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BRIEFLY

BSF constable dies after collapsing in Kupwara

SRINAGAR, Sep 15 (Agencies): A Border Security Force (BSF) man died Saturday evening at ITI Galizoo camping site in north Kashmir's Kupwara, reports said. Quoting an official, news agency NVI reported that the BSF constable collapsed after which he was immediately taken to Sub-District Hospital (SDH) Kupwara where doctors declared him brought dead. The official identified him as Sheesh Ram. His body was handed over to the concerned BSF unit after the medico-legal formalities were completed, said the official.

Terrorists exchange fire with security forces in Poonch

MENDHAR/JAMMU, Sep 15 (Agencies): An encounter broke out in a remote village in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district when security forces launched a cordon and search operation following information about the presence of terrorists, an official said on Sunday. Acting on a tip off, a joint search operation was launched by the police and Army in the Pathanateer area near Gursai top in Mendhar sub-division on Saturday evening, the security official said. He said the search party came under fire from the hiding terrorists, triggering a gunfight. Intermittent exchange of fire is on between both the sides, the official said, adding that reinforcements were rushed to the area and further details are awaited.

JMC launches new garden waste collection system

JAMMU, Sep 15 (Agencies): The Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) has introduced a new system for the collection, transport, and disposal of garden waste from both households and commercial establishments. This initiative comes in response to growing complaints about non-collection of

PM Modi virtually releases sanction letters to 32,000 PMAY-G beneficiaries

RANCHI, Sep 15 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday virtually distributed sanction letters to 32,000 beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) and released the first instalment of Rs 32 crore for the construction of houses.

He also virtually handed over keys to 46,000 beneficiaries of PMAY-G across the country. "In line with his commitment to housing for all, the PM distributed sanction letters to 32,000 Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) beneficiaries from Jharkhand. He released the first instalment of assistance to the beneficiaries. The prime minister also par-



ticipated in the 'Griha Pravesh' celebrations of 46,000 beneficiaries," a statement from the Prime Minister's Office said.

The Centre has approved 1,13,400 houses for the poor in Jharkhand under the PMAY-G scheme.

Addressing the beneficiaries virtually from Ranchi, Modi said that the first instalment of PMAY-G was released and thousands of houses

were also handed over under the scheme.

"The prime minister underlined that the first instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) was being started today, which would ensure pucca houses to thousands of beneficiaries. Other facilities of toilet, drinking water, electricity, gas connection were also provided along with PMAY-G," the statement said.

The PM pointed out that when a "family gets its own house, their self-confidence increases".

Thousands of jobs were also being created in villages and cities for the people of Jharkhand along with pucca houses through PM Awas Yojna, he said.

Modi also said the PM-Janman scheme is being run for the tribal brothers and sisters of Jharkhand and other parts of the country.

"Efforts are being made to reach out to the tribes, who are still lagging, through the scheme. In a bid to provide houses, roads, electricity and education to such families, officers are reaching out to them. Such efforts are part of my commitment to 'Vikshit Jharkhand'."

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Women's reservation act opportunity for Congress to support aspiring women leaders: Rahul



NEW DELHI, Sep 15 (Agencies): Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Sunday said the Women's Reservation Act is an opportunity for the Congress to nurture and support both established and aspiring women leaders.

In his message on the 40th anniversary of the All India Mahila Congress (AIMC), Gandhi said that during the

Bharat Jodo Yatra and Bharat Jodo Nyaya Yatra, he met remarkable women across India determined to make a difference.

"Many had the passion, perseverance and commitment to drive far reaching changes in society. Some of the fiercest and most fearless voices against injustice were of women," the former Congress chief said.

In this day and age, there is no reason whatsoever to deny women meaningful opportunities in public life, he asserted.

Gandhi congratulated Mahila Congress leaders and members, both past and present, who built this organisation brick by brick.

AIMC has come a long way since the 1984 Bangalore Convention, he said, adding that over the last four decades, the AIMC has been a fearless voice for justice and has firmly established itself as one of the most active frontal organisations in the Congress party.

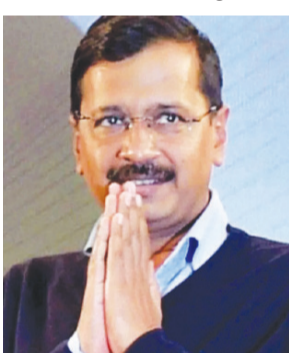
"On this occasion, I would like to congratulate the AIMC on the launch of the

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Arvind Kejriwal to resign as Delhi Chief Minister Calls for early elections

NEW DELHI, Sep 15 (Agencies): Two days after being granted bail and released from prison following a six-month jail, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal made a surprise announcement at a party meeting this afternoon, declaring he will soon resign from the top post.

"In two days, I will resign as Chief Minister. I will not sit on that chair until the people announce their verdict," Kejriwal stated as reported by NDTV. "Elections in Delhi are still months away. I got justice from



the legal court, now I will get justice from the people's court."

Kejriwal, leader of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), expressed his intent to contest the upcoming elections based on public opinion. "I want to

ask the people of Delhi: is Kejriwal innocent or guilty? If I have worked, vote for me," he said, adding that a meeting of AAP MLAs will be convened within the next two days to select the new Chief Minister for Delhi.

Kejriwal also said that a party member would be appointed as the next Chief Minister while he seeks the people's mandate. He also called for Delhi's elections, originally set for February, to be advanced to November, aligning with Maharashtra's polls.

"Those who once raised 'Pakistan Zindabad' slogans now align with BJP": Farooq Abdullah



GANDERBAL, Sep 15 (Agencies): Former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir and National Conference (NC) leader Farooq Abdullah

on Sunday targeted the BJP-led coalition government, saying those who once raised "Pakistan Zindabad" slogans now align with the party.

Replying to allegations that the unrest in Kashmir was a result of the 1987 election rigging, Dr Farooq Abdullah replied, "We didn't create separatists; Pakistan did."

He further added, "Those who previously raised slogans like 'Pakistan Zindabad' have now aligned themselves with the BJP."

When asked about Prime Minister Narendra Modi's view that if the NC-Congress

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"Engineer Rashid targeting National Conference": Omar Abdullah

SRINAGAR, Sep 15 (Agencies): Ahead of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Elections, National Conference Vice President Omar Abdullah on Sunday alleged that Independent MP from Baramulla Engineer Rashid is targeting the National Conference.

"Engineer Rashid is targeting the National Conference... Everyone is targeting the NC... Forget his (PM's) promises; he should give an account of what he has done in the last 10 years, despite Jammu and Kashmir having a double-engine government," Abdullah said.

Earlier, Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah termed the Baramulla MP Engineer Rashid as an "agent" of the BJP a day after he walked out of Tihar Jail on interim bail.

On Thursday, Baramulla Lok Sabha MP Engineer Rashid, after being released on interim bail, said that for him the issue is not Assembly elections but to find a solution to the Kashmir issue.

"For me, the issue is not Assembly elections but finding a solution to the Kashmir issue is most important," Rashid said.

On Tuesday, a special NIA court in Delhi granted bail to Rashid, an accused in the terror funding case, and

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FIFTH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved sister **Smt. Tripta Sharma** W/o Sh. Shanti Saroop Sharma of Bahu Fort, Jammu on 13.09.2024.
Fifth Day will be performed at Brahman Sabha, Parade Jammu at 11:00 AM Monday on 16-09-2024.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Brothers & Bhabhies
Sh. K.K.Sharma & Smt. Santosh Sharma
Late Sh. J.P. Sharma & Smt. Shobha Sharma
Late Sh. K.L. Sharma & Late Smt. Pawan Sharma
Sh. R.C. Sharma & Smt. Shashi Sharma
Sh. Raman Kumar Sharma & Smt. Jyoti Sharma
Sisters & Brothers-in-law
Smt. Chanchal Sharma W/o Late Chander Mohan Sharma
Late Smt. Santosh Sharma W/o Sh. Ram Dass Sharma
M.No.: 9466135797, 9646594690



Smt. Tripta Sharma

TENTH DAY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, 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 08-09-2024.
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



SMT. RINKU KUMARI

ANTAM ARDAS

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF **RETD CAPT. KULDIP SINGH BAJWA** S/O LATE SR LAL SINGH BAJWA R/O SUBASH NAGAR DIGIANA JAMMU WHO LEFT FOR HIS HEAVENLY ABODE ON 07.09.2024 AND **ANTAM ARDAS** WILL BE HELD ON 16.09.2024 ON MONDAY AT 12 NOON AT GURDWARA SAHIB RANITALAB DIGIANA.
YOU WILL REMAIN IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER.
GRIEF STRICKEN
PRITAM KOUR-WIFE
BAJWA, KHABAL,GILL AND RANDHAWA FAMILIES
MOB.9622642536, 7006080561, 7006355993, 9149554216, 7006063452



RETD CAPT. KULDIP SINGH BAJWA

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 Meetu & Mr Rahul Hak
Ms Anupama Munshi
Ms Sulekha & Mr. Dhiraj Nebhni
M.N. 9419184676, 7006357694, 9086004589, 9419112130



Sh Chaman Lal Munshi

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform about the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Omkar Nath Mussa** originally resident of Mattan Kashmir. Presently H No. 37, Lane No. 3 Bharat Nagar, Bantlab Jammu.
10th Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 21-09-2024 at 9:00 am.
Grief Stricken:
Vijay Devi (Wife)
Sanjay Mussa & Anju (Son & Daughter in law)
Rahul Mussa & Suhani (Son & Daughter in law)
Ankit Mussa & Shilpy (Son & Daughter in law)
Arti Khar & Dr Vinod Khar (Daughter & Son in law)
Usha Ji & Sh Ashok Ji Mussa (Sister & Brother in law)
Grand Children: Swastik, Suhana, Hardik, Ruhani, Kavya, Aradhya, Aradhana
9149518330, 9419225122



Sh Omkar Nath Mussa

10TH DAY KRIYA/OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of **Smt. Soom Rani Ambardar** (Kaushalya ji) W/o Late Sh. Soom Nath Ambardar original resident of Nazuk Mohalla Anantnag at present Butta nagar Paloura jammu on 14/09/2024.
Tenth Day Kriya will be performed On 23/09/2024 at Muthi Ghat 8:00 AM.
Grief Stricken:
Smt Rajni and Sh. Ashok Kumar Ambardar.
Smt Nancy W/o Lt. Sh. Shuban Krishan Ambardar
Smt Vijay Ambardar W/o Lt. Sh. Sham Sunder Ambardar
Smt. Veena Raina and Sh. Anoop Ambardar
Smt. Anupama and Sh. Sanjay Goja
Smt. Anjali and Sh. Deepak Raina
Mr. Sunny Ambardar
Ms. Nishu Ambardar and Mr. Rohit Raina.
Children:
Rohit, Ankit, Ridhu, Shuhul, Vinku & Divu.
"Mourning from the family and the Malun Parivar will be held at Community Hall-1, Butta Nagar"
Contact Details: 9419121396, 9596868866, 9149681564



Smt. Soom Rani Ambardar (Kaushalya ji)

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



Sh. Maharaj Krishan Dhar (Bajee)

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)
ANJU & DINESH PANDITA (DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW)
NIKHIL, NEHA, HARDIK & VARUN (GRANDCHILDREN)
CONTACT 9810036667, 9149334347, 7011900274, 9900265647



SH. JAWAHAR LAL MUNSHI

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



Sh. Maharaj Krishan Dhar (Bajee)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE INFORM 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 NAGAR, SRINAGAR.
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 KAUL -SON
ANITA KAUL -DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
CHANDNI KAUL -GRAND DAUGHTER
SURAJ KAUL -GRANDSON
GRIEF STRICKEN
NAQUIB'S, SAPROO'S, GANJOO'S, MOZAS, MALLA'S
CONTACT NO. 9419186136



SMT DULARI SAPROO KAUL

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 residence 190/3 Shant Nagar, Old Janipur, Jammu on 14-9-24 (Saturday) at 11 am.
Kriya will be performed at our residence 190/3 Shant Nagar, Old Janipur, Jammu on 17/9/24 (Tuesday).
Grief Stricken
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



Capt. Om Parkash Khanna

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Kamla Pandit** W/o Lt. Sh. Lassa Pandit R/o H.No. 140 Lane No.3 sector-2, Dream City Muthi Jammu.
10th Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education on 19/09/2024 at 09:00 am.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Pandit's, Koul's, Maratha's and Raina's
Mob. No. 9419684700, 6005042626



Smt. Kamla Pandit

10TH DAY

With Profound Grief & Sorrow We Inform the sad demise of **Sh. Ram Lal Ji** S/o Sh. Kamlu Ram R/o Bharat Nagar Jakhani Udampur (New Star Tailoring House Court Road Udampur)
10TH DAY SATSANG Wednesday 18/09/2024 at 12:00 noon Sansar Palace Jakhani Udampur
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Wife Smt.Veena Devi
Son and Daughter in law
Sh Amit Bhardwaj & Smt. Rimpay Thappa
Daughter and Son in law
Sh Ajay Kumar NT & Smt. Priyanka Bhardwaj
Brothers: Sh. Parkash Ram, Late Sh Des Raj, Sh Baldev Raj, Sh Vijay Kumar
Grand child: Mahira Bhardwaj
Whole Bogal family



SH. RAM LAL JI

10TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform that **Sh. Puran Lal Kaloo** S/o Late Sh. Jarki Nath Kaloo, Originally R/o Badiyar, Srinagar and presently at Bangalora has left this mortal world and merged with supreme consciousness on 8th September 2024 at 3 am.
10TH DAY will be held at Yedyuru Vaidika Kendra, 22nd Cross Road, Sakamma Garden, Jaynagar, Bengaluru 560082 (Bangalore) on 18th September 2024 at 10 am.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Daughters-in-law & Sons
Sunita & Ramesh Kumar Dhar Mobile: 9425403624
Sunita & Dr Pawan Dhar
Mobile: 9953345001
Grand Daughters-in-law & Grand Sons
Vineeta & Akshay Dhar
Priyanka & Anuj Dhar
Grand Daughters: Shreea, Riya
Great Grand Daughter: Kiera



Sh. Puran Lal Kaloo

TENTH DAY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE INFORM 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 NAGAR, SRINAGAR.
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 KAUL -SON
ANITA KAUL -DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
CHANDNI KAUL -GRAND DAUGHTER
SURAJ KAUL -GRANDSON
GRIEF STRICKEN
NAQUIB'S, SAPROO'S, GANJOO'S, MOZAS, MALLA'S
CONTACT NO. 9419186136



SMT DULARI SAPROO KAUL

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of my beloved father, **Sh. Roop Chand Pandita**, R/o Narimarg Shopian.
TENTH DAY will be performed on 22nd September 2024, at Muthi Ghat at 8:00 AM near Directorate Of School Education.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
(Brother and Sister-in-law)
Sh. Veer Jee Pandita & Smt. Princy Pandita
(Son & Daughter-in-law)
Mr. Opendar Pandita & Mrs. Asha Pandita
(Daughter & Son-in-law)
Mrs. Neeta Bhatt & Mr. Sunny Bhatt
Sister-in-laws & Brother-in-laws
Smt. Kundan Bhat, Sh. B.L. Bhat, Smt. Sharika Bhat, Sh. R.K. Bhat, Smt. Jolly Shango, Sh. Inder Krishan Shango
Grandchildren: Aavyan, Vihaan, Vyomi
MOB. NO.: 9796691883, 9796480183, 7006417281



Sh. Roop Chand Pandita

OBITUARY & TENTH DAY KRIYA
WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SMT RATIAN RANI PANDITA** W/O SH. BADI RATH WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 08.09.2024. (FRIDAY) EARLY EVENING AT MATTAN, MATTAN A/P IREEN SARIKAR, SARORE ADDA.
TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 16.09.2024 (WEDNESDAY) AT MUTHI GHAT AT 9:00 AM.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
SH. BADI RATH (HUSBAND)
SONS & DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW
SH. RAJ KUMAR PANDITA & SMT. SANGEETA PANDITA
SH. SATISH PANDITA & SMT. PUSHP LATA
SH. SUNIL KUMAR PANDITA & SMT. ANJANA PANDITA
GRAND CHILDREN: SAHIL, ASHISH, AVUSH, ANKASH & RISHAV
DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:
SMT. VEENA JEE
SMT. BILAL JEE
SMT. PHOOLA JEE
SH. BHADRANATH SINGHA & SMT. KRISHNA JEE
SH. MOHAN LAL & SMT. RENU JEE
SH. MANOJ KESHAV CHAR & SMT. INDU BALA
SH. ASHOK SHARMA & SMT. PREEN LATA
SH. ANIL KUMAR & SMT. ANITA JEE
SH. ISHANI SHARMA & SMT. BHAKTI PANDITA
ALL NEARS AND DEARS
CONTACT: 7065959393, 9796610884, 9419199327



SMT. RATIAN RANI PANDITA

TENTH DAY/KRIYA
With deep sorrow and heavy hearts, we share the painful and untimely demise of our beloved **Sh. Omkar Nath Khar Ji**, S/o Late Sh. Som Nath Khar, originally from Mattan, Anantnag, Kashmir, at present behind IBP Petrol Pump Hatli Morh, Kathua, J&K. He left for his heavenly abode on 8th September 2024, leaving behind an irreplaceable void in our lives.
THE TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on Wednesday 18th September 2024 at 10:00 AM at Bowl, near Ramila Ground, Kathua.
FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS:
Smt. Suman Khar (Wife)
Archana Khar & Amit Pains (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Anjali Khar & Akash Arora (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Anisha Pains (Grand Daughter)
Smt. & Sh. Ashok Khar (Brother & Bhabhi)
Smt. & Sh. Veer Ji Khar (Brother & Bhabhi)
Smt. Mohini Pandita (Sister)
Smt. & Sh. Ranjini Arni Moti Lal Mukhi (Sister and Brother-in-law)
CONTACT NUMBERS: 9999127411, 9906071070, 8766227856, 9858204077



SH. OMKAR NATH KHAR

TENTH DAY/KRIYA
WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SMT. SUMAN GUPTA** W/O SH. SODH GURPRA R/O WARD NO. 10, HOUSE NO. 12, VILUPUR WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 6TH OF SEPTEMBER (FRIDAY).
TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON 15TH OF SEPTEMBER (SUNDAY) AT LARI NARAYAN MANDIR VILUPUR.
SATSANG: 10:30 AM TO 12:00 NOON. KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED AT OUR RESIDENCE HOUSE NO. 12 WARD NO. 10 VILUPUR AT 12:00 NOON ON 18TH OF SEPTEMBER (WEDNESDAY).
GRIEF STRICKEN:
SHOBHAR GUPTA (HUSBAND) D.D.T. PRESIDENT C.V. VILUPUR
SH. RORCH CHAND GUPTA (LETH)
SMT. SUNITA GUPTA & SH. LIPU GUPTA (LETHANIL & JETHI JI ANSH GUPTA (SON)
(DAUGHTERS & SON-IN-LAWS)
NEHA & SUNNY MALHOTRA
HARSHA & NIKHIL DOGRA
(SONS & DAUGHTERS-IN-LAWS)
RAKESH & MONICA GUPTA
ARUN & BHAVANA GUPTA
VARUN & REEM GUPTA
AJAY & SHIKHA GUPTA
CONTACT NO. - 9419138118, 7006610377, 9419327995, 9419735538, 9419235003, 9418178976.



