda Singh Bahadhur at Kunjwani Chowk.

SPF urged upon the community members to cast their vote only in favour of the Party who gives written assurances/written commitment for the fulfillment of above mentioned Sikh demands, in public domain, and don't fall prey to the false promises made by individual members from the Sikh Community affiliated to different Political Parties from the Sikh Community, as Sikhs are being deceived by every politi-

cal party since long. Other prominent persons of SPF who were present in the Press Conference were Surjeet Singh Retd JKAS, Satpal Singh, Babu Singh, T.P Singh, S Harmohinder Singh President Displaced Kashmiri Sikh Conference, Tejinder Singh, Iqbal Singh, Jaswinder Singh, Manmohan Singh, Satinder Pal Singh, Pritam Singh, M.S Reen, S Ravinder Singh Bitta,

Adv Kuldip Singh.

DPS Jammu students shine in inter-district division level handball competition

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JAMMU, Sep 14: Namish Gupta (VIII-G), Adhyan Mengi (VII-B) and Aryavansh Sharma (VII-B), all students of Delhi Public School Jammu brought laurels to the school and their parents by clinching 1st positions in U-14 age category in Inter-District Division Level Handball Competition organized by the Directorate of Youth Services & Sports, J&K held at Mini Stadium, Udham2024. Further, Namish Gupta has also been selected for U.T Level Handball Competition to be held later.

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



Students of Government Excellent Senior Secondary School Gahlian celebrate Hindi Day



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JAMMU / KANGRA, Sep 14: As we know that Hindi Day is celebrated all over India on 14th September.

On this occasion, the children of Gahlian School celebrated Hindi Day with great pomp. The students did different types of painting, made slogans, wrote

poems Supriya Chaudhary, Pawanni, Aryan, Jatin, Riya Randhawa, Sujal, Sejal, Ankita Devi, Sadhna, Nitasha, Hrithik Koti, Komal Chaudhary, Khushi, Sunishika Riya, Niharika, Bansh, Kanika, Sumit Kaundal, Aryan, Muskan, Shivani, Manan, Iman, Riyansh Sandhu, Manasi, made paintings and slogans. Ritika and Anya Sandhu explained the importance of Hindi Day

through their speech. Niharika Chaudhary, Shreya and Gunjan recited poems on Hindi

Day.

Hindi teacher Rajiv Dogra said that Hindi is not just a language but a beautiful web of letters. Through which we express our feelings and our personality along with our expression and I always try to give information about Hindi to the children and teach them to write poems, stories etc. Today, due to this, the poems of his students are published not only in India but also in newspapers of countries like America.

Principal Gulshan Awasthi wished the children on Hindi Day and inspired them to increase the pride of Hindi.

Shoolini University hosts 11th Marathon for a Drug-Free India



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JAMMU / SOLAN, Sep 14: Over 600 students and staff members from Shoolini University participated in the Shoolini University's 11th Marathon, dedicated to Drug-Free India. The event was inaugurated by Solan Deputy Commissioner, Manmohan

Originally planned for September 5 to coincide with Teachers' Day, the marathon was rescheduled due to adverse weather conditions and was instead held on Hindi Divas, adding a cultural element to the event. The flag-off ceremony was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Ajay Kumar Yadav, Chancellor Prof. P.K. Khosla, and the Chairperson of Shoolini Institute of Life Sciences and Business Management (SILB), Saroj Khosla.

The marathon started at Thodo Ground and featured two courses: a 10-kilometer route for female participants ending at Zero Point, and a 15-kilometer route for male participants, culminating at the Milkha Singh Stadium Shoolini University.

To ensure the safety of all participants, the event included several precautions. Traffic police monitored the marathon route, two ambulances were on standby for emergencies, and four water stations along with two first

aid points were set up. At the prize distribution ceremony presided over by Prof. Khosla, Shalija (MBA) emerged as the top female runner with a time of 42:43:46 minutes, followed by Jenifer (B.Com Hons) and Apoorva (MBA) In the men's category, Le'andre (BTech Biotech) clinched first place with a time of 51:25 minutes, while David (BTech Biotech) and Anash (MBA) secured the second and third spots respectively. The winners were awarded cash prizes of Rs 2500 for first place, Rs 2000 for second, and Rs 1500 for third in both catego-

The marathon's success was attributed to the efforts of Associate Dean of Student Welfare, Dr. Neeraj Gandotra and his team, Head of the Sports Department Vikrant Chauhan, and Brigadier Sunil Mehta, Director of Operations at the university.

Third Radiosonde launched at **Central University of Jammu**



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JAMMU, Sep 14: The Third Radiosonde successfully launched under The MOU between National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC, ISRO) and Central University of Jammu from the Satish Dhawan Centre for Space Science, CUJ under the mentorship of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain.

Prof. Vinay Kumar, Convener Satish Dhawan Centre for Space Science along with his dedicated Faculty, Students, Scholars and Staff successfully culminated the launch. The Weather Balloon along with the Radiosonde will record the study of the atmospheric profiles of the humidity. pressure, temperature, wind speed and direction. This will contribute to the meteorological research related to the Climate change and atmospheric conditions.

This Radiosonde Ground Station is an indigenous development in the Semi conductor Laboratory, Mohali, a make in India product under the Director General Dr. Kamaljeet Singh and Mr. Nemi Chand. The launch is under the project with National Remote Sensing Centre in collaboration with Dr. Hareef Baba, NRSC.

As a new initiative taken by the students of The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, Central University of Jammu Ritwik Aggarwal, Kritish Nagyal and their team successfully managed the 'Live Tracking' of the Radiosonde launched.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Sanjeev Yadav, Faculty Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, CUJ along with his team Dr. Pravesh Pal, Mehak Mahajan, Ayesha, Bandhna, Kritish, Tushar Ritwik, Parth, Shreya and Iqbal. The data collected from Radiosonde will contribute in the field of atmospheric and Space research.

