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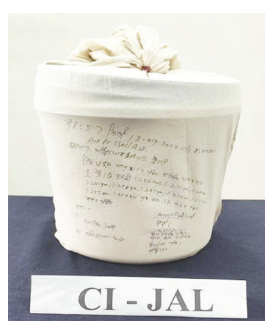
## BRIEFLY

### J&K Govt shifts to PFMS for police salary payments

JAMMU, Sep 16 (Agencies): In a significant step toward enhancing financial transparency and efficiency, the Jammu and Kashmir Government has announced the transition of budgetary processes for the Jammu and Kashmir Police to the Public Financial Management System (PFMS). The new system will specifically cover the disbursement of salaries for JK Police personnel and aligns with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

### Punjab | Counter Intelligence Arrests

#### Army Deserter, Seizes 12.5 Kg Heroin



JALANDHAR, Sep 15 (Agencies): In a big blow to the trans-border narcotic networks, Counter Intelligence Jalandhar has arrested an army deserter identified as Amritpal Singh Fauji, a key player in the Pakistan-linked heroin smuggling racket, and seized 12.5 kg heroin from his possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav.

Notably, arrested accused Amritpal Singh Fauji, a resident of village Kasel in Tarn Taran, was on the run since August 2024, when his accomplice identified as Sartaj was arrested from Jammu Bus Stand with 33 kg of heroin.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that the cartel has international connections as it is being led by a notorious fugitive identified as Amrit Pal Singh Baath, a native of village Mianpur in Tarn Taran and presently operating from Dubai. Notably, the latter is a notorious gangster/smuggler, who has 15-20 cases registered against him in various police stations of Punjab, including two murder cases.

"Acting swiftly on reliable intel inputs,"

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## Neither terrorism nor Article-370 will return to J-K: Amit Shah in Kishtwar

KISHTWAR, Sep 16 (Agencies): Union Home Minister Amit Shah Monday said that as long as Prime Minister Narendra Modi government was at the Centre, no power can revive terrorism in Jammu region on the lines of 1990's. He said the BJP led government will bury terrorism to the extent that it doesn't erupt again.

"Anti-national and anti-peace elements are trying to bring back the 90's like atmosphere in the Jammu region. Let me assure you that we will push the terrorism several feet below the ground so that it doesn't erupt again," Shah said addressing a massive



rally in Paddar-Nagseni Assembly constituency in Kishtwar area, reported news agency KNO.

Launching a scathing attack at National Conference chief Dr Farooq Abdullah, Shah asked where he was when "bloodbath was at its peak in Kishtwar." "He should be asked if he comes here. But I know

where he was then. He was enjoying on London beaches," Shah said.

He said the NC-Congress alliance has always set a base for terrorism and separatism in J&K ever since they joined hands. "These parties pushed Maharaja Hari Singh from J&K. Later, only his mortal remains

returned to J&K," Shah said. "These parties are responsible for the mass exodus of Kashmiri Pandits in 1990."

This was the Home Minister's second visit to Jammu region since September 6. He said that Village Defence Guards (VDGs) and Special Police Officers (SPOs) have been laced with the latest weapons and powers. "This is being done to ensure infiltrators who come here to disrupt peace are buried in the mountains only and not allowed to enter the hinterland," Shah said.

He said nobody will be allowed to use Indian soil for terrorism. About

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## Farooq Abdullah frustrated with peace, progress in J-K: BJP's Chugh



SRINAGAR, Sep 16 (Agencies): Reacting to Farooq Abdullah's statement that BJP's claims of normalcy post-Article 370 abrogation fall flat, BJP leader Tarun Chugh countered the National Conference (NC) leader saying that Abdullah was frustrated in the face of new-found peace and development in the Valley.

Chugh said that the

region, once instable under the rule of the Abdullaha and Mufits, has now transformed from a "terrorism capital" to a "tourism capital" ever since Article 370 was done away with.

Chugh also said that NC, along with other dynastic parties like PDP, misled the people of Jammu and Kashmir for years, exploiting

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## Will continue our fight for Article 370 restoration, move Supreme Court again: Farooq Abdullah



GANDERBAL, Sep 16 (Agencies): National Conference president Dr Farooq Abdullah on Monday said that they will fight for the restoration of Article 370 and will knock the doors of the Supreme Court again.

Speaking with reporters in Safarpora, Farooq Abdullah, said that the alliance between Jamaat-e-Islami and Awami Ittihad Party is aimed at dividing the people. "They are their (BJP's) product only. Tell me why he has been released today. The people are quite aware about such tactics," he said.

He said that his party will continue to fight for the restoration of Article 370. "We will approach Supreme Court again and will continue to do so. The decision has been given in our favour twice so far," he said.

## Mahajan, Abid appointed Incharge of Party HQs; Dr. Audil, Bilal Rashid named Media Coordinators

SRINAGAR, Sep 16: The Jammu & Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) President, Tariq Hameed Karra, made key appointments on Monday to strengthen party operations in the region. Senior Congress leader Ved Mahajan has been appointed as the Incharge of the Party Headquarters in Jammu, while Abid Imtiaz Bhat (Kashmiri) has been named the Incharge of the Party Headquarters in Srinagar. Both appointments are effective immediately.

In addition, Karra also announced the appointment of Dr. Audil Farooq Mir and Bilal Rashid as Media Coordinators for the Jammu and Kashmir provinces, respectively.

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## Sheikh Rashid's AIP, Jamaat-E-Islami dancing to someone Else's tunes: Omar Abdullah

SRINAGAR, Sep 16 (Agencies): National Conference (NC) leader Omar Abdullah on Monday said the strings of alliance between Lok Sabha member Sheikh Abdul Rashid's Awami Ittihad Party (AIP) and Jamaat-e-Islami were being remotely pulled to take on his party.

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"Their strings are connected somewhere else, they get their orders from them and they dance to their tunes," Abdullah told reporters in the Pampore Assembly constitu-



ency in the Pulwama district.

The former chief minister was reacting to the AIP entering an alliance with former members of banned Jamaat-e-Islami who are contesting the polls as independent candidates.

"They have been

fielded to take on the National Conference. We have no issues, we will fight them," Abdullah added.

Asked about the BJP claims that 30,000 people were expected at the election rally in Srinagar to be addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the NC vice president said people can be gathered for rallies but that does not necessarily translate into votes.

"How difficult is it to gather 30,000 people by using money? The PM has addressed a rally earlier as well by

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## J&K Police flags fake facebook account of ADGP, Jammu

JAMMU, Sep 16 (Agencies): Police on Monday flagged a fake Facebook account of ADGP, Jammu zone Anand Jain, advising people to be cautious and report any suspicious online activity to them.

They urged people to not engage with any such account and refer to verified social media handles of Jammu and Kashmir Police for information.

In a statement, Jammu

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## Former BJP State Chief Spokesperson SC morcha Manohar Lal joins Congress

SRINAGAR, Sep 16: In a significant development, former BJP State Chief Spokesperson (SC Morcha) Manohar Lal Rao resigned from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and joined the Indian National Congress (INC) under the leadership of J&K PCC President Tariq Hameed Karra, in Srinagar on Monday.

Welcoming Manohar Lal Rao to the Congress family, J&K PCC President Tariq Hameed Karra and AICC Secretary, Baldev Singh Sandhu, praised his decision to join the party.

Manohar Lal Rao, a

respected leader with strong roots in J&K, has assured to work tirelessly for the Congress party's victory in the upcoming elections, particularly in Bishnah, Ramban, and Kathua constituencies, where he has a strong personal reputation and influence.

"I am committed to working for the people of J&K and ensuring the Congress party's triumph in these constituencies," said Manohar Lal Rao.

This significant development is seen as a major boost to the Congress party's prospects in J&K, ahead of the upcoming elections.

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**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of my beloved mother **Smt. Gouri Shouri Bhat** W/o Late Sh. Jia Lal Bhat R/o Anagam Bandipora Srinagar at present H.No. 213 Suraksha Vihar Paloura Top Phase-2nd Jammu.  
**Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed on 20th September 2024, at Muthi Ghat at 8:00 AM Near Directorate of School Education.  
**Grief Stricken:**  
**Son and Daughter in law**  
Sh. Chuni Lal Bhat & Late Smt. Shama Bhat  
Sh. Pyare Lal Bhat & Smt. Basanti Bhat  
Sh. Bishen Lal Bhat & Smt. Safa Bhat  
**Daughters & Sons in Law**  
Smt. Amrita Wakhoo & Sh. Raj Nath Wakhoo  
Smt. Jiga Pandita & Sh. Kuldeep Pandita  
**Grand Son & Grand Daughter in Law**  
Sunny Bhat & Neeta Bhat  
Amit Bhat & Sonia Bhat  
Rahul Bhat  
Rohit Bhat & Shreya Bhat  
**Grand Daughter & Grand Son in Law**  
Ujjwala Koul & Sunil Koul  
Debia Mahajani & Sameer Mahajani  
Priyanka Koul & Arun Koul  
Annie & Soumya Khot  
Megha & Sh. Tikraj Raj Ji  
M: 91914976606, 9796271751, 7006276434, 9419814106



Smt. Gouri Shouri Bhat

**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)

**10TH DAY**

**RADHA SWAMI**  
With Profound Grief & Sorrow We Inform the sad demise of **Sh. Ram Lal Ji** S/o Sh. Kamru Ram R/o Bharat Nagar Jakhani Udhampur (New Star Tailoring House Court Road Udhampur)  
**10TH DAY SATSANG** Wednesday 18/09/2024 at 12:00 noon Sansar Palace Jakhani Udhampur  
**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. Puraan Lal Kaloo** S/o Late Sh. Janki Nath Kaloo, Originally R/o Badiyar, Srinagar and presently at Bangalore 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, Jayanagar, Bengaluru 560082 (Bangalore) on 16th September 2024 at 10 am.  
**GRIEF STRICKEN:**  
**Daughters-in-law & Sons**  
Sunita & Ramesh Kumar Dhar Mobile: 9425403824  
Sunita & Dr Pawan Dhar  
Mobile: 9953345001  
**Grand Daughters-in-law & Grand Sons**  
Vineeta & Akshay Dhar  
Priyanka & Anuj Dhar  
**Grand Daughters:** Shreya, Riya  
**Great Grand Daughter:** Kiera



Sh. Puraan Lal Kaloo

**[From In-laws side] OBITUARY/10TH DAY**

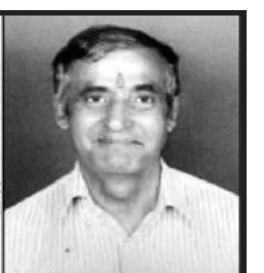
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Chuni Lal Dhar (Bhai Sahab)** original resident of Lal Nagar Chanapora, Srinagar at present 174-D, Pocket-A, Mayur Vihar Phase 2, East Delhi - 91 on Friday 13th September 2024.  
**10th Day** shall be performed on Sunday 22nd September 2024 at Murad Nagar (UP). Assembly will be held at Mayur Vihar residence at 11am.  
**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
Sh. Moti Lal Mukoo  
Smt. Asha Ji Mukoo  
Smt. Sarla & Sh. Piaray Lal Mukoo  
Sh. Manohar Nath Mukoo  
Smt. Phoola Ji & Sh. Ajodia Nath Kaul  
Smt. Kaki Ji & Shuban Kishan Babu  
Smt. Babi Zutshi



Sh. Chuni Lal Dhar (Bhai Sahab)

**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 Shangoor, Sh. Inder Krishan Shangoor  
**Grandchildren:** Avyan, Vihaan, Vyomi  
**MOB. NO.:** 9796691883, 9796480183, 7006417281



Sh. Roop Chand Pandita

**OBITUARY & TENTH DAY KRIYA**

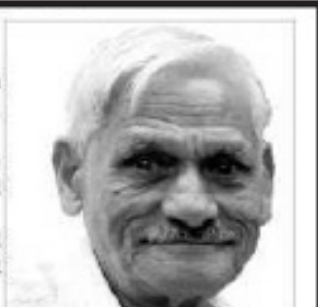
WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SMT. RATTAN RANI PANDITA** S/O SH. BHAIRAV NATH WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 09/09/2024. (ORIGINALLY RESIDENT AT ANANDNAGAR, MATTAN, AP. MIEEN SARKAR, SAHORE AODA.)  
**TENTH DAY KRIYA** WILL BE PERFORMED ON 18/09/2024 (WEDNESDAY) AT MUTHI GHAT AT 9:00 AM.  
**GRIEF STRICKEN:-**  
**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:-** SANI, ASHISH, AVISH, ANKASH & RISHI  
**DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:**  
SMT. VEENA JEE  
SMT. PHOOLA JEE  
SH. BHASKAR NATH SEDIA & SMT. KRISHNA JEE  
SH. HOUSHAL LALA & SMT. RENU JEE  
SH. MANOHAR KRISHAN DHAR & SMT. INDU BALA  
SH. ASHOK SHARMA & SMT. PREM LATA  
SH. ANIL KUMAR & SMT. ANITA JEE  
SH. DEEPA SHARMA & SMT. BHAVI PANDITA  
ALL NEARS AND DEARS  
**CONTACT:** 706659593, 979610484, 9419199537



SMT. RATTAN RANI PANDITA

**10TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, it is informed that **Tenth Day Kriya** of our beloved **Late Sh. Mohan Lal Raina** S/o Late 2nd Lal Raina erstwhile R/o Purshiyar Habba Kadal Sgr and presently at Tower A-3 Flat 523 Hem Sagar Apartments Greater Noida (UP) will be held at Murad Nagar (UP) on 18th Sep 2024 Wednesday.  
**Condolence cum Prayer meeting** will be held at Community Hall Hem Sagar Apprts G Noida (UP) at 12.30 PM.  
**Grief Stricken:**  
Smt. Dulari Raina - Wife  
Mr. Chaman Lal Raina & Phoola Raina - Brother & Bhabi  
Mrs. Usha Raina W/o Late A.K. Raina - Bhabi  
Sandeep Raina & Vanita Raina (Son & Daughter in law)  
Seema Dhar & Raju Dhar (Daughter & Son in law)  
**SAMAST RAINA, KOMAL DHAR, SWATI DHAR (GRAND CHILDREN) & RAINAS, BHAT'S, DHAR'S, RAZDHAN'S, HAKHOO'S & TIKU'S**



Sh M. L. Raina  
Rtd Jt. Director  
Education Dept

**TENTH DAY/KRIYA**

We are deeply saddened by the untimely demise of **Sh. Rakesh Sharma** S/o Lt. Sh. Tara Chand Sharma, R/o H.No. 12, Lane No. 7, Opp. Bai Ashram Vard Mandir, Karam Nagar, Jammu on 9 Sep.  
**10th Day** shall be performed at 11:30 AM on 17 Sep (Tue), at our residence.  
**Kriya** will be performed at 12:00 Noon on 18 Sep (Wed), at our residence.  
**Uthala** will be performed from 4:00-5:00 PM on 20 Sep (Fri), at our residence.  
**GRIEF STRICKEN:-**  
Smt. Anju Sharma (Wife)  
**(Daughter & Son-in-law)**  
Ishana Sharma & Sahil Khindri  
Sharmista Sharma (Daughter)  
**Brothers and Bhabhis**  
Col. Ravi & Smt. Divya Sharma  
Lt. Sh. Ashok & Smt. Manju Sharma  
**Sisters and Brothers-in-Law**  
Lt. Smt. Veena & Sh. Lalit Sharma  
Smt. Sunita & Sh. Kailash Sharma  
Smt. Seema & Sh. Joginder Sharma  
**Brothers-in-Law and Sisters-in-Law**  
Lt. Sh. Ashok & Smt. Rita Sharma  
Sh. Arun & Smt. Vandana Sharma  
Sh. Sanjeev Manrotra & Smt. Sushma Sharma  
**Sisters-in-Law and Brothers-in-Law**  
Smt. Shakti & Sh. K. L. Sharma  
Smt. Neelam & Sh. Ram Sarup Sharma



SH. RAKESH SHARMA

**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 deep sorrow and heavy hearts, we share the painful and untimely demise of our beloved **Sh. Omkar Nath Khar** J.I. 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 Bowli, near Ramila Grounds, Kathua.  
**FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS:**  
Smt. Suman Khar (Wife)  
Archana Khar & Amit Raina (Daughter & Son-in-law)  
Ancha Khar & Akash Arora (Daughter & Son-in-law)  
Anshika Raina (Grand Daughter)  
Smt. & Sh. Ashok Khar (Brother & Bhabhi)  
Smt. & Sh. Veer Ji Khar (Brother & Bhabhi)  
Smt. Mohini Pandita (Sister)  
Smt. & Sh. Rajni and Moli Lal Mukhi (Sister and Brother-in-law)  
**CONTACT NUMBERS:** 9991274111, 996071070, 876627796, 9859204077



SH. OMKAR NATH KHAR

**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, Bantala 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)  
Ari 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, 9149681554



Smt. Soom Rani Ambardar (Kaushalya ji)

**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

**TENTH DAY/KRIYA**

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SMT. SUMAN GUPTA** W/O SH. SUDIP GUPTA NO WARD NO. 10, HOUSE NO. 12, VILUPUR WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 8TH OF SEPTEMBER (FRIDAY).  
**TENTH DAY** WILL BE PERFORMED ON 15TH OF SEPTEMBER (SUNDAY) AT LALMI NARAYAN MANDIR VILUPUR.  
**SATSANG:** 10:30 AM TO 12:30 NOON. KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED AT OUR RESIDENCE HOUSE NO. 12 WARD NO. 10 VILUPUR AT 12:30 NOON ON 16TH OF SEPTEMBER (WEDNESDAY).  
**GRIEF STRICKEN:-**  
SH. SHODDAR GUPTA (HUSBAND) DEPT. PRESIDENT N.C. VILUPUR  
SH. RAJESH CHAND GUPTA (SON)  
SMT. SUNITA GUPTA & SH. KULDIP RAJ GUPTA (JETHANNA & JETHIJI)  
ANSH GUPTA (SON)  
**(DAUGHTERS & SON-IN-LAW)**  
NEHA & SUNNY RAJ KHTRA  
ARVIND & NEHA DOORA  
**(SONS & DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW)**  
RAKESH & MONICA GUPTA  
ARUN & BHAVANA GUPTA  
VARUN & REEMAGUPTA  
AJAY & SHIKHA GUPTA  
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SMT. SUMAN GUPTA

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## Rural Upliftment is Non-Existent, Areas Lack Basic Amenities: Sawhney

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 16: Congress-NC candidate for Jammu East, Yogesh Sawhney, a former MLA, has expressed deep concern over the dire state of rural development in the outskirts of his constituency. During his recent visits to areas like Sidhra, Bajalta, Asrarabad, and Khanna Chargal, Sawhney engaged with locals who voiced numerous grievances about the lack of basic infrastructure and amenities. He observed that many regions lacked functional roads, with waterlogging compounding the existing issues, leaving these areas far behind in terms of development.

