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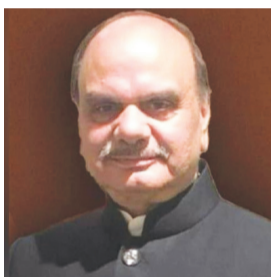
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Senior lawyer Ashok Bhan addresses law students



NEW DELHI, Sep 24 (Agencies): Addressing the law students of various law schools currently in New Delhi to watch Supreme Court proceedings, Senior Advocate & Three time unopposed elected Senior Executive bar leader Ashok Bhan said:

In his nearly four decades of active legal practise in the apex temple of Justice-the Supreme Court I have witnessed the majesty of the Supreme Court is so powerful even the most wealthy & politically mighty who is who of the Country are Chastened.

I have worked with galaxy of eminent Senior advocates like Ashoke Sen, Soli Sorabji, Ram Jaitmalani, K Parasaran and Fali Nariman and others who not only were intellectual giants but great articulate lawyers with excellent grip on facts and law.

They by their legal scholarship have not only greatly contributed in evolution of modern jurisprudence of laws but also in raising the stature and strength of the robust independence of Judiciary in its real sense.

Bhan said: You young lawyers are entering the noblest professional life that calls for hard work, discipline, dedication, respect for fellow professionals, Judges and passion for being a crusader for justice to the common people

The legal eagle Bhan

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Omar, Ravinder Raina, Tariq Karra among 239 candidates in fray in 2nd phase

SRINAGAR, Sep 24 (Agencies): Over 2.5 million voters will decide the fate of 239 candidates in the fray for 26 Jammu and Kashmir assembly seats in the second phase of the election to be held in the Union territory on Wednesday.

These assembly constituencies are spread over six districts - three in the Valley and as many in the Jammu division.

"To facilitate smooth and hassle-free electoral participation, the Election Commission of India has established 3,502 polling stations in these segments. There are 1,056 urban polling stations and 2,446 rural polling stations," an official said.

All polling stations will have webcasting facilities as part



of the Election Commission's efforts to ensure transparency, according to officials.

"To enhance voter participation, 157 special polling stations have been established for the second phase - 26 'pink polling

stations' managed by women, 26 polling stations manned by specially abled persons, 26 polling stations manned by youths, 31 border polling stations, 26 green polling stations and 22 unique polling stations," the

official said.

Voting will take place from 7 am to 6 pm.

Key names in the fray for this phase are former chief minister Omar Abdullah, JKPC president Tariq Hamid Karra and BJP J-K chief Ravinder Raina.

Abdullah is contesting from the Ganderbal and Budgam seats, while Karra is contesting from Central Shalteng. Raina will be trying to retain his Nowshera seat in Rajouri district which he won in the 2014 assembly polls.

The second phase will be watched keenly as jailed separatist leader Sarjan Ahmad Wagay alias Barkati is hoping to repeat Engineer Rashid's Lok Sabha

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Pulwama attack accused dies after suffering cardiac arrest at GMC Jammu: Officials

JAMMU, Sep 24 (Agencies): A 32-year-old man chargesheeted in the deadly terror attack on a CRPF convoy in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district five years ago has died of a heart attack in the Government Medical College Hospital here, officials said.

Bilal Ahmad Kuchey of Kakapora's Hajibal village was among 19 people formally charged in the case.

Forty CRPF personnel were killed and eight more injured when a

terrorist of the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad rammed his explosive-laden car into a convoy in Pulwama's Lethpora on February 14, 2019.

According to officials, Kuchey was hospitalised on September 17 after he fell sick at the Kishtwar district jail. He died of a heart attack on Monday night, they added.

Kuchey and 18 other accused in the case were chargesheeted by the National

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BJP has failed to honour Maharaja Hari Singh, says PDP's Mehboob Beg

SRINAGAR, Sep 24 (Agencies): Former Parliamentarian and PDP General Secretary (Organization), Dr. Mehboob Beg has castigated the BJP for what he said indulging in theatrics and having failed to honour Maharaja Hari Singh in the manner that they should have.

In a statement, Dr. Beg remarked that the BJP does not fall short of politicizing and misrepresenting even those that they want us to believe to be their heroes.

"The theatrics around



declaring a holiday on Maharaja Hari Singh's birth anniversary is nothing but a farce," he remarked.

"The BJP must tell us why they diluted the State Subject Status that was so dear to the Maharaja. They must also tell us why they

played around with the identity of the people of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh - which was so important to the Maharaja," he said, while asking the BJP to answer on these counts.

"Let the BJP uphold the ideals and the importance of identity of the people of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh and honor the Maharaja in the way that they should. Declaring a holiday on his birth anniversary and murdering so many of the ideals that he held dear is not a tribute to the Maharaja."

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PDP writes to ECI, alleges money being given to lure voters in ongoing J-K polls

SRINAGAR, Sep 24 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Tuesday alleged that their opposition and the region's oldest party, JKNC is trying to manipulate elections by misusing the power of its elected members to 'intimidate voters. This, the PDP said is a violation of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC).

The application, printed on the official letter pad of the party's candi-

date from Budgam, Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi says that there have been "rampant and illegal distribution of money while the people associated with my party are threatened of the consequences on the day of polling and later."

These techniques, the application said, raise serious questions regarding the impartiality of the district administration and police, especially CEO of Budgam. It

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Two people killed in road accident in Reasi

JAMMU, Sep 24 (Agencies): Two people including its driver was killed after a vehicle fell into gorge in Nala at Tukson Jabara Mohre area of Reasi district on Tuesday.

Officials said that a election duty bound vehicle (Sumo) bearing registration number JK11A-3907 lost its control and fell into deep gorge resulting instant

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Security tightened in J&K of second phase of polling

RAJOURI, Sep 24 (Agencies): As Jammu and Kashmir will undergo the second phase of assembly polls on September 25, the security has been tightened in the Rajouri district of the territory.

As safety measures, security personnel have been deployed in the several areas and vehicles are being checked.

Elections in the second phase of assembly polls will be conducted on 26 assembly seats in six

districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

The seats on which elections will be conducted are Kangan (ST), Ganderbal, Hazratbal, Khanyar, Habbakadal, Lal Chowk, Channapora, Zadibal, Eidgah,

Central Shalteng, Budgam, Beerwah, Khansahib, Chrar-i-Sharief, Chadoora and Gulabgarh (ST)

It will also be conducted on Reasi, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi,

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Fake registration drive: GST officers detect 10,700 bogus firms, over Rs 10k Cr evasion

NEW DELHI, Sep 24 (Agencies): Tax officers have detected around 10,700 fake registrations under the GST, involving evasion of Rs 10,179 crore in the ongoing all-India drive against fake companies set up to defraud the exchequer, a senior official said on Tuesday. Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) member Shashank Priya said Aadhaar authentication of GST registration is already in place



in 12 states and by October 4, another four states would join.

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Eventually, 20 states, including Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana, will start Aadhaar

authentication.

Speaking at an Assocham event, Shashank Priya also said that in future, the tax authorities may also put certain restrictions on new taxpayers based on their risk profile.

"How many invoices they can issue in a month, we may also put some restriction on that in the future... We feel very pained at the misuse of the system. We have to use all

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EDITORIAL

Tobacco-Free
Educational
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Tobacco use remains one of the leading causes of preventable diseases and deaths worldwide. In an effort to combat the tobacco epidemic, educational institutions play a crucial role in promoting health and wellness among students. Establishing tobacco-free environments in schools, colleges, and universities not only protects students from the harmful effects of tobacco but also fosters a culture of health and well-being.

