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## BRIEFLY

### LG Manoj Sinha visits Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine

JAMMU, Sep 28 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday paid obeisance at Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine atop Trikuta hills in Reasi district. During his visit, he offered prayers for peace, prosperity, happiness, and the well-being of all.

Paid obeisance at the holy shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi. Prayed for peace and prosperity of all, Office of LG J&K post on X.

### Two people die, woman injured as vehicle falls into river Chenab in J-K's Doda

JAMMU Sep 28 (Agencies): At least two people died, and a woman was injured in a road accident in Garsoo area of J-K's Doda, reports said Saturday.

Quoting officials news agency GNS reported that a vehicle bearing registration No. Jk17A 4753 lost its control and rolled down in the river Chenab.

In this incident two persons were killed while a woman was injured, they said. Both the dead bodies have been retrieved from the Chenab while the injured woman has been shifted to GMC Doda for treatment.

Officials identified the deceased as Imran Hussain and Summaya Bano, both residents of Saroor Drabshalla Kishwar and the injured lady as Iqra Banoo daughter of Imran Hussain resident of Saroor, Drabshalla Kishwar.

### NC-Cong succeeded in keeping BJP away in two phases: Omar

TANGMARG, Sep 28 (Agencies): The former chief minister of erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir State and National Conference (NC) Vice President, Omar Abdullah on Saturday stated that the alliance partners in the two phases have succeeded in keeping the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) at bay

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## J&K people looking forward to a Govt free of corruption, terrorism, separatism: PM Modi

JAMMU, Sep 28 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir people are looking forward to a Government free of "corruption, terrorism and separatism" for peace and a better future for their children, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday and described the Congress, NC and PDP as the "biggest enemies" of the Constitution.

At a poll rally at M A M Stadium here ahead of the last phase of the Assembly elections, he referred to the 2016 surgical strikes across the border and said, "The terror mentors know that if they do anything wrong, Modi will find



them even in 'Pataal' (netherworld)."

The third and final phase of the Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir will be held on October 1. As many as 40 seats — 24 in the Jammu region and 16 in Kashmir — will go to polls in this phase.

Modi claimed at the

rally that there was a massive enthusiasm among people for the BJP. "The people of Jammu and Kashmir, who have been at the receiving end of the rule of three families — Congress, NC and PDP — do not want them back." "They do not want corruption, discrimina-

tion in jobs, terrorism, separatism and bloodshed. Instead, they want peace and a better future for their children," the prime minister said in his nearly 45-minute speech.

Modi said the people in Jammu and Kashmir want the BJP to form a government and the heavy polling in the first two phases reflects the mood of the people.

Alleging that previous governments discriminated against the Jammu region, the prime minister told the rally, "This is the city of temples. Do not waste this opportunity, a BJP government will be formed and it will address all

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## BJP presided over 'Unprecedented Deterioration' in Jammu security situation: Jairam Ramesh

NEW DELHI, Sep 28 (Agencies): The Congress Saturday accused the BJP of presiding over an "unprecedented deterioration of security" in Jammu and claimed the Union Territory's administration led by the lieutenant governor was showing "incompetence" in managing the situation.

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh posed four questions to Prime Minister Narendra Modi ahead of his political rally in Jammu on Saturday.

Why has the security situation in Jammu deteriorated, he asked.



"The BJP, despite its claims to be the monopolist of nationalism, has presided over an unprecedented deterioration of security in Jammu," Ramesh said in a post on X.

The Congress leader said militancy in Jammu is making its presence felt after a gap of nearly 15 years.

Around the start of 2024, the administra-

tion claimed that the number of active terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir had come down to double digits — 31 — with four active terrorists in the Jammu region, he said.

"Now, in a startling about turn, the officials say there are around 50 to 60 terrorists, who have successfully intruded into the interiors of Jammu in April-May," Ramesh said.

The increase in terrorist activity has had terrible consequences, the Congress leader said.

"In the past few months, we have seen a significant presence of militants in areas which

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## LG Manoj Sinha felicitates Paris Paralympics Medallists Sheetal, Rakesh Kumar

JAMMU, Sep 28 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday felicitated Paris 2024 Paralympics Bronze Medallists Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar here at Raj Bhawan.

The Lt Governor congratulated the Para Archers from UT of J&K for their incredible per-



formance at Paris 2024

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## Kulgam Encounter | Two terrorists killed, operation underway

SRINAGAR, Sep 28 (Agencies): Two unidentified terrorists have been killed in an ongoing gunfight at Adigam area of South Kashmir's Kulgam district on Saturday, an official said.

A top police officer said that two terrorists have been killed, their identity is yet to be ascertained as gunfight is still in progress in the area. In initial exchange of fire, four army soldiers

and a Police officer (ASP Kulgam) were injured. All them are stable and being treated at Army's 92 Base Hospital. Earlier a joint team of Police and army launched a cordon and

search operation in the area.

As the joint team of forces zeroed on the suspected spot, the hiding terrorists fired on the joint team, which

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## Beware of individuals 'Sent by Delhi', reject 'Devils In Disguise': Farooq Abdullah to J&K voters

SRINAGAR, Sep 28 (Agencies): Ahead of the final phase of voting in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly polls, National Conference president Farooq Abdullah urged voters to prioritise their honour and dignity by rejecting candidates whom he described as "devils in disguise" and "sent by Delhi".

The third and final phase of the Assem-



bly polls in Jammu and Kashmir will be held on October 1. As many as 40 seats — 24 in the

Jammu region and 16 in Kashmir — will go to polls in this phase.

Speaking about the prospects of the National Conference-Congress alliance in the polls, Abdullah exuded confidence that it would secure a majority in the 90-member assembly and emphasised the BJP would not gain power in the Union

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## Arunachal school warden sexually abuses 21 children in 8 years; court sentences him to death



ARUNACHAL PRADESH, Sep 28 (Agencies): The warden of a state-run primary school in India's northeastern state of Arunachal Pradesh has been handed the death sentence by a special

POCSO court for sexually abusing multiple children for eight years. The chargesheet filed by the police details the horrors that unfolded at the school — from children being made

drugged and waking up in pain, reported Indian Express.

Yumken Bagra (33), had been the school warden from 2014-2022. The first complaint of sexual assault against him was filed by a father of twin girls aged 12.

Later, 19 other children — some former students of the school and some still enrolled there at the time — gave statements to the police about the sexual abuse that they faced from him. Two other teachers from the school — Marbom

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With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Avtar Krishan Raina** S/o Late Sh Radha Krishan Raina S/o Late Sh Radha Krishan Raina R/o 89241 Sector 40A Chandigarh-160006, originally R/o Pinglish, Traf, Kashmir on 25th September 2024.  
**TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed on 4th October 2024 (Friday) at Gagar Ghat Banks at 9:30 AM near roundabout of Sec 24 and Sec 26 Panchkula.  
**Grief Stricken:**  
Smt Indu Raina - Wife  
Dr Ashok and Archana - Son & Daughter-in-law  
Daughter and Son-in-law  
Sukh and Rakshak Koul  
Meharishi and Vikram Raina  
Hem Krishan Raina and Gita Raina (Brother & Sister-in-law)  
Revinder Krishan Raina and Lakhi Raina (Brother & Sister-in-law)  
Dr M K Koul and Jyoti (Brother-in-law & Sister)  
**ALL NEARS AND DEARS**  
**CONTACT DETAILS:** 99916587338, 9419204952, 9852779952




Sh Avtar Krishan Raina

**SHADMOS & MASWAR**  
29-9-2014 & 30-09-2024  
Six months have passed since you left us for heavenly abode your love was a beacon that still shines brightly in our lives. We miss you every moment.  
Your love was constant source of warmth and comfort for us. Praying to Almighty for your eternal peace and lot perpetual light shine upon you.  
**SHADMOS & MASWAR** of Usha Muku Koul resident of Udhampur will be performed at our residence House No. 187 Ward No. 14 Opposite Green Park Diner Road Udhampur on 29th & 30th of September 2024 respectively.  
**Deeply Missed by**  
Revinder Kumar Koul - Husband (706980233)  
Gaurav & Carina - Son & Daughter in Law  
Ishan Koul - Son  
Samasth Koul Parivar of Pofia Verinog Bhat's, Muku's, Fotedar's, Raina's




Usha Muku Koul

**CHOUBARSI**  
Choubarisi of our beloved mother **Smt Sushila Devi** W/o Late Sh Sita Ram Sawhney R/o Q No. 300-301 Rehari Colony, Jammu will be performed at Kothi Bhawan adjoining Hari Mandir Rehari Colony, Jammu on Sunday the 29th of September, 2024.  
**Deeply missed and remembered by**  
**Sons and Daughters-in-law**  
Subash Sawhney and Prem Lata  
Satvir Sawhney and Umil  
Vinod Sawhney and Rashmi  
Kuldeep Sawhney and Sudesh  
Ravi Kant Sawhney and Sandhya  
**Daughters and Sons-in-law**  
Late Smt Swarnar Kanta and Late S Jaspal Singh  
Shashi Bala and Satvir Verma  
Neelam and Harind Lamba  
**Grand and Great Grand Children**  
Mob No. 8796223127



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**TENTH DAY KRIYA**  
With profound grief & sorrow, we inform that **Sh Chuni Lal Raina** S/o Late Sh Karth 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 BANGROO PARIWAR**



Sh Chuni Lal Raina

**CONTACT NO.**  
94191-98166,  
94180-70291,  
94191-48941

**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 Mohr, 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, 9419 222042



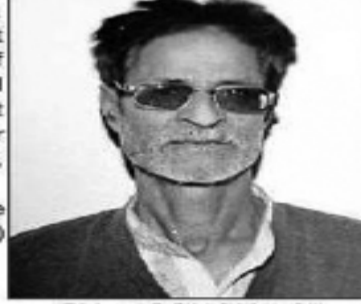
SH. BRIJ KRISHAN BHAN

**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 28/9/2024 (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 658-A Sector No. 3, Vinayak Nagar Muthi Jammu.  
**TENTH DAY KRIYA** and Assembly will be performed on 2nd Oct 2024 (Wednesday) at 8.00 AM at Muthi Ghat.  
**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
Smt Rita Koul- Wife  
Sandeep Koul- Son  
Manish Koul- Son  
**Brothers and Sister in Law**  
Smt Jiga & Sh. P.K Koul  
Smt Manju & Sh. Vijay Krishan Koul  
**Sister & Brother in Law**  
Smt Nancy and Sh. P.K Pandita  
Sh. Ashok Kumar Tickoo  
And Samast Koul Parivar  
**CONTACT DETAILS:** 9596945228, 9796215903, 7051088875




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 Sharti Devi- Wife  
**Sons & Daughter in law**  
Smt Sunia & Sh. Rajinder Singh, Asst Adm Officer (MES)  
Smt Meenakshi & Sh. Surinder Singh, Defence Fire Services (15 FAD)  
**Daughters & Son in Law**  
Late Smt. Pooam Singh & Sh. Pawan Kumar (Information Deptt)  
Smt Geeta Devi & Sh. Ankush Mehra, AAO (Defence Estate Office)  
**Grand Children:** Haashita, Bhagav, Karishka, Devansh, Ananya, Anant, Bhavya & Divyansh  
**MOBILE NO:** 9419218946, 7006657710




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

**10<sup>th</sup> 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 Kishtraw 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. Bidya Devi - Brother & Sister-in-law  
Er. B.L. Bhardwaj (CE Retd.) & Smt. Prem Lata Dogra (CHO) - Brother & Sister-in-law  
Dr. K.S. Bhardwaj & Smt. Sawarna Devi - Brother & Sister-in-law  
Sh. Baldev Singh Bhardwaj & Smt. Sumitra Devi - Brother & Sister-in-law  
Sh. Surjit Singh Bhardwaj & Smt. Poli Bhardwaj - Brother & Sister-in-law  
Er. Deep Bhardwaj (AEE) & Dr. Rinku Bhardwaj - Brother & Sister-in-law  
Er. Ashok Bhardwaj (SDO BSNL) - Brother  
Smt. Surista Bhardwaj & Sh. Rajinder Singh - Sister & Brother-in-law




Dr. Sunil Bhardwaj

**REMEMBRANCE**  
35 years have passed when you left us for heavenly abode. We can't forget your affection, dedication and sacrifices for whole family. We still feel your blessings and remembered as a noble, caring and generous soul.  
**Deeply Remembered By:**  
Er. Naresh Sabharwal - Son  
Sudha Sabharwal - Daughter  
Mob: 9419231161, 9906234623  
(Sabharwal & Sethi Family)



LT. SUDESH SABHARWAL

**HOMAGE**  
*I Still am; I am not still*  
*The Ugly Kashmiri (Cameos in Exile).*  
Arvind Gigoo  
Adarsh Ajit  
Rajesh Dhar  
Deepak Raj  
Sushant Dhar



Arvind Gigoo

**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)  
Kusum and Ramkrishna Raina (Daughter & Son in law)  
Kuldeep & Suchita Wazir (Grand Son & Grand Daughter in law)  
Sarmer & Anji Wazir (Grand Son & Grand Daughter in law)  
Aparna & Sandeep Fostler (Grand Daughter & Grand Son in law)  
Preeti & Nitin Kaur (Grand Daughter & Grand Son in law)  
Abhy and Srishti Raina (Grand Son & Grand Daughter in Law)  
**Deeply remembered by Great Grandchildren:-**  
Tavish, Samarth, Arnav, Yavin, Kishan and Abish  
Mobile:- 9867515570, 9419 850595, 9845808020



NANNA DEAR (SMT SONABATI WAZIR)

**TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA**  
With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Taro Devi Ji** W/o Late Sh. Kripa Ram Sharma R/o H.No. 104, Patoli Magorian, 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 Magorian 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 Magorian 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. Ania Kumari & Sh. Ravinder Sharma (Retd. DM SFC)  
Dr. Sukham 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, Medhaanish  
**Contact Nos.:** 9419108501, 962246282