SPPND GDC Samba signs MoU with Take One and JamKash Trucking

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SAMBA, Sep 14: SSPPND Government Degree College, Samba in a milestone towards fostering industry-academia collaboration has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Take One Television & Technologies Private Limited and Tata Motors Commercial Vehicle Dealer Jamkash Trucking Private Limited, Samba. This strategic partnership aims to strengthen innovation, skill development, and growth in the media and automotive sectors respectively.

Together, the two organizations plan to work on enhancing media content distribution, providing skill-building opportunities and exposure for students of GDC Samba through internships, hands-on trainingand knowledge-sharing initiatives.

Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri Principal of the college along with Devyani Rana CEO Take One And Jamkash Trucking Pvt. Ltd.



resents a shared vision of progress, innovation and growth. The Principal, in her welcome address highlighted that the MOU envisions to promote Skill, Personality Development and Internships among students, with a focus on enhancing employability, technical skills, and exposure to commercial media and vehicle industry.

Devyani Rana, in her presentation, emphasized the importance of internships in shaping the future career of the students and remarked that such collaborations are essential for equipping students with the practical skills and industry exposure necessary to thrive in

an increasingly competitive job market. She also encouraged the students to seize these opportunities explaining that the experience gained from working directly with professionals in the media and industries would significantly shape their future success.

Earlier, Prof. Renu Rajput, Convenor BVOC and Skill Development Committee. emphasized that MoU would significantly enhance students' professional skills by offering practical exposure through internships. The programme was compered by Dr. Ramandeep Kaur and vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Banpreet Kaur, Converor IQAC.

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Modi said that they are doing so to hide their "misdeeds." He also slammed the opposition for depriving the Pahadi, SC, ST and OBC communities of reservation in the erstwhile state.

Terrorism increased in J&K since Modi Sworn in for third term: Supriya Shrinate

citizens of the union territory have also lost their lives in these terror attacks, while 47 people were injured.

"Who will answer for it? Jammu was peaceful, the insurgency had ended there, but now, we are again witnessing terror attacks in Jammu's Doda, Reasi, and other areas," she added.

The Congress spokesperson paid tributes to the two soldiers who lost their lives in an encounter with terrorists in the Kishtwar district of Jammu on Friday.

She alleged the prime minister has not been offering his tributes to the fallen soldiers since 2019.

"PM tweets on small issues, discovers new countries on the world map to travel to and wishes happy birthday to people,

but since 2019, Modi has stopped sending tribute or sympathy messages. Our officers, and soldiers lost their lives, Jammu and Kashmir police personnel were killed, but Modi has not uttered a single word to offer tributes or sympathies after 2019," Shrinate alleged.

"Check his media and social media and see if he has even taken notice of one such attack. The least you can do is pay homage for the supreme sacrifices our force and police forces are making in J-K" she added. Shrinate said Modi chose not to do that "because you want to tell the world that everything is alright in J-K".

"No, it is not alright because militancy that had completely evaporated and vanished in Jammu, is back with a vengeance and what are you doing (about it)? This is your failure," she claimed.

Three terrorists killed in Baramulla encounter, search ops on

district after having credible inputs about the presence of some terrorists in the area. As the joint team approached towards the suspected spot, the hiding terrorists fired upon forces triggering off an encounter,

Militants won't be allowed to disrupt J&K polls: IGP Kashmir

time to connect anything with the penetration of terrorists into the area. It is a matter of investigation, and things will be cleared afterwards," IGP maintained.

As per reports three unidentified terrorists have been killed in a night-long operation in Tappar area of north Kashmir's Baramulla.

Complaint filed against IAS Officer over alleged irregular appointments in J&K

Bharat Digital Mission, of making clandestine appointments in violation of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC).

Two complainants have alleged that Khan illegally appointed ten officials to the Project Management Unit of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission without issuing a public advertisement or conducting a competitive selection process.

"Three dynasties destroyed J&K": PM **Modi attacks Congress,** PDP, NC in Doda

and Kashmir in recent years and said that terrorism is at its last breath in Jammu and Kashmir and pointed to the changing scenario of stone pelting incidents and said that the time has arrived for the development of the region.

"Terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir is now breathing its last. The changes seen here in the last 10 years are nothing short of a dream. The stones that were once picked up to be thrown at the police and army are now being used to build a new Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

The Prime Minister further said that he wants every child in Jammu and Kashmir to have access to a good education.

"Over the past few years, the BJP government has inaugurated various schools and colleges in J&K for the betterment of the youth. The long-standing demand for a medical college in Doda was also fulfilled recently by the BJP government," he said. He further said that the BJP's resolution

and support can bring peace, prosperity and security to Jammu and Kashmir.

"Make our candidates win with a huge mandate and ensure a brighter future for everyone in the valley. Any citizen of Jammu and Kashmir, regardless of his religion, region and cultural affiliation, is a priority for the BJP government. I guarantee to safeguard your rights. It's only the BJP that can reinforce statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

Meanwhile, Attacking the opposition parties in Jammu and Kashmir, and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over his slogan of 'Mohabbat ki Dukaan', Prime Minister Narendra Modi said those running "nafrat ki dukaan" (shops of hate) are hiding behind the boards of "mohabbat ki dukaan" (shops

"Congress, PDP and NC want to restore Article 370. That would mean that the three families will once again snatch the reservation of the Pahadis. If their manifestos are implemented, the schools will once again be burnt, children will have stones in their hands, and there will be strikes. They talk about the Constitution. Ye nafrat ki dukaan pe mohabbat ki dukaan ka board laga kar ke ghumte hai," he said.

Attacking the opposition further for keeping the Constitution in their pockets, PM

Khatana condoles Chatroo Martyrs' families, assures end of terror network in J&K

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Sep 14: Senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Er Gulam Ali Khatana, while expressing condolences to the families of the two Army personnel martyred in a fierce gunfight in Chatroo, Kishtwar, reiterated that terrorism is in its final phase in Jammu and Kashmir. He assured that the entire network of terrorism will soon be eradicated, bringing peace and stability to the region.

