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J&K polls: History in making, says **CEC Rajiv** Kumar



NEW DELHI, Sep 25 (Agencies): Chief **Election Commissioner** (CEC) Rajiv Kumar on Wednesday described the ongoing Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir as "history in the making", saying people are standing in long queues outside polling booths at places where calls were once given to boycott the democratic exercise.

Taking to reporters here as the second phase of polling was underway on 26 seats in the Union Territory, Kumar said 100 per cent CCTV coverage is available for this phase and one could see youngsters, women and senior citizens patiently standing in queues awaiting their turn to exercise their franchise.

"It is a festival of democracy. Voting is taking place in areas where it did not take place earlier.... There were calls for disruption and boycott in the past.... It is a standing ovation for democracy," the CEC said in the presence of fellow election commissioners Gvanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu.

Kumar said history is in the making in Jammu and Kashmir and its impact will be felt for a long time as he lauded the enthusiastic participation of the voters in the poll process.

Woman dies, her 2 minor kids among four injured in Rajouri accident

JAMMU, Sep 25 (Agencies): A woman died while her two minor kids and two other persons were injured when a vehicle they were travelling in met with an accident in J-K's Rajouri on Wednesday, reports

Quoting officials, news agency GNS reported that a vehicle (JK11A'3395) on its

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INDIA bloc will hit the road if J-K statehood not restored after polls: Rahul Gandhi

JAMMU. Sep 25 (Agencies): Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday said the INDIA bloc will use its full force within Parliament and even hit the road if the BJP-led government fails to restore statehood to Jammu and Kashmir after the ongoing assembly elections. Addressing a public

rally in support of party

candidates here, the

former Congress presi-



dent said a grave injustice was done with the people of Jammu and Kashmir when the erstwhile state was divided into two union territories in 2019.

This was his third visit to Jammu and Kashmir in the past nearly three weeks. He visited Banihal and Dooru

constituencies on September 4 ahead of the first phase of assembly polls on September 18. His visit to Surankote and Central-Shalteng came on September 23, two days ahead of the second phase of polls September 25.

Immediately after reaching Jammu on Wednesday, Gandhi held an interaction with professionals at a hotel before moving to

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Foreign Diplomats arriving in Srinagar to Observe J&K **Assembly Elections**

SRINAGAR, Sep 25 (Agencies)A delegation of 20 diplomats from 16 foreign missions is arriving in Srinagar to observe the second phase of the Jammu and Kashmir assembly

The delegation, including representatives from the US, EU, Russia, and Australia, was invited by the Indian government to witness the electoral process. This marks the first time foreign diplomats will observe elections in J&K since the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019.

The diplomats will visit Srinagar and Budgam districts to monitor voting in several constituencies. The government aims to showcase the peaceful conduct of the electoral process and "large-scale participation" in the region.

The delegation includes four representatives from the Ministry of External Affairs.

Srinagar admin rebuts reports of money being given out to tempt voters

SRINAGAR, Sep 25 (Agencies): The administration of Srinagar Wednesday rebutted a news report of alleged distribution of money among voters in city's Ranbirgad and Zainakote areas.

In an official communique, the administration said it had sought a factual report from "MCC monitoring Flying squad team which revealed that nothing suspicious was found and rumours about the MCC violation were dismissed."

Anyone with a counter agenda of spreading baseless rumors and propaganda shall be aptly dealt with, reads the communique. It said that the admin is committed "towards conducting free, fair and accessible elections."

Police has been directed to take cognizance of the issue and lodge FIR against the people involved in spreading

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J&K: Women voters concerned about rising electricity bill amounts

SRINAGAR, Sep 25 (Agencies): The election campaign of all the major political parties in Jammu and Kashmir revolved around the revocation and restoration of the erstwhile state's special status but women voters are more worried about the rising electricity bill amounts. An elderly woman,

waiting for her turn to vote at a polling station

in the heart of Srinagar city on Wednesday told a visiting foreign diplomat that she is concerned about the erratic electricity supply and the rising bill amounts.

"The electricity supply has been destroyed and tariff meters have been installed. Now they say water consumption will also be metered," the woman in her late 60s told the US Deputy Chief of Mission in Delhi, Jorgan K Andrews.

While the woman refused to identify herself, she said she spoke her heart out hoping that the diplomat's intervention will bring some relief to poor people from the rising electricity bill amounts.

Unaware that foreign diplomats were invited here only to witness the Assembly poll process,

the woman said she is hopeful that the "Angrez" will take up the matter with the central government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The second phase of polling for the threephased Jammu and Kashmir Assembly election is being conducted on Wednesday.

A significant number of women voters

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Mehbooba Mufti alleges booth capturing by BJP candidate from Darhal dent, Mehbooba Mufti



SRINAGAR, Sep 25 (Agencies): The former Chief Minister of the erstwhile state of J&K and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Presi-

Wednesday alleged ruling party BJP's candidate of 'booth capturing' even as she urged the election body to take action. This is the second time

since yesterday the PDP has alleged violations of Model Code of Conduct (MCC) in the ongoing elections to J&K's legislative assembly, held after a gap of ten years.

Kashmiri Pandits cast vote in 2nd phase, hopeful



JAMMU, Sep 25 (Agencies): Polling began for the second

phase of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections under strict From early morning, several displaced Kashmiri Pandits began exercising their franchisee at various centres, set up to facilitate their right to exercise franchise. Many displaced Pan-

dits, while casting their ballots said that they have immense hope

of return to their homeland security measures.



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Omar slams govt for inviting foreign delegates to observe J-K polls

SRINAGAR, Sep 25 (Agencies): National Conference (NC) vice president Omar Abdullah Wednesday lashed out at the Centre's move to invite foreign delegates to observe the ongoing assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, saying the polls were an internal matter of India.



"I don't know why foreigners should be asked to check elections here.

When foreign governments comment, then the government of India says 'this is an internal matter for India' and now suddenly they want foreign observers to come and look at our elections," Abdullah told reporters here.

He said the assembly

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Traffic halted on Srinagar-Jammu highway after multiple vehicles collide in Ramban

SRINAGAR, Sep 25 (Agencies): Traffic movement has been halted on Jammu-Srinagar National highway, following a major accident involving five vehicles near Machlana area of Ramban, officials said.

Quoting an official, news agency KNO reported that three trucks, and two vehicles collided near Machlana



area, resulting in injuries to few persons and traffic chaos on the high-

The official said that

traffic on the highway has been halted. "Traffic stopped from

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RESPECTFUL HOMAGE

Days will pass and turn into years, but you will always be

With a heavy heart, we condole the sad demise of our dear

Wazir original resident Karan Nagar Srinagar Kashmir.

Deeply remembered and mourned by dear and near ones.

Rup Rajinder Wazir and Manjeet Wazir (Son & Daughter In law)

meer & Arti Wazir (Grand Son & Grand Daughter in law)

meti & NitnTiku (Grand Daughter & Grand Son in law)

Deeply remembered by Great Grandchildren:

Tavishi, Samarth, Amab, Yuvin, Kriansh and Ahish

Mobile: - 9967515570, 9419850505, 9845869029

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

fith profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sa emise of our beloved Smt. Taro Devi Ji W/

Kusum and Ramakrishna Raina (Daughter & Son in law)

emembered with silent tears.

We miss you loads dear Nanna.

residence on 29th Sept.

TENTH DAY/TERAHVIN

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt Pushpa Gandotra W/o Sh Subhash Chander Gandotra R/o H.No.95 Tange Wall Gall, Kachi Chawni, Jammu.

THE TENTH DAY will be performed on 24th September 2024 (Tuesday), 9:30 AM followed by the **Terahvin** on 27th September 2024 (Friday), 12 Noon at our residence.

GRIEF STRICKEN: Husband: Sh Subhash Chander Gandotra Son and Daughter-in-law Mr. Chander Shekhar Gandotra Mr. Bhanu Gandotra and Mrs Renu Gandotra Daughter and Son-in-law Mrs Deepika Handa and Mr Vikas Handa

Brothers and sisters-in-law Smt Krishna Kotwal W/o Late Sh Balwant Kotwal Sh. J.S Kotwal and Smt Nirmala Kotwal Sh. K.S Kotwal and Smt Asha Kotwal Sh. S.S Kotwal and Smt Geeta Kotwal Sh. Y.S Kotwal and Smt Pinky Kotwal

Sisters and Brothers-in-law Late Smt Koushalya Devi W/o Chain Singh Smt Sharda Parihar W/o Raj Kumar Parihar Smt Saniita Dogra W/o Naresh Dogra GrandChildren: Udhay, Rudhar, Raghuveer and Aditya



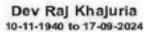


Smt Pushpa Gandotra

Mobile: 9682145393, 9796039029, 7051490448

TENTH DAY & UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Late Sh Dev Raj Khajuria S/o Late Nek Ram Khajuria on 17-09-2024 R/o H No. 14 Sector 5 Lower Roop Nagar (Jag Janani Mandir) near Sai Baba Mandir. 10th Day will be performed on 26-09-2024 Thursday at our residence at 101 AM.



Uthala will be performed on 27-09-2024 Friday at our residence at 4 to 5 PM.

Grief Stricken:

Smt Vijay Laxmi (Wife) Phone No. 6005203559

10TH DAY/ KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Mr. Sanjay Kumar Chandel and Mrs. Veena Kumari, R/o 310-D Master Lane Patta Bohri Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 14th September, 2024. 10th Day will be performed on 23rd

Sept 2024 (Monday) at Ved Mandir, Amphala, Jammu at 9:00 AM. Kriya will KUMAR CHANDEL be performed on 26th Sept, 2024

Road Amphalla from 4:00-5:00 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-Chacha and Chachi

Sh. Om Prakash Chandel and Smt. Kanta Chandel

Smt Hema Chandel Smt. Poois Chandel

Daug Mors

Dr. Sarvani Chandel, Dr. Jhanvi Chandel

Colony Janipur (Village Aloro Wale).

Kriya Karam on 27-9-2024 (Friday) at 10 AM.

Late Sh Surinder Chowdhary (Son -in-law)

Krishna, Yuvmi, Ayushman (Grand Sons)

Dhruy Chowdhary, Anuj Chowdhary- Grand Child

Gurudwara Janipur Colony.

Anu Chowdhary (Daughter)

GRIEF STRICKEN :

Arun Chowdhary

Anil Chowdhary

Daughters-in-law

Neeru Chowdhary

Isha Cowdhary

Grand Sons

Akhand Path 12 Noon to 1 PM.



MR. SANJAY

(Thursday) at our residence after 10:00 AM onwards. Uthala will be performed on 27th Sept, 2024 (Friday) at Trikuta Yatri Niwas, Ved Mandir Complex, Ved Mandir

Brothers and Bhabhis

Mr. Rajeev Humar and Mrs. Sujata Chandel Dr. Raman Chandel and Dr. Hana Chandel Mr. Ajay Chandel and Mrs. Mona Chandel

Dr. Niraj Chandel Mrs Reenu Chandel

Sisters & Brothers-in-law Smt. Ramita Kaushal and Sh. Sanjay Kaushal Smt. Shally Sharma and Sh. Sanjay Sharma Contact No. 705138 5740, 858 068 5287, 9622379255

10TH DAY / KRIYA With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of beloved Mr. Abhishek Singh S/o Late Sh. Ravi

heavenly abode on 16-09-2024 (Monday). TENTH DAY will be performed on 25-09-2024 Wednesday) from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at our home.

Sh. Dhani Ram - Grand Father

Smt. Sudesh Kumari (Mother)

Poonam/Safish Gupta, Rakha/Virinder Gupta, Pallavi/Sourav Mahajan, Nikita/Shanky Bhola (Sisters & Jeeja Ji) Gautam Singh/Nikhil Singh/Siddharth Singh/Bharti Devi (Brothers & Bhabhi)

10TH DAY/KRIYA

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad damise

of Smit Shakunda Rani (Banso) Wo Sh Ajeet Chowdhary (Ex-

Section Officer Animal Hustandry Deptt) R/o H No. 797-Housing

10TH DAY will be performed on 24-09-2024 (Tuesday) at

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform that demise of beloved Smt. Vimla Devi W/o Lt. Sh. Master Hans Raj Chib R/o H.No. 401, Digiana Nr. Ashram, Chib Mohalla, Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 16-09-2024 (Monday)

Tenth Day will be performed on 25-09-2024 (Wednesday) from 11:30 AM, at our home.

Kriya will be performed on 28-09-2024 (Saturday) at our residence at 12:00 Noon.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sons & Daughters-in-law Mr. Charanjeet Singh Chib & Arti Chib

Mr. Kulddep Chib & Smt. Manju Chib

Mr. Surjeet Chib & Smt. Neetu Chib

Sh. Ravinder Chib & Smt. Tripta Chib - Son-in-law & Daughter Mobile No.: 9070233471, 9149683802, 9469339095

Smt. Vimla Devi

Smt Shakuntla Rani

(Banso)

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

He leaves a void that cannot be filled, yes. But he also leaves a legacy of joy and laughter. With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father Sh Chaman Lal Sharma, resident of 236 Mast Garh Jammu who left

for heavenly abode on (16-09-2024). TENTH DAY shall be performed on 25-09-2024 (Wednesday) at Rani Park Mandir Jammu at 10:00 am. KRIYA will be performed on 26-09-2024 (Thursday),

at our residence at 1:00 PM. UTHALA/RASAM PAGRI will be performed on 27th Sept, 2024 (Friday) at Brahmin Sabha Jammu from 4:00-5:00 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN Dr Nishant Sharma- Son

Rohit Sharma- Son Daughter & Son-in-law

Dr Shiveta Sharma and Dr Shailendra Sharma

CONTACT NO: 9103824928, 7006742969

Dr Sharuti Sharma and Vishal Singh GRAND CHILDREN AND ALL FAMILY MEMBERS



SHARMA

TENTH DAY KRIYA

OBITUARIES

With heavy hearts, we inform the passing of our beloved Smt. Usha Kiran Raina W/o Sh. Piyare Lal Raina, originally resident of Sombruna, Anantnag, Kashmir, presently residing at H.No. 161, Main Lane, Manorama Vihar, Bohri, Jammu on 18th September 2024.

The Tenth-Day Kriya will be performed on Friday 27th September 2024, 8:30 AM at Muthi Ghat Jammu, near Directorate of School Education.

IN GRIEF:

Sh. Piyare Lal Raina - Husband

Sh. Arvind Raina and Sh. Vishal Raina - Sons

Sh. Nila Kant Raina - Father-in-law Uncle-in-law and Aunt-in-law

Sh. Prem Nath Raina and Smt. Bimla Ji Smt. Santosh Koul - Sister-in-law

Brothers-in-law and Sisters-in-law

Sh. Bal Krishen Raina and Smt. Dolly Raina

Sh. Shuban Krishen Raina and Smt. Prem Lata

And Samast Parivar Contact: 9906502665, 8803037415, 8800899221, 8826282968

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the untimely and sad demise of our beloved father Sh. Roshan Lal Koul S/o Late Sh. Triloki Nath Koul on 23rd Sept 2024, originally from Mohalla Khah bazar Anantnag presently at 658-A Sector No 3 Vinayak Nagar Muthi Jammu.

TENTH DAY KRIYA and Assembly will be performed on 2nd Oct 2024 (Wednesday) at 8.00 AM at Muthi Ghat.

GRIEF STRICKEN Smt Rita Koul- Wife Sandeep Koul- Son Manish Koul- Son Brothers and Sister in Law

Smt Jiga & Sh. P.K Koul Smt Manju & Sh. Vijay Krishan Koul Sister & Brother in law Smt Nancy and Sh. P.K Pandita Sh. Ashok Kumar Tickoo And Samast Koul Parivar

CONTACT DETAILS: 9596945228, 9796215903, 7051088875

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow this is to inform that Smt. Krishna Mattoo w/o Sh Makhan Lal Mattoo (original resident of Lower Sathu, Chandpora, Srinagar) presently at H.No. 32, Sector 8, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, left for heavenly abode on 17-09-2024.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on Thursday, 26th September, 2024, 8:30 am at Muthi Ghat.

In Grief: Makhan Lal Mattoo- Husband Daughters & Son-in- laws Sunita & Dr Virender Kaul Savita & Sanjay Dulloo

Dr Deepa Mattoo- Daughter Shama & M L Kak- Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law

Shakuntala Mattoo- Sister-in- law

Grand Children: Romaan Dulloo, Vanshika Kaul, Pragyna Dulloo Kak's, Warikoo's, Kallu's

Kumar R/o H. No. 146 Dogra Hall Jammu who left for

KRIYA will be performed on 26-09-2024 (Thursday) at our residence at 12:00 Noon.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Mrs., Sunita Kumari (Mumma/Chachi Ji) Sh. Umesh Singh (Papa/Chacha Ji) Chanchal Dogra/Veena Dogra/Mohin i Devi & Hans Raj (Bua Ji & Fuffad Jii)

Ph. 9419212422, 9906286508

DAY

with profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Dr. Sunil Bhardwaj S/o Late Sh. Krishan Chand Bhardwaj and Late Smt. Bimla Bhardwaj R/o Village Kandkote Tehsil Thathri Constituency Bhaderwah Distt. Doda on 21st September.