Smt. Taro 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 in for heavenly abode on 18 Sep 2024.  
**Tenth Day** will be performed on 27th Sep 2024 at Jila Pola Mandir at 10.00 am to 11.00 am 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. Randeep Langer & Smt. Sunshita Langer  
Sh. Sukender Langer (Pappi Shah) & Smt. Neena Langer  
**Daughter and Son in law**  
Sh. Ashok Gupta & Smt. Prabha Gupta  
**Grand Sons:**  
Shukan, Mohit, Achi, Sonali and Raju  
**ALL LANGER FAMILY**  
9419133903, 9906199032, 7006050949




Smt Krishna Gupta

**CHOUBARSI**  
You may be physically absent, but your loving energy surrounds us. We pay tribute to your beautiful and on your fourth year since you left us. Your presence always remains in Our Heart.  
**CHOUBARSI** of our beloved **LATE SH. SUDESH KUMAR GUPTA** (S/o Late Smt. Raj Kumari & Late Sh. Sham Lal Gupta) will be held on Sunday, 29th of September 2024 at 1.00 P.M. onwards at our Residence House No. 53, Phase-II, Housing Colony, Udhampur.  
**R.S.V.P.**  
**PARGAL FAMILY**  
**MOB: 9419162527, 9906185588**



LATE SH. SUDESH KUMAR GUPTA (1955-2020)

**CHOUBARSI**  
Four years have passed since you left us but your memories are still with us forever.  
**Choubarisi** of our beloved **Late Sh. Om Raj Manhas** S/o Late Sh. Roop Chand Manhas R/o Melthote, Bhadarwah will be performed at our residence H.No. 542A, Bhawanagar, Janipur, Jammu at 12:00 Noon on 29.09.2024 (Sunday)  
**DEEPLY MISSED & REMEMBERED BY:**  
Smt. Nirja Manhas - Wife  
**Son & Daughter-in-law**  
Shalish Manhas & Panki Manhas  
**Daughter & Son-in-law**  
Shilpe Manhas & Virend Singh Kowal  
**Brothers -** Lekh Raj Manhas, Jaswant Raj Manhas, Tirath Raj Manhas, Das Raj Manhas, Kalkant Manhas  
Mob.: 9419142356, 9419194989




Late Sh. Om Raj Manhas

**TENTH DAY**  
With profound sorrow & grief we regret to inform the untimely sad demise of our beloved **Smt Kamla Jammal** W/o Late Capt. Sarishat Singh Jammal 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 - 18994, Kunj Vihar Lane, Nanak Nagar.  
**Bereaved:**  
Mrs & Mr Sultan Singh  
Mrs & Mr Sumer Singh  
Mr Sikander Singh  
Mrs & Mr Bishan Singh  
**All Grand & Great-grand Children**  
9419766436, 9018150592



Smt Kamla Jammal

**OBITUARY**  
With heavy hearts, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Father Sh. Manohar Lal Mattoo** (Retired Officer J&K Bank), R/o H-351, Naraina Vihar, New Delhi on 23rd September, 2024.  
A man of Faith, Courage & Action  
You encourage so many of us to be brave in every stage of our Lives.  
We love you dearly  
**Mattoos, Kaks & Mehtas**  
9717393914, 9717393913, 9717393912



Sh. Manohar Lal Mattoo (Retired Officer, J&K Bank)

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## JU hosts workshop on 'Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019: Genesis and Future Prospects'

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 28: Department of Law, University of Jammu, in collaboration with the National Institute of Social Defence, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, organized a One-Day Workshop titled "Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019: Genesis and Future Prospects" at the General Zorawar Singh Auditorium. The Workshop was aimed at to delve into the legislative framework for the protection of transgender rights and explore the future prospects of landmark Judgment passed by Supreme Court of India

in NLSA Vs Union of India & Ors.,.

The event began with a warm welcome address by Prof. Manju Jamwal, Programme Convenor, who highlighted the significance of creating awareness around transgender rights.

Prof. Anju Bhasin, Dean of Academic Affairs, University of Jammu, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, and stressed the importance of inclusivity and equal rights in her address. Mr. Dinesh Singh Chauhan, Advocate and Sonia Mata graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour.

The keynote address was delivered by Dhananjay Singh Chauhan, President of the Saksham Prakriti Welfare Society, Chandigarh, and a prominent transgender rights activist. Chauhan shared their journey, underlining the progress and challenges the transgender community continues to face despite the enactment of the 2019 Act. The transgender community is forced to live in seclusion without dignity, especially when transgender persons are not even considered as humans. They have been treated as if they don't exist.

Ritu Singh made a Special Guest appearance and while addressing the august gathering announced the opening of free Legal Aid Cells for all who are deprived of justice due to high litigation costs under the title 'Dastoor'.

Sonia Mata, a Social Worker from Jammu also shared her views on the social dynamics affecting transgender persons. The inaugural session concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Satinder Kumar, acknowledging the contributions of the organizers, speakers, and attendees.

The Post-Lunch Session featured engaging discussions led by eminent speakers including: Dinesh Singh Chauhan, Advocate, J&K And Ladakh High Court, in his key note address

explained the historical timeline of transgender rights in the country, illustrating the resilience of the transgender community.

Even after the Supreme Court and various High Court decisions, the socio-legal issues seems to be a huge impediment in the fight by transgender persons and there is still a long way to go for achieving the end-goal of having a sensitive society and legal system in place, where transgender persons need no longer have to raise their voices or suffer in anguish for the protection of their Constitutionally guaranteed basic fundamental rights.

## Randhawa praises BJP's manifesto, calling it "people's manifesto"



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JAMMU, Sep 28: Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) senior leader MLA candidate for Bahu Constituency, Vikram Randhawa, emphasized the commitment to empowering youth and poor people in every field, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. During the public meeting in Nanak Nagar and its adjoining areas, Randhawa's vision is to make Bahu Constituency a model for all, providing hi-tech facilities to everyone residing in the assembly seat. Randhawa highlighted the unprecedented development in Jammu and Kashmir under PM Modi's regime. The region has witnessed significant growth in various sectors, including education, healthcare, and infrastructure.

Speaking on the occasion

Randhawa reiterated that Article 370, which granted special status to Jammu and Kashmir, is now a "thing of the past." He emphasized that the article, which was abrogated in August 2019, would never be reinstated.

"Now, Article 370 has become a thing of the past. It is not a part of the constitution. I have read the agenda of NC and seen the silent support of NC, but I want to make it clear that Article 370 is a thing of the past and it'll never return again," Randhawa declared.

He also blamed the article for fueling separatist sentiments among the youth, stating, "It was the spirit of separatism that used to force youth towards terrorism." Randhawa praised the BJP's manifesto, calling it the "people's

manifesto." "Daily wagers, home guards, Anganwadi workers, Asha workers—BJP will solve everyone's problems. Youth, government employees—BJP will solve their problems too because BJP will work with the mission of 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas,'" he stated.

Randhawa asserted that Sabka Saath, Sabka Viswas, and Sabka Vikas are inclusive development for all sections of society. He reiterated his commitment to the people of Bahu Constituency, ensuring that everyone has access to basic facilities and opportunities for growth. He emphasized the importance of voting, urging citizens to exercise their fundamental right and participate in the democratic process.

Under PM Modi's leadership, J&K has entered a new era of development and growth. Randhawa's vision for Bahu Constituency aligns with the BJP's agenda for J&K's progress, aiming to make the region a model for others to follow. With the BJP's commitment to empowering youth and poor people, J&K is poised for a brighter future.

## Heritage School organises communication skills workshop for faculty

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 28: Heritage School organized a comprehensive workshop on Effective Communication Skills for its faculty. The resource person for the session was Dr. Shreya Chatterjee, an accomplished academician and legal professional currently pursuing law and a member of the Bar Council of India.

Dr. Shreya, who holds a Ph.D. in English and has over two decades of teaching experience, has previously held key roles at prestigious institutions such as St. Xavier's College, Jaipur, and Mayo College Girls' School, Ajmer.

She has published 20 papers in national and international journals and has been a Chief Mentor and Staff Secretary. She is also the Founder Editor of

X-press, the magazine of St. Xavier's College.

During the workshop, Dr. Shreya shared valuable insights into effective communication strategies and techniques, focusing on enhancing faculty interaction with students and fostering a conducive learning environment. The session was highly interactive, with faculty members actively participating and gaining practical knowledge for their professional development.

Dr. Shreya also conducted a subject-based session with the English faculty, discussing the history and development of the English language, colonial influences on its popularity and usage, its current relevance and job prospects.

She explored the role of dialects, pronunciation, intonation, inflection, syntax and

grammar, as well as the LSRW (Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing) model of language learning. She provided tips on building vocabulary and encouraging students to develop a habit of reading quality literature.

Dr. Shreya captivated the audience with her dynamic teaching approach, seamlessly blending humor with practical examples to create an engaging and informative workshop.

Her ability to simplify complex concepts made the session both insightful and enjoyable for the participants.

The workshop concluded with the Principal Akash Pradhan, extending thanks on behalf of the school, appreciating Dr. Shreya for her invaluable contributions and the wealth of knowledge she generously shared.

## KDP Wing of DPAP demands regularization of water supply scheme in TRT Migrant Camp

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 28: In a joint statement issued by the Kashmiri Displaced People (KDP) Wing of Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) through Sanjay Dhar President, Chairman Piaray Lal Pandita & others have appealed the Relief Commissioner Migrants to redress the long pending sufferings of Migrants residing in TRT Migrant Camp Nagrota, regarding regularisation of regular hygienic water supply to Camp inmates, who are facing acute Shortage of hygienic water supply.

The leaders have demanded that earliest consideration of arrangements to replace the water supply arrangements in this small populated Camp, is requested to be made through Jal Shakti Department, for removal of step motherly felt behaviour with Camp inmates.

The leaders have thanked the Relief Commissioner Migrants to meet out the long pending problem of Jagti Camp by handing over the water supply scheme to Jal Shakti Department for ensuring regular hygienic water supply to Camp inmates and hope that problems faced by Camp inmates

of TRT Nagrota and Purkhoo are mitigated at an earliest.

The Leaders have also demanded that the boundary walling of TRT Camp are got raised for ensuring safeguard of this Camp and besides renovation, repairs of Camp buildings with white washing are got executed on urgent basis, to redress their sufferings on war footing basis.

The Leaders have thanked the TRT Camp representatives who have trusted our KDP Wing to highlight their burning demands for earliest redressal.

The leaders hope that a joint inspection on urgent basis with Authorities of concerned Agencies is got conducted to work-out the regular water supply scheme and construction of boundary walling, including required maintenance of building, is ensured.

The Leaders have appealed the Respected Principal Commissioner Secretary Jal Shakti Department to issue directions to the Department for earliest ensuring of regular water supply scheme in TRT Migrant Camp Nagrota for regarding the Honourable Prime Ministers Programme of Her Gher Jal).

## JKSCC clarifies misinformation, reaffirms commitment to community unity



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 28: The Jammu and Kashmir Sikh Coordination Committee (JKSCC) held a press conference today, emphasizing its unwavering commitment to fostering unity within the Sikh community and addressing recent misinformation. The JKSCC expressed gratitude to the media for their presence, acknowledging their busy schedules.

The conference aimed to clarify recent misunderstandings arising from varying opinions shared by different Sikh organizations in recent press events. While the JKSCC respects individual perspectives, it felt compelled to address the misrepresentation of the Sikh community by a self-proclaimed leader who made inappropriate references to Mahant Manjeet Singh Ji, the revered head of Shromani Dera Nangali Sahib. The JKSCC reiterated its allegiance to Mahant Sahib's teachings, highlighting the Dera as a crucial pillar of Sikhism in Jammu and Kashmir.

Yesterday, a delegation from the leader's group sought clarification from Mahant Manjeet Singh Ji, who unequivocally rejected the false claims made against him. This morning, Mahant Sahib issued a clear message from the Digiana Ashram, affirming that Shromani Dera Nangali Sahib promotes

equality for all and condemning the misuse of its name for political or electoral purposes.

During the press conference, the Chairman of JKSCC highlighted several key achievements since the committee's formation, including the implementation of the Anand Marriage Act, the nomination of a Sikh member to the Public Service Commission, and the extension of benefits under Section 2540 to migrant Sikhs. Additionally, the installation of a statue of Baba Bandha Singh Bahadur Ji was celebrated as a significant milestone.

The Chairman expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Lieutenant Governor and the Central Government for addressing long-standing grievances and noted that other crucial demands, such as the establishment of a Minority Commission and the implementation of the Punjabi language, are currently under consideration.

The JKSCC remains steadfast in its commitment to the upliftment of the Sikh community, vowing to address concerns and work collaboratively with community members and authorities for a brighter future. Prominent speakers at the press conference included Surat Singh Toofani, General Secretary; Avtar Singh Khalsa, Chief Advisor; Paramjit Singh, Advisor; and other key figures within the organization.

## JKJA organises special orientation programme on 'Medical Forensics & Medico-Legal Aspects in Trial; Different Dimensions of Cyber Crimes and Electronic Evidence'

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 28: Under the patronage of Justice Tashi Rabstan, Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (Patron-in-Chief, J&K Judicial Academy), guidance of Chairperson, Governing Committee for J&K Judicial Academy (JKJA) and Members of Governing Committee for JKJA, J&K Judicial Academy organized two days special orientation programme on 'Medical Forensics & Medico-Legal Aspects in Trial; Different Dimensions of Cyber Crimes and Electronic Evidence' for Judges of District Judiciary, PPs/Additional PPs/Assistant PPs and Investigating Officers of Jammu Province at JKJA, Janipur, here on Saturday.