MP Khatana, who has been actively campaigning in Kishtwar for the party's upcoming elections, emphasized that the recent surge in terrorist activities will not deter the people of the region, who have shown an unwavering commitment to democracy and support for the BJP. "Yesterday, I convened several meetings in Chatroo, and what struck me was the resolute spirit of the people. They are no longer living in fear; they are embracing democracy and backing the BJP," he stated.

Referring to the martyrdom of

the two Army personnel during the Chatroo encounter, Khatana highlighted the bravery of India's armed forces and their ability to thwart any attempt by our neighbor country to destabilize peace in Jammu and Kashmir. "Such attempts by terrorists will not make any difference. The country is proud of its brave security forces, who are capable of countering any attempt by our neighbors to disrupt peace," he added.

The BJP leader stressed that terrorism is on its last leg in the region, and the people of Jammu and Kashmir are yearning for peace and progress. "The fear of anti-national elements no longer grips the people of this region. We have witnessed a change in the air, people want peace, and they want progress. Within 15 hours of the encounter, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed his scheduled rally in Doda, undeterred by these cowardly acts," Khatana remarked.

He further pointed out that despite the terror attack in Chatroo, there was a massive turnout at the Prime Minister's rally in Doda, which he described as a clear indica-



tion of the people's trust in the leadership of PM Modi. "A sea of people arrived to listen to their beloved leader despite Pakistan's 'Napak' (nefarious) attempts to destabilize the region. This shows that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are united in their commitment to peace and development," Khatana said.

During his address at Doda, the Prime Minister had assured the families of the martyrs, as well as the entire nation, that the terror network would be wiped out. Khatana reiterated the Prime Minister's message, stating, "The PM assured every citizen, whom he considers as

family, that the network of terrorism will soon be eradicated. His determination to continue with the rally in Doda, despite the attack, demonstrates his unwavering commitment to a peaceful and prosperous Jammu and Kashmir."

Khatana also lauded the efforts of the security forces. who, he said, have been relentlessly working to dismantle the terror ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir. "Our security forces are successfully eradicating the terror infrastructure. The remaining terrorists will soon be flushed out from the soil of Jammu and Kashmir. Our leadership at the Centre has the capability to take decisive action to ensure the unity, safety, and integrity of the country," he affirmed.

The BJP MP also praised the unity of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, who, regardless of religion or caste, have come together to support peace and development in the region. He said that the Modi government's policies are designed to safeguard the larger interests of the people and to ensure that every citizen enjoys the benefits of peace and progress.

Pavneet Kour urges women to lead the fight against drugs in Jammu South



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 14: In a passionate address at a public meeting in Hagal, Ward No. 4, Pavneet Kour, the Apni Party candidate for Jammu South, made a compelling call to the women of the constituency to stand up and secure the future of their children by voting for her on October 1st.

Kour emphasized the growing drug menace as the primary threat to the youth and vowed to eliminate drugs as one of her top priorities, if she is elected as MLA.

She also stressed that the future of Jammu South's children depends on a collective effort to remove the scourge of drugs from their streets.

Kour shared her com-

prehensive plan to tackle the drug crisis, which includes collaborating with law enforcement to arrest drug suppliers, establishing rehabilitation centers for those affected, and offering youth alternative opportunities through sports, education, and community

She also promised to push for stronger laws and policies to curb drug trafficking and ensure that the streets of Jammu South are safe for its young generation. "Our youth deserve a chance to grow in a safe, drugfree environment," Kour

programs.

said.

In her speech, Kour made a direct appeal to the women of Jammu South, urging them to take the lead in this battle. She highlighted the critical role women play as pillars of families and society, reminding them that their vote can be the catalyst for lasting change.

"On October 1st, I ask every woman in Jammu South to cast their vote for the 'bat' symbol, not iust for me, but for the future of your families and community," she stated. Kour explained that her election symbol, the 'bat,' symbolizes strength, determination, and action—qualities needed to defeat the drug menace.

In addition to her focus on combating drugs, Kour laid out a broader vision for the development of Jammu South, with a special emphasis on youth engagement and women's empowerment. She promised to establish sports academies, technical training centers, and mentorship programs to provide the youth with productive avenues for growth.

Kour also vowed to fight for women's rights, better healthcare, education services, and the overall safety of women in the constituency. She concluded by calling on all voters to unite and support her campaign for a brighter, drug-free Jammu South.

Manjit Singh gets overwhelming support from all sections of society in Vijaypur constituency

Vows to fight for the rights of locals in Samba District

Top News Report

VIJAYPUR, Sep 14: The election campaign of the Apni Party candidate for Vijaypur assembly constituency, S. Manjit Singh has got massive support from the people, who are fed-up with the traditional parties and their divisive agenda.

"The people have put their faith in the policies, and agenda of the Apni Party that gives equal opportunity to all the members of the society irrespective of their caste, creed, region or

religion. The people want to cast their votes for a change for equitable development and peace," stated S. Manjit

Singh during an election campaign in Parmandal, Bari Brahmana and other villages of Vijaypur constituency.

The election rallies are being attended by all sections of society, and after ten years, the people are enthusiastic to elect a Govt that would work for their development, employment generation and protection of the rights of the local people, he

During all these years, he said that the claims of good governance have proven wrong, and the people were left to the mercy of the arrogant bureaucracy in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The bureaucracy in Jammu and Kashmir

betrayed the people of their own erstwhile state by taking initiative and protecting the mining and liquor mafia.

The local people, who were engaged in different employment sectors, were left helpless and unemployed after their source of earning was allegedly snatched by the non-locals in the industrial sector," he added.

He said that if he gets elected as MLA from Vijaypur, he will protect the employment of the locals in the industrial sector and will fight to get it reserved for the local residents only.

"If our resources are being utilized by the industrialists, it becomes the respon-



sibility of the Govt to ensure employment to the locals in these industrial sectors," he added.

He further stated that the Apni Party has also assured the people of Jammu and Kashmir to protect the natural resources, employment, and land for the locals.