Sawhney criticized the government and administration for failing to address these problems over the



past decade. "This raises a serious question: what has the administration achieved in the last ten years?" Sawhney stated, sharing the frustration of local residents who have repeatedly raised complaints with no action taken in response.

Sawhney was particularly alarmed by the unacceptable conditions, asking "How is this development?" He pointed out the stark contrast between

the promises of progress and the reality faced by rural communities, where roads are nonexistent, waterlogged areas are a regular issue, and infrastructure is severely lacking. "We are living in the 21st century, but modernization has yet to touch these regions. It's as if these areas have been forgotten," he said. Sawhney also highlighted that these issues persist not only in rural areas but

even in some parts of the city within Jammu East constituency.

Addressing the media, Sawhney stressed the broader implications of these failures, noting that rural upliftment should be a priority for any government. He emphasized the urgent need for road connectivity, proper water drainage, and other basic amenities, which should be available in every corner of the constituency,

not just in urban centers. "Development should be inclusive, and if elected, I will work to ensure these long-neglected areas receive the attention they deserve," Sawhney assured.

He concluded by stating that the enthusiastic participation of locals during his visits underscores the immediate need for action, and he pledged to stand with the people of his constituency to bring real and lasting change. Sawhney criticized the current regime for years of neglect, which has left the semi-rural outskirts in a state of deprivation.

Sawhney's commitment to addressing these long-standing grievances aims to bring hope to the residents of Jammu East, who are eager for a leader focused on comprehensive rural development.

## Book on Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare released by Chief Secretary

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 16: A new book titled "Application of Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare" was officially released today by Atul Dulloo, the Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir, at a ceremony held in Jammu.

The event was graced by a distinguished audience including S.P. Varma (Padma Shri), President of Gandhi Global Family J&K, I.D. Soni (Educationist), Hemraj Phonsa (Engineer), Dr. Sat Pal Verma (Chief Animal Husbandry Officer), Vikram Kumar (Engineer), among others.

The book, authored by Dr. K.C. Verma, a renowned cardiologist with over 30 years of experience in medicine and cardiology, delves into the transformative impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on healthcare. Dr. Verma, who has published more than 15 books and 40 research papers in cardiovascular medicine, is celebrated for his significant contributions to the field. His recent accolades include the prestigious Padma Bhushan Dr. Nirmala Deshpande Award 2024 for excellence in medical



science. The book, published by Notion Press India, features 45 chapters across more than 400 glossy, color-illustrated pages. It explores a range of applications for AI in cardiovascular medicine, including risk stratification in coronary artery disease, advancements in CAD management, automation in valvular heart diseases, and AI-driven diagnosis of systemic diseases.

Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Tyagi, formerly the Director and Head of Cardiology at GB Pant Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research & Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi, has written the foreword for the book. Currently, he serves as the Director

and Chairman of Cardiac Sciences at Apollo Hospital and Research Center, New Delhi.

The book is dedicated to Dr. Dabbala Rajagopal "Raj" Reddy, a pioneering Indian-American computer scientist known for his groundbreaking work in artificial intelligence. Dr. Reddy, a Turing Award laureate, has had a distinguished career as a faculty member at Stanford University and Carnegie Mellon University, where he was also the founding director of the Robotics Institute.

The event was a notable occasion that highlighted the intersection of AI and healthcare, emphasizing the revolutionary potential of AI technologies in advancing medical science.

## J&K don't buy Shah's assurance of restoration of statehood: Bhalla

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 16: JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla today asked Home Minister Amit Shah who addressed a rally at Paddar today, when will full statehood return to the union territory and alleged that this will turn into another Jhumla like hundred others which didn't see light of day. Bhalla was addressing election gathering at Maishian in RS Pura Jammu South constituency on Monday. He noted that since the fall of the PDP-BJP government in 2018, Jammu and Kashmir has been administered by Modi government. Posing questions to the HM, Bhalla asked when will full statehood return to Jammu and Kashmir. He alleged that since 2018, the people of J&K have been denied any avenue to express their grievances.

While claiming to have ended special status for J&K, the government had in fact created an extra-special situation of a new and unique political system: one where the state had been downgraded to a UT, elections suspended, and all norms of constitutional morality violated," he alleged. In his speech in Parliament on December 11, 2023, Home Minister Amit Shah stated that full statehood to J&K would be restored at an "appropriate time", he pointed out. "Five years after being stripped of their statehood, the people of J&K still lack clarity on what the timeline for this return of statehood is. Based on the experience of the last five years, where the Assembly elections were delayed on one pretext or the other, the people of J&K don't buy the center's assurance of restoration of statehood," Bhalla said.

Can Home Minister give a straight answer to this key question as to when will full statehood return to Jammu and Kashmir, he asked. Bhalla further asked who will take moral responsibility for the martyred Indian Army personnel to terrorist attacks in Dda-Kishtwar. "One of the most repeated talking



points of HM is that the Government's decision on Aug 5 2019 has curbed terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. The mood on the ground in J&K, however, is one of anxiety. At least fifty-three security personnel have been martyred to the south of Pir Panjal since 2021, in an area where there were no major incidents of terrorism between 2007 and 2014," he said.

"In the last few months, it has spread even to neighboring districts that we considered largely peaceful: as evinced by the attack in Reasi on the 9th of June, the attack in Kathua on the 10th of June, in Doda on the 11th of June, in Udhampur on the 19th of August, and in Kishtwar on 13th of September. Infiltration from Pakistan is rising along the International Border, and a palpable sense of insecurity prevails across J&K," the Congress leader said. "The Home Minister has been conspicuously silent even amidst this surge in terrorism," Bhalla said. Why has Modi's government failed to salvage the security situation in J&K and what is his vision to restore normalcy, Bhalla asked. "Why is the central government consistently lying to the country about the security situation in J&K?" he said. He further asked why has there been a "sharp increase in narcotics smuggling" under the Union government's administration.

One fundamental reason for the upsurge in terrorist activity, particularly in Jammu, is the sharp rise in narco-

tics smuggling over the last few years with the International Border in Jammu rather than the LoC in Kashmir, being the primary area of operation for the smugglers, he claimed. Narcotics consumption has seen a 30 percent hike in five years, and the smuggling rings have become very sophisticated, with involvement even of government officials, he alleged. Between 2019 and 2023, state police and other security forces seized over 700 kg of heroin valuing roughly Rs 1,400 crore in the international market, he said. This is apart from the 2,500 kg of charas and nearly 1 lakh kg of opium derivatives seized across J&K in the same period, he said. Bhalla said that the BJP government at the Centre has proved to be an "utter failure" on all fronts and they will never be forgiven for bringing "anti-people" policies. The reality is that instead of bringing the Achhe Din promised by the BJP, it has brought only miseries to the common people of the nation.

Questioning the BJP government, the Congress leader said that the nation and its people want to know when the promised Achhe Din will come. "J&K has been the worst victim of the BJP's misrule; during 10 years, the price of LGP has rocketed from Rs 450 to Rs 1200 and unemployment from the progress during these years is that unemployment has broken all previous records. Modi government failed to create 2 crore jobs per year in ten years despite

making tall promises about the same," he said. He said that BJP cannot "befool" farmers, youths and women in J&K with "Jumlas" now. "The promise of providing 2 crore jobs annually to the youths of the country in 2014 and 50,000 jobs to the youths of J&K after Aug 5th 2019 still haunts the minds of young people here, which never saw the light of the day. Adding fuel to the fire, several thousands of youths engaged on a contractual basis, ad-hoc basis, daily wagers or need-based arrangements in all departments be it home guard, education, PDD, PHE, health, food & civil supplies, etc are crossing age limit or nearing the same without any hope of Achhe Din," he said.

Bhalla appealed to the youths, farmers and women to "read between the lines and judge for themselves as to who is anti-youth, anti-farmer, anti-labourer, anti-workers, anti-small traders, anti-employees, etc." "In fact, the ruling party is working on the policy to keep 95 percent of people poor and 5 percent wealthy to fund and rule, which is very dangerous for unity and integrity of the country," he said. He castigated the present dispensation for neglecting the people residing in rural and remote areas. He asserted the ruling Government has miserably failed to stand on the expectations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir despite getting mandate for consecutive two terms. He said that the people across the State are being

made to suffer in absence of basic amenities for no fault of theirs. He asserted that the Government has virtually broken the spine of common people due to its anti-people policies, the results of which are easily visible to everyone.

Bhalla said, "The history of the Congress has been to reduce the pain of every section of the country. This is our present as well as the future. Hence, our first priority is the country and the people. Stand with them, share their pain, and work hard to help them get rid of the pain." He also said that the BJP governments at the Centre and in J&K have "committed the sin of pushing people into problems". Bhalla said that Congress always framed & implemented the pro poor and pro oppressed policies to ensure their upliftment since independence and referred to the protection of their rights to jobs in district cadre posts all over state in the last govt. He also referred to the plight of refugees and the poor farmers who were being uprooted by present dispensation and assured that Congress will fight for the poor & downtrodden.

Bhalla also said, "The BJP government has no vision. It is cheating the youth and the unemployed persons, and doing injustice. Instead of answering questions, it speaks lies, and avoids accountability." He said that Congress has always protected the interests of all sections of society especially downtrodden and marginalized sections and ensured their due share and participation in every sphere of life including political empowerment right from basic institutions of democracy to highest levels. Lakhs of our educated youth are unemployed. Their parents had invested whatever they had for the education of these youth. We have to come out of this economic and social crisis. We cannot come out with mere sloganeering or through lectures and speeches but with proper planning and the execution of the plans." Bhalla said.

## Gajay Singh Rana set to script history in Doda East: Khatana

'Bloodshed Culture in J&K, the Legacy of NC, Congress, and PDP'

Top News Report

BHADERWAH, Sep 16: Campaigning for the BJP candidate from Doda East, Gajay Singh Rana, senior BJP leader and Raja Sabha MP Er. Gulam Ali Khatana launched a scathing attack on the National Conference (NC), Congress, and People's Democratic Party (PDP) for their role in promoting a culture of violence that has left thousands of widows and orphans in Jammu & Kashmir. Addressing massive rallies from Bhaderwah to Kehra Gandoh, passing through Thatri, Khatana accused the trio of pushing the region into decades of darkness and division.

"The dynastic politics of NC, Congress, and PDP have created a legacy of bloodshed. These parties thrived on communal and regional divisions, manipulating the people for their own gain while neglecting development and peace. Their divide and rule strategy has left a trail of destruction," Khatana said, adding that their policies resulted in unimaginable suffering for families across the region.

Thousands of families have been shattered due to the decades-long conflict that these political parties allegedly nurtured for their personal ambitions. Widows, orphans, and displaced families became a tragic byproduct of their leadership. Khatana emphasized that the people of Chenab Valley, who once believed in these parties,



are now fed up and ready to embrace the BJP's vision for a peaceful and progressive future.

"The BJP believes in nation-first policies, not appeasement. We do not divide people based on caste or religion, unlike the previous regimes. The people of Jammu & Kashmir are tired of this old, dynastic politics. They now seek peace, progress, and development, something the BJP is committed to delivering," Khatana remarked as the rally drew large crowds, which he referred to as a sea of people that crossed caste and religious lines.

The campaign has positioned Gajay Singh Rana, a leader known for his clean and transparent image, as the front-runner for the Doda East Assembly seat. Khatana confidently declared that Rana's leadership would script history in the region, thanks to the people's growing disillusionment with NC, Congress, and PDP.

The senior BJP leader continued his criticism, accusing the rival parties of being responsible for the region's backwardness, having stifled growth and infrastructure

development. He reiterated that the people of Jammu and Kashmir would make their choice clear in the upcoming elections, signaling the end of the era of violence and communal divisions fostered by the old guard.

With the Chenab Valley residents expressing growing support for the BJP's developmental model, it appears that the tide may be turning against the traditional political powerhouses of Jammu & Kashmir. The people, especially those who have borne the brunt of decades of violence and instability, now seem eager to teach a lesson to those they believe betrayed them in the name of politics.

This rally reflects the deepening desire for change in the region, a departure from a legacy of violence and bloodshed to one of peace and prosperity under BJP's governance. Gajay Singh Rana, the party candidate, urged the public to rally behind him in defeating the harmful agendas of NC, Congress, and PDP. He expressed deep gratitude to the people for supporting the BJP and standing firmly for the nation's cause.

## Army holds interaction with Gujjars, Bakkarwals at Kesri Hill

Top News Report

RAJOURI, Sep 16: Gujjars & Bakkarwals being one of the pastoral communities in the AOR migrate to the higher reaches of valley in search of pastures for their livestock, as part of their customary migratory practices. In continuation with the efforts to maintain connect with these tribes and with an aim to



address their problems, Indian Army organised an interaction at Kesri Hill for Gujjars & Bak-

karwals community. Gujjars & Bakkarwals, living in the remote villages of Kesri Hill participated

in the event on 16 Sep 2024, wherein they were presented an opportunity to discuss the hardships and issues being faced by their community. During the interaction the community was guided on women empowerment, importance of education to children and their future prospects and significance of skill development for better employment opportunities. The

community was assured that every help possible would be given to them as it is their contribution due to which peace and harmony is maintained in the region Gujjars & Bakkarwal community also shared their experiences of this region and committed their unflinching support and trust in the Indian army. A total of 45 persons attended the event.

## BMW Group debuts Retail. NEXT in India

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 16: BMW Group India announced the launch of its new dealership format, Retail.NEXT, marking a significant shift in the luxury automotive retail experience. The Retail.NEXT initiative will be implemented across 56 facilities in 33 cities over the next 36 months. This innovative approach aims to redefine the luxury car-buying experience by blending modern design with cutting-edge technology.

Vikram Pawah, President and Chief Executive Officer of BMW Group India,

highlighted the transformative nature of Retail.NEXT. He stated that the new dealerships are designed to offer more than just a traditional car-buying experience. "With the introduction of Retail.NEXT, we aren't just elevating experiences; we are transforming them," Pawah said. The initiative integrates 'phygital' innovations, where physical and digital elements merge to create a seamless, immersive environment. This rollout reflects BMW's vision for a future-forward retail space in India, reflecting the brand's commitment to luxury, innovation, and customer satisfaction.



## EDITORIAL

## Renewable Energy

Renewable energy is rapidly transforming the global energy landscape, offering a cleaner, more sustainable alternative to traditional fossil fuels. As the world grapples with the challenges of climate change, energy security, and environmental degradation, renewable energy sources are emerging as pivotal solutions to these pressing issues.

**Solar Energy:** Harnessing the power of the sun, solar energy is one of the most widely adopted renewable energy sources. Solar panels, or photovoltaic cells, convert sunlight directly into electricity. Advances in solar technology, such as improved efficiency and lower costs, have made solar energy increasingly accessible. Solar power can be deployed on a small scale, such as residential rooftops, or on a large scale, in solar farms. The growing affordability and scalability of solar technology continue to drive its adoption worldwide.

**Wind energy** is generated using wind turbines that convert the kinetic energy of wind into electricity. Wind farms can be situated on land or offshore, with offshore wind farms often benefiting from stronger and more consistent winds. Wind energy has seen significant growth due to technological advancements that enhance turbine efficiency and reduce costs. It is now one of the most cost-effective sources of renewable energy.

**Hydropower,** or hydroelectric power, utilizes flowing water to generate electricity. It is one of the oldest and most established forms of renewable energy. Large-scale hydropower plants involve constructing dams to create reservoirs, while small-scale projects might use the flow of rivers or streams without large dams. While hydropower is a reliable and flexible source of energy, it can have environmental impacts, such as altering water ecosystems and displacing communities.

**Biomass energy** is derived from organic materials such as wood, agricultural residues, and animal waste. These materials are burned or processed to produce heat, electricity, or biofuels. Biomass can be used in various applications, from heating homes to generating electricity. While biomass is considered renewable, its sustainability depends on responsible sourcing and management practices to avoid deforestation and land-use changes.

**Geothermal energy** harnesses heat from the Earth's interior to generate electricity or provide direct heating. This is achieved by tapping into geothermal reservoirs through wells and using the heat to drive turbines or directly heat buildings. Geothermal energy is highly reliable and has a small land footprint, making it suitable for continuous, base-load power generation. However, it is location-specific and requires significant initial investment.

Renewable energy sources produce little to no greenhouse gases or pollutants, making them crucial in combating climate change. By reducing reliance on fossil fuels, renewable energy helps lower carbon emissions and air pollution, contributing to cleaner air and healthier ecosystems.

Diversifying the energy mix with renewables reduces dependence on imported fossil fuels and enhances energy security. Renewable resources, such as wind and solar, are abundant and locally available, reducing vulnerability to geopolitical tensions and market fluctuations.

The renewable energy sector is a significant driver of economic growth and job creation. Investments in renewable energy infrastructure create employment opportunities in manufacturing, installation, and maintenance. Additionally, the declining cost of renewable technologies makes them increasingly competitive with traditional energy sources, stimulating economic development.

The push for renewable energy has spurred technological advancements and innovations. Research and development in energy storage, smart grids, and energy efficiency are transforming how energy is generated, distributed, and consumed, leading to more resilient and efficient energy systems.

Despite its advantages, the transition to renewable energy faces several challenges. One major issue is the intermittency of some renewable sources, such as solar and wind, which can lead to fluctuations in energy supply. To address this, investments in energy storage solutions, such as batteries, and grid modernization are essential. Additionally, the environmental impact of resource extraction and land use for renewable infrastructure must be managed responsibly.

Another challenge is the need for substantial upfront investment in renewable energy technologies and infrastructure. While the long-term benefits are significant, the initial costs can be a barrier, particularly in developing regions.

