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## BRIEFLY

### Tourist from West Bengal drowns while taking photos in Pahalgam's Betab valley

SRINAGAR, Sep 27 (Agencies): A 56-year-old tourist from West Bengal drowned in the Lidder River at Betab Valley Pahalgam, late last night while taking photographs, officials said.

Quoting an official the news agency NVI reported that a tourist from West Bengal drowned in the Lidder River at Betab Valley while taking photographs late last night. He said the tourist was rescued immediately and sent to the Primary Health Centre (PHC) at Pahalgam, where doctors declared him brought dead on arrival. His body is now lying at PHC Pahalgam.

He was later identified as Devabrota Ghosh (56), son of Jagannath Ghosh from Hoolay, West Bengal. Meanwhile police have taken up the investigation.

### Silent protest against detention of NC-Congress youth leader, others held in Bandipora

BANDIPORA, Sep 27 (Agencies): In a show of support against the detention of the NC-Congress alliance's youth leader and others, a number of young supporters and youth dressed in black scarves and headbands, marched towards Gulshan Chowk in north Kashmir's Bandipora on Friday.

Holding banners and placards, the youth held a sit-in at the Chowk and denounced the detentions, requesting Election Commission of India (ECI) and the central government to restore the free and fair democratic process.

Notably, Tahir Hussain, a youth leader for NC-Congress alliance in Bandipora constituency campaigning for Nizamuddin Bhat was detained by police triggering anger among his supporters.

"Democracy or silence, gun or ballot, defaming democracy," were among slogans displayed on the placards besides "Solidarity for the arrested," and "sham elections."

"The main reason for this assembly is against recent detentions," Towheed Ahmad a youth supporter said, adding, "we want to question

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## World has understood that J&K is integral part of India: Rajeev Chandrasekhar

NEW DELHI, Sep 27 (Agencies): BJP leader Rajeev Chandrasekhar on Friday lauded the country's achievement as Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan refrained from mentioning the Kashmir issue in his address at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). Chandrasekhar said that the world has now come to know that Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) is an integral part of India.

"After the revocation of Article 370, J&K is



witnessing a festival of democracy through the elections. The voter turnout in J&K is quite high as people are participating in voting in good

numbers. People have now understood that the Congress, National Conference (NC) and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) dynasties were

running propaganda for more than 60 years in which they were calling J&K a disputed territory. It has now become history," Chandrasekhar said.

He asserted that J&K has now seen rapid development since it was made a Union Territory.

"Today, J&K is becoming a prosperous Union Territory, where there will be opportunities and investments for the youth. Youths from

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## HC bail direction ordering closure of Youtube Channel 'Unwarranted', 'Extraneous': SC



NEW DELHI, Sep 27 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Friday termed as "unwarranted and extraneous" the Madras High

Court directive to YouTuber Felix Jerald to close down his channel as one of the bail conditions.

The top court also confirmed its September 6

order granting bail to Jerald sans the condition asking him to close down his YouTube channel "RedPix 24x7".

"The bail order of September 6 is hereby confirmed," a bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Manoj Misra said after taking note of the submissions of senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, appearing for the YouTuber.

The bench noted that following its earlier order

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## Change from SC to General, RS Pura-Jammu South Seat brings new dynamics into play



R S PURA (Jammu), Sep 27 (Agencies): Known as the home-

land of Basmati farmers, the R S Pura-Jammu South constituency, a

longstanding bastion of the Congress, is bringing new dynamics into play as once reserved for SCs, the seat is now open for the general category.

Spanning both rural and urban areas, the seat holds a special place in Jammu's political landscape. Historically, it has sent

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## Railways to run nearly 6,000 special trains this festive season: Vaishnav

NEW DELHI, Sep 27 (Agencies): As the festive season approaches, Indian Railways has decided to run nearly 6,000 special trains to help more than one crore passengers get home for Durga Puja, Diwali and Chhath festivals.

Besides, additional general coaches have been added to 108 trains



and 12,500 coaches have been sanctioned to take care of the extra

rush witnessed during festivals, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav told a select group of journalists here.

Several train routes, especially those destined for Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal witness heavy rush during Durga Puja, Diwali and Chhath festivals.

Vaishnav said a total

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## 20 injured in road accident during election rally in North Kashmir

SRINAGAR, Sep 27 (Agencies): At least 20 people were injured in a road accident in the Uri area of North Kashmir's Baramulla district on Friday.

Officials said that during a rally for Taj

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## Gulmarg's Affarwat receives season's first snowfall, rains lash J&K parts

SRINAGAR, Sep 27 (Agencies): The higher reaches of Kashmir Valley experienced the season's first snowfall while the plains were lashed by light to moderate rains, resulting in a drop in temperature, officials said.

The Sunshine Peak Affarwat, which is at an elevation of 2,650 meters above sea level,

in the world-famous ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir's Baramulla district and the higher reaches of picturesque Sonamarg in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district received the season's first snowfall on Friday, an independent weather observer, Faizan Arif, told agency. "About 1-2 cm of snowfall has accumulated on

the ridges of Sunshine Peak in Gulmarg," he said and added, "it was lightly snowing currently there."

He said Sinthan top, Razdan top, Peer ki Gali, and other higher elevations can see a light snowfall during the next 24 hours.

"There are chances of light snow over a few

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## Reasi terror attack: NIA searches underway in two districts of J-K

NEW DELHI/JAMMU, Sep 27 (Agencies): National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday launched searches at multiple places in Rajouri and Reasi districts as part of its investigation into the deadly terror attack in June on a bus carrying pilgrims who were returning from



Shiv Khori temple, officials said.

NIA is conducting

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## Admin forms panel for five new Districts in Ladakh

SRINAGAR, Sep 27 (Agencies): The administration of Ladakh has formed a panel to review the creation of five new districts in the Union Territory. The panel is required to submit a report with its recom-

mendations within three months.

People taking out a rally in Leh demands constitutional safeguard. Pic:: Excelsior

As per a report by agency, an order issued by the General Admin-

istration Department of the UT of Ladakh reads, "Pursuant to the in-principle approval conveyed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, for the formation of five new districts

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**SHANTI-PATH**  
With profound grief & heavy heart, we pronounce that our beloved "Baji" Miss Viran Baru resident of Rani-Park Jammu, left for heavenly abode on 24th of September 2024. She was embodiment of love, forgiveness and wonderful memories.  
The **Shanti Path** for the eternal peace of departed soul will be held on Saturday, 28th of Sept 2024 from 4.30 to 5.00 PM at Shiv Mandir, Sector D, Sarik, Cobyri, Jammu.  
**Nephew & Daughter in law**  
Dr. Parmod Baru (Rtd. SKUAST-J) & Sindhu Baru  
Dr. Ajay Kumar Dogra (Radiologist) & Manjula Dogra  
**Niece & Son-in-law**  
Anita Baru (Gyn.) & Dr. K.B. Pandotra (Rtd Director Health)  
**Grand Children:** Dr. Samita Bhushan; Ms. Samruti Khajuria; Dr. Parul Rohmehta; Er. Pranav Baru & Dr. Madhav Baru  
Contact No: 9419188283, 9419151299, 9419193725



**MISS VIRAN BARU**  
(RETIRED PRINCIPAL DIET)  
(27-07-1932 - 24-09-2024)

**MASWAR & VAHERVAR**  
A year has passed since you left us, yet not a day goes by without your presence in our hearts.  
Your wisdom, love & kindness continue to guide us through life. Though you are no longer with us, your spirit lives on in cherished memories. May almighty bestow peace to the noble departed soul.  
**Veharvar** of our beloved mother **Lt. Smt Shama Ji Bhat (Sirhama, Kashmir)** Presently at B1-405, Summer Palms, Sec-86 Faridabad  
Please join us for **Prayers & Shanti Puja** on 28/09/2024 at our residence.  
**Deeply Missed & Remembered by:**  
**SAMAST BHAT PARIVAR**



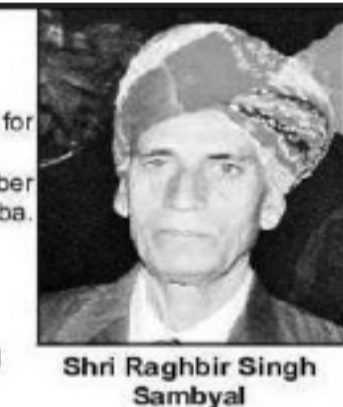
**Lt. Smt Shama Ji Bhat**  
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**TENTH DAY KRIYA**  
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Nirmala Wali (Pyari)** W/o Lt. Sh. Jiwan Lal Wali R/o H.No. 224, Lane No. 22, Greater Kailash, Jammu, originally R/o Khan-Kahi Sokhta, Safakadal, Srinagar, Kashmir.  
**TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed on Saturday, 28th September 2024 at 8.30 AM at Muthi Ghat, Jammu.  
**IN GRIEF:**  
Nimmi & Virender Wali  
Hari Krishan Wali  
Santosh & Lalit Wali  
Vandana & Rajinder Wali  
Veena Dhar  
**GRIEF STRICKEN:**  
**WALI'S, TICKOO'S, ZUTSHI'S AND DHAR'S**



**Smt. Nirmala Wali (Pyari)**

**CHOUBARSI**  
You live in our hearts and thoughts forever. Our dearest **Shri Raghbir Singh Sambyal** left for his heavenly abode on September 13, 2020.  
**Choubarisi** will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2024 at our residence, Mandi Dansal, Samba. Shej will be at 01:00 Noon.  
**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
**Smt. Sudesh Sambyal (Wife)**  
**Sons & Daughter-in-laws**  
Sh. Rajesh Sambyal & Smt. Meenakshi Sambyal  
Sh. Rakesh Sambyal & Smt. Sonia Sambyal  
**Daughter & Son-in-law**  
Smt. Nandni & Sh. Ravi Singh Jasroia  
**And Grand children**  
Mobile: 9419158772 / 8825009046



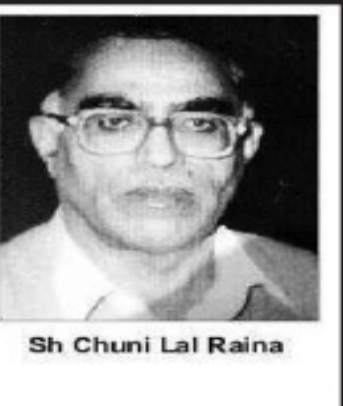
**Shri Raghbir Singh Sambyal**

**10TH DAY/KRIYA**  
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. Kuldeep Chib & Smt. Manju Chib  
Mr. Surjeet Chib & Smt. Neetu Chib  
Sh. Ravinder Chib & Smt. Tripta Chib - **Son-in-law & Daughter**  
Mobile No.: 9070233471, 9149663802, 9469339095



**Smt. Vimla Devi**

**TENTH DAY KRIYA**  
With profound grief & sorrow, we inform that **Sh Chuni Lal Raina** S/o Late Sh. Kanth Jee Raina R/o H No. 117, Wazir Bagh Anand Nagar Bohri, Jammu. **Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed on 29.9.2024 at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of Education at 9.00 AM.  
**Grief Stricken:**  
**Sons & Daughter-in-law**  
Dr Vinod Raina & Smt Veena Raina  
Susheel Raina & Smt Renu Raina  
**Daughter & Son-in-law**  
Smt Shashi Raina & Sh Rajinder Raina  
**Cousins**  
Sh. P. K. Raina & Smt. Ashaj  
Sh. B. L. Raina & Smt. Bawna Raina  
Sh. Parmod Raina & Smt. Seema Raina  
Smt. Nirmala Kaul & Sh. O. N. Kaul (Daughter & Son in law)  
**Grand Children**  
Dr. Sachin Raina, Ashish Raina, Rushali Raina, Shivam Raina  
**SAMAST BANG ROO PARIWAR**



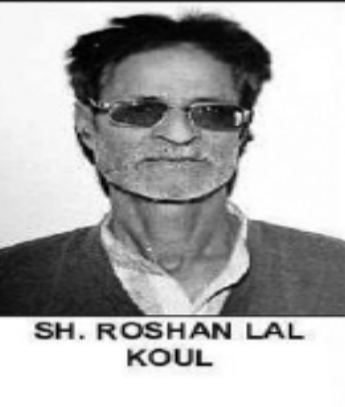
**Sh Chuni Lal Raina**  
CONTACT NO.  
94191-98166,  
94180-70291,  
94191-48941

**TENTH DAY**  
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Er. Inderpaul Singh** S/o S. Paramjeet Singh (Retd. S.I.) R/o Nanak Chack Teh. and Distt. Kathua, who left for heavenly abode on dated 22/9/2024 (Sunday)  
**PROGRAMME (AT HOME)**  
**Arambh Shri Akhand Path** on 26/9/2024 (Saturday) 9.00 am.  
**Bhog Shri Akhand Path** on Monday 30/9/2024 (Monday) 9.00 am.  
**Kirtan and Antim Ardas** on 30/9/2024 from 10.00 am to 12.00 Noon at Gurudwara Shri Guru Singh Sabha Main Bazar, Kathua.  
**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
**Sdr. Agya Kour (Grand Mother)**  
**Sdr. Kuldeep Kour & S. Paramjeet Singh (Parents)**  
**Sdr. Sukhdeep Kour (Wife)**  
**S. Sapinder Paul Singh (Brother)**  
**S. Iqbal Singh (Brother)**  
Mob. : 9419127979



**Er. Inderpaul Singh**

**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 65B-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: 9596845228, 9796215903, 7051088875**



**SH. ROSHAN LAL KOUL**

**TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA**  
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Father **Sh. Rupal Singh** on 20th Sept 2024 R/o H. No 11 Sarwal Colony Jammu (J&K).  
**TENTH DAY** will be performed on 29-09-2024 (Sunday) at our residence (11.00 AM)  
**KRIYA** will be performed on 02-10-2024 (Wednesday) at our residence (12.00 Noon).  
**UTHALA** will be performed on 04-10-2024 (Friday) at Hari Mandir, Rehari Colony Jammu (4.00 PM to 5.00 PM).  
**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
**Smt Shanti Devi- Wife**  
**Sons & Daughter in law**  
Smt Surib & Sh. Rajinder Singh, Asstt Adm Officer (MES)  
Smt Meenakshi & Sh. Surinder Singh, Defence Fire Services (15 FAD)  
**Daughters & Son in Law**  
Late Smt. Poonam Singh & Sh. Pawan Kurrer (Information Deptt)  
Smt Geeta Devi & Sh. Anush Mehra, AAO (Defence Estate Office)  
**Grand Children:** Haashita, Bhagav, Kanishka, Devansh, Ananya, Anant, Bhavya & Dnyam  
**MOBILE NO: 9419218946, 7006657710**



**SH. RUPAL SINGH**  
EX ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (MES)  
15-05-1941- 20-09-2024

**OBITUARY/TENTH DAY/KRIYA**  
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the untimely and sad demise of our adored **Sh. Brij Krishan Bhan** S/o Late Sh. Tara Chand Bhan on 25th Sept 2024, originally from Rainawari, Kashmir presently at 253/A, Last Morh, Sarwal Colony, Jammu.  
**TENTH DAY KRIYA** and Assembly will be performed on 3rd Oct 2024 (Thursday) at 9.00 AM at Muthi Ghat.  
**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
**Smt Kanta Bhan - Wife**  
**Sons and Daughter-in-Law**  
Naveen Bhan & Sushma Bhan  
Mahesh Bhan & Sheetal Bhan  
**Grand Children:** Hitaishi, Kaniya, Vanya, Viransh & Anaya  
**Samast Koul & Bhat Parivar**  
**CONTACT DETAILS: 9906000299, 9622006383, 9419222042**



**SH. BRIJ KRISHAN BHAN**

**BARKHI**  
One year has passed since you left us for heavenly abode but your loving memories, will always remain with us. Physically you are not with us but we feel your presence in every moment of our life.  
**'BARKHI'** of our beloved **Sh Rakesh Kumar Sen (Retd Accounts Officer)** shall be performed on 28-09-2024 (Saturday) at 12:00 PM at our residence H No. 520 opp. Govt Quarters Subash Nagar Jmu.  
**Grief Stricken :-**  
**Wife :- Mrs Anita Sen**  
**Sons and Daughter in law**  
Nittin Sen and Sakshi Sen  
Nittish Sen and Kiran Sen  
**Brother and Sister in law**  
Rajesh and Susheela Shan  
**Sister and Brother in law**  
Sudha and Ashok Bhutyal  
**Niece :- Nitakshi Sen and Meher Sen**  
**C No. 7006472062, 9906133084**



**Sh Rakesh Kumar Sen (Retd Accounts Officer)**

**10th 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 Bharderwah 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:**  
**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. Bidy 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 (SDD BSNL) - Brother**  
**Smt. Surista Bhardwaj & Sh. Rajinder Singh - Sister & Brother-in-law**



**Dr. Sunil Bhardwaj**

**RESPECTFUL HOMAGE**  
Days will pass and turn into years, but you will always be remembered with silent tears.  
We miss you loads dear Nanna.  
With a heavy heart, we condole the sad demise of our dearest Nanna (**Smt Sonabati Wazir**) W/o Late Shri Brij Nath Wazir original resident Karan Nagar Srinagar Kashmir.  
**TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed at their Bangalore residence on 29th Sept.  
**Deeply remembered and mourned by dear and near ones.**  
Rup Rajinder Wazir and Manjeet Wazir (Son & Daughter in law)  
Kuldeep & Suchita Wazir (Grand Son & Grand Daughter in law)  
Sameer & Anvi Wazir (Grand Son & Grand Daughter in law)  
Aparna & Sandeep Fotedar (Grand Daughter & Grand Son in law)  
Preeti & Nitin Kulkarni (Grand Daughter & Grand Son in law)  
Abhy and Swasti Raina (Grand Son & Grand Daughter in Law)  
**Deeply remembered by Great Grandchildren:-**  
Tishvi, Samarth, Amab, Yuvik, Kiansh and Ahish  
Mobile:- 9967515570, 9419850505, 9845889029



**NANNA DEAR (SMT SONABATI WAZIR)**

**TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA**  
With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Taru Devi Ji** W/o Late Sh. Kripa Ram Sharma R/o H.No. 104, Patoli Magorin Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 13-9-2024.  
**Tenth Day** will be performed on Saturday 21-9-2024 at Bua Datti Temple Patoli Magorin Jammu.  
**Kriya** will be performed on Sunday 22-9-2024 at our residence after 12 Noon onwards.  
**Uthala** will be performed on Friday 4-10-2024 at Bua Datti Temple Patoli Magorin from 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM.  
**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
**Daughters & Sons-in-law**  
Smt. Sheela Devi & Late Sh. Dev Raj Sharma  
Smt. Krishna Devi & Sh. Ganpat Sangra  
**Daughters-in-law & Sons**  
Smt. Ballesh Kumar & 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. Manik Magotra - **Grand Son**  
Er. Adish Magotra & Dr. Sunaina Sharma (JKAS) - **Grand Son & Daughter-in-law**  
**Great Grand Children :-** Advait, Medhaansh  
**Contact Nos. : 9419105091, 962246282**