On the first day, the first session was chaired by Justice Atul Sreedharan, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, who explained the jurisprudence of Medical Forensic Law including constitutional, statutory and case Law footprints. Justice Atul Sreedharan said that the Forensic law in India encompasses the application of scientific methods to investigate crimes, examine evidence, and present findings in court.

Justice Sreedharan reflected that as the integration of forensic science in criminal investigations grows, forensic laboratories across India are increasingly engaged in



analysing cases, providing critical data that informs judicial decisions and these laboratories must employ advanced methodologies and collaborate effectively with stakeholders in the criminal justice system to ensure reliability and integrity in evidence handling.

In the second session, Justice Atul Sreedharan explained that the administration of justice today is no longer confined solely to legal doctrines and precedents as our legal landscape has expanded, encompassing scientific, medical, and technological advancements, thus forensic science, cybercrime,

and electronic evidence now form an integral part of the adjudication process.

He emphasised upon the application of judicial mind to evaluate forensic evidence and discussed that the legal process, from police investigations to court rulings, is complex and requires the integration of various scientific disciplines—medicine, biology, chemistry, and physics—all pivotal in forensic science. Justice Sreedharan added that the technology significantly enhances crime scene investigations, moving beyond the simplified portrayals often seen in media.

Rajinder Sapru, Registrar Rules, High Court of J&K and Ladakh welcomed the learned resource person including the participants and conducted the proceedings of the day.

All the sessions remained very interactive during which all the participants actively participated and shared their experiences, difficulties and also discussed various aspects of the subject topics. They also raised a number of queries which were answered satisfactorily by the worthy resource person.

The programme concluded with vote of thanks to one and all more particularly the Chairman and worthy Resource Person for sparing their valuable time for all round success of the programme.

## GCW Bhagwati Nagar launched door-to-door campaign under SVEEP

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 28: In a continued effort to enhance voter awareness and participation, Electoral Literacy Club, IQAC and NSS unit "Veerangna" of GCW, Bhagwati Nagar Jammu, under the SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) program, has launched an extensive door-to-door campaign in the adopted village, Kharbooja. The campaign aimed at informing citizens about the importance of voting and ensuring higher turnout in the upcoming elections. The entire programme was organised under the patronage of Dr. Meeru Abrol, Principal of the college.

The SVEEP initiative, a flagship program of the Election Commission of India (ECI), has been instrumental in educating voters, spreading electoral awareness, and motivating citizens to exercise their right to vote. With the upcoming elections around the corner, the door-to-door campaign is a critical step in reaching every household, especially in remote and underrepresented areas. While interacting with the residents of village Kharbooja, Dr. Meeru Abrol, Principal of the College empha-

sized the importance of voter participation in shaping the country's future: She abrest citizens that voting is not just a right but a duty also. In end she made sure that every citizen is ready to cast their vote in the upcoming elections.

Prof. Nisha Bhagat, Convenor IQAC informed citizens about the significance of voting and their role in the democratic process, spread awareness about ethical voting practices and the importance of voting without fear or inducement.

Dr. Preeti Salathia, NSS PO also raised awareness among local public about the special arrangements and services made available by Govt. to assist senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and first-time voters to ensure that no eligible voter is left behind.

NSS Volunteers of the college also participated with great zeal and enthusiasm in raising awareness among the citizens

The entire event was organised by Dr. Mosmi Raina, Convenor, Electoral Literacy Club; Prof. Nisha Bhagat, Convenor, IQAC and Dr. Preeti Salathia, NSS PO with the support of other faculty members Dr. Pavanjeet Bali, Prof. Gagan Jyoti, Prof. Poonam and Dr. Kamaljeet Singh.

## EDITORIAL

Video-Assisted  
Thoracoscopic Surgery

VATS is a minimally invasive surgical technique used to diagnose and treat diseases of the chest, including conditions affecting the lungs, esophagus, and pleura (the membrane surrounding the lungs). VATS has revolutionized thoracic surgery by offering a less invasive alternative to traditional open surgery, reducing patient recovery time, and minimizing complications. The procedure involves the use of a small video camera, known as a thoracoscope, which is inserted into the chest through small incisions, allowing the surgeon to visualize the surgical field and perform the necessary intervention.

The key feature of VATS is its minimally invasive nature. During a VATS procedure, the patient is usually placed under general anesthesia. The surgeon makes one to three small incisions, typically ranging from 0.5 to 1 cm, in the chest wall. Through these incisions, a thoracoscope is inserted, which transmits images to a video monitor. This allows the surgeon to view the inside of the chest cavity with high precision. Other surgical instruments, such as graspers, scissors, or staplers, are introduced through the additional incisions to perform the required surgical tasks.

Unlike traditional thoracotomy, which requires a large incision and the spreading of ribs to access the chest cavity, VATS allows the surgeon to operate with minimal disturbance to the chest wall. This approach significantly reduces postoperative pain, lowers the risk of complications, and shortens hospital stays. The smaller incisions also result in better cosmetic outcomes, with reduced scarring.

VATS is frequently employed for lobectomy, which involves the removal of a lobe of the lung. It can also be used for wedge resections and segmentectomies, where smaller portions of lung tissue are removed. VATS allows for the early-stage treatment of lung cancer with better precision, preserving healthy lung tissue and improving recovery outcomes.

VATS is used to diagnose and treat pleural effusions (fluid accumulation around the lungs) and pleural thickening. The technique allows for the drainage of fluid or air from the pleural space and the removal of abnormal tissue or tumors affecting the pleura.

The mediastinum, the space between the lungs, can be affected by tumors, cysts, or lymph node enlargement. VATS is a valuable tool for performing mediastinal biopsies, resections, or the removal of thymomas (tumors of the thymus gland).

For patients suffering from recurrent pneumothorax (collapsed lung), VATS can be used to remove blebs or cysts that cause air leaks, as well as to perform pleurodesis, a procedure that causes the pleural layers to adhere and prevent future lung collapse.

VATS is also used to manage esophageal conditions such as esophageal cancer or achalasia (a condition where the esophagus cannot move food into the stomach). The minimally invasive approach offers faster recovery than traditional esophageal surgery.

One of the primary advantages of VATS is the reduction in surgical trauma compared to open procedures. The smaller incisions result in less postoperative pain, allowing patients to breathe more easily and recover faster. This is particularly important for lung surgeries, as good lung function is critical for a speedy recovery. Additionally, the minimally invasive nature of VATS leads to shorter hospital stays, with many patients discharged within a few days.

VATS also carries a lower risk of complications, such as infections or prolonged air leaks, which are more common in traditional open thoracic surgeries. Furthermore, VATS allows for better visualization of the chest cavity through the high-definition video camera, improving the surgeon's precision during complex procedures.

Despite its many advantages, VATS is not suitable for all patients or conditions. Some cases of advanced lung cancer or extensive pleural disease may require an open thoracotomy for better access and control. Additionally, VATS is technically demanding and requires specialized training and experience for the surgeon. The steep learning curve may limit its availability in certain healthcare settings.

Moreover, the reliance on video imaging means that the surgeon loses the tactile feedback that is available in open surgery, where direct contact with tissues is possible. This can make certain tasks, such as controlling bleeding or performing complex resections, more challenging in VATS.

Video-Assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery has transformed thoracic surgery by offering a minimally invasive alternative to traditional procedures. Its applications in lung cancer, pleural diseases, and other thoracic conditions have resulted in improved patient outcomes, with less postoperative pain, faster recovery, and lower complication rates. As surgical technology and techniques continue to advance, VATS is expected to become even more widespread, offering new possibilities for the treatment of chest diseases. However, the need for specialized training and the limitations in complex cases remain challenges that require ongoing development.

## Migrants facing heat in UK, Europe: Indians in trouble?

By: Sunanda K. Datta-Ray

India's home minister Amit Shah would have dismissed them as "termites". Being equally unsympathetic to those who take incredible risks to better themselves, Britain's new Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, promises to "shut down the smuggling routes" and "smash the gangs" trafficking in human beings. To that end, he has appointed a former senior police officer, Martin Hewitt, as border security commander with orders to lead a "new era of international enforcement". Also Read - Farrukh Dhondy | UK Labour, after 80 days, gets flak for schools' VAT, Starmer freebies Advertisement This isn't the only controversy to darken Sir Keir's horizon. His cancellation of the winter fuel allowance paid to pensioners, the £170,000 salary -- £3,000 more than he draws -- sanctioned for his chief of staff, Sue Gray, not declaring clothes worth £5,000 that the Labour peer Lord Alli gifted to his wife, accepting all manner of freebies, the list just goes on. But the international overtones of the "termites" controversy affects Britain's image and identity. Also Read - Abhijit Bhattacharyya | India-US ties plagued by irritants, friction points The bulk of migrants -- legal or otherwise -- are from the poorer Afro-Asian nations targeting the rich West. Can they be permanently excluded from the world's wealth without making a mockery of globalisation? Moreover, any battle against them can lead to a head-on clash with aspiring Indians who comprise the world's largest diaspora. For all Prime Minister Narendra Modi's boasts about India being a "Vishwa Guru", 2.5 million Indians happily escape from the country annually. William Dalrymple's new book, *The Golden Road: How*

Ancient India Transformed the World, flatters them by embellishing India's history "with visions of a fantastic, and technologically advanced, Hindu past", as a Guardian reviewer puts it, but the stark truth is that the number of Indians who risk the dangerous waters of the English Channel in small and fragile boats soared by 60 per cent in 2023. Also Read - Dilip Cheria | Blame game afoot after Bengal floods: Power secy, chief engineer exit DVC Britain is rapidly becoming an immigrant's paradise. Immigration exceeded emigration by more than 100,000 every year between 1998 and 2020. Nearly 41 per cent of London residents were born outside the UK. Six million people (nine per cent of the total) living in the UK in 2020-2021 were foreigners, not even holding dual citizenship. The challenge being global, so must the solution be. Under pressure to take in more foreign migrants, Sir Keir hopes for a collective European strategy to repel unwanted foreigners. Faced with a somewhat different demographic problem, Mr Modi is trying to help Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians (everyone except Muslims!) without involving the countries -- Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan -- where they are stranded. Also Read - Nilanjan Mukhopadhyay | Kejriwal to Atishi: Can the AAP's new strategy work? One of Sir Keir's first foreign trips after moving into Number Ten was to Rome where he paid tribute to the Prime Minister, Giorgia Meloni, who is described as the first far-right Italian leader since Benito Mussolini. Italy and the European Union have signed treaties to give financial support to Tunisia -- a take-off point for migrants -- in return for a crackdown on people embarking for any European Union member nation. The EU agreed in 2023 on a package

including 900 million euros as general economic aid for Tunisia and another 105 million euros for measures to stem migration. Another deal with Tirana, the capital of neighbouring Albania, for what is called "offshoring" includes setting up two migration processing centres in Albania, intercepting and screening 36,000 refugees, and sending back those who are not considered suitable for absorption in Italy. Ms Meloni's government has also provided Libya -- also a popular exit point -- with five "fully equipped" boats to intercept migrants at sea. As a result, the number of illegal migrants who crossed the Mediterranean last year to Italy fell by 62 per cent, from 118,000 to 44,500. The British PM calls the achievement "remarkable" and "profound". He took Mr Hewitt, the border force commander, with him to Rome to show he means business. But media reports indicate that in Mr Hewitt's view, strong-arm methods will not succeed without supporting deterrent measures. Many even feel that the plan devised by Britain's previous Tory governments under Boris Johnson and Rishi Sunak to send asylum-seekers to Rwanda may have acted as a deterrent. The scheme, which Mr Starmer lost no time in abrogating, cost the UK at least £318 million. Sooner or later the organisers may have to face up to the fact that the route the migrants take and the help they may or may not receive en route matters less than where they come from. That's why India looms so large on the illicit migration map. According to the British government, 1,192 Indians arrived in the UK illegally in small boats in 2023. Indians now also make up the third-largest group of undocumented immigrants in the United States, says the Pew Research Centre, putting their number at 725,000. It's a mis-

take to think of these migrants as poor. The poor in South Asia cannot afford to take a flight. Most migrants are relatively well off by Indian standards and hail from Punjab and Gujarat, two of India's more prosperous states with a long history of migration to the US. They follow what traffickers call the "donkey route" -- a circuitous, perilous multi-hop journey -- to avoid long delays on account of a massive backlog of immigration cases involving years of waiting. The US Customs and Border Protection service reported nearly 97,000 encounters involving Indians in 2023. Significantly, those along the northern border skyrocketed from around 2,200 in 2021 to more than 30,000 because many illegal migrants to the US now find Canada a quicker and safer option than the traditional donkey route via Mexico. Justin Trudeau's desire to attract international students made it easier for Indians to obtain Canadian visas despite his problems with Mr Modi. With many more Indians now crossing the northern US border than the southern, 22,399 encounters were reported in the first six months of 2023 in the north, against only 11,053 in the south. This shift can extract a tragically high price. The bodies of eight migrants, including a family of four from India, were discovered in March last year in the St. Lawrence River, which they had tried to cross from Canada. Similarly, a family of four from Gujarat froze to death in January 2022 only a few feet from the US border. With Sir Keir Starmer determined to prevent surreptitious Channel crossings, Giorgia Meloni and her EU partners already obstructing illegal trips across the Mediterranean, and all US presidential candidates committed to banning illicit entry, the confrontation might position a boastful India against a law-abiding world.

## Exploring the depths of the human mind

By: Vijay GarG

As Artificial intelligence draws comparisons to human cognition, the mystery of the mind grows more complex, raising crucial questions about its unused potential

The human mind is a unique organic entity whose lengths of reach and visions of the range are still to be fully mapped. Many believe that an average mind works at less than 30 per cent of its potential. Putting this in the context of artificial intelligence, the matter becomes even more complex. There is a theory doing the rounds in the field of artificial intelligence that suggests that entities of artificial intelligence have the potential of organic functioning, just like the human mind.