Renewable energy is at the forefront of efforts to create a sustainable, low-carbon future. By harnessing the power of natural resources, renewable energy sources offer a viable path to mitigating climate change, enhancing energy security, and fostering economic growth. As technology continues to advance and costs decrease, the adoption of renewable energy is expected to accelerate, driving a global transition toward a cleaner and more resilient energy system. The shift to renewable energy represents not only an environmental necessity but also an opportunity to build a more sustainable and equitable world.

## Kate's new video captivates UK; 'dynamic pricing' for concerts too

By: Kishwar Desai

It was only a three-minute video but it has captivated the nation. Katharine, the Princess of Wales was the centre piece when it was shown earlier this week. It may have been short but the TV channels could not stop repeating it as often as they could. It showed William and Kate with their children outdoors, frolicking, relaxing, having fun and it conveyed a sense of family closeness. The point was that the worst seems to be over for the Princess as far as her cancer treatment is concerned but the way back to "normal" will be long. Also Read - Sanjaya Baru | A very Hyderabad boy who became an icon of the Left Advertisement The video was shot by an ad film maker – more specifically someone who had shot food commercials for TV. And advertisers know how to tell a story in two minutes and make it look good. Of course, anything royal goes down well but then it also provokes a debate. So 'royal' columnists got into the act debating whether this was "over the top" or "heartwarming" or a "cynical ploy", etc. There were others who commented too – mostly cancer survivors who were more down-to-earth. But all in all,

it was good to see a family – whether royal or not royal – enjoy some carefree moments together after an enormous crisis. Also Read - Anita Katyal | Is hung House likely in J-K? Kamal Nath on comeback path Except, of course, famous stars of the stage and screen often have "rude remarks" to make about royalty. Sir Ian McKellen who has been acting for ages suddenly said that the late Queen was rude. This started a heavy debate. How dare he? However, this was overshadowed by another debate on the late Queen. A statue was unveiled in Antrim castle in Northern Ireland. They already had a previous statue of Prince Philip. Then they added one of Queen Elizabeth II (it is the second anniversary of her passing away) with her favourite corgis playing at her feet. But, unfortunately, no one thinks it looks like her. Rather she looks just about as regal as an ordinary housewife with a scarf around her head going to the super market. And suddenly the insults piled on. The reality is that unless you can get a 3-D reproduced statue by AI (which no doubt is the future) each sculptor will interpret his subject differently – and we should let it be. Also Read - Pavan K. Varma | Kandahar surrender: Why slam series?

Learn lessons! And another area to explore through AI or ChatGPT, especially for politicians, can be: How do they maintain their love affair with the public? Within a couple of months of the election, the popularity ratings of the Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer have gone from positive to negative. Being in government is good for the Party but it immediately invites much closer scrutiny by the Press and the journalists spare no effort at mocking the good and the great. So the Labour Party MPs are learning fast how to keep quiet and behave themselves. Also Read - Ranjona Banerji | Kolkata, Haryana boiling; but hate isn't the answer On the other hand, some people do manage to improve on their popularity, but it usually is only after they are dead and gone. Sixty-one paintings of Vincent Van Gogh are now being exhibited at the National Gallery. "Van Gogh: Poets and Lovers" as the exhibition is called is said to be the most extensive display of his works – with many paintings appearing together for the first time. The tragedy of course is that the artist was not the recipient of any of these accolades during his lifetime. Yet, the world fell in love with his work, after him – and it is now being sold all over for many mil-

lions and is in the hands of a lucky few. Do catch the exhibition as it is also a chance to gaze upon "Sunflowers" on which the "Just Stop Oil" lobby had poured a can of soup. It is now protected by glass – so hopefully no one will attack it again. While the best things in life may be – if not free, then at least affordable – as the exhibition at the National Gallery certainly is, you cannot say the same thing about pop concerts. Now tickets for pop concerts are ruled by "dynamic pricing". This is when you think you are going to see your favourite pop star perform live for just £150. But just when you are queuing up, the price goes up. In the old days we called it "black marketing" when people would simply sell tickets for a higher price than announced, because demand outshot supply – but now, hey, it is "dynamic pricing". Recently this hit hard when the Gallagher brothers (who were great hits when Tony Blair had come to power 25 years back) and then had broken apart, decided to reunite and perform live again. The tickets went up to £325 even as the fans were lining up. So if you want attend any concert in London remember either to be an early bird – or wait till it is shown on OTT.

## The future of Hindi amidst the prevalence of Artificial intelligence

By: Vijay Garg

30th November in the year 2022 is the date when a new dimension was recorded in the history of Artificial Intelligence in the form that from this day the Internet emerged in a new avatar. ChatGPT, a chatbot launched by OpenAI, showed the world how it can be more useful than the search content presented by Google. From education, medicine, travel, copywriting, law, there is no field where ChatGPT and then Google's Gemini AI (formerly Many new platforms, such as Bard) have attempted to prove that machines can be almost as intelligent as humans. With the help of artificial intelligence, they can not only compete, but in some cases can even be better. Before we mention the challenges posed by the interference of Hindi and the dominance of English in the field of AI, we have to see what our government is doing in this matter. In what form is Hindi, the official language spoken in a large part of the country, in the field of technology and technology? Is using. An example of this comes from the site of the National Informatics Centre, a technology partner of the Government of India. It is written on its first page, 'AI is the imitation of human cognitive processes by machines. It automates processes and aims to simulate human intelligence by applying cognitive computing to IT

systems.' Certainly, today's reader of Hindi cannot be a fan of such difficult language. It is possible that after being alerted about the difficulty of language, this department will move in this direction. Will make some efforts to improve. Another example can be taken from the recommendations of the parliamentary committee headed by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on the official language formed a year ago in 2022. This committee had recommended in October 2022 that the medium of instruction in technical and non-technical higher educational institutions like IITs in Hindi speaking states should be Hindi and the local language in other parts of the country. Additionally, use of English should be optional. The committee had also recommended that Hindi be included in the United Nations. It should be one of the official languages. According to Bhartrihari Mahtab, vice-chairman of the committee, the committee had given these abstract suggestions keeping in mind the new National Education Policy, but the reality is that only 20-30 percent of Hindi is being used in many higher educational institutions. In such a situation, the question is whether Hindi will be able to make any mark for itself in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI). It may be difficult to give a promising answer to this question right now, but its technology holds the answer that holds hope

for a better future for Hindi in AI. Wakes up. In fact, AI is a new invention linking it to linguistics like Natural Language Processing (NLP), a technology which helps us humans to communicate with machines and robots using natural language. One such example is Google's Google Search, which works on natural language processing technology. What this means is that you will develop it according to the language in which you communicate, this technology will select the best material available on the internet and use it in that language. Will provide answers in any language, that is, it does not matter to AI in which language any question or curiosity is put to it. Has been. It searches, depending on the question, whether the answers to the question asked in Hindi are available in languages other than the relevant language (such as answers to questions asked in Hindi, other than English, etc.). If those ingredients are present there, the AI immediately combines all the ingredients and presents the solution in Hindi or any other language. The answer to how AI is able to do this lies in the fact that AI actually is a main component of the learning process of machines (machine learning). This process of machine learning is slightly different as compared to Google Surya, because under this, the computerized software itself continuously learns from the experiences gained from the

tasks performed and keeps improving accordingly. For example, once the communication has been done in that language, new words and quotations learned in that language are incorporated into the next answers. It can be said that in the process of machine learning related to AI, computer and the software keeps training itself. Since both natural language processing and machine learning are used in artificial intelligence tools like PatGPT and Gemini (BARD), it can be said that the answers given in languages other than English, such as Hindi, are improving every day. It will happen. On this basis, it would be appropriate to say that the future of Hindi in AI is bright. If there is any hindrance in this, it is only that studies and studies are being conducted in organizations and higher educational institutions related to technology. Use of Hindi or other local languages is not given priority in research work. The day this starts being done there, the Hindi dot on the forehead of AI will start shining with full intensity.

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## Mahajan Sewa Sangh conducts door-to-door campaign for Randhawa

Top News Report

JAMMU Sep 16: Neeraj Dewan, President of Mahajan Sewa Sangh, along with Advocate Vijay Gupta organized a welcoming program and door-to-door election campaign for Vikram Randhawa, the BJP candidate contesting from Bahu Constituency. The event took place at Ward No 53, Marble Enclave, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

The program was designed to introduce Vikram Randhawa to the local community and to apprise them about the manifesto and vision of BJP. Voters of the area got the opportunity to discuss various local



problems with Mr. Randhawa directly.

The door-to-door campaign witnessed enthusiastic

participation from local residents, who wholeheartedly welcomed Vikram Randhawa and

assured their full support to BJP. The event was aimed to educate the voters about the

electoral process.

Nitin Abrol graciously arranged tea for the attendees. The organizing committee expressed their gratitude to all those who participated and contributed to the success of the program. Their collective efforts underscore the importance of community involvement in shaping the future of Bahu Constituency.

The people who were present in the occasion included Neeraj Puri, Trikuta Nagar Mandal President, Ankit Manawa, Booth 69 President, Advocate Monika Gupta, President Women Wing MSS, Nitish Abrol, Santosh Sahu, Geeta Dogra, Rakesh Gupta.

## Chairman GHRT calls on Governor Telangana on Significant E-Waste Management Development

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 16: Dr. H.R. Rehman, the Chairman of the Global Human Rights Trust (GHRT), recently engaged in a pivotal discussion with the Governor of Telangana concerning a groundbreaking development in e-waste management. This conversation focused on the latest advancements and strategic initiatives aimed at addressing the escalating challenges of electronic waste.

Dr. Rehman highlighted the innovative solutions and proactive measures GHRT is implementing to manage e-waste effectively and sustainably. The discussion underscored the urgent need for collaborative efforts between governmental



bodies and organizations like GHRT to enhance waste management practices and mitigate environmental impacts.

The Governor expressed strong support for GHRT's initiatives and emphasized the importance of continued innovation and collaboration in tackling e-waste issues. Both parties agreed on

the necessity of reinforcing policies and programs that promote responsible recycling and reduce the environmental footprint of electronic waste.

Dr. H.R. Rehman presented Global Book of Excellence Records to Jishnu Dev Varma for becoming the first person from Tripura to be appointed as Governor of Telangana.

## Dr. Manyal leads BJP campaign in Ramgarh Constituency



Top News Report

RAMGARH, Sep 16: The upcoming assembly elections have intensified into a critical contest between nationalist and anti-nationalist forces. In this pivotal battle, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has nominated Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal as its candidate for the Ramgarh constituency. Dr. Manyal has been actively engaging with the electorate through a series of public meetings across various regions, including Raggu Chakka, Upper Malani,

Lower Malani, Jarain, Mutthi Jhadu, Sadwal, Dulma Chakka, Sadda Chakka, and Bajawati. His campaign has been marked by large crowds and enthusiastic support from local residents.

Addressing these gatherings, Dr. Manyal highlighted the BJP's commitment to nationalism, development, and empowerment. He emphasized the party's vision to transform Ramgarh into a prosperous region, free from corruption and misgovernance.

Dr. Manyal urged the electorate to cast their

votes in favor of the BJP, stating, "Our vote will determine the future of Ramgarh. Choose nationalism, choose development, choose BJP. I promise to work tirelessly for your welfare and prosperity."

His campaign has gained significant traction, with thousands of supporters attending his rallies and pledging their backing. Dr. Manyal's message of progress and integrity resonates strongly with the voters, positioning him as a prominent contender in the forthcoming elections.

## BJP criticized for inaction on Kichloo and lack of progress in J&K

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Sep 16: Kamlesh Kumari, former Sarpanch and General Secretary of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Women's Wing in Kishtwar, has sharply criticized the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for its inaction and alleged misleading tactics.

In a recent statement, Kumari questioned why the BJP, despite being in power for the past decade, did not take any action against Sajjad Ahmed Kichloo, a former Home Minister accused of involvement in the Kishtwar riots. "If the BJP believed that Kichloo was involved in the riots, why did they not address this issue when they had the authority to do so?" Kumari asked.

She further accused the BJP of failing to deliver on its promises in Jammu and Kashmir. According to Kumari, the BJP's



campaign has relied on slogans and appeals to the Hindu community, without making substantial contributions to the region's development. "The BJP has not accomplished anything significant in the last ten years," she stated. "Their strategy now seems to be to use emotional appeals to gain votes, rather than focusing on real issues and progress."

Kumari's comments highlight ongoing dissatisfaction with the BJP's performance and raise questions about the party's strategies and promises in Jammu and Kashmir.

## JKBS honours Raj Kaith for his good deeds and brave acts

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R.S. PURA, Sep 16: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha (JKBS) held a brief function today in Village Gegian to honour Raj Kaith for his remarkable good deeds and acts of bravery.

During the event, JKBS General Secretary R.L. Kaith spoke highly of Gurdev's character, stating "Doing a good deed shows that we are all part of the same community, society, and world. When we look out for one another on a human level, everyone benefits. Bravery, a unique aspect of humanity, enables individuals to perform tasks despite their fears. One of the most remarkable qualities in Gurdev Raj Kaith is his driving force. He has faced dangerous and difficult situations



with immense courage." In his speech, Raj Kaith expressed heartfelt thanks to the JKBS members, saying, "I am deeply grateful to receive this great honour, and I will cherish this moment for the rest of my life."

The event was attended by several prominent individuals, including Subedar Darshan Lal (Retd), Subedar Baldev Chand

Sandhu (Retd), Havildar Des Raj Kaith (Retd), Puran Chand, Harkrishan Lal, Dev Raj, Sewa Ram, Jagdish Raj Kaith, Hakikat Anmol, and Gulshan Kumar.

The honouring ceremony highlighted the values of courage and altruism, with Gurdev Raj Kaith being celebrated for his inspiring contributions to the community.

## Braham Jyot holds door-to-door campaign in Bajalta, urges support for Yudhvir Sethi

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JAMMU, Sep 16: Braham Jyot Satti, Incharge BJP OBC Morcha Jammu Kashmir, led a series of meetings and a door-to-door campaign today in Kumhar Mohalla of Bajalta and Pargalta areas of Jammu East. The campaign aimed to rally support for BJP candidate Yudhvir Sethi ahead of the upcoming elections.

Accompanied by prominent BJP leaders Subash Sangotra, Madan Gopal Toni, Gulshan Prajapati, and Mohan Lal Verma (Mandal President Bajalta), Satti engaged with local OBC families, addressing their concerns and encouraging them to vote for Yudhvir Sethi. The event was organized by Subash Sangotra Prajapati and Gulshan Prajapati.



During the campaign, Satti met with 35 Kumhar families, listened to their grievances, and emphasized the importance of voting for Yudhvir Sethi, whom he praised for his long-standing service to the community over the past 40 years. He

asserted that BJP is the only political party truly dedicated to the nation's interests.

Satti highlighted the significant changes in Jammu and Kashmir's security situation since 2014, attributing the improvements to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

He commended the BJP's efforts in reducing terrorism and enhancing regional stability.

Addressing the crowd, Satti spoke about the BJP's inclusive ideology, which aims to serve all sections of society and not just specific groups or regions. He detailed

various central government schemes designed for OBCs and encouraged the public to benefit from these programs.

He also showcased several development projects, including highways, ring roads, and railways, as achievements under Modi's dynamic vision. Satti urged the public to take advantage of these schemes and emphasized the BJP's commitment to safeguarding national interests and supporting the Hindu community against international threats.

The event concluded with enthusiastic support from the attendees, who raised slogans in favor of India and the BJP, reaffirming their backing for Yudhvir Sethi and the party's vision for Jammu and Kashmir.

## BJP to bloom lotus in J&K through people's trust: Randhawa

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 16: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) believes in winning the hearts of people which will ultimately lead to the 'lotus', our party's poll symbol, blooming across the J&K. This was stated by MLA Candidate for Bahu Constituency Vikram Randhawa.

Popular senior BJP leader Randhawa today promised and appeal to general public that he will transform "Bahu into a Model Constituency" if he is voted to power. Continuing with their mass contact program in Bahu Constituency to make common masses aware of welfare schemes launched by the Modi-led government highlighting the achievements of ten years of the Narendra Modi government, Vikram Randhawa along with party workers conducted door to door campaign in different wards of Bahu Constituency.

Randhawa said, before



PM Modi came to power, India was suffering from policy paralysis. He said in the last successful ten years, there had been a sea change in every sector. He said India's prestige had risen in the world and other countries were listening to Modi. Apart from enumerating other works of the BJP-led Union government, Randhawa highlighted the central government schemes amid the general public.

During the campaigning, he emphasized that "The goal behind conducting this door to door campaign in bahu constituency is to reach out to every single residence and apprise them of the

works done by BJP government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi". Randhawa highlighted the public-friendly decisions have helped in uplifting the agriculture and infrastructure sector besides helping the economy in J&K and people have seen unprecedented development in every sector.

Randhawa stated, "The BJP believes in empowering the people, not just ruling them. We aim to create a sense of belonging and ownership among the citizens of Bahu Constituency, ensuring they are an integral part of our journey towards progress and development."

## SGWF celebrates Hindi Diwas with plantation drive

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 16: On Hindi Diwas, the Synergetic Green Warriors Foundation (SGWF) marked the occasion with a significant plantation drive at Naiwala Ashram, under the guidance of Subhush Shastri Maharaj. The event was well-attended by key figures including Sandeep Sharma, Treasurer of SGWF, Prithvi Raj Sharma, and disciples of Bal Brahmachari Pawan Swaroop Maharaj.

As part of the initiative, SGWF planted various species such as Summer Apple, Rudraksh, Parijat, and Raj Harar within the ashram premises. These plants, cultivated by SGWF's Research & Development Division led by Dr. Rakesh Verma, are tailored for hot climatic conditions. Dr. Sonia Verma, Director/CEO of SGWF, highlighted the division's efforts to preserve unique plant species suited to these environments.

Reeta Verma, National

President of SGWF, and Makhani Verma, Vice President, delivered inspiring addresses focusing on environmental protection and the unifying role of Hindi. Makhani Verma emphasized the foundation's dedication to sustainability through initiatives like the 'Adopt a Tree' campaign, noting that, "Hindi is our mother tongue and our identity. We are striving to unite people in the fight for environmental protection through Hindi".

Reeta Verma elaborated on SGWF's ambitious goal of planting 25,000 trees across India this year. She stressed the importance of community involvement in initiatives such as 'Adopt a Tree' and 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam.' She remarked, "Planting trees is not only about environmental protection but also a way to preserve our culture and heritage".