"We will not allow interference of the nonlocal contractors/mafia in mining and liquor which has snatched the business/trade of the locals," he added, expressing full support to the people who have rendered helpless in the last ten years in Jammu and Kashmir.

Tree Plantation Drive organized at Chhatral

Top News Report

POONCH, Sep 14: In a commendable effort to promote environmental sustainability and support local ecosystems, the Indian Army has successfully carried out a tree plantation drive in the remote areas of Poonch district, Jammu and Kashmir. The initiative, involved the planting of saplings across rugged terrains and challenging weather conditions.

The drive aimed to enhance green cover, combat soil erosion, and contribute to biodiversity in the region.

Troops and local residents collaborated in this effort, with soldiers engaging in the planting while also educating vil-



lagers about the importance of conservation. The Army's efforts are expected to not only improve environmental conditions but also positively impact the livelihoods of local communities by fostering a healthier environment.

This drive is part of a broader envi mental and community welfare initiative by the Indian Army, reflecting its commitment to both national security and ecological stewardship.

DFSS holds protest against Pakistan



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 14: The workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS), under the leadership of President Ashok Gupta, held a massive protest rally in Jammu city to condemn the martyrdom of two Indian Army soldiers, Naib Subedar Vipan Kumar and Sepoy Arvind Singh, who lost their lives in a gunbattle in Kishtwar. The protest included the burning of an effigy of Pakistan's Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif, symbolizing the group's anger towards Pakistan's alleged role in supporting terrorism

Expressing his anguish, Ashok Gupta paid tribute to the fallen soldiers, stating, "I am deeply anguished to

learn about the cowardly attack on our Army soldiers in Kishtwar. Tributes to brave soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice protecting our nation. My deepest condolences to

the bereaved families." Gupta emphasized that the Over Ground Worker (OGW) network, which provides support to terrorists, must be dismantled. He argued that eliminating local

support would make it

impossible for terrorists to hide or survive in the jungles for long periods. He also stressed the importance of national unity, stating that no political games should be played during this time of crisis. Gupta called for a strong attack against Pakistan to put an end to its support for terrorism, asserting that a united response is needed to eliminate such threats globally.

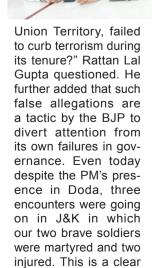
Among those present at the protest were party workers Abhishek, Prem, Kalu, Naresh, Vikky, Bantu, Vijay, Vikas, Sunil, Roop Lal, and others.

BJP misleading people on terrorism, Encounters persist even during PM's visit to Doda: Rattan Lal

Top News Report JAMMU, Sep 14:

Adv. Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of Jammu & Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), has strongly condemned the recent statement by BJP leader Tarun Chugh for blaming the National Conference for the rise of terrorism in the Union Territory. He called the accusation baseless, questioning the BJP's credibility and the failure of its "Double Engine Government" in addressing the issue of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.Mr Gupta speaking in a joining function organized by Sardar Jatinder Singh Lucky at Sher-e- Kashmir Bhavan, Jammu today. "Blaming the National

Conference for terrorism is nothing but a desperate attempt by the BJP to mislead the people of Jammu and Kashmir. If the National Conference were truly responsible, why has the BJP's own government, both at the Centre and its Proxy Govt in the



The senior NC leader emphasized that the National Conference has sacrificed its hundreds of dedicated party leaders including speaker, ministers, leg-

indication that the BJP's

strategy to curb terror-

ism has not yielded the

desired results," he said.

islatures and workers due to this terrorism. He said that NC has always fought for the preservation of democracy and the rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, standing firm against the forces that threaten peace and stability in the region. "The BJP is attempting to rewrite history and malign regional parties by blaming them for terrorism. This is nothing but an act of deflection," he remarked.

front, Rattan Lal Gupta asserted that the BJP government has made no significant contributions to the progress of the region, especially when compared to the National Conference. "People in the Chenab

On the development

Valley know that true development was only witnessed during Omar Abdullah's regime. The projects initiated during Omar Abdullah's tenure have now come to a complete standstill under the current administration. The socalled 'Double Engine Government' has utterly failed to deliver on its promises," he stated.

The Provincial President urged the people of Jammu region to support the National Conference in the upcoming Assembly elections, assuring them that the Party is the only one capable of fulfilling the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. "The National Conference has a proven track record of bringing staopment. It is time for the people to reject the divisive and misleading rhetoric of the BJP and vote for a party that truly understands the needs of the region," he added. National Conference candidates in Chenab Valley are sweeping all the seats in Chenab Valley.

Among those who joined the party fold included:- Headed by Satnaam Singh, Ajay Kumar, Suresh Bhalla, Parminder Singh, Harmeet Singh, Papu Khan, Anoop Kawantara, Harpreet Singh, Amarpreet Singh, Parneet Singh, Jatinder Singh, Iqbal Singh and others.

Those who were present on this occasion included Sheikh Bashir Ahmad, Pardeep Bali Provincial Secretaries, Issrar Khan Sr. Vice President Central Zone, Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone, S. Tejinder Singh District President Jammu Urban YNC, Gurmeet Singh (Jimmy) and others.

"Don't Say There's Any Tiff": Gautam Gambhir's 'Class' Act Regarding Virat Kohli Revealed

While Virat Kohli and Gautam Gambhir started their cricket journey playing for Delhi, both players made headlines time and again for their on-field clashes too

CHENNAI, Sep 14 (Agencies): Virat Kohli and Gautam Gambhir - two names, which have often intrigued cricket fans. While they started their cricket journey playing for Delhi, both players made headlines time and again for their on-field clashes too. The two players were also in the same team that won the 2011 World Cup. While their on-field tiffs have well publicised, Gambhir has always maintained that he has a lot of respect for Kohli.