10th Day will be performed at our residence Village Kandkote Near Prem Nagar on Doda Kishtwar National Highway on 30-09-2024. Grief Stricken:

Dr. Sunil Bhardwai Mrs. Sheetal Bhardwaj - Wife Master Hanu Bhardwaj - Son

Dr. B.L.Bhardwaj (CMO Retd.) & Anju Bhardwaj - Brother & Sister-in-law Sh. G.L. Bhardwaj & Smt. Bidya Devi - Brother & Sister-in-law

Er. B.L. Bhardwaj (CE Retd.) & Smt. Prem Lata Dogra (CHO)- Brother & Sister-in-law Dr. K.S. Bhardwaj & Smt. Sawarna Devi - Brother & Sister-in-law Sh. Baldev Singh Bhardwaj & Smt. Sumitra Devi - Brother & Sister-in-law

Sh. Surjit Singh Bhardwaj & Smt. Poli Bhardwaj - Brother & Sister-in-law Er. Deep Bhardwaj (AEE) & Dr. Rinku Bhardwaj - Brother & Sister-in-law Er. Ashok Bhardwaj (SDO BSNL) - Brother

Smt. Surista Bhardwaj & Sh. Rajinder Singh - Sister & Brother-in-law

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we want to inform that Smt. Shyama Punjabi Wie Lt. Mohan Lai Punjabi orginally Rio Chinkral Mehalla, Srinagar at presen E6, Kashmir Apartment, Rtampura, Delhi atlained Moksha on 17 September,

10th DAY KRYA will be performed on 26 September, 2024 (Thursday) on the Banks of Canal, Sector-18, Rohini, Near telephone exchange, Gats no. 4, Badli Industrial Area, Delhi - 89 from 6:30 a.m. (Assemble at 8:30 a.m. to 9:00

(Doughter-in-law & Son) n/Sh. Rekha Punjabi & Ravinder Punjabi - 9419147191 Sh. Raja J. Punjabi (Son) - 9818367795

GRIEF STRICKEN

(Doughter-in-low & Son) nt/Sh. Suneete Punjabi & Manoj Punjabi - 9313360888 GRAND SON'S AND DAUGHTER'S (Grand Daughter-in-law & Grandson) imt/Sh. Priyanka Punjabi & Rohin Punjabi - 9622037555

Punjabi Grandson's and Daughter) Ashu Punjabi, Aarav Punjabi & Sharika Punjabi - 9987707457 mtSh. Fichma Garjoo & Arike t Ganjoo (Granddaughter & Grandson-in-law) - 8713052450 REAT GRAND CHILDREN: Yashas Purjabi, Ashaan Purjabi, Arth Ganjoo



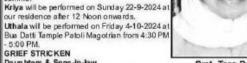
Smt. Krishna Mattoo

Mr. Abhishek Singh

Smt. Shyama

Smt. Usha Kiran Raina





Daughters & Sons-In-law Smt. Sheela Devi & Late Sh. Dev Raj Sharma Smt. Krishna Devi & Sh. Ganpati Sangra Daug hters-in-law & Sons Smt. Beliesh Kumeri & Sh. Sat Pal Sharma (Former Secretary Red Cross, Jammu Region) Smt. Anita Kumari & Sh. Ravinder Sharma (Retd. DM SFC)

Dr. Suksham Sharma & Dr. Rajiv Saini - Grand Daughter & Son-in-law

Er, Marik Magotra - Grand Son Er, Adish Magotra & Dr. Sunaina Sharma (JKAS) - Grand Son & Daughter-In-law Great Grand Children : Advait, Medhaansh Contact Nos.: 9419108501, 9622246282

With profound grief and sorrow this is to inform that Smt. Krishna Mattoo W/o Sh Makhan Lal Mattoo (original resident of resently at H.No 32, Sector 8, Trikuta

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed or

Makhan Lal Mattoo - Husband Daughters & Sons-in-law Sunita & Dr Virender Kaul Savita & Sanjay Dulloo Dr Deepa Mattoo - Daughter

Tapasya & Harry - Daughter & Son-in-law Romaan Dulloo - Grand Children

Kak's, Warikoo's, Kallu's

TENTH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father Sh Inder Jit Dehiman (Retd. AEE) R/o F-104 Main Bazar Shakti Nagar Jammu on 17-09-2024. Tenth Day will be performed at Vishavkarma

09-24 (Thursday). In Grief Son & Daughter-in-law Anil Verma & Jyoti Verma Sunil Verma & Nisha Verma

Daughter & Son-in-law

Smt Anita Kargotra & Sh Lekh Raj Smt Anju Bala & Sh Yash Paul Smt Manju Bala & Sh Naveen Chalotra imt Asha Verma & Late Sh Sumeet Kumai

Grand Sons & Daughers

TENTH DAY/KRIYA (THIRTEENTH DAY)

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Anita Kotwal W/o Lt Adv N P Kotwal R/o H No 280, Lane -3, Adarsh Enclave. Trikuta Nagar Jammu on 14-09-2024. TENTH DAY will be performed on 23-09-2024 (Monday) at 9:30 am in Shiy Mandir Sec 5/7 Trikuta

Nagar, Jammu. KRIYA (Thirteenth Day) will be performed on 26-09-2024

Thursday), at our residence at 12:30 pm. GRIEF STRICKEN Sons & Daughters in Law Ankush Kotwal and Naha Kotwal Aakush Kotwal and Geetika Kotwal

Maanya & Rajyvarchan - Grand Children Bhabis and Brothers in law Mrs. Lalita Kotwal Mrs. Jaishree & Mr VP Kotwal

Mrs. Birda & Mr BP Kotwal

Mr SP Kotwal Mrs. Indu & Devinder Kotwal - Sister and Brother in law Rameshwari Devi - Mother Mrs. Amita & Dinesh Kotwal - Sister and Brother in law Veena Kotwal wlo Late S.K.Kotwal - Bhabhi & Brother

Rita Kotwal wio Late Dr A.K Kotwal - Bhabhi & Brother Mrs. Anu and Mr Manjeet Kotwal - Bhabhi & Brother Phone: 9419130193, 9596991111, 9419320532

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform about the sad demise of our beloved Smt Shakuntala Koul (Dolly) W/o Sh. Ramesh Koul originally resident of Veer Nowbagh Anantnag A/p TRT Nagrota, Block

G, Flat No 1 on 19-09-2024. TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performe on 28-09-2024 at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education at

8.30 AM. **GRIEF STRICKEN**

Kamlawati Koul -Mother in Law

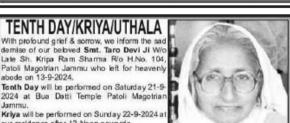
Ramesh Koul -Husband

Ajay Koul -Son MOBILE NO: 9419284196, 9868804896

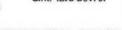
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SMT. KRISHNA

MATTOO



Lower Sathu, Chandpora, Srinagar) Nagar, Jammu, left for heavenly abode on 17-09-2024.

Thursday, 26th September, 2024, 8:30 AM at Muthi Ghat. IN GRIEF:

Shakuntala Mattoo - Sister-in-law Annupa & Vikram - Daughter & Son-in-law

Vanshika Kaul, Pragyna Dulloo

Mandir Gurah Morh Jammu at 11 AM on 26

Sh Inder Jit Dehimai



(Retd. AEE)









SMT SHAKUNTALA

KOUL (DOLLY)

Smt Jaya Koul & Sh. Roshan Lal Koul -Devrani & Devar Diskha Koul- Daughter

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Omar Abdullah to address three key rallies in Jammu Region on Sep 27

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 25: National Conference Vice President and former Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah will address three major public rallies in the Jammu region on Friday, September 27, 2024, as part of his extensive campaign for the upcoming Assembly elections. The rallies will take place in Udhampur East, Vijaypur, and Jammu North con-

stituencies, where Omar Abdullah will outline the party's vision and commitment to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Omar Abdullah's first rally will be held at HD Palace in Dehma, Block Khoon, Udhampur East (Constituency No. 60) at 11:30 am in support of JKNC candidate for Udhampur East, Sunil Verma.

Following this, the second rally will be con-



ducted at Aureum Grand Hotel in Thandi Khui, Vijaypur (Constituency No. 71) at 2:00 Pm in support of Rajesh Pargotra, JKNC candidate for Vijaypur Assembly constituency. This gathering is expected to focus on the local concerns of the Vijaypur region and the

faced by the people.
The final rally will take place in Jammu North (Constituency No. 79) at Thathar, near Radha Swami Ashram at 3:30 PM in support of NC can-

party's efforts to address

the ongoing challenges

didate Ajay Kumar Sadhotra for Jammu North Assembly segment.

These rallies mark an important phase in the National Conference's campaign strategy, as Omar Abdullah aims to directly connect with the electorate, offering solutions for regional challenges and reiterating the party's commitment to restoring the dignity and special status of Jammu and Kashmir.

Jammu's 'Smart City' Irony: Sawhney slams infrastructural decay



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 25: Congress-NC candidate from Jammu East Yogesh Sawhney criticized the state of infrastructure in Jammu City, calling it a far cry from the promises of a "Smart City."

Speaking during his ongoing tour of the constituency, Sawhney expressed concern over the deteriorating condition of roads, lanes, and other public infrastructure. "The streets are riddled with potholes, drainage is ineffective, and basic amenities are lacking. How can this be called a Smart City?" he questioned.

Sawhney highlighted

that during his interactions with the public, the most common grievance was the poor state of roads and civic facilities. He noted that several areas in Jammu East, despite being a part of a significant urban center, were in dire need of basic infrastructure upgrades. "People too are constantly talking about the crumbling infrastructure. This is not development, this is

neglect," he asserted.
Accusing the current regime of failing to address these concerns, Sawhney argued that the Smart City project has been reduced to nothing more than a political slogan.

"Jammu's roads are

practically unfit for commuting, and the lanes are narrow and damaged. The reality on the ground stands in stark contrast to the glossy promises made by the administration," he added.

He said that the pressing needs of the citizens need to be addressed. He said that the Congress aims to work on rectifying these issues, ensuring that Jammu City gets the attention it deserves.

"A Smart City is one where the basics work efficiently. Unfortunately, under the current regime, Jammu has only seen a decline in its infrastructural standards," Sawhney concluded.

Winds of change blowing in Jammu and Kashmir: Mula Ram



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 25: The political landscape in Jammu and Kashmir is shifting, as Congress candidate Mula Ram, representing Marh, declared that "winds of change" are sweeping through the region.

Speaking at a series of meetings in Parayal, Jhiri, and Dabbay, Mula Ram criticized the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for its governance, questioning why Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other senior leaders from Delhi are camped in Jammu and Kashmir if they have accomplished significant

progress.

Mula Ram asserted, "If the BJP had truly done a lot for Jammu and Kashmir, there would be no need for such a heavy presence from Delhi. The time has come for a

He confidently predicted that the Congress party, in alliance with the National Conference (NC), will form the next government, emphasizing a commitment to development across all three regions

of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Congress leader also addressed the

issue of what he termed

"Gabbar tax," referring to the taxes imposed by the

current administration.

He promised that these burdens would be rolled back to Delhi, assuring residents of a more supportive and development-focused governance.

Among those accompanying Mula Ram were notable figures such as Madal Lal Bhagat, former Block Development Council (BDC) member from Phallian Mandal, and Udhay Chib, president of the Indian Youth Congress.

The group also included local leaders such as Neha Bhagat, Sunny, the women's president of Marh, Khajuria Sarpanch, Baru Sarpanch, Jeet Choudhary, Darshan Bhagat, Bal Krishan, Saudgher Saini, Colonel Som Nath Dogra, Sat Pal Saini, Dr. Virender Lakhotra, Balkar Singh, Rattan Sharma, and Bittu Rampal.

The meetings attracted considerable attention, as Mula Ram's rhetoric resonated with a populace eager for change.

He emphasized that Congress is the only party capable of fostering true development and unity among the diverse regions of Jammu and Kashmir.

As the political climate heats up ahead of the elections, Mula Ram's comments reflect a growing sentiment among residents who are looking for alternatives to the current government.

The Congress party's focus on local issues and development could be pivotal in swaying public opinion in its favour, Mula Ram said.

With the elections approaching, Mula Ram's campaign aims to galvanize support by addressing key issues that resonate with voters, including economic development, tax relief, and greater local governance.

His call for unity between Congress and the National Conference suggests a strategic alliance that may further bolster their position against the BJP.

As Jammu and Kashmir stands on the brink of a potential political shift, all eyes will be on how these developments unfold in the coming weeks. Will the winds of change indeed bring a new dawn for the region, or will the current leadership prevail? Only time will tell as the people prepare to make their voices heard in the upcoming elections.

door-to-door campaign in RS Pura Constituency Top News Report confidence in the party's prospects citing its com-

Rekha Mahajan intensifies

JAMMU, Sep 25: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader Rekha Mahajan in Jammu South, has taken her door-to-door campaign at Jallochak in RSPURA, connecting with residents and urging them to support the BJP confidence in the party's prospects, citing its commitment to strengthening national security and integrity under PM Modi's guidance.

Mahajan's door-todoor campaign aims to strengthen the party's grassroots presence and engage with voters. She



in the assembly elections. Rekha Mahajan emphasized the party's commitment to development, good governance, and the welfare of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

She praised the BJP's governance model, which has been appreciated in all corners of J&K. She cited the party's achievements in promoting social welfare, economic freedom, and nationalist foreign policy.

Mahajan also highlighted the BJP's efforts in empowering the youth and marginalized communities, fostering inclusive growth and development, and ensuring transparency and accountability in governance.

Rekha Mahajan underscored the significance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, which has been instrumental in transforming J&K into a hub of development and progress. She expressed households, listening to people's concerns, and distributing party flags and literature. Mahajan encouraged BJP workers to utilize social media platforms to spread the party's message and vision.

Rekha Mahajan urged the people of Jammu South Constituency to support the BJP's mission of transforming J&K into a model of development and progress. She appealed to the voters to reject the misleading promises of other parties and trust the BJP's commitment to J&K's welfare.

By supporting the BJP, the people of Jammu South Constituency can contribute to the party's vision of a prosperous and developed J&K. Rekha Mahajan's door-to-door campaign is a testament to the BJP's commitment to public service and its dedication to empowering the people of J&K.

Randhawa's popularity soars in Bahu Constituency

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 25: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) popular leader, MLA candidate for Bahu Constituency Vikram Randhawa, has witnessed a significant surge in popularity among the residents of Bahu assembly seat.

As Randhawa continues to connect with voters through his door-to-door campaign, the public meeting at Ranibagh and its adjoining areas has affectionately dubbed him the "Rising Star" of Bahu Constituency.

The people of Bahu Constituency have overwhelmingly expressed their appreciation for Randhawa's dedication, sincerity, and vision for development. His ability to listen to their concerns and provide tangible solutions has resonated deeply with the community. Randhawa has brought a new wave of enthusiasm to our constituency," said the local populace. "His humility and willingness to serve the people have earned him our respect and sup-

While interacting with senior citizens, women, students, and shopkeepers in these areas, he



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has completed ten years in the office, and this period has been splendid in all matters. The list of achievements of the Modi government is very long, as numerous megaprojects of development were initiated during these years and also countless welfare schemes launched for the poor and needy in

the country. He asked the people to go through the achievements of the Modi government and also educate others about what has been done without any discrimination. He asked the people not to get misled by the false propaganda of the Congress and other regional parties and to strengthen the BJP, as it is the only party that takes care of one and all in a fair manner. He said that the nine-year rule of Narendra Modi has written new chapters of development and welfare, which has turned opposition parties speechless.

Randhawa's rising popularity is a testament to his tireless efforts to serve the people of Bahu Constituency. As the election approaches, his momentum is expected to continue, solidifying his position as a strong contender for the MLA seat.

Quote from Randhawa "I am humbled by the overwhelming support from the people of Bahu Constituency. Their trust and faith in me fuel my determination to work tirelessly for their welfare and development. I pledge to continue serving the community with dedication and sincerity."

With Randhawa's popularity on the rise, Bahu Constituency is poised for transformative growth and development under his leadership.

Kavinder reviews preparations for PM Modi's upcoming rally in Jammu

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 25: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Friday visited MA Stadium to review the preparations for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming rally scheduled on September 28 in Jammu. Accompanied by senior party leaders and workers, the BJP stalwart assessed the arrangements and stressed the importance of ensuring a well-coordinated event that reflects the party's dedication and commitment to the people of Jammu.

Speaking during the visit, Kavinder Gupta, who is also In-charge of J&K BJP's Election Committee, asked party workers to leave no stone unturned in making the rally a resounding success, as it holds significant importance in boosting the BJP's campaign for the upcoming Assembly elections in Jammu & Kashmir. He emphasized that the rally is a crucial moment to galvanize support and showcase the Party's dedication to the region's development under Prime



Minister Modi's leadership. He said that the preparations for the upcoming rally are in full swing, with party workers and local leaders ensuring all logistical and security arrangements are in place to welcome the Prime Minister and a large gathering of supporters.

"This rally will be a historic moment for Jammu, as we reaffirm the region's unwavering support for Prime Minister Modi and his vision for a progressive and prosperous Jammu & Kashmir. It will also serve as a key event in gearing up for the upcoming Assembly elections, where we aim to secure a strong mandate from the people of Jammu." he stated

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Kavinder called on party cadre to work tirelessly to ensure maximum participation and stressed that the rally would be a platform to outline the BJP's

roadmap for further development and welfare in Jammu & Kashmir.
The senior BJP leader

also appealed to the people of Jammu to come forward and actively participate in this landmark rally. He highlighted that the rally is not only a celebration of the government's achievements but also a pivotal step in ensuring the success of the party's Assembly election campaign.

"Prime Minister Modi's leadership has brought peace, development, and new opportunities to Jammu & Kashmir. I invite the people of Jammu to join us on September 28 at MA Stadium and show their support for the ongoing efforts to build a better future for our region and give a strong mandate to the BJP in the upcoming elections," he added.

DPAP candidate seeks blessings of Mahant

Sobat Ali visits door-to-door, urges people of Bahu constituency for vote, support

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 25: Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) candidate for Bahu-Gandhi Nagar Assembly Constituency, Sobat Ali Choudhary on Wednesday visited Digiana Ashram and got the blessings of Mahant Manjit Singh.

After this Sobat Ali, senior DPAP leader and former JMC Councillor conducted door-to-door visits at Digiana, Govindpura and Chatha areas of the Constituency and directly met the people of all sections of society.

The DPAP candidate listened to the problems of people who raised the issue of unemployment, drug addiction, poor sanitary conditions, power cuts and other problems.

Sobat Ali assured them that their issues will soon be taken up with the concerned authorities for a quick resolution.

Ali appealed to the people of the area to vote and support him in the Assembly elections so that he can properly work for the welfare of the people of Bahu Con-

stituency.

He said that DPAP chief Ghulam Nabi Azad has a vision for J&K and the party will be an important force in forming the new government.

"On winning elections I will rope in national and international companies to solve the problem of unemployment," Sobat Ali maintained seeking full support from the public of Bahu constituency for making the constituency a model constituency in entire J&K.

He said that as the Legislative Assembly elections are being held after 10 years the public should vote with full responsibility for their own welfare and to ensure peace and progress in J&K.

People from all sections of the society came forward and extended full support to Sobat Ali from Bahu constituency.

They said that the popular political parties remained selective in welfare measures and developments due to which the region suffered a lot.

BJP seen as alternative to traditional politics in J&K: MP Khatana



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JAMMU, Sep 25: Senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament Er. Gulam Ali Khatana held a series of public meetings across various assembly constituencies in Jammu district on Wednesday, urging support for the party's candidates in the upcoming elections.

MP Khatana campaigned for BJP candidates Shah Lal in Kanger (Bantalab), Vikram Randhawa in Bathindi, Dr. Narinder Singh in Digiana, and Yudhvir Sethi in Beli Charana areas of Jammu district.

Highlighting the BJP's position as a stable alternative to traditional parties like the National Conference (NC), Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), and Congress, the BJP leader emphasized that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are increasingly looking towards the BJP for a new direction.

Addressing the gatherings, Khatana asserted that the BJP has consistently responded to public needs and fulfilled its promises without discrimination. "Our government is committed to inclusive

development, ensuring every citizen is represented," he said. He praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, citing the central government's focus on economic growth and social stability in the region.

Khatana appealed to

voters to support BJP candidates, promising continued progress and prosperity for the region. "A vote for the BJP is a vote for development and stability," he said, encouraging the public to choose the party that has demonstrated its commitment to the welfare of all communities.

EDITORIAL

Bharat-Centric Knowledge

In today's rapidly evolving world, the concept of Bharat-centric knowledge has gained significant traction. This term embodies a holistic understanding of India's rich cultural heritage, traditional wisdom, and modern advancements, seamlessly integrating them to create a framework that fosters sustainable development and social harmony. Bharat-centric knowledge is not just an academic pursuit; it is a practical approach to addressing contemporary challenges while honoring our historical legacy.

Bharat-centric knowledge refers to the wisdom derived from India's vast array of traditions, philosophies, and scientific achievements. This encompasses ancient texts, practices in yoga and Ayurveda, sustainable agricultural methods, artisanal crafts, and indigenous knowledge systems. It emphasizes the importance of local context in education, innovation, and community development, encouraging individuals and organizations to draw from India's historical experiences to solve present-day problems.

One of the cornerstones of Bharat-centric knowledge is the value placed on traditional wisdom. Indian scriptures like the Vedas, Upanishads, and texts like the Arthashastra provide profound insights into governance, economics, and societal well-being. For instance, the principles of sustainable living advocated in these texts resonate with modern ecological concerns. Concepts such as "Ahimsa" (non-violence) and "Satyagraha" (truth force) offer ethical frameworks that can guide corporate governance and social responsibility.