Dr. Sonia Verma emphasized that SGWF's R&D division is not just focused on planting trees but on

creating a future where environmental protection is a shared responsibility. "Our goal is not just to plant trees but to create a future where every family contributes to environmental protection".

Maharaj praised SGWF's efforts and the "Adopt a Tree" campaign, highlighting the importance of such initiatives in promoting a greener future. He noted, "Planting trees not only beautifies our society but also ensures a safe environment for future genera-

tions". The campaign, successful across states including Jammu & Kashmir, Delhi, Punjab, and Haryana, underscores SGWF's commitment to environmental sustainability and community engagement. The plantation drive at Naiwala Ashram on Hindi Diwas exemplifies SGWF's dedication to intertwining environmental conservation with cultural celebrations, fostering a deeper connection between people and nature.

## Governor, Bihar to grace Aryans 13Th Convocation on Sep 24

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JAMMU, Sep 16: Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, Governor, Bihar will grace the 13th Convocation of Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh on September 24 at Campus, Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh.

Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group said that to felicitate the meritorious students on their accomplishments, Governor, Bihar will be the Chief Guest during the convocation ceremony. He has already visited Aryans Campus during 10th Convocation when he was Governor, Himachal Pradesh.

The students from various programs including MBA, B. Pharma, LLB, B. Tech, BBA, BCA, B.Sc Agriculture, Education will be awarded degrees. Eligible students can register through College website www.aryans.edu.



## Kumar Sanu and his daughter Shannon K, who have collaborated for a song titled 9 to 5, believe that in the ever-evolving music industry one needs to keep learning

Music sure runs in their family. While renowned singer Kumar Sanu has given many timeless hits, his daughter Shannon K has now collaborated with him for a song titled 9 to 5. They talk about the experience and how the world of music has changed over the years.

But first, it's the collaboration. "The song is about the loop that everybody is stuck in their daily lives. My younger sister Anabelle wrote and composed it. I think dad was a perfect fit to sing this song, since we wanted to include not just people from the West but also from India. He injected a little bit of Hindi into the song and we made him croon some lines in English too. Overall, more of a family creation," says Shannon.

Kumar Sanu must be a proud dad indeed, but says there were not a lot of similarities between them. He says, "While singing there are expressions that are similar, but her tonal quality and accent is different. I keep giving her tips to bring in variety and variation. She is a very good singer and a brilliant actress as well, but I keep on guiding her whenever possible."

Collaborating with such a big



name like Kumar Sanu would have been a tough task, so was Shannon nervous? "Usually, I am the one who is nervous whenever it comes to collaborating with dad or just in general having him around the room when I am recording, but this time around it was different — dad was the one who was a little nervous, as we told him that he would sing in English too," says Shannon.

Comparisons are bound to arise and also the pressure of being the daughter of such a famous singer must be

immense, but Shannon says, "I lived in London and that's where I got all my music training from. From there, I went to the US. It was more of a natural decision from me to sing in the West. I did come back to my roots and wanted to sing in Hindi too. The pressure was not so much in the beginning but later it grew on me, largely due to social media. I think all the artistes have pressure and some sort of responsibility upon their shoulders, as we represent the Indian culture."

Truly inspired by her dad, Shannon says her favourite

song by him is Jab Koi Bigad Jaye from the Bollywood film Jurm. "I grew up listening to my dad's music. He was my first guru and I remember when I was about three years old, I would beg my dad to take me down to his recording sessions as I would enjoy the whole experience."

Regarding the current state of music, Kumar Sanu believes, "There have been a lot of changes in singing. The voice preference of the past is not there anymore, instead we have a sound preference. Emphasis is placed on different types of beats. But this generation is struggling to build their identities; to establish an identity one has to be versatile and not stick to a type. The idea is to keep learning and evolving."

Regarding their upcoming projects, she says, "We have loads coming up. Some of them are also in Hindi, so I am very excited for all my fans out there. Get ready to hear me in Hindi once again. We are planning to create this beautiful father and daughter track. We'll be collaborating very soon." Looking forward!

## Nimrit Kaur Ahluwalia to make Punjabi film debut opposite Guru Randhawa



Actress Nimrit Kaur Ahluwalia is all set to make her Punjabi film debut in the movie 'Shaunki Sardar' opposite sensation Guru Randhawa.

Speaking about her debut, Nimrit said: "It's an absolute honour to make my debut in a Punjabi film, especially alongside Guru Randhawa, who is such an icon in the industry."

She said the film celebrates the culture and spirit of Punjab.

'Shaunki Sardar' is a beautiful story that celebrates the rich culture and spirit of Punjab, and I couldn't have asked for a better project to begin this journey. I'm incredibly excited for my fans to see me in this new avatar!"

The film, produced under Guru Randhawa's own banner 751 Films and directed by Dheeraj Kedar Nath, promises to be a heartwarming and entertaining treat for the fans.

Nimrit, who performed stunts in the show 'Khatron Ke Khiladi', recently shared that she had to undergo physiotherapy for muscle pulls and to alleviate the physical pains that she still feels.

Talking about her experience, Nimrit shared: "Participating in 'Khatron Ke Khiladi' has been one of the most exhilarating and intense experiences of my life. I was so engrossed in doing these stunts, pushing myself beyond my limits, that I didn't realise how exhausted I was."

"I had to undergo physiotherapy for muscle pulls and to alleviate the physical pains that I still feel. But despite the challenges, I wouldn't trade this experience for anything. It taught me resilience, courage, and the importance of mind over matter."

Nimrit said that she is grateful for every moment in the Rohit Shetty-hosted show and hopes her journey inspires others to face their fears head-on.

Earlier this month, the actress talked about her bond with Rohit Shetty.

## Emmy Awards: 'The Bear,' 'Shogun' lead the pack

"The Bear" is coming back for seconds in a big way at the Emmys, scoring repeat wins Sunday night four times including best actor, best supporting actor and best supporting actress in a comedy.

The star of the FX show Jeremy Allen White won best actor in a comedy for the second straight year, and Ebon Moss-Bachrach repeated as best supporting actor.

A surprise came when Liza Colón-Zayas won best supporting actor over major competition. "How could I have thought it would be possible to be in the presence of Meryl Streep and Carol Burnett," Colón-Zayas said as tears welled in her eyes as she accepted the award on the stage of the Peacock Theater in Los Angeles.

She is the first Latina to win in the category.

"To all the Latinas who are looking at me," she said, "keep believing and vote."

White said backstage that he was watching in the wings as Colón-Zayas won and "that was just the greatest".

He also shouted out two acting wins the show had already scored at last weekend's Creative Arts Emmy Awards, when Jamie Lee Curtis won best guest actress in a comedy for playing his mother, and Jon Bernthal won best guest actor for playing his big brother.

And the show's creator, Christopher Storer, won best directing of a comedy series, an award handed out by reunited "Happy Days" co-stars Ron Howard and Henry Winkler.

"The Bear" won six times including most of the top comedy categories at the strike-delayed Emmys in January.

While the third season of FX's "The Bear" has already dropped, the



trio won their second Emmys for its second, in which White's chef Carmen "Carmy" Berzatto attempts to turn his family's grungy Chicago sandwich shop into an elite restaurant. It could still win more Sunday night including best comedy series.

The father-son hosting duo of Eugene and Dan Levy in their monologue at the top of the show mocked the very dramatic "The Bear" being in the comedy category.

"In honour of 'The Bear' we will be making no jokes," Eugene Levy said, to laughs.

Jean Smart won best actress in a comedy for "Hacks." She has won for all three seasons of "Hacks," and has six Emmys overall.

She beat nominees including Ayo Edebiri, who as co-star of "The Bear" moved from supporting actress, which she won in January, to lead actress.

Coming into the show the big story was another FX show, "Shogun," which had already taken the most Emmys for a show in a single season with 14 at the Creative Arts ceremony.

"Shogun" lost its first chance at winning on the main show Sunday when Billy Crudup took best supporting actor in

a drama over Tadanobu Asano for his role on the Apple TV+ series "The Morning Show." "Shogun," the FX series about lordly politicking in feudal Japan, also lost out in the drama writing category to "Slow Horses." But it can still win as many as four more Emmys, including best actor in a drama, best actress in a drama and best drama series.

Veteran screen star Hiroyuki Sanada, up for best actor, Anna Sawai, up for best actress, are in position to become the first Japanese actors to win Emmys.

If "Shogun" faces any competition for the best drama prize, it could come for the sixth and final season of "The Crown," the only show among the nominees that has won before in a category recently dominated by the retired "Succession." Elizabeth Debicki took best supporting actress in a drama for playing Princess Diana at the end of her life in the sixth and final season of the show.

"Playing this part, based on this unparalleled, incredible human being, has been my great privilege," Debicki said. "It's been a gift." Netflix's darkly quirky British show "Baby Reindeer" scored big

wins in the limited series category, including best writing for the show's creator and star Richard Gadd, and best supporting actress for Jessica Gunning, who plays his tormentor.

"Baby Reindeer" is based on a one-man-stage show in which Gadd describes being sexually abused along with other emotional struggles.

"Ten years ago, I was down and out, I never ever thought I could get my life together," Gadd said through tears as he accepted. "Here I am, just a decade later picking up one of the biggest writing awards in television." He added, "no matter how bad it gets, it always gets better." The Associated Press does not typically name people who say they have been sexually abused unless they come forward publicly as Gadd has.

Streep wasn't the only Oscar winner trumped by a little-known name. Robert Downey Jr., the reigning best supporting actor winner for "Oppenheimer," was considered the favourite to win best supporting actor in a limited series for "The Sympathizer," but that award went to Lamorne Morris for " Fargo." "Robert Downey Jr. I have a poster of you in my house!" Morris said from the stage as he accepted his first Emmy.

Yet another Academy Award winner, Jodie Foster, who could get her first Emmy for best actress in a limited series for "True Detective: Night Country." Several awards were presented by themed teams from TV history, including sitcom dads George Lopez, Damon Wayans and Jesse Tyler Ferguson and TV moms Meredith Baxter, Connie Britton, and Susan Kellechi Watson.

## Amid 'Emergency' wait, Kangana to young women 'you are beautiful, trust that'



As BJP MP and actress Kangana Ranaut has penned a powerful message for women, asking them to embrace their beauty. The actress spoke her

dissatisfaction with her appearance during the promotional event, and encouraged women to embrace their true self. Looking back at her younger self--as she

shared a video from the music launch of her film 'Woh Lamhe'--Kangana, in a post on X, spoke of her dissatisfaction with her appearance during the promotional event, and encouraged women to embrace their true self.

"This is a video from my second film 'Woh Lamhe' music launch. I was just a teenager and, like many young women, I disliked everything about my appearance. It's common for young women to feel unsure of their looks, which can make them more vulnerable and uncertain. Looking back now, I realise I didn't appreciate not just my appearance, but the vitality and energy I had during that time."

"Today is the youngest you will ever be. Every stage of life has its own

beauty. Even if you can't see it in the mirror, trust that one day you will look back and recognize it. Be kind to yourself and trust that you are beautiful".

Kangana made her debut with 'Gangster' in which she shared the screen with Emraan Hashmi and Shiney Ahuja.

She is also awaiting the release of her upcoming second directorial 'Emergency'.

Kangana has played the role of the former Prime Minister of India, Indira Gandhi. The film is written and directed by Kangana Ranaut, and also stars Anupam Kher, Mahima Chaudhary, Milind Soman, Shreyas Talpade, Vishak Nair, and the late Satish Kaushik in pivotal roles.

## 'I panicked': Raveena Tandon apologises to fan for refusing to click selfie in London

Days after she refused to click a selfie with a fan in London, actor Raveena Tandon made a promise to her admirer to meet him and take a picture together.

The 'Patna Shukla' star had shared a lengthy post on X describing how she 'panicked' fearing for her life in the UK when a few men approached her when she was walking around alone.

An apologetic Tandon then clarified that she didn't intend to offend anyone.

A man claiming to be the fan from the incident reached out to her via social media.

'Yes Bhavin, am glad I found you! Bro. I'm really sorry for that day. I panicked. Thank you for getting in touch with reema, will surely meet you here in London and take a picture together too.' (sic) the actor wrote on X, with the fan asking her to not apolo-



gise as he understood her point of view.

In her note, Tandon had said when a few men came up to her in London asking if she was the actor Raveena Tandon, she walked away. She had heard 'not such great things

about the crime situation here', Tandon wrote..

'... and my first instinct was to say no and walk away even faster as I was alone, they just wanted a picture I guess, and I most of the time oblige, but after the incident that hap-

pened in Bandra a few months ago, has left me a bit nervous and traumatised, so when I'm with people I am ok, but alone I still get a bit nervous these days (sic) she wrote, referring to the June incident when she and her driver were allegedly attacked by a mob in Mumbai's Bandra suburb amid claims of rash driving.

The 49-year-old actor said she felt bad after the London incident and apologised to them through social media.

'... would want to apologise to them through this medium if they are reading, that it was not my intention to offend. I'm really sorry. Hope I can meet you again and click a picture with you maybe. I try my best to be accessible and normal, but I fail at times. So sorry guys. I hope you are reading this and know that, I shouldn't have panicked (sic) she said.



## In 100 days, have tried to address every sector, factor for country's progress: PM Modi

**India is preparing the base for development for the next 1000 years and the focus is not just to reach the top but to sustain the rank, Modi asserted.**

GANDHINAGAR, Sep 16 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said his government in the first 100 days of its third term had tried to address every sector and factor for rapid progress of the country.

Addressing the 4th edition of Global Renewable Energy Investors Meet and Expo (RE-INVEST 2024) in Gandhinagar, he said not just Indians but the entire world feels India is the best bet for the 21st century.

"In the first 100 days (of the Union government's third term) you can witness our priorities, speed and scale. We have tried to address every sector and



factor which are required for rapid progress of the country," the PM said.

"India's diversity, scale,

capacity, potential and performance are unique and that is the reason I say Indian solutions for global application," he

added.

India is preparing the base for development for the next 1000 years and the focus is not just to reach the top but to sustain the rank, Modi asserted.

"For us green future and net zero are not just fancy words. These are requirements of the country and we are committed to achieve it. The government is working to develop Ayodhya and 16 other cities as model solar cities," he said at RE-INVEST 2024.

He said 140 crore Indians have pledged to make the country the world's third largest economy.

## PM Modi greets people on occasion of Milad-un-Nabi



NEW DELHI, Sep 16 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted people

on Milad-un-Nabi on Monday and wished that harmony and togetherness may

always prevail.

"Eid Mubarak! Best wishes on the occasion of Milad-un-Nabi. May harmony and togetherness always prevail. Let there be joy and prosperity all around," PM Modi said on X.

Milad-un-Nabi commemorates the birth anniversary of Prophet Muhammad.

Muslims around the world mark the day by reflecting on the Prophet's teachings and life. The Prophet passed away on the same day.

## "One Nation, One Election Not Possible Under Present Constitution": P Chidambaram

NEW DELHI, Sep 16 (Agencies): Congress leader P Chidambaram on Monday lashed out at the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre over the 'one nation, one election' issue, saying it is not possible under the present Constitution and requires at least five constitutional amendments.

Replying to a question on reports that the BJP-led NDA government would implement 'one nation, one election' within its current tenure, he said Prime Minister Narendra Modi does not have the numbers to place those constitutional amendments either in the Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha.

In his Independence Day address last month, the prime minister made a strong pitch for 'one nation, one election', contending that frequent polls were creating hurdles in the country's progress.

Addressing reporters here, Mr Chidambaram said, "One nation, one election' is not possible under the present Constitution. It requires at least five constitutional amendments." "Mr Modi does not have the majority to put those constitutional amendments in either in the Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha," the former Union minister said.

He asserted that there were greater constitutional obstacles to 'one nation, one election'. "It is not possible.

The INDIA bloc is totally opposed to 'One Nation, One Election.' To a question on PM Modi recently alleging that the Congress wanted to end reservation, Chidambaram rejected the charge. "Why should we abolish reservation?" he asked rhetorically.

"We are the ones who are saying that the reservation ceiling of 50 per

cent must be removed. We are the ones who are asking for a caste census. We are saying reservation must be according to the population. Do not believe everything the prime minister says," he told the reporters.

At a rally in Kurukshetra on September 15, Prime Minister Modi had lashed out at the Congress, alleging its "royal family" intended to end reservation for Dalits and asserted that as long as he was there, he would not let even a fraction of reservation given by B R Ambedkar be looted or removed.

At the media interaction here on Monday Mr Chidambaram was asked if the Congress would announce its chief ministerial face for the October 5 Haryana assembly polls. He said that normally, the Congress does not announce a CM candidate before the polls.



"The practice is that elections take place, MLAs gather and their preferences are asked. Then the high command announces who will be the chief minister. I think the same practice will be followed in Haryana," he said.

The senior Congress leader hit out at the BJP government in the state over several issues, including unemployment, agriculture and state debt.

He appealed to the people to vote for the Congress in the Assem-

bly elections and promised that his party would bring back Haryana's growth rate, give a fillip to development, agriculture, and industry, and tackle issues of unemployment and inflation.

"The BJP boasts of a double-engine government. One engine is without fuel and the other is completely broken down.

What is the use of such a double-engine government? The time has come to junk the two engines," Mr Chidambaram said.

## 9 of family hit by pickup truck in UP's Sambhal; 4 dead, 5 injured

SAMBHAL, Sep 16 (Agencies): Four members of a family were killed and five were injured when a speeding pickup truck ran over them here on Monday morning, officials said.

The injured, two of them in a serious condition, were sent to Aligarh for treatment, while the driver of the vehicle was detained, they said.

The driver of the pickup truck also received injuries in the accident.

Superintendent of Police Krishan Kumar said around 6 am, some people from Bhopatpur village were sitting on the side of the road when an oncoming vehicle from Gawa hit them at high speed, due to which four people died



on the spot.

The deceased have been identified as Liladhar (60), Dharamal (40), Ompal (32), and Puran Singh (45), he said.

The injured were taken to the community health centre in Rajpura, from where they were sent to Aligarh for medical treatment, police said.

The SP said all nine people involved in the accident were from the same family.

The bodies have been sent for post-mortem and further action is being taken, the SP said.