SMT. SUMAN GUPTA

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BJP will form next Govt with big win in J&K: Vinay Gupta

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 15: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is poised for a major victory, driven by its commitment to development, good governance, and the trust of the people. This was stated by Vinay Gupta BJP Senior Leader & Election Parbhari BJP Jammu District North, who spearheaded a series of simultaneous meetings in Makwal, Haripur, Sohanjana Mandal, Akalpur, Gomanasa, and Durgochak Sangrampur of Marh Constituency. Vinay Gupta, along with BJP District President Jammu North, Surinder Kumar Bhagat BJP Candidate Marh Constituency, BJP District President Jammu north Omi Khajuria, Adv. Abhinav Sharma BJP Spokesperson, BDC Balbir Kumar, District General Secretary Ajay Sharma, Mandal



Presidents Nihal Singh & Vikramjeet Singh, Sarpanches, Panches & Prominents of the locals area.

Vinay Gupta campaigned along with BJP leadership in favour of Surinder Kumar Bhagat MLA Candidate for Marh. The highlight of the campaign was the door-to-door interaction with the public, which directly connected with the voters and assured them of the BJP's commitment to forming

the government in J&K. Speaking on the occasion, Vinay said the BJP will win all Constituencies of District Jammu North, Nagrota Constituency, Marh Constituency, and Jammu North Constituency with a huge margin. Our presence and influence in these constituencies are much stronger, and we are confident of a landslide victory in the upcoming assembly polls in J&K. After winning the seats, we placed our win-

ning candidates in the capable hands of PM Narendra Modi ji, Amit Shah ji, and JP Nadda ji Gupta added. "Under their guidance, we will work tirelessly to deliver on our promises and transform J&K into a model state." Vinay Gupta emphasized the BJP's vision for J&K's development, focusing on accelerated economic growth, enhanced infrastructure development, improved healthcare, and educa-

tion. He expressed confidence in the BJP's ability to form the government in J&K, citing the party's proven track record of good governance and development.

"The people of J&K have placed their trust in us, and we will not let them down," Vinay Gupta said. "We will work tirelessly to ensure that J&K becomes a model state in terms of development and prosperity."

Vinay Gupta's campaign was marked by an enthusiastic public response, with voters expressing their support for the BJP's vision and leadership. The BJP's unwavering dedication to J&K's welfare, coupled with the party's proven track record, has created a strong momentum in our favor," Gupta said. "We are confident of achieving a historic victory, surpassing all expectations."

Tribal Upliftment Sabotaged: Khatana Exposes Long-Running NC-Congress Conspiracy

Top News Report

KITHER, Sep 15: In a blistering address, BJP Rajya Sabha MP Er. Gulam Ali Khatana launched a scathing critique of the National Conference (NC) and Congress, accusing both political parties of systematically depriving Jammu and Kashmir's tribal communities of their constitutional rights and fundamental amenities.

Speaking at the Kither panchayat in the Inderwal constituency, Khatana, while campaigning for BJP candidate Haji Tariq Hussain Keen, condemned the NC-Congress alliance for their deliberate neglect of the tribal population.

"These parties have actively conspired to deny basic amenities such as education, healthcare, electricity, drinking water, and roads to tribal communities for decades," Khatana declared, adding that despite constitutional safeguards, these fundamental rights were consistently withheld from some of the most vulnerable sections of the population.

The BJP MP alleged that the NC-Congress regimes were responsible for not only ignoring the Tribal communities but also creating obstacles to their progress. "Instead of uplifting the Tribals, NC and Congress intentionally sidelined them. Developmental schemes aimed at improving their lives were either stunted



or outright blocked under their leadership," he stated, shedding light on the long-standing conspiracy to keep the tribal population in the shadows of backwardness.

Contrasting the dismal past with the efforts of the current BJP government, Khatana praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah for their initiatives targeting marginalized groups. "The BJP government has broken the shackles that bound the tribal communities for decades. Under Modi ji's leadership, welfare schemes have been implemented on the ground, finally reaching the people who were denied these benefits for so long," Khatana said.

The BJP's inclusive policies, he argued, are the real game-changers for the tribal communities. Welfare measures such as the provision of basic amenities, education, health, electricity, road, drinking water and other basic facilities, once denied to them, are now accessible. Khatana's remarks resonated with the local audience, many of whom expressed agreement with the BJP

MP's assessment of the prolonged neglect under NC and Congress rule.

Under the Modi government's initiatives, Khatana emphasized, the living standards of tribal communities have visibly improved. "The development they never saw in decades of Congress-NC rule is now at their doorstep. This is why the tribal communities are now embracing Modi ji's vision for a progressive India," he asserted.

As the campaign for the BJP's candidate, Haji Tariq Hussain Keen, gains momentum, Khatana's sharp attack on the NC-Congress alliance has brought the plight of tribal communities back into the political spotlight, raising questions about the true motives behind the policies of past regimes in Jammu and Kashmir.

Haran Banoo, ex Sarpanch, Kither, Noor Mohd Gorsi, Farooq Ahmed Kashmiri, Qasam Din, Mohd Ibrahim Choudhary, Mohd Ibrahim Kashmiri, Shams Din, Mohd Ismaeel, Aftad, Sher Din and other BJP leaders and workers were present during, MP's meeting at Kither.

Angel Investor Masterclass at IIM Jammu Spurs Investor Engagement in J&K's Startup Ecosystem

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 15: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, conducted a highly anticipated Angel Investor Masterclass in collaboration with JK Angel Network on September 14, 2024 at Jagti. The event, part of the Business Incubator under IIM Jammu (IIM Jammu FEISD), marked a pioneering effort to engage High Net-Worth Individuals (HNIs) in building an entrepreneurial ecosystem in Jammu & Kashmir by initiating the formation of an Angel Network. Over 30 HNIs participated in the masterclass, which provided invaluable insights to budding investors on venture investing.



preneurship through various programs and ideathons at the district level in J&K. He introduced the esteemed guests and speakers brought together by JK Angel Network for the masterclass and the role of IIM Jammu for stakeholder development.

Following this, Dr. Muqbil Burhan, Chairperson, Center for Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Skill Development IIM Jammu, delivered the welcome address. He emphasized the significance of the masterclass in addressing the funding gap in the entrepreneurial ecosystem, stressing the vital role of venture capitalists and angel investors in supporting budding entrepreneurs.

He also noted that IIM Jammu is one of the few institutes in India to introduce Entrepreneurship

and Innovation as part of its curriculum.

In his address, Shri Rahul Sahai, a leading industrialist from the Jammu & Kashmir region, highlighted both the promises as well as challenges of investing in startups within J&K, due to its unique environment.

The keynote speaker, Mr. Suraj Malik, an expert in M&A, Family Office planning, and private equity transactions, provided an in-depth analysis of the Angel Investment Ecosystem in India, covering how to evaluate deal flow and manage risk mitigation. This was followed by a session with Mr. Saurabh Jain, an experienced investment banker, who discussed angel investing as a strategic investment option. Mr. Tushar Gandotra, the founding partner of JK Angel Network, shared

the network's vision and outlined future plans to further the initiative.

Attendees of the masterclass gained valuable insights into the intricacies of the investment process, including navigating the complexities of due diligence. The discussions centered on encouraging potential investors to invest in the future of Indian startups in the Jammu & Kashmir region. A structured approach to syndicate investing was also explored, allowing investors to collectively analyze and invest in businesses for mutual benefit. There was also significant dialogue about the growing opportunities in technology and sustainable sectors, with a focus on public needs.

The workshop concluded with a detailed Q&A session, where some par-

ticipants, already experienced Angel investors, inquired about JKAN's plans to organize a syndicate of Angel investors in J&K. These interactions provided practical guidance and real-world perspectives, enriching the overall learning experience.

The event attracted a diverse audience of business owners and prospective investors from the region, all eager to explore new opportunities and expand their networks. Participants praised IIM Jammu's ongoing initiatives to bolster the entrepreneurial ecosystem in J&K through such programs, leaving with actionable strategies to contribute to the region's economic growth.

The entire program was orchestrated by Mr. Kanav Padha, whose efforts in bringing together the key players were invaluable. Dr. Vivek Sharma, CIO of IIM Jammu, delivered the vote of thanks, concluding the event on a positive note.

With events like this Angel Investor Masterclass, IIM Jammu continues to demonstrate its commitment to fostering innovation and entrepreneurship, playing a pivotal role in shaping the future of startups and investors in the region of Jammu & Kashmir.

J&K Elections: A Crucial Test for Democracy and Peace: Ashok Bhan

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 15: The upcoming Jammu and Kashmir elections are not merely about who governs the turbulent Union Territory but about the broader struggle for the restoration of earlste while statehood and genuine democratic norms and also to reject violence as a means of resistance.

Speaking at a webinar held by group called 'Kashmir Policy & Strategy, Senior Advocate Ashok Bhan, the Chairman of this think tank group said: 'It has been a decade of significant political shifts in the turbulent territory of Jammu and Kashmir, marked by the Union government's decision to revoke art 370 and divide the state into two centrally administered territories in August 2019. It was also followed by the alleged attempts at demographic and electoral reconfiguration, including the controversial ger-



ymandering of assembly seats.

Despite increasing the number of electoral seats in the less populated, Hindu-dominated Jammu region, the trends so far show that ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)'s aspiration to install a non Kashmiri chief minister seems more like a distant dream than an achievable goal.

Bhan said: The new age youth is making an informed choice of democracy to reject violence that had consumed almost a generation. The huge participation in elections in parliament election Kashmir voters

threw up surprises in the Lok Sabha elections conducted a few months ago, where a jailed leader, Engineer Rashid, won the prestigious North Kashmir seat, beating former chief minister Omar Abdullah.

A loud message send across that Violence is rejected as a means of any and all socio-political resistance. People want peace and end of LG administration rule.

Ashok Bhan concludes, this election is a celebration of democracy, a long-awaited festival where the people of Kashmir assert their right to a free and fair electoral process. A right they were long denied and would continue to have been denied if it were not for the Supreme Court.

"Kashmir has come to terms with the fact that India is here to stay. Kashmiris have realised that if violence has to end then democracy is the only way to bring peace and also a form of resistance.

J&K people suffer countless wounds and ruthless insensitivity inflicted under BJP rule: Bhalla

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 15: Continuing intensive campaign in RS Pura Jammu South constituency, JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla said on Sunday addressed serious of election gatherings at Purana Pind, RS Pura, Kotli Shah Dulla, Railway Line Patri, Chib Mohalla, Kunjwani, Chowdhi area. Speaking on the occasion, Bhalla said politics of disorientation and false propaganda have become the hallmark of the functioning of the Modi government. The last ten years of BJP government stands at a stage where people of J&K were forced to suffer the countless wounds and ruthless insensitivity inflicted by the government," he charged. He lashed out at the Central Govt for the unprecedented price hike and record unemployment besides failing to address the grievances of people of J&K on every count after promising massive development post August 5, 2019.

Bhalla said that development process started by UPA Govt in J&K, received a major set-

back, as the NDA Govt failed to carry forward the massive developments started by UPA. He said that people are feeling harassed by 'tax-terror' and unprecedented price hike by the Modi Govt. At the same time, they realize that BJP Govt is looting them to recover the losses it has caused to the Country' economy by misrule and mismanagement of things since the day one, as a result, there is a restlessness across the country. Every section of the society including farmers, youth, students, employees are up in arms due to wrong policies of BJP. He pointed to the landmark land reforms introduced by Congress, which were instrumental in empowering the weaker sections of society. "Our party has a rich legacy of serving the poor with sincerity and dedication, and we pledge to continue this mission by ensuring social justice and economic equality," he affirmed.

Bhalla said that people of J&K feel betrayed by the downgrading of the historic state and deprived of the rights to land and jobs. He said that Congress party

would intensify struggle for the restoration of statehood with protection to jobs and lands for the locals of J&K. He said that lust for power could lead the BJP to compromise with the Jammu pride and dignity. He accused the BJP of undermining the understanding and political sagacity of the people of Jammu. He dared the BJP to spell out just 10 initiatives for Jammu's growth during the party's tenure in the government. Bhalla highlighted that the BJP's declining popularity was evident during the recent Lok Sabha elections, where the INDIA Alliance, of which Congress and NC are key constituents, gave a major setback to party. He predicted that the same outcome would be witnessed in the forthcoming Assembly elections, with the INDIA Alliance emerging victorious.

Hitting hard the BJP and its state leadership for cheating the people of Jammu, Bhalla said that the BJP has lost the moral right to go to Jammu people after betrayal after betrayal. The honour of people of Jammu has been compromised and downgraded by the

leaders who claimed to be the champion of their cause in the region. BJP climbed political ladder raising voice against discrimination with people of this region. They ended up doing same disparity with the people who voted them to power to rule the country," said Bhalla. Bhalla highlighted Congress's unwavering commitment to the socio-economic empowerment of the marginalized. He said "The downtrodden and the poor represent a significant section of our population that has been consistently deprived of basic necessities such as livelihood, education, property, and employment opportunities." He emphasized that Congress has always been at the forefront of taking bold ini-



tiatives to elevate the status of these communities, providing them with equal opportunities for growth and development.

Coming down heavily on BJP leadership for indulging into misinformation campaign against Congress, Bhalla said that it is all due to the concerted efforts of great leaders like Prime Ministers Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru, Rajiv Gandhi, Indira Gandhi, Manmohan Singh that India is on the path of prosperity. "BJP is just inaugurating the mega projects which were built and completed by Congress party," pointed out Bhalla. He expressed great disappointment over the government's failure to provide adequate opportunities for these marginalized groups in terms of

employment, education, and social security. He said that the BJP Govt has miserably failed to uplift the weaker sections in its ten years of rule in the country.

Firing a salvo on the BJP leadership, Bhalla said Jammu people are now realizing their mistake committed in 2014 and 2019 as these people who were sent by the voters to raise their voice, kept mum and the public voice remained unheard inside and outside Assembly. It is hoped that the people of Jammu will surely correct the past mistake and reject such opportunists and exploiters and show them their place in Assembly elections. Bhalla claimed that only Congress has the capability and commitment to address the current issues and bring meaningful change to the region, restoring stability and improving the living conditions of the people. He asked the people of Jammu and Kashmir to support the Party in the ensuing Assembly polls and assured that the Congress will form the next government in Jammu and Kashmir with a commitment to restore stabil-

ity and improve living conditions of people of J&K.

Bhalla strongly criticized the failure of the Govt to the genuine issues of different categories of temporary, contractual, casual, daily rated and need based categories of employees and workers and failure to frame regularization policies of them and pay them regularly. Bhalla also took stock of the various other issues confronted by the people and different sections of people including employees, unemployed youth, farmers, labours and blamed the BJP Govt and UT Administration for ignoring the genuine issues and concerns of different sections. He urged the people to support and vote for Congress candidates in the upcoming Assembly elections, with an aim to bring positive change and ensure that the party's pro-people policies are implemented. Bhalla said despite the installation of smart meters, the government has miserably failed to ensure a regular power supply. To make matters worse, people are being burdened with inflated electricity bills," he said.

EDITORIAL

Nasha Mukh
Bharat Abhiyan

The Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan, or Drug-Free India Campaign, represents a pivotal initiative by the Indian government aimed at combating the pervasive problem of substance abuse across the nation. Launched as part of a broader strategy to address the growing crisis of drug and alcohol addiction, this campaign seeks to create a drug-free society by employing a multi-faceted approach involving awareness, prevention, rehabilitation, and stringent law enforcement.

Substance abuse, including the misuse of alcohol, narcotics, and other drugs, has become a significant public health and social issue in India. The problem spans across various demographics and regions, affecting not just individuals but also their families and communities. The rising trend of addiction has been linked to numerous adverse effects, including deteriorating health, increased crime rates, and economic losses. Recognizing these challenges, the Indian government initiated the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan to mitigate the harmful impacts of substance abuse and foster a healthier, more productive society.

The primary objectives of the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan include Educating the public about the dangers of substance abuse and the benefits of living a drug-free life. This involves spreading information through various media platforms, educational institutions, and community outreach programs; Implementing strategies to prevent the initiation of drug use, especially among youth. This includes school and college programs, workshops, and engagement with families to build resilience against drug use; Providing support and rehabilitation services for those struggling with addiction. This encompasses setting up de-addiction centers, counseling services, and support groups to aid in recovery and reintegration into society; Strengthening the enforcement of laws related to drug trafficking and distribution. This involves working closely with law enforcement agencies to crack down on illegal drug trade and ensure strict penalties for offenders; and Encouraging active participation from local communities, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and other stakeholders in the fight against substance abuse.

Educational campaign employs a variety of educational methods to reach different segments of the population. Schools and colleges play a crucial role in imparting knowledge about the dangers of drugs. Public service announcements, seminars, and workshops are conducted to educate people about the harmful effects of substance abuse and the importance of maintaining a drug-free lifestyle.

Local communities are mobilized through grassroots initiatives to spread awareness and encourage collective action against drug abuse. Community-based organizations, religious groups, and local leaders are engaged to promote healthy living and support the campaign's goals.

The government collaborates with NGOs that specialize in addiction treatment and prevention. These organizations provide vital services such as counseling, rehabilitation, and aftercare support. They also help in organizing community programs and awareness drives.

Strengthening law enforcement and judicial measures to curb drug trafficking is a critical component of the campaign. This involves enhancing surveillance, increasing penalties for drug-related offenses, and ensuring that the legal framework supports the fight against substance abuse.

Gathering data on substance abuse trends and the effectiveness of intervention measures is crucial for shaping future strategies. Research helps in identifying high-risk areas, understanding patterns of drug use, and evaluating the impact of various campaign initiatives.

While the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan has made significant strides, it faces several challenges. These include resistance from entrenched drug networks, limited resources for widespread implementation, and the need for continuous public engagement. To overcome these challenges, the campaign must focus on ensuring that awareness and prevention programs reach even the most remote and underserved areas of the country; Enhancing partnerships with international organizations, health experts, and community leaders to share best practices and resources; Regularly assessing the effectiveness of the campaign's strategies and making necessary adjustments based on feedback and new developments.

The Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan represents a comprehensive effort to address the complex issue of substance abuse in India. By combining awareness, prevention, rehabilitation, law enforcement, and community engagement, the campaign aims to build a drug-free society and improve the overall quality of life for its citizens. As the initiative progresses, sustained commitment from all sectors of society will be essential to achieving its goals and creating a healthier, more resilient nation.