Additionally, traditional practices like Ayurveda and yoga emphasize holistic well-being, addressing physical, mental, and spiritual health. As global health crises arise, these ancient practices have gained recognition, reinforcing the idea that Bharat-centric knowledge can contribute significantly to global wellness.

The intersection of ancient wisdom and modern science is another critical aspect of Bharat-centric knowledge. Many contemporary scientific innovations find their roots in traditional practices. For example, the sustainable agricultural techniques practiced by farmers in India can inform modern agricultural policies aimed at reducing chemical inputs and promoting biodiversity. Research on the medicinal properties of indigenous plants often echoes the findings of Ayurveda, demonstrating that traditional knowledge can complement and enhance modern scientific understanding.

Institutions like the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and various universities are increasingly recognizing the importance of integrating traditional knowledge into research and development. By doing so, they can create solutions that are culturally relevant and environmentally sustainable.

Bharat-centric knowledge also plays a pivotal role in promoting cultural identity and social cohesion. In an era of globalization, there is a risk of cultural homogenization, where local traditions and practices may be overshadowed by dominant global narratives. By valuing and promoting Bharat-centric knowledge, communities can celebrate their unique heritage while fostering pride in their identity.

This cultural renaissance can empower local artisans, craftsmen, and small-scale industries, providing them with the recognition and support they deserve. Initiatives like the "Make in India" campaign underscore the importance of local production and craftsmanship, promoting sustainable livelihoods while honoring traditional skills

Integrating Bharat-centric knowledge into education systems is vital for nurturing a generation that is both globally aware and locally rooted. Educational frameworks should encourage critical thinking while instilling a sense of responsibility toward the environment and society. Curricula can incorporate local history, culture, and ecological knowledge, ensuring that students appreciate their heritage while developing the skills necessary for the future.

Skill development programs that emphasize traditional crafts, sustainable agriculture, and holistic health practices can empower communities, reduce unemployment, and preserve valuable knowledge. Such initiatives contribute not only to economic growth but also to the preservation of cultural identity.

Bharat-centric knowledge is a comprehensive framework that encourages individuals and communities to draw upon India's rich heritage while addressing contemporary challenges. By bridging ancient wisdom and modern science, promoting cultural identity, and integrating these principles into education and skill development, we can create a sustainable future that honors our past. As India continues to assert itself on the global stage, embracing Bharat-centric knowledge will be crucial for fostering resilience, innovation, and unity among its diverse populace.

Developed India - Public participation is required to make this dream a reality

By: Prof. Mahesh Chand Gupta

rime Minister Narendra Modi has been talking about developed India for a long time. Modi has also reiterated this in his recent visit to America. The country's dream is to become a developed nation and the purpose behind the campaign being run for this is to accelerate India's economic, social and technological progress. There is no doubt that the main objective of the developed India campaign is to ensure the overall progress of the country so that all citizens can get equal opportunities and facilities. Under the campaign, focus is being given on many major areas like infrastructure, education, health, agriculture, industry, science and technology etc.

Modi repeatedly reiterates his resolve to make India developed but the big question is whether the people of the country are involved wholeheartedly in realizing this dream? The government's efforts are in their place but what contribution are we people making to realize this dream? Do we really have as much involvement in this campaign as is being felt? There is a need to think deeply on these questions. No work can be completed without public participation. For us, the dream of a developed India is important not only from an economic point of view but also from a social, educational and cultural point of view. This dream can be realised only when every person is involved in it. A mass movement is required for a developed India. Only when a mass movement is formed, it is possible to ensure the participation of every citizen in it.

If we look at the past, we see successful examples of public participation. There was a time when there was no grain production in our country even to feed the people. Import of grain was inevitable to feed the countrymen, but remember, when the country decided to become self-sufficient in grain production, and every person participated in it, that dream did not take long to come true. The dream of milk revolution is also one such example. There has been widespread public involvement behind the success in grain and milk production

From time to time, the government makes many plans, prepares develop-

ment programmes, advocates for many reforms, many laws are made but is it possible to do all the work on the basis of government efforts or laws alone? When coordinated efforts are needed for every small and big work, then the mission of making India developed is a very big idea. How can it be brought to reality without making it a mass movement?

To make the country developed, people have to be made aware. It is necessary to make citizens aware of their duties. Only when people understand the problems and needs around them, they will be able to take steps towards change. For this, the important role of all the youth, people associated with social and political organizations and educational institutions will be inevitable.

Developed India can stand only on the foundation of social justice and equality. Mass movements are necessary against casteism, discrimination and inequality. Participation of youth will be especially necessary in such movements. Along with this, it is also necessary to ensure equality in education and employment opportunities. For this, there is a need to improve the education system so that children of all classes can get quality education. It will be equally important to increase employment opportunities. Education is the basis of development of every country but India's education system still needs a lot of reforms. Although the government has started working in this direction by making a new education policy, the imbalance of education between rural and urban areas, lack of high quality teachers, and lack of infrastructure are big problems that need to be solved. At the same time, along with school education, focus will also have to be laid on vocational and technical education and skill development of the labor force. Improving the global ranking of our universities is the most important task, which should be taken as a special campaign.

Environment should also be seen as an important aspect of developed India. It is very difficult to imagine developed India without industrial revolution. Now steps will have to be taken to establish small and big industries. The right use of modern technology will strengthen the spirit of developed India. Lack of health facilities in rural areas and high prices of better services

in urban areas are a big problem. Providing adequate health services to the large population of India is a challenge.

Economic inequality is a big obstacle in India. The gap between the rich and the poor is increasing rapidly. While on one hand the income and standard of living of people has increased in some areas, on the other hand a large number of people are suffering from poverty. The economic disparity between rural and urban areas is also evident.

No matter how much we do for a developed India, it is still less. Infrastructure is essential to become a strong and developed nation, but India is still far behind in this area. Lack of basic facilities like medical, roads, electricity, water, and internet hinders development in many parts of the country. The availability of these facilities is even less in rural areas. If India has to join the list of developed countries, it will have to improve its infrastructure rapidly. More efforts will have to be made in the field of technology and innovation to compete globally.

To realize the vision of a developed India, reforms are also required in the administrative structure of the country because corruption, bureaucracy and delay in decision making create obstacles in development projects. The lack of effective implementation of various policies and schemes of the government also affects the growth rate. If transparency and efficiency is increased in political and administrative processes, then it can play an important role in the development of the country.

A large population of our country is dependent on agriculture, so it has to be ensured that the income of farmers is increased and they are equipped with modern agricultural techniques. To improve agricultural production and quality, it is equally important to encourage innovation and scientific research in the agricultural sector and to accelerate rural development by expanding basic facilities in rural areas. India's rapidly increasing population

india's rapidly increasing population is a major challenge and obstacle in the development of the country. Due to the increasing population, there is a lot of pressure on the resources of the country. At present, the population of the country is 140 crores, which is estimated to reach 167 crores in 2050 according to the United Nations. On the contrary, China's population will remain at 130

crores because China is rapidly controlling its population. On the contrary, we have left China behind in the population comparison. Due to population pressure, the demand for health services, education, employment, and other basic facilities is increasing, but the available resources are not able to increase at the expected pace as compared to the growing population.

We are facing many problems due to population pressure. In any developed country, high per capita income, quality of life, better education and health, standard of living are important but our country's GDP is not even five trillion while America's is 30 trillion and China's is 20 trillion. Per capita income in America is 77 thousand dollars and in China's is 13 thousand dollars, whereas in India per capita income is 2400 dollars i.e. about ninety thousand rupees only. In the coming years, per capita income in India should be 15 to 20 thousand dollars, only then we can talk about standard of living. Right now our quality of life is weak. There is no standard of living. India ranks 134th among 193 countries in the Human Development Index. If the population continues to grow at this pace, we will never be able to become a developed India.

To make India a developed nation, an increase of eight to nine percent in our GDP is necessary. In the last ten years, we have succeeded in bringing 25 crore people above the poverty line, but still a large number of people are living below the poverty line. Whatever obstacles are in the way of becoming a developed India, they will have to be removed. Where policy reforms are necessary, the government will have to come forward. Where there is a need for public work, the public will have to stand up spontaneously. Only when this happens, India will be able to join the category of developed countries and use its full potential. Everyone should realize that the dream of a developed India is being seen by the people of India for the people of India.

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Animals becoming violent in search of shelter

By: Vijay Garg

ecently, there was a severe terror of wolves in Bah-****raich, the border district of Uttar Pradesh. In the wolf attacks that started last March, the biggest victims so far have been small children in the area. So far, about a dozen people, including nine children, have died in these attacks, while more than forty people have been injured. Most of the injured are also children. Thus, not only wolves, but also very dangerous and dangerous wild animals like elephant, lion, jackal, leopard, leopard, bear and tiger, The incidents of infiltration into settlements and their attacks on humans, especially children, elderly and women, are increasing day by day. Attacks by tigers, bears, leopards and wild elephants in Maharashtra, jackals in Madhya Pradesh and wild elephants in the North-Eastern states are a common occurrence. These events are undoubtedly extremely tragic and horrifying. Therefore, it is right for people to be angry, but the question is that after all, do people have the right to roam freely in the forest, hunt small wild animals and feed themselves and their families and generallyWhy did these wolves, who used to live with their families, become so ferocious that they started killing small innocent children and eating them? In fact, due to haphazard felling of forests across the country, the habitat of wild animals is getting destroyed day by day. Today the total population of the world has exceeded eight billion and every year more than twice that amount, about eighteen billion trees, are being cut. There

can be only one way to compensate for this indiscriminate cutting of trees and that is by planting new trees at a rapid pace and taking care of them. i.e. the number of trees per yearAt least the same number of trees that are being cut should be planted across the world. However, it takes many years for those plants to become trees. Therefore, in reality, at the current rate and pace of plantation, it is not possible to grow new forests in place of the forests that are being continuously destroyed. Planting trees is the best option to save both the natural habitat of wild animals and the environment, but to achieve complete success in this work, the pace of tree planting will have to be increased to such an extent that the number of trees cut every year around the world is reduced. SOne and a half times less number of trees should be planted. Currently, only five billion trees are being planted across the world compared to eighteen billion trees being cut down every year. Obviously, it will not be possible to compensate for the indiscriminate cutting of trees in this way. Indiscriminate cutting of trees continues in India also. In response to a question in the Lok Sabha, the then Union Environment Minister had said on March 21, 2022 that during the year 2020-21, about 31 lakh trees were cut for the construction and development of public infrastructure projects in India. ForestBy running a scheme of compensatory afforestation in lieu of the trees cut under the (Conservation) Act, the Central Government planted more than 3.6 crore saplings at a cost of Rs 359 crore, which seems inadequate, because at present no data is avail-

able regarding which of them. How many plants were saved and how many were left to perish. However, due to indiscriminate deforestation, the natural habitat of wild animals is shrinking day by day, which has created a problem of food and water for them. That is why wild animals keep searching for food and water. And have been forced to migrate towards settlements. Although wolves are ferocious by nature, not all wolves are man-eaters. However, they are very adept at taking revenge, hence if any attempt is made to harm them or their family members, they do not tolerate it at all and take revenge from their enemies. About twenty-five years ago, a similar incident came into limelight, in which more than fifty innocent children of the area were killed in wolf attacks on the banks of river Sai in Jaunpur and Pratapgarh districts of Uttar Pradesh. Upon investigation of the deaths of the children, it was found that some human children had entered a den of wolves and killed two of their children, in retaliation the wolves attacked and killed more than fifty innocent human children. The pier was lowered. During that time, some wolves were caught in the wolf-catching campaign run by the Forest Department, but the man-eating pair present among them always remained safe and became successful in their attempts to take revenge. However, later the man-eating wolves were controlled by the forest department. The bloody terror of the wolves was finally ended. If you pay attention, the same behavior of wolves is seen in the incidents in Bahraich also. Therefore, the possibility that wolves may be taking revenge for

harming or killing their children cannot be ruled out. However, the sad thing is that once again the lives of wolves are in danger, because the government has ordered to shoot them. However, if we look at the government actions taken against wolves, The darkest side of life is of the British era, when hunters killed more than one lakh wolves in forty years by running a big campaign to kill wolves on behalf of the British government and also received a reward from the British Raj. If seen, this series of ongoing conflicts between humans and wild animals is very serious and worrying. Therefore, it is important to find a solution in time, otherwise this problem can become extremely serious. It is necessary that the Central and State Governments take advice from wildlife experts and Let us take some concrete and positive steps towards preserving the natural habitats of animals and developing forests by running afforestation campaigns on a large scale, so that our wild animals can live freely in their homes without any worries. It is possible that it may take many years for these efforts to bear fruit, but in the meantime one thing that can be done is to treat these wild animals lovingly. There is no doubt that if instead of cruelty against these wild animals, kindness is shown and they are pampered, then There may also be a change in their violent behavior towards humans.

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SPPND GDC Samba organizes lecture on 'Women's Health and Hygiene'

Top News Report

SAMBA, Sep 25: The Viksit Bharat Committee, in collaboration with the Department of Chemistry and the Women Development Cell. SPPND GDC Samba successfully organized a thought-provoking lecture on Women's Health and Hygiene for the female students and faculty of the college.

The event was graced by the distinguished speaker Dr. Amita Gupta, former Professor and Head of the Postgraduate Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at SMGS Hospital, Government Medical College (GMC), Jammu. The objective of the lecture was to raise awareness,



educate and promote the well-being of women by addressing various aspects of their physical health as well as personal hygiene.

In her lecture Dr. Amita provided valuable insights into the common gynecological issues faced by

She addressed key concerns such as reproductive health, menstrual hygiene, maternal care, and general well-being. She provided in depth information about PCOS, its symptoms, treatment, and its effect on reproductive health. Dr. Gupta further advised

on the diet and lifestyle

changes necessary to manage PCOS and main-

While addressing the gathering, Dr. Gupta emphasized the importance of early diagnosis, proper hygiene practices, and proper healthcare services as key factors in promoting women's overall health and well-being. She emphasized the need for society to break the taboos surrounding women's health, engaging in open conversations on these topics, and promoting education that empowers women to take control of their health and well-being

During the interactive session, the Resource Person enthusiastically responded to numerous questions posed by the students.

The proceedings of the function were conducted by Prof. Ritika. The event saw an enthusiastic participation by students and faculty members. Overall, the lecture was highly informative and impactful.

NSS Units of GGM Science College Celebrate NSS Foundation Day



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 25: The NSS units of Government Gandhi Memorial Science College, Jammu, celebrated NSS Day with great enthusiasm and a sense of commitment towards community service. The event, held on the college campus, showcased a series of activities organized by NSS volunteers, emphasizing the importance of social responsibility and community engagement.

The celebration kicked off with sending Volunteers for blood donation camp held at MAM College, where volunteers from GGM Science College actively participated. A significant number of NSS volunteers came forward to donate blood, supporting the cause of saving lives and contributing to the well-being of society. Their selfless act reflected the core values of NSS, focusing on the importance of community welfare.

A major highlight of the day was a Nukkad Natak (street play) performed by the NSS volunteers, aimed at raising awareness about the rights and laws surrounding rape in society. The play, held on the college grounds, captured the attention of students and faculty alike, offering a power-

ful message on the need to protect and promote women's safety. Through the creative and impactful performance, volunteers brought to light the social and legal aspects of such a sensitive issue, sparking meaningful discussions among the audience.

In addition to the street

play, several cultural events were organized to engage the students. The singing competition witnessed talented volunteers showcasing their skills, with performances dedicated to the themes of patriotism and social unity. Alongside this, a slogan writing competition was conducted, where participants expressed their views on various social issues, including women empowerment, environmental conservation, and youth leadership.

To acknowledge the dedication and hard work of the NSS volunteers, a special ceremony was organized to distribute certificates of appreciation. Principal Prof Dr Romesh Kumar Gupta, Dr Rahul Kait and Dr. Neha Sharma, NSS Programme Officers of GGM Science College, handed over the certificates to the volunteers, commending them for their outstanding participation and commitment to the NSS mission of community service.

Prof. Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of GGM Science College, graced the event as the chief guest. In his address, he praised the NSS units and the volunteers for their relentless efforts in organizing meaningful activities that contribute to the welfare of society. He encouraged students to continue their active involvement in NSS and highlighted the importance of youth leadership in creating a progressive and responsible society.

Dr. Gupta also emphasized the role of NSS in shaping the character of young individuals, urging them to take up more initiatives that focus on social causes. He lauded the street play and the blood donation camp as exemplary efforts in promoting awareness and compassion.

The NSS Day celebration at GGM Science College proved to be a vibrant and impactful event, successfully engaging students and faculty in a series of socially relevant activities. The participation of the volunteers in both cultural and serviceoriented events reflected their dedication to the NSS motto of "Not Me, But You," showcasing the spirit of service and responsibility towards

GCW Bhagwati Nagar organizes series of activities to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti

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JAMMU, Sep 25: Department of Environmental Sciences and Eco Club 'Tawishi' in collaboration with NSS unit 'Veerangana' of GCW Bhagwati Nagar organized series of activities to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti 2024 under the patronage of Principal of the college, Dr Meeru Abrol. Slogan Writing Competition was organized on 25th September focused on the theme of Truth and Non-Violence.

The event attracted enthusiastic participation and provided a platform for students to voice their thoughts on these vital principles fostering creativity and critical thinking among students.

About 15 students participated in the event showcasing their creativity and commitment to promoting the values of

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JAMMU, Sep 25: Women

Development Cell and

IQAC of GDC Sidhra

organised workshop on

three new criminal laws

and Protection of Rights of

Children against Produc-

tion, Distribution and Con-

sumption of Child sexual

truth and non-violence.

The competition was judged by faculty members Prof. Nisha Bhagat and Prof. Gagan Jyoti.

After careful evaluation. Gurleen Kour of B Com Semester 5th emerged as the winner with 1st position for her impactful slogan that resonated deeply with the core themes of the competition, whereas Jaspreet Kour and Vanshika Rajput secured 2nd and 3rd position respectively.

A Bhajan Singing competition was also organized and students presented melodious and mesmerizing Bhaians reflecting Gandhiji's teachings of truth, nonviolence and peace, the winning team comprised of Jaspreet Kour, Amandeep Kour and Jaspre-

etKour of Semester 5th. A seminar on the theme of 'Gandhi's vision for a sustainable future' was

GDC Sidhra organises workshop on

three new criminal laws

organized in which about ten students expressed their views on the topic.

The event was judged by Dr Preeti Salathia and Dr Kamal Deep Singh. Sabhyata Verma, Ragini Kohli and Bhumi Khajuria secured first, second and third positions respectively.

Principal of the college, Dr Meeru Abrol remarked that it was inspiring to see the passion and creativity displayed by the stu-

Their slogans reflected a deep understanding of the importance of truth and non-violence in our society. These events not only encouraged artistic expression but also emphasized the role of these principles in promoting peace and

The event was organized by Dr Mosmi Raina, Convenor of the Eco

Vanshika Gusain of KCPS shines at CBSE Zonal Swimming Championship 2024

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 25: The 2nd CBSE North Zone Swimming Championships 2024 was held at Montessori Cambridge School, Pathankot, from September 18 to 21, 2024. The event witnessed a fierce competition and display of exceptional talent from young swimmers from across the region.

Vanshika Gusain, a dedicated and talented swimmer from KC Public School, delivered an extraordinary performance at this event. securing three medals in 3 different categories. She won one gold, one silver, and one bronze medal and thereby amply demonstrated her versatility and excellence as a young swimmer from the UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

This has earned her the honour of representing J&K at the National Swimming Championships scheduled to be held at the KIIT Swimming Pool in Bhubaneswar, Odisha shortly. This national-level prestigious event will provide Vanshika with a platform to compete against the best swimmers from across the country.