**Smt. Taru Devi Ji**

**TENTH DAY / KRIYA**  
With profound grief and sorrow we inform you the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Krishna Gupta** W/o Late Sh. Chaman Lal Langer R/o Ward No. 2 Kashmiri Mohalla Akhnoor who left for heavenly abode on 18 Sep 2024.  
**Tenth Day** will be performed on 27th Sep 2024 at Jia Pola Mandir at 10.00 am to 11.00 and **Kriya** will be held on 30th Sep 2024 at 12:00 pm at our residence.  
**Grief Stricken**  
**Son and Daughter-in-law**  
Late Sh. Ramdhan Langer & Smt. Sushita Langer  
Sh. Sankar Langer (Pappi Shari) & Smt. Neena Langer  
**Daughter and Son in law**  
Sh. Ashok Gupta & Smt. Preeti Gupta  
**Grand Sons**  
Shukan, MEH, ACHIE, Sonali and Raju  
**ALL LANGER FAMILY**  
9419133803, 9906195032, 7006050949



**Smt Krishna Gupta**

**ADH-BARKHI**  
Those we love never truly leave us. They walk beside us every day, unseen and unheard, but always near- always loved, missed, and forever dear.  
Six months have passed since you left us for your eternal journey.  
The **Adh-Barkhi** of our beloved **Lt. Shri Raman Gupta**, Chief Engineer (Retd.), and resident of House No. 12, Sector 9, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, will be held at our residence in Jammu on **28th September 2024, from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM.**  
**DEEPLY MISSED AND FONDLY REMEMBERED BY:**  
Shiba Gupta and Ganit Gupta (Wife & Son)  
Supriya Sharma and Sachin Sharma (Sister & Brother-in-law)  
Rashmi Gupta and Ashwani Gupta (Sister-in-law & Brother)  
Bhanu Sharma and Ishita Sharma (Nephew & Niece)  
Contact: 9419189352, 9086086090, 9313043911



**Raman Gupta**

**TENTH DAY/KRIYA**  
With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform that demise of beloved couple **Smt. Pushpa Devi & Sh. Brahm Kumar** R/o W.No 4 Krishna Colony Kathua, who left for heavenly abode on 17-09-2024 (Tuesday) and 18-09-2024 (Wednesday) respectively.  
**TENTH DAY** will be performed on 27-09-2024 (Friday) 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**  
**Son & Daughter-in-law**  
Late Sheetal Kumar & Jyoti Sharma  
**Daughters & Son-in-law**  
Nidhi Khajuria & Raj Mohan Sharma  
Dr. Indu Bela & Sachin Sharma  
**Grand Sons :-** Vidhit Khajuria, Anurudh Sharma, Abhysha Sharma  
**Grand Daughters:** Aashraja Pangotra, Nirrhi Sharma  
**MOBILE NO: 7006982338.**



**Smt. Pushpa Devi & Sh. Brahm Kumar**

**TENTH DAY**  
With profound sorrow & grief we regret to inform the untimely sad demise of our beloved **Smt Kamla Jammwal** W/o Late Capt. Sarishat Singh Jammwal on 18 Sep. 2024  
The **10TH DAY** will be on 27 Sep 2024 at 11 am.  
**13TH DAY - 30 Sep 2024**  
**RASAM PAGRI** is on 4th Oct 2024 at 12 pm.  
At our residence H. No - 16994, Kunj Vihar Lane, Narek Nagar.  
**Bereaved:**  
Mrs & Mr. Sumter Singh  
Mrs & Mr. Sumter Singh  
Mr. Sikander Singh  
Mrs & Mr. Bhan Singh  
**All Grand & Great-grand Children**  
9419786436, 9018150582



**Smt Kamla Jammwal**

**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 performed 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**  
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# The Mandate belongs to the people: Sethi

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 27: In a heartfelt address to residents at Ward No. 4, BJP candidate Yudhvir Sethi expressed gratitude for the overwhelming support he has received from the community. Joined by prominent BJP leaders including Braham Jyot Satti, Arun Sethi, and Perveen Kerni, Sethi emphasized, "The mandate belongs to the people of Jammu East, not me."

During the gathering, organized by Arun Sethi, attendees shared their grievances and were encouraged to cast their votes for Sethi, whom they view as a dedicated public servant for over 40 years. The atmosphere was celebratory, with attendees welcoming Sethi with flower garlands



and chanting slogans in support of India and the BJP.

Sethi affirmed that the BJP is a party committed to the welfare of all societal segments. "The public of Jammu East is like my family, and I will take care of everyone," he stated. He highlighted

the significant improvements in the region since 2014, attributing the decrease in terrorism and the overall enhancement of security to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

He noted various development projects initiated under Modi's administra-

tion, including highways, ring roads, and railways, crediting these advancements to the Prime Minister's dynamic vision. "BJP works for all religions and classes, unlike other parties that cater to specific groups," he said. Braham Jyot Satti also spoke about various

government schemes designed to benefit the needy, urging the public to take full advantage of these initiatives. He reminded attendees of the importance of their vote, emphasizing that it represents the power of citizens to choose a party that prioritizes national interests and communal harmony.

Sethi concluded by reiterating the BJP's commitment to uplifting OBC communities and promoting their rights, stating, "BJP has raised OBC reservation from 2 percent to 4 percent, demonstrating our dedication to this segment of society."

With a focus on unity and progress, Sethi's address resonated with attendees, reinforcing the BJP's vision for a stronger, more inclusive Jammu and Kashmir.

# Omar Asks BJP To Seek Forgiveness From People For Revival Of Terrorism In Jammu

Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Sep 27: National Conference Vice president Omar Abdullah on Friday said the deadly terror attacks in otherwise peaceful Jammu region reflects the alleged failure of the BJP which should seek forgiveness from the public of Jammu and Kashmir.

The BJP by blaming NC, Congress and PDP for terrorism in the Union Territory has given a 'clean chit' to Pakistan, he said.

"What is the situation of militancy in the Jammu region where our brave force personnel are targeted quite frequently? BJP should first reply why militancy spread to Jammu region after 2014, especially in the last three years when its graph went up," the former Chief Minister said.

"There is not a single place in Jammu where terror attacks have not taken place - whether it is Chenab valley, Pir Panjal region, Reasi, Kathua, Udhampur, Jammu and Samba... This reflects their (BJP government's) failure and the party should accept it and seek forgiveness from the people," he said.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of an election rally in support of party candidate Sunil Verma in Udhampur East assembly segment, Omar referred to the statements of Home Minister Amit Shah blaming NC, Congress and PDP for terrorism and said "when the BJP leaders speak within J&K, they blame us but when they are outside the Union Territory they hold Pakistan responsible".

"They (BJP leadership) do not talk in one voice. If we are responsible,



then why are they not talking to Pakistan? You are blaming us (for terrorism) from the soil of J&K, thus giving a clean chit to Pakistan. They are making contradictory statements and taking in different tones to mislead the public," he said.

He, however, said the National Conference speaks in one voice within and outside Jammu and Kashmir.

Asked about BJP's criticism of his party's manifesto, he said, "What you expect that they will appreciate our manifesto? They are fighting the elections against us and it is evident that they will oppose our manifesto."

"I am happy and want to thank them for their reaction. We are a small regional party having no stakes outside J&K but they made our manifesto a topic of discussion across the country. Hardly any union minister or (BJP) chief minister had not talked about our manifesto. I am thankful to BJP," he said.

On the saffron party's leadership targeting him by name, Abdullah said, "Despite being out of power for so long, if the Prime Minister or home minister is remembering me in their speeches that means I have done something good."

The NC leader claimed that BJP is nervous because of poor performance in the first two phases of the assembly elections. "There was no special performance by BJP in the first two

phases (on September 18 and 25), they are nervous. Our internal reports said that their candidate from Nowshera constituency (J&K BJP chief Ravinder Raina) is unlikely to save his seat. They are faced with such a situation and are targeting us. They are free to target us," he said.

Earlier, addressing the joint gathering of NC and Congress workers, he said BJP is saying that if "we form the Government, terrorism will get revived. We have completely wiped out terrorism from Jammu before 2014 but this double engine Government facilitated its return."

"They are saying attacks will be carried out on pilgrims. The reality is that the attacks had taken place under their rule - whether it was an attack on Amarnath pilgrims (in Kashmir in July 2017) when BJP and PDP were in the government or Shiv Khori pilgrims (June 2024)," he said, accusing BJP of reviving terrorism in Jammu, growing unemployment and destroying J&K.

"Except dividing the people on the name of religion, they (BJP) do not know anything else," he said, asking the people to stand united against the divisive policies and strengthen the secular forces.

Out of 90 seats, he said NC is in direct fight with BJP on only five seats but "it is mostly targeting our party, our manifesto, our leadership. Home minister announced results yesterday even as 40 seats are going to polls in the last phase (on October 1). "Was he in possession of some magic wand through which he knows the outcome of voting. They are using everything to mislead the people," he said.

# Muslim organizations rally behind Pavneet Kour in Jammu South

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 27: In a powerful show of unity, several influential Muslim organizations have come forward to endorse Pavneet Kour, the Apni Party candidate for Jammu South, ahead of the upcoming elections.

This endorsement underscores their belief in her ability to bring meaningful change to the region, particularly in areas concerning women's empowerment, youth development, combating the drug menace, and regularization of colonies.

These organizations have praised Pavneet Kour's inclusive agenda, which advocates for minority rights, creating opportunities for youth,



and her commitment to addressing the community's needs.

Her promises to empower women, promote sports among the youth, and establish a drug-free society have resonated strongly within the community.

Muslim leaders have appealed to the voters of Jammu South to support Pavneet Kour, emphasizing that her leadership can foster unity and prog-

ress for all communities. They are confident that she will be a strong voice for justice, equality, and development.

In response, Pavneet Kour expressed heartfelt gratitude for the support and reiterated her dedication to serving all sections of society. She called upon the people of Jammu South to join hands for a brighter future and vote for her in the upcoming elections.

# Unbridled inflation, unemployment are main issues: Shiv Sena

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 27: Unbridled inflation, unemployment are the main issues, public attention cannot be diverted by hollow promises like return of POK, restoration of state status, stated by Manish Sahni, president, Shiv



Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit.

In the presence of party state chief Manish Sahni, party candidates from Jammu West Meenakshi Chhibber campaigned door-to-door in Talab Tillo, Subhash Nagar and Bakshi Nagar areas.

She said that unbridled inflation, unemployment is going to prove to be the main issue in the last phase. There is a lot of resentment among the public towards BJP regarding the rising prices of oil, flour, vegetables, fruits. Most of

the people believe that the BJP has given a free hand to traders and black marketers to meet the election expenses.

Along with this a public meeting was also organized in ward 7 in favor of party candidate Jai Bharat (Bharti) from Bishnah assembly constituency.

On this occasion Sahni said that the BJP Jumla Mandali is trying to mislead the public by making false promises and statements in their flowery speeches.

Those who claim to make PoK a part of India after the elections did not remember PoK during their two tenures at the Centre.

At the same time, despite the long gap of five years, Jammu and Kashmir has not been given the status of a state.

# Only few days are left for BJP in J&K: Mula Ram

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 27: In a series of meetings held across various locations, including Chak Lal Din, Pangore, Gujjar Basti, and others, Mula Ram, a prominent leader from the Congress party and a candidate for Marh constituency, expressed strong optimism about the imminent end of BJP's rule in Jammu and Kashmir.

He confidently asserted that the Congress-National Conference (NC) alliance will form the next government, emphasizing the urgent need for change in the region's political landscape.

Addressing the gathered supporters, Mula Ram criticized the BJP for what he described as a "catastrophic impact" on the future of Jammu and Kashmir.

"The BJP has turned our beloved J&K into a testing laboratory for their failed policies," he stated.

He underscored his belief that the current government has systematically dismantled the region's socio-economic fabric, leading to widespread dissatisfaction among the populace.

Mula Ram pointed out the recent surge of Central Government ministers and BJP leaders frequenting Jammu, questioning their motives.

"Why are they roaming around here just days before the elections? It's evident that they are worried about their declining support," he said, highlighting that the BJP's popularity is rapidly diminishing.

He further claimed that, after October 8, "all Gabbar taxes will be rolled back to the PMO office," indicating a troubling trend of financial mismanagement that he attributes to the BJP's

governance. The leader expressed gratitude for the overwhelming support he has received from the Marh Block, promising to prioritize the upliftment of this area if elected.

"I assure you, if I win, my focus will be on enhancing the living standards of our community, ensuring that every individual benefits from the government's schemes," Mula Ram declared.

Mula Ram's comments reflect a broader sentiment among constituents who feel marginalized by the current government.

He pointed to various issues affecting the region, including unemployment, inflation, and the lack of basic infrastructure, asserting that these problems have worsened under BJP's rule.

"People are disillusioned. They have realized that the BJP's promises were nothing more than empty slogans," he stated, urging voters to consider the tangible effects of the party's policies on their daily lives.

He reiterated his belief in the strength of the Congress-NC alliance, asserting that it is the only viable option for restoring stability and prosperity to Jammu and Kashmir.

"Together, we can forge a government that truly represents the interests of the people, not just a select few," he said. As the elections approach, Mula Ram's rhetoric reflects a strategic pivot toward uniting the electorate against the BJP's perceived failures.

He concluded his speech by urging voters to recognize the critical choice before them. "This is not just an election; it's a chance to reclaim our future. Stand with Congress and NC

for a better tomorrow," he urged, rallying his supporters for the impending electoral battle.

With the political climate shifting and the elections on the horizon, Mula Ram's confident stance could resonate with a populace eager for change, presenting a formidable challenge to the BJP's hold on Jammu and Kashmir.

# Dimple leads protest against rising prices, economic strain

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 27: Sunil Dimple, president of Mission Statehood, spearheaded a significant protest on Janipur High Court Road, rallying against the soaring prices of essential commodities, including vegetables, fuel, and electricity. The demonstration attracted numerous supporters who echoed concerns about the increasing financial burden faced by everyday citizens.

Addressing the crowd, Dimple emphasized the alarming rise in vegetable prices, stating that essentials such as cauliflower, potatoes, and onions are now priced between Rs 80 to Rs 100. He criticized the government's failure to control these escalating costs, asserting that "the rising prices of petrol, diesel, and LPG have broken the backbone of the common man."

Dimple accused the Jammu and Kashmir Food and Supply department and the price control office of colluding with hoarders, urging the government to take immediate action against these practices. He lamented that basic food items and



necessities have become unaffordable for many families, making daily life increasingly challenging.

Highlighting the government's shortcomings, Dimple remarked, "The BJP government has completely failed to curb the prices of essential commodities like vegetables and edible oils, leaving them beyond the reach of the poor." He called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi to include petrol, diesel, and LPG under GST to stabilize prices and ease the burden on consumers.

The protest also addressed issues surrounding electricity billing, with Dimple criticizing the installation of smart meters that have led to inflated bills. He described the situation as "a terror of taxes" that has

compounded the hardships faced by residents since the abrogation of Article 370.

Dimple was joined by fellow leaders Raju Kumar, Dev Raj, Jetinder, Vipin, Mukesh Mahajan, Sunil Kumar, and Sham Sharma, who all voiced their support for the cause and echoed the demand for better governance and accountability.

As the protest unfolded, it became clear that the rising cost of living is a pressing issue that resonates deeply with the community. Dimple's rallying cry for action reflects a broader dissatisfaction with the current government's handling of economic challenges, positioning him as a vocal advocate for the rights and needs of Jammu's citizens.

# GDC RS Pura organises group discussion on Gandhi's contribution to Indian education

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 27: In continuation to the series of activities on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti, the Department of Education in collaboration with NSS Unit of Government Degree College R. S. Pura on Sep 27, 2024 organized a Group Discussion on 'Gandhi's Contribution to Indian Education' to commemorate Gandhi Jayanti. The event was organized under the guidance and coordination of Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour,

Principal of the College. A total of 20 students actively participated in the discussion and put forth their thoughts. Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour said that Gandhi advocated imparting education in mother tongue and asked for activity centered education to make the children skilled and independent. She further added that Gandhi wanted to construct small, self-reliant communities with its ideal citizens being all industrious, self-respecting and generous individuals.

# BJP utterly failed to fulfil the aspirations of the people of J&K: Luthra, Sawhney



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 27: A Women Wing workers meeting was held at New Plot, Jammu East Constituency the other day as part of election campaigning. The meeting was organized to support Yogesh Sawhney alliance candidate of Jammu East Constituency. Yogesh Sawhney also participated and addressed the workers.

Addressing the gathering Bimla Luthra said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have endured a decade of hardships under BJP's "Acche Din" slogan, which she claims has remained unfulfilled. "The people of J&K are frustrated and continue to suffer due to the hollow policies of the BJP. In the past 10 years, they have been victims of recruitment scams, inflation, unemployment, inflated power bills, seeing no future for Youth in Jammu and Kashmir.

Luthra mentioned that the NC is committed

to raise old age pensions from Rs 1000 to Rs 3000, increase financial assistance for girls marriages to Rs 75,000 from 50,000 of EWS, provide 12 LPG cylinders per family per year of EWS, and Provide One lakh jobs for the youths of Jammu and Kashmir, Provide 5000 Pm to elderly Female member of each household of EWS, Provide free 200 units power, free drinking water, Provide free travel of females in govt transport, legalize MSP for farmers and Provide 10 Kg rise per person per month free of cost. She emphasized that the party will continue to focus on improving the quality of life for every citizen and introduce more welfare schemes aimed at uplifting the marginalized sections of society.

Bimla Luthra appealed to the women of East constituency to come out to vote and support of the Congress-NC Alliance candidate Yogesh Sawhney, stressing the

importance of women's involvement in shaping the future of Jammu & Kashmir.

In his address, Yogesh Sawhney alliance Candidate for Jammu East Constituency said that the BJP has betrayed the people of Jammu and Kashmir over the last 10 years, failing to fulfill its promises and leaving the region in a state of neglect. The BJP's hollow policies have only deepened the challenges faced by the common people, leading to widespread frustration and disillusionment.