Kolkata, Haryana boiling; but hate isn't the answer

By: Ranjona Banerji

There's a certain smugness about us Indians in the way we present ourselves as a culture which is proud of the concept of "non-violence", ahimsa. A beacon of peace that sets us apart from other humans. For some, this is how we won our Independence from British colonial rule. We can be proud, self-righteous, sanctimonious about this, depending on what we're hoping to achieve. For instance, some of us can be apologetic when it comes to preventing violence against cows. To protect this notion, we sanction any amount of violence against any possible threat to our cattle. There's non-violence and there's non-violence. Also Read - Anita Katyal | Is hung House likely in J-K? Kamal Nath on comeback path Advertisement It depends on where you're standing at the time. From I stand right now, it's all about violence. Increasingly, incessantly. Is it because next to Smug stands its twin brother, Shame? Shame that we are non-violent. Shame that we did not violently conquer the world like some other great cultures have done. Shame that history will judge us harshly when it comes to the conquering stakes. And for which we must make amends. Keep ahimsa for the cows. And unleash himsa for the rest. Also Read - Pavan K. Varma | Kandahar surrender: Why slam series? Learn lessons! The case in Kolkata which has angered all Indians and really excited the BJP? If rumours are true, then the doctor was brutally raped and killed to silence her and send a message to others who may have wanted to squeal

on the hospital's nefarious activities. The reaction to the crime has been as brutal as what was done to her: kill them, hang them from the trees. A quiet protest where women wanted to "reclaim the night" turned to violence and vandalism. Also Read - Farrukh Dhondy | Will the 'Swifties' swing it for Dems? Or 'weird' Don call the shots in Nov? Since August 9, when the young doctor was killed, the news has been full of stomach-churning stories of violence and sexual brutality. Against women of all ages. And against Muslims. The Muslims were attacked violently because of unsubstantiated suspicion of violence against cows. The women were attacked as messages of social domination. Violence as a threat that without compliance there would be more violence. The need for non-violence against cows is so strong that a young Hindu boy was killed on suspicion of being a Muslim. Also Read - Patralekha Chatterjee | Venom or Viksit Bharat: The choice is quite clear The reaction to this death was equally mixed up. How could the "non-violence for cows" brigade kill a Hindu, who is also by definition non-violent against cows? As if being violent towards Muslims - and often towards Dalits - is somehow more understandable. After all, Muslims and Dalits deal with cows and may not be so ahimsa as caste Hindus. But a Brahmin boy? It took the boy's parents to upturn the violence balance: why is it all right to kill Muslims, asked the grieving mother. Is the current spate of violence only election-related? The BJP is desperate to gain control of Bengal. It has tried and failed several

times. But this time, the usually canny and street smart Mamata Banerjee blinked. Bengal has never really belonged to the "ahimsa" camp. Violence is an integral part of politics in Bengal. All the bhadrakol may curl their lips at street vulgarity in their cultured sanctums, but they too prefer the ideology of Netaji Subhas Bose over the non-violent political genius of Mahatma Gandhi. Hot-headed mobs are the norm. Don't let the gentle beauty of Ranbin-drasangeet fool you. The BJP is trying to draw out that Bengal, the bomb-throwing, nihilist-inspired Bengal. Even if it does not understand the intellectual thought processes that underpin this. The Left did. Mamata Banerjee does. But if the street fights win, why not throw more stones and do more damage? As for the violence against Muslims and women in North India, well, it is expected of them in the popular discourse. We know that ahimsa groups have been given a free hand. That the police stand back and do not interfere with vigilantes, thugs, hooligans and so on, as long as they belong to the ruling dispensation. We know there are elections in several states where outright victory for the BJP is chancy. Why not a new spate of attacks to keep the population under control and in perpetual fear. After all, it has been over a year since Manipur descended to anarchy, with bloodthirsty and rapacious attacks and there has been no attempt to broker peace by those in power. What a very one-sided, simplistic and alarmist theory, you might say to yourself. We are surely better than that? This is where you may

turn to song or theatre or cinema or even books for all I know, all from some higher echelons of human imagination. Or you may retire to sentimental schmalz to reduce the noise of screams and unpleasant ideas. While you do this, please remember to ignore the pleas of women in various film industries, against sexual exploitation and assault. Like the BJP government at the Centre ignored the pleas of women wrestlers. Crimes against women are important only when they are gruesome and sickening and deadly and politically useful. Or you might consider that while violence is a given in our society, it is usually contained and sporadic. This decade-long onslaught of mob madness and terrorizing of minorities, lower castes and women has only become worse over the years. Perhaps there are other factors at play, not just political cynicism. Perhaps 10 years of massive misrule, of gross incompetence, of desperation for livelihood and employment have started to play their part. Social frustration and disaffection. Crumbling infrastructure, crumbling lives leads to fractured bits of society and law and order in retreat. Don't dream of revolutions as solutions. Remember these immortal words: "But if you want money for people with minds that hate, All I can tell is, brother, you have to wait". Maybe we just have to do better, and give in less to hate? Stop being smug and chuck the shame? I wish I knew the answers. But I know, like the song, what's wrong and what's not right. That's The Beatles by the way. In 1968. From the mouths of babes...

Skills needed for Artificial intelligence-enhanced professions Future-proof your career

By: Vijay GarG

To prepare for AI-driven jobs and stay future-ready, professionals need to develop a mix of technical, analytical, and soft skills

Future-proof your career: 5 skills needed for AI-enhanced professions

Artificial Intelligence, AI, is no longer just an emerging trend; it's reshaping how we work and redefining what skills are needed to stay ahead. Nearly half of the new code on GitHub is now AI-generated, and AI is completing 15 percent of daily tasks faster without compromising quality. The impact of AI is undeniable, and it's here to stay.

So, the question isn't whether AI will change what the job market already has. Now, it's about how fast we adapt, upskill, and make these technologies work for us. That's how we can future-proof our careers, stay ahead of the game, and drive the next wave of innovation.

THE SYNERGY BETWEEN AI AND HUMANS

Just like calculators or QuickBooks didn't replace accountants, AI is not here to take away jobs but to enhance them. By automating repetitive tasks, AI frees us up to focus on what we do best: creativity, judgement, and emotional intelligence. For example, in marketing, AI can crunch data and segment customers, allowing marketers to craft campaigns that truly connect with audiences.

While AI allows a ten-person team to perform like a hundred, humans are still essential for complex decision-making and building trust. This is where AI can't compete and where human

skills will make a difference.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR THE AI-DRIVEN WORKFORCE

AI has outlined five crucial AI skills that are essential for the workforce of tomorrow.

1. Adaptability and lifelong learning

AI and automation are transforming the job market faster than ever. Roles are constantly evolving, and new ones are emerging just as quickly. To stay relevant, you need to be adaptable and committed to lifelong learning. Be ready to pivot, upgrade your skills, and embrace new opportunities.

2. Data Literacy and analytical skills

We live in a data-driven world, and data is the new gold. Every decision, every strategy, and every innovation relies on data. Yet, 43% of IT leaders say their teams lack the necessary expertise in AI and machine learning. That's a massive gap and a massive opportunity.

To thrive, you need to be data-literate. This means more than just knowing how to create a spreadsheet; it means understanding how to extract insights from data, interpret those insights, and use them to drive decisions. It means knowing how to work with data visualisation tools, conducting statistical analysis, and understanding the stories that data tells.

But here's the thing: data literacy isn't just for data scientists. It's for everyone, from marketing to finance to HR. If you can understand data, you can find new ways to innovate, optimise processes, and create value in any role.

3. Critical thinking and problem-solving

As AI takes over routine tasks like data entry, scheduling, and even some aspects of customer service, the human workforce will need to double down on what machines can't do: think critically and solve complex problems. AI can identify patterns or trends, but it can't navigate ambiguity or make decisions based on human nuance.

Critical thinking means questioning assumptions, analysing information from different angles, and making decisions based on logic and evidence. Problem-solving is about finding new solutions to challenges - a new market strategy, a product feature, or a complex project.

These skills are the currency of the future. They're what will allow you to add value, drive innovation, and create solutions that AI can't replicate.

4. Emotional intelligence and collaboration

In the AI-driven world where 40% of everyday work will be automated, skills such as empathy, active listening, and conflict resolution will become key factors that determine an individual's competitiveness. Professionals must cultivate high emotional intelligence to navigate complex workplace dynamics, develop strong relationships, and collaborate effectively with colleagues, clients, and stakeholders.

5. Ethical awareness and global understanding

AI isn't just changing jobs; it's changing the world. And with that comes new ethical considerations. As AI becomes more integrated into business processes, professionals must be aware of issues like data privacy, algorithmic bias, and the social

impact of automation.

Businesses are no longer confined to local markets—they operate globally. Understanding different cultures, regulations, and market dynamics is essential. A global perspective helps in creating strategies that are inclusive, ethical, and effective across different geographies.

AI's power comes with responsibility. You need to think about how the technology is used, who it impacts, and what unintended consequences it may have. Professionals with a strong ethical compass and a global outlook will be invaluable in guiding companies through this new landscape.

WHAT'S NEXT

AI won't replace you, but someone who knows how to use it will. In the next three years, over 120 million workers will need to retrain to keep up in this new era of work. If you want to stay relevant and competitive, you need to take charge of training programmes, earn certifications, and keep learning continuously.

For companies, this isn't optional. You've got to invest in upskilling and reskilling your teams to adapt to new tech and stay ahead. The future of work is constantly evolving, and it's looking bright for those ready to embrace change and leverage the power of AI.

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Sunil Dimple Issues Stern Warning Against Er Rashid in Press Conference

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 15: In a press conference, Sunil Dimple, president of Mission Statehood, delivered a pointed warning to the people of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in the Kashmir Valley, regarding Er Rashid. Dimple cautioned against Rashid's alleged anti-national activities and his supposed ties to terror funding, suggesting that Rashid's actions might undermine the ongoing struggle for the restoration of J&K's statehood and the implementation of Article 370 and 35-A. Dimple accused Er Rashid, a separatist leader previously arrested by the NIA for terror



funding, of being manipulated by BJP-RSS interests. He claimed Rashid is exploiting Kashmiri youths' emotions to weaken the movement for J&K's statehood and to detract from the implementation of key constitutional provisions. Dimple expressed his concern about Rashid's release from custody, questioning the Bharatiya

Janata Party (BJP) about the rationale behind it, especially amidst rising militancy and attacks on security personnel in the region. He also pointed out that Rashid had previously been blacklisted by the public for anti-India activities, including disrupting the assembly and being involved in violent incidents. Highlighting the con-

trast with Molvi Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, who has been under house arrest for his steadfast advocacy for Kashmiri rights, Dimple criticized the BJP for allegedly prioritizing Rashid's release over addressing the needs and security concerns of the people of J&K. Dimple further alleged that Rashid had secretly met with BJP leaders and received substantial funds to incite divisions and voter polarization in Kashmir. He urged the people to stay vigilant and not fall for Rashid's purported schemes. In his statement, Dimple vowed to persist in the fight for J&K's rights, including the restoration of Article 370 and

35-A, for the foreseeable future. He predicted a fractured and hung assembly in J&K, suggesting that no political party or alliance would achieve an absolute majority in the upcoming elections. Dimple also accused the BJP of forming a covert agreement with the National Conference (NC) to establish a coalition government post-elections. Dimple criticized BJP for allegedly planting individuals like Er Rashid and Jamaat-e-Islami candidates in Kashmir to weaken the local struggle for autonomy and constitutional rights, asserting that Mission Statehood's campaign will endure for the next hundred years.

State Bank of India inaugurates New Branch in Philian Mandal



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 15: State Bank of India (SBI) inaugurated its new branch in Philian Mandal, Jammu. The ceremony was graced by the Chief General Manager of the Chandigarh Circle, Shri Ravindra Gupta, Deputy General Manager J&K Module, and Shri K.J. Raina, Regional Manager Jammu. The event was further honoured by the presence of the Sarpanch of Philian Mandal

Sh Balbir Singh, locals along with SBI customers and staff members. The new branch aims to enhance banking services and provides greater accessibility to the residents of Philian Mandal and its surrounding areas.

Lok Sabha Elections Boost Confidence for J&K Assembly Polls



Top News Report

KULGAM, Sep 15: Former member of Jamaat-e-Islamia and an independent candidate for Devsar assembly seat, Nazir Ahmad Bhat on Saturday said Jamaat-e-Islami Distanced Itself from Elections due to 1987 Rigging in Jammu and Kashmir. While, addressing a workers convention at Devsar, he said, rigging of the 1987 elections disappointed the Jamaat cadre. "Jamaat

decided that we will boycott all elections till the Government of India guarantees us of holding free and fair elections. adding due to the free and fair recently Lok Sabha elections which gave us the courage to contest the assembly elections here", he said. "The victory of a jailed candidate, Sheikh Abdul Rashid, popularly known as Engineer Rashid, against established mainstream leaders, such as Omar Abdullah and Sajjad Lone, from Baramulla came as a

proof of fair and free polls in J&K" he said. "We will abide by the Constitution of India but will not shy away from talking about oppression and the rights of the people. We will become promoters and supporters of peace. You will have to support us," he said. "Committed to enhancing the overall quality of life in Devsar Constituency by focusing on infrastructure improvements, better public services, and economic growth opportunities, adding we would change the future of Devsar and create such an atmosphere in the constituency where everyone can live peacefully", Bhat said. "We are receiving positive response from people and which indicates that victory would be ours in the upcoming elections in the constituency", he said when asked about his election feedback.

GGM Science College Successfully Conducts Two-Day Cleanliness Drive

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JAMMU, Sep 15: GGM Science College recently completed a massive two-day cleanliness drive on its campus, organized by the Local Fund Employees (LFEs) of the College. The drive was a follow-up to the "Clean Campus, Clean City" initiative, which was discussed during the Chetna Lecture Series held few days earlier. The drive was conducted under the overall guidance of the College Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, and was supervised by Dr. Vinod Bakshi, Director of Physical Education, and Dr. Ashaq Hussain, Associate Professor of Chemistry. This comprehensive event included various activities aimed at promoting cleanliness and sanitation, including awareness sessions, waste collection and disposal, and beautification of specific spaces.



On the first day, LFEs gathered on campus and participated in an informative session highlighting the importance of cleanliness and its positive impact on overall well-being. Following this, they collectively engaged in cleaning and sanitizing the college premises. The second day saw an even more enthusiastic group extending their efforts to the surrounding areas, removing debris, and focusing on proper waste segregation

for effective disposal. Throughout the two days, the LFEs took proactive steps to clear unwanted shrubs, bushes, and wild grass across the campus. In line with sustainable practices, the collected solid waste was systematically segregated and disposed of according

to the principles of reuse and recycling. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta emphasized the significance of cleanliness in creating a conducive educational environment. He expressed his appreciation for the dedication of

the LFEs, referring to them as the backbone of the College in maintaining a neat and clean campus. Dr. Gupta also remarked that such campaigns are crucial in promoting good hygiene, protecting the working environment, and reducing the incidence of diseases. The event concluded on a positive note, with participants pledging to uphold cleanliness in their surroundings and to continue spreading awareness about hygiene practices. The dedication shown by the Local Fund Employees of GGM Science College during this drive is a testament to their commitment to improving the campus and contributing to the broader national goal of cleanliness.

Bhoomi Pujan of Shri Ganesh Ji Ramlila Committee Completed: Chandel

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JAMMU, Sep 15: Ganesh Ramlila Committee organized Bhoomi Pujan today with due rituals. On this occasion Municipal Councillor Satya Sharma, Hindu BJP leader Guruji Raju Chandel, Yogendra Singh Rajora, BJP senior leader Jwala Prasad Sharma, Shri Shantanu Mishra Ji, Baldev Raj Verma, Kesari Singh Hiratal, Shivkumar Sharma, Shyamveer Gurjar Advocate Jitendra Tiwari, Ram Shukla, Vinoo Gupta, Mukesh Shukla, Jyoti Floria, Durgesh Tiwari Advocate Rajendra Gaurav Verma, Manoj Kumar, Rakesh Pandey, Surendra Mintudu, Aman Dinesh Dhama, Gaurav Gupta Jain, Rahul Jain and other dignitaries were present. On this occasion, Municipal Councillor Satya Sharma said that through Ramlila, people from all over the world enjoy Ramlila. What is shown in Ramayana teaches us that goodness triumphs over evil and terrorism. The victory of goodness, truth and Sanatan Dharma has been described. On this occasion, Hindu BJP leader Guruji Raju Chandel said that if Lord Valmiki were not there today, we would not have known about Ramayana and Ram ji. Ramayana is a gift from God. Valmiki and I want to tell all Ramlila lovers that Ramayana should be read at



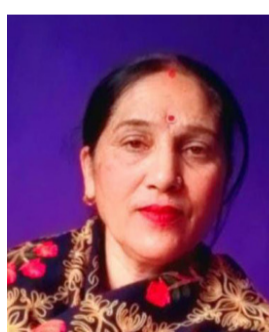
all costs and should be shown till the end. Uttar Ramayana in which Luv and Kush have been specially mentioned should also be staged. A famous Mahagranth like Ramayana gives us a new direction. It is the basic mantra to win over terrorism and evil and we are proud to be Sanatani. Ramayana gets inspiration from Lord Valmiki". On this occasion, Devi Deepika Chandel said that Ramayana is a gift from Lord Valmiki and we repeat this history by staging Ramlilas every year. It is very important to keep all our children away from mobile phones through Ramlila staging and we have to understand Ramayana, its characters and its history in detail, only then our Sanatan Dharma will progress. Speaking on this occasion, BJP Vice President Yogendra Singh Rajoura said that we should tell our children in detail about this invaluable heritage of Sanatan Dharma, Ramayana and its characters and all parents should come forward to preserve the

historical heritage of Ramayana. We should give information to our children about the character of Lord Rama and Ramayana and during Navratri, we should light the Akhand Jyoti of Lord Rama and Maa Durga and follow all the Sanatan traditions.

Bhagat blames Sharma for Kishtwar unemployment

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KISHTWAR, Sep 15: Former Sarpanch and District General Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Women's Wing Kishtwar Kamlesh Kumari Bhagat said that due to the deteriorating unemployment situation in Kishtwar district, BJP candidate Sunil Sharma from Nagseni Paddar Constituency is responsible for rising unemployment in Kishtwar District. He ignored the common working unemployed and gave jobs to some select BJP workers in hydroelectric power project companies. In these power projects, the management of power projects gave jobs to the same people who were recommended by Former MLA



Sunil Sharma. 56,000 thousands youth were supposed to get jobs in these Four power projects but only two to three thousands got jobs. Elsewhere, Sunil Sharma, through his supporters, installed machinery due to which unemployment in Kishtwar has increased to such an extent that every youth has become a victim of despair and hopelessness.