Tobacco-free educational institutions are essential for several reasons. Exposure to secondhand smoke is particularly harmful to young people, leading to respiratory problems, increased risk of heart disease, and other health issues. By enforcing tobacco-free policies, institutions create a safe environment for students and staff, free from the dangers of secondhand smoke. Implementing a tobacco-free policy is an effective way to reduce the initiation of tobacco use among students. Research shows that when young people are in an environment that does not tolerate tobacco, they are less likely to start using it. Educational institutions can serve as a powerful deterrent against the normalization of smoking and other tobacco use.

Schools and universities are influential environments where students form habits and make choices that affect their health. By adopting tobacco-free policies, educational institutions send a strong message that tobacco use is not acceptable. This encourages students to adopt healthier lifestyles and serves as a model for behavior outside the classroom.

Tobacco use can negatively impact cognitive function, attention, and overall academic performance. Students who smoke or are exposed to tobacco are more likely to experience absenteeism and decreased academic achievement. By fostering a tobacco-free environment, institutions can help students focus better and achieve their full potential.

Creating a tobacco-free educational institution requires a strategic approach that includes the steps.

Institutions must establish clear policies that prohibit the use of all tobacco products, including cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco. These policies should be communicated effectively to students, staff, and parents, ensuring that everyone understands the rules and the rationale behind them.

Educational campaigns should be conducted to raise awareness about the dangers of tobacco use and the benefits of living in a tobacco-free environment. Workshops, seminars, and informational materials can help students and staff understand the health risks associated with tobacco and encourage them to adopt healthier behaviors.

It's crucial to provide support for those who wish to quit using tobacco. Educational institutions can offer resources such as counseling services, smoking cessation programs, and access to healthcare professionals who specialize in tobacco addiction. Creating a supportive environment can empower individuals to make positive changes.

Involving students, faculty, and the community in the development and implementation of tobacco-free policies can foster a sense of ownership and commitment to the initiative. Student-led organizations can advocate for tobacco-free campuses and organize events that promote healthy lifestyles.

To ensure compliance with tobacco-free policies, institutions need to establish monitoring and enforcement mechanisms. This may involve training staff to address violations and implementing consequences for non-compliance. Regular evaluations can help assess the effectiveness of the policies and identify areas for improvement.

Tobacco-free educational institutions not only benefit students and staff but also contribute to the larger goal of public health. By reducing tobacco use among the youth, these initiatives can lead to lower rates of smoking-related diseases and healthcare costs in the long term. Furthermore, fostering a culture of health in educational settings can have ripple effects in the community, as students carry these values into their families and social circles.

Creating tobacco-free educational institutions is a vital step toward promoting a healthier future for our youth. By protecting students from the dangers of tobacco, encouraging healthy behaviors, and fostering a supportive environment, educational institutions can play a transformative role in the fight against tobacco use. Together, we can build a generation that prioritizes health and well-being, free from the burden of tobacco-related harm.

Why FATF is key to India's security: Govt must heed its advice over NGOs

By: Aakar Patel

Here are two headlines from this month: One was "FATF's Thumbs-Up To India's Efforts To Tackle Terror Financing, Money Laundering: Why It Matters". Another was "FATF Flags Terror Financing Lacunae in Indian NGO Sector". Let us see what these mean when put together. If one were to follow the news conscientiously nowadays, they'd find Indian authorities outlawing at least one non-governmental organisation every month. And the closure of these organisations at least finds a mention in the newspapers. There are many others, in fact the majority, that shut down in the darkness with no news of their demise. This is because under this government data on the closure of NGOs has been pulled down from official websites where these things were previously made public. Outrage and protest against the relentless shrinking of civic space by the Indian government has also been criminalised. Deliberate attempts are made to force civil society into submission every day. Also Read - K.C. Singh | Non-military containment of China: Quad's game on Advertisement But that is exactly what we need to be questioning right now, clearly and loudly. What makes it an especially opportune moment is that the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has published India's mutual evaluation report (MER) after a gap of 14 years, calling out India for non-compliance with its standards in regulating the non-profit sector. Now one may ask: what is the Financial Action Task Force and why is

it important? FATF is an inter-governmental body with 40 members mandated to tackle global money laundering, terrorist financing and countering the financing of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. It functions by setting international standards for countries and then regularly evaluating and ranking countries' anti-money laundering and countering of financing of terrorism regime against those standards. India is one of the FATF member states. Also Read - Indranil Banerjee | Nehru, Modi & India's US policies: Striking parallels FATF is important because in 2023, civil society groups in India documented that the Indian government consistently exploited FATF's recommendations to either enact or tighten the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) — three laws that have become convenient tools of oppression at the hands of the Indian authorities against those who dare to speak up against the government. Also Read - Anita Anand | The cease-work by Kolkata's doctors: Are strikes ethical, are they justified? Specifically, FATF operates through a peer-review system to mutually assess the full and effective implementation of its 40 recommendations on money laundering and nine special recommendations on terrorist funding by member states. In line with the mutual evaluation process, a country's compliance is examined by other FATF member states, resulting in the production of an in-depth assessment report with targeted

recommendations to address shortcomings called a mutual evaluation report. The countries who fail to comply with the standards are put under increased monitoring and termed as "high risk jurisdiction", externally referred to as a "grey or blacklist". In the past, countries like Turkey and Pakistan have been put on these lists. Also Read - Manish Tewari | India must be ready for a prolonged LAC standoff After a series of delays, India's mutual evaluation process started in November 2023 and ended in June 2024. On the conclusion of the evaluation process, FATF published its summary findings. On one hand, FATF lauded India for its "high level of technical compliance" with FATF's other standards. This is what the first headline we began with refers to. On the other hand, and this is about the second headline, it called on the country to ensure that the measures it has put in place to prevent the non-profit sector from being abused for terrorist financing are implemented in line with a risk-based approach mentioned in FATF's Recommendation 8. So, what does this mean? FATF Recommendation 8 requires that laws and regulations to combat money laundering and terrorism financing target only those non-profit organisations (NPOs) that a country has identified — through a careful, targeted "risk-based" analysis — as vulnerable to terrorism financing abuse, and fall under the FATF definition of NPO. It also recommends that corrective measures must be focused and proportionate to avoid disrupting the legitimate activities of NPOs. However, in complete defiance of Recom-

mendation 8, the Indian authorities have not only passed laws that are severely overbroad in nature but continue to exploit them against civil society organisations and human rights defenders for carrying on their legitimate human rights work. With a mere 2.2 per cent cases registered under India's anti-terror law resulting in conviction between 2016 and 2019 and at least 83 per cent of the cases pending before the court by the end of 2022, FATF also called on India to address the delays in concluding prosecutions under UAPA. It recommended the same for prosecutions under the PMLA, which has seen only 31 cases completing trial in the past nine years, indicating a clear lack of efficiency. These recommendations, however, did not find a mention in the press release issued by India's finance ministry that self-congratulated the country for an "outstanding outcome" in FATF's review. The convenient cherry-picking of recommendations by the Indian government is also evident from its continuous cancellation of the FCRA licences of NGOs even after the review and misuse of UAPA and PMLA to shut down critical voices. India will again be reviewed after three years. In this time, the government needs to ensure that it is reaching out to the non-profit sector and conducting an adequate risk assessment to put in place measures that are focused and proportionate and not overbroad and vague like FCRA. It also needs to put an end to politically motivated prosecutions under India's anti-terror and money laundering laws. True governance doesn't lie in discrediting dissent.