"What kind of a relationship I share with Virat Kohli... I think it's between two mature individuals. On the field, everyone has got the right to fight for their own jersey and come back to a winning dressing room," Gambhir had said after taking charge



of the Indian cricket team as

"But at the moment, we're representing India, representing 140 crore Indians and I'm sure we're going to be on the same page and try and make India proud."

Piyush Chawla has played

with both and shared an interesting anecdote.

"You know what the best thing about Gauti bhai is? He will motivate you, give you free hand and the way he backs you. If he sees that talent in you, he will back you even if you don't do anything in all 14 games. If you can do it, he will back you which is a brilliant thing for any player," Chawla said on YouTube channel of Shubhankar Mishra.

"I played under him for 4-5 years - in fact we played India and India A together - the way he appears on the ground, aggressive and all, off it he is equally polite. And the amount of fun I have interacting with him it just amazing. Gauti bhai, one of the best humans I have come across.

"I and Gauti bhai were doing a show. A question was asked 'When Virat completed his 50th century, which bowler did he take the single off? I couldn't answer it, but Gambhir did it. And he's like 'Now don't say there's any tiff. Gauti bhai is all class. He is one of the best."

Indian set-up operates by itself, goal will be to protect that: New bowling coach Morkel



CHENNAI, Sep 14 (Agencies): "What isn't broken shouldn't be mended" is the mantra of new India bowling coach Morne Morkel, who loves how the Indian cricket set-up runs on auto-pilot, and says his new assignment will involve helping that system "get better in small ways".

Morkel, who has worked with current head coach Gautam Gambhir in Lucknow Super Giants (LSG), has been in India enough times and seen it from close quarter to understand how it works and where he would fit into the ecosystem.

"Coming here, this is a set-up that operates by itself and so to protect that and make it better in small ways is going to be the goal," Morkel told BCCI.TV, making it clear that his focus is on minor tweaks rather than overhauling what works.

He also feels that super seniors like Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Ravindra Jadeja, Ravichandran Ashwin and Jasprit Bumrah will always lead the charge and his job will be to be the sounding board as part of the support staff.

"We are quite lucky to have quality senior players and they will lead the charge. Our responsibility is to support them and give them best sort of advice that we can give," said Morkel, who turns 40 soon and has played alongside legendary Dale Steyn.

Morkel, who has 544 international wickets across three formats with 309 of them coming in Tests, was "blown away" by how Indian cricketers went about things and "how professional they were".

"That's a good sign and hope we can build on that," Morkel said.

He joined the pre series camp in Bangladesh and currently, he wants to build a trust with players and see how he can help them.

"For me, this is important to connect well with the guys, played a lot against some of the players, seen and connected with some of the guys during IPL and to be in the camp and form friendships and relationships with players is very important," said the former Proteas speedster.

"....trying to understand the guys and their strengths and weaknesses and help them set goals for the upcoming series."

He hoped that he can channelise the enormous level of talent that Indian cricketers pos-

"It's one thing having talent and skill and how

can you make those guys feel welcome in an intimidating environment. India playing in blue shirt is a lot of expectations, so for me, having the experience, going through that, passing that sort of knowledge and helping them settle in will be the goal," Morkel said.

"As soon as players have that comfort and feel they belong here, that's when the performance comes. I am looking forward to that and obviously up-skill them and get them up to the standard.

"I understand that there will be expectations of winning and luckily I have experienced that in my playing days and I can share that knowledge," he added.

Morkel said that after his discussions with the BCCI about the bowling coach's job were finalized, it took some time for the confirmation to sink in.

"So when I ended the call, I sat for about five minutes in the room. I spoke to my dad first and didn't even go to my wife. Normally, they say you tell the wife first, so quite a special moment for me," he said in jest.

"I enjoyed it 5-7 minutes with myself and then shared with the family about the opportunity and about eventually what might happen, so happy that we eventually got things over the line and this happened, looking forward to great journey and time with India.

Morkel is also a fan of Indian cuisine. "I love Puri, breakfast I love my dosas, malai chicken but as a coach you need to show players that you eat healthy, players would follow," he said.

R Ashwin's wife posts special message on **Instagram ahead of Bangladesh Tests**

CHENNAI, Sep 14 (Agencies): Indian cricket team spinner Ravichandran Ashwin's wife Prithi Narayanan had a special message ahead of the start of the home season.

India take on Bangladesh in the first Test match at the M Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai starting September 19. Before the match, the BCCI has organised a preseries camp for the cricketers at the same venue. Prithi took to social media platform Instagram and posted a picture of Ashwin in India's training jersey on her story. The caption along with the picture of the veteran India spinner read - "Chennai, Test match feelings are coming. Right?"

The Rohit Sharma-led Indian team has begun its preparation for the upcoming two-match Test series against Bangladesh at the MA Chidambaram Stadium here. India will begin its home season when it takes on Bangladesh in the Test series opener here on September 19.

This will be India's first Test series under head coach Gambhir and his new support staff, who have also got former South Africa fast-bowler Morne Morkel joining in as the new bowling coach.

"The countdown starts as #TeamIndia begin their preps for an exciting home season," wrote the BCCI on its 'X' account while sharing the team huddle pictures

Captain Rohit Sharma, talismanic batter Virar Kohli and other members of the Indian team like fast-bowling spearhead Jasprit Bumrah, wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant, Ravindra Jadeja, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Kuldeep Yadav and KL Rahul landed in Chennai on Thursday

The Bangladesh team, captained by Najmul Hossain Shanto, is set to travel to Chennai on September 15, four days ahead of the first Test's commencement.

After the first Test in Chennai concludes on September 23, the



Green Park Stadium in Kanpur will host the second Test from September 27 to October 1. Both Test matches are a part of the ongoing

2023-2025 World Test

Championship cycle, where India are on top of the table with 68.52 percentage points, while Bangladesh are at fourth place, with 45.83 percentage points.

Jonty Rhodes gives hilarious | Suryakumar Yadav's wife Devisha wishes happy rant on not being picked as India fielding coach

NEW DELHI, Sep 14 (Agencies): Former South Africa cricketer Jonty Rhodes has given a hilarious rant on not being picked as India's fielding coach by the BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India). Notably, after Gautam Gambhir was appointed as India's head coach there were widespread reports of Rhodes also becoming a member of the coaching staff as a fielding coach.