Sadguru Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj: Truth, Non-Violence and Purity in Jammu

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JAMMU, Sep 15: Sahib Bandgi's Sadguru Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj delivered a profound discourse at Rakhbandhu, Jammu today, sharing wisdom on spiritual growth and ethical living. Highlighting the significance of meeting a saint, Sahib Ji emphasized that while pilgrimages yield spiritual rewards, encountering a saint offers a wealth of spiritual benefits. Sahib Ji spoke on the importance of truth and non-violence, core principles of our religion. He stressed that the world is a realm of action, where all living beings share the same soul. Thus, causing harm to any being, including through meat consumption, is considered a grave sin. He urged the congregation to adhere to non-violence



in thought, speech, and action. According to Sahib Ji, our actions shape our conscience and intellect. Those who engage in sinful deeds will find their conscience and intellect corrupted, rendering them incapable of perceiving divinity or pursuing righteousness. He lamented the departure from traditional values, highlighting the contrast between contemporary behavior and the moral integrity of our ancestors. Sahib Ji elaborated on the seven streams of sin, emphasizing that lying leads to a multitude of

crimes and is considered a grave sin. He warned against violence, intoxicants, sexual misconduct, theft, gambling, and deceit, citing these as gateways to spiritual downfall. Each sin, he explained, has severe consequences, as detailed in scriptures, including punishments in the afterlife. Sahib Ji advised the congregation to cultivate virtuous behavior, avoid sinful actions, and consume pure food earned through honest means. He concluded by stressing the importance of maintaining purity in thought and action to preserve spiritual clarity and self-knowledge. The discourse provided a comprehensive guide to ethical living, encouraging attendees to embrace truth and non-violence as fundamental principles for personal and spiritual growth.

Q&I Hosted Education Today in Jammu

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JAMMU, Sep 15: Q&I Today successfully hosted EDUCATION TODAY, a premier leadership event focusing on the future of education. The event brought together over 50 distinguished schools from across the city, creating a platform for education leaders and visionaries to collaborate. The event addressed the growing need for innovation and collaboration in the education sector, ensuring that institutions are equipped to prepare students for the future. Key discus-



sions centered on crucial topics like technology integration, the evolving role of educators, and the skills needed to make students future-ready. Attendees participated in

panel discussions, networked with peers, and gained valuable insights from experts in the field. The event commenced with the arrival of Directors, Principals, Deci-

sion Makers from various schools starting with a welcome address and an introduction to Q&I. This was followed by a panel discussion on the topic "Preparing for 2030

and Beyond: The Future of Education" making the entire event interactive and engaging for the audience. The event facilitated dynamic interactions, concluding with an awards ceremony that honoured exceptional contributions by directors and principals in the education sector. Commenting on the event's success, Vinay Singh, Executive Director and CEO of Thomson Digital and Q&I Today, said, "EDUCATION TODAY" has been an incredible platform for education leaders to share insights and foster

collaboration. It's inspiring to see so much dedication toward shaping the future of education to meet the needs of tomorrow's learners." The awards recognised principals and schools for their excellence in categories such as visionary leadership, holistic and skill education, innovative curriculum, and teacher development. Notable recipients included J.K. Public School, Heritage School, K.C. Public School, Kartar Public School, Indira Public High School, Cambridge International School among others.

A look at Hindi film actresses who started their own social initiatives

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Mental health first

Deepika Padukone
Deepika Padukone has been an advocate for mental health ever since she shared her personal battle with anxiety and depression. In 2015, she founded the LiveLoveLaugh Foundation to spread awareness and provide support to individuals suffering from mental health issues. Deepika's initiative goes beyond creating a dialogue. It offers real support through various programmes for patients and their caregivers, while also training doctors and healthcare workers. At its core, LiveLoveLaugh is a movement for hope and healing, encouraging conversations about mental well-being in a country where mental illness is often stigmatized. With campaigns like You Are Not Alone, Deepika and her foundation aim to reach schools, workplaces,

and communities across India.

Educating girl child

Anushka Ranjan
Anushka Ranjan's dedication to social causes has garnered attention. Anushka is the brand ambassador of Beti, an NGO focused on tackling critical issues like female foeticide, acid attacks and rape. Through her involvement with Beti, Anushka has taken on the responsibility of educating over 200 girls, showcasing her deep commitment to empowering the next generation of women. Beyond education, she actively advocates against gender-based violence and works to provide resources for survivors.

Act of kindness

Richa Chadha
Richa Chadha is known for her bold and unconventional roles in Bollywood, but off-screen, she has made a significant impact through her social media initiative, The KINDry. Launched as a platform to celebrate acts of kindness, The KINDry shines a light on the unsung heroes of society who make the world a better place. The initiative encourages people to share stories of kindness and positivity, creating a space for people to connect and inspire each other.



Whether it's recognizing a local community worker or a small business doing good, Richa's initiative focuses on the everyday acts of kindness that often go unnoticed but have a profound impact on society. The KINDry promotes a sense of community and empathy, reminding us

of the power of compassion in creating social change.

Sustainable living

Alia Bhatt
Alia Bhatt has not only made her mark as one of Bollywood's top actresses but also as a social entrepreneur. In 2017, Alia launched CoExist, an ecological ini-

tiative aimed at promoting animal welfare and environmental sustainability. CoExist raises awareness about the relationship between humans and the environment, encouraging a more compassionate and sustainable way of living. But Alia's environmental advocacy

doesn't stop there. In 2020, she launched Ed-a-Mamma, a sustainable clothing brand for children. The brand focuses on eco-friendly fashion, using materials that are kind to the earth, while also promoting responsible consumption habits. Alia's efforts demonstrate her commitment to preserving the environment for future generations, using her influence to create a business model that is both profitable and socially conscious.

Climate warrior

Bhumi Pednekar
Known for her versatile acting, Bhumi Pednekar has emerged as one of Bollywood's most vocal advocates for environmental conservation. Her initiative, Climate Warrior, is a non-profit advocacy platform dedicated to raising awareness about climate change and promoting sustainable living. From beach cleanups and tree plantation drives to waste segregation and water conservation campaigns, Bhumi has been at the forefront of various environmental causes. As a World Economic Forum Young Global Leader, she is determined to use her platform to tackle the climate crisis head-on. Bhumi also partners with like-minded businesses that

promote sustainable products and services, ensuring that her advocacy for the environment is backed by tangible, on-the-ground action. Her goal is to spark a nationwide movement, where every individual feels empowered to contribute to the fight against climate change.

Empowering mothers

Neha Dhupia
In 2019, Neha Dhupia launched Freedom to Feed, an initiative aimed at normalising breastfeeding in public spaces. As a mother herself, Neha recognised the challenges that many women face when it comes to breastfeeding in public due to societal stigma and lack of support. Through Freedom to Feed, Neha not only advocates for the rights of mothers but also creates awareness about the importance of breastfeeding for both the child and the mother. The initiative encourages open dialogue around breastfeeding and pushes for a more inclusive, supportive environment for new mothers. Neha's work has empowered women across the country to breastfeed confidently, breaking down barriers and challenging societal norms in the process.

Gippy Grewal's Ardaas threequel is bite-sized nuggets of life lessons

Ardaas Sarbat De Bhale Di, the third instalment in the acclaimed Ardaas series, is a cinematic exploration of faith, personal struggle and redemption.

Directed and written by Gippy Grewal, this film continues the legacy of its predecessors by delving into the intricacies of the human conditions through a deeply spiritual narrative.

The third part effectively packs bite-sized nuggets of life-lessons that remain relevant beyond time.

The story centres on a pilgrimage to Sri Hazur Sahib, Nanded, bringing together a diverse group of characters whose personal journeys intertwine as they travel together. A visual treat, mostly, this movie can replace that self-help book that many of us refer to occasionally.

The film opens with Gurdyal Singh (Malkeet Rauni), a Canadian resident who sets out on this pilgrimage with the hope of spiritual renewal. His journey takes an unexpected turn when he suffers a partial paralysis, prompting his estranged son Sahej (Gippy Grewal) to join him. This strained father-son relationship, marked by unresolved grief and estrangement, forms the emotional core of the film.

Sahej, a workaholic grappling with guilt and anger over his mother's death, is forced to confront his own demons as he accompanies his father on this pilgrimage. Their journey is interspersed with encounters with other pilgrims, each carrying their own burdens and seeking their own forms of redemption. Through these interactions, the film presents a variety of human experiences, each story reflecting broader societal issues and personal struggles.

Jasmin Bhasin plays Bani, a once-vibrant young woman who has descended into gloom due to tragic circumstances. Her transformation from hope to despair is depicted with emotional depth, offering a poignant commentary on the impact of personal loss. Prince Kanwaljit Singh portrays Sadhu Singh, a father overwhelmed by the responsibility of caring for his disabled daughter. His story adds a layer of emotional intensity, highlighting the challenges faced by caregivers and the impact of societal neglect.

Gurpreet Ghuggi's portrayal of Gurmukh Singh, the spiritual guide of the group, is central to the film's narrative structure. Through his



dialogues, verses from Gurbani are sprinkled thoughtfully, touching your heart without sounding preachy. As the sutradhar, or narrator, Ghuggi's character provides wisdom and insight, guiding the pilgrims and encouraging them to reflect on their own lives. His presence is a thread that connects the various stories, although his own character is not without flaws. Ghuggi brings a nuanced performance that balances warmth with the complexity of his character's own internal conflicts.

Gippy Grewal's dual role as director and actor showcases his ability to handle both emotional depth and narrative complexity. The film's strength lies in its character-driven storytelling and the way it delves into themes of faith, redemption, and human resilience. And performances by veterans, including Sardar Sohi, Rana Jung Bahadur, Nirmal Rishi, Rupinder Rupri add to the strength of the story.

However, Ardaas Sarbat De Bhale Di struggles to balance its thematic ambitions. The film attempts to tackle a wide range of social issues, including generational conflicts, gender disparity, and alcoholism. While these issues are relevant and significant, their inclusion sometimes feels overwhelming.

The pacing of the film also suffers

from unevenness. The first half of the film is slow, focusing extensively on setting up the pilgrimage and Sahej's background. The story only begins to gain momentum in the latter half. While halts are a natural progression of a road trip, those long scenic stops do add a touch of superfluousness to an otherwise serious story.

The film's cinematography by Baljit Singh Deo is visually striking. The depiction of the pilgrimage route and the picturesque landscapes add a layer of visual allure that complements the film's spiritual undertone. The soundtrack, featuring devotional and reflective songs, enhances the emotional impact of the story, even if the film's length and pacing occasionally undermine its effectiveness.

Ultimately, Ardaas Sarbat De Bhale Di is a film that succeeds in creating an emotional and spiritual journey for its audience. Its strengths lie in its powerful performances and the way it portrays the transformative power of faith and reflection. As the title suggests, the movie beautifully shines light on the true meaning of prayer and devotion, and if you are someone who appreciates art that explores a personal and spiritual dimension of life, this one offers a moving experience that resonates long after the credit roll.

Arshin talks about hard work and dedication

Arshin Mehta, who stars in The Diary of West Bengal and has also appeared in films like The Rally and Main Raj Kapoor Ho Gaya, as well as web series such as ZEE5 Main Hero Boll Raha Hu and Jio Cinema's Fuh Se Fantasy, has shared that hardworking nature is her greatest asset as an actor.

She shared, "My greatest strength is that I never give up. I'm incredibly hardworking on the sets, and it doesn't matter how many hours I've worked, whether I've eaten, slept, or if there are any problems with costumes



or anything else. Once I know I need to be on the sets, I'll be there, no matter what. I've never delayed a shoot. I'm fully dedicated to my craft."

She added, "I feel really grateful because I come from an academic background with no connection to acting, yet I've had so many opportunities in this industry. With so much competition, I consider myself fortunate to have worked on so many projects and to see my dreams come true. As an actor, I would never give up because I feel that God has been kind to me."

Ashish Vidyarthi on vocal artistry behind his role as Doctor Doom



Senior actor Ashish Vidyarthi has shared insights into his preparation for the role of Doctor Doom in the audio series Marvel's Wastelanders: Doom, and discussed the unique challenge of bringing to life the complex and intimidating character, using only the power of his voice.

Ashish, who has voiced Doctor Doom in Hindi, has opened up on his approach, preparations, and the rise of audio content.

On what drew him to this character, Ashish said, "Certain characters come to you. This is one of them. I knew of it and then I discovered it while I started doing

that work. I thoroughly enjoyed it, because it's an actor's delight when an actor can explore possibilities while doing a role."

"The voicescape allowed me to really see what else can be created. So, it's a marvelous world, pun unintended, wherein the soundscape in Wastelanders, we have created the entire story and I was intrigued by it. I'm so very happy that I'm part of it," he said.

Doctor Doom is known for his complex personality—he's not just a villain but also a ruler, a scientist, and a man with a deep sense of pride. His mask and armour are iconic visual elements.

On his preparation for the role, Ashish shared, "The script was so well written. And I'm grateful to Mantra Mughd (director), who was with me throughout the recording."

Being someone who is answering questions and telling me the details of how the other

characters are behaving, what's happening, that went a long way in me being able to get the nuances of the character."

He added, "Even though the character was written for some actor in a distant US, when one is creating it in Hindi, one is making sure that people here find it relatable. So, there are emotions which are slightly different, there is certain laughter, certain pauses, and even pain, which is slightly different. There is a lot left to an actor's ability to explore and create a vivid image just through sound. So, I found it very exciting."

Marvel's Wastelanders: Doom marks the fifth season of the Hindi Original podcast series of Marvel's Wastelanders. It features Ashish Vidyarthi (Doctor Doom), Yashaswini Dayama (Valeria Richards), Sudhanshu Pandey (Hulk) and Karanvir Bohra (Klaw) among others, artistically directed by Mantra Mughd.

Hemant Soren's party swayed by Congress, has ties with infiltrators: PM

PM Modi accused the JMM of aligning with "Bangladeshi and Rohingya infiltrators," claiming that these "fundamentalists" are increasingly influencing the party.

RANCHI, Sep 15 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a scathing attack on the Jharkhand government, calling the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), and Congress the state's "three biggest enemies." He accused the RJD of still seeking "revenge" for the state's creation while claiming that the Congress has long "hated" Jharkhand. PM Modi further criticised the JMM, accusing the ruling party of betraying tribal communities, stating that those who rose to power with "the votes of the tribals" are now aligned with those who have "occupied the forest land" of these very communities.

PM Modi accused the JMM of aligning with "Bangladeshi and Rohingya infiltrators," claiming that these "fundamentalists" are increasingly influencing the party. He alleged that JMM has been overtaken by the "ghost of Congress," which has shifted its focus to appeasement politics. According to PM, whenever Congress influences a party,



"appeasement becomes the only agenda," and the first to suffer are "the interests of Dalits, tribals, and the backward society." He emphasised that the same betrayal is now evident in JMM's actions.

Earlier in August, former Chief Minister Champai Soren resigned from JMM and joined the BJP over the pretext of "saving the identity of tribals" in the Santhal Pargana area, stating that no other political party was serious about the issue as they only cared for votes.

Slamming Congress, PM Modi labelled it as the "most dishonest

and highly corrupt party" in the country. He singled out the Congress family, claiming it to be the "most corrupt" and the source from which "all streams of corruption originate." Extending his criticism, PM Modi accused the JMM of following the same path, stating that they "take training from the same school — the Congress School of Corruption."

He also accused the JMM government of rampant corruption, claiming that in its five years of rule, the party has focused solely on "looting of Jharkhand and corruption all around."

He alleged that no sector was spared, asserting that the JMM government engaged in corruption in "everything... water, forests, and land."

PM Modi vowed that once the BJP forms the government in the state, "all these cases" of alleged corruption and wrongdoing will be thoroughly investigated. He assured the people, "I promise... after a few months, when the BJP government is formed in Jharkhand," these issues will be addressed, signalling a strong intent to bring accountability and justice under a new administration.

He said that the BJP is the only party that makes and fulfills its promises, adding, "We had guaranteed free treatment to every senior citizen aged 70 years and above. Just a few days ago, our government approved that decision."

Earlier today, PM Modi virtually inaugurated several projects worth Rs 660 crore in Jharkhand's Ranchi. He also virtually flagged off six Vande Bharat trains from Tatanagar.

BJP drafted fantasy story, named it liquor scam: Manish Sisodia



NEW DELHI, Sep 15 (Agencies): Senior Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and MLA Manish Sisodia on Sunday launched a scathing attack on the BJP, accusing the party of drafting a "fantasy story" in the name of the liquor policy scam to put Arvind Kejriwal in prison before the Assembly polls.

In his address to the AAP workers after coming out of jail, Sisodia further added that the Supreme Court put a "full stop" on BJP's "fantasy story" by granting bail to Kejriwal.

"The BJP drafted a fantasy story named the 'liquor scam'. The

Supreme Court gave bail to Arvind Kejriwal and ended that story... It is a happy ending for us and a sad ending for the BJP," Sisodia said.

"They thought they would keep Arvind Kejriwal jailed till the Delhi elections, but their stories were proven to be wrong in the court, and today Arvind Kejriwal and I are out of jail...," the Patparganj MLA added.

On September 13, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal was granted bail by a two-judge bench of the Supreme Court in connection with the alleged liquor exam policy case. Sisodia says can't

return as deputy chief minister

After Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced his resignation from the Chief Minister's post, Manish Sisodia also announced that he would not re-join the government as Deputy Chief Minister and would go among the people to seek their support.

In a detailed post on X, Sisodia said, "... I have also decided that I will go to public court along with Arvind Kejriwal and ask whether the public considers me honest or not. Elections are to be held in three-four months. If the public approves my honesty, only then will I sit on the chair of Deputy Chief Minister-Education Minister and work for education."

In February this year, Sisodia resigned from his portfolios after being arrested by the ED in the alleged liquor policy scam.

Death toll in Meerut house collapse rises to 10

MEERUT, Sep 15 (Agencies): The death toll in the collapse of a three-storey house in Zakir Nagar here has risen to 10 while the rescue work at the site is still under way, the district administration said on Sunday.

In a statement, the administration said one person is feared to be still trapped under the debris.

The deceased have been identified as Sajid (40), his daughter Saniya (15), son Saqib

(11), Simra (1), Reeza (7), Naffo (63), Farhana (20), Alisa (18), Aliya (6) and Rimsa (5 months).

The condition of Sofiyan (6) is stable, the administration said in the statement.

Of those injured, Naeem (22), Nadeem (26), Saqib (20) and Saina (38) are undergoing treatment at the Lala Lajpat Rai Memorial Medical College.

The three-storey house collapsed on Saturday afternoon, trapping 15 people under

the debris.

Senior officials, including Meerut Zone Additional Director General of Police D K Thakur, Divisional Commissioner Selva Kumari J, Inspector General of Police Nachiketa Jha and Senior Superintendent of Police Vipin Tada, reached the spot to monitor the rescue operation.

NDRF, fire brigade and police teams are engaged in the rescue operation.

SC annoyed over false statements by advocates to secure remission, says 'our faith is shaken'

NEW DELHI, Sep 15 (Agencies): Expressing displeasure over the lawyers repeatedly making false statements before the court as well as in the petitions to secure premature release of the convicts, the Supreme Court has said when it comes across cases like this, "our faith is shaken."

A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih in its recent order recorded its anguish and said that it has come across several cases in the last three weeks where false statements have been made in the pleading.

"A large number of petitions are being filed in this court wherein a grievance is made about non grant of permanent remission. During the last three weeks, this is the 6th or 7th case which we have come across where blatantly false statements have been made in the pleadings," the bench said in its September 10 order uploaded recently.