Management of KC Public School congratulated Vanshika and her swimming coach Babita Rani for their outstanding performance in the CBSE Zonal championship and wished them success at the national level contest.

Governor Bihar graces 13th Convocation of Aryans Group of Colleges having studied in India & said that it's a proud

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 25: Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh today held its 13th Convocation in Aryans Campus. Governor, Bihar, Rajendra Vishwanath Arlewhile KK Yadav (IAS), Vice Chancellor, Punjabi University, Patiala; Prof Sandeep Kansal, Vice Chancellor, Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University, Bathinda; Dr. Rupesh Singh, Chairman, Bihar foundation were the Guests of Honor. Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group pre-

sided over the function. On the occasion, Patiala district administration including Dr. Nanak Singh, Senior Superintendent of Police; Avikesh Gupta, Sub Divisional Magistrate, Rajpura; Vishwajeet Sandhu, Tehsildar, Rajpura etc were also

present. The students from various programs including Engineering, Law, Pharmacy, Management, B.Ed, Agriculture, BBA, BCA etc were conferred degrees. The convocation ceremony started with the



followed by a welcome prayer

Governor, Bihar in his convocation address while congratulating the students said that degree holders have to decide for themselves whether they want to become a job creator or a job provider. The process of learning in life does not end, but from today is the beginning of new education and achieving new goals", said Arlekar. He exhorted the students to develop the ability to lead the society and move ahead by examining the opportunity. He said that youth were the assets of the country and should contribute towards nation building activities. He said that the nation could develop only when youth were focused, disciplined and growth oriented and

urged students to inculcate good values like discipline, patriotism, sincerity and devotion, added

Governor KK Yadav said that it is not merely convocation but a new beginning for another challenging life. Students of today are the Founders of tomorrow's Nation. We need to bring down the strong boundaries that we have put on the students to help them grow in their desired field. Students should also have the right kind of attitude to grow and have success in life, they should be open to learning, be creative and think about societal problems", he added. He advised the students to become a good citizen and work day and night to earn Fame for themselves and the entire Country. Be proud of being Indians and as we have excelled in all fields, he added. Prof. Sandeep Kansal

said that Aryans is among

those Colleges which is doing a good job in the overall development of its students. He congratulated the management of Aryans which was started with just 100 students and 1 College and now is imparting quality education to over 4000 students in 8 Colleges including Engineering, Law, Management, Nursing, Pharmacy, Degree, Education, Paramedical etc. He advised the graduates and postgraduates to register themselves at their employment exchange offices at their respective districts so that they can be contacted for the various job openings in their state as well as across the

Country. Dr. Anshu Kataria while thanking the Governor said that it is a matter of pride that Bihar Governor has visited Aryans & blessed students in past also during Aryans 10th Convocation when he was Governor Himachal Pradesh. He congratulated the students moment for Aryans to add these young talents for the progress of the Society. Kataria said that we don't need Funds from our alumni, but we want these students to Earn Name and Fame for themselves. Society and their Nation in the coming

Roshan Lal Prof. Kataria, Rajni Kataria (Founders), Dr. Parveen Kataria, Director General; Prof. B.S. Sidhu, Director, Aryans Group; Dr. JK Saini, Director, Aryans College of Engineering; Dr. Anurag Dhiman, Principal, Aryans College of Education, Dr. JS Badhan, Principal; Dr. Krishna Singla, Principal, Aryans College of Pharmacy; Dr. Devinder Singla, Principal Aryans College of Law, Kamlesh, Vice Principal, Aryans College of Nursing, Dr. Garima Thakur, Deputy Director, Aryans Group, Kusum Sood, Dean, Academics. Manpreet Maan. Dean Scholarship Dept, Manu Kataria, Chief Finance Officer, Navdeep Girdhar, Liaison Officer etc were also present on the occasion.

abuse Material (CSAM). Women Development Cell and IQAC, GDC Sidhra organised a oneday workshop on Three new criminal Laws and Protection of Rights of Chil-

dren against Production, Distribution and Consumption of Child sexual abuse Material (CSAM). The resource person for the event was Advocate Kiran Thakur, a renowned legal expert, who runs an initiative known as DHIRA The Undistracted Mind. a legal awareness pro-

gram designed to educate

public about their legal

rights and responsibilities.

Dr. Anu Sharma, Conve-

nor, Women Development

Cell formally welcomed the

resource person and intro-

duced her to the students

and faculty members.

presentation, the resource person told the students about three new criminal laws that have been introduced recently Then she introduced to

In the beginning of the

the audience Bharativa Nyaya Sanhita which is the official criminal code in India. It came into effect on 1 July, 2024 after being passed by the parliament in December 2023 to replace the Indian Penal Code (IPC), which dated back to the period of British India. She discussed various changes in the BNS, 20 new offences have been added and 19 provisions in the repealed IPC have

been dropped. She elaborated on how the Nyaya Sanhita will impact the handling of child abuse cases. She discussed various legal provisions and protections available to victims, offering practical guidance on how to seek help and legal

recourse. She discussed various sections of BNS like Section 69, 95, 63, 64 and many more sections.

She also made the audi-

ence aware about Zero FIR, Electronic FIR and the Emergency number 112 for help in anv kind of emergency situation. It was followed by an interactive session with the students where the students asked various questions and discussed their queries with the resource person of the

workshop Principal of the College Dr. G S Rakwal stressed on the importance of organising such events and also the role that such awareness programs can play in safeguarding the rights and well being of the citizens.

He also congratulated the organisers for the success of the event.

The whole event was organized by Dr Anu Convenor Sharma, Women Development Cell (WDC) and Dr. Anshu Gupta, convenor, IQAC with the active support of Dr. Harpreet Kour, HoD Political Science and Dr. Mussarat Chowdhary HoD Economics along with

other members of WDC. The event was attended by 50 students and faculty members of the college.

Five-Day workshop on Mushroom Cultivation begins at GDC Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR, Sep 25: The Career Counselling and Guidance Cell of Government Degree College (GDC), Kishtwar, in collaboration with the Department of Botany and Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Kishtwar, SKUAST-Jammu, successfully inaugurated a five-day workshop focused on mushroom cultivation. The event, held under the patronage of Prof. Basharat Iqbal, Principal, GDC Kishtwar and convenor-ship of Prof. Asma Javaid attracted enthusiastic participation from around 200 students.



The workshop commenced with a welcome address by Prof. Satish Thakur, Head of the Department of Botany, who set the stage for an engaging and informative session. The event's expert speaker, Dr. Narinder Paul, Head of Krishi Vigyan Kendra Kishtwar, SKUAST-Jammu, deliv-

ered a series of insightful lectures on mushroom cultivation. Dr. Paul introduced students to the various types of mushrooms that can be commercially cultivated in Kishtwar, highlighting the region's potential for mushroom farming. Dr. Paul also familiar-

ized the participants with

advanced cultivation tech-

niques, terminology, and government schemes under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) that can help boost local agriculture and self-employment opportunities. His expertise provided students with hands-on knowledge and a broader understanding of the mushroom industry.

Speaking at the event, Prof. Basharat Iqbal, Principal of GDC Kishtwar, praised the collaborative efforts of the organizing teams and encouraged students to actively engage in such skill-enhancing programs. He emphasized the importance of workshops like these in preparing students for future career opportunities, particularly in fields related to sustainable agriculture and entrepreneurship.

The session concluded with an interactive questionand-answer session, where students had the opportunity to address their que-

ries directly to Dr. Narinder Paul, further enriching their learning experience.

The program was attended by various faculty members of GDC Kishtwar including Prof. Prithvi Raj , Prof. Sonika Sen, Prof. Jaideep Kumar, Dr. Vijay Kumar and Prof. Esar - ul- Avoub.

The event ended on a high note with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Asma Javaid from the Department of Botany, expressing gratitude to all participants, organizers, and the expert speaker for making the event a resounding success

Musa Pervaiz of DPS Jammu excels in CBSE North Zone-II Swimming Competition

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 25: Musa Pervaiz Malik (IX-F), a student of Delhi Public School Jammu brought laurels to the school and his parents by clinching 1 silver medal and 1 bronze medal in CBSE North Zone-II Swimming Competition organized by CBSE held at Montessori School. Pathankot from 17-21 September, 2024. He won silver medal in 50 mt free style swimming and bronze medal in 100 mt free style with a time lapse of 28.77 and 1.06,

The management of DPS Jammu, President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC- Dr. Ritu Singh, Director- S.S. Sodhi along with Principal-DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chabra & staff congratulated Musa Pervaiz and his parents for the achievement. They also lauded the efforts of Coach, Ravinder Deonia. Further, they extended their best wishes to them for all their future endeavours.

British-Indian doc's film on pharma industry premieres in UK

British-Indian cardiologist and healthy lifestyle campaigner Aseem Malhotra premiered a new documentary in London's Leicester Square to throw the spotlight on the global pharmaceutical industry's profit-focused approach towards health

'First! Do No Pharm', which is packed with testimonies from leading medical and sector experts from around the world, seeks to expose the unscrupulous behaviour of the pharma industry and medical research fraud perpetuating a cycle of corruption worldwide.

The premiere was introduced by British-Indian filmmaker Gurinder Chadha, who praised Malhotra for his commitment to his Hippocratic Oath, the ethics pledge historically taken by physicians.

"Aseem is a very old friend of mine and I have watched his brave and often perilous journey confronting corruption and malpractice," said Chadha.

"He does this in defence of the Hippocratic Oath, which he took in defence of my health and of millions like me who constantly are looking for the truth about health care. He will not stop until we all understand his vital mission for our benefit," she said. Having previously campaigned against the wholesale statin



telling style with interviews of

key experts around the world,

including Indian American Pro-

fessor Jay Bhattacharya and

Indian environmental activist

"We need to apply quite a big

dose of scepticism to the medi-

cal literature. Medical journals

will publish a pharmaceutical

trial and then will be paid quite

large sums for providing the

pharmaceutical company with

reprints of that article. And it's

very hard for an editor to remove

that conflict when making an

editorial decision," said Dr Fiona

Godlee, former editor-in-chief

of the 'British Medical Journal'

(BMJ), who is among those

Vandana Shiva.

usage and the dangers of high sugar consumption, Malhotra wanted to explore the state of the broader health system and the feared corruption within that perpetuates certain myths around heart disease.

"This film is the most incendiary work I have ever completed. It is going to make a lot of profithungry people in the pharmaceutical industry unhappy. But it is going to save lives and that is all that matters," said Malhotra.

"We have a pandemic of misinformed doctors and misinformed and unwittingly harmed patients. It is time to put an end to this once and for all," he said.

The film, directed by documentary filmmaker Donal interviewed in the film.

Sir Richard Thompson, former president of the Royal College of Physicians, calls for a public inquiry into the "murky practices of big pharma" so that doctors can know that when they prescribe a drug, they are truly putting their patients first and not the financial interests of the drug companies and their sharehold-

"For too long doctors have had to make clinical decisions based on non-transparent data on the efficacy and side-effects of drugs that are curated by the drug industry, whose basic motive is to put profits before patients. Therefore, invariably the safety and benefits of many important drugs, such as statins, are exaggerated, so that avoidable illness, and even deaths, occur from the side-effects that have often been ignored or denied by the industry," he said.

After some of the very grim prognosis, the film concludes with a visit to Mount Abu in Rajasthan where cardiologist Dr Satish Gupta's lifestyle modification methods to reverse heart damage from blocked arteries and the many benefits of yoga are explored.

The film is now available online and will have exclusive screenings across the US and India in the coming months.

Got 'high as a kite' after smoking chillum on Haré Rama Haré Krishna set: Zeenat Aman



Veteran actor Zeenat Aman said she had to appear really stoned while shooting for the classic song "Dum Maro Dum" in 1971's popular film "Hare Rama Hare Krishna" and to bring authenticity to her character she got as high as a kite after she smoked up with real-life hippies in Nepal.

In the film, also starring and directed by Dev Anand, Aman portrayed the role of Jasbir 'Janice' Jaiswal, who drifts away from her family and spends time with hippies.

Aman, 72, shared the anecdote in an Instagram post.

"We were in Kathmandu shooting Hare Rama Hare Krishna and Dev Saab had rounded up a gaggle of hippies from the streets to be featured in the song. Which song? The picture is a dead giveaway - Dum Maro Dum of course," she said

"Now, Dev Saab wanted authenticity in this sequence. My character, the drug-addled Janice, had to really look stoned. And the easiest way to achieve this was to partake in the hippy offerings! So there I was, still in my teens, gamely taking long pulls from their chillum for take after take," she wrote alongside a still from the song.

By the time the team wrapped the day's work, Aman said she was "high as a kite!"

"I was in no state to return to the hotel in that happy, dizzy and slightly gormless haze. So some of the team members packed me into a car and took me on a drive to a beautiful vantage point. There in the cold mountain air, I contemplated the Himalayas and slowly, peacefully came down from my high."

"I later found out that my mother was furious when she learnt what happened and gave the senior crew members a sharp tongue lashing for allowing her precious child to do drugs! Luckily, I was spared her wrath," she added.

In the same post, Aman also said that she will tour Mumbai, Delhi and Jaipur in October where she will share many such anecdotes and groove to the most memorable numbers from her films, all performed by a live band.

"This is a musical extravaganza, especially created for 'my generation' of fans! Don't forget to book tickets for your parents, aunts, uncles and anyone else who grew up dancing to my songs. Yeh Shaam Mastani," she said.

Alia Bhatt dazzles at Paris Fashion Week debut; Aishwarya shines too

Bollywood star Alia Bhatt looked dropdead-gorgeous as she made her Paris Fashion Week debut in a creation by ace couturier Gaurav Gupta. The actress sauntered on the ramp along with American star Andie MacDowell during the show Walk Your Worth at Palais Garnier. She wore a metal-cast silver breastplate paired with black velvet flared pants from the designer's 2024 couture collection. Arunodaya. Gupta, who has styled renowned global head-turners, took to Instagram and wrote, "@aliaabhatt in custom Gaurav Gupta Couture for her runway debut at the L'Oréal Paris — Le Defilé show." Gupta's list of celebrities, who have

sported his creations, include names such as Beyonce, Paris Hilton,



Mindy Kaling, Angela Bassett, Priyanka Chopra Jonas, Kriti Kareena Kapoor Khan, Shakira, Jenna Ortega, Jr Ntr. Bebe Rexha, Sharon Stone, Jeena Ortega, Sharon Stone, Ashanti, Luis Fonsi, Lizzo, Kylie Minogue, Megan Thee Stallion and Saweetie.

Aishwarya delights too With her captivating appearance at Paris Fashion Week, Bollywood star Aishwarya

Rai Bachchan once again proved why she is called Queen of Ramne Dressed in a balloon hem-red dress, the Jodhaa Akbar star let her hair down and added a pop of colour to her look with a bold red lip shade.

She walked the runway with utmost confidence and grace, representing L'Oreal Paris. Her walk became more special when she greeted the French audience with a namaste.

Simran 'not desperate to line up and work with any big heroes'

Last week, there were reports that actorproducer Simran had approached her Thulathamanam Thullum and Priyamanavale costar Vijay to star in a big-budget project but that he 'politely turned it down'. Simran has now set the record straight on X (formerly Twitter), calling rumours about her career 'disheartening'.

Simran lashes out about rumours

On X. Simran wrote without elaborating much that she's disheartened to see how little her 'friends' care about her when people 'emotionally manipulate' her. She also claimed that she's not 'desperate' to line up work with 'big heroes' without naming anyone.

She wrote, "It's truly disheartening to see how people can emotionally manipulate you and how little your friends seem to care about it. Up until



now, I've stayed quiet, but let me make it clear: I'm not desperate to line up and work with any big heroes. I've been there and done that. My goals are different now, and as a woman, I know my boundaries.'

She added that while she remained silent for 'years' when her name was 'being linked' to others, her self-respect made her speak up. "No one ever reached out or made any effort to put an end to these rumors. No one cared about my feelings," she wrote, adding, "I've never taken advantage of my name; I've always stood firm for what's right. I expect the same integrity from sensible people in the industry. Those spreading false rumors owe me a sincere apology."

Deepak Bagga on the rumours

Simran's husband Deepak Bagga, who's producing her next film The Last One clarified to DC that him or Simran never reached out to Vijay. He said, "We didn't reach out to Vijay and these reports are baseless and untrue. Simran only wants to do roles that suit her stature and popularity.'

Simran also told News 18 that the onus on putting a stop on these rumours is on the production house. "The onus is on the production house to stop rumours about casting. If something like this untoward happens they have to intervene. I chose to react now because these things keep happening and must stop. I am talking not just for me but to everyone who faces similar things. Someone had to stand up to such harassment," she said.

Apart from The Last One, Simran will also soon be seen in a Tamil film titled Sabdham.

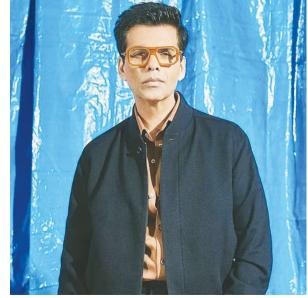
Karan Johar says people don't watch films in theatres due to inflated food costs audience base. They

Karan Johar recently reflected on inflated food costs in movie theatres. The filmmaker spoke about how Indian families no longer prefer to go to cinema halls as they cannot afford to buy popcorn for their children. Karan, in an interview with The Hollywood Reporter India, said that a massive audience base would prefer going to a restaurant instead of movie theatre as the latter is not in their 'economic planning.

Karan, while speaking about the income groups who struggle with the food prices during a movie outing, said, "They went to 100 homes, and out of those 100 homes, 90 said they would watch only two films a year (in theatres). This is of an income group that is a massive part of our

can't afford it. They may come out on Diwali, or if they hear about a film like Stree 2. Family members said that they don't like to go to cinema halls because when kids say that they want popcorn or something to eat, they feel bad denying them. So they would rather go to a restaurant, where they're not paying for the ticket; they're paying only for the food. They said, 'Our child will point and say he wants caramel popcorn, but we can't afford it.' Because the average cost for a family of four can be 10,000. And maybe those 10,000 are not in their economic planning

Karan made his directorial debut with Kuch Kuch Hota Hai. He later directed movies such as Kabhi Khushi



Kabhie Gham, Kal Ho Naa Ho, Kabhi Alvida Naa Kehna, My Name is Khan, Student of the Year, Ae Dil Hai Mushkil and Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani.

Karan is producing Koratala Siva's Devara: Part 1 starring in pivotal

roles. He is also co-producing Jigra with Alia Bhatt's Eternal Sunshine Productions. The movie is directed by Vasan Bala and also features Vedang Raina, Manoj Pahwa, Aditya Nanda and Rahul Ravindran in crucial characters.

Anupam Kher shares his CV on LinkedIn, calls himself a struggling actor

Veteran actor Anupam Kher, celebrated for his extensive career spanning over 500 films, recently made waves by sharing his CV on LinkedIn. Best known for iconic roles in films like Saaransh and Kuch Kuch Hota Hai, Kher surprised fans with his CV on social media.

Through the CV, he offered an insightful look into his professional journey, highlighting not only his acting prowess but also his life's philosophy and personal challenges. The CV on LinkedIn reflected on his four-decade-long career and life experi-

He shared the same on Instagram and wrote, "After every five years I update my resume! Luckily, in my profession, there is no age limit. Hope you like



my biodata!!! Jai Ho! #Resume #Optimism

(sic)." In this CV, the actor went beyond listing his filmography, portraying himself as more than just an actor. Despite having played 500 characters on screen, he emphasised that his greatest role is yet to come.