The evidence for this is fairly mixed. Some conclusions may emerge over time. The crucial question concerning artificial intelligence however does include its possibilities and potential for organic evolution and growth. As observed, sooner or later, answers will emerge. Even otherwise, the human mind is a suo motu logic of its existence. Attempts to map it, are indeed one of the exciting aspects of human endeavour. Notwithstanding some breakthroughs in mapping the brain, there are areas of brain function that need a closer

look both physically and operationally. Interestingly, notwithstanding all this, there is a common reference to the 'second childhood' of human beings, where people, upon reaching a certain age, start behaving with childlike traits. It is difficult to explain this process, but it is fairly obvious to notice.

Similarly, the jury is out on the age by which, the basic orientation of the brain fully takes place. One also needs to know when it matures enough to develop a relationship between the 'conscious' brain and the 'subconscious' brain.

Notwithstanding the diverse interpretations of the above narrative, it is obvious that at some stage the basic foundations of the mind seemingly get concretised. One such example is the influence of early childhood experiences on a growing human being. There are stages of childhood emerging into early adulthood.

All this becomes integral to the individual's ways of thinking and behaving. Popularly, this is known to affect the orientations of a growing individual on matters of finance, gender or for that matter even values.

The list can be extended but more to the point one does not know, exhaustively, of all the influences which go into the making of an operationally adult human mind. Very often, there may be latent

influences on a human mind that may not manifest themselves until a much later point in adulthood.

All in all, many ambiguities remain, and so do many contradictions that stay alive so far as the working of the mind is concerned. Above all, it is generally believed that hormonal changes affect the working of the mind. Both men and women reportedly pass through menopause in their later life. Many are of the view that menopausal effects are more identifiable amongst the women than the men. An issue, however, remains to be fully answered: what are the factors that influence the working of the mind?

Yet another element that influences behaviour is the fall out of a mental shock. It can have many approximations of derailing the thought process of the individual, and indeed, impacting many values. Put simply, many areas of thought, reflection, analysis, and research may contain indications of understanding the dynamics of the mind. It may be a challenge, but a challenge that cannot be evaded.

Further, there are also some trans-generational aspects to it. Say, how two parents deal with each other, or singly and collectively deal with a child is an important factor for the child's growth. This can carry on across generations. Physiologically, the passing of some genes is known

to happen across generations.

This is not only in terms of physical characteristics but also certain diseases that may have affected one of the grandparents in a given generation and resurfaced again two generations later in the physical system of a descendant. The mapping of this process, as of today, needs much additional work to be done.

This also contains a whole research agenda of human physiology, physical anthropology, medicines and more. Such a subject matter would deserve an integrated approach of not just, anthropology, psychology, genetic sciences and more, but a whole setup of support disciplines with appropriate interdisciplinary framework.

This will give insights into the physiology of the human being and the composition of the brain and mind. It is a challenging task, but it is a task that cannot be avoided.

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## Public Meeting in Support of BJP Candidate Sham Lal Sharma

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 28: A vibrant public meeting was held recently, attracting around 300 attendees who gathered to show their support for BJP candidate Sham Lal Sharma. The event featured several prominent personalities, including former Corporator Surinder Sharma, former Councillor Pushpinder Gupta, District Secretary Robinn Karwal, and District Vice President Ajay Manhas.



During the gathering, Sham Lal Sharma addressed the audience, outlining the BJP's vision and mission. He emphasized the party's unwavering commitment

to development, good governance, and the welfare of the people.

Sharma highlighted the core ideologies and achievements of the BJP, stressing its dedi-

cation to strengthening the nation, promoting unity, and uplifting marginalized sections of society. The meeting aimed to rally support for Sharma, showcasing his

pivotal role in advancing the party's objectives in the region.

His speech resonated deeply with the audience as he shared his vision for the constituency and proposed solutions for the key issues faced by the community. The event concluded on a positive note, with many attendees expressing their confidence in Sham Lal Sharma's leadership and the BJP's policies aimed at progress and development.

## NSS Unit of GCET Jammu Hosts 3-Day Workshop for Clean India Campaign

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 28: The NSS unit of Government College of Engineering & Technology (GCET), Jammu, successfully organized a 3-day workshop from September 26 to 28, 2024, in alignment with the "Clean India Campaign and Swachhata Hi Sewa" initiative, honoring the upcoming Gandhi Jayanti celebrations.

Under the patronage of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Samer Sharma, the workshop commenced with an inaugural address emphasizing the importance of cleanliness. Dr. Sharma stated, "Swachhata (cleanliness) is a state of hygienic surroundings that we must create for ourselves. It's not just a responsibility but a pleasant habit essential for a healthy

lifestyle." She highlighted that cleanliness should start from our homes, colleges, and communities and should be practiced daily.

The workshop included a series of engaging activities, starting with a Poster Making Competition themed "Garbage-Free India," where students from various engineering branches showcased their creativity and ideas through impactful posters. Following this, a Swachhata Campaign was conducted on campus and in an adopted village, where NSS volunteers educated local residents on contributing to cleanliness efforts.

The concluding day featured a slogan-writing competition and an interactive session with students from Govt. Middle School, Chak Bhalwal. NSS Programme Offi-

cer Dr. Raman Gupta emphasized the significance of cleanliness for both physical and mental well-being, stating that it promotes good character, positive thoughts, and reduces the risk of diseases.

The event was coordinated by a dedicated team of NSS volunteers, including Rakshant Balotra, Ishmeet Singh, Sunidhi Sharma, and others. Dr. Raman Gupta praised the volunteers for their outstanding social work, commending their talents and commitment to community service.

The workshop was further enriched by the presence of faculty members, including Dr. Heera Saini and Er. Atit Sharma, who appreciated the efforts of both the volunteers and the organizing team in making the event a success.

## Prof. Shakti Kumar Gupta Advocate for Enhanced Cancer Care at AIIMS Jammu



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 28: Prof. (Dr.) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director and CEO of AIIMS Jammu, has expressed his deep concern for the patients diagnosed with cancer who have been forced to travel outside the state for diagnosis, treatment, and follow-ups. Reflecting on his tenure at AIIMS Delhi, Prof. Gupta shared, "Many of the people from Jammu who visited me at AIIMS Delhi were seeking treatment for cancer. I have witnessed their pain firsthand—not only due to the disease itself but also because of the hardships they faced while seeking treatment far from home. From that time, their well-being has been a matter of personal concern to me."

Today, Prof. Gupta is in a position to change this situation. "God has been kind enough to bless me with the opportunity to make a difference for the people of Jammu & Kashmir by being instrumental in providing comprehensive cancer care within the state itself," he added.

In his mission to offer world-class cancer treatment, Prof. Gupta has ensured that the best and latest equipment will be available at AIIMS Jammu, enabling the medical team to deliver care that meets global standards. He proudly shared that AIIMS Jammu has taken its first significant step beyond outpatient services, successfully administering chemotherapy to its first patient.

During his address, the Director, Prof. (Dr.) Shakti Kumar Gupta, shared the details of a recent case treated at the Department of Radiotherapy Oncology, AIIMS Vijaypur Jammu. The department, under the leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Shabab Angurana, successfully launched partial oncol-

ogy services, including chemotherapy, targeted therapies, and immunotherapy treatments. This significant milestone marks a key step toward offering state-of-the-art cancer care within the region.

Prof. Gupta praised the oncology team for their exceptional work. The team, comprising Dr. Girija Priya Sharma (Assistant Professor), Dr. Anjali Bhola (Assistant Professor), Senior Resident Dr. Suridhi Jastrotia, Junior Resident Dr. Radhakrishna, and Senior Nursing Officer Arti Sharma, treated their first patient, a relapsed case of ovary carcinoma. The patient had previously undergone two lines of chemotherapy and treatment with a PARP inhibitor. Presently, she received infusion chemotherapy with Injection Paclitaxel, a conventional chemotherapy drug, and Injection Bevacizumab, a targeted therapy drug. The treatment lasted five hours, and the patient was discharged in stable condition.

The Director emphasized that these initial services represent only the beginning of a much larger plan. Over the next two to three months, AIIMS Vijaypur Jammu will expand to offer comprehensive cancer care, including advanced external radiation treatment, brachytherapy, palliative care services, cancer pain management, and cancer surgeries. This expansion will eliminate the need for patients to travel outside the state, not only bringing financial relief but also providing psychological comfort to patients and their families by offering high-quality care close to home.

"I may not be able to change anyone's destiny," Prof. Gupta humbly acknowledged, "but I am fully committed to ensuring

that AIIMS Jammu leaves no stone unturned. We aim to raise awareness about cancer, encourage early screening, and provide complete and compassionate care—even for those diagnosed at advanced stages. Every patient deserves dignity, hope, and the best treatment available, right here in Jammu."

Prof. Gupta urged the people of Jammu & Kashmir to take control of their health. "Cancer is a fight we all must face together. I appeal to everyone to get themselves examined regularly, especially since certain cancers can be prevented with vaccines. Early detection saves lives, and vaccines for cancers like cervical cancer can protect our future generations."

5 Essential Tips from the Director to Fight Cancer: Regular Screenings, early detection is crucial. Get screened, especially if you are at higher risk.

Healthy Lifestyle: A balanced diet, regular exercise, and avoiding tobacco and excessive alcohol can lower cancer risks.

Know the Signs: Be aware of the early symptoms of cancer—don't ignore unexplained weight loss, persistent cough, or unusual lumps.

Vaccination: Stay informed about vaccines, like the HPV vaccine, that can prevent certain types of cancer.

Stay Positive: A positive mindset and timely medical intervention can make a significant difference in treatment outcomes.

Prof. Gupta concluded his message with a strong appeal: "Together, we will defeat cancer and build a healthier, stronger Jammu & Kashmir."

"Cancer se ladnahai, zindagi ko jeetnahai, apne desh ko swasth aur mazboot banana hai." (We must fight cancer, win life, and make our nation healthier and stronger).

## GDC Udhampur Celebrates Gandhi Jayanti with Inter-College Competitions

### Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Sep 28: In a spirited tribute to the enduring legacy of Mahatma Gandhi, Government Degree College, Udhampur proudly organized inter-college Essay Writing, slogan writing, seminar, Bhajan recitation and Reel making Competitions in connection with Gandhi Jayanti Celebration for the year 2024, in which GCW Udhampur, GDC Neeli Nallah, GDC Ramnagar, GDC Majalita and GDC Udhampur participated. This prestigious event brought together students from these esteemed colleges across the Udhampur district, fostering an atmosphere of intellectual engagement and creative expression.

The competition, themed around the core principles of Truth, non-violence and Gandhian teachings attracted enthusiastic participation from numerous colleges, showcasing the talents and insights of students on topics deeply rooted in India's socio-political

landscape. Each participant exhibited exceptional knowledge and analytical skills, enriching the discourse surrounding Gandhi's teachings and their relevance in contemporary society.

The events were inaugurated with an inspiring address by Principal Dr. Sanjay Kumar Verma, whose visionary leadership continues to propel GDC Udhampur towards academic excellence. Dr. Verma emphasized the importance of Gandhi's philosophy in today's world, stating that Mahatma Gandhi's teachings of truth and non-violence are not merely historical reflections but are vital principles that can guide our actions and decisions in modern society. This competition serves as an opportunity for students to engage with these ideals, fostering a deeper understanding of our shared heritage.

The organizing committees for various events were framed. Prof. Tania Akhtar and Prof. Nitika Mahajan convened the event of essay writing,

Dr. Revika and Prof Pooja Bhajan recitation, Dr. Anju and Prof Anoksha for seminar, Dr. Sumati and Dr. Richa Sharma for slogan writing and Prof. Asha and Prof. Nikita for reel making. The members worked diligently to ensure the success of all the events.

As the competitions unfolded, students passionately articulated their perspectives on the main theme, "Challenges, and Solutions inspired by Gandhian Philosophy" through well-crafted essays, slogans and seminars that delved into various aspects of Gandhi's philosophy, its modern context, and its impact on contemporary society. The enthusiasm displayed by the participants is a testament to their dedication and passion for learning. The submissions were rigorously evaluated by a panel of esteemed judges from different colleges who commended the participants for their creativity, depth of understanding, and eloquence.

## Violation of Agreement by Chenab Valley Power Projects Not Tolerated: Ajeet Bhagat

### Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Sep 28: J&K National Confrance Senior leader, Spokesperson of Chenab Valley Zone Ajeet Bhagat demanded investigation of violation of agreement of Chenab Valley Power Projects Limited (CVPPL) in respect of large scale bungling into substandard material used in Hydroelectric Power Projects and backdoor appointments.

The National Confrance leader said that he would highlight the increasing unemployment being faced by the youths of Kishtwar, Doda and Ramban Districts of Chenab Valley Zone. The National Confrance leader said it will not be out of place to mention here that at one point i.e upto 2014 large number of youths were engaged in Dul - Hasti and Baglihar Hydroelectric Power Projects.

Now we have four Major Hydroelectric Projects Viz Pakal -Dool, Kiru, Kawar and Ratle where



four reputed companies are executing these projects but it is a matter of great concern that there is unrest among the unemployed youths because the companies involved have engaged less manpower in these projects he added.

Bhagat said that the reason behind this is the companies management Chenab Valley Power Projects Limited CVPPL want to get more and more profit by way of engaging less manpower. Similarly, the principal employer of these projects i.e Chenab Valley Power Projects Limited (CVPPL) are getting huge Commission from these projects Managements in order to hide their misdeed.

## GDC Women, Kathua Commemorates Gandhi Jayanti with a Series of Inspiring Activities



### Top News Report

KATHUA, Sep 28: In a heartfelt tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, the Government Degree College for Women, Kathua organized a series of impactful events to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti, fostering a spirit of peace, truth, and non-violence among students. The celebration commenced from 25th to 28th September 2024, started with a screening of the national film "GANDHI." On the same day, students from NCC & NSS organized a peaceful rally, highlighting the importance of non-violence and peaceful coexistence in today's society.