Sawhney urged the people of Jammu East Constituency to support and vote in favour of Congress so that the mission to restore the dignity and prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir.

Those who were present in the meeting included Joginder Kaur District Vice President Women wing Jammu Urban, Sapna Gill Block President Jammu East Women wing, Jyoti and others.



## EDITORIAL

TECH INDUSTRY  
DEVELOPMENTS

The tech industry is experiencing rapid advancements that are reshaping various aspects of our daily lives, economies, and societies. In 2024, several key trends and innovations have emerged, driving significant change across sectors.

AI continues to dominate the tech landscape, with advancements in natural language processing, computer vision, and machine learning algorithms. The deployment of AI in industries such as healthcare, finance, and customer service has led to improved efficiency and productivity. For instance, AI-driven diagnostic tools are assisting medical professionals in identifying diseases earlier and more accurately. Additionally, AI chatbots are enhancing customer support by providing instant responses and personalized assistance, significantly improving user experience.

As ethical considerations around AI grow, companies are increasingly focusing on developing responsible AI systems. This includes addressing biases in algorithms and ensuring transparency in AI decision-making processes. Major tech firms are investing in AI ethics teams and frameworks to promote accountability and foster public trust.

Blockchain technology is evolving beyond cryptocurrencies. In 2024, we see a surge in decentralized finance (DeFi) applications that provide financial services without traditional intermediaries. Platforms enabling peer-to-peer lending, decentralized exchanges, and yield farming are gaining traction. This shift is democratizing access to financial services, particularly in regions with underbanked populations.

Moreover, non-fungible tokens (NFTs) have expanded from digital art to include applications in real estate, gaming, and intellectual property rights. This evolution showcases blockchain's potential to transform ownership and provenance verification across various industries.

As cyber threats become more sophisticated, the importance of robust cybersecurity measures has escalated. In 2024, we witness a significant push towards zero-trust security models, which assume that threats could be internal or external. This approach necessitates continuous verification of user identity and access, enhancing overall security posture.

Additionally, the integration of AI in cybersecurity is proving effective in threat detection and response. AI algorithms can analyze vast amounts of data to identify anomalies and predict potential breaches, allowing organizations to proactively mitigate risks.

The rollout of 5G networks is transforming the connectivity landscape. With increased bandwidth and reduced latency, 5G is enabling a wide range of IoT applications, from smart cities to autonomous vehicles. In 2024, businesses are leveraging IoT devices to enhance operational efficiency, gather real-time data, and improve decision-making.

Smart home devices are also becoming more interconnected, providing users with seamless control over their environments. As 5G continues to expand, we can expect further innovations in sectors like telemedicine, where real-time data transmission can enhance patient care and remote monitoring.

While still in its infancy, quantum computing is garnering attention for its potential to solve complex problems beyond the reach of classical computers. In 2024, tech giants and startups alike are investing heavily in quantum research, aiming to unlock breakthroughs in fields such as materials science, cryptography, and drug discovery.

Collaborations between academia and industry are essential in this domain, with researchers exploring practical applications that could revolutionize various sectors. As quantum technology matures, we anticipate a paradigm shift in computing capabilities.

With increasing awareness of environmental issues, tech companies are prioritizing sustainability in their operations and product offerings. Innovations in renewable energy technologies, such as advanced solar panels and energy storage solutions, are being integrated into tech products to reduce carbon footprints.

Additionally, the circular economy is gaining traction within the tech industry, promoting recycling and responsible disposal of electronic waste. Companies are exploring ways to design products for longevity and reparability, aligning business practices with environmental goals.

The pandemic accelerated the adoption of remote work, leading to a surge in collaboration tools and platforms. In 2024, businesses are refining their remote work strategies, leveraging technologies like virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) to create immersive work environments.

Enhanced video conferencing solutions and project management tools are becoming integral to maintaining productivity and team cohesion. As hybrid work models become the norm, companies are investing in technologies that facilitate seamless collaboration across physical and digital spaces.

The tech industry is on a transformative journey, driven by innovations that address contemporary challenges and improve our quality of life. As we move through 2024, the convergence of technologies such as AI, blockchain, and IoT will continue to shape the future, emphasizing the need for ethical considerations and sustainable practices. Embracing these developments will be crucial for businesses and individuals alike, paving the way for a more connected and resilient world.

## India-US ties plagued by irritants, friction points

By: Abhijit  
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Unlike the state of almost permanent, congenial hostility which marks India's relations with the People's Republic of China, ties between New Delhi and Washington, who are sometimes described as "natural allies", being fellow democracies, are often plagued by a series of unexpected irritants, creating clear-air turbulence. While it is true that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a successful bilateral meeting just recently with US President Joe Biden, nearing the end of his term in the White House, followed by a multilateral Quad summit along with the leaders of Australia and Japan, some niggling issues invariably crop up, creating avoidable confusion. One such is the summons issued by a US district judge to some senior Indian officials over the alleged attempt to kill an American citizen on US soil. These pinpricks, unless nipped in the bud, could spoil the efforts made at high levels for peace, prosperity and collective security. Also Read - Dilip Cherian | Blame game afoot after Bengal floods: Power secy, chief engineer exit DVC Advertisement One of the chronic problems is that the United States is constantly playing on multiple fronts, and in face of escalating violence in the Middle East and elsewhere it has exhibited negligence, over-confidence, rank intelligence failures or mis-judgment, leading to wanton killings and violent eruptions from Libya to Afghanistan, Baghdad to Maghreb, Sahel in the Levant; and now in the Danube-Volga basin. It is possible that US intentions were born out of altruism, but what resulted on the ground has been only death, destruction and despair. Also Read

- Nilanjan Mukhopadhyay | Kejriwal to Atishi: Can the AAP's new strategy work? The US, in the process, is losing more goodwill than it is gaining. Even in Europe, and among its closest military allies, there are definite murmurs about its role in the Russia-Ukraine conflict, which shows no sign of ending anytime soon. There is an acute lack of trust in Washington's intentions, and matters are not helped by the intense political bickering going on in America on these matters, as a landmark election looms. The Europeans, and others across the world, appear keen to have a day without "help" from Washington on polity. Also Read - Saeed Naqvi | Rein in capitalism on the rampage, or liberal democracy's days are numbered The US, outside its borders, continues to exhibit the same arrogance as before, but the takers are shrinking, given the clear signs of panic, nervousness, and vacillating but vitriolic use of avoidable toxic and jingoistic jargon. That is not the way a superpower should behave. Regarding India, the US continues to have a problem accepting the close, decades-old bond between New Delhi and Moscow and India's insistence on asserting its "strategic autonomy", despite the close relationship it has built up with Washington on both economic and military fronts. The neo-conservative successors of late warrior-diplomat Donald Rumsfeld, former US defence secretary, now transcend US bipartisan space and play a seminal role in today's wars. Also Read - Shikha Mukerjee | 'One Nation, One Election': Can it work, or will it fail? They find it hard to accept that any nation which they have embraced so closely, and to which they have even offered a military alliance, might actually choose to do some independent thinking of its own and not just sign on the dotted

line. Since the US has wooed India as a "strategic partner", how can India choose to be anything other than a whole-hearted member of the American camp. What is sought is an alliance of "un-equals" rather than equals. That might be what lies behind the US judge's summons to high-ranking Indian officials on a matter which is officially under investigation in both nations. The alleged incident, in which a "Khalistani" activist who holds American citizenship was targeted in an assassination attempt, needs to be resolved by both countries at the diplomatic level to ensure that the overall relationship does not get impacted or face further unforeseen hurdles. If the judicial system in either nation gets dragged into the matter, a diplomatic resolution would only get that much harder. The era of imperialism has been long over, but the American political and judicial system needs to get used to its passing. It is certainly over so far as individual enterprises of the West are concerned; but the inherent psyche thereof lingers. The goals and targets remain constant, only the means have undergone a transformation. Instead of the individual British, French, Dutch, Danish, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and Belgian rulers' sprawling empires across Asia, Africa and Latin America, things kicked off through collective teams comprising judges and prosecutors which delivered verdicts on the so-called "war crimes" and put to the sword the "war criminals" of the non-West. Two classic examples stand out: the International Military Tribunal for the Far East (1946-1948) to punish the Japanese ruling class at the Tokyo trials and the Nuremberg trials (1945-1946) to suitably stamp out the German "war criminals". It's the march of collective wisdom of the Western justice system which

suitably punished the non-West through the gallows and rewarded the West by exonerating its crimes despite its use of atomic bombs, which killed the most numbers of people in one go in the entire history of mankind. The imperialism of the US-led West re-emerged through the verdict of the "world judiciary". The same mission is being carried out by the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court at The Hague -- despite the small hiccup that the United States itself does not accept the jurisdiction of these tribunals. (What if one day someone were to accuse the US President of "war crimes"?) It is high time for the sole superpower to try influence the entire United Nations to stop the ongoing conflicts in Europe and the Middle East, and in Sudan and Sahel, where human beings are dying like mosquitoes as the UN continues to cut a sorry figure. Both India and the US should jointly work for basic reforms at this white elephant headquarters in New York, which is currently holding its annual jamboree of Presidents, Kings and Prime Ministers, as well as a battery of diplomats, wasting millions and billions of the resources of poor countries. The United States must take the lead to save the world just as it claims to have done at the end of the Second World War. The bigger power has a bigger responsibility than others. The "strategic partnership" of India and the US must concentrate on the existential threat facing the human race and to de-escalate the mindless mayhem. The US must control the greed of its corporations, and particularly the arms manufacturers, out to exploit the entire world, or else it will face a self-destructive phase. Washington will do better if it keeps its focus on the major strategic issues of our times.

## Rahul must avoid going overboard abroad

By: JULIO RIBEIRO

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi should avoid accepting party colleague Sam Pitroda's offers to arrange talks in the US or the UK, at least till 2029, when the next Lok Sabha elections are due. Rahul's dislike for Prime Minister Narendra Modi is so intense and personal that he is bound to put his foot in his mouth when he refers to the PM in his speeches. Spouting venom on political opponents at home is bad enough. Doing it abroad is not appreciated.

Many foreign dignitaries visit New Delhi for discussions with our national leaders. Some even meet leaders of Opposition parties. There has never been an instance of these dignitaries denigrating their political opponents. Agreed that there are many reasons to criticise our Prime Minister, especially for his doublespeak, but those battles are to be fought by Indians in India. Foreigners should not be embroiled in our internal problems.

Rahul can never attain Modi's lofty standards of expressing thoughts that the speaker himself does not believe in.

Rahul is fast becoming a real threat to PM Modi. The results of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections have given him and the Congress, the principal Opposition party, a quantum leap. The Congress has doubled its strength in the Lower House. The BJP lost many seats in its stronghold of Uttar Pradesh. Wonder of won-

ders, it even lost the Faizabad seat in Ayodhya despite Modi taking on the role of the Shankaracharyas while inaugurating the Ram Mandir!

A more mature politician would have planned to capitalise on that mini-victory to dislodge Modi next time around. There was a feeling that Rahul was doing just that when he led the attacks on the government's policies in the Lok Sabha, pointing to the hate and divisiveness being spread with the sole purpose of capturing political power.

And then he flies to the US and addresses select audiences targeted by his friend and confidant Pitroda, speaks against Modi and thus spoils his own copybook.

In contrast, Modi, the suave politician that he is, wowed a huge gathering of desis gathered in New York's Times Square and recovered lost ground abroad. India's huge and growing markets are attracting the US and various European powers. For that alone, our country's Prime Minister is much sought after in foreign lands.

Modi is a shrewd and calculating politician. He is an orator 'par excellence'. In New York, he did not say anything he had not stated earlier in our own land. But what he spoke was delivered with such conviction and verve that he made an indelible impression on his audience.

In my city of Mumbai, I have heard Balasaheb Thackeray, founder of the Shiv Sena, speak on at least a dozen occasions. He kept his audience mesmerised.

Modi does that too. But Modi does not employ humour to attract the attention of his listeners. He is too serious for that. Thackeray would intersperse his speeches with shafts of humour that even a person whose mother tongue was not Marathi would chuckle all the way home.

Rahul can never attain Modi's lofty standards of expressing thoughts that the speaker himself does not believe in. Every politician has his strengths and weaknesses. Rahul, for instance, appears to be a more sincere individual than Modi, who is fired up by an extremist ideology. He should utilise that quality to convince the electorate of his own worth. Attacking his opponents in a foreign land is not the right strategy, even if Pitroda advocates it.

Modi and his trusted aide, Amit Shah, addressed election rallies in the Kashmir valley recently. Modi stated that his government, which has been solely in charge of Jammu & Kashmir since the state was relegated to the status of a Union Territory in 2019, has got rid of terrorism there. Yet, every week, there are reports of terror attacks. Who are we to believe? Every week, civilians and martyred soldiers are buried or cremated.

Shah warned the voters of the Valley that if the Congress or the National Conference, led by the Abdullahs, was voted to power, terrorism in all its vile manifestations would return to the region. Modi and Shah are obviously convinced that guns and bullets would end terrorism. That is not the lesson that Ireland or Spain,

and closer to home, Punjab, have learnt from their encounters with the menace. All standard books on terrorism will tell you that whereas the brainwashed terrorists have to be dealt with an iron hand, terrorism as such can only be eliminated if the community from which the terrorists belong turns against them.

In short, there is a clear distinction between terrorists and terrorism. The former can be eliminated, but when they are captured or killed, young recruits are certain to replace them. The cause is such an emotional one that getting rid of known terrorists is not the final answer.

In Punjab, terrorism ended only after Jat Sikh farmers started giving information about the presence of terrorists in their villages, information that they were reluctant to part with earlier during the conflict. In Punjab, as in Ireland, captured or killed terrorists were soon replaced by other young recruits. The farmers started helping the government only when life became unbearable for them. Nothing can be solved by the gun alone. The people have to be won over. There is no alternative to that time-tested solution.

The scrapping of Article 370 and degrading the state to a UT are factors that will work against getting the people to collaborate with the government. Modi and Shah will have to reconcile themselves to sorting out those obstacles before they can boast of putting an end to terrorism in J&K.



## Awareness program on Food Security, Standards, and NDPS acts at SPPND GDC Samba

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SAMBA, Sep 27: The Department of Home Science and Political Science at Pandit Prem Nath Dogra Government Degree College (SPPND GDC) Samba, in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Samba, organized an enlightening awareness program focused on the Food Security Act, Standards Act, and NDPS Act. The event, held under the guidance of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri, aimed to educate participants about these essential legislative frameworks and their societal implications. The program began



with a warm welcome from Dr. Ramandeep Kaur, Head of the Home Science Department, who served as the anchor for the session. She stressed the importance of understanding these laws, particularly in the current socio-

political climate. Advocate Tania Pargal, the resource person from DLSA Samba, delivered an engaging presentation that highlighted the significance of each act. She explained how the Food Security Act aims to ensure access to suf-

ficient food for all citizens, the role of quality standards in food production, and the measures established under the NDPS Act to combat drug abuse and trafficking. Advocate Pargal emphasized the inter-

connectedness of these laws, noting their crucial roles in promoting social justice and safeguarding citizens' rights. She encouraged attendees to be proactive in understanding their legal rights and the resources available for seeking legal assistance.

The session concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks from Dr. Shaveta Chowdhary, who expressed appreciation for Advocate Pargal's insights and the active participation of all attendees. This awareness program served as an important platform for educating the community about vital legal frameworks that impact their lives.

## GDC RS Pura organises book reading activity on Gandhi Jayanti celebration



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 27: A series of events being organized to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti, Language Departments in collaboration with NSS Unit of Govt. Degree College RS. Pura organized Book Reading Activity under the worthy patronage of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour and supervision of Dr. Neena Gupta Rohmetra, Head Department of English and Dr. Chanchal Angral, Programme Officer NSS. Students of all semesters participated with full zeal and enthusiasm. Students of all languages

read Mahatma Gandhi's Book "My Experiments with Truth". The main focus of the event was to lay emphasis on the accent, pronunciation and language of the students. Indeed the purpose of this activity was to expand the vocabulary, strengthen the analytical thinking skills, to improve the focus and concentration, to increase the reading comprehension and to gain a deeper understanding of a text. Dr. Raj Kumari, Head Department of Hindi, Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch, Head Department of Dogri and Dr. Savleen Kour, Head Department

of Veterinary Technology were also present in this event. While addressing the students, the Principal advised the students to participate in such types of events in future also. Dr. Kiran Pathania, Assistant Professor in the Department of English co-ordinated the entire event.

## GDC Kilhotran organizes Intra-College Annual Road Race



### Top News Report

KILHOTRAN, Sep 27: The Department of Physical Education and Sports at GDC Kilhotran hosted its Annual Intra-College Road Race in collaboration with the NSS unit.

This exhilarating event fostered a spirit of competition and camaraderie among students, with over 50 participants from both boys and girls categories.

Under the leadership of Professor (Dr.) Javed Iqbal, Principal of GDC Kilhotran, the race began at the College Gate and concluded at Thaloran for boys, while the girls' race ended at Thaloran Bridge.

The event was flagged off by Dr. Riaz Ahmed, Head of the Department of Arabic, who empha-

sized the significance of physical fitness and sportsmanship in student life.

In the boys' category, Altaf Ahmad (Semester V) claimed first place, followed by Alam Bhallessi (Semester V) in second and Mohd Arif (Semester V) in third. For the girls, Ronika Devi (Semester III) took first place, with Simran (Semester III) securing second and Arpna (Semester V) in third. This event not only showcased the athletic talents of the students but also highlighted the collaborative efforts of faculty members who contributed to its success.

Zakir Ali, Physical Director of the college, played a key role in organizing the event, with vital support from several faculty members across various

departments. Notable contributors included Dr. Aslam Rather, Convenor IQAC and Head of the Department of Chemistry; Dr. Jozi Farhan, Head of the Department of History; and Vicky Rattan, Convenor of the Sports Committee and Head of the Department of Hindi, among others.

Ensuring participant safety, the Health Department of PHC Changa, Kilhotran provided essential medical services, while local police maintained security throughout the event, contributing to a smooth and enjoyable experience for everyone involved. The Department of Physical Education and Sports looks forward to hosting more events that promote fitness, teamwork, and community spirit among students.

## Bhajan Singing and Debate Competition organized in GDC Mahanpur



### Top News Report

MAHANPUR, Sep 27: NSS Unit of GDC Mahanpur organized Bhajan Singing and Slogan Writing Competition on Friday.

It was organized as a part of the series of activities organized under 'Swachhata hi Sewa' campaign from 17th September, to 1st October, 2024 and Swachh Bharat Diwas on 2nd October, 2024. Moreover, the programme was also part of the Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations.