When will the fundamental reforms take place?

By: Vijay Garg

A new concept emerges in India. Today, women's awakening in India seems to be completely influenced by the feminism of the West, whereas there is a huge difference between the public opinion of India and the West. When we talk about the western model of women empowerment in India, there is a lack of fundamental reforms in it. The current women's discussion in India is limited to the urban middle class and elite class. The problem of domestic violence and exploitation of women is common in rural areas and low income groups. They are also vocal about these now They are not and continue to tolerate. Women are reporting such incidents in cities and upper class. It is not easy for women's leadership to suddenly become acceptable among the Indian public. After growing up under the protection of father, brother and husband, they have not been able to go beyond their rights, whereas the model of women empowerment of European countries reflects a different vision. Indian society has still not been able to give equal status to women. The larger class still considers women as weak and as a means of enjoyment. For

the discussion of women's upliftment, it is important to understand that every society has its own ideological characteristics, culture and limitations. Whatever rules and laws have been made for women empowerment, they are all influenced by the West. In such a situation, what can be the ideology of an Indian Dalit woman? Only Indian women can conceptualize this. The new woman of India will be one who is aware of her rights and is well aware of the right to independent thoughts. Now the time has come to move forward with awareness on the issue of water conservation. our ancestors water supply Were not dependent on the Water Department or Water Ministries for this. Stepwells and wells, the age-old best method of drinking water storage adopted by our ancestors, still exist today. Even today there is no alternative to quality pure drinking water from these traditional water sources. Through these, the ancestors had set a unique example by developing water system in every village. Apart from humans, the thirst of animals and birds also came to quench their thirst by coming to these water resources. Traditional water sources, which have a deep connection with rural culture, can also help

in enriching the agricultural economy. Has played the lead role. Many religious rituals have also been organized on the banks of reservoirs. But the irony is that today the water of rivers and natural water sources has been contaminated due to the poisonous pollution caused by the mining mafia, industries and factories spewing fire. Government hand pumps and drinking water projects are dying. Therefore, the existence of these water sources with high level of water management practices, religious pride and spiritual importance has to be protected. We will also have to take responsibility for this. Governments take any initiative to save water So we need to participate in that. This is also our personal need. India, moving towards becoming a superpower, needs to think seriously and work on brain drain. This is a matter of great concern. There is a continuous migration of intellectual class from India towards western countries. in the development there He is making the country proud by being helpful, but if we want to move forward on the technical and economic front, we will have to think seriously. There is absolutely no fault of the people going into this. In order to advance our educated class Instead of being

helpful, they sabotage their hard work by creating various kinds of obstacles. In that situation, this class adopts the path of migration from the country and this trend continues continuously. This class is not getting any protection. Due to this, the eligibility criteria are left behind. Along with jobs, migration for higher education is also increasing in India. This is even more worrying. It is obvious that most of the children who will study abroad will also work there. Apart from this, there is political interference at every level in our country. There is a big reason. To achieve a big position in the country, you need political influence. Without this, it is not easy for you to progress much, whether it is in administration or higher education. In such a situation, talented youth are turning to western countries which are better than us in terms of work culture.

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MIMC celebrates 73rd birth anniversary of Maha Vajiralongkorn Bodindradebayavarangkun

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LEH, Sep 24: The Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre (MIMC) announced a significant event marking the distribution of 73 small Buddha statues at the Mahabodhi Sambodhi Retreat Centre on Sept 23.

This ceremony, organized in collaboration with the Royal Thai Embassy and the Wat Thai Royal Temple, Bodhgaya, celebrates the 73rd birth anniversary of His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Bodindradebayavarangkun, the 10th King of the Chakri Dynasty of Thailand.

The gathering was honored by the presence of numerous dignitaries, including Former Chief Secretary C. Phunsog; Former CEC, Rigzen Spalbar, LAHDC Leh; Dy. Chairman, LAHDC Leh Tsering Angchuk; Executive Councillor, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Namgyal Yakzee, Executive Councillor Stanzin Chospheh, Councillors Thinles Norboo, Kyungyam, Ishey Spalzung, Nominated Ven. Konchok Tsephel, Nominated Phunchok Norboo, along with the Presidents of the Ladakh Gonpa Association and the Ladakh Buddhist Association, as well as leaders from the LBA, LBA Youth Wing, and LBA Women Wing.

The delegation attending the ceremony, led by the Lord Abbot of Wat Thai Royal Temple, includes esteemed monks and representatives from the Royal Thai Embassy. Their presence embodies the spirit of friendship and cooperation that has flourished between our two nations. The distribution of the Buddha statues serves as a



heartfelt symbol of goodwill, mutual respect, and our shared commitment to the teachings of Buddhism.

The ceremony began with an invocation led by Most Ven. Phra Dhambodhivong, the Lord Abbot of Wat Thai Royal Temple Bodhgaya.

He arrived with a distinguished delegation of monks and representatives from the Royal Thai Embassy, highlighting the significance of this event in strengthening the bonds between the two nations. During the ceremony, the Buddha statues were distributed to esteemed dignitaries across Ladakh, promoting a message of peace, compassion, and mutual respect.

In particular, three statues sent by His Majesty the King of Thailand were presented to Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre, the Ladakh Gonpa Association, and the Ladakh Buddhist Association, with their respected Presidents receiving them in person.

Bhikkhu Sanghasena, Founder President & Spiritual Director, expressed heartfelt grati-

tude to Most Ven. Phra Dhambodhivong for choosing Ladakh for this significant ceremony, emphasizing the profound and enduring spiritual connection between our Buddhist communities. He expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Buddhists of Thailand for diligently preserving the sacred teachings of Lord Buddha in their land, especially during a time when these teachings had gradually faded in their birthplace, India. It was through the unwavering dedication of Thai Buddhists that these teachings were safeguarded and ultimately played a crucial role in the revival of Buddhism in India, restoring its spiritual legacy to its land of origin. Among the 73 dignitaries honored were the Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Former Chief Secretary C. Phunsog; Hon'ble Executive Councillors and Councillors of different constituencies and other distinguished Ladakhi leaders and experts who have made significant contributions in their respective fields.

In a poignant speech, Ven. Sanghasena articulated the

deep respect for Buddhism that exists in both India and Thailand, underscoring its essential role in fostering peace in a world increasingly beset by challenges such as climate change and social conflict. He highlighted how Buddhism's teachings provide a moral compass and a framework for dialogue, urging communities to come together in the pursuit of harmony.

Ven. Sanghasena expressed gratitude for the dedicated supporters who had traveled from various villages, noting their commitment to honoring a shared heritage and their efforts to restore the teachings of Buddhism in India. This collective effort, he asserted, is vital not only for cultural preservation but also for revitalizing the spiritual essence of Buddhism in its birthplace. Furthermore, he acknowledged the significant contributions of the Thai monarchy in this revival. He conveyed appreciation for their unwavering support and commitment to the promotion of Buddhist values, recognizing their role as pivotal in strengthening ties between the two nations.

MIMC has consistently dedicated itself to promoting peace building and cultural preservation. Through various inter-faith dialogues and vibrant festivals, they celebrate the rich Buddhist and Himalayan heritage. This event not only highlights their commitment to these values but also deepens the cultural bonds between the Buddhist communities of India, particularly in Ladakh, and Thailand.