On 2nd day, symposium was organized on Gandhi's teachings focused on truth and non-violence. On the same day, A visit

to the District Library Kathua allowed students and volunteers from NCC and NSS to explore dedicated sections on Mahatma Gandhi, deepening their understanding of his contributions to India's independence and the values of peace and simplicity. As part of the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan,' NCC and NSS volunteers participated in cleanliness drive in local parks, promoting hygiene awareness and responsible public behavior. A slogan writing, singing and essay writing competition themed "Truth and Non-violence," was also organized on the third day. Additionally, a special book reading session focused on Gandhi's autobiography, My Experiments with Truth, was conducted to encouraging

deeper insights into his philosophies. An awareness program addressing the pressing issues of drug abuse and corruption under the banners of 'Nasha Mukta Bharat' and 'Bhrashtachar Mukta JK.' Was also organized on 28th September. On the same day, an Engaging discussions on Gandhi's contributions to Indian education were facilitated while an online quiz on Gandhian philosophy was also organized in the college. The celebration culminated with a documentary screening on the Sabarmati Ashram, offering an insightful look into one of India's most significant cultural landmarks.

These events were organized under the esteemed patronage of Dr. Savi Behl, Principal of GDCW Kathua, reflecting the institution's commitment to nurturing the principles of Mahatma Gandhi among its students. Principal also congratulated the cultural committee, NCC, NSS & other committees of the college for the successful completion of the series.

## M.L.Kaith conducts extensive campaign in various key areas of Marh Constituency



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 28: Mohan Lal Kaith, independent candidate for the Marh constituency, today conducted an extensive campaign in various key areas including Lori Chack, Channi, Kothey Tokerian, Maira Mandlik, Gajansoo, Paryal, Marh Bagh and Ghai and Band Patnayal of Marh Constituency.

Addressing enthusiastic gatherings, Mohan Lal Kaith appealed to voters for their support, urging them to "vote for change, vote for development, and vote for a fresh start.

Kaith stressed the urgent need for fresh leadership in the constituency. "The people of Marh Constituency

have been neglected for too long. Unemployment, and a lack of development have plagued this constituency for years. It is time for a new face, with new energy, to bring the change we desperately need," he stated. Kaith urged voters to support him in the upcoming elections by pressing the Cylinder symbol on the EVM, promising to be a voice for the voiceless and to work tirelessly for the development of this constituency.

Kaith was accompanied by Senior Leader Shakti Sharma, Ex Sarpanchs: Harjeet Singh, Sham Lal Sharma, Puja Devi, Ex Naib Sarpanch Ram Lal Lakhotra and many other prominent persons.

## GDC Kishtwar Celebrates Swachhta Bharat Diwas with Art Competitions

### Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Sep 28: As part of the ongoing Swachh Bharat Diwas celebrations, Government Degree College (GDC) Kishtwar successfully organized a painting and slogan writing competition themed "Swachhata Lakshit Ekayi" (Cleanliness Target Unit). The event, led by the NCC Senior Wing cadets, focused on raising awareness about the importance of cleanliness and hygiene on

campus and in the community. The competition drew enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and staff members alike.

Under the convenership of Dr. Tabassum Saleem, CTO of the NCC Senior Wing, and with the support of Principal Prof. Basharat Iqbal, the competition was part of a 9-day celebration leading up to Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary on October 2. These events commemorate Gandhi's enduring vision of clean-

liness and sanitation, encouraging collective action towards a cleaner India.

Approximately 100 students participated, including NCC cadets, alongside faculty members Dr. Yasar Ahmed, Dr. Sehrih Gazal, and Dr. Zahoor Din. In the slogan writing competition, Cadet Purvya secured first place, followed by Cadet Muskan in second, and Cadet Simran in third. Meanwhile, in the painting competition, Cadet Sarika claimed first prize, with

Cadet Anjana and Cadet Sanjana taking second and third place, respectively.

In her concluding remarks, Dr. Tabassum Saleem underscored the critical role cleanliness plays in fostering a healthy society and urged students to integrate cleanliness into their daily lives. She emphasized that maintaining cleanliness is a shared responsibility, crucial for both personal well-being and the betterment of the community.

## Celebrating the legacy of Lata Mangeshkar: A tribute on her birth anniversary

*A melody that echoes through eternity, she sang in over 36 languages*

As the sun rises on September 28, music lovers around the world celebrate the birth anniversary of the legendary Lata Mangeshkar, one of the most iconic voices in Indian music history.

Born in 1929 in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, Mangeshkar's melodious contributions spanned over seven decades, making her an irreplaceable figure in the realm of playback singing.

Lata Mangeshkar was born into a family with a rich musical heritage. Her father, Pandit Deenanath Mangeshkar, was a prominent classical musician, and her early exposure to music laid the foundation for her extraordinary career.

Starting her singing journey at a young age, she faced numerous challenges in the male-dominated industry of her time.

Despite these obstacles, her perseverance and passion led her to become the voice of countless films, transcending linguistic and cultural boundaries.

Her first major break came in 1949 with the song 'Aayega Aayega Aayega' from the film 'Mahal', but it was her collaboration with composer Naushad that truly catapulted her to fame.

Iconic tracks like 'Pyaar Kiya To Darna Kya' and 'Ajeeb Dastaan



Hai Yeh' became instant classics, showcasing her ability to convey deep emotion and connect with audiences.

Mangeshkar's discography is a treasure trove, featuring songs across a multitude of genres—from classical and folk to ghazals and pop.

Her collaborations with eminent composers such as R.D. Burman, Laxmikant-Pyarelal, and A.R. Rahman resulted in timeless classics that continue to resonate with audiences today.

Songs like 'Lag Jaa Gale,' 'Jiya Jale,' and 'Tujhe Dekha To' not only defined generations but also set benchmarks for playback singing.

Her versatility allowed her to

lend her voice to actresses of various eras, from Nargis and Madhubala to Kareena Kapoor and Aishwarya Rai.

Each performance showcased her ability to embody the emotions of the character, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of listeners.

Mangeshkar's influence extended beyond the Hindi film industry. She sang in over 36 languages, including Hindi, Marathi, Bengali, and even a few foreign languages.

This linguistic prowess made her a global ambassador of Indian music, earning her admiration from diverse audiences.

Her philanthropic efforts further solidified her status as a beloved figure.

Mangeshkar supported numerous causes, including healthcare and education for underprivileged children, and her contributions to society went hand in hand with her artistic legacy.

Throughout her illustrious career, Lata Mangeshkar received numerous awards and accolades. She was honoured with the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award, in 2001, and received several National Film Awards for Best Female Playback Singer.

The Dadasaheb Phalke Award, and the Legion of Honour by the Government of France are just a few among the many recognitions she garnered, cementing her status as a cultural icon.

Since her passing on February 6, 2022, the music world has felt the void left by her absence. However, her songs continue to reverberate through generations, ensuring that her legacy remains alive.

Fans and music aficionados around the world honour her memory through social media tributes, singing her timeless melodies, and organizing tribute concerts.

Lata Mangeshkar's birth anniversary is not just a celebration of her life; it is a commemoration of her extraordinary contributions to music and her enduring spirit.

## Vicky Kaushal shares glimpse of rehearsal from the IIFA stage



Actor Vicky Kaushal took to social media and shared a glimpse at his power-packed rehearsal from the stage of IIFA. Taking to his Instagram platform, Vicky shared a set of pictures and

videos with the entire cast as he performed on his most sensational track Tauba Tauba.

He captioned the post, "Let's do this! #iifa2024" In the first slide, Vicky added a picture of him

from the stage in his powerful avatar. The actor is seen in all-black attire with a black cap and white sneakers. Vicky also posted a short glimpse from the stage in which he is practicing on the song.

In another snapshot, the Manmarziyaan actor was seen raising his one arm with other dancers as they practised for Vicky's upcoming performance and the next shot featured him doing his iconic move from the song which has already emerged as the step of the year.

In the last picture, Vicky gave a heart-warming tribute to his die-hard admirers who were present there to watch their favourite star perform before his big night arrives to entertain everyone with his charm and immense talent. The three-day award ceremony started from September 27 to 29 in Yas Island, Abu Dhabi. On the work front, Vicky will appear in the historical epic Chhava, helmed by Zara Hatke Zara Bachke-fame director Laxman Utekar.

## Singer-actor Ayushmann Khurrana unveils his latest number Jachdi

Singer-actor Ayushmann Khurrana has unveiled his latest electrifying number Jachdi, alongside Ishq Vishk Rebound actress Pashmina Roshan. The Vicky Donor-fame actor took to social media and shared the music video of his latest number, which is filled with the joy of festivities all around. He captioned the post, "#Jachdi is all yours to vibe to now!"

The song is filled with the beats of garba and a sweet touch of Punjabi music that delves into the magic of electrifying dance numbers. Ayushmann said, "Jachdi is a gift to all of you this festive season. Indian festivals have a different vibe altogether and I for one am a huge fan of all these celebrations — with this track, we want to charge you with energy to dive head-first into this festive season and get grooving to the tunes of Jachdi. This song is also one of a kind for me because it blends my favourite Punjabi tunes with garba music."

"A huge shoutout to Youngveer for the lyrics, Sharan Rawat for the



production, and to Gold-boy for composing this song that hits the notes right where it needs to! Hanif and Aslam's dhol beats are known to all and their touch to this song will get your feet tapping. I can't wait for everyone to celebrate, dance and make some amazing memories with Jachdi, just like we did," he concluded.

The newly released song is the ideal mixture of playful and catchy themes, featuring vibrant dance moves with a wild energy that will light up parties and pandals throughout Navratras especially the touch of dhol beats given by duo Aslam-Hanif with a blend of Punjabi music adds a groovy ambiance into it.

## With a fascination for period films, writer-director Atul Sabharwal says he likes the 'drama which history brings'

Like his slow-burn film Berlin, writer-director Atul Sabharwal takes a while to warm up. The opening monosyllabic answer, in response to his reaction on rave reviews that Berlin has got, is a simple 'thrilled.' But soon enough profound assertions on his fascination for period cinema, for fiction as history and more, ensue.

First things first, he doesn't think Indian audience only roots for fast-paced thrillers. He cites Sriram Raghavan's Anhadhun and Badlapur, which, incidentally, he himself saw thrice in theatres, and Sanjay Ghosh's sleeper hit Kahani, as sterling examples of such films working with audiences even in theatres.

Indeed, Berlin is a brand new kahani and treads new ground. Among its many novelties is the deaf and mute character as the lead protagonist of a spy. As a dialogue in the film goes... 'Can any agency in the world recruit a deaf and mute person as a spy?... we wonder if Atul has ever come across one? He laughs, "Let alone deaf and mute, I doubt if I ever met any spy or even if I have I would not know. This is imagination at its best,



the result of being a voracious reader of spy fiction and as Ishwak Singh's Ashok says... 'Common sense'." Interestingly, now Berlin has been published as a short story The Decipherer.

What is it with him and his fascination for period dramas? Be it Jubilee, which he wrote, and Class of 83, which he directed, and now Berlin? He admits, "I like the drama which history brings." More so he loves these cusp points, "Transition from colonial rule to freedom struggle, from socialist ideology to advent of liberalisation." One momentous moment in history he would like to revisit is the insurgency of Punjab's 1984 and has just finished writing a show. But, he is not sure where and when it will leap on

to the screen. This Punjabi born and brought up in Agra is not unduly perturbed about the volatility of subject, fraught with the danger of stirring a hornet's nest. He says, "If one wants wounds to heal, they have to be raked again. Closure can't come about without talking about un-savoury and bitter situations, and events." Besides, he quips, "One can't be concerned about log kya kahenge or if they will be offended. If that logic is applied, then we shall only be writing feel-good sugar syrupy stories and never dig into truths buried in the past."

Among the many points Berlin makes is how truth often gets eclipsed by what is documented and written about. So how can

cinema help in recording the truth? Atul, who recently bought a book called Fiction as History, shares, "If we choose to, cinema can be a reflection of its times as well as times gone by. A decade from now if we were to look back, Sai Paranjpye's Katha and Govind Nihalani's Ardh-satya would serve as reckoners of Mumbai's chawl life of 1980s and police force, respectively. When we were making Class of 83, our referral points of that era were Nihalani's Vijeta and Shyam Bengal's Kalyug."

Stepping back in time cinematically, however, is easier said than done. To those who felt 'production design was the real hero in Berlin', he reminds, "It's always a collaborative effort, not just one creative working in isolation." Actors, certainly are the face of cinema and director the captain of the ship, however, one department that always goes unnoticed according to him is 'post-production team of editor, sound designer, colourist and more'. He adds, "In Berlin, particularly, they had a tough task at hand. It's not easy to create silence. Yet, forget credit, often they

don't even get enough time to put things together. For their job is invariably under pressure of deliveries and not creative fulfillment."

As for Atul's creativity, well, the good news for all you Jubilee fans is that he is busy writing the second season. And the intent to 'write a good story' will always be uppermost in his scheme of things. Well, from the writer of clutter-breaking Jubilee and Berlin we expect nothing less!

Punjabi bonhomie What happens when 'mil baithe teen Punjabi yaar'... in this case Atul Sabharwal, Ishwak Singh and Aparshakti Khurana? Well, Atul lets us into the Punjabi bonhomie thus, "We gorged on pinnies made by Apar's mother and even otherwise. Till today bond over food." Since his Class of 83 too had Bobby Deol in the lead role, has he signed some kind of loyalty bond with Punjabi actors? He shakes his head in the negative. But, yes, for his mega and ambitious project on Punjab, which has a Sikh hero, he will certainly be looking towards Punjab's treasure trove of talent.

## Esha Deol exudes retro glamour, flaunting figure, 'Om' tattoo in new photos

*The monochrome aesthetic beautifully highlighted her elegance and strength, captivating fans and leaving them in awe of her beauty*

Actress Esha Deol captivated her fans this Saturday by sharing stunning monochrome photos that showcase her in a figure-hugging outfit.