One of the most intriguing parts of Anupam Kher's CV was the fact that his life often threw unexpected challenges at him, yet he always made a strong comeback. This resilience has been a defining trait throughout both his career and personal journey.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Anupam Kher is busy working on his next, Tanvi The Great. The film will be produced under the banner of Anupam Kher Studio. Meanwhile, the actor also has 'Vijay 69' in his kitty.

Voting for Congress means putting Haryana's stability, development at stake: PM Modi

The Prime Minister said under the BIP government, Haryana has made place among top states in industry and agriculture sectors.

SONIPAT, Sep 25 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday launched a blistering attack on the Congress, saying if the party comes to power even by mistake, it will destroy the state.

Voting for the Congress means putting Haryana's stability and development at stake, he said while addressing a poll rally in Gohana in this district for the October 5 Assembly polls.

Modi asserted that as the voting day draws near in Haryana, support for the BJP is



growing. He said under the BJP government, Haryana has made place among top states in industry and agriculture sectors.

"Today, the world's biggest companies are interested in setting up factories in

India, he said, adding "when industrialisation increases, its biggest benefit goes to poor, farmers and Dalits".

Modi said B R Ambedkar believed that in empowerment of Dalits, industry plays a big

Seven people killed as car rams into trailer truck in Gujarat's Sabarkantha



SABARKANTHA, Sep 25 (Agencies): Seven men were killed and one was grievously injured when a speeding car rammed into a trailer truck on a highway near Himatnagar in Gujarat's Sabarkantha district early Wednesday morning, police

Due to the impact of

the crash, the car was badly mangled and the bodies were retrieved after hectic efforts, they said.

Rescue teams had to use a gas-cutter to remove the car scrap to pull out the bodies, an official said.

The accident occurred on a national highway connecting Udaipur (in

Rajasthan) to Ahmedabad (Gujarat) at around 6.30 am, according to police.

"Seven car occupants were killed in the accident," Superintendent of Police Vijay Patel said.

"The car was carrying eight persons to Ahmedabad when it hit the trailer truck from behind while it was going ahead on the national highway," a Himatnagar police official said.

One passenger was grievously injured and rushed to a civil hospital for treatment, he said.

All the deceased were men, hailing from Ahmedabad. Their identities were being confirmed, the official said.

Kharge slams BJP's anti-farmer mindset after Kangana's remark on bringing back farm laws

NEW DELHI, Sep 25 (Agencies): Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesday slammed the BJP over its MP Kangana Ranaut's remarks calling for bringing back the three farm laws that were repealed in 2021. and said poll-bound states including Haryana would give a befitting reply to the ruling party.

Ranaut on Wednesday withdrew her remarks and expressed regret. She also said those were her personal opinion and did not represent the party's stand.

The Congress on Tuesday shared on X a video in which she said in Hindi, "Farm laws that have been repealed should be brought back. I think this may get controversial. The laws in farmers' interest be brought back. Farmers should themselves demand this (to bring farm laws back) so that there is no hindrance to their prosperity.'

"Farmers are a pillar of strength in India's progress. Only in some states, they had objected to farm laws. I appeal



with folded hands that farm laws should be brought back in the interest of farmers," she said

In an apparent response to Ranaut's remarks, Kharge said, "Even after the martyrdom of 750 farmers, the anti-farmer BJP and Modi government did not realize their grave crime! There is talk of re-implementation of the three black anti-farmer laws. The Congress Party strongly opposes this."

The 62 crore farmers will not forget that the Modi government crushed farmers under a vehicle, used barbed wire, teargas from drones, nails and guns against them.

"This time, poll-bound states, including Haryana, will give a befit-

ting reply to insulting remarks, calling farmers 'andolanjeevi' and 'parasites', hurled by the Prime Minister himself in Parliament," the Congress chief said in a post in Hindi.

"Due to Modi ji's statements, his ministers, MPs and propaganda machinery have become habituated to insulting farmers," he alleged.

"In 10 years, the Modi government has broken three promises made to the country's food producers '? doubling the income of farmers by 2022, implementing input cost + 50% MSP as per Swaminathan Report and legal guarantee for MSP," Kharge

"When the farmers' agitation was withdrawn, Modi ji had announced a government committee,

which is still in cold storage. The Modi government is against the legal guarantee of MSP," he alleged.

No relief was given to the families of the farmers who died and the Modi government did not even consider it appropriate to observe two minutes of silence in their memory in Parliament, Kharge alleged. On top of that, their character assassination is going on continuously, he added.

The whole country has come to know that "antifarmer hateful mindset" is present in every part of the BJP, he said.

The Congress on Tuesday had cited BJP MP Ranaut's remarks on farm laws to allege that the ruling party was making efforts to bring back the three laws that were repealed in 2021. and asserted that Haryana will give a befitting reply to it.

Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinate had also shared the video of Ranaut on X and said. "'All three farm laws should be brought back': BJP MP Kangana Ranaut. More than 750 farmers were martyred while protesting against the three black farmer laws. Efforts are being

made to bring them back." "We will never let that happen. Haryana will answer first," she had

said in an apparent ref-

erence to the assembly polls in Haryana. Congress' media and publicity department head Pawan Khera also shared the video on X and said it was the BJP's

"real thinking".

"How many times will you deceive the farmers. you two-faced people?" Khera had said in a post in Hindi on Tuesday.

The three laws -- Farmer's Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act: The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Act; and The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act -- were repealed in November 2021.

The farmers' protest started at the fag-end of November 2020 and ended after Parliament repealed the three laws.

The legislations came into force in June 2020 and were repealed in November 2021.

Trinamool MP, who defeated BJP's Rekha Patra in Bengal's Basirhat, dies at 61

KOLKATA, Sep 25 (Agencies): Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP from Basirhat, Haji Nurul Islam, passed away on Wednesday at the age of 61. He had been undergoing treatment for liver cancer in private hospitals in Delhi and Kolkata and died at his home in the afternoon. He contested against BJP's Rekha Patra in Basirhat and won the constituency.

Haji Nurul Islam joined

the Trinamool Congress in January 1998, shortly after the party's formation. He served as a member of the Bahera Gram Panchayat Samiti from 2003 to 2008 and then became a member of the North 24 Parganas District Council in 2008

In 2009, he was elected as the MP from Basirhat on a TMC ticket. However, in 2014, his constituency was changed to Jangipur, where he lost the election.

In 2016, Nurul Islam was elected as the MLA from Haroa in North 24 Parganas and won the seat again in the 2021 Assembly elections. He also secured a victory in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, reclaiming his Basirhat seat by a large margin. However, in recent months, his health deteriorated, and he had to be hospitalised multiple times before passing away at



home.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee expressed her sorrow over his death, sharing her condolences on her X handle. She wrote, "Saddened by the demise of my important colleague and Basirhat MP Haji Nurul Islam. He was a dedicated social worker from the remote Sundarbans region and worked tirelessly for the upliftment of the poor in this backward area. The people of Basirhat will miss his leadership. My heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues."

Siddaramaiah "not afraid" as court orders police case in alleged land scam

BENGALURU, Sep 25 (Agencies): "I am not afraid..." Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah declared Wednesday, shortly after a trial court said a police case must be filed against him - based on a complaint by activist Snehamayi Krishna - in connection with the alleged Mysuru Urban **Development Authority** land scam case.

Earlier today the Special Court of the People's Representatives had directed the state's Lokayukta to conduct an inquiry and submit a report in three months. The Chief Minister's response was swift. "I will fight. I am not afraid of anything. We are ready to face the investigation. I will fight this legally."

However, the activist whose complaint will feed the case against the Chief Minister is not fully satisfied, and has said he wants the investigation to "happen by the CBI only". "The court said the probe will happen by Lokayukta but, once FIR is filed... we will approach Karnataka High Court," he declared.

The Chief Minister will now face an inquiry into claims his wife, Parvathi, was allotted

multiple plots of land in an upmarket Mysuru area as compensation for land elsewhere - an exchange that allegedly cost the state losses of at least 4.000 crore taken for infrastructure projects.

Siddaramaiah has firmly denied the charge; last month he said he had not done anything illegal in a political career spanning four decades, and expressed confidence the judiciary would absolve him.

This is the second setback to the Congress leader in as many days; on Tuesday the High Court dismissed his challenge to Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot sanctioning his prosecution in the MUDA case. Siddaramaiah argued Mr Gehlot did not "apply his mind", but the court disagreed, ruling the Governor "did apply his mind in abundance". "No fault in the Governor's actions," the court said.

In passing its order, the High Court also rolled back its August 19 order to the trial court - to not take action against the Chief Minister till his petition claiming Mr Gehlot's action as "ille-

gal" is settled. After the order Siddaramaiah underlined his confidence in the judicial



system and slammed the Bharativa Janata Party's "revenge politics", stating, "I believe in the law... The truth will finally win.

The MUDA land scam row has become a major flashpoint, with the BJP and its ally, the Janata Dal Secular, targeting the ruling Congress and demanding Siddaramaiah's resignation.

On Tuesday, after the High Court's verdict, the BJP held vociferous protests across the state once again calling on the Chief Minister to quit. The party's state unit boss, BY Vijayendra, pointed to the court's ruling and slammed the Congress for saying the allegations are a "politi-

cal conspiracy" "BJP has been relentlessly fighting against the corrupt Congress government... the High Court has clearly said

the decision by the Governor is correct. The Chief Minister should resign immediately..."

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi called the verdict a "slap on the Congress government and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah". "The Karnataka High Court has answered all questions that were raised (and now) Siddaramaiah should resign, so an impartial investigation can be conducted by the CBI...

Ramping up pressure on Siddaramaiah, BJP workers tried to gherao Siddaramaiah's Bengaluru residence, prompting police - who had been placed on high alert - to take dozens into custody.

The BJP-Congress face-off over the MUDA scam allegations also comes as the two parties go head-to-head in next week's Haryana Assembly election and the ongoing election in Jammu and Kashmir.

It also drew sharp barbs from Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a rally in Haryana's Sonipat this afternoon; Mr Modi referred to the Congress' Karnataka government and criticised Siddaramaiah.

The Congress, meanwhile, has come out swinging in support of Siddaramaiah. The party has claimed a "conspiracy" against its Chief Minister, pointing to corruption allegations that have landed other opposition leaders including Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal - in jail.

Immediately after the High Court verdict Siddaramaiah's deputy, DK Shivakumar, who is also the Congress' state unit boss, said "there is no question (of the Chief Minister resigning)... he has not done anything wrong and is not involved in any scam. This is a political conspiracy by the BJP..."

Siddaramaiah has also been backed by his ministers, including Priyank Kharge, who is the son of Congress boss Mallikarjun Kharge, and Ramalinga Reddy, who said his boss is "100 per cent clean".

You can't call any part of the country Pakistan: SC on Karnataka HC judge's remarks

NEW DELHI, Sep 25 (Agencies): "You can't call any part of the country Pakistan", the Supreme Court said on Wednesday on Karnataka High Court judge's controversial remarks.

A five-judge Bench led by CJI DY Chandrachud, however, closed suo motu proceedings on the remarks made by Justice Vedavyasachar Srishananda after he expressed regret.

The Bench cautioned judges against casual comments reflecting their personal biases.

The judge had referred to a particular area of Bengaluru as Pakistan and had made certain gender insensitive comments against a woman lawyer.

The top court had on September 20 taken suo motu cognisance of the high court judge's alleged objectionable comments against a woman lawyer

during the court proceedings in a case and his reference to a Muslim-majority area in Bengaluru as "Pakistan" in another.

In video clips, which went viral on social media, Justice Srishananda was seen reprimanding a woman lawyer and reportedly made some objectionable comments when she intervened in an ongoing hearing. The judge, in another case related to landlord-tenant dispute, referred to a Muslim-dominated locality in Bengaluru as "Pakistan".

"At this stage, we request the Registrar General of the High Court of Karnataka to submit a report to this court after seeking administrative directions of the Chief Justice of the High Court of Karnataka, in regard to the subject matter which has been referred to above," the apex court had said on September 20.

Four people injured as elephant overturns autorickshaw in Kerala

IDUKKI, Sep 25 (Agencies): people were injured, one of them seriously, on Wednesday after the autorickshaw they were travelling in was "accidentally" overturned by an elephant fleeing from another tusker at Kallar near Munnar in Idukki district, forest officials said.

The incident occurred in the morning when the injured persons, all of them sanitation workers, were going to the waste dumping yard at Kallar here, the officials said.

They said that the yard is unfenced and being a source of food, wild animals often frequent the area. "Two elephants were present in the area since Tuesday and we had conveyed this information. The elephants got into a fight with each other and after that, one of them fled from there. While fleeing, it accidentally turned over the autorickshaw the sanitation workers were travelling in," a forest official said.

One of the four injured,

a woman, is in serious condition with a fractured leg, while the others have minor injuries, the official said. The elephants have

been chased back into the forest, he added.

The official also said that the panchayat was asked several times to fence the waste dumping yard, but this has not been done till date.

Hezbollah fires missile at Tel Aviv in further escalation after heavy Israeli strikes on Lebanon

The Israeli military said it intercepted the surface-to-surface missile, which set off air raid sirens in Tel Aviv and across central Israel, and there were no reports of casualties or damage.

BEIRUT, Sep 25 (Agencies): Hezbollah launched a ballistic missile at Tel Aviv early Wednesday, in a further escalation after Israel carried out strikes on Lebanon that killed hundreds of people and the militants fired rockets across wider areas of northern Israel.

The Israeli military said it intercepted the surface-tosurface missile, which set off air raid sirens in Tel Aviv and across central Israel, and there were no reports of casualties or damage. The military said it struck the site in southern Lebanon from which the projectile was launched.

Hezbollah said it fired a Qader 1 ballistic missile targeting the headquarters of Israel's Mossad intelligence agency, which it blames for a recent string of targeted killings of its top commanders and for an attack last week in which bombs hidden in pagers and walkie-talkies killed dozens of people and wounded thousands, including many Hezbollah members.

The Israeli military said it was the first time a projectile fired from Lebanon had reached central Israel. Hezbollah claimed to have targeted an intelligence base near Tel Aviv last month in an aerial attack, but there was no confirmation. The Palestinian Hamas militant group in Gaza repeatedly targeted Tel Aviv in the opening months of the war.

The launch ratcheted up tensions as the region appears to be teetering toward another all-out war, even as Israel continues to battle Hamas in the Gaza Strip. A wave of Israeli strikes on Monday and Tuesday killed at least 560 people in Lebanon and forced thousands to seek refuge.

Families have fled southern Lebanon, flocking to Beirut and the coastal city of Sidon,



this week's escalation. Israel

has vowed to do whatever it

takes to ensure its citizens

can return to their homes in

the north, while Hezbollah has

said it will keep up its rocket

attacks until there is a cease-

fire in Gaza, something which

appears increasingly remote.

Israel has moved thousands

of troops who had been serv-

ing in Gaza to the northern

border. It says Hezbollah

has some 150,000 rockets

and missiles, including some

capable of striking anywhere

in Israel, and that the group

has fired some 9,000 rockets

and drones since last October.

Cross-border exchanges

began ramping up on Sunday

in the wake of the pager and

walkie-talkie bombings, which

killed 39 people and wounded

nearly 3,000, many of them

civilians. Lebanon blamed

Israel, but Israel did not con-

On Sunday, Hezbollah

launched around 150 rock-

ets, missiles and drones into

The next day, Israel said

its warplanes struck 1,600

Hezbollah targets, destroy-

ing cruise missiles, long-

and short-range rockets

and attack drones, including

weapons concealed in private

homes. The strikes racked up

the highest one-day death toll

firm or deny responsibility.

northern Israel.

sleeping in schools turned into shelters, as well as in cars, parks and along the beach. Some sought to leave the country, causing a traffic jam at the border with Syria.

Israel said late Tuesday that fighter jets carried out "extensive strikes" on Hezbollah weapons and rocket launchers across southern Lebanon and in the Bekaa region to the north. The military has said it has no immediate plans for a ground invasion but has declined to give a timetable for the air campaign.

Tensions between Israel and the Lebanese militant group have steadily escalated over the last 11 months. Hezbollah has been firing rockets, missiles and drones into northern Israel in solidarity with Palestinians in Gaza and its ally Hamas, a fellow Iran-backed militant group.

Israel has responded with increasingly heavy airstrikes and the targeted killing of Hezbollah commanders while threatening a wider operation.

The U.N. Security Council scheduled an emergency meeting on Lebanon for Wednesday at the request of France.

Nearly a year of fighting between Hezbollah and Israel had already displaced tens of thousands of people on both sides of the border before in Lebanon since Israel and Hezbollah fought a bruising monthlong war in 2006.

An Israeli airstrike in Beirut on Tuesday killed Ibrahim Kobeisi, who Israel described as a top Hezbollah commander with the group's rocket and missile unit. Military officials said Kobeisi was responsible for launches towards Israel and planned a 2000 attack in which three Israeli soldiers were kidnapped and killed. Hezbollah later confirmed his death.

It was the latest in a string of assassinations and other setbacks for Hezbollah, which is Lebanon's strongest political and military actor and is widely considered the top paramilitary force in the Arab world.

Lebanon's Health Ministry said six people were killed and 15 were wounded in the strike in a southern Beirut suburb, an area where Hezbollah has a strong presence. The country's National News Agency said the attack destroyed three floors of a six-story apartment building.

The U.N.'s High Commissioner for Refugees in Lebanon said one of its staffers and her young son were among those killed Monday in the Bekaa region, while a cleaner under contract was killed in a strike in the south.

Hezbollah fired 300 rockets on Tuesday, injuring six Israeli soldiers and civilians, most of them lightly, according to the Israeli military.

The Lebanese Health Ministry said at least 564 people have been killed in Israeli strikes since Monday, including 50 children and 94 women, and that more than 1,800 have been wounded, a staggering toll for a country still reeling from the deadly pager and walkie-talkie bombings last

Sudan's jailed former strongman Omar al-Bashir is taken to a hospital in the north for better care



CAIRO, Sep 25 (Agencies): Sudan's former autocratic President Omar al-Bashir, who ruled for 30 years before he was toppled in a popular uprising and then jailed by the country's military rulers, has been transferred to a medical facility in northern Sudan, his lawyer said Wednesday

Since war broke out in April last year between the Sudanese military and its rival, the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces, the 80-year-old al-Bashir has been held at a military facility on the outskirts of the Sudanese capital, Khartoum.

His lawyer, Mohamed al-Hassan al-Amin, told agency that al-Bashir was transferred and would get proper care at a better-equipped hospital in the town of Merowe, about 330 kilometers (205 miles) north of Khartoum.

Al-Bashir's health had deteriorated recently, the lawyer said, adding that the former strongman suffers from age-related complications and high blood pressure.

"He needs regular checks and follow-ups." al-Amin said over the phone, "but his condition

Netanyahu will address the UN as Israel, bogged down by

is not critical."

Al-Amin said that Sudan's former Defense Minister Abdel-Rahim Muhammad Hussein who was also arrested soon after al-Bashir was also transferred to the same facility. He suffers from heart-related problems, the lawyer said.

The office of Sudan's military spokesman declined to comment when contacted by the agency

Al-Bashir ruled Sudan for three decades, despite wars and sanctions, before he was overthrown during a popular uprising in 2019. He is wanted by the International Criminal Court for genocide and other crimes committed during the conflict in Sudan's western Darfur region in the 2000s.

The International Criminal Court has indicted both al-Bashir and Hussein on charges of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes committed in Darfur, where the government's campaign was marked by mass killings, rape, torture and persecution. Some 300,000 people were killed and 2.7 million were driven from

their homes.