It pointed out that on a miscellaneous cases hearing day in the apex court, there are 60 to 80 matters listed before every bench. It is not possible for the judges to go through each and every page of the case listed before the court, though an endeavour to go through every case very meticulously.

"Our system works on faith. We trust the members of the Bar when we hear cases. But when



we come across cases like this, our faith is shaken," the bench said.

While dealing with one such case, it added there are not only false statements made in the writ petition filed for seeking remission, but a false statement was made before this court which is recorded in the order dated July 19, 2024.

It said the false statements were repeated in the email dated July 15, 2024 addressed by the then advocate-on-record for the petitioners to the jail authorities.

"Though he was aware of this factual position, a false statement was made on July 19, 2024 that the period of furlough of all the petitioners (convicts) has not expired," it said.

The anguished bench said, "This is a fit case where exem-

plary costs should be awarded. However, we cannot penalise the petitioners for the mistakes committed by their lawyers."

It recorded that in one of the cases before it, the writ petition proceeded on the footing that all the four petitioners have undergone 14 years of actual imprisonment without remission.

It noted the Delhi government in its affidavit has pointed out that two out of four prisoners have not completed the requisite 14 years of imprisonment for availing remission.

"Thus, a false statement was made in the writ petition that all the four petitioners have undergone actual 14 years of imprisonment. The petitioners have been convicted for different offences in different cases as can be seen from the nominal roll," the bench said.

The bench directed the Delhi government to consider the case of one of the four petitioners for remission, who has served 14-years in jail as per the applicable policy and refused to grant relief to two others, as they have not completed the requisite 14 years in jail. With regard to the fourth convict, whose case was considered for remission by the state government but denied, the bench said he will have to challenge the decision before the high court.

The bench dismissed the petition by the four convicts for remission with these directions.

Similarly, the bench in another case related to remission found that wrong statements have been made with regard to offences in which the five accused have been convicted.

It was stated in their petition that the five convicts have been found guilty for murder charge but the court found that two of them were convicted for other offences also.

One was convicted under the Arms Act and another was also convicted for the offence of kidnapping for ransom and destruction of evidence.

"In a petition seeking a writ of mandamus for premature release, the nature of offence is a very important consideration," the bench said and directed the Delhi government to look into their cases for remission and pass order accordingly.

Bengal Congress leader killed in bomb attack in Malda, party stages protest

KOLKATA, Sep 15 (Agencies): A local Congress leader was killed in West Bengal's Malda district after gunshots were fired and crude bombs were hurled at him on Sunday morning, the police said.

The leader, identified as Mohammad Saifuddin, was attacked with bombs while on his way to the market from his home in Dharampur, a village under the Gopalpur Panchayat in the jurisdiction of the Manikchak police station.

Saifuddin was an influential Congress leader of the Gopalpur area.

The incident happened at the Dharampur Stand market around 9 am. According to Saifuddin's family, four-five men

with their faces covered opened fire and hurled two crude bombs targeting him. He died on the spot, they said.

Meanwhile, the Congress party and the victim's family have alleged that Nasir, a local leader of the Trinamool Congress (TMC), orchestrated the attack, a claim denied by the state's ruling party. In response to the killing, enraged Congress workers took to the streets, blocking the Manikchak State Highway by burning tyres, demanding swift action and the arrest of the accused. Police said they have started an investigation into the case. Efforts were being made to identify those behind the attack, they added.

"There may be nexus": CBI to court after cop's arrest in Kolkata horror

KOLKATA, Sep 15 (Agencies): Dr Sandip Ghosh, former principal of Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College, spoke to Tala Police station's officer-in-charge Abhijit Mondal in the hours after a 31-year-old doctor was found dead on the hospital premises, and there may be a nexus and that needs to be uncovered, CBI told a Kolkata court today.

The central agency last night arrested Mr Mondal under charges of tampering with evidence in the rape-murder case that has shaken the country. Dr Ghosh, arrested earlier in a financial irregularities case, also faces the evidence tampering charge now.

The two were produced in court today and were remanded in CBI's custody for two days. The case will be heard next on September 17.

"The FIR was registered at night. We have call records that show communication between the OC and Sandip Ghosh. There may be a nexus and we need to uncover the case. We want to confront both of them," the CBI's counsel told the court.

"There is no clash between CBI and police. We want to get to the truth. For us he is not



a police officer, he is a suspect," the counsel added.

Both the Calcutta High Court and the Supreme Court have questioned the delay in the registration of the FIR, which was filed over 14 hours after the doctor's body was found. The courts have asked why the hospital administration then led by Dr Ghosh did not register a police complaint that would have ensured the filing of an FIR.

"He was under an obligation to register to

FIR. They tried to downplay it as suicide. There was a lapse on his part. It was a case of sexual assault and he should have handled it cautiously. He was in a conspiracy with other people," the CBI told the court today.

The lawyer for Mr Mondal replied, "They allege there was a delay.

They don't say whether I am an accused or a witness. There is no ground for arrest here. This is at best a case of alleged dereliction of duty. For that, a departmental inquiry could have been done."

The CBI told the court that Mr Mondal is not an accused in the rape and murder, but may have played a role in a larger conspiracy of an alleged cover-up.

These are the CBI's first two arrests in the rape and murder case over their month-long investigation. Earlier, Kolkata Police arrested civic volunteer Sanjoy Roy in the case. The CBI took Roy's custody after the high court transferred the probe to the central agency.

The Trinamool, under fire over the rape-murder incident, has been questioning what progress the CBI has made since it took over.

Mumbai: Mob beats biker after he attacks woman in road rage incident

MUMBAI, Sep 15 (Agencies): A mob thrashed a motorcyclist after he allegedly pushed a woman pedestrian and attacked her with his helmet in an incident of road rage in south Mumbai, police said on Sunday.

The police arrested the biker, Shahan Alam Sheikh (33), and later, released him after serving a notice following the attack on Saturday night, an official said.

According to the police, the woman was waiting for a taxi on Nizam Street, under the JJ flyover, when the

accused, who was on his motorcycle, hit her leg.

After the woman reprimanded him, the accused started verbally abusing her. Later, he pushed the woman on the road and hit her on the head with his motorcycle helmet, the official said.

A mob soon gathered at the spot and started beating up Sheikh, who attempted to flee, claiming that he was in the police force, the official said.

The local police intervened and saved

Sheikh from the mob's clutches and took him to a nearby hospital, said the official, adding that the accused's two-wheeler was damaged in the attack.

Based on a complaint lodged by the woman, a case was registered against Sheikh under Section 118 (voluntarily causing hurt or grievous hurt by dangerous weapons or means), 79 (acts intended to insult a woman's modesty) and other relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), he said.

Missile fired from Yemen fell into central Israel, military says

JERUSALEM, Sep 15 (Agencies): The Israeli military said a missile fired from Yemen crossed into central Israel on Sunday, causing no injuries but again adding to regional tensions nearly a year into the Gaza war.

After the incident, Agency photographers saw firefighters putting out a brush fire near Lod, and saw broken glass at a train station in Modin. Both areas are southeast of Tel Aviv, Israel's commercial hub.

Yemen's Huthi rebels did not immediately claim the attack but are among Iran-backed groups around the Middle East that have been drawn into the conflict triggered by the October 7 attack by Hamas Palestinian militants against Israel that triggered war in the Gaza Strip.

In July, the Huthis claimed a drone strike that penetrated Israel's air defences and killed a civilian in Tel Aviv, at least 1,800 kilometres (1,200 miles) from Yemen.

In a statement on Sunday, Israel's military said "a surface-to-surface missile was identified crossing into central Israel from the East and fell in an open area. No injuries were reported." "The missile was fired from Yemen," it added later.

The military said explosions "heard in the last few minutes" were from air-defence interceptors and the result of the interception was under review.

Yemen's Huthis have been launching attacks against Israel and its perceived interests in what they say is solidarity with Palestinians during the war between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip.



The rebels are part of the "axis of resistance", which also includes Tehran-aligned militant groups in Iraq, Syria and Lebanon.

Deadly shipping attacks Since November, the Huthis have carried out dozens of missile and drone strikes on shipping in the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea, waterways vital to global trade.

Several Filipino sailors have been killed in the strikes which have led to American military retaliation against Huthi targets.

Huthi missiles last month hit a Greek-flagged tanker carrying more than a million barrels of crude, leaving it ablaze off the coast of the Yemeni port of Hodeida and threatening environmental disaster.

A Greek defence ministry source on Saturday told AFP that a salvage operation was underway and the Sounion vessel was being towed northward under military escort.

After the Huthis' deadly July attack on Tel Aviv, Israeli warplanes bombed Huthi-controlled Hodeida in response, destroying much of the facility's fuel stor-

age capacity and killing several people, according to the rebels.

It was Israel's first claimed strike in Yemen.

A rebel official vowed at the time to "meet escalation with escalation". A Huthi statement last month affirmed "once again that the Yemeni response is definitely coming".

On Israel's northern flank, Lebanon's Hezbollah movement has been trading regular cross-border fire with Israeli forces in exchanges that threaten to spiral into all-out war.

On Sunday morning about 40 projectiles were fired from Lebanon toward Israel's Upper Galilee region and the Golan Heights, Israel's military said.

The hostilities have displaced tens of thousands of people in both countries from their homes near the border.

Israelis protest Hezbollah number two Naim Qassem warned in a speech Saturday that "if Israel does unleash a war, we will face up to it -- and there will be large losses on both sides".

"If they think such a war would allow the 100,000 displaced

people to return home... we issue this warning: prepare to deal with hundreds of thousands more displaced."

The cross-border violence since early October has killed 623 people in Lebanon, mostly fighters but also including at least 142 civilians, according to an agency tally.

the Israeli side, including in the Golan Heights, authorities have announced the deaths of at least 24 soldiers and 26 civilians.

Hezbollah has said it is acting in support of its ally Hamas in the Gaza Strip.

The Hamas attack which began Gaza's war resulted in the deaths of 1,205 people, mostly civilians, according to an agency tally based on Israeli official figures.

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

Israel's retaliatory military campaign has killed at least 41,182 people in Gaza, according to the Hamas-run territory's health ministry, which does not provide breakdowns of civilian and militant deaths.

On Saturday thousands of people once more took to the streets of Israel's main cities in a bid to increase pressure on the government to reach a hostage release deal.

Months of effort by Qatari, Egyptian and US mediators have failed to secure a truce and hostage release deal. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government is facing rising anger from critics who accuse him of not doing enough to get the captives home.

Rising floodwaters trigger evacuations in Czech Republic and Poland

PRAGUE, Sep 15 (Agencies): Another night of torrential rains pounding Central Europe forced massive evacuations in the hardest hit areas in the Czech Republic, where floods reached extreme levels on Sunday.

Meteorologists have warned the situation still might get worse as waters in most rivers are rising, the flood wave made its way through the country and more heavy rains could return overnight.

Authorities declared the highest flood warnings in almost 90 places across the country and in two northeastern regions that recorded the biggest rainfall in recent days, including the Jeseniky mountains near the Polish border.

In the city of Opava, up to 10,000 people out of the population of some 56,000 have been asked to leave their homes for higher ground. Rescuers used boats to transport people to safety in a neighbourhood flooded by the raging Opava River.

"There's no reason to wait," Mayor Tomáš Navrátil told the Czech public radio. He said the situation was worse than during the

last devastating floods in 1997, known as the "flood of the century."

Thousands of others also were evacuated in the towns of Krnov and Cesky Tesin. The Oder River that flows to Poland was expected to reach extreme levels in the city of Ostrava and later in Bohumin.

Towns and villages in the Jeseniky mountains, including the local center of Jesenik, were inundated and isolated by raging waters that turned roads to rivers. The military was sending a helicopter to help with evacuations.

Four people who were swept away by waters were missing, police said.

About 260,000 households were without power Sunday morning in the entire country while traffic was halted on many roads, including the major D1 highway.

In Poland, one person was presumed dead in floods in the southwest, Prime Minister Donald Tusk said Sunday.

Tusk said the situation was "dramatic" around the town of Klodzko, with some 25,000 residents, located in a valley in the Sudetes mountains near the

border with the Czech Republic.

In Glucholazy, rising waters overflowed a river embankment and flooded streets and houses. Mayor Paweł Szymkiewicz said "we are drowning" and appealed to residents to evacuate to high ground.

Energy supplies and communications were cut off in some flooded areas and regions may resort to using the satellite-based Starlink service, Tusk said.

Several Central European nations have been hit by severe flooding, including Romania, where four people had died in floods, as well as Austria, Germany, Slovakia and Hungary, as a result of a low pressure system from northern Italy was dumping heavy rainfall in the wide region.

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 a year ago.

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

Imran Khan booked for inciting Pakistan officials to mutiny, says report

ISLAMABAD, Sep 15 (Agencies): Pakistan's top investigating agency had registered a case against jailed former PM Imran Khan for allegedly inciting government officials to mutiny through his social media posts, said a media report.

A Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) team comprising investigation and technical officers visited Adiala Jail to question Khan, the founder of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party, in connection with a controversial post on his X account. A case had been registered against him by the FIA for inciting officials to mutiny, the Dawn newspaper said.

The FIA personnel



returned empty-handed after Khan said he would not join the probe without the presence of his lawyers. Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar said the FIA would probe into the handling of his social media accounts, which were

allegedly being used to "create chaos and anarchy" in the country. Tarar said it would be ascertained who was the handler of his social media accounts, and whether such posts were being made at his behest or done on directives of someone else.

Air Canada and pilots union reach a tentative agreement to avoid a shutdown

OTTAWA, Sep 15 (Agencies): Air Canada and the union representing its pilots have come to terms on a labor agreement that is likely to prevent a shutdown of Canada's largest airline.

Talks between the company and the Air Line Pilots Association produced a tentative, four-year collective agreement, the airline announced in a statement early Sunday.

The prospective deal recognizes the contributions of the pilots flying for Air Canada and Air Canada Rouge while setting a new framework for company growth. The terms will remain confidential until ratification by union members and approval by the airline's board of directors over the next month, the airline said.

The pilots association said its Air Canada Master Executive Council voted to approve the tentative agreement on behalf of more than 5,400 Air Canada pilots. After review and ratification by a majority of members, the deal is expected to gener-

ate an additional \$1.9 billion for the pilots over the period of the agreement, the union said in a statement.

"While it has been an exceptionally long road to this agreement, the consistent engagement and unified determination of our pilots have been the catalyst for achieving this contract," Charlene Hudy, the executive council's chair, said in the statement. "After several consecutive weeks of intense round-the-clock negotiations, progress was made on several key issues including compensation, retirement, and work rules."

Federal Labor Minister Steven MacKinnon confirmed the agreement on Sunday and lauded the company and the union.

"Thanks to the hard work of the parties and federal mediators, disruptions have been prevented for Canadians," MacKinnon said in a statement. "Negotiated agreements are always the best way forward and yield

positive results for companies and workers."

The airline and its pilots have been in contract talks for more than a year. The pilots have sought wages competitive with their U.S. counterparts, but Air Canada continues to post record profits while expecting pilots to accept below-market compensation, the union said.

The two sides could have issued a 72-hour notice of a strike or lockout beginning Sunday. The airline said the notice would have triggered its three-day wind down plan and started the clock on a full work stoppage as soon as Sept. 18.

Air Canada spokesman Christophe Hennebelle previously said the airline was committed to negotiations, but faced union wage demands that the company could not meet.

The airline was not seeking federal intervention, but cautioned the government should be prepared to help avoid major disruptions from the possible shutdown of an airline carrying

more than 110,000 passengers daily, Hennebelle said.

Business leaders had urged the federal government to intervene in the talks earlier in the week, but MacKinnon said there was no reason the sides should not have been able to reach a collective agreement.

In August, the Canadian government asked the country's industrial relations board to issue a back-to-work order to end a railway shutdown.

Leaders of numerous business groups including the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and the Business Council of Canada convened in Ottawa on Thursday to call for action, including binding arbitration, to avoid the widespread economic disruptions of an airline shutdown.

NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh said Thursday his party would not support efforts to force pilots back to work.

"If there's any bills being proposed on back to work legislation, we're going to oppose that," he said.

French Authorities Confirm 8 Migrants Died In Channel Crossing Attempt

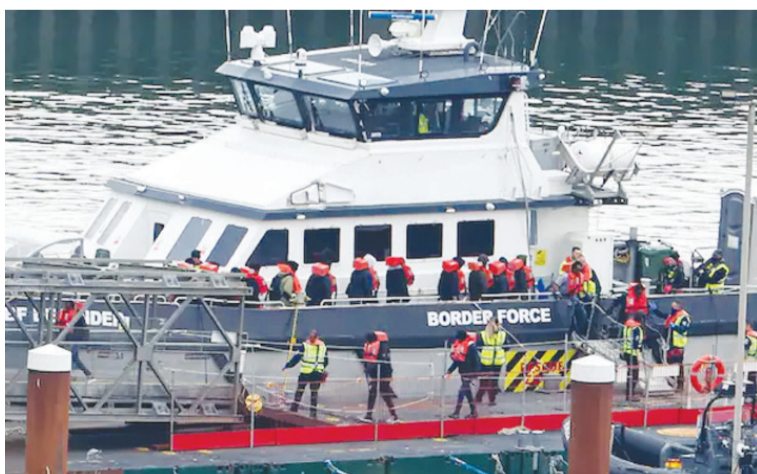
LILLE, Sep 15 (Agencies): Eight migrants died early Sunday when their overcrowded vessel capsized while trying to cross the Channel from France to England, French authorities said, less than two weeks after the deadliest such disaster this year.

The French and British governments have sought for years to stop the flow of migrants, who pay smugglers thousands of euros per head for the passage to England from France aboard small boats.

A police source told AFP the accident occurred shortly after the boat embarked.

Regional prefect Jacques Billant is set to hold a news conference at 10:00 am (0800 GMT), his office said.

Maritime authorities said Sat-



urday that numerous attempts by migrants to make the perilous crossing in small boats have been attempted in recent days, with 200 people rescued in 24 hours over Friday and Saturday alone.

At least 12 migrants, mostly

from Eritrea, died off the northern French coast when their boat carrying dozens of people capsized this month.

It was the deadliest such disaster this year, and brought to 37 the number of migrant deaths in the Channel, up from

12 in 2023.

More than 22,000 migrants have arrived in England by crossing the Channel since the beginning of this year, according to British officials.

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer and France's President Emmanuel Macron pledged this summer to strengthen "cooperation" in handling the surge in undocumented migrant numbers.

The Channel crossings often prove perilous, and in November 2021, 27 migrants died when their boat capsized in the deadliest single such disaster to date.

French authorities seek to stop migrants taking to the water but do not intervene once they are afloat except for rescue purposes, citing safety concerns.

Two people die in Ukraine's Odesa after Moscow and Kyiv exchange drone and missile attacks

KYIV, Sep 15 (Agencies): Two people died in a missile attack on the Ukrainian Black Sea port city of Odesa, local officials said, as Moscow and Kyiv exchanged drone and missile attacks.

The Ukrainian air force said Sunday it shot down 10 of the 14 drones and one of the three missiles Russia launched overnight, while the rest hit the suburbs of Odesa.