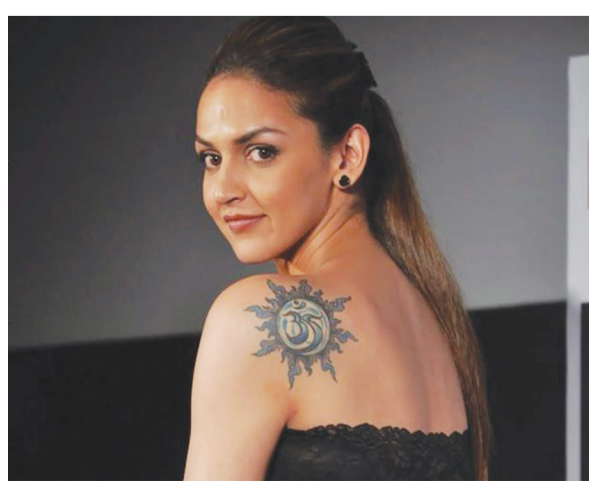
In these striking images, she not only flaunts her elegance but also highlights her 'Om' tattoo, adding a spiritual touch to her glamorous look.

Taking to Instagram,

Esha, who boasts 2.3 million followers, shared a stunning series of black and white photos showcasing her in a sleeveless, figure-hugging outfit. With her hair styled in a sleek ponytail, Esha posed confidently in the spotlight, illuminated by a soft white light that accentuated her features and added a dramatic flair to the shots.

The monochrome aesthetic beautifully highlighted her elegance and strength, captivating fans and leaving them in awe of her beauty.

The post is captioned as: "Feel retro vibes today!" Meanwhile, Esha, who is the daughter of Bollywood actors Dharmendra and Hema Malini, began her acting career in 2002 with a lead role in 'Koi Mere Dil



Se Poochhe' opposite Aftab Shivdasani, with Sanjay Kapoor, Jaya Bachchan and Anupam Kher playing supporting roles. She has then appeared in films like-- 'Na Tum Jaano Na Hum', 'Kya Dil Ne Kahaa', 'Kuch To Hai', 'LOC: Kargil', 'Dhoom', 'Kaal', 'Dus', 'No Entry', 'Darling', 'Cash', and 'Tell Me O Kkhuda'.

Esha last appeared

in a 2019 short film 'Cakewalk' directed by Ram Kamal Mukherjee and produced by Aritra Das under the banner of Assorted Motion Pictures. It also starred Tarun Malhotra, Anindita Bose, Siddhartha Chatterjee and Dimple Acharya in the lead roles.

She also featured in the web show 'Hunter: Tootega Nahi Todega' created and directed

by Prince Dhiman and Alok Batra, and produced under Saregama and Yoodlee Films. The series stars Suniel Shetty, Barkha Bisht, Karanvir Sharma, and Rahul Dev. It is streaming on Amazon Mini TV.

The 42-year-old was also seen in a short film 'Ek Duaa'. She next has 'Main' and Telugu film 'Hero Heroine' in the kitty.

## Justice system must respond to vulnerabilities of children with disabilities: CJI Chandrachud

NEW DELHI, Sep 28 (Agencies): Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud on Saturday said it must be ensured that the justice system, from the police stations to the courtrooms, understands and responds to the compounded vulnerabilities of children with disabilities.

Speaking at the ninth National Annual Stakeholders Consultation on Child Protection, the CJI said the challenges faced by persons with disabilities extend far beyond issues of physical accessibility and they must also contend with entrenched societal biases, stereotypes and misconceptions that permeate nearly every facet of life. "We must ensure that the justice system, from the police stations to the courtrooms, understands and responds to the compounded vulnerabilities of these children. The incorporation of restorative justice approaches is one such solution. The JJ Act (Juvenile Justice Act) outlines various rehabilitation and reintegration measures for children in conflict with the law such as counselling, education, vocational training and community service. For children with disabilities, these measures can be adapted to ensure they receive the specialised support they need to thrive," he said.

The two-day programme was organised under the aegis of the Juvenile Justice Committee of the Supreme Court in association with UNICEF, India.

Union Minister for Women and Child Development Annpurna Devi gave the special address for the two-day programme, while the opening remarks was given by Justice BV Nagarathna, who is also the chairperson of the Juve-



nile Justice Committee of the Supreme Court. Country representative of Unicef, India Cynthia McCaffrey, gave the introductory address on the topic.

The CJI said the challenges faced by persons with disabilities extend far beyond issues of physical accessibility and "they must also contend with entrenched societal biases, stereotypes, and misconceptions that permeate nearly every facet of life".

"When we talk about juvenile justice, especially in the context of children with disabilities, we cannot ignore the concept of intersectionality. Disability often intersects with other marginalised identities such as gender, caste, socio-economic status, and ethnicity, amplifying the discrimination children face," he said, adding the doctrine of intersectionality highlights how multiple identities intersect to create unique experiences of discrimination.

Highlighting that for children with disabilities, these compounded vulnerabilities can have devastating effects, the CJI stressed the state must ensure that children with disabilities are provided additional safeguards, recognizing that they face heightened risks and

unique challenges.

"We must ensure that our legal, social and institutional systems are designed not just to accommodate, but to actively protect and empower these children," he added.

CJI Chandrachud further said when we talk about juvenile justice, especially in the context of children with disabilities, the concept of intersectionality cannot be ignored.

"Disability often intersects with other marginalised identities such as gender, caste, socio-economic status, and ethnicity, amplifying the discrimination children face," he said, adding that for children with disabilities, these compounded vulnerabilities can have devastating effects.

CJI Chandrachud, who fosters two young daughters with special needs, recounted the challenges faced by disabled children, expensive medical tests and treatment and costly equipment.

"This year's theme holds a special place in my heart: the protection and well-being of children with disabilities. As someone who fosters two wonderful young daughters, I am reminded daily of the joy, purpose, and love they bring into

my life. They have transformed not only how I see the world but also how I engage with it — strengthening my commitment to creating a more inclusive society where every child, regardless of their abilities, is cherished and protected," the CJI said.

Underscoring that traditionally, caregiving has been an often-overlooked and thankless task, shaped by patriarchal norms that have historically placed the burden of care squarely on families, CJI Chandrachud said the unique needs of persons with disabilities are still, in many cases, viewed as a private, domestic issue rather than a collective, social responsibility.

While we may advocate for these needs to be met by our social institutions, those institutions often fall short of providing the support that is truly needed, he said.

The CJI, along with the union minister and Justice Nagarathna and representative of the UNICEF released a 'Handbook on Persons with Disabilities', which aims to aid and sensitise not only the legal community but also society at large in using inclusive terminology when referring to disabilities.

"Engaging with stereotypes and biases is crucial, as these can subtly influence legal proceedings — whether in the assumptions made about the capacity of a child with disabilities to testify or in the way their credibility is assessed. In line with our commitment to accessibility, the 'Handbook' will also be released in Braille and as an audiobook, ensuring that it is available to all, regardless of their abilities," the CJI announced.

## BJP to contest Jharkhand polls in alliance with AJSU Party, JD(U): Himanta



RANCHI, Sep 28 (Agencies): The BJP will contest the upcoming assembly polls in Jharkhand in alliance with NDA partners AJSU Party and Janata Dal (United), Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced on Satur-

day. Sarma, who is the BJP's Jharkhand election co in-charge, said that the seat-sharing agreement with the allies is in the final stage.

"The BJP will contest the Jharkhand elections in alliance

with AJSU Party and JD(U). The seat-sharing agreement with the allies has been done on 99 per cent of the seats. Discussions are underway for the remaining one or two seats and it will be finalised soon," he said while speaking to reporters in Ranchi.

Sarma said that a formal announcement in this regard will be made after 'Pitri Paksha', which ends on October 2.

Elections to the 81-member assembly in Jharkhand are due later this year.

## Man Arrested For Raping 12-Year-Old Girl In UP's Shahjahanpur

SHAHJAHANPUR, Sep 28 (Agencies): A man has been arrested for raping a 12-year-old girl in his home here, police said on Saturday.

Superintendent of Police Rajesh S said the girl was called to the house of her neighbour, Rishabh Kumar (27), who lives in the same colony, on Friday.

When she reached his house, the accused locked her in a room and raped her, the police officer said, adding the girl later managed to escape.

She reached home and informed her



family, following which a complaint was lodged against the accused on Friday evening, the SP said.

The accused has been arrested, and a case registered under Section 65/2 (punish-

ment for rape in certain cases) of the BNS and under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act.

The police officer said the girl has been taken to a hospital for medical examination.

## Leopard beaten to death for attacking homeguard jawan in UP

BIJNOR (UP), Sep 28 (Agencies): A leopard was allegedly beaten to death in a village in Uttar Pradesh's Bijnor for attacking a home guard jawan, a forest department officer said on Saturday.

The incident occurred on Friday evening in Amannagar village, he said.

Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Gyan Singh said Homeguard Jawan Surendra had gone to a tubewell behind his house with his children -- Disha (20), Reshu (14) and Deepanshu (18) -- where the leopard was sitting on a mango tree.

Upon seeing him, the leopard pounced on him



and attacked him. Hearing the noises, the locals arrived at the scene and beat the leopard with sticks. It died on the spot, Mr Singh said.

Citing information from the villagers, Singh said that Disha showed courage and caught the leopard's legs from behind and Reshu and Deepanshu struggled with the leopard for 10 minutes to save their

father. Mr Singh said that information about the incident has been given to the senior officials and the post-mortem of the leopard has been done.

Ranger Rajneesh Tomar said that the dead leopard is a female and its age is estimated to be around three years. Departmental action is being taken in this case.

## 'Cease work' stir of docs, nurses continue at Bengal hospital after assault by patient's kin

KOLKATA, Sep 28 (Agencies): Junior doctors and nurses continued their 'cease work' agitation at state-run Sagar Dutta Hospital in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas district on Saturday in protest against assault on staffers by the relatives of a patient.

The staffers of the hospital located in Kamarhati near Kolkata launched the 'cease work' protest late on Friday after some of them were allegedly beaten up by the relatives of the patient who died during treatment.

Three junior doctors along with three nurses and healthcare work-



ers were injured in the incident, a junior doctor said.

The junior doctors and nurses subsequently called for a 'cease work' stir demanding better security arrangements.

The condition of the patient, a middle-aged woman who suffered from acute breathing

problems, was critical, he said.

"The patient was admitted to the hospital on Friday with breathing difficulties. Her condition was not good and healthcare workers attempted to administer oxygen but it was too late and she died. But her family mem-

bers alleged she did not receive any medical treatment," a nurse said.

Nurses said that despite the presence of policemen, 15-20 members of the patient's family entered the female medicine ward and assaulted the doctors and nurses attending to the patients.

"We have been repeatedly demanding proper security in the outpatient department and hospital wards. But the incident proves that the state administration is yet to wake up to our demand for safety. Till our demands for adequate safety are met, the 'cease work' will continue," the junior doctor

said.

A senior official of Barakpore Police Commissionerate said the hospital administration has lodged a complaint with Kamarhati Police Station and an investigation is underway.

He said security on the hospital compound has been intensified following the incident and a police patrol was keeping vigil near the hospital main gate.

West Bengal Junior Doctors' Forum member Aniket Mahato said, "We had earlier raised concerns about security. Unless the government takes proactive steps, such incidents will continue to occur."

## Anti-dust campaign, 14-point construction guidelines to tackle Delhi air pollution

NEW DELHI, Sep 28 (Agencies): In a bid to curb rising dust pollution during the winter months, Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai on Saturday unveiled a comprehensive 14-point construction guideline as part of the city's 'Winter Action Plan'.

The rules aim to tackle dust pollution from the construction sites, which is a major contributor to the city's declining air quality, Mr Rai said.

He stated that these guidelines will be strictly enforced starting October 7 adding any violations after this date will lead to penalties with the repeat offenders facing a halt in the construction activities.

The rules mandate that all construction sites must be covered with tin sheets to prevent dust from spreading into the surroundings.

"People involved in any kind of construction work whether private, government or company-driven must ensure compliance with these rules," Mr Rai

emphasised during his press conference.

Mr Rai stated that all construction areas must be enclosed with tin sheets, vehicles transporting construction materials must have clean tires and materials like sand and gravel must be covered to prevent dust from spilling onto the roads. To control dust, regular water sprinkling at the construction sites is compulsory, he added.

Mr Rai further said that workers must be provided with dust masks and health kits at all times.

The Delhi government has also deployed 523 teams from 13 departments to monitor compliance.

These teams will inspect the construction sites around the clock, ensuring that the new norms are followed to prevent dust pollution, he said.

The anti-dust campaign will run from October 7 to November 7 as part of the winter action plan to tackle pollution in the capital, Mr Rai added.

## 3 dead, 7 injured in illegal firecracker factory blast in Haryana

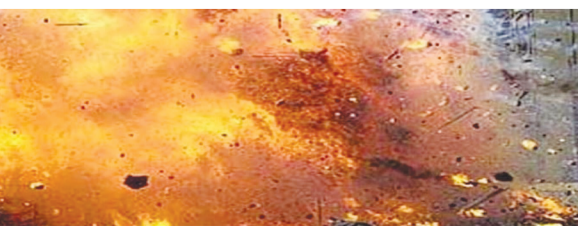
SONIPAT, Sep 28 (Agencies): At least three people were killed and seven others were injured in a blast at an illegal firecracker factory in Haryana's Sonapat district on Saturday. The bodies of the three victims were severely burnt and seven workers were reportedly in a serious condition.

The factory was being run by a local resident named Ved, who was operating it illegally from his home. According to a police officer cited by news agency, the chemical used in preparing firecrackers in the "illegal unit" appeared to have caught fire, leading to the blast.

Upon receiving information about the incident, the fire department, senior police officials, and a forensic team rushed to the scene.