Sudan's military rulers - now themselves fighting to stay in power in a bitter conflict with the rival RSF — declined ICC requests that al-Bashir and others wanted by the world court be handed over for trial.

Al-Bashir, Hussein and others were held in a Khartoum prison before being taken to a fortified military base after the prison was attacked by the RSF in April last year. Another former official, Ahmed Harun, who is also wanted by the ICC, walked away after the prison was attacked. His whereabouts are unknow.

The latest war in Sudan has devastated Khartoum and many other urban areas, and has also been marked by atrocities such as mass rape and ethnically motivated killings. The United Nations and international rights groups say these acts also amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity, especially in Darfur, which has been facing a bitter onslaught by the RSF.

The war has killed at least 20,000 people and left tens of thousands wounded, according to the U.N. Rights groups and activists say the real toll is much higher.

The conflict has also forced some 10 million people to flee their homes in Sudan — about a quarter of the country's population, according to the International Organization for Migration. Of them, more than 2 million have been driven abroad, mostly to neighboring Chad, South Sudan and Egypt, the IOM says.

Australia's treasurer will visit China this week in the latest sign that bilateral ties are mending

MELBOURNE, Sep 25 (Agencies): Treasurer Jim Chalmers will this week become the first Australian government minister in that key economic role to visit China in seven years, in the latest sign that strained bilateral relations are mending.

Chalmers flies to Beijing on Thursday for a two-day visit. The last Australian treasurer to visit China was Scott Morrison in 2017.

Morrison rose to become prime minister a year later and bilateral relations further soured under his rule until his conservative government was replaced by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's center-left Labor Party after the 2022 general election.

Chalmers said Wednesday that the main purpose of his visit was to co-chair the Australia-China Strategic Economic Dialogue on Thursday with He Lifeng, chair of China's National Development and Reform Commission.

Discussions will focus on growing trade and investment with China and opportunities for Australian and Chinese businesses to cooperate, government docu-

ments say. "This is another really important step towards stabilizing our economic relationship with China," Chalmers told reporters in Brisbane.

"It will be part of the



Albanese government's methodical and coordinated efforts to reestablish dialogue with China, Australia's largest trading partner," Chalmers added.

The dialogue was last held in 2017.

The bilateral relationship plumbed new depths in 2020 after the Morrison government called for an independent investigation into the origins of and responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

China imposed a series of official and unofficial bans in 2020 on Australian products, including coal, cotton, wine, barley, beef, lobsters and wood that cost Australian exporters up to 20 billion Australian dollars (\$13 billion) a

Most of those trade obstacles have been removed since the conservative government was ousted after nine years in office.

In November, Albanese became the first Australian prime minister to visit China in seven years. In June, Li Qiang became the first Chinese premier to visit Australia in seven years.

But Australia remains wary of China as a trading partner despite improving relations and is keen forge closer economic ties to the world's most populous nation, India.

Indian Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal met with his Australian counterpart Don Farrell in Australia on Wednesday to discuss progress on a new bilateral free trade deal that furthers a 2022 pact.

"As a testimony of the importance that the Australia relationship is to India, we are looking at significantly upscaling our partnerships in trade, investment, tourism and technology and therefore one of the first announcements I'd like to make is that we shall shortly be setting up in Sydney an office covering all these four areas," Goyal told reporters in Farrell's hometown of Adelaide.

Australia has had a free trade agreement with China since 2015.

JERUSALEM, Sep 25 (Agenwas no different.

one war, barrels toward another

The devastating war in Gaza is about to hit the one-year mark. Israel is on the cusp of a wider regional war with the Iran-backed Lebanese group Hezbollah. And the country finds itself increasingly isolated internationally and led by a polarizing leader whose handling of the conflict has sparked protests both in global capitals and on

And it's not just the mushrooming regional conflicts weighing Israel down. Netanyahu will head to New York burdened also by what could be an imminent warrant for his arrest by the International Criminal Court, what would put him in a fellowship of sorts with Russian President Vladimir Putin and former Sudanese leader Omar al-Bashir. "He arrives almost at a point of being persona non grata," said Alon Liel, a former director-general of Israel's Foreign Ministry and outspoken critic of Netanyahu.

Netanyahu is set to address the General Assembly on Friday. A gifted orator, he has long viewed speeches from such venerated perches as the optimal way to deliver a message and score political points with Israelis enthralled by his flawless English and fiery delivery. In July, he championed Israel's case for the war in Gaza in front of a joint session of the U.S. Congress, where he received multiple ovations and plaudits even from some critics back home. "In his view, any such trips to New York, to the grand stage of world affairs, he consid-

ers an advantage," said Yossi Shain, a professor of international relations at Georgetown and Tel Aviv University. He said Netanyahu's speeches abroad were often meant to impress audiences at home, and this one

Netanyahu is known for his showmanship at the United Nations and has repeatedly used the pulpit to try make a case for his ideology and policies. At a speech in 2012, Netanyahu famously brandished a placard with a cartoon bomb to illustrate what he said was Iran's race toward a nuclear weapon. In 2009, he showed up with a copy of the plans for the Nazi death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau, using it to highlight

what he said was the former Iranian leader's "antisemitic rants." Last year, his focus was on what appeared to be a burgeoning normalization with Saudi Arabia that he said showed how a broader Middle East peace was not contingent on resolving the conflict with the Palestinians. He held up his prop, a map of the region, and used the word "peace" 42 times. The map appeared to show Gaza and the West Bank — territories claimed by the Palestinians for a future state — as being encompassed by Israel.

But Netanyahu arrives at the

"He is a great believer in speechmaking," said Tal Schneider, an Israeli political commentator. "He thinks that if he delivers a speech in English, he can convince people in the iustness of his ways," she said, adding that that demon-

strated he was "disconnected from reality." Netanyahu's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Miki Zohar, a Cabinet minister who is close to Netanyahu, said the U.N. was a "very important stage" to lay out Israel's position and he hoped the speech would bolster international support.

At the U.N., Netanyahu will seek to persuade a world growing increasingly exasperated by Israel's war in Gaza that its aims are righteous. He may try to galvanize the world behind an Israeli war against Hezbollah. And he is likely to lay blame for the region's chaos on Iran, a repeated focus of his speeches at home and abroad. That he is making the trip at all, at a time of escalating violence with Hezbollah, points to how much significance he places on the speech.

But Netanyahu's words may fall on deaf ears. The Israeli leader "actually believes that his U.N. speeches have transformative effects on history. They do not," said Alon Pinkas, a former Israeli consul general in New York. Netanyahu's visit, Pinkas added, comes as Israel is now globally perceived as being "on the precipice of a condemned pariah state" with its leader seen as a "rogue war-monger."

Protests are expected during his visit. New York is home to Columbia University, site of some of the most intense campus demonstrations of recent years this spring — by students objecting to the bloodshed in Gaza. Netanyahu, Israel's longest-serving leader, has been a divisive figure internationally for years, with his hard-line approach to the Palestinians in particular frustrating world leaders. But his handling of the war in Gaza has further

The war was set off by Hamas' Oct. 7 attack, which killed and saw 250 people dragged as hostages into Gaza. Many Israelis blame Netanyahu and his policies for allowing Hamas to develop the military capacity for being able to burst through Israel's vaunted defenses and stage the attack.

cies): From the dais of the U.N General Assembly just a year ago, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu triumphantly hailed a new peace he said would sweep through the Middle East. A year later, as he travels back to that same world stage,

that vision is in tatters. the streets of his own country.

United Nations this week at a time when his own diplomatic capital and legitimacy, as well as that of the country he represents, are at a low. Critics say that aside from a moment in the spotlight, it's not clear what Netanyahu will achieve with the

stained his global perception.

1,200 people, mostly civilians,

The war has killed more than 41,000 Palestinians, according to health officials in Gaza, and has often wiped out multiple members of the same family. It has displaced most of the tiny territory's 2.3 million population, in many cases several times, and set off a humanitarian crisis that has caused widespread hunger and lack of access to basic services. U.S.-led ceasefire efforts have stalled, and at home, Netanyahu has come under criticism for his failure to bring home the roughly 70 hostages still presumed to be alive and the bodies of some 30 others. In the aftermath of Hamas' unprecedented attack, Israel initially had the backing of its allies to punish the militant group. But the fierceness of the retaliatory assault and the staggering toll it has taken on civilians have soured the international mood against Israel. Over time, the Biden administration has grown increasingly impatient and has slowed some weapons deliveries. Britain said earlier this month it was suspending some arms exports to Israel over the risk that their use could violate international law.

The request by the chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court for an arrest warrant against Netanyahu will also loom large over the visit and could cast a leader who views himself as an international statesman as a global pariah instead. Liel guessed that very few heads of state will agree to meet him on the sidelines of the assembly and that the visit could turn out to be a bust for Netanyahu.

Prof. Kavita Suri of JU collaborates on £1million international research project to address landslide risks in Himalayas

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 25: In a significant step towards addressing the growing risks of landslides in the Himalayan region, the University of Jammu is playing a pivotal role in an international research collaboration aimed at mitigating the impact of landslides. The project, led by the University of Aberdeen (UK), seeks to enhance understanding of these catastrophic events. which have become more frequent due to climate change.

The collaboration brings together experts from India and the UK, with more than £1 million in combined funding from the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), UK Research and Innovation (UKRI). and India's Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES). The research will focus on the Central Himalayan region, an area increasingly vulnerable to landslides due to rapid infrastructure development, population growth, and



the rising frequency of extreme weather events.

Prof. Kavita Suri from the University of Jammu who has a background in social sciences and community engagement, is part of this team which includes geoscientists, remote sensing specialists, and experts in geotechnical analysis from prominent Indian institutions such as the Birbal Sahni Institute of Paleosciences. Jawaharlal Nehru University, University of Jammu, GB Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment, and the Borehole Geophysics Research Laboratory. In fact, University of Jammu is one of the only two Universities in this prestigious international project. Prof. Suri's involvement in this project follows earlier studies conducted by the University of Jammu on landslide hazards and cascading glacial events in the Himalayan region. The current research aims to integrate various scientific and social datasets, creating robust methodologies for landslide risk assessment and impact mitigation. She will contribute her expertise in exploring community perceptions of landslide hazards. This social dimension will be crucial in developing locally acceptable and effective mitigation strategies. These partners will work in unison to map and monitor landslide risks using cutting-edge technology, including satellite, drone, and tree-ring data analysis.

Dr. Anshuman Bhardwaj, Project Lead and Senior Lecturer in Geosciences at the University of Aberdeen, emphasized the importance of this research: "Our project

will bridge critical gaps in understanding the nexus mark for similar research between geohazards. in other landslide-prone human activity, and infrahigh-mountain regions, structure. By providing contributing to effective comprehensive hazard monitoring and mitigation assessments, we aim of geohazards. to bolster community Project Co-Lead Dr

resilience and improve

preparedness for future

As extreme weather

patterns persist and land-

slides continue to dev-

astate communities, the

work of Prof. Suri and her

colleagues will inform vital

policy decisions on infra-

structure development

and disaster prepared-

ness across high-moun-

tain regions. The research

will provide improved

understanding of the rela-

tionship between slope

failure mechanisms and

slope materials, analyse

and reconstruct past land-

slide events using tree-

ring records, and model

potentially destructive

future glacial landslide

The ground-breaking

project integrates multi-

ple disciplines to cover all

aspects of landslides in a

high-mountain catchment

events.

landslides.

Lydia Sam, lecturer in Geosciences at the University of Aberdeen, "There is a lack added: of comprehensive hazard assessment models that consider both, the environmental as well as social aspects and our project is a much-needed step in that direction."

Indian Project Lead Dr S. Nawaz Ali explained: "The project will inform policymakers about landslide-prone regions, ensuring sustainable development of critical infrastructure. Mitigation strategies, such as identifying optimal shelter locations, alternative routes for food supply, trade and migration routes, slope stabilisation strategies, drainage and vegetation management, and adaptable land use planning will enhance resilience to geohazards.'

NSS Day celebrated at MIER College of Education

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 25: The NSS Unit of MIER College of Education celebrated NSS Day on 24th September 2024 by organizing an awareness campaign on the theme"Importance of Voting"for the citizens of Jammu. With elections scheduled for 1st October 2024, this initiative aimed to educate the community on their civic responsibility and the significance of their vote in a democratic society.

A total of 15 enthusiastic NSS Volunteers participated in the campaign.

The volunteers were from various localities across Jammu, and each volunteer took the responsibility of engaging with people in their respective neighborhoods. The objectives of the campaign were to raise awareness about the importance of voting in a

democracy, to encourage citizens to exercise their right to vote in the upcoming elections, to educate the public on how voting impacts governance and societal development.

The volunteers engaged with community members in person, in small gatherings, and through door-todoor interactions.

They emphasized the importance of voting as a key right and duty of every citizen, explaining how each vote contributes to shaping the future of governance and policies.

Some of the key points discussed during the interactions included the role of voting in strengthening democracy, how citizens can hold elected officials accountable through their vote and the procedure and guidelines for casting a vote, including information on polling booths and timings for the upcoming elections. Additionally, the volunteers shared information on how to verify voter registration and the importance of avoiding electoral malpractices.

The NSS Day celebration at MIER College through the voting awareness campaign was a significant success and was appreciated by Prof. Adit Gupta, Principal and Director MIER. He acknowledged the dedication and efforts of the NSS Volunteers, under the able guidance of Dr. Komal Sharma and Avushi Grover which created a meaningful impact in spreading awareness about the importance of

The event not only educated the public but also strengthened the spirit of civic engagement among the NSS Volunteers themselves, reflecting the core values of the National Service Scheme.

Rahul Gandhi-The non-serious politician: Dr. Jasrotia

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 25: In a sharp critique, Dr. Abhijeet Jasrotia, Spokesperson and Prabhari for Social Media, described Rahul Gandhi as a "non-serious politician" who has failed to earn respect or credibility, not only among the opposition but even within his own party and from his allies. Dr. Jasrotia's remarks came in response to a recent statement by former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, who suggested that Rahul Gandhi should focus on Jammu as he has been a major failure in Kashmir.

Dr. Jasrotia highlighted the growing sentiment across the political spectrum that Rahul Gandhi's influence has waned significantly. "The irony is that no one, whether the opposition, his own Congress party, or his political allies, takes Rahul Gandhi seriously anymore The country as a whole doesn't take him seriously at all. The only people who seem serious about him are those conspiring against

Bharat (India)," Dr. Jasrotiya said. Further intensifying his criticism, Dr. Jasrotia referred to the recent controversy surrounding Rahul Gandhi's pictures with US Congresswoman Ilhan Omar, who

has been known for her anti-India stance. "Congress ka haath dushman ke saath" (The hand of Congress is with the enemy), he said, accusing Gandhi of aligning with forces hostile to India's

He added that such actions by Rahul Gandhi not only damage his own reputation but also raise serious concerns about the Congress Party's position on national security. "At a time when India is progressing and emerging stronger on the global stage, those who are threatened by this progress seem to take Rahul Gandhi seriously. His association with individuals who challenge India's sovereignty raises critical questions about his political alignment," Dr. Jasrotiya remarked.

Concluding his statement, Dr Jasrotia assured the public that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the nation remain vigilant in safeguarding India's progress from both internal and external threats

"Rahul Gandhi may be a nonserious politician, but the danger he poses, intentionally or not, is something we take seriously The BJP is committed to ensuring India's growth and protecting it from any detractors," he said.

GDC R S Pura organises awareness lecture on Swachta Hi Seva Hai

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JAMMU, Sep 25: As a part of series of activities to be carried out to commemorate birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, NSS Unit organised an awareness lecture by Prof. Shifali Abrol from department of Zoology followed by a quiz competition for "Swachhta Hi Seva Hai" programme in GDC RS Pura under the guidance of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour on Wednesday.

Swachhta Hi Seva

sive mass movement that seeks to create a Clean India. The lecture aimed to promote the cleanliness and management of waste, and the contribution of this idea towards a progressive nation. About 30 students

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attended this awareness lecture and quiz competition with zeal and enthusiasm.

The whole event was coordinated by Dr. Chanchal Angral, NSS (PO) and Dr. Savleen Kour (NSS member).

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I, Kamlasha Devi, have declared that my name has wrongly been written as Samlish Kumari instead of correct name Kamlasha Devi in Jammu and Kashmir Bank record. I am applying for correction of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authority within a week time.

INDIA bloc will hit the road if J-K statehood not restored after polls: **Rahul Gandhi**

the JK Resort Ground to address a public

Reiterating his resolve to work for the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, Gandhi said, "This has never happened in the history of India that we have taken away statehood and transformed a state into UT."

"It should have never happened and I guarantee you that if the BJP is not going to restore the statehood (after elections), we — the INDIA alliance — will use our full force in Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha and even come on the roads for the restoration of statehood to J-K,' he told the rally.

He alleged that the statehood was snatched from J&K to benefit "outsiders" through Lt Governor.

"As long as the Lt Governor is there, outsiders will benefit and the locals will be sidelined. This was the reason that statehood was snatched from J-K. They wanted J-K to be run by outsiders and not locals,"

He told the crowd that the restoration of statehood is "your right and your future" and J-K cannot move forward without it.

He said there was a systematic attack on small and medium businesses in the rest of the country as well. "This government runs for Ambani and Adani. And the GST and demonetization were weapons used to clear the road for them.

He also criticised the government's 'Make in India' initiative by calling it 'make in Adani' programme, and claiming that all the contracts under the policy was being given to the business conglomerate Adani.

He accused the BJP government and the Lt Governor of breaking the backbone of Jammu which was the central hub of Jammu and Kashmir, facilitating a smooth flow of the production chain from the Valley to the rest of the country.

Srinagar admin rebuts reports of money being given out to tempt voters

false news, added the handout.

J&K: Women voters concerned about rising electricity bill amounts

queued up before the polling stations

here. They were more concerned about basic amenities like electricity, water and foodgrains through the public distribution system.

"The monthly electricity bill has risen from Rs 1,400 last year to Rs 2,750 this year. We want to vote for a government that will roll it back," Haseena Bano, a resident of the uptown Bazullah area, said.

While the electricity tariffs have remained unchanged for several years in Jammu and Kashmir, the Power Development Corporation has revised the load agreements and that has nearly doubled the monthly bills of the consumers who are paying at

The concerns expressed by the voters are in sharp contrast to the campaigns run by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Congress, National Conference (NC) and People's Democratic Party (PDP).

The star campaigners for the BJP, including Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, have maintained that there is no way Article 370 of the Constitution can be restored. They have also warned people that if the NC-Congress alliance comes to power in Jammu and Kashmir, terrorism would return to the Union Territory.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has made several populist promises during his party's poll campaign but his focus was on restoration of statehood in Jammu and Kashmir.

The NC and the PDP have also laid stress on restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's special status as the two regional parties have said they do not want to cede space to communal forces.

In August 2019, the BJP-led Centre abrogated the provisions of Article 370, which bestowed special rights on Jammu and Kashmir, and bifurcated the erstwhile state into Union territories.

Kashmiri Pandits cast vote in 2nd phase, hopeful of return to their homeland

from the elections, happening after ten years and also after Abrogation of Article 370. Many others said that they expect formation of a government after polls, which would facilitate their return to their homeland while addressing security issues.

Many of them spoke to IANS about their hopes and expectations from the Assembly

Habba Kadal constituency, expressed his excitement after voting for the first time. "I feel very good after voting for the first

Akshit Tikoo, a first-time voter from the

time. I appeal to young voters to cast their vote and take the initiative themselves. If you don't take responsibility, no one else

will. You must take this responsibility to form a government for your betterment."