Bhajan Singing and Debate Competition were organized on the occasion. The event initiated with the lamp lighting ceremony by the dignitaries. 25 students participated in the Competition. They sang different

bhajans and celebrated the Mahatma Gandhi's legacy of non-violence, truth, social justice, peace and cleanliness. Besides this, the students took part in the Debate Competition on the theme "Truth, Non-violence and Cleanliness".

The event was organized by Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia, NSS P.O under the able guidance and patronage of the esteemed Principal of the College, Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan. NSS Volunteers participated with great enthusiasm in the Competition.

Dr. Mohinder Nath Sharma and Dr. J.S. Soodan judged the competition. Payal, 3rd semester and Monika, 3rd semester were declared winners of Bhajan Singing and Debate Competi-

tion by the judges.

Dr. J.S. Soodan, Physical Director of the College, also addressed the students about the Principles of Gandhiji. Moreover, the Principal of the College also addressed the volunteers.

In her address, she not only congratulated the Organizing committee and the participants but also highlighted Mahatma Gandhi's legacy of truth and non-violence.

The faculty members who were part of the Competition were Dr. Mohinder Nath Sharma, Dr. Sudesh Kumar, Dr. Jogbinder Singh Soodan, Nisha Bhagat and Dr. Sapna Devi. Dr. Rupalee hosted the entire Programme and Dr. Mohinder Nath Sharma, HOD Sanskrit gave the Formal Vote of Thanks.

## GDC RS Pura organised seminar on teachings and principles of Mahatma Gandhi

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 27: Gandhi jayanti is an occasion for all of us to re-dedicate ourselves to the values of his inspiring life of peace, equality and communal harmony. To commemorate the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Department of Sociology and Department of History organized a seminar on the theme "Teachings and Principles of Mahatma Gandhi" under the able guidance of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour. The celebration began with the formal welcome address by Prof. Jai Mala Thakur Head Department of Sociology. She addressed the importance of promoting the awareness of Mahatma Gandhi's ideals of truth, violence and satyagraha. The students participated in the seminar with great zeal and enthusiasm. The students shared their views by highlighting the relevance of truth, non-

violence, cleanliness and communal harmony leading towards a progressive society and nations. Dr. Savtanter Kour, Head Department of History delivered a talk in reference to the life journey and important lessons of Gandhi. Principal Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour highlighted the important issues like clean India, atma nirbhar Bharat, drug de-addiction and importance of youth for the growth of the Nation. She also highlighted that Gandhi's life continues to serve as a lighthouse helping us to promote mutual goodwill and to work towards the progress of the country. The faculty members present on the occasion were Dr. Neena Gupta, Dr. Rajinder Sharma, Dr. Raj Kumari, Dr. Kiran Pathania, Prof. Neelam Kumari and Dr. Savleen Kour. The programme was concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Prof. Jai Mala Thakur, Head Department of Sociology.

## GDC Thannamandi screens documentary on Mahatma Gandhi

### Top News Report

THANNAMANDI, Sep 27: Government Degree College Thannamandi organized a special screening of a documentary on the life and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, under the guidance of Principal Dr. Farooq Ahmed. The event was organized by the NSS Unit in collaboration with the Culture Club is one of the series of events being organized in the campus in connection with the celebrations of Gandhi Jayanti.

Attended by faculty members and students the program was aimed to commemorate Gandhi Jayanti

and promote values of non-violence, peace, and social justice. The documentary explored Gandhi's remarkable journey, highlighting his philosophies, struggles, and achievements that shaped India's independence movement. "The documentary screening is an initiative to inspire our youth to embrace Gandhian principles and contribute to nation-building," said Dr. Farooq Ahmed, Principal of the college. Faculty members who graced the occasion included Dr. Gulshan Bhat, Prof. Asif Ajaz Lone, Mr. Anuj Bali, Prof. Rizwana Kouser, Prof Rumi Dar and Prof. Supriya Gupta.

## Inter house Raffa Boules Tournament concludes at SDTPHS Jammu

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 27: The Inter-House Raffa Boules Tournament at S.D. Tara Puri High School in Jammu concluded successfully on September 26, 2024, with over 50 participants from classes 5 and 6. Organized in collaboration with the Raffa Boules India Federation under the leadership of Mr. Sunny Nanda, the event featured thrilling final matches between two competing houses. Medals were awarded to outstanding players, including Piyush

Mehra (Gold) and Lavish Sharma (Silver) in the Under-10 Boys category, and Divya Choudhan (Gold) and Kavya Sharma (Silver) in the Under-10 Girls category. Chief guest Ms. Neeru Puri, Principal of the school, distributed the medals and praised all participants for their enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Mrs. Khama Padha, Vice President of the event, also attended, highlighting the importance of such competitions in fostering teamwork and talent among students.

## Patiala Heart Institute & Multispeciality Hospital highlights importance of 'Heart Team Approach'



### Top News Report

PATIALA, Sep 27: Patiala Heart Institute & Multispeciality Hospital, a leading hospital for cardiovascular care in Punjab on Friday emphasized the importance of 'Heart Team Approach' in treating heart diseases. It also stressed upon the need to raise awareness about heart disease.

While speaking at a press conference, Dr. G.S. Sidhu, Managing Director and Chief Cardiologist at Patiala Heart Institute & Multispeciality Hospital underlined the significance of World Heart Day which is observed globally to increase awareness about cardiovascular disease. This year's theme focuses on promoting preventive measures and highlighting the critical role of timely intervention in case of heart emergencies, he said.

Dr. G.S. Sidhu said, "Patiala Heart Institute & Multispeciality Hospital has a round-the-clock

state-of-art cardiac treatment expertise and facilities available under one roof, he informed. Patiala Heart Institute is the only facility in the Malwa region of Punjab with such a well-equipped team and advanced facilities for cardiac care. The institute is committed to providing high-quality, state-of-the-art treatment to patients experiencing heart emergencies."

Dr. G.S. Sidhu also introduced a team of interventional cardiologists at the Patiala Heart Institute including Dr. Simarjot Singh Sarin, Sr. Interventional Cardiologist, Dr. Birdevinder Singh, Sr. Interventional Cardiologist, Dr. Gurdarshan Singh, Interventional Cardiologist and Dr. Biswajit Maharana, Cardiac Intensivist with each specializing in managing acute myocardial infarctions (heart attacks) requiring primary angioplasty.

Among others, Dilshad Singh Sidhu Chief Operating Officer, Dr. Surinder Pal Singh Bagga Car-

diothoracic & Vascular Surgeon and Dr. M.J Jayakanth Medical Director & Consultant-Internal Medicine, Patiala Heart Institute were also present during the occasion.

Dr. Sidhu also elaborated on the concept of "door-to-balloon time," which refers to the interval between a patient's arrival at the hospital and the initiation of treatment, specifically angioplasty. Dr. Surinder Pal Singh Bagga, Cardiothoracic & Vascular Surgeon emphasized that saving a life during a heart attack is not the responsibility of one individual; it requires effective teamwork. The collaboration between emergency responders, hospital staff, and cardiologists is vital to ensure that patients receive the necessary care as swiftly as possible.

Dilshad Singh Sidhu, Chief Operating Officer said, "Patiala Heart Institute stands at the forefront of cardiac care in Punjab with commitment to advancing heart health and saving lives.

## SPPND GDC Samba hosts Inter-District Gandhi Jayanti celebrations

### Top News Report

SAMBA, Sep 27: Shri Pandit Prem Nath Dogra Government Degree College, Samba hosted the Intra-District Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations, a significant event honoring the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi under the guidance of Prof. (Dr) Twinkle Suri, Principal of the college. The celebrations brought together students from five colleges of the Samba district: GDC Vijaypur, GDC Ramgarh, GDC Ghagwal, GDC Purmandal and SPPND GDC Samba.

The event featured a diverse range of competitions designed to engage students and promote Gandhi's principles of peace, unity, and social justice included Essay Writing Competition, Seminar, Slogan Writing Competition, Bhajan



Singing Competition and Reel Making Competition. Bhoomika Sharma from GDC Ramgarh clinched first prize in Essay Writing Competition, Amit Kumar from GDC Ramgarh bagged first prize in Reel Making Competition, Chahat from GDC Ramgarh secured first prize in Seminar on Gandhiji's Vision for a Sustainable Future, Alisha Meena from GDC Ramgarh clinched first prize in Slogan Writing Competition and Mrid-

ula Jasrotia and Tania Katal from SPPND GDC Samba secured first position in Bhajan Singing Competition.

The participation of five colleges enriched the event, fostering a spirit of camaraderie and collaboration among the youth of the Samba district. Each competition not only highlighted the talents of the participants but also emphasized the enduring relevance of Gandhi's philosophies in today's world.



## On World Tourism Day, celebs Mona Singh, Avneet Kaur, Adah Sharma, Gauahar Khan, Barkha Singh and Varun Sood share their experience and what makes these locales special

Be it off-beat places or must-see destination, celebs say that travelling uplifts their spirit. They talk about some of their travel experiences which are unforgettable.

**Mona Singh**

My husband Shyam (Rajagopalan, filmmaker) and I recently flew to Athens (Greece) and then took a domestic flight to Cephalonia, the sixth largest island in the country. After a three-hour drive, we reached a small village called Fiskardo. It was serene and isolated. Apart from stunning natural beauty, the place has beautiful vineyards and caves that we explored. We went diving as well. I feel such places just make the travel worth it.

**Avneet Kaur**

I have seen many places in India and abroad, but Jaisalmer (Rajasthan) will always be special. We went camping in the middle of the desert and really enjoyed it. The sunset, the cold temperature at night — it really was an out-of-this-world experience. We stargazed as the sky was very clear. The desert safari was a



thrilling ride and the traditional Rajasthani food was delicious. I felt very connected to Nature; it's an experience that I will always cherish.

**Adah Sharma**

I have travelled a lot, but one of my top favourites is Maharajapuram, a village in Tamil Nadu. I visited this gem of a locale for a shoot. It has many temples around,

and the nearest five-star hotel was two-and-a-half hours away. There were hardly any people, either. We could hear birds chirping all through the day and crickets at night. One of its highlights was that it was on the banks of a river. There was no pollution and the locals were kind, too.

**Gauahar Khan**

Earlier this year, I visited Tanzania. We stayed at the Serval Wildlife resort located at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro. It was an amazing experience — the property was surrounded by a forest and there were wild animals around. It felt like we had become one with Nature. My one-year-old son, Zehaan, was excited to

see so many animals.

**Varun Sood**

Recently, I went on a trip with my siblings — our first one together. Among other places, we went to see the Cliffs of Moher near Dublin (Ireland). The ranges are around 14-km long and the place is unbelievably beautiful. In fact, it looks like a VFX effect! They seem untouched and preserved by Nature. As Harry Potter fans, we were excited to know that some iconic scenes in Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (2009) were shot there.

**Barkha Singh**

My trip to Finland is unforgettable. I visited Rovaniemi (a city popular as the hometown of Santa Claus) and felt like I was in another world. I loved the Nordic culture; their tradition of a hot sauna followed by a dip in the freezing river was my favourite! There are many activities that are close to Nature as well — berry picking in the middle of the forest and floating on water wearing insulated suits while gazing at the sun as it sets.

## Acting will help me become more inspired even as a musician: Lisa Mishra



Singer Lisa Mishra recently branched out into the world of acting with a web series. This foray into acting is what she calls her "next cre-

ative expansion" and she could not be more excited.

Known for the reprise version of Tareefan (Veere Di Wedding,

2018), Nadaaniyaan (The Sky Is Pink, 2019), Nain Ta Heere (Jugjugg Jeeyo, 2022) and Aag Lagdi (Dono, 2023), Mishra believes her desire to explore something new is what fuelled her journey.

"It was just a matter of time before I ventured out into something fresh, so the transition has been incredible," she shares, adding, "It will help me become more inspired even as a musician."

Mishra believes that her musical background significantly influenced her approach to acting, and explains, "They're both jobs that require tons of hard work and training."

Balancing her dual careers, Mishra contributed two songs to the soundtrack of her series, which starred Ananya Panday, while she was filming. "Music is a part of me since I was four years old. And acting maybe is the part of me that expands till I'm 40 years old or more. So, it's all just about the journey and seeing where it takes you," the singer-actor wraps up.

## Navya Nanda addresses trolling after her IIM-Ahmedabad admission

Navya Naveli Nanda recently responded to being trolled over her admission to IIM-Ahmedabad. She talked about managing negativity and feedback on social media during an interview.

Navya, when asked about the trolling and negativity that followed after she got enrolled in IIM-Ahmedabad, stated: "Social media has been a great platform because it's given a lot of people a voice, a lot of people who previously might not have that kind of reach. India has some of the finest institutions in the world, and being a part of IIM Ahmedabad is incredible. I feel fortunate to receive higher education under the guidance of some of the finest professors in the world."

She added, "If I consider myself to be working for people, I don't think I can be offended by what they say. It's essential for me to look at feedback; it will only make me a better person, a better entrepreneur, and a better Indian. I accept that I come from a very different lived reality. People will have something to say about that. However, she remains focused on her goals and ambitions, emphasising that her responsibility is to herself and her work. I don't give a lot of thought to what people say negatively; I use it to do the best I can do in my journey."

Navya, while sharing an update about her admission at the Ahmedabad B-school shared a post on her Instagram handle which read, "Dreams



do come true!!!! Home for the next 2 years... with the best people & faculty! BPGP MBA Class of 2026."

While a section of users doubted her enrollment, her fans defended her on social media.

Navya is the daughter of Amitabh Bachchan's daughter Shweta Bachchan Nanda and businessman Escorts Group businessman Nikhil Nanda, son of Raj Kapoor's daughter Ritu Nanda. Her younger brother Agastya Nanda recently made his debut with Zoya Akhtar's The Archies.

## For actor Harry Parmar, quality of roles matter more than the quantity

He played the role of the terrorist codenamed Doctor in the recently released Netflix series IC 814: The Kandahar Hijack with aplomb, as for actor Harry Parmar it is all about being methodical and meticulous.

So, was this role challenging? Says Harry, "Being a trained actor, I have essayed a broad range of characters. Having said that, any adaptation from real to reel requires preparation and I read the right books to get into the skin of this character — a terrorist, the mastermind behind the hijack."

Directed by the talented Anubhav Sinha, the experience on the sets was a learning process for Harry. "Anubhav sir gave a lot of trivia that helped me essay the role better. Inside the plane where we shot in, there was a true feeling of a hijack that pervaded. That, in itself, brought out the best in



me." For this Hoshiarpur-born, Delhi-bred boy, to be an actor was a child-

hood dream. "During my college days, I was into theatre. I also completed a two-year diploma in theatre acting from Shri Ram Centre for Performing Arts, Delhi."

After he moved to Mumbai in 2002, the first few years were all about struggle. "Getting work is not easy, it's a process that takes time. My first big break in acting came with Laal Singh Chadha," he reminisces.

Harry, who was also seen in projects like Lootere, Ghoul, Asur and more, has never been a part of the television world. As for the comparison between the big screen and OTT, he says, "The grammar for both is the same; there is not much of a difference. But in a web series, the length of a project is longer, like as many as three movies in a single project! Also, OTT is never linear and there are production challenges. I believe it is a tougher format, but

quite enjoyable at the same time."

Over time, Harry has learnt how to take criticism in his stride. "In the world of social media, there is bound to be mudslinging, but one learns to deal with it. I believe nasty comments mostly emanate from fake accounts. Faceless people sure can be ignored."

As for his choice of roles, he says, "For me quality of any role matters more than the quantity of roles coming my way. I have just started and will keep experimenting with genres, but want to be smart about my choices."

His advice to young actors out there is meaningful too, "Never come to Mumbai with a timeline. It will take time to set yourself up in the industry."

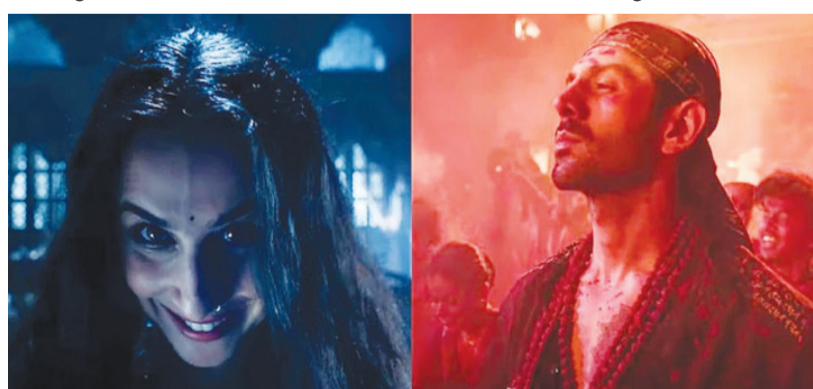
There will be no jaadu in a couple of years. You need to love your craft and need patience."

## Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 teaser: Vidya Balan's Manjulika gives you thrills in a scary ride

The makers of Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 released the teaser of the film on Friday, September 27. The video finally gave a grand glimpse of Vidya Balan's character, Manjulika, and also revealed the other characters from the show. While Triptii Dimri and Kartik Aaryan could be seen romancing in stunning visuals, it seems like the makers deliberately kept Madhuri Dixit's character hidden.

The teaser gave away enough to excite the audience and make their wait difficult for the film's release. Vidya's performance, with her chilling laughter and dialogues that make you jittery, remained the highlight of the video. She lifts the throne and instantly takes you back to her original performance in the 2007 hit film in which she was seen lifting a huge bed to add more spookiness to the film.

Directed by Anees Bazmee, this is the third film in the horror-comedy franchise, and Kartik appears as energetic as he looked in the



second film, which was a mega success at the box office.

The film's teaser promises a rich big screen appearance. The background music looks impressive, especially with the title song creating just the right kind of nostalgia. There's a mystery and thriller in the teaser, adding more value to the narrative.

Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 looks like a complete package of horror and comedy. At least, the teaser helps strengthen your faith about the

same.

The film features a stunning supporting cast, including Rajpal Yadav, Vijay Raaz, Ashwini Kalsekar, Rajesh Sharma and Sanjai Mishra, among others. The film is slated to hit the screens as the big Diwali release on November 1. It is facing a box office clash with Ajay Devgn's Singham Again. With a strong teaser like this, it will now be interesting to see what the Rohit Shetty-directorial has got in store for us!

## Manoj Bajpayee: Directors couldn't think of me as a rich, high-society guy

Actor Manoj Bajpayee is known for playing a wide variety of roles. However, Manoj admittedly has not been cast as an influential and affluent person. "I am never considered for high-society roles," shared the actor in a new interview.