Given that Gambhir had worked closely with Rhodes during his stint with LSG, it seemed almost certain that the legendary fielder will join the coaching staff. However, the BCCI didn't go ahead with his appointment as they reportedly didn't want a foreign coach. Recently, he opened up on his rejection and hilariously proved his connection with India introducing himself in hindi.

"Yeah! Can you believe it? I mean, they didn't want an international coach, and I'm so local. I mean, mera naam Jonty Rhodes! (I'm Jonty Rhodes) Come on. I'm based in Goa. Maybe because I'm based in Goa. Maybe I need to be in a metro (city)," the South African said during a podcast on Aleena Dissects You-



Tube channel.

Further speaking ahead, Rhodes praised India's last two fielding coaches R Sridhar and T Dilip. He also mentioned how former India captain MS Dhoni and Virat Kohli brought a fitness revolution in the Indian team.

"I've taken my hats off to the last two Indian fielding coaches. And it comes from captaincy. Under Dhoniâ€æ he had a lot of senior guys, and he just showed his physical ability, he still does at the end of his IPL career. Running between the wickets.... amazing, and he's 40. It's incredible. He certainly showed, just through his example, teh importance of fitness and strength," said Rhodes.

Rhodes praises Virat Kohli's special focus on team fitness

Rhodes mentioned how Kohli put special importance on fitness to earn selection in the national side during his tenure as the skipper.

"Then Virat Kohli took over, and it was a part of the selection criteria. If you don't pass the fitness standards, it doesn't matter how good you are. Everybody was treated equally, and it took India to becoming a good fielding team," he added.

After BCCI rejected Rhodes, they extended the contract of T Dilip under whom Indian fielding has excelled remarkably. It even helped them end their 11-yearlong ICC Trophy drought after Suryakumar Yadav took a sensational catch to dismiss David Miller in the final of the T20 World Cup 2024.

birthday to her 'best friend' on Insta know what I'd do with-NEW DELHI, Sep 14

(Agencies): Suryakumar Yadav's wife, Devisha Shetty, wished him a happy birthday by sharing special pictures on Instagram. The romance and loving bond between the couple is well-known, as both Suryakumar and Devisha often express their love for each other. Devisha penned a heartfelt caption for her husband as he turned 34 on September 14. 2024. Suryakumar has always credited Devisha for her support and love in his success so far. Wishes have been pour-



ing in from the cricket world and fans, as they recall his T20 World Cup-winning catch at long-off on his special

"Happy happy birthday

to my best friend, husband, lover, my world and the best decision of my life! Thankful for you every single day. You make this world a better place and I don't out you. love you now and forever," Devisha captioned the post. She shared some heartwarming moments shared between the two of them.

Suryakumar Yadav is currently on break from national duties for India's upcoming home Test season. The 34-yearold expressed his desire to make a return to the Indian Test cricket team and wanted to make a mark with his domestic cricket performances. However, he was ruled out of the round one and two of the Duleep

Trophy 2024 as he suffered a sprain to his right thumb while fielding in the Buchi Babu tournament. With India playing 5 Tests at home against Bangladesh and 5 away Tests against Australia on their soil, Suryakumar might not be seen in a lot of international action for the remainder of the year. However, he would be leading Team India in the 3-match T20I series against Bangladesh, starting October 6. Then he would lead the T20I side for a tour to South Africa, where they would play a four-match

Pratham Singh scores maiden Duleep Trophy hundred for India A in explosive style

ANANTAPUR, Sep 14 (Agencies): India A and Railways team's batter Pratham Singh notched up his maiden Duleep Trophy hundred against India D on September 14, Saturday. The match was being played at the Rural Development Trust Stadium in Anantapur. The 31-year-old brought up his 2nd first-class hundred in style as he smashed Vidwath Kaverappa for a six and two fours to reach the three-figure mark. He was announced as the replacement for Shubman Gill, who joined the Indian team for the 2-match Test series against Bangladesh.

The southpaw lived up to expectations, as in the 49th over, Pratham was at 88 when he pulled Kaverappa's first

delivery for a six over a deep square leg. After playing three dot deliveries, he punished a full toss delivery for a four. On the final ball of the over, he brought up his maiden Duleep Trophy hundred with a boundary and had a beaming smile on his face as he took off his helmet to celebrate. Pratham rose to the occasion

and made the opportunity count as he scored 122 runs from 189 balls. He was part of Kolkata Knight Riders in IPL 2022 and also represented Gujarat Lions in 2017 earlier but didn't get much chances. Before this contest, Pratham played 29 first class games and scored 1568 runs with 10 fifties and a hundred, averaging 35.63.



His first hundred in the Ranji Trophy came this year when he scored an unbeaten 169 for the Railways and Tripura in February. His impressive Buchi Babu performances led to him getting selected in round two of the Duleep Trophy 2024.

He managed only seven runs on the opening day between India A and India D as the Mayank Agarwal-led side managed 290 runs on the back of Shams Mulani and Tanush Kotian's gritty knocks. However, India D managed just 183 in response, conceding a 107-run lead in the first innings.

Pratham played a breezy knock in the 3rd innings, notching up his fifty in 60 balls and shared a 115-run opening stand with Mayank, before the India A captain was dismissed on the very first ball of Shreyas lyer. The 32-year-old built on his overnight score of 59 and shared a 104-run stand with Tilak Varma.

Mahajan Sewan Sangh extends support to Arvind Gupta for Jammu West Constituency

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 14: The Mahajan Sewan Sangh announced its wholehearted support to Arvind Gupta, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate for the Jammu West constituency in the upcoming elections.