GDC R S Pura celebrates NSS Foundation Day



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JAMMU, Sep 24: To commemorate the NSS Day, NSS unit of GDC R. S Pura organized a one day event on 24th of September 2024.

Every year, NSS day is observed on September 24 across the Nation. The National Service Scheme was launched in 1969, the birth centenary of Mahatma Gandhi.

In the Day long activities a NSS Orientation and Awareness programme was organized in the college prem-

ises. The programme formally began with the lamp lighting ceremony followed by a cultural programme.

A lecture on cleanliness derives and poems on NSS day various dance performances were delivered by NSS volunteers.

The whole event was conducted under the able guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour, Principal of the College.

While speaking on the occasion, she congratulated the NSS volunteers and organizing committee for celebrat-

ing the day with full zeal, enthusiasm and fervor. She exhorted that NSS is a special program for the overall development and personality of the youth and the NSS Volunteers.

The whole event was co-ordinated by Dr. Chanchal Angral, NSS (PO).

Other faculty members who made the event successful were Dr. Shivani Manchanda, Dr. Akriti Parihar, Dr. Hari Singh and Dr. Savleen Kour.

Other faculty members present in the event were Dr. Rajinder Sharma, Prof. Shifali Abrol, Dr. Neeti Chibber, Prof. Jugal Kishore and Dr. Renu Sharma.

At the end a formal votes of thanks was delivered by Dr. Chanchal Angral NSS, PO and refreshment was served among all the participants.

NSS units of GDC Udhampur organises cleanliness drive under 'Swachhta He Sewa'



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UDHAMPUR, Sep 24: The NSS Units of GDC Udhampur under the patronage of Principal Prof. Sanjay Verma organized a cleanliness drive under the Theme 'Swachhta he Sewa' outside the college campus i.e area of stairs just adjoining to the college.

The decision of choosing such area was purely of the volunteers who actually wants to ease the people living near those stairs from the garbage and the diseases spread by it frequently in the surrounding houses, moreover to make others realize the need of cleanliness in our surrounding. Prior to the drive Prin-

icipal briefed volunteers the need of cleanliness and how important it is to live in a clean environment, he also motivated volunteers to make our country clean and green. NSS POs Dr. Gurpreet Kour and Prof. Sanjeet Singh while addressing volunteers also emphasized on the importance of clean society and clean

India, and appealed volunteers to sensitize public so as to make our country clean.

The volunteers were flagged off by Worthy Principal Prof. Sanjay Verma along with senior faculty members viz. Prof. B.L.Thakur, Prof. Suresh K. Dogra, Prof. S.K.Bhat, Prof. Shobana Sambyal and staff secretary Dr. Jagjeet Singh from the college main gate, the onlookers including staff and students of the college were surprised to see the enthusiasm and the innovative placards made by volunteers on the slogan "Swachhta he Sewa".

Almost 50 volunteers

along with POs started the drive from college main gate by shouting slogans on "Make India Clean" throughout their way from college campus to their nearby destination.

Few of our volunteers also visited near by houses of colony so as to sensitize them not to throw garbage on the roads.

It was a successful event wherein the students also interacted with the citizens, on reaching campus back worthy Principal Sir congratulated the NSS Volunteers and wished them bright future and motivate them to work for prosperity of nation.

Richa Vij qualifies Ph.D

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KATRA, Sep 24: Richa Vij, daughter of Naveen Vij and Bala Vij, has been declared qualified for the award of degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in the School of Computer Science and Engineering by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra.

The candidate has worked on the topic entitled "Hybrid Deep Transfer Learning-based Diagnostic Approaches for Retinal Manifestation of Systemic Diseases" under the supervision of Dr.



Sakshi Arora, Assistant Professor, School of Computer Science and Engineering, SMVDU.

Richa Vij has published various papers in SCI/SCIE-indexed journals and presented her research papers at various international conferences.

At present, the candidate is working as a

Project Scientist at IIT Jammu, under a DRDO-sponsored project.

The scholar expresses her gratitude to her parents, spouse and supervisor for their guidance, as well as the School of Computer Science and Engineering, SMVDU, for providing all necessary facilities and support during her research.

Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar (Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, and other committee members congratulated Ms. Richa Vij and wished her a bright future.

Ifrah Raof qualifies Ph.D



Top News Report

KATRA, Sep 24: Ifrah Raof, daughter Raof Jan and Kaunsar Jan, has been declared qualified for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in

the School of Computer Science by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) Katra, J&K.

The candidate has worked on the topic "Improved Approaches for Motor Imagery Based Classification" under the supervision of Dr. Manoj Kumar Gupta, Associate Professor, School of Computer Science and Engineering, SMVDU, Katra.

Ifrah Raof has published her research work in various SCI

journals and presented papers at international conferences. The candidate thanked Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University for providing institutional fellowship, as well as the necessary support and facilities for carrying out the research work.

Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar (Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU) and other committee members congratulated Ifrah Raof and wished her a bright future ahead.

Workshop on Calico Printing to promote voter awareness at SPPND GDC

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SAMBA, Sep 24: Department of Home Science and Pravaad Electoral Literacy Club of Shri Pandit Prem Nath Dogra Government Degree College Samba under the guidance of Principal, Prof (Dr.) Twinkle Suri organized a workshop on Calico Printing.

The workshop was aimed at promoting traditional art forms and providing hands-on experience to students in handloom and handicraft. Mrs. Sushma Devi, a state awardee in Calico Printing and Bhanu Pratap Atri, proprietor M/S Satkatu Decorative & Fine Art Works were the resource persons for the event. In addition to promoting traditional



textile techniques, the workshop also served as a platform for voter awareness, merging creativity with civic responsibility. The resource person guided participants through the intricate process of calico printing, using block methods. In a creative twist, participants were encouraged to print voter awareness slogans and symbols

on calico fabric, making the art not just aesthetically appealing but also socially impactful.

The workshop was designed to use creative mediums like calico printing for effectively spreading messages of civic duty, such as the importance of voting, thereby engaging people in a meaningful and visually compelling way.

The workshop saw enthusiastic participation from students. They expressed their creativity by designing vibrant patterns and incorporating voter-related messages such as "Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure" into their prints.

This unique approach helped to foster a sense of civic duty while promoting traditional art forms.

GDC Boys Kathua celebrates NSS Foundation Day

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KATHUA, Sep 24: The National Service Scheme (NSS) units at Government Degree College Kathua came together in jubilant spirits to celebrate the 55th NSS Foundation Day on 24th September, 2024 in the College Smart Room, under the patronage of Worthy Principal, Prof. Seema Mir. The event was marked by a series of enlightening and entertaining activities.

The celebration commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the traditional lamp, graced by the Chief Guest Prof. Seema Mir and Special Guests Prof Sumnesh Jasrotia and Prof Anirudh Sharma.

The lighting of the lamp was followed by Ganesh Vandana and formal welcome address by NSS Programme Officer Prof. Arvind Kumar while Dr. Pinkey delivered an introductory speech on the occasion.

Senior-most volunteer Vishal Gupta presented a detailed report on the activities conducted during session September-2023



to August-2024, showcasing the dedication and commitment of NSS volunteers.

The cultural segment of the celebration was a colourful mosaic of diverse cultures, featuring fusion dances representing Dogri, Punjabi and Gujrati traditions. Suhaga, a traditional Dogri folk performance was also presented by NSS volunteers added an extra layer of charm in the function.

Chief Guest Prof. Seema Mir and Special Guests Prof Sumnesh Jasrotia and Prof. Anirudh Sharma also shared their views on the occasion and congratulate the NSS Team for celebrating NSS Foundation Day 2024.