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Pawan Kumar Koul, another displaced Kashmiri Pandit and first-time voter from Budgam district, urged the youth to participate enthusiastically in voting. "Don't waste your precious vote. I appeal to the government to provide employment opportunities and facilitate the return of displaced Pandits to their homes. Many skilled youth lack jobs, and I request the government to take action. With these hopes, I cast my

Another first-time voter, a young woman, also shared her demand, "We, Kashmiri migrants, want opportunities for government jobs so we can contribute to the nation. I request the government to announce vacancies for such posts. I am well-educated, but I have to work in a private job here. I want opportunities from the government."

Notably, Election Commission has made special preparations for allowing displaced Kashmiri Pandits to cast their votes in all three phases of elections.

In the second phase, more than 15,000 displaced Kashmiri Pandits are eligible to vote in three districts of Kashmir.

In Udhampur, a voting centre has been set up for displaced Kashmiri Pandits, accommodating 15 polling booths for Assembly constituencies across three districts. This centre has 353 registered voters, including 191 men and 161 women.

The Habba Kadal constituency in Srinagar, Central Kashmir, which faces a multi-cornered contest, has the highest number of displaced Pandit voters—6,000

In the second phase, voting is underway across 26 Assembly constituencies in six districts of Jammu and Kashmir, deciding the fate of 239 candidates. A total of 25.78 lakh electors are eligible to vote in this second phase, which began at 7 a.m. and will continue until 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

Omar slams govt for inviting foreign delegates to observe J-K polls

elections in J-K "are an internal matter for us", and "we do not need their certificate". "Also, this participation (of people in polls) is not because of the government of

India, it is inspite of everything that the government of India did. They have humiliated people, they have used all the machinery of the government to detain and harass

"Inspite of that, people are coming and participating in the elections. So, this is not something the government of India should be highlighting. But, anyway, that's the way they are," he said. A delegation of 16 diplomats from New

Delhi-based missions arrived here on Wednesday at the invitation of the Ministry of External Affairs to observe the ongoing

The assembly polls in J-K are being conducted after 10 years, and are the first after the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019.

The NC vice president said the people of J-K have been waiting for 10 years for the polls and after the first phase went well "expect a good turnout from the second

"Regardless of which party, enthusiasm in political rallies has been heartening. Now, we hope that enthusiasm translates into voter turnout also," he added.

Asked how important the second phase was for him as he is contesting from two seats of Ganderbal and Budgam, Abdullah said all election days are important.

"It is not about me, it is about the party as a whole. The first phase was as important. the third phase will be as important. Yes, I have got a personal stake in this, but for the party, all three phases are important." he said.

The former chief minister of the erstwhile state of J-K said "ummeed pe duniya gaayam hai' (hope is what keeps the world moving).

"I am quietly hopeful. The rest is first in the hands of the Almighty and then in the hands of voters. So, let's see," he added. To a question about PDP president Mehbooba Mufti's allegation of bogus voting in Ganderbal and Budgam, Abdullah said the PDP has seen the writing on the wall.

"Please investigate (PDP's allegations). I cannot help it if their candidates have not been able to make the impact that they had expected. It is not my fault that people have withdrawn from the election campaign in mv favour.

"The PDP was very happy to be the recipient of Apni Party support in Budgam until Muntazir Mohiuddin went against the party and announced his support for me. After that, the PDP got upset and started attacking us and the Apni Party. PDP has clearly seen the writing on the wall. Forget about Budgam and Ganderbal, they will be lucky to win even in Bijbehara. So I don't want to say much about it," he said.

Mohiuddin, who had filed nomination from Budgam on Apni Party's mandate, withdrew from the race and announced support to Abdullah

Bijbehara is the seat where from Mufti's daughter Iltija Mufti was in the fray. The constituency voted in the first phase of polls on September 18.

On the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's visit to J-K on Wednesday, the NC vice president said the Congress should

focus more in Jammu.

"It is a good thing. I hope after Rahul is done campaigning in one or two seats in Kashmir, he focuses in Jammu. Ultimately, what the Congress does in Kashmir is not that important, but what the Congress does in Jammu is important," he said.

Abdullah said unfortunately, the Congress has not done as much in the plains of Jammu as the NC — which is in a prepoll alliance with the Congress — would expect them to do.

"The lion's share of the seats that the alliance gave in Jammu was to the Congress party and yet the Congress' campaign in Jammu is yet to begin. There are only five days of campaigning now. So I hope after Rahul is done campaigning on this one seat in the valley, the Congress focuses all its attention in the plains of Jammu,'

Gandhi is scheduled to address a public rally in the Sopore area of north Kashmir later in the day.

Traffic halted on **Srinagar-Jammu** highway after multiple vehicles collide in Ramban

both ends on Jammu-Srinagar NHW due to an accident between three trucks and two vehicles at Nachlana," the official said.

"There is hardly place for a single vehicle on the road."

Commuters are advised to keep patience, follow lane discipline, overtaking will lead to congestion, avoid travel if not necessary" traffic police said in a statement.

Woman dies. her 2 minor kids among four injured in Rajouri accident

way from Shahdhara Sharief to Thannamandi met with the accident on reaching near Dakbanglow this afternoon.

Five people travelling in the vehicle were injured and shifted to Community Health Center Thannamandi, they said.

The injured were identified as Ajaz Ahmed son of Mohammad Fareed (Driver), Toiba Kosser wife of Sayed Mehtab Bukhari, her 4-year-old son Ahsan Ali, 1-year-old daughter Hanza Kosser, and Sahiba Kosser, 29, Wife of Ahtsham, Later Toiba Kosser succumbed to her injuries while being shifted to CHC and was declared as brought dead on arrival by the doctors who attended her.

A police official told GNS that a case has been registered and further investigations are taking place.

Dimple holds protest against JMC for spread of dengue in Jammu

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JAMMU, Sep 25: Mission Statehood workers organized a protest today against the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) over the alarming rise in dengue fever cases in the region. With hundreds of new cases reported daily, the protest highlighted the worsening sanitation conditions in Jammu city.

Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood, addressed the gathering, criticizing the JMC for its inaction in combating the dengue outbreak. He stated, "The fast spread of dengue in Jammu is a direct result of the deteriorating sanitation conditions. We are witnessing hundreds of cases every day, yet the municipal corporation remains inactive."



Dimple claimed that the JMC has fallen into a state of negligence, with door-to-door garbage collection vehicles failing to operate effectively. "Heaps of garbage and stray dogs are prevalent in every ward and lane, contributing to the spread of dengue and increasing instances of dog bites.

Yet, the JMC Commissioner has been conspicuously absent," he added.

The protest highlighted specific grievances, including overflowing sewerage water on roads, broken sewerage manholes, and uncollected garbage. Dimple emphasized that these conditions

addressing public health issues. He demanded immediate measures such as spraying and fogging across all wards in Jammu city to combat the dengue outbreak. Dimple warned that if

products rather than

the situation does not improve and fogging is not initiated promptly, the protests would escalate. "We will intensify our agitation until the JMC takes action to control this epidemic,' he asserted.

Other leaders present

at the protest included Sachin Soi, Sat Sharma, Arjun, Bunty, Rupesh Bhat, and many others, all expressing solidarity with the cause and the urgent need for action from the municipal authorities. The protest serves as a call to action for the JMC to prioritize public health and sanitation in Jammu city.

National webinar on Sustainable **Energy held at SMVDU**

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KATRA, Sep 25: National Webinar on Sustainable Energy: An Environmental Approach and Solar Photovoltaic: Nano fluid Approach has been organised by School of Mechanical Engineering, SMVDU.

In the inaugural function; Prof. Balbir Singh, Dean (AA), SMVDU has presided over the function, and delivered his presidential address, highlighting the importance of sustainable development goals on clean and affordable energy practice at local and national level and also, importance of collaborative work in this area between SMVDU and Puducherry Techno-

logical University. Prof. Yathesth Anand, Head, School of Mechanical Engineering has advised the students about clean and zero emission energy conversion systems at micro and



macro level.

Prof. (Dr.) P. Mathiazhagan, from Puducherry Technical University has delivered two technical sessions as (i) Overview of Conventional and Sustainable Energy - An **Environmental Approach** and (ii) Improvement on Efficiency of Solar Photovoltaic - Nano fluid Approach, during forenoon and afternoon to the students of SMVDU. Perception on the need of sustainable energy through an environment approach has been discussed with day-to-day engineering applications for better understanding.

Also, solar photovoltaic cell performance enhancement through nano fluid.

At the end, questions and answer sessions were given to the students for clearing the doubts. Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Organising Secretary has delivered the sincere thanks to the speaker Prof. (Dr.) P. Mathiazhagan and heartfelt thanks to Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor for the support and encourage-

Prof. M. Eswaramoorthy and Dr. Amit Kr. Sinha had coordinated the webi-

Ouster of Abdullahs, Muftis, Gandhis must for democracy to flourish in J&K: Ram Madhav BJP will form government on its own: Ashok Koul

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Sep 25: Senior BJP leader and election campaign incharge for J&K, Ram Madhay, on Wednesday said that ouster of 3 families Abdullahs, Muftis and Gandhis from J&K politics is must for flourishing of democracy in J&K.

This was stated by Ram Madhav, while addressing a public meeting in support of the party's candidate Faqir Mohammad Khan in village of Batra in Gurez.

"PM Modi established peace in J&K and crushed terrorism but NC-Cong want to revive terrorism and push J&K into unrest." Madhav said. while adding, "people are with the development agenda of PM Modi".

Cong-NC want to bring back Article 370 which means they want death and destruction in J&K. he said, adding, "the ouster of dynastic parties from the politics of J&K is must for democracy to flourish and peace in

He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has brought democracy to the ground and restored peace in J&K, paving



way for development and prosperity.

Madhav said that the three dynastic parties looted J&K and crushed democracy here. Complete freedom from such rulers is essential so that peace prevails development continues, he said. He urged the public to

vote in large numbers to ensure BJP's victory so that the ongoing development and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir do not come to a halt.

BJP General Secretary (Organization), Ashok Koul, expressed hope that the people will support BJP. "Only BJP is guarantee to peace and development in J&K and its bright future," Koul said. He said that people are fully behind PM Modi's development agenda and BJP will form next government in J&K.

Chairperson of the Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board, Dr. Darakhshan Andrabi, said that this new J&K has been built by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, where stone-pelting and terrorism have been replaced by peace and a surge in

> tourism. She remarked that the BJP-led central government has truly implemented democracy in Jammu and Kashmir and brought its benefits to the people.

> In contrast, the 70-year dynastic rule uplifted only a few families while the common people were always oppressed, she said.

BJP Secretary Tariq Keen and party candidate from Gurez (ST), Faqir Mohammad Khan, also addressed the gath-

SVEEP Cell of GDC Ramnagar organizes signature campaign

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but also contaminate

drinking water, leading

to epidemic stomach

diseases. "Children,

women, and the elderly

are becoming victims of

Criticizing the priori-

ties of the JMC, Dimple

alleged that officials are

more focused on making

money from low-quality

this crisis," he stated.

RAMNAGAR, Sep 25: In its ongoing efforts to promote electoral literacy and increase voter awareness, the SVEEP (Systematic Voters' **Education and Electoral** Participation) Cell of Government Degree College (GDC) Ramnagar organized a Signature Campaign on Wednesday under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Bhavnaish Chand Anthal, Principal of GDC Ramnagar.

The event, aimed at encouraging students and faculty to commit to their civic responsibility of voting, was organized by Dr. Sunil Kumar (SVEEP Nodal Officer). Faculty members including Prof. Jatinder Lal, Dr. Jeevan Kumar (Member of SVEEP Cell), and Prof. Sanjay Malhotra (Member of SVEEP Cell) actively participated in the campaign, showing their support for the cause of electoral participation.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. (Dr.) Bhavnaish Chand Anthal emphasized the importance of such initiatives in fostering a sense of civic duty among the youth. "Voting is the cornerstone of democracy, and through campaigns like these, we hope to instil in our students the value of their vote and the impact it can have on society," he remarked

Dr. Sunil Kumar, the event organizer and SVEEP Nodal Officer, highlighted the significance of the signature campaign in reinforcing the message of responsible voting and urged everyone to be active participants in the democratic process.

The campaign received enthusiastic support from both students and faculty, marking another successful step in the college's ongoing efforts to enhance voter awareness under the SVEEP initiative.

Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan: **Awareness Program on Drug** Abuse held at GHS Jammu

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JAMMU, Sep 25: In line with the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan, the Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) team of Jammu organized an awareness program on drug abuse at the Girls High School in Jammu today. Approximately 100 students and staff members participated in this crucial initiative aimed at combating the drug menace in society. The session featured a

comprehensive briefing led by SSP ANTF Raj Kumar, who discussed various aspects of drug abuse and its detrimental effects on individuals and communities. The primary goal of the program was to educate students about the dangers of drug use and to promote healthier lifestyle choices

During the program, students were encouraged to engage in sports and other extracurricular activities as preventive measures against drug

abuse. "Staving active and involved in sports can significantly reduce the risk of falling into drug-related issues," Raj Kumar emphasized.

Additionally, attendees were urged to share information with law enforcement agencies regarding drug peddlers and smugglers, underscoring the importance of community vigilance in tackling drug-related crimes. The SSP encouraged students to communicate with their peer groups, spreading awareness about the perils of drug abuse within their circles.

The program was wellreceived, with students expressing their commitment to staying drug-free and actively participating in community efforts to combat substance abuse. By fostering a culture of awareness and responsibility, the ANTF aims to empower the youth of Jammu to make informed decisions and contribute to a safer, healthier society.

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Name of the candidate

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	b.	Case no.	1. <u>Nil</u>
			2. <u>Nil</u>
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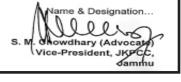
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and on many other positions.

experience in public service.



JKGPA celebrates World Pharmacist Day

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 25: The Jammu Kashmir Government Pharmacists Association (JKGPA) celebrated World Pharmacist Day today at the Conference Hall of Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar. The event was presided over by Sh. Bharat Bhushan Bhagat, President of JKGPA, and honored the contributions of Prof. Mahadeva Lal Schroff, the father of pharmacy in India. Dr. Rakesh Magotra, Director of Health Services Jammu, served as the Chief Guest.

The program commenced with the National Anthem, followed by a ceremonial lamp lighting by Dr. Magotra and Smt. Lotika Khajuria, President of the State Pharmacy Council, along with Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar, Medical Superintendent of Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar, and Sh. Surinder Mohan Tikoo, Registrar of the State **Pharmacy Council**

During the event, Sushil Sudan, President of JKMEF and member of the Pharmacy Council of India, highlighted the life and achievements of Prof. Schroff, who significantly advanced pharmacy education both in India and abroad. He noted the criti-



Vinod Kumar emphasized the vital role of pharmacists in delivering essential health services to the public. He outlined the involvement of pharmacists in national health initiatives, including the National Tuberculosis Control Programme, National Vector-Borne Diseases Control Programme, National Hepatitis Control Programme, PMJAY, and the Jan Aushadhi Programme. "Phar-

programs," he stated. In a gesture of appreciation, retired pharmacists who dedicated their careers to the health department were honored with certificates and

macists are always ready

to serve the community

and ensure the successful implementation of these mementos. This year's World Pharmacist Day theme, "Pharmacists: Meeting Global Health Needs," was highlighted to raise awareness about the importance of pharmacists in healthcare.

The event was attended by numerous dignitaries, including Parfulat Singh, Shafket Hussain, Sourab Bakshi, Jasvinder Singh, Surjeet Rajan, Sanjay Choudhary, R.P. Singh, Bahadur Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Gagan Singh, Daleep Choudhary, Rakesh Bakshi, Anil Khajuria, Pawan Kumar and Madan Sharma, among others.

Surya Vihar Bohri residents face acute shortage of drinking water

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JAMMU, Sep 25: The residents of Surya Vihar, Patta Bohri who met here today under the chairmanship of R L Kaith, said that they are facing acute shortage of drinking water supply.

"There is no adequate water supply in our area for the past many days and it has become very difficult for us to carry out our day-to-day works," they added. The residents appealed to the Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti Department to direct is engineering staff to look into the matter at its earliest convenience.

Ranji Trophy 2024-25: Virat Kohli, Rishabh Pant named in Delhi's probable squad

NEW DELHI, Sep 25 (Agencies): Star Indian cricketers Virat Kohli and Rishabh Pant have been named in Delhi's probable squad ahead of the 2024-25 Ranji Trophy season. This marks Kohli's potential return to domestic cricket after several years of absence from the tournament. As per a release by the Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA), the list of 84 probables includes Kohli, Pant, and out-of-favor pacer Navdeep Saini. However, veteran pacer Ishant Sharma, who played for Delhi last season, was notably left out of the squad.

The Ranji Trophy is set to begin on October 11, with Delhi scheduled to play its first match against Chandigarh. However, the participation of Kohli and Pant remains uncertain as they will be preparing for India's Test series against New Zealand, which begins on October 16 in Bengaluru. Their inclusion in the probable squad has nevertheless created excitement among Delhi's cricket fans, sparking speculation about a possible appearance from the star players in the domestic arena. "A fitness test for the selected players will take place on September 26, 2024. Players currently on international duty are exempt from this fitness test," read the DDCA's statement.



This is the first time since 2018 that Kohli has been named in Delhi's probable Ranji squad. Kohli's last Ranji Trophy appearance was in the 2012-13 season, when he played against Uttar Pradesh after a successful international series against New Zealand. His return could bolster Delhi's chances in the tournament, although his international commitments may prevent him from playing significant matches.

Rishabh Pant, known for his explosive batting, has been a key player for Delhi in the past. He has played 17 Ranji Trophy games since making his debut in 2015. Pant made headlines during the 2016-17 season, when he scored the fastest century in Ranji Trophy history, smashing a 48-ball hundred against Jharkhand.

The inclusion of Kohli and

Pant, even if just in the probable squad, adds star power to Delhi's roster as they look to make an impact in the upcoming Ranji Trophy season. With both players having strong ties to the team, their potential involvement, alongside emerging talents, could give Delhi a competitive edge. However, much will depend on their availability, given the overlap with international fixtures.

Delhi will open their Ranji Trophy campaign against Chandigarh on October 11, and fans will be keenly watching to see whether their cricketing icons take part in the season opener. Delhi's 84-member probables

list for Ranji Trophy 2024-25: Virat Kohli, Rishabh Pant, Himmat Singh, Pranshu Vijayan, Anirudh Chowdhary, Kshitiz Sharma, Vaibhav Kandpal, Siddhant Bansal, Samarth Seth,

Jonty Sidhu, Siddhant Sharma, Tishant Dabla, Navdeep Saini, Harsh Tyagi, Lakshay Thareja (wk), Sumit Mathur, Shivank Vashisth, Salil Malhotra, Ayush Badoni, Gagan Vats, Rahul S Dagar, Hrithik Shokeen, Mayank Rawat, Anuj Rawat (wk), Simarjeet Singh, Shivam Kumar Tripathi, Kuldip Yadav, Lalit Yadav, Prince Choudhary, Shivam Kishore Kumar, Shivam Gupta (wk), Vaibhav Sharma, Jitesh Singh, Rohit Yadav, Sumit Kumar, Anmol Sharma, Keshav Daba, Sanat Sangwan, Shubham Sharma (wk), Aryan Chaudhary, Aryan Rana, Bhagwan Singh, Pranav Rajvanshi (wk), Saurav Dagar, Money Grewal, Kunwar Bidhuri, Nikhil Sangwan, Puneet Chahal, Priyansh Arya, Yash Dhull, Prince Yadav, Harshit Rana, Mayank Yadav, Suyash Sharma, Arpit Rana, Divij Mehra, Sujal Singh, Hardik Sharma, Himanshu Chauhan, Ayush Doseja, Ankit Rajesh Kumar, Dhruv Kaushik, Ankur Kaushik, Krish Yadav, Vansh Bedi, Yash Sehrawat, Vikas Solanki, Rajesh Sharma, Tejasvi Dahiya (wk), Rounak waghela, Manpreet Singh, Rahul Gahlot, Aryan Sehrawat, Shivam Sharma, Siddharth Sharma, Parv Singla, Yogesh Singh, Deepesh Baliyan, Sagar Tanwar, Rishab Rana, Akhil Chaudhary, Digvesh Rathi, Sarthak Ranjan, Ajay Guliya.