In a recent event, Neeraj Gupta, President of Mahajan Sewan Sangh, joined by Advocate Anil Gupta, Cashier Cum Secretary; R.K. Gupta, General Secretary; Arun Gupta, Joint Secretary; Apurav Gupta, President of Youth Mahajan Sewan Sangh; and Jeet Raj, to formally acknowledge and facilitate Arvind



Gupta's candidacy. This collaborative endorsement underscores our collective confidence in Sh. Gupta's leadership and commitment to our

community.

Arvind Gupta brings a wealth of experience and a clear vision for the future of Jammu West. His dedication to

public service and his track record of effective leadership make him the ideal candidate to address the needs and aspirations of our constituency.

As we approach the election, we earnestly appeal to the people of Jammu West to support Arvind Gupta. Casting your vote for him is not only a vote for a leader with a proven record but also a step towards a more prosperous and progressive future for our region.

The Mahajan Sewan Sangh is committed to work closely with Arvind Gupta to ensure that Jammu West will get benefits from thoughtful and dynamic leadership. We urge all residents to participate actively in the electoral process and support Gupta to bring about positive change.

J&K Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages celebrates Hindi Diwas



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JAMMU, Sep 14: The J&K Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL) organized a vibrant celebration of Hindi Diwas on 14th September 2024 at Abhinav Theatre, Canal Road, Jammu. The full-day event, dedicated to the promotion and preservation of the Hindi language, featured engaging activities including debates and poetry recitations, with enthusiastic participation from students across the region.

Harvinder Kour, Secretary, JKAACL, welcomed the guests and, in her address, emphasized the Academy's ongoing efforts to promote the Hindi language and encourage youth involvement in cultural activities.

Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary of the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

In his speech, he underlined the significance of Hindi as a unifying language and a symbol of India's cultural heritage. He highlighted the importance of the younger generation maintaining a strong connection to their linguistic roots, stating, "Hindi is more than just a language; it is the essence of our rich cultural identity and plays a vital role in strengthening national unity."

The Guest of Honour, Suresh Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary, Department of Culture, J&K, appreciated the efforts of JKAACL in organizing the event and encouraged students to explore the richness of Hindi literature.

"Programs like these cultivate a love for the language and foster future poets, writers, and scholars," he remarked.

Deepika Sharma, Secretary, Department of Culture, was also present on the occasion, adding to the significance of the event.

Academic excellence in Hindi was celebrated with honors bestowed on student achievers.

Sonali Thakur, Gold Medalist in M.A. Hindi (Session 2022-24) from Jammu University, Tanu Choudhary, a graduate of Govt College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, and Kashish Kaila, who achieved a perfect score in Hindi in her 12th class exams, were recognized by Chief Guest Shri Atal Dulloo for their outstanding achievements in the subject.

Prominent scholars, Prof. Ashok Kumar, Dr. Parshottam Kumar (Associate Professor, Hindi Department), and Dr. Bhagwati Devi (Assistant Professor, Hindi Department), presented insightful papers on the importance and globalization of Hindi.

Around 30 students from various schools and colleges participated in the poetry and debate competitions. The event's standout performers were awarded certificates and prizes in recognition of their excellence.

The judging panel, comprising Khema Koul, Sham Bihari Juneja, and Suman Sharma, commended the participants for their impressive performances.

Suresh Kumar Gupta distributed certificates to the winners, congratulating them on their achievements. The event concluded with a renewed commitment to promoting Hindi and other regional languages as part of JKAACL's cultural

Dengue advisory issued by Directorate of Health Services Jammu

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JAMMU, Sep 14: In view of the running Monsoon season and rising number of Dengue cases an advisory has been issued by the Directorate of Health Services Jammu for the awareness of Community regarding Dengue, its prevention and control. As per the advisory the slogan is "Know Dengue for no Dengue" and emphasizes on preventive nature of the disease.

Advisory reads that Dengue is a viral disease transmitted by the bite of Aedes mosquito and has 3 forms. Dengue Fever is a severe, flu-like illness and Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever (DHF) & Dengue Shock Syndrome (DSS) are more severe forms of disease, which may cause death if left untreated or not treated properly on time.

As per advisory, Signs and Symptoms include High grade fever, Frontal headache, Pain behind the eyes which worsens with eye movement, Muscle and joint pains, Rashes on the body, Pain abdomen, Nausea and vomiting. In DHF symptoms in addition include Bleeding from gums and nose, blood in vomiting and black motion (blood in stools), small hemorrhagic spots on skin. In DSS other symptoms in addition to Dengue fever could be Cold clammy limbs low B.P & shock in severe cases.

Regarding prevention of the disease as per advisory we should avoid water stagnation in & around the house, empty water reservoirs regularly like storage utensils, air coolers, plant pots, drums, flower

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dier PS Cheema Group

Commander, NCC Group

Jammu accompanied by

Col Muneesh Jasrotia. CO

2 J&K Girls Battalion and

Col Yash Chibber, J&K

Battalion NCC visited BSF

Senior Secondary School

Paloura & GDC Paloura.

He interacted with the

pots and bird baths etc. destroy and dispose off junk items like old tyres, coconut shells, disposable glasses and used cold drink bottles etc., keep water tanks and other water containers tightly covered with lids, use mosquito repellents/ anti mosquito creams. Also on leaving home, we should not wear clothes that expose arms and legs and if required should use mosquito nets while sleeping.

Also we should use netted screens for doors & windows to prevent entry of mosquitoes and avoid sleeping on terrace to prevent mosquito bites.

Regarding Management of Dengue, as per advisory on having symptoms of dengue one should go to the nearby health institution and that the tests and treatment are available free of cost in Govt. Health Institutions and one should never go for self medica-

For first aid, for high grade fever in inaccessible areas and during odd hours one can use tablet Paracetamol and tepid sponging as first aid. Advisory advises against use of pain killers and any other medicines without the consultation of Doctors.