District Magistrate Rajendra Singh Pensia, who visited the accident site, said the condition of the two injured persons is serious.

The DM said the driver may have felt sleepy, which possibly caused the accident.

## Nursing student found dead under suspicious circumstances in Hyderabad hotel

HYDERABAD, Sep 16 (Agencies): A nursing student was found dead under suspicious circumstances at a hotel in Hyderabad on Monday, police said.

The 23-year-old student from Jadcherla in Mahabubnagar district was staying at the hotel in Gachibowli under the limits of Cyberabad Police Commissionerate.

The student, who was studying Bachelor of Science in Nursing, had come to Hyderabad two days ago with her friends to see Ganesh mandapams and immersion in Hussain Sagar.

They had taken two rooms at a hotel in Gachibowli. They together had dinner and reportedly consumed

liquor on Sunday night.

Later, the girl complained of a headache and went into one of the rooms to take rest. When she did not come out, her friends left for Hussain Sagar. They returned to the hotel around 3 am on Monday. However, the girl did not respond to the doorbell and knocking. They grew suspicious and informed the hotel staff, who opened the room to find her hanging from a ceiling fan.

The hotel staff immediately alerted the police. The deceased's body was shifted to Osmania General Hospital for autopsy.

A case of death under suspicious circumstances was registered at Gachibowli Police Station.

After being informed about the incident by one of her friends, the girl's family rushed to Hyderabad. They raised suspicion on the cause of the death.

The nursing student had come to Hyderabad with two male friends and a female. There were blood stains in the hotel, which raised suspicions about the cause of her death.

The parents claimed that they saw injury marks on the dead body. They expressed suspicions about the role of her friends and the hotel staff.

Police have taken up the investigation and were questioning the deceased's friends who were staying with her in the hotel.

## Ball in BJP's court to hold early polls in Delhi: AAP

NEW DELHI, Sep 16 (Agencies): The ruling Aam Aadmi Party on Monday said it has put the ball in the BJP's court by demanding early elections in Delhi in November, and now it is up to the opposition party to decide whether it was prepared to face CM Arvind Kejriwal.

Kejriwal will tender his resignation as chief minister on Tuesday and the process to choose his replacement will start after that, Delhi minister Saurabh Bharadwaj said, adding that there has been no discussion on who the next chief minister will be.

"Today is a holiday and tomorrow is the first working day of the week. He will tender his resignation tomorrow to Lt Governor and after the resignation is accepted, a meeting of party MLAs will be held to decide on the new name," he said at a press conference. Bharadwaj said the candidate chosen will



then present their claim to the President through the L-G.

"We have the majority and we will be invited and then the process for oath-taking will happen. This should take a week," he added.

AAP supremo Kejriwal on Sunday announced to resign and not sit in the CM's chair till the people give him a "certificate of honesty" and sought early polls in the

national capital.

The BJP has said if Kejriwal wanted early polls he should get the Delhi Assembly dissolved instead of creating this "drama" around his resignation.

At Monday's press conference, Bharadwaj said, "The ball is in the BJP's court. They can decide on early polls if they are ready to face Kejriwal."

Delhi elections will be the first polls that will be fought on the plank of "honesty", the senior AAP leader said.

"The Centre with all its agencies is after the CM. They have made all efforts to defame him. Despite this, he has faith in people and his honesty. This is a historic incident," he said.

Kejriwal's announcement has led to discussion among common people everywhere, the minister added.

## Kolkata cop tried to save rape accused, got victim's body cremated in haste: CBI

KOLKATA, Sep 16 (Agencies): The CBI has alleged that senior Kolkata police officer Abhijit Mondal tried to protect accused Sanjoy Roy in the RG Kar rape-murder case, and got the trainee doctor's body cremated in haste, India Today has exclusively learnt by accessing documents linked to the investigation.

Mondal, the station house officer (SHO) of Tala police station was arrested by the CBI on Saturday along with Dr Sandip Ghosh, for delay in registration of the First Information Report (FIR) in the case and missing evidence.

The CBI officials have alleged that Mondal received information about the discovery of the 31-year-old trainee doctor's semi-naked body inside RG Kar's seminar hall at 10.03 am on August 9 from Ghosh. However, the cop failed to reach the scene immediately and only arrived an hour later, at 11 am.

The distance between Tala police station and RG Kar hospital is barely 10 minutes, with both located in north Kolkata.

The officials have also alleged that Abhijit Mondal's registration of the general diary in police records contained incorrect information. It mentioned that the doctor's body was found "lying unconscious in the seminar room of Chest Medicine" despite she being declared dead by doctors who had examined the body earlier.

The federal agency suspects that the cop deliberately mentioned wrong facts in the general diary entry as part of a conspiracy with RG Kar hospital authorities and other unknown persons.

Furthermore, the CBI has alleged that Mondal failed to cordon off the crime scene to preserve and protect it, thereby allowing unauthorised persons to access the same and damage vital evidence. The CBI investigation has revealed a 14-hour delay



by the Kolkata Police in lodging the FIR.

Abhijit Mondal has been accused of failing to ensure videography of the complete process of sealing articles, exhibits, and biological samples, among others, from the crime scene, as required under the provisions of the Bengal Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances Act (BNSS).

The CBI officials have also alleged that the cop allowed a hurried cremation of the doctor within days of the rape-murder dis-

covery despite her family's demand for a second autopsy.

Mondal has been accused of an unnecessary delay of two days in seizing the clothes and belongings of accused Sanjoy Roy even though he was arrested on August 10 - a day after the doctor's body was found.

The federal agency suspects that a criminal conspiracy was hatched with the intent of throwing the investigation into the rapemurder off the course.

Earlier in the day, Agency reported that Dr Sandip Ghosh attempted to deceive investigators and did not intend to file an FIR in the case that has invited widespread condemnation, massive protests and demands for Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's resignation.

The CBI's remand note mentioned the forensic report of Ghosh's polygraph test, which revealed that the former RG Kar

principal had been in contact with Abhijit Mondal since 10.03 am on August 9. However, Ghosh tried to downplay the rape.

Similar to Mondal, Ghosh too did not go to the hospital immediately, even though news about the body found was conveyed to him at 9.58 am on August 9.

Earlier, the doctor's family claimed that the Kolkata Police attempted to suppress the case by hurriedly cremating her body and even tried to bribe them. Her father said that they were made to wait for hours at the police station while his daughter's body was taken for autopsy. He alleged that the doctor's body was cremated despite there being three more bodies at the crematorium.

The manager of the crematorium, however, denied the claims, saying the body could have decomposed owing to a six-hour gap between the autopsy and the time when it reached the place.



## Tribal shootouts near PNG gold mine kill at least 30

PORT MORESBY, Sep 16 (Agencies): Shootouts between hundreds of tribal warriors have left at least 30 people dead in Papua New Guinea's highlands, police said Monday, as security forces were given emergency powers to quell the violence.

Police said the unrest started in August when "illegal miners" inflicted life-threatening injuries on a landowner in the Porgera Valley, home to one of Papua New Guinea's largest gold deposits.

Peace talks failed, and the situation spiralled into intense tribal fighting that saw 300 shots fired on Sunday alone, according to police commander Joseph Tondop.

Police said 30 men had been killed across the rival clans and hundreds of women and children displaced, with "many" homes burned to the ground.

Two officials were also killed while waiting for a lift home after work, said Tondop.

Police Commissioner David Manning said "lethal force" would be used to restore order in the hard-to-reach highlands region.

"Put simply, this means if you raise a weapon in a public place or to threaten another person, you will be shot," Manning said in a statement at the weekend.

"This deteriorating sit-

uation has been caused by illegal miners and illegal settlers who are victimising traditional landowners and using violence to terrorise local communities."

Police said illegal miners from the Sakar clan had been squatting on land owned by their Piande rivals.

Alcohol sales have been banned and an overnight curfew is in place, added Manning, who vowed to remove the artisanal miners from the valley.

Tribal conflicts are a frequent occurrence in Papua New Guinea's highlands, but an influx of automatic weapons has made clashes deadlier.

The latest burst of fighting had been turbocharged by the presence of more than "100 high-powered weapons in the wrong hands", police said.

Security teams have been posted along the highway leading to the mine, using loudhailers to broadcast messages of peace.

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## Biden on Trump's 'attempted assassination': No place for political violence in US

WASHINGTON, Sep 16 (Agencies): US President Joe Biden said there is no place for political violence in America, following the second "assassination attempt" on former President and Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump at a golf club. In a statement on X, Biden commended the Secret Service and their law enforcement partners for their swift action and "vigilance" in keeping Trump safe.

"I am relieved that the former President is unharmed. There is an active investigation into this incident as law enforcement gathers more details about what happened. As I have said many times, there is no place for political violence or for any violence ever in our country, and I have directed my team to continue to ensure that Secret Service has every resource, capability and protective measure necessary to ensure the former President's



continued safety," Joe Biden said in a statement.

The 81-year-old President said he has been briefed regarding the incident, and that the suspect is in custody.

"I commend the work of the Secret Service and their law enforcement partners for their vigilance and their efforts to keep the former President and those around him safe," the statement added.

Donald Trump was rushed to safety on Sunday after the

Secret Service thwarted what the FBI called an "apparent assassination attempt". The Secret Service agents spotted and fired on a gunman in bushes near the property line of the former US President's Florida golf course, closer to where he was playing, law enforcement officials said.

The suspect, though, fled the scene in a vehicle leaving behind an AK-47-style assault rifle along with other items, he was arrested later. He has been identified as 58-year-old

Ryan Wesley Routh.

US Vice President and Trump's opponent in the US elections Kamala Harris also reacted to the "assassination attempt", saying she was "glad" that the 78-year-old Republican was safe.

"I am deeply disturbed by the possible assassination attempt of former President Trump today. As we gather the facts, I will be clear: I condemn political violence. We all must do our part to ensure that this incident does not lead to more violence," she said after the attack on Trump.

"I am thankful that former President Trump is safe. I commend the U.S. Secret Service and law enforcement partners for their vigilance. As President Biden said, our Administration will ensure the Secret Service has every resource, capability, and protective measure necessary to carry out its critical mission," Kamala Harris added.

## Bebinca, the strongest Typhoon to hit Shanghai in 70 years, makes landfall

SHANGHAI, Sep 16 (Agencies): The strongest storm to hit Shanghai in over 70 years made landfall on Monday, with flights cancelled and highways closed as Typhoon Bebinca lashed the city with strong winds and torrential rains.

A red alert is in place, and some coastal residents have been evacuated, city authorities said.

The typhoon landed early Monday morning in the coastal area of Lingang New City, in Pudong to the city's east, the China Meteorological Administration said.

It is the strongest storm to hit Shanghai since Typhoon Gloria in 1949, state broadcaster CCTV said shortly after Bebinca made landfall.

Many businesses were already closed for the Mid-Autumn Festival public holiday, and the city's 25 million residents have been advised to avoid leaving their homes.

All flights at Shanghai's two main airports

are grounded, and ferry services and some trains have been suspended.

Highways were closed at 1:00 am local time (1700 GMT), and a 40-kilometre (25-mile) per-hour speed limit is in place on roads inside the city. At rush hour, live video feeds showed Shanghai's normally jammed roads almost empty of traffic, and its famed skyline obscured by thick fog.

Nine thousand residents have been evacuated from Chongming District, an island at the mouth of the Yangtze River, authorities said.

Footage from northern Baoshan District showed ferocious winds ripping through a line of trees on the riverbank.

Shanghai's flood control headquarters told CCTV they had already received dozens of reports of incidents related to the typhoon, mostly fallen trees and billboards.

CCTV broadcast footage of a reporter by the coast in neighbouring Zhejiang province,

where waves pounded the craggy coastline under leaden skies. "If I step out into (the storm), I can barely speak," the reporter said. "You can see that the surface of the sea is just wave after wave, each higher than the last."

Another typhoon, Yagi, killed at least four people and injured 95 when it passed through China's southern Hainan island this month, according to national weather authorities.

Bebinca has also passed through Japan and the central and southern Philippines, where falling trees killed six people.

CCTV said Bebinca was expected to move northwest, causing heavy rain and high winds in Jiangsu, Zhejiang and Anhui provinces.

China is the world's biggest emitter of the greenhouse gases that scientists say are driving climate change and making extreme weather more frequent and intense.

## UK PM Starmer meets Italy PM Meloni to discuss illegal immigration

LONDON, Sep 16 (Agencies): British Prime Minister Keir Starmer meets Italian counterpart Giorgia Meloni in Rome on Monday to discuss tackling illegal immigration, a day after another Channel migrant shipwreck claimed eight lives.

Starmer, whose centre-left Labour Party was elected with a crushing parliamentary majority in July, has vowed to fight illegal immigration, a hot-button topic in British politics for years.

Far-right riots shook cities and towns across England and Northern Ireland shortly after Starmer's election, the UK's worst unrest since 2011, with mosques and migrant accommodation centres often targeted.

The perilous cross-Channel journeys migrants attempt from northern France have posed a fiendishly difficult problem to solve for successive British prime ministers.

Eight migrants died on Sunday after their overcrowded boat capsized in the Channel, bringing to 46 the number of people who have lost their lives this year trying to reach British shores.



Around 800 people crossed the Channel on Saturday, the second-highest figure since the start of the year, according to the UK interior ministry.

Starmer has rejected the previous Conservative government's plan to expel all illegal migrants to Rwanda while their asylum claims are examined.

Instead, UK media say he is interested in the strategy of Meloni, leader of the far-right Brothers of Italy party and whose country is on the front line of the European Union's migration crisis.

In November last year, Italy signed an agreement with Albania to open two centres in the Balkan country where migrants

would be sheltered while their asylum claims are processed.

Italy will fund and manage the centres, which will be capable of accommodating up to 3,000 migrants who have arrived on Italian shores by boat.

Migrants with rejected asylum claims would be sent back to their country of origin, whereas those with accepted applications will be granted entry to Italy.

That is a key difference from the former UK government's Rwanda scheme, whereby migrants sent to the East African nation could never have settled in Britain irrespective of the outcome of their claim.

Italy migrant numbers fall

"It's in early days, I'm interested in how that works, I think everybody else is," Starmer said of the Italian scheme in comments carried by British media.

Starmer said he and Meloni "have already discussed how we can improve joint operations, so that is something we will discuss".

Their meeting is scheduled for midday (1000 GMT), according to Meloni's office.

The newly appointed chief of the UK's new Border Security Command, Martin Hewitt, will accompany Starmer during his trip to Italy, his office said.

Meloni's government has also inked a deal with Tunisia granting aid in exchange for greater efforts to stop Italy-bound migrants who leave the North African country and cross the Mediterranean.

According to the Italian Interior Ministry, migrant arrivals by sea have dropped markedly since the start of the year.

Between January 1 and September 13, 44,675 people arrived in Italy compared to a figure of 125,806 for the same period in 2023.

## Philippines says 'we have not lost' South China Sea reef after pullout



MANILA, Sep 16

(Agencies): The Philippines insisted on Monday that it had not given up a South China Sea reef, two days after it pulled out a ship stationed there following a months-long standoff with rival claimant China.

Manila had deployed the coast guard flagship BRP Teresa Magbanua to Sabina Shoal in April to stop Beijing from building an artificial island there, as it has atop several other disputed features in the strategic waterway.

But the ship was abruptly called back to the western Philippine island of Palawan, with Manila citing damage from an earlier clash with Chinese ships, ailing crew members, dwindling food and bad weather.

"We have not lost anything. We did not abandon anything. Escoda Shoal is still part of our exclusive economic zone," Philippine Coast Guard spokesman Commodore Jay Tarruela told a news conference Monday, using the Filipino name for Sabina

Shoal.

Beijing claims most of the South China Sea, including Sabina Shoal, despite an international tribunal ruling that its assertions have no merit.

It has acted aggressively towards Philippine government vessels at Sabina and other disputed features in recent months, ramming, blocking, water-cannoning and even boarding them, causing damage and injuries.

The confrontations have sparked concern that the United States, a military ally of Manila, could be drawn into armed conflict with China.

With the Chinese harassing resupply missions, Tarruela said it came to a point that the BRP Teresa Magbanua's water desalinator broke down, forcing the crew to rely on rainwater for drinking "for more than one month now".

He said the crew were also reduced to "eating porridge for three weeks", which "obviously is not nutritious". Following the ship's

pullout, China's coast guard insisted on Sunday that Beijing "has indisputable sovereignty" over Sabina.

It warned the Philippines to "stop inciting propaganda and risking infringements", adding Beijing would "continue to carry out rights protection and law enforcement activities" there.

But Tarruela on Monday maintained the withdrawal from Sabina was "not a defeat", rejecting comparisons to the Scarborough Shoal, which Manila lost to Beijing after a similar months-long standoff in 2012.

He said it would be "impossible" for China to totally stop the Philippines from sending its ships around the 137-square-kilometre (53-square-mile) Sabina Shoal.

"The coast guard can carry out whatever it takes for us to make sure that China will not be able to occupy and even reclaim Escoda Shoal," he said.

"We have other coast guard vessels that, as we speak right now, may have been or may already be proceeding to Escoda Shoal," Tarruela said without providing details, citing operational security considerations.

Sabina is located 140 kilometres (86 miles) west of Palawan and about 1,200 kilometres from Hainan island, the nearest major Chinese landmass.

## Pakistan court grants bail to 10 MPs linked to jailed ex-PM Imran Khan

ISLAMABAD, Sep 16 (Agencies): An anti-terrorism court in Pakistan granted bail Monday to 10 lawmakers from jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's party, an agency journalist witnessed.

At least 30 people from Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party -- including the 10 MPs -- were remanded in custody last Tuesday, two days after they led a major rally in the capital, Islamabad.

The anti-terrorism court granted them bail of 30,000 rupees (\$100).

PTI has faced a sweeping crackdown since Khan was jailed in August last year on a series of charges he says are politically motivated and designed to keep him from power.

The 10 MPs, some detained at their offices in the National Assembly, were charged

under a new protest law and the anti-terrorism act.

They were accused of violating the Peaceful Assembly and Public Order Act, passed just days before the rally was held, in a move rights groups say was an attempt to curb freedom of expression and peaceful protest.

PTI has sparred with the military since Khan was deposed two years ago.

The confrontation came to a head after the former cricket star's first arrest on corruption charges in May 2023.