Speaking to the Bombay Times, Manoj said, "The only film before Gulmohar (2023) where I played a rich guy was Zubeidaa (2001). That was Shyam Benegal's conviction. He was the one who felt that real maharajas were not Greek gods. They looked normal. In Veer-Zaara (2004), I played a politician from Pakistan. I had two scenes in it,



but Yashji (Chopra) was adamant that I do it. He

cast me after watching Pinjar (2003). These

filmmakers had that vision which stems from seeing life up close."

"The roles that I portrayed were mostly set in middle-class and lower middle-class stories. I am never considered for high-society roles. No director could think of me as a rich guy, barring the two stalwarts that I mentioned. This stereotyping exists," the actor added.

Manoj Bajpayee is a National Award-winning actor who has appeared in films such as Gangs of Wasseypur, Shool, Satya, Gulmohar, Joram and Kaun among more.

The actor was last seen in the commercial entertainer Bhaiyya Ji.



## Amit Shah slams Rahul Gandhi, asks if he knows full form of MSP

REWARI, Sep 27 (Agencies): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday trained his guns on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, asking if he knew the full form of MSP as he underlined that the BJP government in Haryana was procuring 24 crops at the minimum support price.

Addressing a poll rally here, Shah also attacked the Congress on the issue of corruption and reservation.

Slamming the Congress on farmers' issue, he said some NGO has told Rahul 'baba' that by saying MSP (minimum support price) he will get votes.

"Rahul baba, do you know full form of MSP. Which crop is of Kharif, which one is of Rabi, do you know," he asked.



Shah said the BJP government in Haryana is procuring 24 crops at MSP. "Let Congress leaders in Haryana tell which Congress-ruled state procures as many crops," he said.

"How many crops bought at MSP in Karnataka and Telan-

gana," he asked.

During Congress rule, paddy was procured at Rs 1300 per quintal, now it is Rs 2300 and if you elect BJP government in Haryana, we will procure paddy at Rs 3,100 (per quintal), he said.

Further attacking the Congress, Shah said it was the Narendra Modi government which fulfilled the long pending demand of One Rank One Pension.

Shah said the BJP undertook equitable development in Haryana and corruption has finished in the last 10 years.

"Congress governments used to run on the basis of cut, commission and corruption while dealers, dalals (middlemen) and 'damads' used to rule. Under BJP government, there are no dealers, 'dalals' while there is no question of 'damad'," the senior BJP leader said.

Haryana goes to polls on October 5 and the results will be declared on October 8.

## Adityanath directs officials to swiftly implement relief measures amid heavy rainfall



LUCKNOW, Sep 27 (Agencies): Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday instructed officials in rain-hit districts to promptly carry out relief operations.

He emphasised the need for officials to monitor the situation on the ground and provide assistance to those impacted, according to an official statement.

The chief minister

directed that families affected by loss of life due to the disaster should receive relief funds immediately, it said.

Additionally, he called for immediate financial assistance to those whose homes or livestock have been damaged, it added.

Several districts in the state have been receiving heavy rain showers of late.

In its forecast for Friday, the India Meteorological Department has warned of very heavy rain, thunderstorm and lightning and squall in Uttar Pradesh.

## 11-year-old boy killed in UP as sacrifice for school's prosperity; owner, principal among five arrested

AGRA, Sep 27 (Agencies): An 11-year-old child was killed as part of an alleged sacrificial ritual performed by the owners of his school in Uttar Pradesh's Hathras to make it more prosperous, police said on Friday.

Besides the owner and director of the school, the principal and two teachers were also arrested for their alleged involvement in the incident, they said.

Police said the postmortem report of the class two student revealed that he was strangled. DL Public School owner Jasodhan Singh, who is said to believe in 'tantrik rituals', asked his son Dinesh Baghel, the director of the school, to sacrifice a child for the prosperity of the school and his family.

Principal Laxman Singh and two teachers - Ramprakash Solanki and Veerpal Singh - have also been held by police.

Police have lodged an FIR against them under the section 103 (1) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, against five of them and they have been sent to jail. "The student has been identified as Kritarth (11) studying in class second of the DL Public school," Ashok Kumar Singh, Additional Superintendent of

Police (ASP), Hathras told agency.

"On September 23, the student was abducted from the school's hostel by teacher Ramprakash Solanki, Dinesh Baghel and school owner Jasodhan Singh. Jasodhan Singh believes in 'tantra' practice and asked his son to sacrifice a child for the prosperity of school and his family," Singh added.

They took the student to a secluded place for the sacrifice but the student woke up and began crying, the officer said.

"After that he was strangled. Another teacher Veerpal Singh and school principal Laxman Singh were also present at the spot and were guarding the place," he said.

Police further said that the accused told the child's parents that Kritarth was not well as was being taken to a hospital in Baghel's car. Family members of the child, however, stopped the car and informed police about Kritarth's death, police said.

"In the police investigation, the accused informed police that the student was killed for 'sacrifice' for the prosperity of school and the owner's family," the ASP said.

## SC notice to Delhi Govt on Hawara's plea seeking transfer from Tihar Jail

NEW DELHI, Sep 27 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Friday issued notice to the Delhi Government on Beant Singh murder case convict Jagtar Singh Hawara's petition seeking his transfer from Tihar Jail in the National Capital to any jail in Punjab.

A Bench led by Justice BR Gavai asked the Delhi Government to respond to Hawara's petition which also sought a direction to produce in court the entire records regarding "his conduct in prison during his incarceration till today."

In an apparent reference to the January 22, 2004, jailbreak incident in which Hawara had escaped from high security Burail jail, Justice Gavai asked senior counsel Colin Gonsalves, who represented the petitioner, "How were you able to dig such a large hole in the jail?"

Gonsalves said 20 years have passed since that incident



and almost 30 years since the assassination.

Hawara (54) - who was re-arrested after a year and put back in jail - submitted that since then his performance in jail has been without any blemish. He contended that all co-accused involved in the jail break were in Punjab jails and the Director General (Prisons) recommended his transfer to a jail in Punjab almost eight years ago on October 7, 2016. He also claimed that there was not a single case pending against him in Delhi.

"Petitioner had 36 false cases foisted on him after the murder of

the Chief Minister Beant Singh. He has been acquitted in all, except one case. He is unable to attend the court proceedings on account of his incarceration in Delhi. He is not being produced in Court and the proceedings are going on without him which is prejudicial to the Petitioner..." Hawara submitted.

"Two of the co-accused against whom it is alleged that they successfully did a jailbreak, i.e. Jagtar Singh Tara and Paramjit Singh Bheora are even today in custody in Punjab," his petition read.

Former Punjab Chief Minister Beant Singh and 16 others were killed on August 31, 1995, in an explosion outside the Civil Secretariat in Chandigarh on August 31, 1995. Hawara was arrested on September 21, 1995.

A special CBI court had awarded the death sentence to Balwant Singh Rajoana and Jagtar Singh Hawara in 2007 while co-accused Lakhwinder Singh,

Gurmeet Singh and Shamsher Singh were sentenced to life imprisonment for hatching a conspiracy to assassinate the former chief minister.

However, the Punjab and Haryana High Court in October 2010 modified Hawara's sentence to life imprisonment for the rest of his life and the prosecution's appeal against the high court's order was pending in the Supreme Court.

Rajoana's mercy petition has been hanging fire for more than 12 years. On Tuesday, the top court asked the Centre and the Punjab Government to respond to Rajoana's petition for commutation of his death penalty on the ground the Centre has failed to take a decision on his March 25, 2012 mercy petition till date. On May 3, 2023, it had refused to commute his death sentence to life imprisonment and asked the Centre to take decision on his mercy plea "as and when it is deemed necessary".

## Silent spectators: Supreme Court blasts air quality panel over Delhi pollution

NEW DELHI, Sep 27 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Friday came down heavily on the central air quality panel for not taking any action on local officers amid a rise in crop burning in north Indian states, which leads to air pollution in Delhi. The development comes as Delhi experienced a significant decline in air quality this week.

Pulling up the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), the court said not a

single committee was formed to tackle the stubble burning issue. "Every year we see stubble burning. There has been total non-compliance of the CAQM Act. Have committees been constituted? Please show us a single step taken. Which directions have you used under the Act? You are silent spectators. You are doing nothing," the court said.

The air quality panel chairperson said that three subcommittees

were holding one meeting every three months.

"We wonder how they are performing those tasks by meeting only once in three months," the top court said.

The CAQM Act provides for the constitution of a commission for better co-ordination, research, identification, and resolution of air pollution-related problems in Delhi-NCR and adjoining regions.

The two-judge bench said efforts were needed to make sure that the

use of stubble burning alternative equipment was used at grassroots level. The court also noted that there were hardly any directions issued under the Act and no action was being taken for violations.

The Supreme Court also said the CAQM had vast powers, including directing closure of polluting units. The top court asked the panel to place on record the details of its meetings held and decisions taken.

"Though the commission has taken certain steps, it needs to be more active, and it must ensure that its efforts and directions actually translate into reducing the problem of pollution," the court said.

Ahead of winter, Delhi grapples with an air quality crisis every year, which spikes to hazardous levels around Diwali. Stubble burning in the neighbouring states of Haryana and Punjab is among the major air pollution contributors.

## 2 engineering college buses collide in Telangana, 1 dead, 10 students injured



HYDERABAD, Sep 27 (Agencies): One died and several were injured after two buses from an engineering college collided near a temple in Telangana's Medak district on Friday

morning. The crash took place around 9:00 am as both buses were reportedly travelling at high speeds.

One driver died at the scene, while the other driver suffered injuries.

Ten students, belonging to B V Raju Institute of Technology, on board sustained serious injuries and were transported to a local hospital with assistance from nearby residents.

The college management confirmed that plans are in place to transfer the critically injured students to Hyderabad for further medical treatment.

Authorities from Narsapur police have initiated an investigation into the incident to establish the cause of the collision.

## Second Mpox case confirmed in Kerala, Ernakulam man tests positive

KERALA, Sep 27 (Agencies): A second case of mpox was confirmed in Kerala on Friday after an Ernakulam native tested positive for the virus. According to Kerala Health department sources, the man's condition is stable, and he is undergoing treatment at a hospital.

The strain of the mpox virus is yet to be determined.

Earlier on September 18, the first case of mpox virus was confirmed in Kerala's Malappuram after a man who recently returned to the state from UAE tested posi-

tive for the virus.

The Union Health Ministry issued an advisory on Thursday to all states and union territories in the view of mpox infection and asked to maintain measures against the virus.

The Health Department has issued an advisory warning against the spread of mpox infection.

The advisory highlights that the clinical presentation of mpox clade I in adults is similar to that of clade II, but clade I infections may carry a higher risk of complications.

Dated September 26,

the advisory mandates the isolation of suspected mpox cases and the enforcement of strict infection prevention and control measures.

Health Secretary Apurva Chandra stressed the importance of implementing key public health measures to curb the spread of mpox nationwide.

The department has also provided protocols for clinical management, infection prevention practices, and a risk communication strategy, along with a list of laboratories equipped for testing.

## 'Silent revolution': Minister says women in india's labour force doubled in 7 years

NEW DELHI, Sep 27 (Agencies): Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Friday revealed that the number of women in India's labour force has doubled in the past seven years, and they are now working more hours than men in some sectors. He hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's policies for reshaping women's roles in the workforce.

The Union Minister described this shift as a 'silent revolution' in India's labour force, led by the nation's women.

A government press release quoting him stated, "India's workforce is now witnessing what no one expected...



Women are leading the charge, taking on greater responsibilities and breaking barriers like never before!"

Mr Mandaviya noted that recent data shows a major increase in women's labor force participation in India.

"Indian women are

stepping out, taking charge, and doing it in a way no one saw coming. We should talk about this more," he added.

He credited Prime Minister Modi's initiatives for placing women at the forefront of this movement.

"Pradhan Mantri Mudra

Yojana, Stand-Up India, Skill India - these aren't token policies, but tectonic policy shifts in how we see women as drivers of India's growth," he proclaimed.

BJP leader Smriti Irani also highlighted the demanding hours women are putting in, especially in high-demand fields such as professional, scientific, and technical activities. She pointed out that Indian women are now working more hours per week than their counterparts in many other countries. "Women are no longer the silent workforce; in fact, they are working more hours than ever, some even

over 55 hours a week, in professional, scientific, and technical fields! Indian women are working themselves to the bone, putting in more hours than men across sectors," Ms Irani said.

Ms Irani brought to focus the need for businesses, industries, society, and women themselves to acknowledge the sacrifices women are making.

"Prime Minister Modi has set the stage, but now it's time for everyone to embrace the sacrifices women are making and ensure that this silent revolution becomes impossible to ignore," she said.



## Shigeru Ishiba, 67, is Japan's new PM after winning closely fought polls

*Shigeru Ishiba will be sworn in as Japan's 102nd Prime Minister by the Diet on October 1, the same day Fumio Kishida officially steps down from the role.*

TOKYO, Sep 27 (Agencies): Former Defence Minister Shigeru Ishiba successfully secured the role of Japan's Prime Minister on his fifth attempt, prevailing in a competitive race among nine candidates vying to succeed Fumio Kishida.

Ishiba will be sworn in as Japan's 102nd Prime Minister by the Diet on October 1, the same day Fumio Kishida officially steps down from the role.

The 67-year-old Shigeru Ishiba triumphed over hard-line nationalist Sanae Takaichi in a run-off vote, capping one of Japan's most unpredictable leadership elections in decades, with a record nine candidates in the race, news agency reported.

As leader of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), which has dominated Japan's post-war political landscape, Ishiba is assured of becoming the next Prime Minister due to the party's



majority in parliament.

The race to replace current Prime Minister Fumio Kishida began in August after he announced his decision to step down following a series of scandals that sent the LDP's approval ratings to record lows.

"We must believe in the people, speak the truth with courage and sincerity, and work together to make Japan a safe and secure country where everyone can live

with a smile once again," Ishiba was quoted as saying by news agency in its report.

Shigeru Ishiba's approach to diplomacy, especially with Japan's closest ally, the United States, will be closely watched, as he has repeatedly advocated for a more balanced bilateral relationship. During his campaign, he also proposed the creation of an "Asian NATO," a move likely to provoke ten-

sions with Beijing, and one that a senior US official has already dismissed as premature.

Following Ishiba's victory, US Ambassador to Japan, Rahm Emanuel, congratulated him in a post on X, expressing his eagerness to work with Ishiba to strengthen the US-Japan alliance.

Who Is Shigeru Ishiba?

Ishiba entered parliament in 1986 after a brief banking career, but his outspoken views have often put him at odds with his own party. He was sidelined by outgoing Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, becoming a dissenting voice within the LDP while enjoying widespread public support, especially among rank-and-file members.

Ishiba has been critical of several policies, including the increased reliance on nuclear energy, and has challenged the party's stance on issues like allowing married couples to retain separate surnames.

## One person dead, dozens rescued by Greek coast guard in 2 migrant boat incidents



ATHENS, Sep 27 (Agencies): A dinghy carrying migrants toward the eastern Greek island of Kos capsized in rough weather overnight, leaving one person dead and 15 others rescued, while dozens more people were rescued from a yacht in southern Greece, the coast guard said Friday.

It said the dinghy was carrying 16 people when it capsized south-east of Kos near the Turkish coast. A coast

guard vessel rescued 15 people and pulled an unresponsive woman from the water. Two of the survivors were treated at a hospital.

Separately, another coastguard vessel rescued 78 people from a wooden boat in distress traveling south of the far-southern Greek island of Gavdos, the coast guard said. There were no reports of any injuries or missing people, and the boat's passengers were being transported to the

southern island of Crete.

The rescues came a day after a merchant ship rescued dozens of migrants from a yacht in distress off the southwestern coast of Greece.

The coast guard said about 70 migrants were on the vessel and were being taken to the southern Greek port of Kalamata.

There was no information immediately available on the nationalities of the migrants in any of the incidents.

Typically, smuggling gangs cram dozens of people into yachts, fishing boats or dinghies that leave Turkey for nearby Greek islands or for Italy, traveling through the central Aegean Sea. Each passenger is charged several thousand dollars for the trip.

The route to Italy skirts eastern Aegean waters that are heavily patrolled by Greece's coast guard.

## Kamala Harris leads Trump in several battleground states, say polls

WASHINGTON, Sep 27 (Agencies): US Vice-President Kamala Harris has taken the lead over her Republican presidential rival Donald Trump in several key battleground states like Arizona, Michigan and Pennsylvania, according to various polls released here.

Harris, the Democratic presidential candidate, enjoys a slight lead over former president Trump in Michigan, as per the latest poll released by UMass Lowell's Center for Public Opinion and YouGov. Harris is slightly leading 48 per cent to 43 per cent in the Great Lakes State against Trump, it said.

"For a swing state, this margin is good news for the vice president's campaign," Rodrigo Castro Cornejo, UMass Lowell political science assistant professor and

Center for Public Opinion associate director, said.

If Trump wants to beat this margin, he has an uphill battle to fight in the Great Lakes State. "The Trump campaign," Castro Cornejo said, "has a negative favorability in Michigan that needs to be overcome if they want to remain competitive in the state."

Harris stands at 48 per cent against Trump's 46 per cent in Pennsylvania, the UMass Lowell's Center for Public Opinion said.

"The presidential race remains very close in Pennsylvania with the coming weeks a crucial time for both campaigns," Cornejo said.

"As can be expected in a highly competitive race with few undecided voters, get-out-the-vote strategies will become increasingly important to

mobilise supporters and ensure they go to the polls on Election Day," he said.

According to a new poll from Fox News, Harris has a slight lead over Trump in Georgia but trails behind in Arizona.

In Georgia, Harris has 51 per cent of votes against Trump's 48 per cent, the poll said. However, in Arizona, as per the Fox News poll, Trump leads Harris by a similar margin. He has the support of 51 per cent against Harris' 48 per cent.

According to Real Clear Politics, which tracks all major polls, Trump trails Harris by two percentage points nationally, while in the battleground states, it is a statistical tie. Harris leads Trump by 0.3 percentage points in battleground states, it said.

## Embarrassment for China as its nuclear-powered submarine sinks: Report

WASHINGTON, Sep 27 (Agencies): China's newest nuclear-powered attack submarine sank earlier this year, a senior US defense official said, a potential embarrassment for Beijing as it seeks to expand its military capabilities.

China already has the largest navy in the world, with over 370 ships, and it has embarked on production of a new generation of nuclear-armed submarines.