Several NSS volunteers were honoured by the NSS units of the college for their unwavering dedication and their regular participation in various activities.

The whole event was conducted under the supervision of NSS Programme Officers Dr. Kulbir Singh, Prof. Arvind Kumar and Dr. Pinkey.

The program concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by NSS Programme Officer Dr. Kulbir Singh.

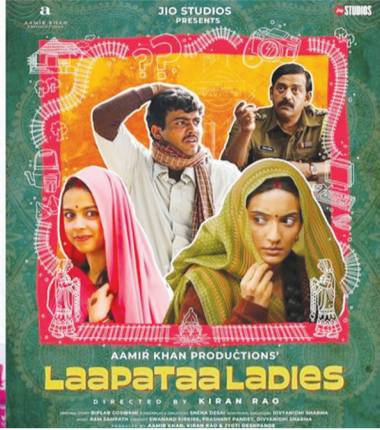
The event was a testament to the commitment and enthusiasm of the NSS volunteers at Govt. Degree College Kathua and their dedication to serving society and bringing honour to their institution.

Kiran Rao delighted as Laapataa Ladies named India's official entry to Oscars

As her film Laapataa Ladies has been chosen as India's official entry to the Oscars 2025 in the Best Foreign Film Category by the Film Federation of India, filmmaker Kiran Rao expressed her gratitude and said that it was a great privilege to be selected from among such amazing Indian films this year.

"I am deeply honoured and beyond delighted that our film Laapataa Ladies has been chosen as India's official entry to the Academy Awards. This recognition is a testament to the tireless work of my entire team, whose dedication and passion brought this story to life," Kiran said in a statement.

Kiran added, "Cinema has always been a powerful medium to connect hearts, transcend boundaries, and ignite meaningful conversations. I hope that this film will resonate with audiences across the world, just as it has in India." She then expressed her 'heartfelt grati-



tude to the selection committee and to everyone who believed in this film'.

The film was contending alongside 29 movies, including Animal, Kill, Kalki 2898 AD, Srikanth, Chandu Champion, Joram, Maidaan, Sam Bahadur, Article 370; the Malayalam film Aattam, which was feted with the National Award for Best Feature Film this year and Payal Kapadia's All We Imagine

As Light, a Cannes winner.

"It is indeed a great privilege to be selected from among such amazing Indian films this year — who are equally worthy contenders for this honour," she said.

She went on to thank Aamir Khan Productions and Jio Studios for their unwavering support and faith in this vision.

"It has been a privilege to work alongside such a passionate and talented team of profession-

als who shared my commitment to telling this story. I also want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the entire cast and crew, whose immense talent, dedication and hard work made this film possible. This journey has been one of incredible collaboration and growth," she added.

She added, "To the audience, your love and support mean the world to us, and it is your belief in this film that continues to inspire us as filmmakers to push creative boundaries. Thank you once again for this incredible honour. We look forward to taking this journey ahead with great enthusiasm."

Laapataa Ladies premiered in March 2024 in India and told the story about the misadventures of two young brides who become separated on the same train, but with different grooms. It is a blend of mistaken identities and laugh-out-loud escapades.

The Dafla Maan: Gurdas Maan launches new album Sound of Soil



Lively and energetic, a heart full of love for his fans, gratitude for the elders, praise for the young artistes... Legendary Punjabi singer Gurdas Maan opened up on his upcoming album, Sound of Soil, and more. During an interaction at a tricity mall, Maan said, "The album has nine songs, like navratan — a mala that I have created with much love. It also has two qawwalis for I want the younger generation to be connected with this art form."

While its first song Main Hi Jhoothi has been released, Maan spoke of another, Panchhi Udd Gaye, "I wrote this song as a tribute to those who have left this world. This line first came to me when my father completed his worldly journey."

He mentioned how most of his songs came to him while on the move, "It's like a divine rhythm is always going on for me, and that's how I write and compose songs."

Going down memory lane, Maan talked about his first song. He was seven or eight and would try writing to the metre

of legendary singer Lal Chand Yamla Jatt's songs. One day, as he was singing his creation, his chacha ji heard him. "That evening at Ramliya my chacha ji requested the organisers to let me present my song on stage; they agreed and I sang Jatta Teri Joon Buri," he shared. The next morning as he was walking to school carrying his bag, some girls sang the same song to him. "I became famous from my first song itself," said Maan. He revealed how his baba ji (grandfather) would take him along to the baraats that they were invited to and ask him to sing. "And I would, then and there. Dressed in a new kurta, chadra and kantha, I would love to perform."

Going over many memories, Maan also addressed the recent Canada incident where during a live show some people started shouting slogans against him. "I did not abuse. I kept requesting them with folded hands but when they kept on calling me names, I reacted. But that was not a gaali." One of his videos lately doing the rounds that has Maan asking maafii

has troubled his fans. "I had asked for forgiveness for the Canada incident the very next day. And I did this video after my promoters asked me to do so."

Sitting at leisure, Maan patiently answered all queries. He recalled the first time he fell in love with the dafla. It was in Patiala as he went with a friend to music shop and spotted one. "When I touched the dafla and tapped on it a bit, I heard the sound of Om. From that day till now, dafla has been a part of my all my performances."

Maan has got love of not only his listeners, but also singers who evoke him in their songs. "If a singer takes my name in his songs, it's the biggest honour. I am glad that I have made space in their hearts," he said.

When asked if he was open to working with other directors, Maan looked at his wife Manjeet Maan, who is also a director and filmmaker, and said a firm no. Manjeet added, "Maan saheb while listening about a role goes into another realm thinking of his music, so I have to be around to make sure he is following the script." And, yes they are open to another movie!

During the conversation the topic of Maan working in the Electricity Board also came along. He shared how he was given the task to ensure that letters reached the persons concerned, but when he could not keep up, a senior helped out. "He understood that I was not born to do that job. My song came soon after and he, along with others, was pretty proud of me."

The interaction ended as he joined youngsters in a Bhangra performance. As one wondered how he kept up with the energy, he humbly said it was a gift of the universe!

The GOAT actor Parvati Nair responds to allegations of abuse by domestic worker: 'The truth will be out soon'

Actor Parvati Nair found herself in legal trouble when the police registered a case in Chennai against her and five others for allegedly abusing a domestic worker. She has now reacted to the news, claiming it's a false narrative and stating that the truth will be revealed soon.

Parvati Nair reacts to allegations of abuse

After news broke that a case had been booked on Parvati, she responded to the allegations on X (formerly Twitter). Without clarifying much, she said that she has 'full faith in the judicial system', writing, "Some false narratives and baseless allegations are being circulated. I have full faith in the judicial system, and

my legal team will take action against everyone responsible. The truth will be out soon. Thank you to all my fans, friends, and family for your unwavering support."

What happened According to agency, Parvati is under investigation for allegedly assaulting a domestic worker called Subhash Chandra Bose.

A case was registered on her and five others under sections 296(b), 115(2), and 351(2) BNS following a complaint. In the complaint, Subhash claimed that he worked as a helper at KJR Studios and was asked to do domestic work at Parvati's house in 2022. Back then, she filed a complaint against him for suspected theft.

He alleges that Parvati slapped him at the studio and that others verbally abused him.