Oleh Kiper, Odesa's regional governor, said the two who died Saturday night were a married couple, and that another person was wounded in the attack.

Meanwhile, the Russian Defense Ministry said it downed 29 Ukrainian drones overnight into Sunday over western and southwestern regions, with no damage caused by the falling debris. It also said another Ukrainian drone was shot down Sunday morning over the western Ryazan region.

While Ukraine and Russia regularly launch overnight drone raids on each other's territory, Ukrainian officials generally do not confirm or deny attacks within Russia's borders.

The latest attacks came after Ukraine

made a new call Saturday on the West to allow it to use the long-range missiles they have provided to strike targets deep inside Russia, as Ukrainian forces struggle to hold back Russian advances in eastern Ukraine.

So far, the U.S. has allowed Kyiv to use American-provided weapons only in a limited area inside Russia's border with Ukraine.

Kyiv officials argue the weapons are vital to weaken Russia's ability to strike Ukraine and force it to move its strike capabilities further from the border.

Awareness yoga Session on Vat, Pitt & Cough

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 15: An awareness yoga Session, focused on the Ayurvedic concepts of Vata, Pitta, and Kapha (commonly translated as Vat, Pitt, and Cough), was organised by Morning Walkers Association, Bahu Plaza.

Vikram Randhawa, Former MLC was Chief Guest, Dr Chandher Mouli Raina, Retd Principal Sanskrit Vidyalya & Sh Neeraj Puri Ex Corporator JMC were Special Invitees, Sh Lekh Raj Sharma Jt Director Agriculture presided over and Dr DL Chowdhry Former HOD Jammu University conducted the proceedings of the program.

Dr Shreyansh Kumar Jain, State Yoga Commissioner, President Vichar Kranti Manch International conducted the session, he said we aim to balance the three doshas (body-mind constitutions) through specific asanas (yoga poses), breathing techniques, and lifestyle suggestions.

Introduction to Doshas, Vata (Air & Ether): Governs movement, creativity, and flexibility.

Pitta (Fire & Water): Governs metabolism,



digestion, and transformation.

Kapha (Earth & Water): Governs structure, lubrication, and stability.

Signs of Imbalance were explained as Vata imbalance: Anxiety, dry skin, constipation, joint pain.

Pitta imbalance: Irritability, inflammation, acidity, skin rashes.

Kapha imbalance: Lethargy, weight gain, sinus issues, congestion.

Yoga Asanas for Balancing Each Dosha:

For Vata: Grounding Poses: Tree Pose (Vrikshasana), Mountain Pose (Tadasana), and Child's Pose (Balasana).

For Pitta: Gentle and slow movements to calm the

nervous system.

Breathing: Slow, deep breaths (Ujjayi Pranayama) to ground and relax.

For Pitta:

Cooling Poses: Forward bends (Paschimottanastana), Seated Forward Bend (Janu Sirsasana), and Twisting poses (Ardha Matsyendrasana).

Focus: Avoid overheating, focus on cooling and calming the body.

Breathing: Cooling breaths (Sheetali & Sheetkari Pranayama) to cool down the internal heat.

For Kapha:

Energizing Poses: Sun Salutations (Surya Namaskar), Warrior Poses (Virabhadrasana I, II), and Bridge Pose (Setu Bandhasana).

Focus: Stimulating movement to increase circulation and reduce lethargy.

Breathing: Fast-paced breathing (Kapalabhati) to stimulate energy.

Pranayama Techniques: Vata: Nadi Shodhana (Alternate nostril breathing) for balance.

Pitta: Sheetkari or Sheetali Pranayama for cooling.

Kapha: Bhastrika (Bellows breath) for stimulating energy.

Dietary and Lifestyle Suggestions:

Vata: Warm, moist, and grounding foods like soups and stews. Regular routine is essential.

Pitta: Cooling and soothing foods like cucumbers,

melons, and dairy.

Kapha: Light, spicy, and astringent foods. Increase activity and movement in daily life.

Meditation and Mindfulness:

For all doshas: Practice mindfulness meditation to balance mental and emotional states. Focus on gratitude and awareness to ground your energy.

This session helps in recognizing the individual constitution and guiding them towards practices that maintain harmony between mind, body, and spirit, leading to overall well-being.

Other dignitaries present on the occasion included S/Sh Radhey Shyam, Raj pal verma, KS Arora, TR Puri, Ashok Gupta, Bunti, Pandey, Darshan choudhry, Dr GL Choudhry, Lekh Raj Sharma, Dr Abhishek Sachedva, Kulbhushan Atri, sahil, Harinder Arora, Rajesh Gupta, Thakar Dass, Dr Ravinder Padma, & Narinder Wadhwa. (Almost all retired Govt Officers).

Dr Choudhry presented a Vote of thanks, especially to Mr Vikram Randhawa, who spared time out of his busy schedule.

New Members Pledge for Social Reform at Movement Kalki's Grand Joining Program



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 15: Movement Kalki hosted a grand joining program, where several new members pledged to expose and work towards solving societal issues by joining the movement. The program was inaugurated by Movement Kalki's Core Committee members, Thakur Arjun Singh and Deepak Singh. In their address, they encouraged the new members to follow the path of righteousness and explained the working principles of Movement Kalki.

On this occasion, Independent candidate Sahil Sharma, along with his

associates, joined the movement and emphasized the importance of awakening the youth. He said, "Youth are like the wind - full of vigor and energy. What they sow today will bear fruit for future generations."

Additionally, Ajay from Shiv Shakti Trust, along with his team, joined Movement Kalki, pledging to restore moral and religious values in society.

Other prominent figures, including Board Member Advocate Amzi Arthur John, John Ji's mother Jin Len John, Bharat Bhushan, Joginder Sharma, and Kanwar Tikku, also became part of the movement, vowing

to eradicate social evils and re-establish the essence of dharma globally. They affirmed their commitment to working for positive societal change.

The event was graced by Movement Kalki's advisor Pritam Sharma, Karnail Chand, board member Sanjeev Dubey, Sunny Kapahi, Kamal Sharma, Advocate Sumesh Kohli, Kushal Pandita, Badyal Dubey, and several other esteemed members.

Movement Kalki's joining program marked another significant step towards societal unity, reform, and the re-establishment of dharma.

Swachhta Pakhwada Celebrated with Enthusiasm at Central University of Jammu Girls' Hostels



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sept 15: In alignment with the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the Girls' Hostels of Central University of Jammu commemorated the Swachhta Pakhwada from 1st to 15th September, 2024, with great zeal and commitment. The initiative, led by the residents of Gayatri Bhawan, Gauri Bhawan, Durga Bhawan, and Saraswati Bhawan, was a continuation of the efforts initiated by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, who emphasized the importance of spreading awareness and instilling a sense of responsibility among students towards their nation.

The hostel residents, along with staff, actively participated in a variety of cleanliness and awareness programs,

embodying the values of the Swachh Bharat Mission. These activities were aimed at maintaining hygiene in and around the hostels, as well as raising awareness about the significance of individual contributions to cleanliness.

During the commemoration, Dr. Shaveta Kohli, Hostel Warden, emphasized the relevance of the Swachh Bharat Mission and encouraged the residents to understand the importance of their personal role in maintaining cleanliness. Residents also took a solemn pledge to uphold cleanliness in their surroundings, committing themselves to inspire others in their communities to do the same.

A highlight of the event was the Nukkad Natak, performed by students Ms. Aastha Gupta, Ms.

Debopriya, Ms. Roshni, and Snigdha, which sensitized the audience on the importance of cleanliness. The play, delivered with creativity and passion, left the residents motivated and engaged.

Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar, Central University of Jammu, lauded the efforts of the hostel residents and administration for the successful execution of the awareness program and cleanliness drive. He emphasized that these initiatives are vital in nurturing a sense of social responsibility among students.

Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Dean of Students' Welfare, also commended the collaborative efforts of the hostel residents and administration in carrying forward the legacy of the Swachh Bharat Mission, ensuring that the message of cleanliness reaches every corner of society.

The Swachhta Pakhwada commemoration not only motivated the residents but also contributed significantly in promoting a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment on campus, embodying the essence of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

Major Gen RK Sachdeva Felicitates NCC Cadets for Outstanding Performance at Thal Sainik Camp

Top News Report

NAGROTA, Sep 15: Major General RK Sachdeva, Additional Director General, Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh NCC Directorate, felicitated and appreciated the exceptional achievements of NCC Cadets who participated in the prestigious Thal Sainik Camp in Delhi.

In an impressive ceremony



at the NCC Training Academy, Nagrota, Maj Gen Sachdeva commended the outstanding performances of both the Boys and Girls Contingents. The Girls Contingent excelled by winning Silver Medals in Health and Hygiene, Tug of War, and Bronze Medals in Line Area and Tent Pitching Competitions, showcasing significant improvement in the FC/BC Competition

compared to last year. The Boys Contingent secured Bronze Medals in Tug of War and Quiz Competitions, demonstrating notable improvements in Health Hygiene, Tent Pitching, and FC/BC Competitions.

Maj Gen Sachdeva lauded the Contingent Commanders, Capt Shivani Sharma and First Officer Kanwar Singh, and the instructional staff for their dedi-

cation and hard work. He also complimented Brig PS Cheema, SM, VSM, Group Commander, Jammu Group, for his meticulous planning and execution of the training, kitting, and logistics for the event.

The ceremony was a testament to the NCC Cadets' unwavering commitment, discipline, and teamwork, inspiring others to strive for excellence.

Apni Party holds interactive session at Durga Nagar in favour of contesting candidate M.K. Yogi



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 15: Apni Party today held an interactive session with the migrant Kashmiri Pandit voters of South Kashmir, especially Shangus assembly constituency to garner support in favour of the Party's candidate for the above stated constituency, M.K. Yogi.

The Party as a part of ongoing aggressive election campaign in Kashmir as well as in Jammu's migrant colonies and camps held a series of similar interactive sessions to educate people about the developmental policy and agenda of the party for the welfare of the migrant community for their rehabilitation, and employment of the unemployed migrant KP youth.

In this session at Durga

Nagar in Jammu District, the Party's General Secretary, Vijay Bakaya appealed to the voters to vote for M. K. Yogi, candidate of Apni Party in Shangus Constituency.

He told the audience that Apni Party was the only Party which really wanted to empower the KP displaced persons by giving M K Yogi the mandate. He said other Parties paid only lip service. Bakaya told them that Yogi was the right choice because of his grass-roots connection and passion for public service.

Many other heads of organization spoke and extolled the qualities of M K Yogi and said this opportunity when KP candidate was given mandate by a regional political Party should be availed of and Yogi should be given votes whole heartedly.

MK Yogi assured he would serve the community and the people of Shangus to the best of his ability and try to bridge the gulf between Muslims and Kashmiri pandits.

Those who spoke were Ashok Aima, M. L. Malla, Kuldeep Raina, Bihari Kak, Ramesh Hangloo, M. K. Jalali, Advocate Kashmiri Lal, M K Bangroo, Avtar Bhat, Abhay Bakaya, Satish Kisu, P. L. Sideshi, D. N. Sadhu, M. K. Razdan, Dr. T. K. Bhat, Vaibhav Mattoo, Vishal Jyotishi, Shivani Koul, Ashwani Bhat, Ashok Dhar, M. K. Raina, Chandni Ji Kher, Chandni Ji Bhat, Mutkesh Yogi, Bhushal Bhat, G. I. Pandita, Santosh Kher, Subhash Kachroo, Satish Raina, Devansh, Rakesh Koul, Sofi Yusuf, Kulwinder Singh, Shameem Rashid, Naved Ahmad Shah, and others.

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PM Modi virtually releases sanction letters to 32,000 PMAY-G beneficiaries

We will fulfil the dreams of Jharkhand," he said.

The prime minister underlined that many significant steps have been taken to empower the poor, Dalit, deprived and tribal families of the country since 2014.

He said the PM-Janman Yojana is being run for the tribal community across the country, including Jharkhand.

Modi also tendered an apology to the people of Jharkhand as he could not be present at the venue due to poor weather conditions, restricting his helicopter's movement and compelling him to inaugurate and lay the foundation stones for the projects via video conferencing.

The prime minister is on a three-day visit to Jharkhand, Gujarat and Odisha, beginning Sunday, where he is scheduled to lay the foundation stones and launch projects worth more than Rs 12,460 crore.

Women's reservation act opportunity for Congress to support

aspiring women leaders: Rahul

nationwide online membership drive for the first time," he said.

"In a system often stacked against women, it is critical for each one of you to fight for and claim your rightful share of social, economic and political power. I am happy to know that the membership drive will be followed by a pan-India leadership training program," Gandhi said.

The Women's Reservation Act is an opportunity for the Congress to identify, nurture and support both established and aspiring women leaders, he said.

"We have witnessed the radical change ushered in by the 73rd and 74th Amendment. This must inspire us to do more," he said.

"I hope the AIMC continues to work towards ensuring greater political participation of women across caste, class and religious lines. Lastly, I salute your dedication to a cause greater than yourself, and wish the AIMC the very best in its future endeavours," Gandhi said.

In a post on X, he said, "Congratulations and best wishes to all the office bearers and workers on the foundation day of All India Mahila Congress. Your tireless work is playing an important role in empowering the women of India."

"Salute to your struggle and dedication for their respect and safety," he said. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said 'aadhi aabadi poora haq' (half population gets full rights) is a constitutional obligation to which the Congress party is fully committed.

The women power of our country has contributed equally to nation building, from the freedom struggle to space flight. It is the responsibility of the All India Mahila Congress to fight for the rights of our women from the streets to Parliament and fight strongly against women's insecurity, inflation, unemployment, social exploitation, inequality, and misogynistic mentality, Kharge said in a post in Hindi on X.

"Many congratulations and best wishes to all the office bearers and workers on Mahila Congress Foundation Day," he said.

"Those who once raised 'Pakistan Zindabad' slogans now align with BJP": Farooq Abdullah

alliance comes to power, they will trigger terrorism again in the valley, Farooq Abdullah hit back, saying, "They have been ruling Jammu and Kashmir for 5 years; they always blamed Article 370 for terrorism, but now there is no Article 370; why does

terrorism still continue? Where are all the weapons coming from?"

Abdullah also questioned Engineer Rashid's release from jail just before the assembly election and claimed that Rashid is an ally of the BJP and RSS.

"Why was Engineer Rashid released right before the elections? So that he could divide the Muslims, suppress the voice of Muslims. He is an ally of the BJP and RSS," he said.

The elections in Jammu and Kashmir are scheduled to be held on September 18, September 25 and October 1. The counting will take place on October 8.

"Engineer Rashid targeting National Conference": Omar Abdullah

allowed him to campaign in the upcoming Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections.

In 2005, Rashid was arrested by the Special Operations Group (SOG) in Srinagar for allegedly supporting militants.

In August 2019, Rashid was again arrested under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). While incarcerated, he filed his nomination for the 2024 parliamentary elections from jail and won by a margin of 204,000 votes, defeating former Jammu

and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

The elections in Jammu and Kashmir are scheduled to be held on September 18, September 25 and October 1. The counting will take place on October 8.

These are the first assembly polls to be held in Kashmir since the abrogation of Article 370. There are a total number of 90 Assembly constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir, out of which 7 seats are reserved for SCs and 9 seats are reserved for STs.

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

JMC launches new garden waste collection system

garden waste in the city. To streamline the process, JMC has activated an online portal where residents can book garden waste collection services. The waste will be collected every Sunday, with charges applied based on the quantity of waste being disposed of. Additionally, JMC has implemented fines for those who mix garden waste with solid waste or dispose of it improperly.

IREDA chairman expects to open IFSC unit in 2-3 months, to raise Rs 24,000 crore debt capital this fiscal

The IREDA had a runaway success in the capital market when it got listed last November and the shares have rallied more than sevenfold.

MUMBAI, Sep 15 (Agencies): The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) will be opening its IFSC unit shortly that will help the green-energy-focused public sector financier mop up funds at much cheaper rates and thus lower its loan prices, a top official has said.

The IREDA had a runaway success in the capital market when it got listed last November and the shares have rallied more than sevenfold.

"We hope to get permission to open a unit in Gift City at the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) in Gandhinagar in the next two to three months. Once the permission is in we aim to complete the process very shortly," Pradip Kumar Das, chairman and managing director, told agency.

"Once we open the unit, we will tap all sorts of bonds, primarily green and social bonds from there. Given our latest S&P ratings, we are confident we can raise funds at a much lower rate now."

Das also said, the discussions with the government on stake dilution are at an advanced stage, wherein it wants the gov-



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ernment to pare up to 10 per cent. This will give at least Rs 4,500 crore of equity capital to the company, he added. Last month the board approved an equity raising plan worth Rs 4,500 crore.

"The process is in advanced stages, so maybe within a couple of weeks we will get the final news on that," Das said.

On other fundraising plans, Das said, the company needs at least Rs 24,000 crore of funds this fiscal to fund the loan sanc-

tions. IREDA also expects to be included in the list of companies that can raise funds through bonds covered under 54EC of the Income Tax Act, Das said.

According to the Income Tax Act, investors making capital gains on the sale of immovable property can invest in 54EC bonds to save on long-term capital gains tax.

These are special bonds issued by infrastructure companies like REC, Power Finance Corp, the National Highways Authority, and Indian Railway Finance Corp.

He, however, said the quantum of funds to be raised from this instrument is yet to be decided. Though such bonds offer a lower rate of interest at 5.25 per cent, investors benefit from the tax exemption enjoyed by these instruments.

Investors can invest up to Rs 5

lakh in a financial year in these bonds, which have a lock-in period of five years.

It can be noted that S&P Global Ratings had last month assigned 'BBB-' long-term credit rating to IREDA (on par with the sovereign rating; extant norms do not allow any government-owned entities to be rated higher than the sovereign), with a stable outlook. This rating will enable it to expand its reach in the international debt market, tapping into attractive sources of funding and supporting its borrowing plan.

"We need to maintain the rating. While getting such a rating is very important, it is even more important to sustain the rating. So we're going about it very responsibly. Wherever we can get cheap money from overseas, we will tap it as this rating, will bring down the borrowing cost," Das said.

"All development finance institutions and multilateral organizations have been associated with us since 1997 but, we haven't borrowed from them because the landed cost is high," he added.

Amazon, Flipkart and major smartphone brands face antitrust heat: Report



NEW DELHI, Sep 15 (Agencies): The convenience of online shopping has changed the way we buy products, but it has also raised questions about fair competition.

Amazon and Flipkart, along with major smartphone brands like Samsung and Xiaomi, are now facing antitrust scrutiny, reported news agency Reuters.

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has found that these companies have been involved in exclusive product launches on their platforms, which may have restricted competition and harmed smaller businesses.

Samsung, Xiaomi, and other smartphone makers have allegedly colluded with Amazon and Walmart-owned Flipkart to launch products exclusively on their platforms, a violation of India's competition laws. A report by the CCI, as seen by Reuters, highlights that this practice not only hurt smaller players but also gave an unfair advantage to certain sellers and products.