But the clampdown failed to diminish

Khan's popularity and candidates backed by the former premier won the most seats in 2024 polls -- marred by allegations of widespread rigging.

Khan rose to power in 2018 with the help of the military, analysts say, but was ousted in 2022 after reportedly falling out with the generals.

A United Nations panel of experts found this month that his detention "had no legal basis and appears to have been intended to disqualify him from running for political office".

A number of convictions against him have been overturned by the courts.

Several members of the PTI's social media and press team were rounded up last month and accused of "anti-state propaganda".



# CCI Jammu delegation meets Chief Secretary

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 16: A delegation from the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, led by President Arun Gupta and accompanied by Sr. Vice President Anil Gupta, Jr. Vice President Rajeev Gupta, Secretary General Manish Gupta, and Secretary Rajesh Gupta, met with the Chief Secretary to discuss various pressing issues affecting trade, industry, and the general public in Jammu.

During the meeting, Arun Gupta highlighted significant challenges related to urban development. He pointed out that the government has failed to create sufficient additional colonies, leading to the proliferation of unapproved and unauthorized developments. Gupta noted that while maps for plots in these unauthorized colonies are being approved, similar approvals are being denied for plots sanctioned by the Housing Board.

Gupta also addressed the issue of outdated urban planning, citing Gandhi Nagar, which has



been developed since 1955. He mentioned that due to generational changes, multiple families now occupy individual portions of the same plot. He further noted that some residents face delays in selling their plots due to pending No Objection Certificates (NOCs), which are not being issued in a timely manner. Gupta requested that the requirement for a NOC from the Housing Board or JDA for construction on freehold property be abolished.

The delegation also discussed the lack of progress in establishing new commercial areas or residential colonies over the past three decades. Gupta urged the Chief Secretary to explore possibilities for

developing new areas to address the dearth of both commercial and residential space. He stressed that the Master Plan of Jammu, which is awaiting progressive reforms, needs urgent attention. Gupta noted that Jammu has the lowest Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 1.8 in the country and lacks provisions for purchasing FAR beyond this limit, unlike other states. He emphasized the need for reforms to facilitate better land use and development.

Arun Gupta also expressed concern about the slow progress of several key projects. He criticized the slow development and beautification of the River Tawi front and the Mubarak Mandi

Heritage Complex. Gupta urged the Chief Secretary to expedite these projects and initiate a light and sound system at Mubarak Mandi.

Additionally, Gupta proposed developing Patnitop as a major tourist hub similar to Gulmarg and Pahalgam in the Kashmir Valley. He suggested modernizing and promoting other tourist destinations in Jammu, including the Perpanchal mountains, Poonch, Rajouri, and several religious sites such as Shiv Khori and Mata Vaishno Devi.

The delegation raised several concerns related to commercial and industrial sectors. Gupta requested the renewal of expired lease deeds for allotments in Sabzi Mandi and Fruit Mandi Narwal, urged the execution of lease deeds for commercial shops in Bahu Plaza, and sought the immediate execution of pending lease deeds at Shiv Market Railway Station. He also asked for the repair and redevelopment of the old bus stand building into a multistorey project to accommodate existing businesses.

Gupta highlighted the slow progress of the

Transport Nagar Narwal development and called for increased funding to expedite its completion. He also requested the release of turnover incentives for existing industries without caps and the elimination of any negative lists for industrial products.

The delegation proposed that the government formulate a scheme to grant ownership rights of leasehold industrial land to local entrepreneurs after 25 years, charging only a nominal fee. They also requested the announcement of a power amnesty scheme for commercial consumers, similar to the one provided to domestic users.

Gupta addressed the challenges faced by local flour millers due to insufficient wheat production in the region. He pointed out that millers are charged a 6% mandi fee on wheat from neighboring states, making their products more expensive compared to those from other regions. Gupta requested intervention from the Chief Secretary to resolve this issue or provide viable incentives to local flour millers to offset their higher production costs.

# Amit Kapoor gains momentum in Jammu North election campaign



## Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 16: Amit Kapoor, an independent candidate contesting for the Jammu North Assembly constituency, has garnered substantial support from local residents as he ramps up his election campaign.

Today, Kapoor visited several areas including Thathar, Rajpur, Keran, Satsang Bhawan, and Mishriwala Upper Mohalla. His campaign events were met with enthusiastic receptions, as locals greeted him with flower garlands and demonstrated their support.

Kapoor's campaign has been centered around several key issues. He has voiced strong opposition to the installation of smart meters, which he argues place an undue financial burden on residents. Addition-

ally, Kapoor has pledged to address concerns regarding rising property taxes and has promised to tackle the so-called "private school mafia," aiming to make education more accessible and affordable. He also urged voters to be cautious of candidates from outside the region, emphasizing that local issues are best understood by those familiar with the community.

In his campaign speeches, Kapoor made several bold promises, vowing to diligently work to meet the expectations of Jammu North residents and resolve their issues if elected. He also criticized major political parties for their choices of candidates. Kapoor accused the BJP of fielding an outsider due to a lack of local representation and similarly reproached the

Congress for surrendering the seat to the National Conference (NC). The NC, in turn, was also criticized by Kapoor for selecting an outsider candidate, which he believes reflects a disconnect from local concerns.

Amit Kapoor's entry into the race has added a new and dynamic element to the Jammu North election. His ability to mobilize local support and address community-specific issues has intensified the competition, putting pressure on his opponents from the BJP, Congress, and NC. Kapoor's assertive campaigning and focus on local issues have positioned him as a significant contender in the upcoming election, as he appeals to voters for a decisive mandate to advocate for their interests in the assembly.

# Movement Kalki organizes Ganesh Visarjan Yatra from Jammu to Akhnoor

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 16: Movement Kalki's religious committee organized a grand Ganesh Visarjan Yatra from Jammu to Akhnoor. The event concluded with the immersion of Lord Ganesh's idol in the Chenab River

in the Chenab River in Akhnoor.

BJP leader Vikram Malhotra highlighted the significance of such religious events in connecting people with faith and devotion. He emphasized the spiritual and social benefits of worshipping Lord Ganesh.



at Akhnoor. Prominent figures, including BJP leader Vikram Malhotra, were present on this occasion.

Sunita Kundal from the religious committee shared that for the past 10 days, Lord Ganesh's idol had been installed at Shiv Mandir, where daily prayers were offered. Today, the idol was ceremonially immersed

The event also saw the participation of Movement Kalki members, including Sunita Kundal, Ganesh Kundal, and Satyam Kundal. The religious initiative by Movement Kalki was widely appreciated by all attendees, symbolizing the organization's efforts to promote faith, unity, and harmony in society.

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Information regarding individuals with pending criminal cases, who have been selected as candidates, along with the reasons for such selection, as also as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates

(As per the Commission's directions issued in pursuance of the Order dated 13.02.2020 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in contempt petition (C) no. 2192 of 2018 in WP (C) no. 536 of 2011)

Name of Political Party	INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS
Name of the Election	LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
Name of State/ UT	JAMMU AND KASHMIR
Name of the Constituency	76 - JAMMU EAST
Name of the candidate	YOGESH SAWHNEY

Sl.no.		
1.	Criminal antecedents	
a.	Nature of the offences	1. FIR No.19/2006, dated 28.01.2006, Police Station Chanakya Puri, New Delhi, under Section 186/332/353 IPC 2. Civil Case No. Nil
b.	Case no.	1. Nil 2. Nil
c.	Name of the Court	1. MM - 02 Patiala House Court, New Delhi
d.	Whether Charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	1. YES
e.	Date of conviction, if any	1. 09.08.2018 2. Nil 3. Nil
f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	1. On 17.08.2018, simple imprisonment for a period of one month with a fine of Rs. 500 under Section 186 IPC. 2. Simple imprisonment for a period of six months with fine of Rs. 1000/- under Section 353 IPC. 3. Rigorous imprisonment for a period of one year with fine of Rs. 1000/- under Section 332 IPC. 4. Punishment under gone nil.
g.	Any other information required to be given	Against the conviction order dated 09.08.2018 and order of sentence dated 17.08.2018 a criminal appeal No. 124/2018 was filed on 27.08.2018 which was disposed of on 11.12.2019 with modification of sentences by the ASJ/Special Judge (NDPS) Patiala House Courts New Delhi:- 1. Simple imprisonment for a period of 7 days with fine of Rs. 500/- under Section 186 IPC. 2. Simple imprisonment for a period of 15 days with a fine of Rs. 1000/- under Section 353 IPC. 3. Simple imprisonment for a period of 1 month with fine of Rs. 1000/- under Section 332 IPC. 4. Criminal revision petition No. 1317/2019 was filed on 17.12.2019 before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi at New Delhi, challenging the order dated 11.12.2019, passed by the appellate court i.e. Ld. ASJ, New Delhi.
		5. Vide Order dated 23.12.2019 the sentences have been suspended by the Hon'ble High Court till next date of hearing. The interim order is still continuing and the next date of hearing is fixed for 14.10.2024.
2.	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)	The candidate is a young dedicated social worker who has done marvelous work in social justice and upliftment of poor and downtrodden people of his constituency and is serving in the constituency from more than 25 years, the candidate has served the party in different capacities on different posts and positions, such as in the State Youth Wing, District President, State General Secretary and on many other positions.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words).	The case registered against the candidate is a politically motivated one. He enjoys popularity among the youth and is dedicated to the organization and enjoys support from within the party and among common people. The candidate is former Minister and has vast experience in public service.

\*In the case of election to Council of States or States or election to Legislative Council by MLAs, mention the election concerned in place of name of Constituency.

Signature of office bearer of the Political Party

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Vice-President, JKPCC, Jammu

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# Neither terrorism nor Article-370 will return to J-K: Amit Shah in Kishtwar

Article 370, Shah said there is no place for Article 370 in the Indian constitution. This Article has become an old chapter of India's history," Shah said.

He asked whether people want to bring back NC-Congress, the BJP workers shouted "No." "I want to ask the NC-Congress how you can bring back Article 370. Let me clarify that neither terrorism nor Article 370 won't return," he said.

Taking a jibe at National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah, the Home Minister said that earlier he stated that he won't contest elections in the UT. "Then he decides to contest from two seats. This shows he has accepted defeat. Let me tell you, you can't win from either seat," he said referring to Omar.

Shah reiterated that as long as there is a Modi government at the Centre, no power can reverse the reservation given to Gujjars' and Paharis. The Home Minister said that there was no question of bringing back two constitutions, two flags, and two leaders. "Dr Shama Prasad Mukherji's vision and mission has been fulfilled and no power can reverse these things," he said. He promised massive development

for Paddar and Kishtwar.

"You have to ensure the victory of Sunil Sharma from Paddar-Nagseni constituency. You already have Dr Jitendera Singh in PMO. If Sunil wins, both of them can work closely for your development. We have a huge vision for the development of Paddar and Kishtwar," Shah claimed.

# Farooq Abdullah frustrated with peace, progress in J-K: BJP's Chugh

Article 370 for their own benefit. He further said that it was the Modi-led BJP government that ended this "eclipse" in J&K.

He criticized the NC, accusing the party of corruption and failing to deliver on its promises during its rule.

Removal of Article 370 marked a significant turning point for Jammu and Kashmir, fostering investment, job creation, and stability, Chugh added.

# Sheikh Rashid's AIP, Jamaat-E-Islami dancing to someone Else's tunes: Omar

# Abdullah

gathering government employees. Don't show me the rallies, show me the votes. I do not think it will translate into votes. Let the BJP win one seat from the Kashmir valley, then we can talk," he said.

Asked about the BJP's charge of dynastic rule, Abdullah said the ruling party has nothing to show for its six-year direct rule in Jammu and Kashmir.

"They do not have anything else to sell to the people. If they had done something for the people, they would have presented their report card. When a 'fail' is written in the report card, they have to say something else," he said.

Abdullah said the NC had a good campaign for the first phase of polls.

"Our campaign has been good... People's participation in NC events was high and we are hopeful that a good part of the votes will go to NC candidates and they will win," he said.

# J&K Police flags fake facebook account of ADGP, Jammu

and Kashmir Police said a thorough investigation is underway in the case and strict action will be taken in accordance with the law to hold the responsible individuals accountable.

"It has come to our notice that a fake Facebook account has been generated using the name of Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu zone. This fraudulent act is a serious violation and an attempt to mislead the public," it said.

"Immediate legal action is being initiated against the perpetrators involved in this unlawful activity," police said, adding that they take such cyber offenses very seriously.

People are advised to be cautious and report any suspicious online activity to the authorities, the statement said.

"We also urge citizens not to engage with or follow any such fraudulent accounts. For any official communication or information, please refer to the verified and legitimate social media accounts of the Jammu and Kashmir Police."

# Mahajan, Abid appointed Incharge of Party HQs; Dr. Audil, Bilal Rashid named Media Coordinators

These appointments are aimed at bolstering the party's media outreach and communication efforts across the union territory.

# Punjab | Counter

# Intelligence Arrests Army Deserter, Seizes 12.5 Kg Heroin

teams of Counter Intelligence Jalandhar laid a special naka at canal Bride of village Kangniwal in Jalandhar and arrested Amritpal Fauji after recovering 200 grammes of heroin, said the DGP," while adding that further investigation has resulted in the recovery of 12.4 kg of heroin from a pinpointed location at a link road from Tarn-Taran to village Jodhpur, as revealed by the accused.

"Police teams have also impounded a motorcycle on which the accused Amritpal Fauji was travelling," he added.

Sharing more details, AIG, Counter Intelligence (CI), Jalandhar Navjot Singh Mahal said that during questioning, the arrested accused has revealed that he and his associate had procured a drug consignment of 50 kg heroin from Akhnoor sector last month, of which, 33kg heroin haul was with his associate Sartaj, who was arrested by the J-K Police.

"Following the arrest of his accomplice, Amritpal Fauji concealed the remaining heroin at an abandoned location, he said," while adding that further investigations are on to establish backward and forward linkages in this case.

A case FIR no 57 dated September 13 has been registered under sections 21 and 29 of the NDPS Act at Police Station State Special Operation Cell (SSOC), Amritsar.



## NC, Cong, PDP's bogus narratives won't affect BJP's popularity: Kavinder

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 16: Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former deputy chief minister, today rejected the groundless narratives being propagated by its political opponents NC, Congress and PDP asserting that such misleading tactics will not impact the growing popularity of BJP.

While addressing a series of meeting here today, the BJP stalwart leader, who has been made Incharge of BJP J&K's Election Committee, said that the electorate in J&K has seen through the bogus rhetoric of these parties as



these have consistently failed the people, relying on false narratives and fear-mongering instead of offering real solutions. Kavinder said that opposition parties will not succeed in betraying people again because this time the electorate has an exemplary

option in the shape of BJP having a brilliant track record of ensuring progress, peace and prosperity.

The senior BJP functionary also highlighted the transformational changes brought about after the end of Article 370 in the shape of com-

pleting lingering projects, conceiving the new ones and above all realizing the dream of peace in the region, which was reeling under violence for over three decades. "BJP delivered what it has promised starting from infrastructure development, healthcare, and

education to enhancing security and boosting tourism under the realms of PM Narendra Modi, and opposition's false claims cannot cover this reality", he said adding that BJP is all set to form government in J&K.

"The lies and misleading narratives of NC, Congress, and PDP will not affect BJP's popularity. The people stand with BJP and will show their overwhelming support in the elections", he maintained adding that the Bharatiya Janata Party will not be distracted by false claims or political games as it is focused on serving the people, and will continue to do so with dedication and integrity.

## Director I&C Jammu interacts with of BBIA Members



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 16: Dr. Arun Manhas, JKAS, Director Industries & Commerce Jammu along with Sh. Ashok Kumar Jt. Director, Development, Industries & Commerce, Jammu & Sh. Varinder Manyal, General Manager, DIC, Jammu visited BBIA Bhawan & Interacted with Members of Bari Brahmana Industries Association at BBIA Bhawan Bari Brahmana.

While welcoming the Director Industries & Commerce, Tarun Singla, Sr. Vice President draw the attention of Arun Manhas towards the plight of Existing Working Units who were on the verge of closer due to dilution of Fiscal Incentives from 1800 Crores p.a. prior to GST Regime to only approx.500 Crores resulting great resentment amongst the working Units of Jammu & Kashmir and is the need of the hours to provide Fiscal Incentives in the tune of 3000 Crores p.a. to Existing Industries in the shape of Turnover Incentive/GSTLI etc. at par with the NCS-2021 Scheme notified by Ministry of Commerce & Industries Govt. of India

for New Units

Lalit Mahajan President BBIA during his presidential address brought into the notice of worthy Director that it is the need of the hour to save the Existing Units with the grant of Fiscal Incentives in the shape of Reimbursement Turnover Incentive on actual sale, Reimbursement of SGST/CGST/GST to Existing Units and Units under Substantial Expansion in respect of change in the line of activity/Diversification for next 10 Years, Marketing Support in the shape of Purchase/Price Preference etc. to save the Existing Units from clouser who are already providing direct and Indirect Employment to three to four lacs Local peoples at present.

The other issues also highlighted related to Industrial Sector which includes Pending Cases of IDS 2017 related to Reimbursement of 3% Interest/Insurance/GST/Income Tax, Time Barred cases of Interest Subvention, Re validation of 3% interest Subvention cases, Pending DG Set subsidy cases for disbursement, Policy for Procurement of goods from local units by large and medium Enterprises,

Allocation of requisite funds for the Repair/Maintenance of SIDCO complex, Allotment of land at alternate place in Bari Brahmana and Samba to those units who applied for land for mean Charak, Reimbursement of Mandi Tax to Flour Mills, Time bound clearance of cases in felicitation council under delay payment act, Verification of GSTLI Cases by the central CGST officials and other related issue for which a detailed Representation shall be given shortly. Mementos were also presented to the Guests.

While interacting with the gathering, Dr. Arun Manhas Director, Industries & Commerce assured to the Members present in the meeting that the issues as highlighted during the Interaction meeting shall be taken up with the Administrative Department on priority basis.

The meeting was also attended by Ajay Langer, Vice President, Virraaj Malhotra, General Secretary, Rajesh Jain, Secretary, S.C. Dutta, Presidents, SSI Birpur, and members of BBIA.

Ajay Langer, Vice President BBIA presented the vote of thanks.