A senior US defence official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said China's new first-in-class nuclear-powered attack submarine sank alongside a pier sometime between May and June.

A Chinese embassy spokesperson in Washington said they had no information to provide.

"We are not familiar with the situation you mentioned and currently have no information to provide," the Chinese official said.

The official said it was not clear what caused it to sink or whether it had nuclear fuel on



board at the time.

"In addition to the obvious questions about training standards and equipment quality, the incident raises deeper questions about the PLA's internal accountability and oversight of China's defence industry - which has long been plagued by corruption," the official said, using an acronym for the People's Liberation Army.

"It's not surprising that the PLA Navy would try to conceal" the sinking, the official added.

Speaking in Taipei on Friday, Taiwan Defence Minister Wel-

ington Koo said authorities "have a grasp of the situation through multiple intelligence and surveillance methods", but did not elaborate.

Taiwan, which China views as its own territory, keeps a close watch on the latter's military activities. In June, pictures appeared online of a Chinese nuclear submarine surfacing in the Taiwan Strait near Taiwan fishermen.

The Chinese submarine news was first reported by the Wall Street Journal.

A series of satellite images

from Planet Labs from June appear to show cranes at the Wuchang shipyard, where the submarine would have been docked.

As of 2022, China had six nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines, six nuclear-powered attack submarines and 48 diesel-powered attack submarines, according to a Pentagon report on China's military. That submarine force is expected to grow to 65 by 2025 and 80 by 2035, the US Defense Department has said.

On Wednesday, China said it had successfully conducted a rare launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile into the Pacific Ocean, a move likely to raise international concerns about the country's nuclear build-up.

The United States and China held theater-level commander talks for the first time earlier this month, amid efforts to stabilize military ties and avoid misunderstandings, especially in regional hot spots such as the South China Sea.

## Belgian PM blasts Pope Francis for Catholic Church's sex abuse cover-up legacy in blistering welcome

BRUSSELS, Sep 27 (Agencies): Belgium's prime minister blasted Pope Francis for the Catholic Church's horrific legacy of clerical sex abuse and cover-ups, demanding "concrete steps" to come clean with the past and put victims' interests ahead of those of the institution in a blistering welcome at the start of Francis' visit on Friday.

The speech by Prime Minister Alexander De Croo was one of the most pointed ever directed at the pope during a foreign trip, where the genteel dictates of diplomatic protocol usually keeps outrage out of the public speeches. But even King Philippe had strong words for Francis, demanding the church work "incessantly" to atone for the crimes and help victims heal.

Their tone underscored just how raw the abuse scandal still is in Belgium, where two decades of revelations of abuse and systematic cover-ups have devastated the hierarchy's credibility and contributed to an overall decline in Catholicism and the influence of the once-powerful Catholic Church.

Francis applauded at the end of De Croo's speech, and was expected to meet with victims in private later Friday.

"Today, words alone do not suffice. We also need concrete steps," De Croo said. "Victims need to be heard. They need to be at the center. They have a right to truth. Misdeeds need to be recognized," he said in front

of an audience of royals, church officials, diplomats and politicians at Laeken Castle, the residence of Belgium's royal family.

"When something goes wrong we cannot accept cover-ups," he said. "To be able to look into the future, the church needs to come clean on its past."

Revelations of Belgium's horrific abuse scandal have dribbled out in bits over a quarter century, punctuated by a bombshell in 2010, when the country's longest-serving bishop, Bruges Bishop Roger Vangheluwe, was allowed to resign without punishment after admitting he had sexually abused his nephew for 13 years.

Francis only defrocked Vangheluwe earlier this year, in a move clearly designed to remove a lingering source of outrage among Belgians before his visit.

Outrage about church sex abuse was reignited last year, when a four-episode Flemish documentary showed Belgian victims telling their stories on camera. "God-vergeten" (Godforsaken) aired on public broadcaster VRT in the weeks surrounding a royal visit to the Vatican during which Francis was invited to Belgium.

For the first time, Flemish viewers at home saw victims explain the scope of the scandal in their community, the depravity of the crimes, and the systematic cover-up by the Catholic hierarchy.

Amid the public outrage that ensued, both a Flanders parliamentary committee and Belgium's

federal parliament opened official inquiries and heard months of testimony from victims, experts and the Catholic hierarchy.

Their testimonies cast new attention on a scandal that had already been blamed for a steep decline in the Catholic Church over a generation in Belgium, where church authorities have stopped publishing weekly Mass attendance figures as the monthly rate sits in the single digits.

The pope also referred to abuse in his remarks, insisting that the church was "addressing firmly and decisively" the problem by implementing prevention programs, listening to victims and accompanying them to heal.

But after the astonishing dressing down by the prime minister and king, Francis went off-script to express the shame of the church for the scandal and voice his commitment to ending it.

"The church must be ashamed and ask forgiveness and try to resolve this problem, and put all the possibilities in place so that this doesn't happen again," Francis said. "For even one (victim), we must ask forgiveness."

Victims, however, have demanded the church do far more, including implementing robust reparations programs to compensate them for their trauma and pay for the lifelong therapy many need. Some penned a letter demanding such a reparations program, which they planned to deliver to Francis in their private meeting.

## Bangladesh's Muhammad Yunus reveals 'brains' behind Sheikh Hasina's ouster



DHAKA, Sep 27 (Agencies): Dr Muhammad Yunus, chief adviser to Bangladesh's interim government, revealed the "brains" behind the populist movement that ended ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's 16-year rule.

Yunus, speaking at the Clinton Global Initiative on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly, introduced three key figures from the student-led 'Monsoon Revolution', which toppled the Awami League government.

"They shook the whole nation by their speech-

es, by their dedication,

their commitment," Yunus said, while sharing the stage with former US President Bill Clinton. He added that the students had risked their lives and refused to back down during the protests.

The Nobel laureate specifically named Mahfuz Alam, his special assistant, as the "brains behind the whole revolution."

"He denies it repeatedly. He says not me, many others. But that is how he is recognised, that he is the brain behind the whole thing,"

Yunus said. The interim government adviser noted that the revolution was not a sudden outburst but a meticulously designed and disciplined movement.

"It was organised in such a way that no single leader could be singled out or arrested," Yunus explained, calling this aspect a key strength of the uprising. He also shared stories of the previous government's violent actions against student protesters and how students courageously stood against bullets.

The student-led protests, which began in July 2024, were ignited by the reinstatement of a controversial job quota system, a decision that revived long-standing frustrations among students and the broader public.

The quota system, previously abolished in 2018 after student protests, sparked widespread demonstrations over several weeks, ultimately leading to

the collapse of Hasina's government. The violent crackdown on protesters by Hasina's government resulted in nearly 450 deaths and the detention of thousands, including hundreds of students. Despite attempts by Hasina and her allies to suppress the movement by accusing opposition parties of exploiting the protests, the sustained student uprising forced her resignation.

Several prominent student activists were later given influential positions in the military-backed caretaker regime. Notably, Nahid Islam, a 26-year-old sociology student and face of the protests, was appointed as an adviser in the information and telecommunications ministry.

Mahfuz Alam, meanwhile, was named special assistant to Yunus shortly after he took the reins of the interim government. Alam, a coordinator of the students' agitation, studied law at Dhaka University.



## Bahu Constituency's future bright: Samriti Irani endorses Randhawa



### Top News Report

Jammu, Sep 27: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader, Former Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Smriti Irani, Ex MP Jamiyong Tsering Namgyal addresses the mega public rally in Bahu fort, an important part of Bahu constituency, in favor of BJP candidate for Bahu constituency Vikram Randhawa. The event was attended by prominent figures, including BJP District President Jammu South, Rekha Mahajan, and others who were present on the occasion.

Smriti Irani emphasized the BJP's commitment to providing basic facilities to the people of J&K, urging voters to support

Randhawa, the popular candidate for Bahu Constituency. She criticized Congress and regional parties for betraying the public's trust in J&K. She said that the NC, PDP, and Congress—the trio—have halted the progress of Jammu and Kashmir. "We have to take a pledge that people should not vote for such parties who have halted the progress of Jammu and Kashmir," Smriti Irani added.

Randhawa said, "Under the BJP government at the center of IIT and IIM, AIIMS, express highways were built in J&K. After Article 370 was abrogated, Dalits, Gorkhas, and deprived have got protection under the constitution. He assured voters that he would fulfill their desires, developing

Bahu Constituency as a model. He garnered support from voters, promising to address their concerns. He slammed Congress and regional parties for their past betrayals. Randhawa's vision for Bahu Constituency aligns with the BJP's agenda for J&K's growth. With the third phase of polling approaching, this public meeting aimed to rally support for Randhawa and the BJP.

As J&K prepares for the third phase of polling, Randhawa's commitment to development and public service has resonated with voters. With Smriti Irani and other prominent BJP leaders backing him, Randhawa is poised to make a significant impact in Bahu Constituency.

## Old Pension Scheme Will Be Restored: Sawhney

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 27: Yogesh Sawhney, the Congress-NC candidate for the Jammu East Assembly constituency and former Minister, made a strong statement on Friday regarding the revocation of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) in Jammu. He expressed deep concern over its impact on vulnerable groups, particularly elderly citizens, specially-abled individuals, and women, who have been left facing financial insecurity.

Sawhney emphasized that since the introduction of the New Pension Scheme (NPS), many pensioners have struggled to make ends meet. He noted that the OPS served as a vital safety net, and its cancellation has created a sense of uncertainty for those who relied on a fixed pension.

"Innumerable elderly citizens, especially women and the differently-abled, have been facing hardships due to the lack of a reliable pension system. The OPS was their right, and its revocation



has only added to their struggles. It is our duty to ensure they live with dignity and security," Sawhney stated.

Assuring constituents that the Congress party will prioritize the restoration of the OPS, Sawhney argued that reinstating this scheme would not only alleviate distress for retired employees but also restore their faith in the governmental system. "The restoration of the OPS will bring back financial security to the thousands who have served the government and the people faithfully over the years," he added.

Sawhney's commitment to the old pension scheme reflects a broader promise to support the rights and needs of Jammu's elderly population as the election approaches.

## YCET conducts placement drive for students

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 27: A placement drive by Pisoft informatics was conducted for the students of Yogananda College of Engineering & Technology (YCET). Pisoft Informatics Pvt. Ltd. is a rapidly growing Mohali-based IT company, providing ERP Solutions, Software Development, Website Development, Design & Implementation, Web Services, Domain Registration, Hosting, Networking, AMC's and Online/Offline Technical Support. This company provides a web-based management system that is "PisoftERP". It is used by companies to automate their businesses and manage their business-related tasks with more ease. As we know that different businesses have variations in their way of working so Pisoft-ERP has sub-categories for their ERP system. This ensures businesses opt for the ERP that suits their business better. For example Finance Service Management ERP (FSME) for any finance-related business and

Education System Management ERP (ESME) for any educational institute, college, or university. In a nutshell, Pisoft ERP deals in majority 6 industries to provide ERP solutions. It involves Finance, Education, Tour & Travel, Automobile Industry, Medical & healthcare, and Service Industry.

The Placement Cell of YCET played a pivotal role in organizing the event, which witnessed active participation from officials of the participating company. The college's focus on career counseling and industry-oriented skill development was evident, enabling students to excel during the placement process. The officials from the company and Yogananda College of Engineering and Technology were involved to properly drive the placement process. The students at YCET put in a lot of preparation towards the placement drive. The drive, which was open to all Final Year B.E. students at YCET, offered diverse job profiles, including Technical Support Executive, Customer Care Executive, E-Commerce Customer

Service Representatives, Construction Engineers, and Software Engineers. The placement started with the aptitude test followed by a technical interview and ended up with the Hr round. Total of 11 students were selected for the final round and among them Vikrant Singh from the computer science department was selected.

The program was organized by Dean Academics Dinesh Gupta, and was well coordinated by Rajnish Magotra, (HoD, Civil Engineering Department), Loveneesh Talwar (HoD, Electrical Department, YCET), Er. Anshu (CSE Department), Inderdeep Singh (HoD, Mechanical Department, YCET) along with the placement coordinators of Ycet. Jamwal Group of Educational Institutions (JGEI), Jammu Chairman Er. Vidhi S. Singh Jamwal, Vice-Chairman Shiv Dev Singh Jamwal, Managing Director Er. Renu Bangroo, Director, YCET, Dr. Mukesh Kumar Rana, Dean Academics YCET, Dinesh Gupta and Chief Coordinator, YCET, B.R Verma congratulated the selected students.

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## World has understood that J&K is integral part of India: Rajeev Chandrasekhar

J&K will also take part in fulfilling Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dream of a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047," he asserted.

This year, speaking at the UNGA in New York on Tuesday, Erdogan marked a significant departure from his usual stance, where he has consistently raised the issue of J&K, particularly after India abrogated Article 370 and removed the Special Status of the region.

Erdogan's comments were seen as unwarranted interference in India's internal matters, and New Delhi repeatedly dismissed them as such.

Since 2019, Erdogan has used his UNGA platform to criticise India's policy in J&K, claiming that peace, prosperity, and stability were lacking in the Valley.

Shortly after India's decision to revoke Article 370, Erdogan had stated at the UNGA, "In order for the Kashmiri people to look at a safe future together with their Pakistani and Indian neighbours, it is imperative to solve the problem through dialogue and on the basis of justice and equity, not through clashes."

Erdogan this year focussed primarily on the Israel-Gaza conflict, sharply criticising the UN for what he described as turning the Palestinian territory into the "world's largest cemetery."

His decision to avoid mentioning Kashmir was notable, though the reasons were not clear. India's global standing might have influenced Erdogan's choice and his softened stance on Kashmir could be a diplomatic move to foster better relations with the country.

## HC bail direction ordering closure of Youtube Channel 'Unwarranted', 'Extraneous': SC

Jerald has been already released on bail. "One of the bail conditions (imposed by the high court) asking him to close down his YouTube channel was unwarranted and extraneous and we accordingly set aside that condition," the bench said, adding the other bail conditions will remain operational.

Jerald was arrested for hosting an "objectionable" interview of another YouTuber Savukku Shankar on his YouTube channel. Shankar was also arrested.

In the interview, Shankar made certain comments against Madras High Court judges and women police officers of the state. The high court, which granted bail to both YouTubers, had asked Jerald to close down his channel as one of the conditions.

Earlier, the bench had issued a notice to the state government and stayed the particular direction on closure of the channel. It, however, had asked him to comply with other bail conditions.

"You are making scurrilous allegations against the judiciary and all women IPS officers. Why do you host such interviews?" the CJJ had asked.

Sankaranarayanan had said such an interview should not have been shown.

The senior lawyer, however, said the channel has 2.4 million subscribers and the direction for its closure is harsh.

On September 25, the top court ordered "forthwith" release of co-accused and YouTuber Shankar who was detained just after his release under the Tamil Nadu Goondas Act.

The order had come after the Tamil Nadu government apprised the bench that the state have revoked his detention order following the opinion of an advisory board on the issue.

Shankar (48) was arrested by the Coimbatore Police from southern Theni on May 4 for alleged derogatory statements about women police personnel and some Madras High Court judges in an interview on the YouTube channel "RedPix 24x7" on April 30, which led to several FIRs against him.

Besides these cases, the YouTuber also faces a case lodged by the Theni Police for the alleged possession of 'ganja'.

## Change from SC to General, RS Pura-Jammu South Seat brings new dynamics into play

illustrious figures to the assembly, and the stakes are now even higher with its newly drawn boundaries post-delimitation in 2022.

R S Pura-Jammu South, a new and fiercely contested assembly seat, is set for a tough fight between two-time MLA and former minister Raman Bhalla of the Congress and BJP candidate Dr Narinder Singh Raina. Bhalla is facing an acid test to reclaim the seat for the Congress after 22 years.

The seat is also grabbing attention due to a heavyweight fight involving former minister and Progressive Alliance Democratic Party (PDAP) candidate Chaudhary Garu Ram and People's Democratic Party's (PDP's) Narendra Sharma, among 14 candidates aiming to influence the outcome.

Caste and regional identities will shape the contest in the constituency which was reserved for the Scheduled Castes (SCs) from 1996 to 2014.

One of Jammu's most significant seats, R S Pura-Jammu South has a storied history, producing political stalwarts such as veteran Congress leader Dr Karan Singh and PDP founder and former chief minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed, who won the seat in 1967 and 1985 respectively.

"This election season, the seat has become a political hotspot as candidates strive to win over a complex electorate split across regional and caste lines. Although there is a four-cornered contest between the Congress, BJP, DPAP and PDP, the real fight is between Bhalla and Raina," political expert Vikar Kumar said.

As a constituency comprising majority of Basmati rice fields along the borderline with Pakistan and newly added areas of Jammu South — part of the capital city following the 2022 delimitation — the fight has become very interesting, he added.

For the Congress, former two-time minister Raman Bhalla, who won the Gandhi Nagar assembly seat in 2002 and 2008, is banking on the basis of his strong perfor-

mance during the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, when he garnered more votes from this assembly segment than BJP's sitting MP Jugal Kishore Sharma.

Gandhi Nagar assembly seat is a part of the Jammu Lok Sabha constituency.

Bhalla, who lost the 2024 parliamentary elections to BJP's Sharma, took a lead of nearly 10,000 votes in hi Gandhi Nagar assembly segment.

"We will not only win this seat but also secure alliance seats in Jammu and Kashmir and form a government. We will reclaim this seat for the Congress as we have a significant edge," Bhalla told agency.

Bhalla, whose political existence also hinges on this election after two defeats in Lok Sabha elections in 2019 and 2024 as well as the 2014 assembly elections, said people are fully supporting the Congress due to their dissatisfaction with the BJP government and Lt Governor (LG) rule over a decade.

"People are distressed by the harsh measures across all fronts, including smart meters, unemployment and land laws," Bhalla, who is conducting door-to-door campaigns, corner meetings and public rallies in the constituency to woo voters, said. Star campaigners including Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and former Rajasthan deputy chief minister Sachin Pilot have addressed rallies in his constituency to woo voters.

On the other side, BJP's Narinder Singh Raina, who also is the party's national secretary, is relying on the BJP's enduring support base.

Raina, who is campaigning on the development agenda of the party and the image of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, belongs to the Sikh community which has a sizable population in the constituency.

"We have undertaken massive development works, welfare measures and reservations including for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and OBCs. Border peace is permanent. It suffered during previous regimes when border residents lost lives and properties in Pakistan's firing and shelling," Raina said.

The BJP candidate, whose challenge is to seek a hat-trick for the party to win this seat again, said people want this development journey to continue under the party's government, ensuring peace, progress and prosperity in the region.