About Parvati Nair Parvati Venugopal Nair was born to a Malayali family in Dubai. In 2012, she debuted with the Malayalam film Poppins, and in 2013, she debuted in Kannada with Story Kathe. She debuted in Tamil in 2015 with the Ajith-starrer Yennai Arindhaal. She later acted in films like Kamal Haasan's Uttama Villain and Udhayanidhi Stalin's Nimir. She also starred in Ranveer Singh's 83 in Hindi and will soon be seen in the Tamil film Aalambana.

Most recently, she played a key role in Venkat Prabhu's Vijay-starrer The GOAT.



Boman Irani feted with South Asian Film Association award for his directorial debut 'The Mehta Boys'

Actor Boman Irani, whose directorial debut 'The Mehta Boys' received standing ovation at the Chicago South Asian Film Festival (CSAFF) recently, has been feted with the prestigious South Asian Film Association award for his directorial debut.

The award recognises his exceptional talent and contribution to the world of cinema. In the presence of his family and co-actors, Boman Irani accepted the prestigious award with pure joy.

He took to social media to express his excitement, as he shared, "Winning at the Chicago South Asian Film Festival for 'The Mehta Boys' feels like a dream come true"

He further mentioned, "Having my family and cast by my side made it all the more special. To everyone who poured their heart and soul into this film but couldn't be here tonight—this win is for you! Your dedication and passion made this possible, and I am deeply grateful. Here's



to the entire team.'

'The Mehta Boys', which has garnered widespread critical acclaim and audience appreciation since its premier at CSAFF, is a heartwarming family drama. It showcases Boman Irani's ability to not only act but also direct with finesse.

'The Mehta Boys' stars Boman Irani, Avinash Tiwary, Shreya Chaudhry and Pujja Sarup in key roles. The film is written by Boman Irani along with Alexan-

der Dinelaris Jr, who has co-written the Oscar-winning script for 'Birdman'. It is based on a father and son, who are at odds with each other, and find themselves compelled to spend 48 hours together. The film explores the complexities of a father-son relationship.

Boman Irani, who was last seen in 'Dunki', and Alexander Dinelaris Jr also conducted a masterclass on the writing process of the film recently at the film fest.

Masaba reveals why mom Neena Gupta didn't allow her to become an actor

She also speaks about how nepotism is not just limited to film industry, and is there in every industry or profession

Leading fashion designer Masaba Gupta, who ventured into acting with her streaming show 'Masaba Masaba', has shared that her mom, the veteran actress Neena Gupta, dissuaded her from taking up the profession of acting early in her daughter's career.

She shared the reason behind her mom's thought process stating that the market forces would put her in a box as an actress as the industry used to function differently back in time.

In a podcast 'BiEauty Banter' hosted by Queenie Singh, Masaba said, "She didn't allow me to be an actor. Okay. Which is why, so I remember there's Anupam Kher's acting school in Mumbai. They share a wall with SNDT College. And I said, I want to go and study acting because I want to be an actor. And she said, don't



even think about it. You know, you have this look which is very artsy, international, and almost not Indian. You'll get put in a box. And the industry at the

time was very different."

The designer-actress further mentioned, "So she said, you'll be frustrated.

Do something that you have to apply your

brain to, that you can do for life. And she said, oh, there's SNDT right there. Do you want to go give it a shot? The admissions were open. I went there and I gave

my, I put in my paper, filled a form. And my test grade marks were all they needed to take that form in. So, luckily they were good and they took it in. They said, yeah, come and do the entrance exam in a week."

Masaba also spoke about how nepotism is not just limited to the film industry, and is there in every industry or profession.

She said, "Nepotism exists in every industry. Lawyer's son becomes a lawyer. Doctor's son becomes a doctor. And their father recommends them. That is the way of the world. Not just in India, but everywhere. Yes, sometimes I think opportunities are misplaced because of nepotism in Bollywood."

"But it's the way of the world. It's just that it's such a public industry that you're able to see it. Nepotism happens everywhere", she added.

SC junks Punjab's plea against HC verdict on NRI quota, says fraud must end

'This is nothing but a money spinning machine,' observed a bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra

NEW DELHI, Sep 24 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed the Punjab Government's appeal against a high court verdict quashing its decision to expand the definition of 'NRI quota' for admissions in undergraduate medical and dental courses in the state. "This fraud must come to an end now," the apex court said. On September 10, the Punjab and Haryana High Court trashed the AAP-led state government's August 20 move extending the ambit of the NRI quota to include distant relatives "such as uncles, aunts, grandparents, and cousins" of



NRIs for admissions under 15 percent quota for this group in admissions in medical colleges. "This is nothing but a money

spinning machine," observed a bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra. "We will dismiss all the peti-

tions. This NRI business is nothing but a fraud. We will put an end to all this.... now the so called precedents must give way to primacy of law," said the bench. Terming the high court verdict "absolutely right", the court said, "Look at the deleterious consequences... the candidates who have three times higher marks will lose admission (in NEET-UG courses)." The top court said distant relatives of a 'mama, tai, taya', who are settled abroad, will get admissions ahead of meritorious candidates and this cannot be allowed.

5 wagons of empty goods train derail in Bengal



KOLKATA, Sep 24 (Agencies): Five wagons of an empty goods train derailed at New Maynaguri railway station in West Bengal's Jalpaiguri district

on Tuesday morning, a Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) official said. No injuries were reported in the incident that occurred at 6.20 am, he said.

Several trains were diverted through other routes following the incident, the official added. The route connects the northeastern states with other parts of the country. Overhead electricity cables and a few poles were damaged owing to the derailment, the official said. Restoration work has been initiated and train movement through New Maynaguri is expected to restart by noon, the NFR official said. Senior officials have rushed to the spot and will hold an inquiry to ascertain the cause of the derailment, he said.

Government opens talks with farmers, MSP on table

Agriculture Minister Shivraj Chouhan begins meetings with farmer delegations; BKU apolitical representatives from UP, Haryana, Punjab meet Chouhan in first round today



NEW DELHI, Sep 24 (Agencies): The government on Tuesday opened a dialogue with farmers to discuss and resolve outstanding issues including anxieties around minimum support price. Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan met farmers' delegations and leaders in the opening round of talks which he pledged to transform into a prolonged and credible discussion series until farmers' issues are addressed. "Suggestions related to strengthening of the MSP regime have come. We will look into them," promised Chouhan who has now decided to meet farmer delegations from all over the country on every Tuesday. Today was the first

round of talks, Chouhan said, adding that farmers raised issues pertaining to crop insurance scheme coverage and MSP. "We have said service of the farmers is like worship of Gods for us," the minister said at a time when farmers at the Haryana and Punjab Shambhu border have agitated for statutory status to MSP for over 200 days. Bhartiya Kisan Union apolitical representatives from UP, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana and Maharashtra attended the meeting. Speaking to The Tribune, Dharamvir Malik, national spokesperson BKU Aranjaitik said, "We had a long meeting where we flagged four issues -- weak MSP regime, decreasing coverage under PM

Kisan Samman Nidhi, Fasal Bima Scheme and financial loss to farmers due to import of farm products. The minister assured resolution and we have given a range of suggestions including asking him to hold separate state level dialogue on each of the four concerns." Malik said none of the representatives of farmer unions sitting at Shambhu border were part of today's talks. "We appeal to both agitating farmer unions and the government to have a dialogue. That's the only way forward," BKU leader said adding that the union was hopeful of an early solution to the MSP issue. The meeting with around 50 farmer leaders took place at ICAR's PUSA complex in Delhi.