## Modi Govt transformed J&K in just one decade: Dr. Parneesh

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 16: Dr. Parneesh Mahajan, Convenor of the Department of Training, BJP, J&K, lauded the unprecedented transformation of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir under the ten-year rule of the Modi Government. He stated that the developmental strides achieved under BJP's leadership are unparalleled, contrasting sharply with the previous regimes led by the National Conference (NC) and Congress, which miserably failed to deliver on their promises. "What the Modi Government has done in the past decade for J&K, the successive governments of NC and Congress could not accomplish in their decades of rule," said Dr. Mahajan.

Speaking about BJP's contesting candidate for Jammu West, Arvind Mahajan, Dr. Parneesh Mahajan hailed him as a youth icon and a deserving candidate for the constituency. "The youth have high hopes from Arvind Mahajan, and he has proven himself to be a dynamic and capable leader. His candidacy symbolizes a new era of leadership for Jammu West, and I am confident that he will serve the constituency with dedication and integrity," said Dr. Mahajan.

Dr. Parneesh Mahajan also took the opportunity

to felicitate Sat Sharma on his recent nomination as the Working President of BJP, J&K. He expressed optimism that under Sharma's leadership, the party would continue to strengthen its base and work for the betterment of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. "Sat Sharma's extensive experience and vision will undoubtedly guide the party to new heights," he added.

Sat Sharma and Arvind Mahajan thanked Dr. Parneesh Mahajan and people of Jammu West for their support. They assured the people of Jammu West that they would work tirelessly to meet their expectations and address their concerns. "We are committed to the development and progress of Jammu West, and we will leave no stone unturned in ensuring that the constituency reaches new heights under BJP's governance," said Sat Sharma and Arvind Mahajan said.

Dr Parneesh Mahajan appealed to the people of Jammu West to vote and support Arvind Mahajan in the upcoming Assembly polls, urging them to ensure his victory. "The future of Jammu West lies in the hands of its people, and I strongly encourage everyone to come forward and vote for a better tomorrow under the leadership of Arvind Mahajan," he said.

## Bukhari urges youth to be part of change, shape future of J&K's younger generation

### Announces support for jailed candidate Sarjan Barkati in Berwah constituency

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Sep 16: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, on Monday, called on his party cadre and supporters in the Berwah assembly constituency to back Sarjan Barkati, who is contesting for the assembly seat from that constituency. Barkati, who is currently in jail, is also a candidate in the Gandrebal constituency.

Bukhari said, "Since Apni Party is not contesting in the Berwah constituency, I urge my party cadre and supporters there to support Sarjan Barkati in the upcoming elections in this constituency."

He made this announcement while speaking to media reporters during his public outreach campaign in Barzala area of

his home constituency of Chanapora today.

Responding to a question about the rising unemployment rate in Jammu and Kashmir, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said, "The fact is that unemployment is the biggest challenge that people, especially our youth, are grappling with in J&K. The governments have so far failed to create sufficient employment opportunities here. That is why I urge the youth to become part of the change. Young people need to be involved in the power structure so that they can help shape the future of the younger generation in J&K."

On pending SRO cases, he said, "If Apni Party receives the public mandate to serve, it will ensure that all pending compassionate appointment

cases under SRO-43 are resolved once and for all. This will not be a favor to the beneficiaries; rather, it is their right, which has unfortunately been denied so far. Appointments should normally be made within three months. According to the law (under SRO-43), the kin of those killed in militancy-related incidents and government employees who died while in service are eligible for jobs in government departments. We will ensure that these job aspirants receive their due rights."

It is pertinent to note that SRO-43 was replaced by a new compassionate appointment policy, which took effect on January 1, 2023. However, there are still a number of cases pending under the previous law that have been unresolved for years.

## Chandel calls for United India, criticizes Mamata Banerjee

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 16: Senior Hindutva BJP leader Guruji Raju Chandel has made a provocative statement regarding the situation in West Bengal and its implications for national unity. In a recent press conference, Chandel expressed grave concerns about the treatment of Bengali Hindus in Bangladesh and the ensuing impact on Kolkata.

Chandel accused the West Bengal Chief Minister, Mamata Banerjee, of neglecting the rising tensions in Kolkata due to an influx of Bengali Hindus fleeing persecution in Bangladesh and Muslim infiltrators. He warned that unchecked, this could lead to widespread anarchy in Kolkata and potentially prompt the central government to impose President's rule in the state.

"Mamata Didi knows very well that the fire of Bangladesh could engulf



Kolkata," Chandel stated. "If this happens, she risks losing power, and the central government may have to intervene."

He urged Banerjee to consider the historical vision of a united India, suggesting that integrating Bangladesh into India would prevent further unrest and safeguard Kolkata from the turmoil spreading from Bangladesh. Chandel proposed that Banerjee should cease her opposition to the BJP and support the party's efforts to build a united India.

"By supporting the BJP in creating a united India, Mamata Didi can

preserve her governance and ensure that Kolkata remains secure," Chandel asserted. "We need to stop Pakistan and China from using Bangladesh as a tool for their political ambitions and economic disruption. The unity and integrity of our nation depend on all political parties working together to make India whole again."

Chandel emphasized that India's military might—one of the largest in the world—should be used to ensure national unity and counter any foreign interference. He called on political leaders to unite and embrace the vision of an expanded India, including Bangladesh, to safeguard the country's future.

In summary, Chandel's statements reflect a strong call for national consolidation and a unified approach to addressing perceived threats from neighboring countries and internal divisions.

## BJP's Panchayati Raj Cell holds one-day conference in RS Pura

Top News Report

RS PURA, Sep 16: Under the leadership of Surjeet Chaudhary, State Convenor of BJP's Panchayati Raj Cell, and Sardar Gurdeep Singh Saini, Co-Convenor, a one-day conference was held with significant participation from party members.

The event was attended by senior BJP leaders, including Union Minister and Jammu and Kashmir Election In-Charge G. Kishan Reddy, Rakesh Mahajan, In-Charge of all BJP Cells, former Jammu and Kashmir Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta, District President Sunil Dutt Shastri, BJP candidate for Suchetgarh Assembly Constituency Prof Garu Ram Bhagat, District Development Council members Dharmendra Kumar and Surekha Kumari, and hundreds of BJP workers.

During the conference, Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy addressed the gathering, emphasizing



that the BJP is contesting the upcoming elections in Jammu and Kashmir with the goal of forming a government. He highlighted the significance of these elections, marking a decade since the last assembly elections, and noted the contrasting approaches of the National Conference, PDP, and Congress, who are advocating for the release of terrorists in their manifestos, while the BJP is focused on development issues.

Kavinder Gupta stated that the Congress party's candidate in RS Pura Jammu South is

expected to face a fourth consecutive defeat, as the electorate is resolute in their support. He also expressed confidence in the BJP's victory in the Suchetgarh Assembly Constituency.

Professor Garu Ram Bhagat, BJP's candidate for Suchetgarh Assembly Constituency, emphasized that the elections in Jammu and Kashmir are not just about forming a government but about bringing about change.

He asserted that only the BJP can end terrorism in the region and pointed out the benefits that border communities

have experienced since the cessation of shelling following the formation of the BJP government.

Rakesh Mahajan, Surjeet Chaudhary, and Gurdeep Singh Saini shared that the conference was organized to raise awareness about the BJP government's policies.

Gurdeep Saini said "Today's conference showcased BJP's commitment to addressing the needs and concerns of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and highlighted the party's vision for the future of the region. BJP is not merely seeking to form a government; we

are dedicated to bringing about significant and positive change for every citizen in the region. Our focus is on building a secure, prosperous, and inclusive Jammu and Kashmir. The benefits of Modi Govt policies, especially in terms of ending terrorism and improving security along our borders, have been clearly visible. We are committed to ensuring that these positive outcomes continue to grow and positively impact the lives of people in border communities and beyond."

He appealed to the people of Suchetgarh Assembly Constituency to support Prof Garu Ram with an aim to continue the spree of development in the border village.

The event was also attended by District President Sunil Dutt Shastri, former Sarpanch Omkar Singh, former Deputy Mayor Purnima Sharma, former Corporator Pawan Singh, and Om Prakash Khajuria, among other BJP workers.

## Beautician Course in Pir Panjal Region: A step toward empowering local women at Sangiot

Top News Report

RAJOURI, Sep 16: The Indian Army's newly launched beautician course in the Pir Panjal region is currently underway, offering a significant opportunity for women in this remote and challenging area to gain valuable skills and achieve economic independence.

This initiative, which commenced earlier this month, is part of a broader strategy to enhance socio-economic conditions in the region, known for its geographical isolation and limited access to educational and employment opportunities. The beautician course is being conducted at a community center set up by the Indian Army, specifically designed to meet the needs of the local population.

The curriculum covers a comprehensive range of beauty care techniques, including skincare, haircare, and makeup application. The training is provided by a team of skilled local experts and trained facilitators who are well-versed in the latest beauty practices and techniques.

This ensures that the education provided is both relevant and practical, catering to the specific needs and resources of the Pir Panjal region. Participants in the course include women from vari-



ous villages across the Pir Panjal region. Many of these women have expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to learn new skills that have the potential to transform their lives.

By acquiring expertise in beauty care, they are not only gaining the ability to enhance their own personal well-being but are also opening doors to new economic opportunities. The skills learned in this course can enable them to start their own beauty services business or find employment in local salons, thereby contributing to their families' incomes and fostering economic growth within their communities.

The Indian Army's involvement in this initiative underscores its commitment to supporting and developing remote and underserved areas. The beautician course is part of a larger effort to promote community devel-

opment and resilience in regions that face significant challenges.

By equipping women with practical, marketable skills, the program aims to create a ripple effect of positive change, improving both individual lives and the broader socio-economic landscape of the Pir Panjal region.

The initiative embodies a forward-thinking approach to addressing the unique challenges faced by remote areas, setting a precedent for future programs aimed at fostering self-sufficiency and economic development.



## Rohit Sharma, Gautam Gambhir Prepare 'Surprise Weapon' For Bangladesh

India captain Rohit Sharma and head coach Gautam Gambhir are devising a plan to surprise Bangladesh in the Test series opener.

CHENNAI, Sep 16 (Agencies): As the Indian cricket team gears up for the Test series opener against Bangladesh, starting September 19, a new strategic call seems to be in line. India head coach Gautam Gambhir and captain Rohit Sharma looked at a few experiments in the nets, but the one that particularly caught the eye was the decision to have Yashasvi Jaiswal bowl leg spin. Jaiswal, who has also taken the opener's role in Tests like fish takes to water, also seemed serious about spin bowling, a skill that would strengthen his position in the team, not just in Tests but other formats as well.

In a video shared by Jio Cinema, the official broadcaster of the Test series, the likes of Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja faced Jaiswal's deliveries in the nets. Though the responsibility of bowling spin primarily relies on the shoulders of Jadeja and Ashwin, they



could find a new partner in the form of Jaiswal soon.

When it comes to his Test career, Jaiswal has bowled just one over before, against England in Ranchi, where he had gone for six runs.

The Chennai pitch, where the first Test is scheduled to

be played, is expected to be a red soil pitch which would help pacers more. Considering the wonders that Bangladesh spinners did against Pakistan in the recently-concluded 2-match Test series, Team India seem to have opted for a more measured approach.

The Bangladesh squad landed in Chennai, the venue for the opening Test beginning on September 19, on Sunday afternoon. "It's definitely going to be a very challenging series for us," Shanto was quoted as saying at the pre-departure press briefing at the Dhaka airport.

"After a good series (vs Pakistan) there is definitely an extra confidence in the team, in the people of the country. Every series is an opportunity.

"We will play to win both matches. The things that matter to win, the process matters... our aim will be to do the work properly. Good results are possible if we do our job properly," the Bangladesh captain added.

While India is on top of the World Test Championship (WTC) table, the Bangladesh skipper believed that it will all boil down to how they perform during those five days and the result can come even in the last session.

## Our aim is to play good cricket for five days: Bangladesh captain Shanto



CHENNAI, Sep 16 (Agencies): Bangladesh captain Najmul Hossain Shanto wants to take confidence from the series win in Pakistan as the team arrived in Chennai for the two-Test series against India which begins on Thursday.

Shanto, despite acknowledging that it will be a challenge, made it clear that they will be looking to win both the matches in Chennai and Kanpur. "It's definitely going to be a very challenging series for us," Shanto was quoted as saying at the pre-departure press briefing at the Dhaka airport.

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As things stand, India are on the top of the World Test Championship table and winning all five home games (two vs Bangladesh and three against New Zealand) will ensure their qualification for the final of the tournament. Shanto, however, wants to focus on playing good cricket for five days. "If you see the ranking, they are much ahead of us," Shanto noted.

"We have been playing well lately. We have had a good series. Our aim will be to play well for five days. The result comes in the last session on the last day. If we play good cricket for five days, there is a chance for either team to win in the last session," the skipper said just before boarding the flight to Chennai.

Both Bangladesh and India will be training at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai.

## Ishan Kishan posts two-word message after superb hundred in Duleep Trophy

ANANTAPUR, Sep 16 (Agencies): Indian wicket-keeper batter Ishan Kishan made a significant return to red-ball cricket, smashing a superb hundred in the Duleep Trophy to reignite talks of his comeback to the Indian national team. Playing for India C, Kishan scored 111 runs off 126 balls, showcasing his aggressive strokeplay and undeniable talent. His performance comes after a prolonged absence from red-ball cricket, marking an impressive return to the format.

Kishan, who had last represented India during the tour of South Africa in 2023, withdrew from the series due to mental fatigue and has since been missing from India's playing XI. Despite his absence from Jharkhand's Ranji Trophy campaign, the wicket-keeper batter did feature in the 2024 Indian Premier League (IPL) for the Mumbai Indians. However, his absence from the Test squad left many questioning his red-ball future.

Kishan silenced his critics with a commanding century, laced with 14 fours and three sixes, playing a pivotal role in India C's innings. The young wicket-keeper shared a crucial 189-run part-

nership for the third wicket with Baba Indrajith, who scored 78 off 136 balls. After the game, Ishan took to Instagram to share pictures from his innings, simply captioning his post: "Unfinished Business." The two-word message created a buzz amongst fans and experts, hinting at his determination to make a strong case for a return to the Indian Test side.

Though Kishan was not part of India's squad for the upcoming Test series against Bangladesh, his hundred in the Duleep Trophy will certainly have caught the attention of the selectors. His innings came at a time when India's wicket-keeping department is undergoing transition, and Kishan's impressive form could lead to opportunities shortly.

Notably, Kishan was a late inclusion in the India C squad, joining the team on the eve of the game after recovering from a groin injury that had kept him out of the first round of the tournament. Sanju Samson had initially replaced him in the India D squad due to his injury, but Kishan's timely recovery allowed him to make his mark.

Despite his efforts, the India B vs India C match ended in a draw.

## Chess Olympiad: Indian Men Crush Azerbaijan, Women Beat Kazakhstan

BUDAPEST, Sep 16 (Agencies): Backed by the two in-form stars in World Championship challenger D Gukesh and Arjun Erigaise, the Indian men scored a 3-1 victory over Azerbaijan in the fifth round of the 45th Chess Olympiad in Budapest. It seems like Gukesh and Arjun can do nothing wrong in this Olympiad as they overpowered Aydin Sulemanli and Rauf Mamedov respectively with their white pieces in quick time. Praggnanandhaa played another draw on board two to only ensure an Indian victory while Vidit Gujrathi played out a draw with Shakhriyar Mamedyarov in a marathon game to complete the triumph.

After scoring the fifth victory on the trot, the Indian men maintained a clean slate on ten points and they were joined by



Vietnam who continued with their impressive show and downed Poland 2.5-1.5.

The other two teams that joined the leaders' pack were China and Hungary who scored identical 2.5-1.5 victories over Spain and Ukraine respectively.

With six rounds still to come in the biggest chess event, Magnus Carlsen's Norway and Iran are the only two teams sharing the fifth spot on 9 points apiece.

Norway defeated a talented Turkey team by

a 3-1 margin while Iran made most of the opportunities to down Canada 3.5-0.5.

In the women's section, Grandmaster D Harika suffered a shock defeat to give Kazakhstan an early lead. Better for most of the game, Harika misplayed after many pundits believed her position to be winning against Bibisara Assaubayeva.

On the fourth board Vantika Agarwal yet again played the anchor and won a clean game with white pieces

against Alua Nurman while Xeniya Balabayeva split the point with Divya Deshmukh.

With the scores tied at 2-2 it was Vaishali's turn to come up triumphs for the team and she outwitted Meruert Kamalidenova.

Team India joined Armenia and Mongolia in the lead on ten points. Armenia halted the Chinese party for now handing them a 2.5-1.5 defeat while Mongolia proved superior to United States with a similar score.

The three leaders have 10 points apiece and they are now followed by Georgia and Poland a half point behind.

Gukesh scored his fourth victory in a row at the expense of Sulemanli.

The World championship challenger got a huge middle game advantage with scat-

tered black pieces and a weak king and made no mistakes in converting that in to a full point.

Arjun is the only Indian who has played all five games thus far and the primary reason is his ability to complicate matters with either colour. Up against Mamedov, it was Sicilian Dragon structure wherein Arjun converted to a complicated endgame and then his precise calculation helped him carve out his fifth win as many games. For the records, Arjun is currently at 2888 ELO rating points in live ratings and just 12 short of attaining the magical 2800 mark - a summit captured by only Viswanathan Anand as an Indian. The women section has seen some serious bouts wherein the tables were turned in quick time. In the next round now, the eves will take on Armenia.

## England continue to be cautious as Jofra Archer returns to ODIs after 18 months

LONDON, Sep 16 (Agencies): England's interim coach Marcus Trescothick said they will continue to monitor Jofra Archer's workload in the upcoming five-match ODI series against Australia. Archer will be rested for a couple of games in the ODI series, which will be crucial to England and Australia's preparations for the Champions Trophy next month. England and Australia will meet in th ODIs from September 19 to 29 across five venues.

Archer proved his worth for England in the recently-concluded T20I series, nailing yorkers at will in the season opener in Southampton. Archer bowled 3.3 overs and picked up two wickets before he was rested for the second T20I in Cardiff.

Archer was due to play the final match of the series in Manchester, but the series finale was washed out due to rain on Sunday, September 15.