Most of the Dengue cases are mild and can be treated at home and only 5% patients need admission. As per advijuices and ORS etc in addition to fresh fruits & vegetables and adequate rest in case of symptoms of Dengue. Smoking and alcohol should be avoid-

AIIMS Jammu's Surgeon selected as **Asia Pacific Orthopedic Association's** Young Ambassador to represent India at 2025 Congress in Australia

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JAMMU, Sep 14: AIIMS Jammu announces that Dr. Rashid Anjum, Associate Professor, Department of Orthopedics, has been selected as the sole representative from India for the prestigious Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association (APOA) Young Ambassador Program.

Dr. Anjum will represent India at the 24th APOA Annual Congress in 2025, set to take place in Cairns, Australia, alongside fifteen of the most promising young surgeons from across the Asia Pacific region.

This remarkable achievement recognizes Dr. Anjum's excellence and dedication to advancing orthopedic surgery. The APOA Young Ambassador Pro-



gram is a highly competitive platform that identifies future leaders in the field, providing them with opportunities to showcase their work, engage in international collaborations, and contribute to innovations in orthopedic care. This year's selection process was highly competitive, reflecting the growing recognition of academic and educational opportunities for young surgeons across the region.

As a Young Ambassa-

Central University of Jammu students raise

voter awareness through Nukkad Natak

dor, Dr. Anjum will have the unique opportunity to present his work during the 'Young Ambassador Sessions' and engage in high-level discussions with leading surgeons from around the world. He will also have hospital visitations in Australia and attend exclusive events such as the President's Dinner and other scientific events, where he will receive a certificate of recognition

for his achievements. The program offers valuable opportunities, including hospital visits, podium presentations, and participation in collaborative discussions with fellow surgeons from the Asia Pacific region. The APOA congratu-

lated all selected Young Ambassadors and anticipates their active participation in enhancing a vibrant and inclusive orthopaedic community.

Awareness Session on "Rights of Children against Child Sexual Abuse" abuse. The Principal



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JAMMU, Sep 14: Cell Against Sexual Harassment (CASH Committee), of Govt. Degree College R S Pura organized an Awareness Lecture on Sexual Harassment against children under the aegis of IQAC under the able guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour, Principal of the college.

The resource person of the session was Meenu Padha, Advocate, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and National Advisor (Embark Care Foundation, India). The session started with the welcome address by Prof. Priyadarshni Sharma, Convener CASH Committee of the college.

Meenu Padha talked about the Sexual Harassment against children and made them aware how to save themselves and others around them from sexual abuse.

She also deliberated students on various laws against sexual of the college emphasized on educating the youth both males and females to change the thinking of the society about the gender discrimination. She was of the opinion that such type of events should be organized more often and encouraged the committee members to organize such programmes in the future too. The entire event was organised by Prof. Priyadarshni Sharma, Convener CASH Committee, Dr. Neeru Sawhney, Prof. Sanjeev Upadhyay, Prof. Meeshu Pandita and Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch. The programme was attended by Prof. Raj Kumari, HOD Hindi and other members of the faculty. A formal vote of thanks was given by Prof. Meeshu Pandita.

sory patients should take adequate fluids like coconut water, lassi, fruit



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JAMMU, Sep 14: The Department of Educational Studies, in collaboration with the office of the Dean Student's Welfare (DSW), Central University of Jammu, organized a Nukkad Natak-'Loktantra ka Vishwas Vote se Hi Vikash', with a powerful message on the importance of voting and making an informed choice during elections.

The street play performed by the students of Department of Educational Studies at the Malviya Shiksha Bhawan as well as the main building of the university campus, aimed to spread awareness among students and the larger community about their civic duty and the significance of responsible voting.

drama was voting awareness, and the students portrayed a variety of individuals who neglect to execute their fundamental civic duty. Through their different acts yet hilarious play, they channelized the significant influence of the first-time voting on the students. The students presented that there is an increased awareness in the citizens of India and we are stepping up with each electoral process. In an amicable and light environment, the audience enjoyed and appreciated the play. It propels the significance of casting vote that aids

Through satire, provoking dialogues,

the Nukkad Natak addressed various issues related to elections, including votebuying, political propaganda, and the consequences of choosing unworthy candidates. The performers stressed that the right to vote is not just a privilege but a responsibility, and the power to bring about change lies in the hands of the electorate.

The event was highly appreciated by the audience, which included students, scholars, faculty members and other staff members for its relevance and strong social message. The performance concluded with an appeal to the public to participate in the democratic process by voting in an informed and conscientious manner.

The event was coordinated by faculties -Dr. Arvind Kumar, Dr. Aarushi Ballwria, Dr. Shivali and Dr. Disha; and a team of B.A.B.Ed. Students, Jagriti, Rasmi, Tahira, Koyanika, Deendayal, Mrutyunjay, Eklavya, Talib and Nayaar.

Army organises Essay Writing Competition at Dedna

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KISHTWAR, Sep 14: In its continuous efforts to connect with and stimulate the young minds of future generations, Indian Army organised a 'Essay Writing Competition on 'The importance of education in shaping future for the students of High School, Dedna at Cherji area, District-Kistwar.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from the students. The students expressed their thoughts and aspirations regarding the role of education in their lives. Twenty five students participated in the event, each presenting their views on how education empowers them to dream bigger, contribute to their communities and build a strong foundation for their future careers.

The event concluded with prize distribution ceremony, where the top three students were awarded for their excellent essays and consolation prizes was given to all

Heads of both the Institutes, SW, SD, JW & JD ANOs and the cadets. During his visit he touched upon, the impor-

Brigadier PS Cheema visits

Educational Institutes

tance of the conduct of various NCC activities during the training year to achieve maximum impact The importance of select-

ing the desired standard of first year cadets, the importance of institutional support to the ANOs for conduct of training, ensuring that all cadets achieve the eligibility for certificate exam, as early as possible. Especially for cadets in class XIIth. The Commander also

presided over the Rank ceremony of SD and SW cadets at GDC Paloura. In his address to the cadets he exhorted them to understand and follow the correct mix of Attitude, Aptitude, Belief, Confidence, Courage, Character, Capability and Disci-

pline to achieve success

in all aspects of life.

to the well-being of the community. humour, and thought-

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