Police and fire department personnel worked together to recover the bodies from the factory.

The man responsible for running the illegal firecracker factory has fled the location. Sonapat police have launched an investigation into the incident.



## Huge cache of arms and ammunition seized by security forces in Manipur



IMPHAL, Sep 28 (Agencies): A huge cache of arms and ammunition have been seized by security forces from three districts in ethnic conflict-hit Manipur, a police statement said on Saturday.

A joint team of Manipur Police and Assam Rifles seized two .303 rifles, one 9mm pistol with magazine, cartridges, four hand grenades,

two detonators, and one each of country-made mortar and long-range improvised mortar from Loiching ridge in Kangpokpi district, it said.

The combined forces of state police, BSF and CRPF seized two improvised mortars, locally known as 'pumpi', during another search operation in Gothol village in Churachandpur district.

State police and

Assam Rifles also seized four HE-36 hand grenades, two 'pumpi' shells, three detonators, and one stun grenade, stinger grenade and tear gas shell each from Phainom hill range in Thoubal district.

All the seizures were made during search and area domination exercises by the security forces on Friday. No arrests were, however, made in connection with the seizures.

More than 200 people have been killed and thousands rendered homeless in ethnic violence between Imphal Valley-based Meiteis and adjoining hills-based Kukis in Manipur since May 3 last year.

## Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah killed in Beirut airstrike, Israeli military says

TEL AVIV, Sep 28 (Agencies): The Israeli military said Saturday that it killed Hassan Nasrallah, the leader of the Hezbollah militant group, in a strike in Beirut on Friday.

The military said that it carried out a precise airstrike while Hezbollah leadership met at their headquarters in Dahiyeh, south of Beirut.

Ali Karki, the Commander of Hezbollah's Southern Front, and additional Hezbollah commanders, were also killed in the attack, the Israeli military said. The Lebanese Health Ministry said that 6 people were killed and 91 injured in the strikes on Friday, which leveled six apartment buildings.

Nasrallah has led Hezbollah for more than three decades. There was no immediate comment from Hezbollah.

Israel maintained a heavy barrage of airstrikes against Hezbollah on Saturday, as Hezbollah launched dozens



of rockets toward Israel.

The Israeli military said it was mobilizing additional reserve soldiers as tensions escalate with Lebanon. The military said Saturday morning it was activating three battalions of reserve soldiers, after earlier sending two brigades to northern Israel earlier in the week to train for a possible ground invasion.

On Saturday morning, the Israeli military carried out sev-

eral strikes in southern Beirut and eastern Lebanon's Bekaa Valley. Hezbollah launched dozens of projectiles across northern and central Israel and the Israel-occupied West Bank.

In Beirut's southern suburbs, smoke rose and the streets were empty after the area was pummeled overnight by heavy Israeli airstrikes. Shelters set up in the city center for displaced people were over-

flowing. Many families slept in public squares and beaches or in their cars. On the roads leading to the mountains above the capital, hundreds of people could be seen making an exodus on foot, holding infants and whatever belongings they could carry.

At least six people were killed and 91 were wounded in the strikes against the Hezbollah on Friday, Lebanon's health ministry said. It was the biggest blast to hit the Lebanese capital in the past year and appeared likely to push the escalating conflict closer to full-fledged war. At least 720 people have been killed in Lebanon during the week, according to the Health Ministry.

The death toll is likely to rise significantly as teams comb through the rubble of six buildings. Israel launched a series of strikes on other areas of the southern suburbs following the initial blast.

## Russian strikes on a medical center kill 7 people in the Ukrainian city of Sumy



KYIV, Sep 28 (Agencies): Two consecutive Russian attacks on a medical center in the northeastern Ukrainian city of Sumy killed at least seven people on Saturday morning, local officials said.

According to Ukraine's interior minister, Ihor Klymenko, the first strike

killed one person. Russia attacked again, he said, while patients and staff were evacuating.

Local officials in Sumy said the attack used Shahed drones. As well as the seven people who died, 12 others were seriously wounded.

Sumy lies some 20 miles (32 kilometers)

from Russia's Kursk region, where Ukrainian troops have been deployed since Aug. 6 in a bid to divert the Kremlin's military focus away from the front line in Ukraine.

Ukraine's air force said it shot down 69 of 73 Russian drones launched overnight at the country, as well as two of the four missiles. City authorities in Kyiv said around 15 drones had been shot down over the Ukrainian capital and its outskirts.

In Russia, the Russian Defense Ministry said Saturday that air defenses overnight had shot down four Ukrainian drones over the Belgorod region and one over the Kursk region, both areas bordering Ukraine.

## Landslide triggered by rain leaves 12 dead and 2 missing at an illegal gold mine in Indonesia

SUNGGAI ABU, Sep 28 (Agencies): Mud, rugged terrain and lack of telecommunications hampered rescue efforts Saturday after a landslide set off by torrential rains smashed down into an unauthorized gold mining operation on Indonesia's Sumatra Island, killing at least 12 people.

Villagers had been digging for grains of gold in the remote village in the Solok district of West Sumatra province when mud plunged down the surrounding hills and buried them.

Several people managed to escape and some were pulled out by rescuers, said local search and rescue agency chief Abdul Malik. Eleven people were injured. Malik said rescuers recovered 12 bodies, revising an earlier death toll of 15 after officials discovered that lack of communications and the remoteness of the village had affected the counting of the victims. Two other people are believed still missing under tons of mud, he said.

Rescuers earlier said the devastated area could only be reached by walking for four hours from the nearest settlement. "Relief efforts for the dead and missing were hampered by rugged ter-

rain and blocked roads covered by thick mud and debris," Malik said, adding that many residents also did not want outsiders, including search and rescue officers, to enter their traditional mining areas. Informal mining operations are common in Indonesia, providing a tenuous livelihood to thousands who labor in conditions with a high risk of serious injury or death.

Landslides, flooding and collapses of tunnels are just some of the hazards facing miners. Much of gold ore processing involves highly toxic mercury and cyanide and workers frequently use little or no protection.

The country's last major mining-related accident occurred in July when a landslide crashed onto an illegal traditional gold mine in Gorontalo province on Sulawesi island, killing at least 23 people.

In April 2022 a landslide hit another gold mine in North Sumatra's Mandailing Natal district, killing 12 women.

In February 2019, a makeshift wooden structure in an illegal gold mine in North Sulawesi province collapsed partly due to shifting soil. More than 40 people were buried.

## The sole candidate for Macao's leader pledges to diversify the casino city's economy

HONG KONG, Sep 28 (Agencies): The sole candidate in the election for Macao's next leader on Saturday pledged to diversify the economy of the Chinese casino city, a goal previously laid out by Beijing.

Sam Hou-fai, the city's former top judge, said at a news conference that the diversification is a key issue he must address. At a separate event, he told election committee members who will vote on Oct. 13 that the city has learned a lesson from the COVID-19 pandemic, saying most people would agree with the move.

Macao's tourism and gaming industries suffered a big slump because of the virus controls before China rolled back its "zero-

COVID" strategy in late 2022.

Sam said just relying on the gaming industry is not enough. "Otherwise, how could we handle it if big disasters arise?" he said.

Sam, 62, is widely expected to secure the leadership in next month's vote, during which a 400-member committee — mostly dominated by establishment figures — picks the leader. Most of the semiautonomous territory's population of 687,000 does not have a right to vote. He would be the city's first leader from mainland China.

During the application period, he already received nominations from 386 committee members. The city's safeguarding national security committee

affirmed his loyalty to China and Macao.

Chinese President Xi Jinping has expressed hopes that the former Portuguese colony can promote healthy and sustainable economic development and diversify its economy, which its gaming industry has dominated for decades. Macao is the only place in China where casinos are legal.

In May, incumbent Chief Executive Ho Iat-seng said the gaming industry accounted for less than 40% of the city's gross domestic product, down from its past contribution of about 60%. Last year, his government rolled out a diversification plan to boost the tourism and leisure industry and other sectors such as traditional Chinese

medicine, finance, and exhibition and commerce.

Ho decided not to seek re-election due to health reasons.

Sam was born in Guangdong province in 1962 and graduated from the law school of Peking University in Beijing. He studied the Portuguese language, culture and law at the University of Coimbra in Portugal. He once worked as a lawyer in mainland China.

Sam was the city's top judge from when Macao returned to Chinese rule in 1999 until he resigned in August.

Critics have questioned his ability to administer a government given his lack of business and executive background.

He previously said he has worked and lived in Macao for nearly 40 years. He argued his understanding of Macao is no worse than that of many well-known figures and likened his experience of managing the city's courts to running a small government.

Sam has also handled some politically sensitive cases during his tenure, including upholding the police's ban on a vigil commemorating China's bloody 1989 military crackdown on the Tiananmen Square pro-democracy protests. The top court also ruled in the authorities' favor over their decision to bar pro-democracy figures from joining the legislative election in 2021.

## Antony Blinken's 'stop firing' message to Israel, Hezbollah amid rising tension

WASHINGTON, Sep 28 (Agencies): US Secretary of State Antony Blinken appealed again for a ceasefire in Lebanon, saying the diplomatic path remained open, even as Israel ignored calls to stop its strikes targeting Hezbollah.

"The choices that both parties make in the coming days will determine which path this region is on, with profound consequences for its people, now and possibly for years to come," Blinken told a news conference as he wrapped up a week of talks at the

United Nations.

"The path to diplomacy may seem difficult to see at this moment, but it is there, and in our judgment, it is necessary," Blinken said, vowing that the United States would "continue to work intensely with all parties" to push a ceasefire.

"The most important thing to do through diplomacy is to try first to stop firing in both directions," he said.

If a ceasefire takes hold, all sides can work to "reach a broader diplomatic agreement," Blinken said.

Hezbollah, backed by



Iran's clerical regime, was blamed for the 1983 bombing of the US embassy in Beirut.

The United States and France jointly appealed for an initial 21-day ceasefire in Lebanon after Israel began strikes on Hezbollah targets.

Israel, which relies on US weapons, brushed aside the call and vowed to crush Hezbollah, on Friday striking the densely populated south Beirut and warning residents to evacuate.

The assault came nearly a year after

Israel was traumatized by the massive October 7 attack by Hamas, with Israeli officials alleging that Hezbollah was plotting a similar action.

Blinken said Israel had a right to self-defense but added that diplomacy was a better solution.

"The question is not, does Israel have a right to deal with existential threats to its security and enemies across its borders with the avowed intent to destroy Israel? Of course it does."

"But the question is what is the best way to achieve its objectives," Blinken said.

## Vietnam Estimates Damages Of \$3.31 Billion From Typhoon Yagi: Report

HANOI, Sep 28 (Agencies): Asia's strongest storm this year, Typhoon Yagi, caused damages estimated at 81.5 trillion dong (\$3.31 billion) across northern Vietnam, or twice as much as previous estimates, state media said on Saturday.

The typhoon, which killed 299 with 34 missing, devastated export-oriented industrial hubs, destroying factories and facilities, besides flooding farmland, damaging homes, and tearing up a bridge.

"The total economic

damage is initially estimated at over 81.5 trillion dong, with most damage triggered by landslides and flash floods," state-run Vietnam News Agency quoted Agriculture Minister Le Minh Hoan as saying.

The figure exceeds a preliminary estimate of \$1.6 billion made this month by the planning ministry that threatened to chip 0.15 percentage point from a forecast for economic growth of 6.8% to 7% this year.

Hoan urged authorities to help people resume

production while ensuring supplies and holding down prices, as farm and agricultural land were among the areas hit hardest.

Live pig prices in Vietnam have risen steadily since Typhoon Yagi and subsequent flooding affected several pig farms, agency has reported.

Rating agency S&P Global said Vietnamese banks' profitability would be hit because of typhoon debt relief measures ordered by the central bank.

## Brazil's top court imposes fresh fine on X before allowing it to resume service

SAO PAULO, Sep 28 (Agencies): Brazil's Supreme Court said that social platform X still needs to pay just over USD 5 million in pending fines, including a new one, before it will be allowed to resume its service in the country, according to a court document.

Earlier this week, the Elon Musk-owned US

firm told the court it had complied with orders to stop the spread of misinformation and asked it to lift a ban on the platform.

But Judge Alexandre de Moraes responded on Friday with a ruling that X and its legal representative in Brazil must still agree to pay a total of 18.3 million reais (USD 3.4 million) in

pending fines that were previously ordered by the court.

In his decision, the judge said that the court can use resources already frozen from X and Starlink accounts in Brazil, but to do so the satellite company, also owned by Musk, had to drop its pending appeal against the funds blockage.



The judge also demanded a new 10 million reais (USD 1.8 million) fine related to a

brief period of time last week when X became available again for some users in Brazil.

X, formerly known as Twitter, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

According to a person close to X, the tech firm will likely pay all the fines, but will consider challenging the extra 10 million reais that was imposed by the court after the platform ban.

X has been suspended since late August in

Brazil, one of its largest and most coveted markets, after Moraes ruled it had failed to comply with orders related to restricting hate speech and naming a local legal representative.

Musk, who had denounced the orders as censorship and called Moraes a "dictator," backed down and started to reverse

his position last week, when X lawyers said the platform tapped a local representative and would comply with court rulings.

In this decision, Moraes said that X had proved it had now blocked accounts as ordered by the court, and also named the required legal representative in Brazil.