Archer was picked in England's squad for the ODI series, marking his return to the 50-over format for the first time since England's tour of Bangladesh in March 2023. Trescothick highlighted the jump in workload for Archer in the 50-over format of the game, adding that everybody in the team, including the fast bowler, is well aware of the plan.

Archer has been struggling with elbow and back injuries and has been in and out of the senior national team since the start of 2020.

"He (Archer) knows the plan. It's discussed long in advance of picking the team on each day. We know what we're doing with him, and where we're going. He is comfortable; he knows what he is doing," Trescothick said.

"That's a bigger structure, in terms of what we're trying to do with Jofra. You come into the series knowing what we've got and what we can do with him. That's an agreed plan between the coaches, directors, physios and all the different people. We'll still be managing him in the ODIs - exactly the same thing," he added.

Captain Jos Buttler, who will miss the ODI series with an injury, also stressed the need to manage Jofra Archer's workload, saying he will be allowed to gradually get used to 50-over cricket after having been eased into international cricket this year.

Archer played two T20Is in May against Pakistan before featuring in the T20 World Cup. Archer's workload was managed in the recently-concluded Hundred before he was picked for both the T20I and the ODI series against Australia.

England will look to have a fully fit Archer for the Champions Trophy in February-March next year. The pacer, despite the nagging injury concerns over the last four years, has not given up hopes of returning to Test cricket during the Ashes next year.

## 'Still Playing In Shane Warne's Shadow': Nathan Lyon's Massive Praise For Late Australian Great

SYDNEY, Sep 16 (Agencies): Australia spinner Nathan Lyon has accepted to live with the fact of being constantly compared to legendary bowler Shane Warne throughout his career. The 36-year-old, who once felt pressure because of the comparison, has now found peace with it. The veteran of 129 Test matches and 530 wickets, Lyon revealed that the tall figure of Warne made it difficult to establish himself in international cricket. The greatest leg-spinner of all-time, who passed away at the age of 52 in 2022, had retired from international cricket in 2007 with a massive tally of 708 Test wickets.

However, Lyon, who made his Test debut in 2011, felt the enormous pressure of filling Warne's boot early in his career.

"I probably struggled with it early doors because you would be trying your hardest every game, but I feel like the media and the Australian public were asking, 'who's the next spinner? We need a spinner to do what Shane Warne did on the last day,'" Lyon told Sky Cricket.

"And I'm 10 matches into my first-class career. I'm never going to be able to do what Warne did. Warne's once-in-a-generation, he's the greatest to play the game in my opinion.

"I still feel in the shadow of Shane Warne now and I'm 129 Test matches in with 530 wickets. The thing is, I'm happy with that, and I'm comfortable with that now. A lot of us felt the pressure of Shane Warne's shadow... and it probably took me a good five, six, seven years to understand that pressure is a privilege. And if you've got pressure, you're doing OK, enjoy it," the spinner added.

Lyon will be in action in the much-anticipated five-match Test series against India, scheduled to be played from November 22 in Perth.

## Sri Lanka announce 16-member squad for home Test series vs New Zealand

COLOMBO, Sep 16 (Agencies): The Sri Lanka cricket board has announced a 16-member squad for the home Test series against New Zealand. Dhananjaya de Silva will lead the Sri Lankan team as they host the Kiwis for a 2-match Test series. Sri Lanka are coming off a 1-2 loss against England in an away 3-match series. Sri Lanka didn't make many changes to their squad from the England series. However, Oshada Fernando has been named after more than a year since his last appearance in red-ball cricket. The move could be aimed at solidifying the top-order batting, which couldn't step up against England. Wicketkeeper-batter Nishan Madushka was not included in the team, along with Nisala Tharaka and Kasun Rajitha.

Meanwhile, New Zealand hasn't had the best of years, suffering an early elimination in the T20 World Cup. They travelled to India for a one-off Test against Afghanistan. However, the match was abandoned without a ball being bowled or even a toss due to persistent rain and a poor outfield at the Greater Noida Sports Complex Ground.

Sri Lanka shows trust on youngsters Youngsters like Pathum Nissanka, Kamindu Mendis, and Milan Rathnayake will aim to continue their impressive performances from the England series. Nissanka became the first Sri Lankan opener in 13 years to score a Test hundred in England. His match-

winning 127\* helped Sri Lanka record their 4th Test win on English soil in the last 40 years. Kamindu Mendis also had a dream start to his Test career, scoring a third Test century in his 4th appearance in whites for Sri Lanka in the 2nd Test against England.

New Zealand will return to the island nation after five long years for a bilateral series. The Test series is part of the World Test Championship calendar, set to conclude at Lord's Cricket Ground in 2025. Meanwhile, Sri Lanka will aim to make use of their home conditions and take confidence from their recent ODI series triumph against India in Colombo. The first Test match will take place on September 18 in Galle.

SL vs NZ squads

Sri Lanka Squad:

Dhananjaya De Silva (c), Dimuth Karunaratne, Pathum Nissanka, Kusal Mendis, Angelo Mathews, Dinesh Chandimal, Kamindu Mendis, Sadeera Samarawickrama, Oshada Fernando, Asitha Fernando, Vishwa Fernando, Lahiru Kumara, Prabath Jayasuriya, Ramesh Mendis, Jeffrey Vandersay, Milan Rathnayake.

New Zealand Squad:

Tim Southee (c), Tom Latham (vc), Tom Blundell (wk), Michael Bracewell, Devon Conway (wk), Matt Henry, Daryl Mitchell, William O'Rourke, Ajaz Patel, Glenn Phillips, Rachin Ravindra, Mitchell Santner, Ben Sears, Kane Williamson, Will Young.



# UCMAS celebrates top talent at 14th J&K Abacus & Mental Arithmetic Competition 2024

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JAMMU, Sep 16: The 14th Jammu and Kashmir UCMAS Abacus & Mental Arithmetic Competition reached a grand conclusion with a Prize Distribution Ceremony held at Jammu Club, MA Stadium, Jammu. The event, organized by UCMAS, an internationally recognized organization known for its Mental Arithmetic and Abacus Training, highlighted this year's theme, "Edu-Entrepreneurs: Empowering Women & Youth Through Education."

The ceremony, which saw participation from over 400 students across various UCMAS authorized centers in Jammu, was marked by the presence of distinguished guests and inspiring ed-entrepreneurs. These individuals, who have undergone UCMAS training, shared their transformative experiences and achievements, shedding light on the positive impact



of education on entrepreneurship and empowerment.

Rupesh Masson, Founder Director of One Global Foundation and Regional Director J&K of UCMAS, welcomed attendees and emphasized UCMAS's role in education in the region. "UCMAS has trained over 200 individuals and appointed authorized franchisees to advance abacus education in J&K. This opportunity is available for those interested in starting education franchises in J&K's towns and cities," Masson said.

Champion of Champions: Rajya Vardhan  
Champions: Adheesh Mahajan, Ruhaan Khajuria, Mrinank Gupta, Rudransh Sharma, Reyan Bhagat, Veedansh

1st Prize Winners: Devanshi Mathur, Parth Mahajan, Priyamvada, Aaryav Kohli, Vivaan Rana, Aarushi Maurya, Pranshu Gupta, Aarav Gupta, Jaahnawi Bhagat, Trisatyia Bhat, Piyush Lalotra, Onish Suri, Ayaan Gupta, Ritvik Dogra, Ansh Chadha, Rudhav, Joyeen Singh, Aadhy Gupta

2nd Prize Winners: Garvik Sharma, Anadi

Abrol, Rajveer Dayal, Nayonika Katal, Aashish Singh Chib, Rohan Mahajan, Naksh Bangotra, Kavya Jagotra, Shanaya Sharma, Shiliti Gupta, Samar Kapoor, Adhyan Basson, Vinayak Narnia, Aadvik Singh, Aarman Chadha, NiyanT Gupta, Ryan Mahajan, Ashish Sharma

3rd Prize Winners: Armaan Sharma, Satvik Singh, Sarvi Singh, Arhaan Singh, Adarsh Chib, Divish Mahajan, Aashvika, Roshni Gupta, Darsh Singh, Aarya Verma, Navya Rajput, Edhayata Gupta, Vanya Gandotra, Sejal Dogra, Bhavyam Verma, Daiwik Sharma, Lakshya Raina

4th Prize Winners: Tanush Behl, Taksham Gotra, Subhaan Raza, Aarav Gupta, Amog Jain, Shubham, Gurveen Singh, Saatik Gupta, Aaradhaya Jagdev

5th Prize Winners: Joanna Thappa, Krishthy, Kaira Dhar, Aadvik Singh, Varchsav, Ronisha Gupta,

Mehul Sarmal, Ruhan Gupta, Sanatan

The ceremony featured Rohit Khajuria, General Secretary Red Cross and Former DC Samba, Kathua, as the Chief Guest. Special guests included Vinay Kumar, Kshetriya Sangathak of Swadeshi Jagran Manch, Madam Neeta Rawal, Principal APS B.D. Badi, Ajay Singh Chandel, Swadeshi Jagran Manch Prant Sampark Pramukh Jammu Kashmir Ladakh, Pardeep Dutta, Bureau Chief of Times Now, eminent journalists Sohail Kazami and Ravinder Singh, and Inderjeet Raina, Founder of Sampark North PR Agency.

UCMAS J&K's Academic Director Sonia Masson, along with other distinguished figures, was present to celebrate the students' achievements. Rupesh Masson concluded the event with a vote of thanks, acknowledging the support of parents and guests.

# SMVDU students win 1st, 2nd Prize in Student Conference, Alka Memorial Mathematical Competition

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REASI, Sep 16: Students from the School of Mathematics, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), have secured top positions in the prestigious one-day student conference and the Alka Memorial Mathematical Competition. The event was organized by the Department of Mathematics, University of Jammu, in association with the Jammu Mathematical Society.

Ariba Rauf, a B.Sc. Mathematics student in her 5th semester, claimed

the first prize in the student conference, while Romel Dutta, a 2nd-year M.Sc. Mathematics student, secured the second prize in the Alka Memorial Mathematical Competition.

The awards were presented by Padmashri Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman of the Higher Education Council, J&K UT, during the inauguration of the National Seminar on Recent Trends in Analysis and Allied Areas-2024, held on September 12, 2024, at the University of Jammu.

Dr. Kuldip Raj, Head of the Department of

Mathematics at SMVDU, attended the award ceremony. Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor of SMVDU, along with the faculty members from the School of Mathematics, extended heartfelt congratulations to the students. They expressed pride in the achievements and encouraged them to continue bringing laurels to the university.

The event marked a significant achievement for SMVDU, highlighting the university's focus on academic excellence and fostering competitive spirit among students.

# Ajeet Bhagat appeals to people of J&K, especially Kishtwar, Doda, Ramban Districts

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KISHTWAR, Sep 16: Senior National Conference (NC) leader and spokesperson for the Chenab Valley Zone, Ajeet Bhagat, has made a heartfelt appeal to the people of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly those in Kishtwar, Doda, and Ramban districts, to stand united against what he termed as the failures of the BJP-led government. Bhagat accused the government of significantly worsening the hardships of the masses over the past ten years, saying that the suffering of the people has increased "twenty-fold" under BJP's rule.

Bhagat lambasted the BJP administration for using excessive force against National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) employees, sanitation workers, Forest Department employees, and PHE daily wagers. He expressed his dismay at the government's neglect and high-handedness towards essential workers, stating that such actions have only deepened the frustration and discontent among the populace.

During his speech, Bhagat laid out the National Conference's manifesto, outlining its promises to the people if the party comes to power. Some of the key pledges include the creation of 100,000 jobs within the first few months of the new administration, providing 200 units of free electricity, and transferring hydroelectric power projects to J&K as recommended by the Prime Minister's Committee.

Bhagat also highlighted several other welfare measures the NC plans to introduce, such as the provision of 12 free LPG cylinders annually for EWS families, the enhancement of pensions for the elderly and widows to 3,000, an increase in marriage assistance from 50,000 to 75,000 for EWS families, and the raising of medical allowances for pensioners from 300 to 1,000 per month. Additionally, the party aims to increase free rice allocation to 10 kg per person per month and create a Medical Trust to offer free insurance coverage of 5 lakh annually for terminal diseases like cancer and heart or kidney transplants. A policy for the time-bound regularization of employees was also mentioned as part of the party's commitment to labor rights.

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ommended by the Prime Minister's Committee. He further promised free drinking water for every household and financial support of 5,000 per month for female heads of households under the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) category.

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# Prominent NC leader, ex-sarpanch Aya Singh joins Apni Party

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JAMMU, Sep 16: A prominent National Conference leader, and ex-sarpanch from Upper Gadigarh, Aya Singh has joined Apni Party in presence of President of the Party, Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari in Srinagar.

As per a press release, the joining of prominent NC leader, Aya Singh took place in Srinagar and the Women Wing Provincial President, Jammu, Pavneet Kour and other leaders.

Expressing his faith in the leadership of Altaf Bukhari, he joined the Party. Bukhari expressed



hope that his joining will boost the morale of the leadership in Jammu South.

Meanwhile, Pavneet Kour expressed her gratitude to Aya Singh, for taking up the decision of joining the party, and supporting the party in

Jammu South. The occasion was also attended by Provincial President Minority Wing, Balbir Singh, Provincial President, Transport Union, Tirth Singh, District Secretary, Youth Wing, Abhinav Gupta and others.

# Rohit Shastri expresses gratitude to LG Manoj Sinha for launching eBus in Raipur Village

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JAMMU, Sep 16: Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of Shri Kailash Jyotish Avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, Raipur Bantalab, Jammu, has conveyed his heartfelt thanks to Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, for initiating electric bus services in Raipur village.

In a letter addressed to the Lieutenant Governor, Mahant Rohit Shastri expressed his gratitude for fulfilling the long-standing request for sustainable public transport in the village. He mentioned that a few months ago, during a meeting with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Ji and Former Commissioner of Jammu Municipal Corporation, Rahul Yadav Ji, he had formally submitted a memorandum requesting the introduction of electric bus services to serve the local population.

The recent launch of the electric buses has brought immense relief and convenience to the residents of Raipur vil-



lage. Mahant Rohit Shastri extended his thanks on behalf of the community and acknowledged the positive steps taken by the administration to address their transportation needs.

Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal, representing the villagers, also expressed his gratitude to the Lieutenant Governor, emphasizing the importance of the initiative in improving connectivity and reducing the carbon footprint in the region.

This development marks a significant milestone for Raipur village, as it aligns with the broader goal of sustainable development and eco-friendly transportation in Jammu and Kashmir.

# APSCC criticizes mainstream political parties for failing to address unemployment in J&K

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SRINAGAR, Sep 16: The All Parties Sikh Coordination Committee (APSCC) has criticized mainstream political parties in Jammu & Kashmir for focusing on traditional issues like the Kashmir dispute while neglecting the urgent problem of unemployment. APSCC Chairman Jagmohan Singh Raina voiced these concerns during a public gathering in the Nanak area of Jammu.

Raina highlighted that over one lakh vacancies remain unfilled across various government departments, accusing political leaders of prioritizing the rehabilitation of their own family members over the welfare of the people. He pointed to the National Conference and People's Democratic Party (PDP) as prime examples of dynastic politics, citing the politi-

cal ascension of Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti, respectively, and the involvement of their children in the political arena.

"The political elite are safeguarding their family interests while educated, unemployed youth are struggling to support their families," Raina remarked. He urged the youth to be cautious in the upcoming assembly elections, calling on them to vote for candidates committed to resolving their problems rather than relying on the false promises of traditional parties.

Raina emphasized that sectors like tourism, fishing, floriculture, and the silk industry could create substantial employment opportunities, provided the leadership shows the will to act. He added that the APSCC has developed a blueprint to address the region's unemployment crisis.

# Movement Kalki demands action on Love Jihad, elder abuse cases in Jammu



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JAMMU, Sep 16: Movement Kalki has raised concerns over two serious issues in Jammu: a recent Love Jihad case and the abuse of an elderly widow.

The organization calls upon authorities and the public to take immediate action to ensure justice for the victims.

Advocate Sumeshwar Kohli, while addressing the media, highlighted a shocking Love Jihad case in Jammu. A minor girl from a poor Hindu family was allegedly trapped in a love affair by a Muslim youth pretending to be Hindu. The girl, a student of the 8th grade, was taken outside Jammu and Kashmir, where she was pressured to convert to Islam. Despite an FIR being filed under Sections 363 and 376 of the

IPC, the police have yet to fully investigate the Love Jihad angle.

Movement Kalki's legal team has filed for further investigation, identifying other co-accused, including individuals who were pressuring the girl to embrace Islam. Despite multiple requests to senior police officials, no significant progress has been made. Movement Kalki appeals to the media to highlight this case to ensure justice is served.

In another case, Movement Kalki has taken up the cause of a 72-year-old widow who has been subjected to severe abuse by her family.

The widow, who inherited property from her late husband, is being physically beaten, mentally tortured, and coerced by her son, daughter-in-law, and grandson into trans-

ferring ownership of her property.

Despite filing complaints with Panjtirth Police Post and Pacca Danga Police Station, the widow's pleas have been dismissed as a civil matter.

However, the abuse falls under criminal law, particularly the Maintenance of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007. Movement Kalki has lodged a formal complaint with the SSP Jammu, but no action has been taken so far. The organization appeals to the media to bring attention to this grave injustice and help ensure the safety and rights of the elderly widow.

Movement Kalki remains committed to fighting for justice and will continue to bring these critical social issues to the foreground.

# Shoolini University celebrates Hindi Diwas with 'Kavi Vani' poetry event

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SOLAN/JAMMU, Sep 16: The Chitarkoot School of Liberal Arts at Shoolini University celebrated Hindi Diwas with a poetry event titled 'Kavi Vani'. The event brought together students, faculty, and staff, who recited poems on the theme "Colors of Poetry, with Drug-Free Life". The celebration was aimed to promote the Hindi language and advocate for a drug-free lifestyle through the medium

of poetry.

The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Prakash Chand, Assistant Professor of Hindi, The "Kavi Vani" featured poets from the Chitarkoot School of Liberal Arts including Dr. Ekta Singh, Dr. Diwakar Sharma, Dr. DD Sharma, Dr. Purnima Bali, Hemant Kumar Sharma, and Kamal Gautam Sharma. Young poets like Vidushi Justa, Archana, Swarnim Suprakash, Nyasa Tiriya, and Aashi.