MUDA case: Karnataka HC dismisses CM Siddaramaiah's plea challenging Guv's order

BENGALURU, Sep 24 (Agencies): In a setback to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, the Karnataka High Court on Tuesday dismissed his petition challenging Governor's approval for investigation against him in a site allotment case.

The Chief Minister had challenged the approval given by the Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot for an investigation against him in the alleged irregularities in the allotment of 14 sites to his wife by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) in a prime locality. After completing the hearings on the petition in six sittings from August 19, the single judge bench of Justice M Nagaprasanna on September 12 reserved its verdict. It had also extended its August 19 interim order directing the special court for people's representatives that was slated to hear complaints against him in the case, to defer its proceedings till the disposal of the petition. "The facts narrated in the petition would undoubtedly require investigation, in the teeth of the fact that the beneficiary of all these acts is not anybody outside but the family of the petitioner. The petition stands dismissed," Justice Nagaprasanna ruled. He said: "interim order



of any kind subsisting today shall stand dissolved." The Governor on August 16 accorded sanction under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Section 218 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 for the commission of the alleged offences as mentioned in the petitions submitted to him by complainants Pradeep Kumar S P, T J Abraham and Snehamayi Krishna. On August 19, Siddaramaiah moved the High Court challenging the legality of the Governor's order. In the petition, the Chief Minister submitted that the sanction order was issued without due application of mind, in violation of statutory mandates, and contrary to Constitutional principles, including the advice of the Council of Ministers, which is binding under Article 163 of the Constitution of India. Siddaramaiah sought quashing of the Gov-

ernor's order contending that his decision is legally unsustainable, procedurally flawed, and motivated by extraneous considerations. Reading out the summary of findings, Justice Nagaprasanna said, the complainants were justified in registering the complaint or seeking approval at the hands of the Governor. Stating that the approval under the section 17 A of PC Act is mandatory in the fact situation, he said: "Section 17A nowhere requires a police officer to seek approval in a private complaint registered under section 200 or 223 of BNSS against a public servant for offences punishable under the provisions of the Act. It is the duty of the complainant to seek such approval." The Governor in the normal circumstance has to act on the aid and advice of the council of Ministers as obtained under the Article 163 of the Constitution of India, the Judge said,

"but (the Governor) can take independent decisions in exceptional circumstances, and in the present case projects one such exception." "No fault can be found with the Governor exercising the independent discretion to pass the impugned order; it would suffice if the reasons are recorded in the file of the decision making authority, particularly of the high office, and those reasons... form part of the impugned order. A caveat reasons must be in the file. Reasons for the first time cannot be brought before the constitutional court by way of objections," he added. The gubernatorial order nowhere suffers from want of application of mind, the Judge further said, "It is not a case of not even a semblance of application of mind by the Governor, but abundance of application of mind." The grant of an opportunity of hearing prior to the approval under section 17A is not mandatory, he further said. "If the authority chooses to do so, it is open to it." "The decision of the Governor of the alleged hot haste has not vitiated the order. The order is read to be restrictive to an approval under section 17 A of the (PC) Act and not an order granting sanction under section 218 of the BNSS," he added. As the judge dismissed

the petition, senior counsel Abhishek Manu Singhvi who appeared for Siddaramaiah, said, "the matter related to dates of 1990's, and the complaint if filed now..." as he requested the bench to consider "a two weeks' stay on this." Responding to this, Justice Nagaprasanna said, "I can't stay my own order...The petition stands dismissed. Interim order of any kind subsisting today shall stand dissolved." While noted lawyer Abhishek Manu Singhvi and Prof Ravivarma Kumar had appeared for Siddaramaiah, Solicitor-General of India Tushar Mehta represented the office of the Governor. Advocate General Shashi Kiran Shetty also made his submissions. Senior Advocates Maninder Singh, Prabhuling K Navadgi, Lakshmi Iyengar, Ranganath Reddy, K G Raghavan, among others made submissions on behalf of the complainants (respondents) who had sought the sanction for investigation against Siddaramaiah. In the MUDA site allotment case, it is alleged that compensatory sites were allotted to Siddaramaiah's wife B M Parvathi in an upmarket area in Mysuru, which had higher property value as compared to the location of her land which had been "acquired" by the MUDA.

CID to investigate killing of Badlapur sexual assault case accused

MUMBAI, Sep 24 (Agencies): Maharashtra's Crime Investigation Department (CID) will conduct a probe into the death of Badlapur sexual assault case accused Akshay Shinde, officials said on Tuesday. A team of forensic science experts on Tuesday examined the police vehicle, in which Shinde was allegedly shot by a cop on Monday evening, they said. Shinde, 24, was accused of sexually assaulting two minor girls at a school in Badlapur town of Thane district. A contractual sweeper at the school in Badlapur, Shinde was arrested on August 17, five days after he allegedly

sexually abused the two girls in the school toilet. He was killed near Mumbra bypass in Thane on Monday evening when he allegedly snatched the gun of a policeman while he was being ferried in a police vehicle as part of a probe into a case registered against him on the complaint of his former wife, an official earlier said. After he shot and injured an API, another officer from the police escort team fired at him, and he was declared dead by doctors at the Kalwa civic hospital, the official said. As the incident is concerning death in police custody, it will be investigated by the Maharashtra CID, a senior official



said on Tuesday. A team of CID officials will visit the spot at Mumbra bypass where the incident took place, he said, adding they will also record statements of police personnel who were in the vehicle at that time. The CID officials will also record statements of Akshay Shinde's parents, he said. Akshay Shinde's body was taken from the Kalwa civic hospital in Thane to the state-run

J J Hospital for post-mortem on Tuesday morning. The post-mortem will be conducted in-camera in the presence of expert doctors, the official said. Akshay Shinde's father Anna Shinde has demanded an inquiry into his son's killing. His family members have challenged the police claim that he fired at a policeman first following which cops retaliated in self-defence, leading to his death.

Mayawati calls Congress' reservation policy for Dalits, backward classes 'duplicious and deceptive'

LUCKNOW, Sep 24 (Agencies): Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati on Tuesday dubbed the Congress "anti-reservation", accusing it of having a "duplicious and deceptive" reservation policy for Dalits and backward classes. In a series of posts on social media platform 'X', the former UP chief minister launched a scathing attack on Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, and his party Congress. In her posts, she said, "The SC/ST/OBC reservation policy of the Congress and Rahul Gandhi is not clear,



rather duplicious and deceptive." "In our country, they support reservations for votes and advocate for increasing it beyond 50%, while abroad they talk about abolishing those reservations.

People should be alert to their double standards," she said. The BSP supreme added, "It is also true that their government at the Centre did not implement the Mandal Commission report

regarding OBC reservations. Furthermore, the amendment Bill brought to Parliament to effectively implement the reservation for SC/ST in promotions, owing to BSP's struggle, was not allowed to pass by the Congress, and it remains pending." In her next post, she alleged, "In this matter, their (Congress) government did not advocate properly in the court." She further said, "... Moreover, the Congress government at the Centre did not conduct a caste census, and now, being out of power, they are raising their voices. What else is this, if not hypocrisy?"

Rampaul campaigns for NC candidate in Jammu North, seeks public support

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 24: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) intensifies its election campaign, Babu Rampaul, President of JKNC Central Zone and Former Minister, laid out a comprehensive vision for improving healthcare infrastructure during an election meeting at Jammu North constituency. The meeting was organized by Dr. Vikas Sharma, Zonal Secretary and Coordinator Jammu District.