The CCI's investigation into Amazon resulted in a 1,027-page report, which claims that the Indian units of Samsung, Xiaomi, Motorola, Realme, and OnePlus were involved in exclusive phone launches in coordination with Amazon and its affiliates, breaking competition laws.

Similarly, a 1,696-page report on Flipkart states that brands like Samsung, Xiaomi, Motorola, Vivo, Lenovo, and Realme engaged in similar practices on Flipkart's platform.

The involvement of major smartphone brands in this case could lead to increased legal and compliance issues for them. G.V. Siva Prasad, the additional director general of the CCI, noted that exclusivity in business goes against free and fair competition and is not in the best interest of consumers.

Although these findings are not yet public, Reuters was the first to report the accusations of anticompetitive behaviour by these smartphone companies, which are detailed in the CCI's reports dated August 9. While Xiaomi declined to comment, other smartphone makers, Amazon, Flipkart, and the CCI have not responded to requests for comments so far.

The reports from the CCI also mentioned that Amazon and Flipkart attempted to downplay the allegations, but the investigation found that exclusive launches were quite common on both platforms. This practice has been a concern for years, with small retailers arguing that their businesses have been harmed as customers preferred shopping for exclusive models online.

Counterpoint Research data shows that Samsung and Xiaomi together hold nearly 36% of the Indian smartphone market, with Vivo holding 19%. India's e-commerce sector is growing rapidly, with the market expected to reach over \$160 billion by 2028, up from Rs 57-60 billion in 2023, according to consultancy firm Bain. The findings of the

investigation could be a significant blow to Amazon and Flipkart, especially in India, a key market where they have already faced criticism from small retailers. The CCI report also noted that these e-commerce giants used foreign investments to offer discounted services like warehousing and marketing to select sellers, further tilting the playing field.

Some smartphone makers, including Xiaomi, Samsung, OnePlus, Realme, and Motorola, have been instructed to submit their financial statements for the past three fiscal years to the CCI, according to a document from August 28.

This move is part of the ongoing investigation, which started in 2020 following a complaint by an affiliate of the Confederation of All India Traders, a retailer association representing 80 million members.

In the coming weeks, the CCI will review any objections from Amazon, Flipkart, and the involved smartphone companies. Based on these reviews, the commission could impose fines and require changes in the business practices of these companies.

Indian retailers have long complained about the effects of exclusive online launches. According to the CCI reports, exclusive launches not only hurt regular sellers on these platforms but also affected physical retailers, who received new phone models much later, leaving them at a disadvantage. The reports also cited data from smartphone companies to support these findings.

Indian research firm Datum Intelligence estimates that 50% of smartphone sales in 2023 took place online, a significant increase from 14.5% in 2013. Flipkart held a 55% share of the online smartphone market, with Amazon controlling 35%.

Can't sleep, won't sleep: Late bedtimes linked to 50% higher diabetes risk

NEW DELHI, Sep 15 (Agencies): Night owls -- a person who is habitually active or wakeful at night -- tend to have a higher body mass index (BMI), larger waists, and more hidden body fat and thus are almost 50 per cent more likely to develop type 2 diabetes (T2D) than those who go to bed earlier, shows new research.

Previous studies have indicated that late chronotype -- people who prefer to go to bed late and wake up late -- live an unhealthy lifestyle, and are at higher risk of obesity and metabolic disorders including type 2 diabetes.

The new study showed that a late chronotype had a 46 per cent higher risk of developing diabetes, which suggests that the increased risk of T2D can't be explained by lifestyle alone.

"We believe that other mechanisms are also at play," said lead researcher Dr. Jeroen van der Velde, from Leiden University

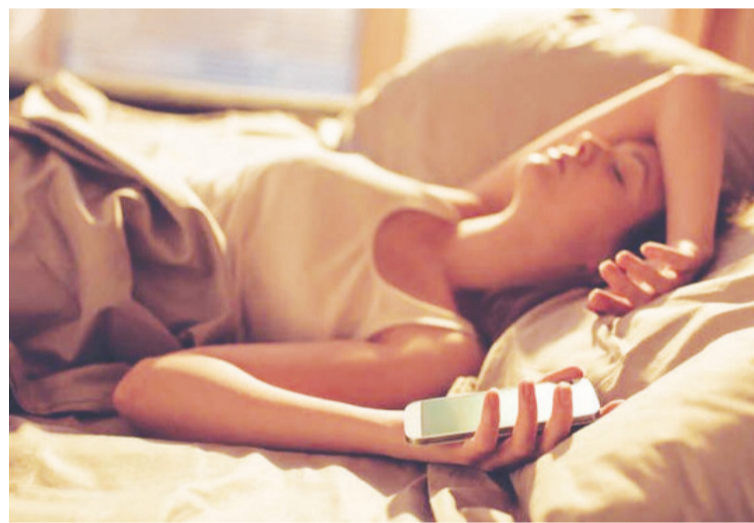
Medical Centre, in the Netherlands.

"A likely explanation is that the circadian rhythm or body clock in late chronotypes is out of sync with the work and social schedules followed by society. This can lead to circadian misalignment, which we know can lead to metabolic disturbances and ultimately type 2 diabetes," van der Velde added.

To explore, the team studied the association between sleep timing, diabetes, and body fat distribution in more than 5,000 individuals who were divided into three groups: early chronotype (20 per cent), late chronotype (20 per cent), and intermediate chronotype (60 per cent).

The team measured all participants' BMI and waist circumference, while visceral fat and liver fat were measured in 1,526 participants, using MRI scans and MR spectroscopy, respectively.

About 225 were diagnosed with diabetes after a follow-up



of 6.6 years.

Late chronotypes were found to be at higher risk of developing diabetes, had a 0.7 kg/m² higher BMI, 1.9 cm larger waist circumference, 7 cm² more visceral fat, and 14 per cent higher liver fat content, compared with those with an intermediate chronotype.

More visceral fat and liver fat

were responsible for making people with a late chronotype to be at greater risk of developing type 2 diabetes, van der Velde said.

The findings will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) in Madrid, Spain (September 9-13).

Study links lotions, sunscreens to hormonal disruptions in children

NEW DELHI, Sep 15 (Agencies): Love to lather your children with lotion to keep their skin hydrated? Beware, a new study has linked personal care products like lotions and conditioners with increased levels of chemicals known to cause hormonal disruptions in their bodies.

The study, published in the peer-reviewed Environmental Health Perspectives Journal, showed that lotions, hair-care products like shampoos and conditioners, and sunscreens contain endocrine-disrupting chemicals called phthalates, posing severe health risks in children.

A team of researchers led by George Mason University, in the US, examined urine samples of children aged between 4 and 8 years from 2017 to 2019, and found increased levels of mono-benzyl phthalate, Monoethyl phthalate, monobutyl phthalate.

These chemicals cause hormonal changes in men and women, increasing waist circumference and insulin resistance. It can also affect reproductive health in both men and women and also leads to an increase in skin and respiratory issues like eczema and rhinitis.

"These results may inform policymakers, clinicians, and parents to help limit children's exposure to developmental toxicants," the researchers said.

Dr. Jyothi Raghuram, Senior Consultant - General Pediatrics & Pediatric Rheumatology, Aster Women & Children, Bengaluru said that "this is alarming because phthalates are commonly used to improve the product's texture and durability, but their exposure has been linked to hormonal disruptions in children".

She noted that parabens and strong fragrances -- usually found in skin and hair care products -- are an

uncommon cause of rashes, and can lead to breathing difficulty in susceptible children.

"At an age when the hormonal systems of the body are still developing, phthalates can negatively impact the growth rate, metabolic strength, and even reproductive health of the child," Raghuram said while cautioning parents to be mindful of the ingredients when choosing products for children.

"Avoiding products that mention the presence of phthalates, parabens, and synthetic fragrances, and choosing ones that specifically state to be 'phthalate-free,' 'paraben-free,' or 'fragrance-free' can bring about a great difference."

She suggested mineral-based sunscreens and lotions made from natural oils like coconut or shea butter as safer alternatives that provide the same benefits without the associated risks.

Healthcare workers at higher risk of tuberculosis than general population: Study

NEW DELHI, Sep 15 (Agencies): Underlining critical occupation risks in the health sector, a new study has found that in India, cases of tuberculosis (TB) are a lot more prevalent among healthcare workers in comparison to the general population.

The analysis of 10 separate studies conducted in the last two decades -- between 2004 and 2023 -- found an average prevalence of 2,391.6 cases per 1,00,000 healthcare workers in India, far higher than the rate of 300 cases per 1 lakh population.

The study, titled 'Prevalence of Tuberculosis Among Healthcare Workers in India: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis,' is a collaborative effort by Ravindra Nath from Teerthanker Mahaveer University, Moradabad, along with Jugal Kishore, Pranav Ish, Aninda Debnath and Nitin Panwar, from VMMC and Safdarjung Hospital and Anirban Bhaumik from Baba Saheb Ambedkar Medical College and Hospital, Delhi.

TB remains one of the most critical public health challenges globally, particularly in countries with high endemic rates such as India, which alone accounts for approximately one-fourth of the global TB burden, the study said.

This infectious disease, caused by Mycobacterium tuberculosis, is predominantly spread through airborne particles, making it a significant occupational hazard, especially in healthcare settings.

The incidence of TB among healthcare workers is alarmingly high, reflecting broader systemic vulnerabilities within healthcare infrastructures.

The frequency of exposure to the pathogen is often compounded by the presence of mul-

tidrug-resistant (MDR) and extensively drug-resistant (XDR) TB strains. These strains not only complicate treatment, but also highlight the critical need for stringent infection control measures in healthcare facilities.

Studies have indicated that TB incidence rates in healthcare workers are three times higher than those observed in the general population.

Despite the acknowledged risks, comprehensive epidemiological data on TB among healthcare workers in India is sparse and often inconsistent, Jugal Kishore, Director and Professor in the Department of Community Medicine at Safdarjung Hospital highlighted.

The analysis, which reviewed 10 studies conducted between 2004 and 2023, identified particularly high TB prevalence rates among laboratory technicians (6,468.31 cases per 100,000), doctors (2,006.18 per 100,000) and nurses (2,726.83 per 100,000).

This data points to significant occupational hazards that are often overlooked in the healthcare sector, Kishore said.

The study's findings highlighted several factors contributing to the high TB rates among the healthcare workers. These include inadequate ventilation and underlying poor air circulation in healthcare facilities significantly increasing the risk of airborne transmission of TB.

Also, despite the high risks, many the healthcare workers do not consistently use PPE, such as N95 masks, particularly in high-exposure areas, the study pointed out.

The healthcare workers frequently encounter patients with multidrug-resistant MDR and XDR TB, further complicating their occupa-

tional risks.

Given these findings, the authors strongly recommend immediate action to protect the healthcare workers which includes ensuring consistent use of PPE and other infection control measures in all healthcare settings.

They also stressed routine TB screening for all healthcare workers, especially those in high-risk roles, to facilitate early intervention and reduce transmission besides, holding ongoing training programmes to raise awareness about TB risks and the importance of preventive practices.

They also called for investing in better ventilation systems and dedicated isolation rooms to reduce the spread of TB in healthcare environments and providing access to adequate nutrition, mental health services and support for managing work-related stress, which is crucial for reducing vulnerability to TB.

The authors have advocated for the development and implementation of national guidelines for routine TB screening and surveillance among the healthcare workers.

The guidelines should focus on high-risk groups such as medical trainees and those working in high-exposure departments. Moreover, there is an urgent need for mandatory infection control training programmes and investment in healthcare infrastructure to create safer work environments.

"As India strives to eliminate TB by 2025, this study serves as a stark reminder that protecting our healthcare workers is essential to achieving this goal. The findings not only highlight the occupational risks faced by the healthcare workers, but also call for a collective effort to 'Save the Saviours' who dedicate their lives to caring for others," Kishore said.

Mohammed Shami backs India to complete hat-trick in Australia: We are favourites

India tour of Australia: Pacer Mohammad Shami believes India have a good chance of winning the Test series for the third successive time against Australia Down Under this winter.

NEW DELHI, Sep 15 (Agencies): Senior pacer Mohammed Shami has backed India to complete a hat-trick of Test series victories in Australia, positioning the Rohit Sharma-led team as favorites for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. India, having won the last two away series in Australia (2018-19 and 2020-21), have dominated their rivals, with Australia failing to reclaim the trophy since 2014.

Shami, who was instrumental in India's 2018-19 triumph, missed the 2020-21 series but played his last Test match against Australia during the World Test Championship final in June 2023 at The Oval. Out of action since the ODI World Cup 2023 final due to surgery, Shami is determined to make a full recovery before returning to the national squad.

"I believe India are the favourites to win the series. In the last series in Australia, we played with a young team, with many senior players absent, yet we still proved we were the best.



I expect the next series to be highly competitive, but I'm confident that India will come out victorious," Shami said.

Speaking at an awards function in Kolkata, Shami outlined his cautious approach to his return. "I don't want to rush myself, even though I want to come back as soon as possible. It's not advisable to return with any doubt. I need to be stronger, and the stronger I feel, the better it will be. My goal is to return at my strongest," Shami explained.

Shami emphasized the importance of fitness, adding, "I've already started bowling. But unless I'm 100 percent in every aspect – both mentally and physically – I won't consider returning to action. If needed, I'll even play domestic cricket to ensure I'm at my best."

Shami, who has taken 229 wickets in 64 Test matches, is also optimistic about India's upcoming two-Test series against Bangladesh, which starts on September 19 in Chennai.

Confident in India's form and playing conditions, he remarked, "It's fine if Bangladesh have beaten Pakistan, but we're playing at home. Bangladesh should consider our record, current form, and the strengths of the Indian team."

Looking ahead, Shami expressed a strong desire to represent Bengal in the Ranji Trophy as part of his comeback. "I definitely want to play for Bengal in the coming season. Playing two or three matches will help me make a strong return to international cricket," he stated, underscoring the importance of domestic cricket in regaining full match fitness.

Shami also shared his deep gratitude toward Bengal, which played a pivotal role in shaping his cricketing career. "I was born in a family in UP where there was no opportunity. So I often say I was born in UP but made in Bengal. This is a journey of 22 years, and I am so grateful to Bengal for making me what I am," he said.

Shubman Gill set to be rested for Bangladesh T20Is



NEW DELHI, Sep 15 (Agencies): India vice-captain Shubman Gill is among prominent players who will be rested for the three-match T20I series against Bangladesh starting October 7 as part of BCCI's workload management policy.

Gill, India's No. 3 in Test matches, is a vital cog in the team's top-order alongside Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Yashasvi Jaiswal and is expected to play all 10 Tests this season.

Apart from Gill, a few more important players will also be rested keeping the three-Test series against New Zealand in mind.

India will start their upcoming international season with a two-Test series against Bangladesh in Chennai from September 19 followed by the second match in Kanpur starting September 27.

"Yes, Shubman will be rested for the Bangladesh T20I series. If you look at the fixture, the three T20Is will be played

on October 7 (Gwalior), 10 (Delhi) and 13 (Hyderabad). The first Test vs New Zealand starts on October 16.

"So with a turnaround of three days, it is important to give Gill a break," a BCCI source told agency on condition of anonymity.

Gill has so far played 21 T20Is and has a hundred, three fifties to his credit besides a strike rate of nearly 140. He was recently appointed captain for the five-match series against Zimbabwe in Harare, which India won 4-1.

In the current season, T20Is are least priority for the Indian team with the World Test Championship points with the five-match series against Australia being topmost on the agenda.

Also, ODIs will be important as there is a Champions Trophy to be played in that format in February-March. It is understood that most of the Test team players are unlikely to be played against Bangladesh in T20Is.

While the troika of Rohit, Virat and Ravindra Jadeja have retired from the shortest format, pacers Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj also will be given rest as per workload management requirements.

It will be interesting to see if Rishabh Pant plays T20Is, as his workload is paramount for selectors and he is needed in longer formats.

In case Pant is rested, there could be a possibility that Ishan Kishan is once again reconsidered after having spent the nine months of this year in international wilderness.

R Ashwin reveals his retirement plans ahead of Bangladesh Tests

NEW DELHI, Sep 15 (Agencies): Ace Indian spinner Ravichandran Ashwin, now 37, has addressed growing speculation about his future in international cricket. While still a key figure in India's Test squad, Ashwin clarified that his retirement will come only when he no longer feels the drive to improve his game.

Speaking ahead of India's home Test series against Bangladesh, Ashwin revealed that he hasn't set any specific retirement timeline. Instead, his decision will hinge on his personal motivation and performance. "There is nothing like that in my mind. I am only thinking about one day at a time because when you get older, you have to put in extra effort every single day. It's not the same. I have put in a lot of effort in the last 3-4 years. I haven't decided (retirement), but the day I feel that today I don't want to improve, I will leave. That's all," Ashwin said during a conversation with Vimal Kumar on his YouTube channel when asked if one can expect him to play till 40.



Despite nearing 40, Ashwin remains highly motivated, stating that his daily effort and passion for the game fuel his performance. Ashwin holds the top spot in the ICC Test bowler rankings and will play a crucial role in India's upcoming five-Test home series, starting with two matches against Bangladesh, followed by three against New Zealand. With 516 wickets in 100 Test matches, he is India's second-highest wicket-taker in the format, behind only Anil Kumble, who holds the record at 619.

While many believe Ashwin could surpass Kumble's tally, the off-spinner downplayed such goals, choosing to focus on enjoying his game. "I haven't set any targets for myself. Anil

Bhai wants me to break his record, but I'm just happy living day by day. I don't want to lose my love for the game by setting targets," he explained.

Ashwin also reflected on the challenges he faced between 2018 and 2020, a period where injuries and form affected his game. "I know how my life changed after that tough phase. I'm just holding on to my joy of cricket, and the moment I feel I'm losing it, I'll step away." The seasoned bowler acknowledged that all players eventually leave the game and that others will take their place, continuing the legacy of Indian cricket. "We all play, and we all have to leave. Somebody else will come and do well. It's Indian cricket," he concluded.

Former India batter Aakash Chopra recently revealed an unheard tale about the legendary wicketkeeper-batter MS Dhoni.

NEW DELHI, Sep 15 (Agencies): Former India batter Aakash Chopra recently revealed an unheard tale about the legendary wicketkeeper-batter MS Dhoni. The 42-year-old is undoubtedly one of the greatest captains India ever had. Under his leadership, India bagged the T20 World Cup 2007 trophy, the ODI World Cup 2011 title, and also the Champions Trophy in 2013. Fighting against all odds, Dhoni, who called time on his international career in 2020, is still going strong for Chennai Super Kings in the IPL. However, his participation in the 2025 edition is still uncertain.

Dhoni made his international debut in 2004. Chopra, who is now a renowned cricket commentator went appeared on a podcast, where he narrated the story of sharing a room with Dhoni.

"MS and I go back in a very strange way. In 2004, there was an India A tour in Zimbabwe and Kenya. I had already played for India by then.