"They fully support us. We will win the seat and form a majority government in J&K," Raina, supported by star campaigners including Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and several Union ministers, said.

Both candidates face distinct challenges. While Bhalla needs to secure backing from R S Pura's rural and border voters, Raina is focused on drawing support from the urban electorate in Jammu South. This tug-of-war has placed local issues like road connectivity, healthcare facilities and power supply at the forefront of campaign discussions.

Apart from them, prominent Jat leader and Gulam Nabi Azad's party candidate Choudhary Garu Ram, who won the seat in 2002, said, "I am hopeful of victory with the support of my people. DPAP has made inroads in the constituency in the past two years," Ram, whose community also has a sizable population here, told agency.

The RS Pura-Jammu South seat has been historically competitive, with BJP's Gagan Bhagat and Garu Ram Bhagat

winning in 2014 and 2008 respectively, and Congress' Suman Lata Bhagat in 2002.

With over 1,30,000 voters, the race is wide open as the constituency heads to the polls in the third and final phase on October 1. As election day approaches, the battle for R S Pura-Jammu South is shaping up to be one of the most closely-watched contests in J&K.

## Railways to run nearly 6,000 special trains this festive season: Vaishnav

of 5,975 special trains have been notified so far for this year's festival season, up from 4,429 last year.

"This will facilitate more than one crore passengers to go home during this puja rush," he said.

Durga Puja begins on October 9, Diwali will be celebrated on October 31 while Chhath Puja will take place on November 7 and 8 this year.

## 20 injured in road accident during election rally in North Kashmir

Mohi Ud Din, a vehicle that was part of the rally, coming from Kamalkote to Uri, met with an accident near the Salamabad area. In this incident, 20 people were injured, four of whom are said to be in critical condition.

All the injured persons were shifted to a nearby hospital, with the four critical cases being referred to GMC Baramulla for advanced treatment, they said.

Meanwhile, a senior police officer said that an FIR has been lodged in this regard, and an investigation has been initiated. More details will follow.

## Gulmarg's Affarwat receives season's first snowfall, rains lash J&K parts

other reaches during tonight," the Meteorological Centre Srinagar said.

Srinagar and other plains of Kashmir Valley received light to moderate rainfall, resulting in a drop in the temperature.

Kashmir Valley experienced hot and humid weather conditions during the past fortnight, and the change in the weather system brings much needed relief for the people all across.

Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded an all-time second-highest September maximum temperature at 33.8-C after 54 years on September 22.

The MeT office predicted that the weather will generally remain cloudy today with brief showers during the daytime while a spell of light to moderate rain/thunder at many places towards late night/morning of September 28.

The weather will generally remain dry with a brief spell of rain/thunder at isolated places on September 28 to 30, and from October 1 to 6, the weather will remain dry.

The MeT office has also issued an advisory stating that there is a possibility of thunderstorms, lightning, or gusty winds at

isolated places with the possibility of light snow over a few higher reaches tonight.

"Farmers are advised to safely store the harvested crops and resume harvesting and other farm operations from tomorrow," it said.

Except Gulmarg, the night temperature recorded during the intervening nights of Thursday and Friday was 5 to 6 degrees Celsius above normal, and the day temperature recorded on Thursday was also 4 to 6 degrees Celsius above normal across the Kashmir valley.

## Reasi terror attack: NIA searches underway in two districts of J-K

searches at seven locations in Jammu and Kashmir, they said.

Nine persons, including seven pilgrims from outside Jammu and Kashmir, were killed and 41 injured when terrorists opened fire at the bus on June 9. The bus, on its way from the Shiv Khori temple to Katra, veered off the road following a barrage of gunfire and fell into a deep gorge near Teryath village of Pouni area in Reasi.

A two-year-old boy from Rajasthan and a 14-year-old from Uttar Pradesh were also among the dead.

On June 17, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) handed over the terror attack case to the NIA.

One person, Hakam Khan of Rajouri, who allegedly provided food, shelter and logistics to the terrorists besides helping them recce the area before the attack, has been arrested in connection with the case so far.

Officials said multiple NIA teams are carrying out searches in Rajouri and Reasi districts in connection with the Shiv Khori terror attack case since this morning.

The searches are underway and further details are awaited, they said.

NIA had also conducted searches at five locations linked to hybrid terrorists and their overground workers in Rajouri on June 30.

## Admin forms panel for five new Districts in Ladakh

namely Sham, Nubra, Changthang, Zaskar and Drass in the UT of Ladakh, and as per the directions conveyed therein, a committee is hereby constituted to assess various aspects related to the formation of new districts such as their headquarters, boundaries, structure, creation of post, any other aspect." The panel is led by retired IAS officer Pramod Kumar Jain, two retired IAS officers Kacho Asfandyar Khan and Tsering Anghok are members and Deputy Commissioners of Leh and Kragil are ex-officio Members.

## Silent protest against detention of NC-Congress youth leader, others held in Bandipora

GOI and ECI that what message they are trying to give to the youth of J&K."

The protestors said they request ECI and GOI to release the youth so that elections are held peacefully.



## Central University of Jammu organizes session on Resume Building by Community College

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 27: Central University of Jammu (CUJ), Community College organized a Resume Building Workshop for the students of B. Voc. 5th semester on Friday.

Under the patronage of Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, the workshop was planned and executed by Dr. Naresh Kumar Sharma, Principal Community College and Dr. Shahid Mushtaq, Nodal officer, Community



College.

Viraj Magotra, Training and Placement Officer, Central University of Jammu, was the resource person, who

guided the students about the process of building a resume.

He also impressed upon the learners to evaluate themselves in terms

of their strengths and weaknesses and analyse their opportunities and threats so as to work on their weaknesses to achieve success in the

dynamic environment.

The students were accompanied by faculty members viz. Kohit Tagotra, Preeti Salathia, Prinka Dogra and Dr. Payal Gandotra.

Towards the end Dr. Payal Gandotra thanked Viraj Magotra for guiding the students to build an impressive resume.

In response Viraj Magotra assured the students to provide all the required help to get their internship for their 6th semester which is a part of their curriculum.

## SPPND GDC Samba organizes discussion on "Vital Role of Youth in Strengthening Electoral Process"

Top News Report

SAMBA, Sep 27: PRAVAAD Electoral Literacy Club, Shri Pandit Prem Nath Dogra Government Degree College Samba hosted a thought-provoking group discussion centered around the theme, "The Vital Role of Youth in Strengthening the Electoral Process" under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri, Principal of the College.

This engaging event aimed to enlighten students on the importance of youth participation in the electoral process. With an enthusiastic turnout from students across various disciplines, the discussion highlighted

how the involvement of young individuals is crucial for fostering a vibrant and inclusive democratic environment.

Participants shared insights on the responsibilities of youth as informed voters, advocates for change and leaders in their communities.

The session began with a keynote address from Dr. Shaveta Chowdhary, Nodal Officer SVEEP who emphasized the transformative power of youth engagement in elections underscoring the potential impact of young voters on shaping policies and governance.

Following the keynote, students participated in

small group discussions where they explored topics such as the significance of informed voting, the role of social media in mobilizing youth and strategies to encourage greater electoral participation among their peers.

The discussions were characterized by passionate exchange of ideas, showcasing the innovative spirit of the youth in addressing challenges in the electoral landscape.

The event concluded with a call to action, encouraging students to become ambassadors of electoral literacy within their communities and to participate actively in upcoming elections.

## JKBS grieves unfortunate demise of Asha Devi

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 27: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha at a condolence meet held here today, condoled the sad and untimely demise of Asha Devi resident of Sheikh Nagar Bahu Fort Jammu.

Strange are the ways of God. Nobody knows what happens next, said JKBS's General Secretary R.L. Kaithi adding that Asha Devi had all the qualities of head, heart and soul. In every step, she supported and encouraged her husband

Ashok Kumar Motan. Whether day or night she was always there for him no matter what the condition was.

May God rest her noble soul in peace and give strength to her bereaved family to bear this immeasurable loss boldly, prayed all JKBS members, who included Messers Hans Raj Loria, Dilay Ram Kaithi, Havildar Des Raj Kaithi, Rachhpal Kaithi, Tilak Raj Bassa, Madan Raj Kaithi, Naresh Kumar, Jagdish Kaithi, Shashi Kumar and Deepak Jyoti.

## Symposium organised on Gandhi Ji at GDC Thathri

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Sep 27: NSS Unit of GDC Thathri in collaboration with Literary Committee organized a symposium to commemorate the life and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi under the overall supervision of Dr. Javed Iqbal, Principal of the College.

The event started with the welcome address presented by Dr. Sanjay Kumar NSS PO whereas Prof. Deepak Raj HoD English delivered a lecture on the sacrifices and selfless service of Mahatma Gandhi.

The whole event organized under the guidance of Dr. Javed Iqbal Principal of College, who in his address highlighted the great role of Mahatma Gandhi in our struggle for freedom and the relevance of our ideologies

in present time.

He also complemented the committees for organizing such digitally gracious and informative competition.

Other faculty members who were present on the occasion viz, Dr. Javed Shah HoD Urdu, Prof. Arshad Ayoub HoD Political science, Prof. Pooja Devi HoD Hindi.

The Symposium was judged by Prof. Arshad Ayoub, Prof. D Deepak Raj, and Prof. Pooja Devi.

In the event Kulsum Banoo B.A 5th Sem. bagged the 1st prize, Sonica Devi got the 2nd prize and Aqib Rahi got the 3rd prize.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks presented by Dr. Sanjay Kumar NSS PO who lauded the efforts of the organizers for such wonderful success of the programme.

## GDC Kishtwar organizes Art Competition using waste materials

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Sep 27: In a bid to promote cleanliness and sustainability, Government Degree College (GDC) Kishtwar successfully hosted an art competition using waste materials on September 26, 2024. The event, part of the Swachh Bharat Diwas celebrations, was organized by the NCC Senior Wing cadets under the theme "Swachhata Lakshit Ekayi" (Cleanliness Target Unit). The competition aimed to raise awareness about maintaining a clean and hygienic campus environment and saw enthusiastic participation from stu-

dents, faculty, and staff.

The competition was convened by Dr. Tabassum Saleem, CTO of NCC Senior Wing, with full support from the college Principal, Prof. Basharat Iqbal. The event was part of the 9-day Swachh Bharat Diwas celebrations, honoring Mahatma Gandhi's vision of cleanliness and sanitation leading up to his birth anniversary on October 2.

Approximately 50 students, including NCC cadets, participated in the competition, with faculty members Dr. Yasar Ahmed and Dr. Sehrish Gazal also actively contributing. Cadet Nancy

won the first prize for her creative use of waste materials, followed by Cadet Muskan in second place, and Cadet Priya securing third place.

The event concluded with an inspiring speech by Dr. Tabassum Saleem, who emphasized the role of cleanliness in building a healthier society. She encouraged the students to adopt cleanliness not just as a campaign but as a part of their daily routine.

This initiative aligns with the broader Swachh Bharat Mission, which promotes collective efforts toward creating a cleaner, more sustainable India.

## Swachhta Hi Seva Abhiyan 4.0 launched in Central Sanskrit University

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 27: National Service Scheme Unit of Central Sanskrit University, Shri Ranbir Campus, Jammu organized a cleanliness drive in the campus on Friday, under 'Swachhta Hi Seva Abhiyan' 4.0, a cleanliness campaign based on the theme of 'Swachh-Swachhta, Sanskar-Swachhta'.

Campus Director Prof. Shridhar Mishra while addressing the students and staff of the campus said that there is a need to adopt cleanliness in our nature and conduct. For this, there is a requirement to pay special attention to cleanliness in and around our houses.

He appealed to all HoD's and staff to keep all the departments of the university campus clean and beautiful. Calling for running a clean campus, he said that there are high expectations from



the students regarding cleanliness.

He further said that in the modern era, plastic has taken an important place in our lives. Even food items are being packed in plastic. Thermocol glasses and spoons etc. are being used more. We should not throw plastic in the open. It should be collected and disposed at one place. On this occasion he administered the oath of 'Panch Pran' to everyone.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Satish Kumar Kapoor, Associate Director of the campus said

that Swachh Bharat initiative is dedicated to improving all aspects of human life, giving priority to cleanliness and hygiene which eventually will help in creating a healthier and more prosperous society.

Under the "Swachhta Hi Seva" program, the professors, staff and students of the campus visited various buildings of the campus and cleaned and disposed off single use plastic and garbage. On this occasion everyone contributed towards cleanliness. Everyone expressed gratitude on behalf of the NSS Unit.

## Kotli Welfare Trust organizes massive public meeting in support of Arvind Gupta

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 27: The Kotli Welfare Trust, led by Chairman Chandan Datta, organized a significant public meeting on Friday in Rehari Colony to rally support for Jammu West constituency candidate Arvind Gupta. The event witnessed a substantial turnout from residents across the Jammu West constituency, demonstrating overwhelming backing for Gupta's candidacy.

Datta addressed the crowd, emphasizing the long-standing grievances of the displaced persons from Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (POJK) dating back to 1947. He highlighted their demands for recognition and support from elected representatives.

Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, the community has finally gained recognition, receiving the first installment of Rs 5.5 lakh after 70 years. Datta announced plans for a Smriti Chhinna to honor the martyrs from their community, as well as a museum and housing infrastructure to support



the POJK population.

However, Datta stressed that the community's demands extend beyond financial aid. He called for reservations for POJK youth in colleges across India and in government jobs. He also demanded Oahari status for all displaced persons, citing the sacrifices their families have made without receiving their due share from previous governments.

In his appeal to candidate Arvind Gupta, Datta urged him to represent their voices at both the assembly and party levels to address the historical discrimination faced by POJK displaced persons. Gupta assured the audience that if elected, he would prioritize raising these long-standing issues in the assembly and bring them to the attention of the Delhi high command. The gathering con-

cluded with J&K BJP UT President Sat Sharma reinforcing the need for collective action. He urged the people of Jammu West to vote for Gupta, promising that his election would lead to significant changes for the community. Sharma expressed gratitude for Datta's dedication to uniting various segments of society and assured continued support for his initiatives.

Prominent attendees included Rakesh Bajrang, Rakesh Chatter, Tarun Sharma, Varun Gupta, Rajneesh Gupta, Smt. Veenu Khanna, Arun Khanna, Anu Bali, Arun Choudhary, Vikram Suri, and Master Ramesh, an RSS leader, all of whom lent their voices to the cause, emphasizing the importance of unity in pursuing justice and recognition for the displaced community.

## Chander Mohan appeals PM Modi to look into affairs of UT unit of BJP leadership

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 27: Chander Mohan Sharma, a former senior leader of the BJP in the state, has issued a statement appealing to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to review the current leadership of the BJP's UT unit. He expressed concerns over the distribution of mandates for the upcoming assembly elections, alleging that it undermines the party's core principles of inclusivity—specifically, the neglect of OBCs, women, youth, and the working class.

Sharma criticized the party for allegedly violating the principle of zero tolerance toward corruption by granting a mandate to the Sethi family, despite previous allegations of corruption against Smt. Priya Sethi, who was removed from her ministerial role. He pointed out the contradiction between Modi's campaign against dynastic politics and the limited choice offered to party workers, suggesting that loyalty within the state leadership appears to favor one family.

He further lamented that the philosophy of Antyodaya, as envisioned by Pt.



Deendayal Upadhyaya, has been overshadowed by the selection of candidates who are wealthy, while genuine grassroots leaders have been overlooked.

Sharma shared his experiences from the campaign trail, noting significant voter complaints about the BJP candidate from Jammu East, including past incidents of alleged misconduct. He recounted a personal case he encountered as a member of the State Human Rights Commission, involving a Kashmiri girl whose husband was killed in police custody, implicating the Sethi family in covering up the crime.

In closing, Sharma urged voters to make

informed decisions based on ideology and integrity, emphasizing his own long-standing commitment to public service. He reminded constituents that his election symbol is the TORCH, signifying a brighter path forward.

## DM Jammu Cancels Holiday In Educational Institutions On Sept 30

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 27: The District Magistrate of Jammu has canceled the previously issued order for a holiday in educational institutions across the district on September 30, 2024.

## BLSKS celebrates World Tourism Day with cultural showcase

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 27: To mark World Tourism Day 2024 and promote the rich Duggar culture of Jammu and Kashmir, the Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan (BLSKS) presented its 461st Friday Series Dogri Musical Play, "Sadi Virasat," in collaboration with Sangam Tru Art Production. The event, held at Durga Bhawan, Janipur, focused on the theme "Tourism and Peace," emphasizing the vital connection between tourism and global harmony.

The program was inaugurated by Dr. Tara Singh Charak, former Deputy Director of the J&K Health Department, alongside notable guests including V.K. Magotra, former Regional Director of the Directorate of Field Publicity, and Romesh Chander, Event Director at Shash-



vat Art Gallery. They applauded the efforts of the organizers in raising awareness about the importance of tourism in fostering cultural exchange and sustainable development.

The celebration featured an array of performances including skits, nukkad natak, and traditional dances, all designed to highlight the significance of tourism in economic growth and cultural preservation. Songs reflecting

the local heritage were presented, with titles such as "Meri Matti Mera Desh" and "Chann Oh Jija Kiya Jana," which resonated with the audience and celebrated the beauty of Jammu's culture.

Dr. M.L. Dogra, Chairman of BLSKS, emphasized that tourism not only fosters economic development but also promotes peace by bridging cultural divides. He reiterated the need for sustainable tourism

practices that protect natural resources while boosting local economies. The event underscored that tourism is essential for cultural exchange and environmental conservation, encouraging responsible practices that minimize negative impacts on ecosystems.

K.K. Joshi, Vice Chairman, noted that the initiative aims to showcase India's diverse beauty and rich heritage, encour-

aging both domestic and international tourism. He stressed the importance of balancing economic benefits with environmental and social responsibilities to ensure that tourism contributes positively to local communities.

The musical concert featured talented performers, including Usha Raina, Mahesh Chander Kotwal, and Rajni Gupta, who captivated the audience with their energetic performances. The program concluded with a vote of thanks from Master Deepak Kumar, celebrating the collective effort in making the event a resounding success.

The celebration of World Tourism Day by BLSKS highlighted the pivotal role of tourism in promoting peace, cultural heritage, and sustainable development, leaving a lasting impact on all attendees.



## IOA prez, EC members at loggerheads

Members announce Chaubey as CEO without president Usha's approval

NEW DELHI, Sep 27 (Agencies): The rift between Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president PT Usha and the Executive Committee doesn't seem to be ending anytime soon. The Executive Committee meeting that was called to ratify the appointment of Raghuram Iyer as CEO did not bear fruit as all the EC members led by senior vice-president Ajay Patel did not approve his appointment.