Women's T20 World Cup: Harmanpreet happy to tick all boxes



MUMBAI, Sep 25 (Agencies): The feeling of near misses has haunted Harmanpreet Kaur for long but the Indian captain feels that her team has ticked all the boxes in its bid to cross the line in the Women's T20 World Cup beginning in the UAE from October 3. Since the tournament's inception in 2009, India have managed to reach the final only once — in 2020, when they lost to Australia. India also played the ODI World Cup final in 2017. Harmanpreet was in the team on both occasions, in fact, leading the side in 2020.

"This is the best team we are going forward with. The players have been together for a long time. We came so close last time and lost in semis (2023). We have ticked all the boxes in terms of preparation compared to the small things that were not there in the earlier editions," said Harmanpreet.

India have not had game time since the end of July when they surprisingly finished runners-up to Sri Lanka in the Asia Cup. They had an extensive preparatory camp at the NCA. The players spent a lot of time on fitness and fielding, areas in which the team has been found wanting in the past.

"During the Asia Cup, we played good cricket, one odd day, things did not go to plan." said Harmanpreet.

Harmanpreet has been part of all the T20 World Cups till date, but feels that she is still as excited as she was at her first World Cup. "I know I have played so many World Cups but I have the same excitement as I had when I was 19," the 35-year-old skipper said.

The main challenge will come from England and Australia, who have found a way to beat India in ICC events even from difficult situations.

"We can beat any team and Australia know that very well. They know if there is one team that can beat them it is us," said Harmanpreet.

Head coach Amol Muzumdar shed more light on the team's focus areas during the training camp in Bengaluru. "We did identify a few things (after the loss to Sri Lanka) and went about it in the subsequent camp. We first had a fitness and fielding camp. Then we had a 10-day skills only camp. We focused on enhancing athletic ability and all-round fielding abilities," he said.

"There were yoga sessions and psychological sessions. We brought in a sports psychologist (Mughda Bawre). She has been fantastic with the group," he added.

On the lack of game time, he said: "We are prepared for everything. In the skills camp, we had nets and five games in 10 days. We have ticked all the boxes as far as preparation is concerned."

"PCB should learn from BCCI": Ex-Pakistan star's clear message in fiery rant

ISLAMABAD, Sep 25 (Agencies): Former Pakistan cricket team wicket-keeper batter Kamran Akmal urged the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to learn from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) amid the national team's dismal run. The Babar Azam-led side had a disappointing campaign in the T20 World Cup 2024 before they slumped to a humiliating 2-0 Test series loss against Bangladesh.

Akmal said that there is a massive difference between PCB and BCCI when it comes to their respective approaches while he went on to praise how the Indian cricket board handles matters in a professional manner.

He also criticised PCB for prioritising their ego and cited that as one of the major reasons behind Pakistan cricket's recent downfall.

"PCB should learn

from BCCI, their professionalism, their team, selector, captain, and coaches.

These are the things that make a team number one and dominate the world. If we were so good, then Pakistan cricket wouldn't be here. It is because of your ego Pakistan cricket is suffering," Akmal said on YouTube.

Akmal also praised Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja after the spin duo lead India to a comfortable victory over Bangladesh in the first Test encounter in Chennai.

"What an all-round performance from Ashwin. He took six wickets in the second inning and even scored a century. He won the match and took his team out of trouble.

It was a match-winning partnership from Jaddu. Without these two players, India can't form a Test playing XI when playing in home conditions. They have such a reputation. They are big performers," the former Pakistan cricket team star remarked.

Jadeja ended the match with figures of 5/77 across both innings. On the other hand, Ashwin, who went wicketless in the first inning, struck back with a six-wicket haul in the

Apart from Jadeja and Ashwin's heroics, Shubman Gill found the form he was patiently waiting

After he failed to assert his authority in the first inning, he found his groove in the second attempt and capitalised on it with an unbeaten

"Shubman Gill showed his form. He is a remarkable player. It is important for Gill to score runs because he played in place of experienced players. He has talent, and that is why he is playing there," Kamran added.

Learning at every step: Mumbai's Vikrampratap Singh on a mission to best himself

MUMBAI, Sep 25 (Agencies): India and Mumbai City FC forward Vikrampratap Singh has set his sights on surpassing his performance from the last Indian Super League (ISL) season. Determined to bag more goals and assists this year, the young forward is keen on ensuring another successful season for his team, despite their bumpy start to the 2024 ISL campaign.

Mumbai City FC have long been known for their ability to develop young talent, and Vikram has emerged as one of the brightest stars in their lineup since joining from Indian Arrows in 2020. At just 22 years old, Singh has already made a name for himself as one of the most promising talents in Indian football. But what drives him to keep

pushing forward?
In an exclusive interview with agency, the young striker reflected on his journey, starting from his early days at the Chandigarh Football Academy to his breakthrough with Indian



Arrows from 2018 to 2020. His transition to the pressures of playing in the ISL with Mumbai City FC has been a steep learning curve, but one he has embraced with enthusiasm and determination.

"The beginning of my journey at the Chandigarh football academy showed me the open world of football. As we all know, a lot of players have made it big from there and played with the Indian team. That time gave me the idea of how I need to plan my journey. Once I saw my senior players there, who went on to play for the U-19 Indian team, and that is when it sparked in me that I have to make it to the national team. I started

with U-14, the U-16 and then U-19 to 23. Then I went to Indian Arrows, and there I had the clear aim that 'I want to play the ISL," Vikram said.

One of Vikram's primary motivators has been his dream of representing the Indian national team, which he realised when he made his senior debut under former coach Igor A timac at just 21. His impressive performances with India's U-19 team had already attracted attention from several ISL clubs, and his promotion to the senior squad was a moment of personal triumph.

"I believe that I did manage to perform well, which gave me the chance to play for a club like Mumbai City FC. This was a different experience altogether. Playing for a senior side after having played majorly at the youth level, is different and difficult. So there was some struggle initially for one year. But I have always tried to learn something new each year and improve myself more and more."

The 2024 goal remains

Despite Mumbai City FC's shaky start to the 2024 ISL season, Vikrampratap Singh insists that the team's ultimate objective remains unchanged—winning the league. He remains confident, refusing to let outside criticism affect his focus, and is determined to play a crucial role in helping his team lift the trophy again.

"This is just the start. Everyone knows what we as a team can do and achieve. Think about this. The next match, if we win, that will turn into a not a bad start right? With one draw and just one loss on us...There is no pressure. We have all felt

last year what it is like to play till the very end and win. You feel satisfied with the work you have put into the entire season. All of us want to do it again. As a Mumbai player, we always have that in us that we have to win something anyhow," Vikram said.

"My main objective

for whenever I play, If I start or come on later, is to win that match. Be it scoring a goal or even have an assist, I want to help my team win and that comes first. Yes, personally, I obviously want to go ahead and best my tally from last year, but the team's objective comes first to me anyday," Vikram said.

With 7 goals and 3 assists in 20 appearances last season, Vikram was instrumental in Mumbai City's 2023-2024 ISL triumph. This year, head coach Petr Kratky will be looking to the forward's pace and playmaking abilities to lead the charge once more, as the team looks to reclaim their dominance in Indian football.

Picking ball that doesn't turn biggest test in India: Guptill

JODHPUR, Sep 25 (Agencies): The biggest challenge for the New Zealand batters on their upcoming Test tour of India will be picking the turning ball and more so the odd one that skids through, reckons former Black Caps opener Martin Guptill.

The finalists of the inaugural World Test Championship, India and New Zealand will face off in three Tests to be played at Bengaluru, Pune and Mumbai from October 16.

"You feel like you can never score, that's the hardest thing about coming here to India.



The ball's turning square, then the same sort of ball comes through and it skids on straight. You never know which one's going to turn and which one's going to go straight, so you have to always

be thinking, you have to always be mentally on song and on (top of) your game," Guptill said on the sidelines of the Legends League Cricket.

Guptill highlighted the importance of press-

ing on the advantage against India who have won their last 17 series at home.

"To try and get on top

of India is extremely difficult. But when you feel like you are, you have to try and take that as long as possible in the game," he said. "It's a tough place to play. It's hot, sweaty and you feel like everything's against you. But as I said, if you can try and get on top of them and you feel like you are getting on top of them, you've got to try and go as deep as possible in the game," added the former opener.

Border-Gavaskar Trophy: No room for error against Pant, says Oz spinner Lyon

MUMBAI, Sep 25 (Agencies): Veteran Australian spinner Nathan Lyon feels there is no room for error when bowling to Rishabh Pant, adding that the young India wicketkeeper-batter has a superabundance of talent to tame the best attack in the world.

Pant will be an integral part of the Indian batting lineup during the five-Test Border-Gavaskar series beginning in Perth on November 22.

The 26-year-old Pant recently returned to Test cricket after nearly 21 months following a near-fatal car crash in

December 2022, and smashed a century against Bangladesh in the first Test at Chennai.

"You're bowling

against someone like Rishabh Pant, who is electric. He's got all the skills in the world," Lyon, who has snared 530 Test scalps and will be expected to play a key role in the series against India, said. "As a bowler, your room for error is so small. So, you've got to be good. It's a challenge as a bowler if I'm going to get hit for six," added the 36-year-old.

Pant has been magnificent in the last two Test series against Australia,

accumulating 624 runs in 12 innings at an average of 62.40, including a century and two halftons with a top score of 159 not out.

Lyon said he would try to push Pant on the back foot and get him to commit a few mistakes. "I'm not afraid of getting hit for a six. The challenge is that I can provide the batters and try and keep someone like Rishabh in his crease and potentially try and get him to defend me a lot more... and hopefully, bring a couple of chances along the way,"

he said. Australian captain Pat Cummins acknowledged that Pant has been a "major influence" in India's back-to-back Test series wins Down Under, stressing the need to keep the flamboyant wicketkeeperbatter "quiet" in the series.

"He's someone that had a big influence in a couple of series and we have got to try and keep him quiet," Cummins said. "Someone like Pant might play a reverse slap and it's an incredible shot, and that's just part of who he is. I think we've become a bit more accustomed."

Thapar Institute Counselling Cell hosts Luminescence 2024

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 25: Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology (TIET) renowned for its progressive educational initiatives hosted Luminescence 2024.

This marquee event was organized by the Thapar Institute Counselling Cell (TICC) whose focus is to provide a supportive environment that assist students with mental well-

With the theme "Illuminate, Empower, Thrive," the event was a resounding success, fostering greater mental health awareness amongst students and parents and equipping students with essential tools for personal and academic growth.

Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology (TIET) places the mental well-being of its students at the forefront of its institutional priorities. Through Thapar Institute Counselin student suicides, as tional resilience in addition ling Cell (TICC), the instiper the National Crime to academic achievement by offering them compre-

tute has created a robust support system, ensuring that students have access to the resources, counselling, and community support they need to navigate the pressures of modern academic life

With global suicide rates exceeding 700,000 annually and India accounting for 1,70,000 of these cases, according to The Lancet, and a 4% rise Records Bureau, the need for proactive mental health interventions has never been more urgent.

With programs like Luminescence, which represent its strategic focus on developing a campus culture where mental health is a key concern, TIET is tackling this epidemic head-on. The institute is enabling students to develop emo-

underscored the institute's unwavering commitment to student mental wellbeing, stating, "At TIET, we firmly believe that the mental health of our students is the cornerstone of their overall success. In today's fast-paced and competitive world, we must go beyond academic excellence and create a nurturing environment where mental well-being is prioritized. Through initiatives like Luminescence 2024 and our counselling support systems, we are actively fostering a culture of care, ensuring that every student feels valued supported, and equipped to thrive both personally and professionally. Our mission is not just to edu-

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Prof. Padmakumar Nair, Director of TIET and Dean

of Thapar School of Lib-

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GHSS RS Pura boys shine at Inter-District Divisional Level Athletics Meet



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 25: In yet another remarkable accomplishment, two students from GHSS RS Pura Boys have once again elevated the school's reputation with stellar performances at the ongoing Inter-District **Divisional Level Athletics** Meet, held on Wednesday at the prestigious University of Jammu Athletic Ground.

The event, organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, saw fierce competition from across the region, but the exceptional talent from GHSS RS Pura Boys stood tall.

Tushar Bhagat, a Class 12 student, sprinted his way to glory by clinching the Gold Medal in the 4x100m relay race. Equally impressive was Himanshu, also from Class 12, who secured

the Silver Medal in the 400m race, showcasing speed and endurance.

Principal Neelam Gupta, expressing immense pride in the accomplishments of the young athletes, stated, "This extraordinary feat has brought great honor to our institution. I wholeheartedly commend the dedicated efforts of Koushal Kumar Sharma, our Lecturer in Physical Education, whose tireless guidance and commitment have been instrumental in this success."

Koushal Sharma, reflecting on the achievement, added, "It has been an honor to work with such passionate and determined students. Their unwavering dedication, coupled with the support of our esteemed Principal, has been the driving force behind this victory. I am confident that this is just the beginning of many more triumphs to

Himanshu, speaking to the media, expressed his gratitude, "I extend my heartfelt thanks to Principal Ma'am and Koushal Sir for their constant encouragement and mentorship. My aspiration has always been to excel in athletics, and this achievement brings me one step closer to that dream. There is much more to accomplish, and I am ready for the challenges ahead.'

With this latest accomplishment, GHSS RS Pura Boys continues to shine brightly, reinforcing its reputation for excellence in both academics and co-curricular domains. This victory not only reflects the students' talent but also the institution's unwavering commitment to fostering a holistic environment for growth and achievement.

M.L.Kaith intensifies election campaign in Marh Constituency

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 25: Independent candidate from Marh Assembly seat, M.L.Kaith (SSP Retd) on Wednesday conducted door to door compaign in Karloop, Shahzadpur Kanehiya, Ganguyan, Khanpur, Mahavir Basti, Channi Thalwal and Kirpal Pur.

M.L.Kaith met people from these areas and listened to their problems attentively. They raised the issue of medical reforms, poor power supply, removing smart meters, unemployment,

"This time give me a chance, I promise to be your voice, will act quite differently, set an example of selfless service. Together, we will make Marh constituency a shining example of progress and prosperity", Kaith urged.

Kaith was nied by Sarpanchs: Harjeet Singh, Sham Lal Sharma, Lal Singh and Pooja Devi.

Shakti Pathak inaugurates Dr Uttam **Chand Shastri Pathak Laboratory**

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 25: Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sansthan Trust and Kalindi Nursing Home jointly organized a program in which Kalindi Nursing Home Jammu dedicated its laboratory to the eminent Sanskrit scholar, the late Dr. Uttam Chand Shastri Pathak, on the occasion of his fourth death anniversary.

To promote the Sanskrit language, all the nameplates in the nursing home were also written in Sanskrit.

The chief guest of the event was Shakti Pathak (Chief Trustee, Chudamani Sanskrit Institute, Basohli).

Shakti Pathak stated that without the divine language of Sanskrit, the knowledge of Indian culture and traditions is incomplete. Sanskrit is read as it is written, and many Sanskrit words are used in Hindi and other Indian languages. The vocabulary expands from Sanskrit itself. Humans



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think through language, and thus, to enrich our thinking language, we must follow the path shown by the late Dr. Uttam Chand Pathak. Dedicating the laboratory to him and promoting Sanskrit with nameplates in the nursing home is a commendable effort. All the members of the trust and nursing home deserve congratulations

Mahant Rohit Shastri said that the late Dr. Uttam Chand Shastri Pathak and his family have made an invaluable contribution to the promo-

tion and development of the Sanskrit language in India. The late Dr. Uttam Chand Shastri Pathak's dedication to advancing Sanskrit in the nation is well-known. Students who studied under him are now serving in high positions in both state and central governments. The youth should also follow the footsteps of the late Dr. Uttam Chand Shastri Pathak and contribute to the preservation of culture at the state and

national levels. Dr. Vishva Gupta (Managing Director, Kalindi Nursing Home) stated that he made this decision inspired by the life of the late Dr. Uttam Chand Shastri Pathak. He also announced that Sanskrit speakers would be given special concessions.

On this occasion, prominent citizens like Pramod Sharma, Sunil Sharma, M.L. Verma, Anil Gupta, Shubham Jamwal, Pawan Khajuria, Aryaveer Singh Jamwal, Sunil Vaid, Naresh Raina, Dr. Naseeb Chand Digra, Swati Sharma, Dr. Kamani Gupta, Dr. Vidyut Gupta, Narmata Sharma, Dr. B B Kapoor, and others were present.

String of events mark Gandhi Jayanti, 2024 celebrations at SPPND GDC Samba

Top News Report

SAMBA, Sep 25: SPPND Government Degree College Samba under the patronage of Principal of the College, Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri organized a series of vibrant Intra college events as part of celebrations of Gandhi Jayanti, 2024

The trials were held in various categories like Essay writing competition with an on the spot topic related to Gandhi ji, Seminar on the theme, "Gandhiji's vision for a sustainable future", Slogan writing competition with the theme "Truth and Non-violence", Bhajan singing competition and Reels making competition relevant to Gandhi ji and



his teachings Among the participants; Seema Devi, Semester Vth; Tania Devi, Semester Vth; Pooja Devi, Semester Vth; Mridula Jasrotia and Sunita, Semester IIIrd and Varun Singh and Ankit Kumar, Semester IIIrd were adjudged as winners in Essay writing competition: Seminar

competition; Slogan writing competition, Bhajan singing competition and Reels making competition respectively.

The events will serve as a preliminary round for entry into District level Inter college competitions which will be hosted by the college on September 27, 2024.

GHSS Bhalra celebrates World River Day 2024



Top News Report

BHADARWAH, Sep 25: Under the theme "Waterways of Life" World River Day was celebrated with enthusiasm by PM Shri Higher Secondary School Bhalra on on Wednesday

As per press release, Dr Sanjeev Kumar briefed cadets and students about the importance of the Day and organised Cleanliness/Puneet Sagar Abhiya near the fresh water resources at Misrata Panchayat.

On this occasion, Cadets also awared the common masses of the area about the day and participated in the Swachta Abhiyan.

The local populace was exhorted upon to adhere to the SOPs pertaining to preserving the serenity and purity of water bodies around their habitations, release said and added that the life of the future generations depends on the availability of pure potable water.

"Due to rising pollution and unnecessarily interference of man in natural water resources, the perennial water bodies are becoming extinct which has directly affected the water availability system giving rise to acute water crisis even in areas that lie near to the ice glaciers in Sub-Himalayan and Upper Himalayan ranges," release further added.

The programme was organised by Dr Sanjeev Kumar Koul (Associate NCC Officer/Zonal Cultural & Counseling Incharge) under the supervision of Principal of the institution Pardeep Singh Billawria.

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