There was a camp in Bangalore. When I reached the hotel, I was told that Mahendra Singh Dhoni was my roommate. I asked, "Where does he come from?" I was told that he was from Ranchi. I only heard of him once. I actually saw him playing at some domestic game, in the Deodhar Trophy, where he scored lots of runs. But that was it, I never talked to him then. And then we were in Bengaluru, where we were roommates for a month, and that was a different Dhoni," Chopra told Raj Shamani on his YouTube channel.

"His phone used to

ring a lot, but he never answered it. When I asked him what time he goes to sleep, because we had to figure the time, he said, 'Whenever you are comfortable, you can switch off the lights.' Moreover, he was non-vegetarian and I was vegetarian, so it was not a great partnership. So when I asked him what he wanted to eat, he said, 'Whatever you feel like eating.' He never used to call for room service. He was just too shy. For one whole month he ate vegetarian food," he added.

Chopra went on to praise Dhoni for his dedication towards cricket.

He revealed how Dhoni used to bowl to former wicketkeeper-batter Dinesh Karthik in the nets during the practice sessions. But, when it came to batting in the match, Dhoni produced shots that Chopra had never seen before.

"So that was a very different Dhoni - carefree but not careless. Carefree because he was very confident and happy with where he was, and not careless because when he got an opportunity, in Kenya and not in Zimbabwe, he batted like a man possessed. Before him, I never saw a batter hit a reverse sweep against

a bowler. There was a Pakistan bowler named Ittikhar Anjum, who used to bowl at 140+kmph and already playing for his country...Dhoni hit him for a four at fine leg. The bowler changed his field, sent back the fine leg fielder and called in the one at third man, but Dhoni smashed the next ball for a six over the third man region," said Chopra.

"I was like, 'Who is this guy?' He never used to bat in the nets. He, in fact, used to bowl to Dinesh Karthik, his competitor. He wasn't getting the opportunity to play, but he wanted to keep himself involved. I told him, 'Why are you bowling to Karthik? Why aren't you batting?' If he keeps batting and does all the scoring, when will you bat?' But he replied saying, 'No, I just want to bowl because I'm enjoying it.' He is just talented. In fact, he does not practice keeping that much, but his hands are faster than anyone in the world even now," he added.

'Jadon Sancho just needs some love': Chelsea boss Maresca after winger's big debut

BOURNEMOUTH, Sep 15 (Agencies): Chelsea boss Enzo Maresca heaped praise on Jadon Sancho after his match-winning debut performance against Bournemouth on September 15. Since joining Chelsea on loan from Manchester United, where he had fallen out of favor with manager Erik ten Hag, there was significant anticipation surrounding the 24-year-old winger's debut.

Sancho lived up to the hype, delivering an impactful performance after coming on at the start of the second half. He assisted the winning goal, scored by fellow substitute Christopher Nkunku, securing a crucial victory for Chelsea. In the post-match press

conference, Maresca expressed his satisfaction with Sancho's performance, acknowledging that the club had expected nothing less than brilliance from the winger.

"I don't see problems around Jadon [Sancho], around Joao [Felix], I don't see anything negative to be honest...I have the feeling Jadon needs love," Maresca told Sky Sports.

"Jadon is a very good player and I knew, because I know him, that he is a very good player and can help us. Now all the noise around him, I don't care. With us he's very polite, training well on and off the ball. We are happy for him," Maresca added.

Maresca also predicted that more standout per-



formances from Sancho would follow, indicating that the player had found a new lease of life at Stamford Bridge.

"He [Sancho] did exactly what we expected from him...We were creating chances and we needed just a bit more quality from inside the box and he [Sancho] did that," Maresca added.

Sancho, full of gratitude, thanked Chelsea and praised the support he received from

his new teammates. His debut not only marked a fresh start for the player but also showcased his ability to be a key contributor to Chelsea's success this season.

"First of all, it is amazing to make my debut for Chelsea..." Just being back playing I'm very grateful. The team played very well and we are happy with the three points," Sancho told Sky Sports.

"I've been working

hard for this moment and I'm just happy that I got my chance. I had a great end to last season being in the Champions League final. I'm just happy to make my debut for Chelsea," Sancho added.

Having played in the UEFA Champions League final last year with Borussia Dortmund, where he spent a season on loan, Sancho will be eager to replicate that success at Chelsea. With an obligation-to-buy clause included in his loan agreement, Manchester United, who originally signed him for seventy-three million pounds, could face a significant loss if he makes a permanent switch to Chelsea at the end of the season.

Duleep Trophy: Ricky Bhui leads India D's fight with gutsy hundred



ANANTAPUR, Sep 15 (Agencies): India D batter Ricky Bhui showcased his resilience and skill with his 19th first-class hundred on Day 4 of the Duleep Trophy match against India A, keeping his team's hopes alive in a daunting run chase of 488. Bhui played a gutsy knock of 113 runs in 195 balls before getting dismissed off Tanush Kotian's bowling.

Coming to the crease early after the departure of opener Atharva Taide in the third over, Bhui stabilized the innings with a crucial 100-run stand alongside Yash Dubey. The partnership was broken when Dubey was run-out, but Bhui continued to anchor the chase. Devdutt Padikkal fell shortly

after, and Shreyas Iyer provided some momentum with a brisk 41 off 55 balls before Sanju Samson joined Bhui at the crease.

Bhui reached his century just after lunch, playing a mix of calculated strokes and deft shots against spin. His century came off 170 balls, and he continued to be India D's mainstay, holding the innings together despite wickets falling around him. However, Bhui's valiant effort came to an end when he was caught at slip off Tanush Kotian's bowling. The dismissal was confirmed after a review from the third umpire, bringing an end to a fine innings at 113.

With Bhui's wicket, India D's chase became increasingly challenging, but his knock had undoubtedly given them a fighting chance. Bhui's innings, filled with grit and determination, further solidifies his reputation as a dependable top-order batter, with over 4,900 First-Class runs and an average exceeding 46.

As the final day unfolds, India D will need significant contributions from their remaining batters to pull off what would be a remarkable run chase in the Duleep Trophy match.

BJP set for landslide victory in J&K: Vikram Randhawa

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 15: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader Vikram Randhawa, MLA candidate for Bahu Constituency, expressed unwavering confidence in the BJP's prospects for the upcoming assembly elections in J&K. He stated that the party is receiving overwhelming support from every section of society across the region. During the door to door campaign, Vikram Randhawa along with Ex Councillor Jasmeet Kour Pandey and Mandal President Bharat Bhushan interacted with the voter at ward no 3, Govindpura cantonment board of Bahu Constituency.

The BJP's popularity is evident, with people from all walks of life backing our vision for J&K's



development, Randhawa said. "We are poised to form the next government with a full majority, ushering in a new era of progress and prosperity." Randhawa attributed the BJP's widespread support to the party's commitment to transparency and accountability. He added that PM Modi's visionary

leadership and initiatives has transformed J&K. Addressing the gathering, Randhawa noted that since independence, the Congress and NC has worked to divide society. It has created four sores of corruption, casteism, nepotism, and terrorism, whereas PM Modi has freed the country from

all these. He highlighted the consecration at the Ram temple in Ayodhya, the abrogation of Article 370, Kartarpur corridor, and the law on triple talaq as achievements of the Modi government. While addressing the voters, BJP popular leader Vikram Randhawa furthermore added that

today, the standard of living of poor people in the country has improved; we do not say this, the IMF report says. The opposition alliance in the country has no vision for the future, whereas Modi has a track record of 10 years and a vision of 50 years," he said.

"The lotus will bloom in J&K, symbolizing the BJP's victory and the dawn of a new era," Randhawa said, referencing the party's electoral symbol. Randhawa expressed gratitude to the public for their trust in the BJP, assuring them of the party's unwavering commitment to J&K's welfare. The people of Bahu Constituency have placed their faith in us, and we will not let them down," Randhawa said. "We will work tirelessly to ensure J&K becomes a model state."

'NC, Cong, BJP be-fooled J&K people by showing green pastures'

Sobati Ali promises to resolve issues, problems of Bahu Constituency



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 15: Taking a dig at National Conference (NC), Congress, Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) for befooled the innocent people of Jammu and Kashmir by showing them green pastures, senior Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) leader and former JMC Councillor, Sobati Ali Chowdhary has said that the people of J&K will teach these opportunist parties a lesson in the upcoming Assembly elections.

Sobati Ali, who is also DPAP candidate from Bahu-Gandhi Nagar Assembly Constituency, while addressing public meetings at Bhatindi, Chowadi, Narwal, Sunjan, Bahu Fort and other

areas has said that voting DPAP to power will usher all the welfare measures and progress in J&K again as was witnessed earlier when Ghulam Nabi Azad was Chief Minister of J&K.

He said that DPAP has resolved to establish peaceful atmosphere and all the welfare measures for the people of J&K under the leadership of its chief Ghulam Nabi Azad.

"If you vote me to power I will leave no stone unturned to get you the required solution for the miseries you are facing due to the mis-governance by the old political parties," he said while addressing the people of Bahu Constituency at a public meeting in Chowadi.

After this Sobati Ali visited door-to-door in Bahu area of the Constituency

and noted the problems which the people there were facing and he assured them that soon after being elected he will get those problems resolved on priority.

Most people in Chowadi, Sunjan and adjoining areas raised the issue of poor water supply, hefty power bills, narcotic addiction among the youth, problems in getting old age and widow pensions.

Ali also assured the people of Bahu Constituency that on winning the Assembly election he will ensure better healthcare and education facilities in the Constituency.

On this occasion many people joined DPAP and were welcomed by Sobati Ali into the Party and they assured Ali to vote in his favour along with their supporters and relatives.

IEI, Jammu Celebrates 57th Engineers Day

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 15: The 57th Engineers' day was celebrated with great enthusiasm by The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre at its Institutional Complex Jammu in which Er. Sandeep Gupta, IRSE, Chief Administrative Officer, (Northern Railway) USBRL Project, J&K was the Chief Guest & Er. Bimal Kumar Tickoo, FIE; Former Secretary (Technical) cum Development Commissioner (Works) PWD (R&B) J&K Govt. was the Guest of Honour in presence of Prof. Dr. Bhawna Sharma, FIE; Chairman, Er. Sachin Tickoo, MIE; Honorary Secretary of IEI, Jammu Local Centre and large numbers of engineers from various departments and organizations attended the function. This day is celebrated all over the country to commemorate the 163rd birth anniversary of the greatest engineer Sir M. Visvesvaraya, Bharat Ratna.

On this occasion, Er. Sachin Tickoo, MIE; Honorary Secretary extended gratitude warm welcome to Er. Sandeep Gupta, IRSE & Er. Bimal Kumar Tickoo, FIE for having consented to grace the occasion as Chief Guest & Guest of Honour.

Prof. Dr. Bhawna Sharma, FIE in her welcome address on the theme "Driving Sustainability with Engineering Solutions Embracing the Latest AI-driven Technologies," said it underscores the pivotal role of engineering in solving global challenges. Artificial Intelligence focuses on how engineering disciplines are increasingly integrating sustainable practices and artificial intelligence to address complex global challenges.

Rich Tributes to Sir M. Visvesvaraya were paid by Er. Vijay Kumar Sharma, MIE on behalf of IEI, Jammu Local Centre in which he highlighted the sterling qualities of Sir M. Visvesvaraya like Austerity, Integrity, Competence and Discipline.

Further, on this occasion Er. A K Nagpal, FIE; Former Chairman, IEI(India), Jammu Local Centre was honoured with IEI Award for his



outstanding services rendered to the engineering profession and to the Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre. He was presented with a Gold Medallion as a mark of respect.

IEI, Jammu also presented R. L. Sharma Memorial Gold Medal to Er. Joy Ganjoo for presenting the Best Technical Paper, Rudra Bhagwati Silver Medal to Er. B L Rawal for presenting 2nd best technical paper and IEI Bronze Medal to Er. Ranjeev Sawhney for presenting 3rd best technical paper during the year 2023-24.

In addition to above first issue of 22nd Volume of quarterly IEI Jammu News - Newsletter of Jammu Local Centre was also released by the Chief Guest & Guest of Honour in presence of Editorial Board comprising of Prof. Dr. Bhawna Sharma, Chairman cum Editorial Director, Er. P. K. Nanda, Er. Anil Verma, Er. Pooja Wazir & Er. Sachin Tickoo, Hony. Secretary.

IEI also honoured Er. Ajay Sharma, Er. P. K. Nanda, Er. B. L. Rawal, Er. Vijay Kumar Sharma, Er. Ranjeev Sawhney, Er. Sumil Goyal, Er. Joy Ganjoo, Er. Akash Dugotra, Er. Anil Kumar & Er. Lovleensh Talwar with mementoes for presenting two or more technical papers during the year 2023 - 2024.

Sh. Sandeep Gupta, Chief Guest presented detailed presentation of Prestigious USBRL Project. The Project assumes significance as it entails world class bridges, tunnels that showcase engineering prowess. The Chenab bridge in Reasi being the highest railway bridge of world and Anji bridge the first ever cable stayed bridge form the classic example of the workmen ship on this project.

Further 04 nos papers were presented by Er. P. K. Nanda, Er. B. L. Rawal, Er. Joy Ganjoo

& Er. Akash Dugotra on the theme.

Er. Bimal Kumar Tickoo, Guest of Honour said that AI is transforming our approach to sustainability. It plays a crucial role in addressing climate change by improving predictive models, which help us better prepare for extreme weather and optimize the use of renewable energy. In agriculture, AI-powered analytics are reshaping crop management, resulting in higher productivity and a reduced environmental impact. Cities benefit from AI-driven traffic systems that minimize congestion and emissions, while smart waste management systems enhance recycling efficiency.

Er. Sachin Tickoo, MIE; Honorary Secretary while speaking on the occasion highlighted the pivotal role of J&K Engineers in shaping the face of the UT of J&K and creating world class infrastructure projects which not only are inspiration for people of J&K but also for country as well. While thanking role of staff of centre for successful completing of the program and conducted the proceedings of the function and presented vote of thanks to the august engineers, guests, line departments, Information Department and media persons for making this function a grand success.

SMVDU Scholar Wins Best Paper Award at ICCPE-2024

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 15: Congratulations to Ms. Surbhi Badyal on winning the Best Paper Award at the 4th International Conference on Contemporary Perspectives in English Language, Literature, and Cultural Studies (ICCPE-2024)! Her paper, "Dalit Feminist Ecriture and the Politics of Difference: A Reappropriation of Dalit Writings through Select Dalit Life Narratives," sounds both insightful and impactful. It's great to see her work being recognized in such a prestigious forum.

The conference was well-coordinated by Dr. Irshad Ahmad Itoo, and chaired by Dr. Javid Iqbal



Bhat, making it a notable platform for scholarly exchange. Ms. Badyal's achievement reflects her dedication and the strong support of her supervisor, Dr. Anurag Kumar. This award is a testament to her hard work and the importance of her research in the field of Dalit studies and feminist literature.

Malik Greet People on Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 15: Muslim Rashtriya Manch(MRM) Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh UT's legal advisor and Chairman "The Social Welfare Organisation Of India"(TSWOOI) Adv. Malikzada Mohd Shahzad has greeted people on the auspicious occasion of Eid Milad-un-Nabi.

Adv. Malik said "Eid-e-Milad is an occasion to dedicate ourselves to the teachings of our beloved Prophet Hazrat Mohammad (SAW) in letter and spirit and work tirelessly to help those in need", Malik observed.

"Islam is the religion of peace and Prophet Muhammad(BPUH) is the epitome of all virtues and perfect embodiment of justice and benevolence and the teachings of



Prophet(BPUH) lead on the path of peace, affection and kindness. He was the final messenger sent by Almighty Allah to the entire humanity for all the times to come. His message was and will continue to remain universal," Malik asserted.

He further added that Prophet Mohammad (BPUH) was sent as a mercy for entire humanity. "I pray that the auspicious occasion brings everlasting peace, prosperity and amity in the region," Malik exclaimed.

Angel Investment Master Class at IIM Jammu Inspires New Investment Ecosystem

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 15: An insightful Angel Investment Master Class was successfully held today at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, featuring Sh. Rahul Sahai, Chairman of PHDCCI Jammu, as the Chief Guest. The event aimed to deepen understanding of angel investment, foster entrepreneurship, and build a robust angel investment network within Jammu and Kashmir.

The session was graced by several notable dignitaries, including Mrs. Ruchika Gupta, Chairperson of FICCI FLO J&K & Ladakh, and Dr. Muqbil Burhan, Chairperson of CEISD. Other distinguished speakers included Sh. Vivek Sharma, Chief Innovation Officer of CEISD; Sh. Suraj Malik, Chartered Accountant; Sh. Saurabh Jain, Investment Banker; and Sh. Tushar Gandotra, a founding member of the JK Angel Network.

The event saw participation from prominent figures such as Sh. Samar Dev Charak, Sh. Ashish Jain, Sh. Raj Dua, Varuna Anand, Varsha Bansal, and several leading CEOs



from Jammu and Kashmir, including Shantnu Gupta, Anshu Jain, Harpreet Anand, Archit Puri, Gautam Dhaluja, Sandeep Menghi, and Rohit Gupta.

In his keynote address, Sh. Rahul Sahai praised Sh. Vivek Sharma from IIM Jammu for conceptualizing and initiating the master class. Sahai emphasized the need for Jammu to develop a thriving angel investment ecosystem, noting that such networks are already well-established in other regions of India.

"When I interact with government departments on startup matters, there is always a sense that the angel investment network is missing in Jammu and Kashmir," Sahai remarked. "When Vivek ji shared this initiative with me, I immediately

recognized its importance and supported it wholeheartedly. It is the need of the hour, and I congratulate Vivek ji and his team for taking this crucial first step."

The master class was designed to educate participants on evaluating and investing in startups. Sahai encouraged attendees to explore angel investing as a promising alternative to traditional investment avenues like stocks and real estate. He urged the business community in Jammu to promote awareness about angel investing and contribute to building a strong J&K Angel Network.

"Many business houses in Jammu are searching for opportunities to diversify their portfolios. Investing in startups might seem risky, but once you understand the process, it can be more rewarding than many conventional business models," Sahai said. "With our collective wisdom and business acumen, we can build this J&K Angel Network and make it a success."

The event concluded with Sh. Rahul Sahai extending his best wishes to the speakers and participants, expressing hope that the session would empower them to become informed investors and support the growth of startups in the region.

Kaith, others pray at mazaar of Peer Baba Fateh

Top News Report

R.S.PURA, Sep 15: Members of Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha: R.L.Kaith, Hans Raj Loria, Des Raj Kaith, Hakikat Anmol and many others prayed at the mazaar of Peer Baba Fateh at Village Gegian for the wellbeing of all.

Jagdish Raj Kaith who



resides near the Mazaar told the members that Peer Baba Fateh devoted his full life with prayer and meditation. He was a firm believer in the unity and oneness of Allah. He would remain all the time in deep meditation with Almighty. He had no relation with both of the worlds. He had miracles with good manners and

good habits.

He further told that devotees of all faiths come here and seek the blessing of the Peer Baba with ardent devotion. There is no distinction made among Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims. No matter who belongs to which religion and caste, everyone gets an equal treatment in the house of Peer Baba Fateh.