Interestingly, all this happened in front of Jerome Poivey — head of NOC Relations Department of the International Olympic Committee — who joined the proceedings through a virtual conference.

The meeting chaired by Usha started on a sour note after the EC members insisted on the discussion on additional 14 agenda items and not on approving Iyer's appointment. The meeting ended without any deliberation as Usha refused to entertain their request and wanted the discussion to happen only around ratification of the CEO.

Patel, treasurer Sahdev Yadav,



Gagan Narang, Rajlaxmi Singh Deo, Alaknanda Ashok, Rohit Rajpal, Bhupender Singh Bajwa, Dola Banerjee and Yogeshwar Dutt all attended the meeting, while Kalyan Chaubey and Lt Gen (ret'd) Harpal Singh joined the meeting virtually.

In fact, the EC members after refusing to ratify Iyer's appointment proposed that a fresh advertisement for the post of CEO should be floated by the IOA.

Visibly upset, Usha criticised the EC members for failing to

deliberate on Iyer's appointment. "They were first saying that the CEO's salary is too high and now when we have agreed to renegotiate the salary they have changed their demands and want us to restart the process of appointment again," Usha said.

"In the meeting where Raghu Iyer's name was put forward, they agreed with a catch that salary has to be negotiated. None of them gave me an upper or lower cap for salary. All they said was 'you negotiate'. It is all

recorded on camera and now they want us to go through the entire process again," she added.

Usha further said that she will pursue this matter as per the constitution provisions because CEO appointment is a must for an organisation like the IOA.

Interestingly, after Usha left the meeting, the rest of the EC members continued with the discussions. In the minutes of the meeting circulated late on Thursday and without the president's approval, they have decided to reappoint Kalyan Chaubey, who is the joint secretary, as the interim CEO till the time a new CEO is appointed.

"The ratification of Mr Iyer as CEO was not approved. Further, it was decided that the process of the appointment of CEO be reinitiated with new terms of reference," the minutes signed by 10 EC members read.

"The members... decided that the acting CEO Sh Kalyan Chaubey who is the joint secretary of the IOA shall continue to discharge the duties as per provisions laid out in the constitution," it added.

## Shakib retires from T20Is, says Kanpur Test could be his last



KANPUR, Sep 27 (Agencies): The second Test against India this week could be Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan's last in this format if he is denied a home farewell next month, the under-pressure player said in an abrupt announcement.

Shakib was a member of parliament for the Awami League led by Sheikh Hasina, whose 15-year rule as prime minister ended in August with her fleeing to India following deadly protests. Shakib is considered the greatest cricketer Bangladesh has produced but his political past places the former captain in a tricky position as an interim government supervises a power transition. Shakib has not been home since protests erupted in July but the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has assured him he will not be harassed on his return.

"I am available for the South Africa series but since there's a lot happen-

ing back home, naturally not everything depends on me," Shakib said. "I have discussed my plans about Test cricket with the BCB..." he said while also announcing his retirement from T20 Internationals with immediate effect.

"If there's a chance and if I can play, the Test in Mirpur will be my last. The board is trying to make it safe for me to go and play... This is my desire ... but this could be my last Test match," he said referring to the second Test against India.

Shakib anticipated no problem going home but was sceptical if he would be allowed to leave Bangladesh once he returned.

"My close friends and family members are concerned. I hope things are getting better. There should be a solution to it."

He denied the situation back home forced him into retiring from those two formats. "I think this is the right time to move on and give scope to newcomers," Shakib said. "I discussed my plans with the board, selectors, captain and coach — and they all agree this is the right thing to do."

Shakib made his international debut in a 2006 ODI against Zimbabwe.

He has played 70 Tests, 247 ODIs and 129 T20Is, amassing 14,721 runs and claiming 708 wickets to establish himself as one of the leading all-rounders of his era. Shakib also said that he will wind up his ODI career in next year's Champions Trophy.

## Macau open: Srikanth eases into quarterfinals

MACAU, Sep 27 (Agencies): Kidambi Srikanth advanced to the men's singles quarterfinals of the Macau Open Super 300 badminton tournament with a straight-game victory over compatriot Ayush Shetty in the second round.

Seeded sixth, Srikanth, who is playing his first competition since recovering from an injury sustained in May, outclassed 2023 Odisha Masters runner-up Ayush 21-13 21-18 to emerge as the lone Indian competitor in the singles event.

Srikanth, the 2021 World Championship silver medallist, will next face Hong Kong's second seed Ng Ka Long Angus, against whom he has a 4-4 head-to-head record.

In women's doubles, the pair of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand



also reached the quarterfinals, securing a solid 22-20 21-11 win over Chinese Taipei's Lin Chih-Chun and Teng Chun Hsun in just 38 minutes.

In women's singles, former world junior No.

1 Tasnim Mir put up a commendable fight against fourth seed and 2022 world junior champion Tomoka Miyazaki from Japan, stretching the match to three games before losing 17-21 21-13 10-21.

## "Next big target is...": Fit-again Neeraj Chopra sets sight on new season

SONEPAT, Sep 27 (Agencies): Promising to be 100 per cent fit for the new season, India's two-time Olympic medal-winning javelin throw star Neeraj Chopra on Friday said a podium finish in the 2025 Tokyo World Championships is the next big target on his mind going forward. The 26-year-old is back in the country after winding up his season with a second-place finish at the Diamond League finale in Brussels. This was after he became the first Indian track-and-field athlete to claim successive Olympic medals by adding a silver in Paris to the momentous gold clinched in Tokyo.

"The season is over now. The biggest target for next year is the World Championship, and we will begin preparations for that now. The Olympics are always on our



minds, but we have four years for that," Neeraj told agency Videos on the sidelines of a conference on 'Mission Olympics 2036' organised at the Sports University of Haryana here.

The world championship is scheduled to be

held from September 13 to 21 next year.

Chopra battled an adductor muscle niggle throughout the year and it also affected his performance at both the Olympics and the DL finale, where he also competed with a frac-

tured left hand.

He had spoken about consulting doctors at the end of the season to decide whether to go for a surgery to fix the problem.

Asked about his fitness, Chopra played down concerns and also stated that he will look to improve his technique. The Haryana-lad is trained by renowned German biomechanics expert Klaus Bartonietz. "It was an injury-plagued year but injury is fine now, I will be 100 per cent fit for the new season," he asserted.

"Technical issues are also there but we will work on them. I will look to improve my technique. I do like to train in India but when competitions start, I prefer to train abroad," he said.

Reflecting on India's Olympic performance, which yielded six medals but no gold this time,

Chopra pointed out that the country could have got more as reflected by the half a dozen fourth place finishes.

"There were a lot of fourth positions. (But) this time, we had a very good performance in the Paralympics and won several medals.

"In the coming times, we expect strong performances in both the Olympics and the Paralympics," said Chopra.

Chopra has been working hard to hit the 90m mark but hasn't managed so far despite coming close. In the Paris Olympics, his silver-winning throw was 89.45m and he was bested by Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem, who broke the Games record with a 92.97m effort.

At the DL finale, Chopra threw 87.86m to miss the top finish by just one centimetre.

## Bravo retires from all forms of cricket, joins KKR as mentor

NEW DELHI, Sep 27 (Agencies): World Cup-winning West Indies all-rounder Dwayne Bravo has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket and will join IPL side Kolkata Knight Riders as a mentor.

The 40-year-old thus replaces Gautam Gambhir, who left the role to take over as India head coach earlier this year.

Bravo's last season of Caribbean Premier League was cut short due to an injury that he sustained earlier this week.

"Today is the day I say goodbye to the game that has given me everything," he wrote on Instagram.

"Twenty-one years as a professional cricketer - it's been an incredible journey, filled with many highs and a few lows. Most importantly, I was able to live my dream because I gave you 100 at every step."

"As much as I'd love to continue this relationship, it's time to face reality." Bravo had

stepped away from international cricket in 2021 while concluding his IPL career last year. He has since dabbled with coaching, working with the Chennai Super Kings and the Afghanistan men's team.

"DJ Bravo joining us is an exciting development. His relentless drive to win, along with his vast experience and deep knowledge, will greatly benefit our franchise and players," Knight Riders Group CEO Venky Mysore said in a media release on Friday.

Apart from KKR, he will be in charge of the other franchises under the Knight Riders label in T20 leagues.

The new role puts an end to his long association with CSK.

"We're also pleased that Bravo will be involved with our other franchises globally, including CPL, MLC, and ILT20," Mysore said.

Talking about his role in KKR, Bravo said: "I've been part of the Trinba-



go Knight Riders for the last 10 years in the CPL. Having played for and against the Knight Riders in various leagues, I have a lot of respect for how they operate.

"The owners' passion, the professionalism of the management, and the family-like environment make it a special place. This is the perfect platform for me as I transition from playing to mentoring and coaching the next generation of players.

"My mind wants to

keep going, but my body can no longer endure the pain"

Ahead of the ongoing CPL season, Bravo had declared it would be his final tournament.

Unfortunately, a groin injury sustained while fielding against the St. Lucia Kings in Tarouba earlier this week cut his CPL career short.

"My mind wants to keep going, but my body can no longer endure the pain, the breakdowns, and the strain. I can't put myself in a position where I might

let down my teammates, my fans, or the teams I represent," Bravo wrote in his Instagram post.

"So, with a heavy heart, I officially announce my retirement from the sport. Today, the Champion bids farewell."

During his illustrious career, Bravo has played 582 T20 matches, taken 631 wickets, and scored nearly 7,000 runs.

"To my fans, I want to say a massive THANK YOU for your unwavering love and support throughout the years. To all my fans across the Caribbean, worldwide, and especially in Trinidad & Tobago - thank you for standing by me, especially in these recent weeks," Bravo said.

"Though this ending is bittersweet, I have no regrets about my career or this decision. Now, I look forward to my next chapter.

"Once again, thank you. See you soon on the other side," he added.

## SL vs NZ: Kamindu Mendis continues golden Test run, scores 5th Test hundred



GALLE, Sep 27 (Agencies): Kamindu Mendis continued his remarkable start to Test cricket by scoring his fifth century in just 13 innings on day two of the second Test against New Zealand. Playing at the Galle International Stadium, Mendis reached his century off 147 balls, marking his second hundred of the series and his third consecutive 50+ score.

Mendis' century helped propel Sri Lanka past the 400-run mark, and he also built a crucial 100-run partnership with Angelo Mathews for the fourth wicket, which came off 125 balls in the first session of day two. Earlier in the innings, wicketkeeper-

career so far

Since making his Test debut against Australia in July 2022, where he played a key role with 61 runs to help Sri Lanka to a famous win, Mendis has made a significant impact. After nearly two years, he returned to the team in March for the series against Bangladesh in Sylhet, where he made twin centuries (102 and 164), becoming only the seventh Sri Lankan to achieve this feat. His 164 is also the fourth-highest score by a No. 8 batsman in Test cricket.

Mendis has now scored over 50 in every match since his return and is on track to potentially become one of the fastest players to reach 1,000 Test runs. While he may not break the record held by Herbert Sutcliffe and Everton Weekes (12 innings), he could equal Don Bradman's achievement of reaching the milestone in 13 innings if he scores 178 in the first innings of this Test.

In the previous Test against New Zealand, Mendis was promoted to No. 5 after starting his career at No. 7. He top-scored in the first innings with 114 off 173 deliveries, guiding Sri Lanka to a total of 305 on a challenging pitch. His performance proved vital as Sri Lanka secured a 63-run victory. Kamindu Mendis' Test



## Awareness programme on environmental management of dairies and dung disposal mechanisms

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 27: The MVO section of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) organized an awareness program on the environmental management of dairies and gaushalas, focusing on the adoption of scientific dung disposal mechanisms. The event took place at Gurdayal Dairy in Sanjay Nagar, bringing together local dairy owners and gaushala operators.

Dr. Divya Sharma, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon (VAS) of JMC,



along with other officials from the veterinary section, led the initiative aimed at educating participants about effective management practices for dairies and gaushalas. Key topics included the installation of biogas plants, vermicomposting units, and compost pits to facilitate scientific disposal of dairy waste.

Dr. Sharma informed attendees that the Jammu Municipal Corporation has launched various ini-

tiatives to regulate dairies and gaushalas in accordance with the guidelines from the Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Committee (JKPCC) and the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). She noted that 82 dairy units have already been registered with JMC, and efforts are ongoing to register and regulate all dairies and gaushalas within the municipal limits.

For mandatory regis-

tration, dairy units must adhere to specific criteria set by JKPCC and FSSAI norms. Dr. Sharma highlighted that the registered units have installed biogas plants or adopted other methods for the scientific disposal of dairy waste, which aligns with environmental management practices.

Emphasizing the significance of such awareness programs, Dr. Sharma stated, "These events are crucial for generating mass awareness among stakeholders to ensure compliance with the guidelines issued by regulatory agencies." She further stressed the importance of recycling dairy waste into valuable resources, such as manure and energy, thereby promoting the concept of "waste to wealth."

This initiative underscores JMC's commitment to enhancing environmental sustainability within the dairy sector while supporting local farmers in adopting eco-friendly practices.

## PHDCCI delegation meets J&K pollution control chairman to discuss industrial concerns



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 27: In a significant meeting aimed at addressing pressing industrial concerns, Rahul Sahai, Chairman of the PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry (PHDCCI), Jammu Chapter, along with Co-Chairs Raj Dua and Ashish Jain, met with Vasu Yadav, Chairman of the J&K State Pollution Control Committee (SPCCB). The delegation expressed gratitude for the opportunity to discuss key issues affecting the local industrial sector.

Central to the discussion was the urgent need for expedited clearance of pending Consent to Establish (CTE) cases under the NCSS 2021 Central package, with an emphasis on ensuring that no unit misses the registration deadline of September 30,

2024. Sahai highlighted the challenges faced by industries operating Diesel Generator (D.G.) sets above 800 KW, particularly in light of a Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) order limiting retrofitting of emission control devices to engines less than 800 KW. He called for clear directives from the J&K SPCB to facilitate smooth consent processing.

Further, Sahai sought clarification on consent requirements for warehouses functioning as fulfillment centers for consumer goods, arguing that these facilities do not generate pollution. He stressed that imposing consent mechanisms could hinder the government's Ease of Doing Business initiative. The delegation also raised concerns about potential shifts in warehouse activities from the White

to Green category, which would impose unnecessary costs and operational challenges on businesses.

In addition, Sahai urged the need for timely resolutions of cases involving small industries, such as single-owner sawmills, to bolster their operations.

Concluding the meeting, Sahai expressed hope for a positive response from the J&K SPCB on these critical issues. Vasu Yadav assured the delegation that all concerns would be addressed, emphasizing the importance of regular interactions to resolve ongoing industrial challenges.

This meeting underscores a proactive approach to fostering a supportive environment for industries in Jammu, aligning with the broader goal of enhancing the region's economic landscape.

## Mohan Lal pays obeisance to Sant Kabir

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 27: During the election campaign, independent candidate Mohan Lal Kaith (SSP Retd) paid obeisance to Sant Kabir in his temple at Dhatreyal, and sought his blessings for the well-being of all.

Mohan Lal Kaith said Sant Kabir was a symbol of truth and righteousness. He believed that those on the path of righteousness, who considered everything in the world as divine, and



were detached from worldly affairs, were the ones who possessed the truth. Sant Kabir devoted his life towards Bhakti and reached the masses with the message of goodwill and social equality.

## Rajesh Gupta attacks Amit Shah, calls him nepotist

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 27: Addressing series of election meetings at Bajalata, Toote di Khui, Kachi Chawni, New Plots in Jammu East constituency today BSP candidate for Jammu East Rajesh Gupta said, BJP has ruined the future of youth and stopped the old age pension but giving lollipops to women folks of financial aid. Gupta said BJP has already failed on all fronts and their corrupt leaders are already exposed.

Gupta attacked Union Home Minister Amit Shah and asked him why he had promoted his son only. There are crores of unemployed educated youth why his son only became Chairman ICC not someone else. He called Shah a nepotist. If they are so clean and not corrupt then why all bigwigs of BJP from PM, HM and others camping



in Jammu, Gupta asked. "Today, the situation of Jammu has become adverse owing to the anti-people policies of the Government. Inflation, poverty, malnutrition, crime and challenges before the democratic values, Constitution and Constitutional institutions, can only be tackled by the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP). For this, everybody has to play an active role."

Claiming that BSP understands the pain faced by the people, Gupta said. This is our present as well as the

future. Hence, my first priority is Jammu and its people. I will always stand with them, share their pain and work hard to help them get rid of the pain."

"The BJP Government has no vision. It is cheating the youth and the unemployed persons, and doing injustice. Instead of answering questions, it speaks lies, and avoids accountability," he added.

The BSP leader emphasized the need for unity among people in Jammu to safeguard their rights and interests.

## Kanisha Sawhney of DPSJ excels in District level Chess tournament

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 27: Kanisha Sawhney (VI-J) of Delhi Public School Jammu brought laurels to the school and her parents by clinching 2nd position in District Level Chess Tournament organized by Department of Youth Services and Sports, J&K held at Ramban from Sep 21 to 23, 2024. She participated in the U-14 girl's category. Kanisha also received a merit certificate.

The esteemed management of DPS Jammu, President-RCT, M.K Ajatshatru Singh Ji, Distinguished PVC-Kuwara-



ni Ritu Singh Ji, Director. S.S Sodhi Ji along with Principal-DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chabra and staff congratulated Kanisha and her parents for the achievement. They also extended their best wishes to her for all her future endeavours.

## Kaith holds a series of election meetings in Marh Constituency



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 27: During a series of election meetings in different areas of Marh Constituency, the independent candidate Mohan Lal Kaith said, "I am fighting this election with the support of people and I will ensure that their faith in me is never broken". Several Sarpanchs and Panchs from different panchayats have come out in my support. Initially they were a bit hesitant but now they have come out in my support after realizing that I am a serious candidate who will continue the

political fight in the long run. I am independent and will only support the welfare of people. The need of the hour is to support and vote for him, he said.

Throughout the election campaign, Kaith was accompanied by Senior Leader Shakti Sharma, Ex Sarpanchs: Harjeet Singh, Sham Lal Sharma, Om Parkash Verma, Puja Devi, Ex Naib Sarpanch Ram Lal Lakhotra, R.L Kaith, Ghari Lal, Kamal Singh, Captain Kamal Chand, Mela Ram, Bishan Lal, Suraj Parkash, Jeet Lal, Babu Lal and many others.

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