Speaking in support of party candidate Former Minister and Additional General Secretary JKNC Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, Rampaul highlighted key elements from the party's manifesto aimed at transforming healthcare across the union territory. He asked the people of



Jammu North constituency to wholeheartedly support the NC candidate so as to strengthen the hands of party leadership to form government in J&K and realize their dreams.

He elaborated that among the primary promises is the restoration of autonomy to the Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, ensuring better management and

operations. Additionally, the party intends to formulate a comprehensive State Health Policy to address long-standing healthcare challenges.

A major highlight of the health agenda is the creation of a Medical Trust, which will offer free insurance coverage of ₹5 lakh per annum for terminal diseases such as cancer and heart and kidney transplants. The JKNC

also plans to establish a state-of-the-art cancer hospital in the region.

Also speaking, Dr Vikas Sharma, Secretary Central Zone JKNC, said that to improve access to primary healthcare, the manifesto promises the establishment of Village & Mohalla Clinics, aimed at providing essential healthcare and emergency services. Furthermore, dialysis facilities

will be made available at all Sub-District Hospitals (SDH) across Jammu and Kashmir, he informed.

Further elaborating the manifesto, he said, "The party also pledged to enhance diagnostic and imaging services in all district hospitals, ensuring people have access to necessary medical investigations locally."

With these ambitious proposals, JKNC aims to prioritize the health and well-being of the people in the upcoming elections, positioning itself as a party committed to addressing the healthcare needs of the region.

Sahaj Sabharwal author calls upon LG Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 24: Renowned author, motivational speaker, and multi-talented individual, Sahaj Sabharwal, had the opportunity to meet with Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Shri Manoj Sinha, at Raj Bhavan, Jammu. During the meeting, Sahaj briefed the LG on his remarkable achievements in both the literary and aeronautical fields, including his recent national records and the prestigious Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Award for excellence in Aeronautical Engineering.

In this meeting, Sahaj Sabharwal submitted a memorandum highlighting key areas for development in aeronautical engineering, promotion of literary culture within Jammu and Kashmir, and the advancement of youth-centric initiatives. His proposals



emphasized the need for increased job opportunities in the aeronautical sector, greater accessibility to public libraries for showcasing his published works, and potential collaborations with government programs aimed at inspiring the youth of the region.

As a celebrated figure from Jammu, Sahaj Sabharwal has self-published three books: Poems by Sahaj Sabharwal, Pedagogical Thoughts Made

Facts, and Anecdote - A Multi-Category Content Book—the latter being launched by Hon'ble LG Manoj Sinha. His literary contributions focus on significant social issues, including drug awareness, youth empowerment, and other societal challenges. Alongside his work as an author, Sahaj is a social media influencer and a dedicated Aeronautical Engineer.

RM Public School Organizes Exciting Picnic for Pre-Primary Classes



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 24: RM Public School transformed its premises into a lively picnic spot for pre-primary students from neighboring schools, offering a range of thrilling activities such as train rides, swings, and playground fun. The children also enjoyed a refreshing pool party, lively DJ music, an enchanting puppet show, and a variety of toys and games. The main attendees of the event were from Stepping Stone School, led by their Coordinator, Ms. Kirti Jha.

The event was graced by the presence of RM Public School's Worthy Chairman, Mr. Rameshwar Mengi, who warmly welcomed the visiting

students and encouraged them to embrace such outings. Director Mr. Rakshan Mengi and Vice Principal Dr. Harvinder Kaur also extended their blessings, with Mr. Singh, the Administrator, highlighting the importance of excursions to break the routine. Incharge of Penguin Paradise, Ms. Mala Goel, and Incharge of Lakshya Building, Ms. Gurpreet Kaur, offered their support and encouragement, while Pre-Primary Coordinator Ms. Chandan motivated the tiny toddlers to explore and enjoy life's adventures.

This inter-school excursion was a great success, fostering fun, camaraderie, and lasting memories among the children.

Bharat Vikas Parishad J&K Prant holds Executive Body Meeting in Jammu

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 24: An executive body meeting of Bharat Vikas Parishad (BVP) J&K Prant took place today at Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. The meeting saw the participation of national, regional, and prant-level executive and council members. The

Prant President Sh. Bharat Bhushan Sharma delivered the welcome address, urging the members to prioritize national interests. Several key members of the organization participated, including Shiv Ram Sharma, General Secretary (JK Prant), Smt. Sunita, Prant Finance Secretary Arun

Prant Mahila Pramukh Sh. Vijay Sharma, Prant Sewa Pramukh Sh. Gopal Gupta, Prant Sanskar Pramukh Sh. Jagdish Dogra, Convenor G.V.C.A Sh. Sanjay Koushal, RSS Sh. Rohit Seth, Convenor (Medical) Smt. Bharati Sharma, Mahila Pramukh



Chief Guest and keynote speaker, Sh. Parshotam Dadichi Ji from RSS, addressed the attendees, discussing the current situation in Jammu & Kashmir and emphasizing the need to support nationalist forces in the nation's interest.

Sharma, Natio al Member (NGSC), Sh. Ashok Gupta, National Member, Smt. Amita Sharma, Regional Mahila and Bal Vikas Sh. Rajesh Baru, Regional Secretary Prof. Dr. B.B. Sharma, Regional Secretary Smt. Aarati Sharma,

(Gandhi Nagar Branch) Sh. Mohit Seth, Organiser Sh. Rahul Kumar and Sh. Rachat Khosla

The meeting focused on aligning efforts with national interests and supporting developmental initiatives across the state.

Delegation of YWBF J&K Meets LG Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan



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JAMMU, Sep 24: A delegation from the Yuva World Brahman Federation (YWBF) (J&K unit), led by President Adv. Dakhseesh Sharma, met with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan, Jammu. The delegation praised the initiatives taken by the UT administration and the central government for accelerating development in Jammu & Kashmir. They highlighted how the administration under the Lt. Governor

has fostered a sense of equitable development and unity across communities.

The delegation also discussed the federation's activities and presented specific demands, such as the establishment of a Brahman Kalyan Board, similar to those in states like Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Punjab. They also requested extending the term of EWS certificates to five years and called for the rehabilitation of demolished temples, especially

in Kashmir and Jammu.

Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha assured the delegation that all possible measures would be taken to address their concerns. The delegation expressed their gratitude by gifting the Lt. Governor a statue of Shree Ram Parivaar. Other notable attendees included Acharya Sita Ram Shastri, Sarpanch Ajeet Raj, Brahman Dev Sharma (Ex-member of the Kisan Board), and Sheetanshu Sharma (State Secretary of the organization).

JMC Comm seeks peoples' cooperation to prevent spread of dengue

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JAMMU, Sep 24: In a concerted effort to combat the rising cases of Dengue in Jammu, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) has launched a special fogging drive in collaboration with the Anti Malaria Wing under the aegis of Commissioner, JMC Dr. Devansh Yadav.

The fogging team supervised by Health Officer, Dr. Vinod Sharma targeted the hotspots including Muthi, Janipur, Bantalab, Trikuta Nagar, Shastri Nagar, and Channi areas falling under the jurisdiction of Jammu Municipal Corpo-

ration. The Health & Sanitation and Transport Wings of JMC deployed sufficient manpower and machinery to carry out the fogging operations. The drives are now being conducted in double shifts, ensuring that fogging occurs twice in these critical areas to effectively eliminate mosquito breeding sites.

Urging upon the public to cooperate with the JMC in maintaining cleanliness and avoid water accumulation in and around their dwelling units, the Commissioner said that it would go a long way to prevent the spread of Dengue.

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