## SPPND GDC Samba organizes a Seminar on "Climate Change and its Impact"

### Top News Report

SAMBA, Sep 28: Red Ribbon Club of Shri Pandit Prem Nath Dogra, GDC, Samba in collaboration with the Department of Zoology organized a Seminar on "Climate Change and its Impact" under the leadership of Principal of the college, Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri. The resource person of the session Prof. Jai Kapoor, Chief Scientist

(Agronomy) Advanced Centre for Rainfed Agriculture Dhainsar, SKUAST Jammu, spoke extensively on the various aspects of climate change. He enlightened the students about the different Climatic Zones of J&K, the factors responsible for the change in the Climatic patterns like Green House Effect, Global warming, deforestation etc. He further elaborated



the implications of Climatic change on our agriculture and horticulture industry, impact on the animals and human health. He also briefed

the students about the different ways which should be adopted to minimize the Climatic Change. Earlier Prof. Narayan

Dutt, HOD Physics in his welcome address underscored the importance of addressing environmental challenges thereby emphasizing the need

for collective action. The event was sponsored by LUPIN, Human Welfare and Research Foundation, Samba (LHWRF). The programme ended with the formal Vote of thanks by Dr. Sushma Sharma, Convener, Red Ribbon Club and Head of the Department of Zoology. The whole programme was completed by Prof. Babita Kumari and Prof. Rubena Kouser.

## GDC Khour celebrates Hindi Pakhwada

### Top News Report

KHOUR, Sep 28: Department of Hindi of GDC Khour celebrated Hindi Pakhwada on Saturday. On this occasion, a symposium was held on the topic "Hindi Ke Vikaas Mein Gandhiji Ka Yogdaan". Large number of students and the faculty members actively participated in this symposium. Swani Devi got the first prize, second & third prize was received by Neha Devi and Anjali Sharma respectively. Speaking on this occasion, Principal of the college Prof (Dr) T. K. Sharma, highlighted the contribution of Mahatma Gandhiji in promoting the use of Hindi language during his freedom struggle days. Further, the students were also encouraged to frequently use Hindi language for maintaining national unity, harmony and also the country's rich cultural heritage. The proceedings were conducted by Dr Seema Sudan (HOD Hindi).

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### J&K people looking forward to a Govt free of corruption, terrorism, separatism: PM Modi

your issues." "This election is going to write a new chapter. Previously Congress, NC, PDP leaders and their families benefited from their governments while you faced destruction," Modi told the rally. "The Congress is the biggest party responsible for the loss of generations (to terrorism). From the time of Independence, the party's wrong policies encouraged inimical forces," he alleged. Modi said ceasefire violations used to be a routine along the borders in Jammu because "they (Congress) used to show them white flags".

"The BJP government responded to their bullets with mortar shells to set their mind in the right position." "Today is September 28 and you know a surgical strike took place on this day (in 2016). India sent a message to the world that this is a new India, and it strikes inside their homes," he said.

The prime minister said that after his government conducted the surgical strike, the Congress sought proof of it.

"It is a party that speaks Pakistan's language on surgical strikes. Will you pardon the Congress for such language? The Congress does not respect those who lay down their lives for the nation," Modi said.

This is the same Congress which lied to the armed forces, considering that One Rank One Pension (OROP) would be a burden on the treasury, he alleged.

"Modi did not consider this and implemented OROP in 2014 immediately after our government was formed. We have recently reviewed OROP, which will bring more money to pensioners."

Accusing the Congress of being under the influence of "urban Naxals", the prime minister alleged, "When intruders come from outside, they feel good because they see them as a vote bank. But for the problems of our own people, they crack jokes."

Modi alleged that the Congress, NC and PDP are the "biggest enemies" of the Constitution as he accused these parties of strangulating the spirit of B R Ambedkar's Constitution by "depriving" various sections of people of their right to vote.

"The BJP honoured the Constitution and gave voting rights to these brothers and sisters — West Pakistani refugees, Gorkhas and Valmikis — who were forced to live as second-class citizens," he said.

The prime minister also alleged that these parties violated the Constitution by not holding the panchayat and local bodies elections.

Modi began his speech by paying tributes to great Dogra personalities, including Maharaja Hari Singh, and freedom fighter Bhagat Singh on his birth anniversary.

This is the prime minister's third visit to Jammu and Kashmir and fourth election rally in a fortnight.

He addressed an election rally in Doda district on September 14, four days before the first phase of elections, and two more rallies in Srinagar and Katra on September 19 in the run-up to the second phase of elections.

The high-pitch campaigning for the last phase of the polls will end on Sunday evening.

### BJP presided over 'Unprecedented Deterioration' in Jammu security situation: Jairam Ramesh

had been declared militancy-free, and an increase in the number of fatalities of our security personnel and civilians," he said. "Around the same time that the non-biological PM was being sworn in, a terrorist attack in Reasi took the lives of nine inno-

cent pilgrims. The L-G administration has shown unprecedented incompetence in managing this security situation," he said.

It has been ably supported by the defence ministry and its "ill-conceived" Agnipath scheme, which has "systematically undermined popular interest in army recruitment in Jammu — a key recruitment centre for the army historically", Ramesh said.

Why has the BJP let security in Jammu go downhill so rapidly, he asked.

Ramesh further asked what vendetta does the BJP have against the people of Jammu.

"One of the BJP's flagship initiatives has been to scrap the Durbar move, the annual shift of the J-K state government from Srinagar to Jammu in the winters.

"The Durbar move has historically been a tremendous stimulus to Jammu's economy, with businessmen in Jammu's famed Raghunath Bazaar and Apsara Road waiting for winters and the bulk orders that would come in from Valley-based customers," he said.

In the post on X, Ramesh said the L-G administration claims they saved Rs 100-200 crore or so by ending the Durbar move, but the cost inflicted on the local economy has been much higher.

"The Durbar move was also a symbol of the collective history and heritage of Jammu and Kashmir — it created an emotional bond between the two regions and acknowledged the significance of Jammu city," the Congress leader said.

Why has the BJP so ruthlessly deprived the people of Jammu of this economic stimulus and political recognition, Ramesh asked. "Why was more care not taken to support the economy of the region when the Durbar move was scrapped?"

He further asked why has there been a sharp increase in narcotics smuggling in the Union territory.

"One fundamental reason for the upsurge in terrorist activity, particularly in Jammu, is the sharp rise in narcotics smuggling over the last few years with the International Border in Jammu, rather than the LoC in Kashmir, being the primary area of operation for the smugglers," Ramesh said.

He claimed narcotics consumption has seen a 30 per cent hike in five years and the smuggling rings have become very sophisticated with the involvement of even government officials.

Between 2019 and 2023, the state police and other security forces seized over 700 kg of heroin valuing roughly Rs 1,400 crore in the international market, Ramesh pointed out.

This is apart from the 2,500 kg of charas and nearly 1 lakh kg of opium derivatives seized across Jammu and Kashmir in the same period, he added.

The Congress leader alleged that Jammu and Kashmir has even become a transit destination for drugs, routing them to states like Punjab and Gujarat, and even international markets.

"Former J-K DGP Dilbag Singh has gone on record to say that the 'drug menace is a bigger threat than militancy'. Six years after having acquired unelected power, what has the Union government achieved in curtailing the drug menace?" Ramesh said.

The Congress leader also claimed that without statehood and a functioning system of political representation, governance across Jammu and Kashmir has "collapsed".

Policing has deteriorated and there has been a steep rise in criminal activity in Jammu, he said.

"Theft and violent crime are now rampant. Corruption has reached unprecedented levels with outsiders belonging to the RSS cabal monopolizing all government contracts and seeing astronomical increases in their wealth," Ramesh alleged.

He further claimed that employment opportunities have dwindled, with aspirational youth being forced to leave Jammu for employment even as the administration has zero interest in development.

"Neighbouring state governments have established IT parks in Mohali and Chandigarh, but Jammu has seen no investment of that kind. Finally, even basic administrative tasks like electricity bills are seeing massive mismanagement," Ramesh said.

Arbitrary, inflated bills are being charged

from simple households, with some homes receiving bills of up to Rs 33,000 per month, he alleged.

"Is this collapse in governance a reflection of incompetence, or a reflection of the BJP's ill-will to the people of Jammu?" Ramesh said.

### LG Manoj Sinha felicitates Paris Paralympics Medallists Sheetal, Rakesh Kumar

Paralympics. Interacting with the Para Archers Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar, the Lt Governor said that their hard work, dedication and remarkable achievements in International games have made the nation proud.

"Your exceptional performance will inspire the young generation," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor also felicitated the Archery Coach Abhilasha Chaudhary and extended his best wishes to the athletes and the coach for their future endeavours. Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB and other senior officers of the Shrine Board were present on the occasion.

### Kulgam Encounter | Two terrorists killed, operation underway Beware of individuals 'Sent by Delhi', reject 'Devils In Disguise': Farooq Abdullah to J&K voters

territory. With the high-pitch campaigning for the last leg of polling set to end on Sunday evening, the NC chief made a passionate appeal to the people, asking them to make a thoughtful decision while casting their votes.

He emphasised the importance of voting for a better future and highlighted the need for improved job opportunities, progress, dignity, and an enhanced quality of life.

"Think carefully," the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said and asked voters to be aware of individuals "sent by Delhi" who may not have their best interests at heart.

"They are like devils in disguise," he warned while stressing the importance of being vigilant during elections.

Looking to galvanise support for the NC-Congress combine, Abdullah said, "Where you see the hand (Congress' poll symbol), vote for the hand. Where you see the plough (NC poll symbol), vote for the plough."

The NC chief did not hold back his thoughts while discussing Baramulla MP Sheikh Abdul Rashid alias Engineer Rashid, who, he believes, is being used by the BJP to "manipulate" voter dynamics. "Time will tell. People now know it is not the same thing as it was earlier... He's from Delhi, he's from BJP and he's playing a part in dividing the votes," he said.

Abdullah alleged that Rashid was "representing his master's voice actually... He's part of BJP... I pity him."

"He's seeing how Muslims are being treated in the rest of the country and he doesn't realise that this may come here also. He may also be completely finished by the very powers that are projecting him today. I feel sad for him. I hope people will understand one day where he stands," he said.

Rashid, who is facing charges of terror funding and was arrested by the National Investigation Agency on August 9, 2019, defeated NC vice president Omar Abdullah in the Lok Sabha elections from Baramulla earlier this year.

Asked about the BJP's remarks on restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood, Farooq Abdullah expressed scepticism. "I don't think I can trust."

"They say one thing and do exactly the opposite. What was the need to announce before elections that the L-G would have all the powers of the state? That's the tragedy," he said.

To a question whether the government that would be formed after the polls would be a weak one, the NC chief said, "It will be a strong government. It will be a government that will bring back the dignity and honour to Jammu and Kashmir."

"Those who think it will be a weak government, I feel sorry for them. They need to rethink," he said.

Reacting to Union Home Minister Amit Shah's recent remarks, asking terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir to give up arms and come forward for talks with the government, Abdullah said, "I cannot trust what he says."

He claimed that Shah made contradictory statements about Jammu and Kashmir's governance and the economic situation. Accusing the BJP of failing to deliver on its promises, the NC chief alleged that their governance has contributed to the rise in inflation and job losses.

Drawing attention to the threat of terrorism in the region to counter the BJP's claim of peace in the border areas, Abdullah said, "Terrorism is at its height today... It's not going to die unless we find ways of getting people with us together."

He reiterated his long-standing position advocating for dialogue with neighbouring countries while emphasising that "neighbours cannot be changed" and peaceful relations can lead to progress.

"If we keep friendly relations with neighbours, we will progress, we will move forward faster. We will do more development for our people rather than spending money on the army, navy and airforce."

"I advocate that SAARC must be restored so that (India as a) big brother can have friendly relationships with neighbours, which is otherwise today. That's where we have failed," Abdullah said.

To a question about visits of foreign delegates to Kashmir during election time, he questioned the motive behind such visits.

"Are they sure that we are part of India? If we are part of India, then why aren't these delegations going to Haryana, to Jharkhand or to Maharashtra when elections are taking place?" the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister asked.

He condemned the "selective" access granted to foreign diplomats while foreign journalists are restricted and alleged that the government fears the truth may come out.

Abdullah stressed that low voter turnout could significantly influence the electoral process and attributed it to a "climate of fear and repression under the current administration".

"People are suffocated. They are locked up in jails if they speak against the government," he alleged.

"Our journalists, who dare to report the truth, find themselves behind bars. We are not free, we are essentially a colony of Delhi. It is crucial that we work to dismantle this colonial rule."

About the longstanding issue of a disconnect between the people of Kashmir and the Central government, he said, "When I last met with officials in Delhi, I made it clear that there is a deep mistrust. You must rebuild trust," he said.

Abdullah recalled the government's statements promising efforts to bridge the gap between Delhi and Kashmir, saying, "They claimed they wanted to reduce the distance between us. But what have they done? Have they released the innocent youths who are still imprisoned? They assured us that they would, yet nothing has changed."

### Arunachal school warden sexually abuses 21 children in 8 years; court sentences him to death

Ngomdir, who taught Hindi, and Singtung Yorpen, the headmaster — were convicted for abetting the offences and not reporting them.

While Bagra was charged under the

POCSO act for rape and sexual assault including sections of the IPC for poisoning and criminal intimidation, the other two teachers were charged for criminal intimidation and aiding the commission of offences under the POCSO act.

As per the advocate of children and their families, Oyam Binggep, all the victims were from less privileged backgrounds.

Among the statements made by four parents to police's chargesheet, two said that their children had told them about facing sexual assault from the warden, but they didn't believe them, thinking they were "making excuses for not studying further."

The mother of a 14-year-old victim is recorded as not having believed her son because "such things do not happen in their knowledge".

Eight years after Bagra took charge as the hostel warden, the father of twin girls filed a police complaint on November 1, 2022, accusing him of sexually assaulting, harassing, molesting and attempting to rape his daughters on multiple occasions.

According to the chargesheet filed by police in the court, he told the police that his daughters told him about the abuse to explain why they never wanted to go back to the school, and that "they will commit suicide by hanging" if they were made to go back.

As more children went on to give their statements during the investigation, police recorded six of them as saying that they had attempted suicide because of their experiences.

After the case was handed over to an SIT on 24 November 2022, 22 children were examined, of whom 21, both boys and girls gave accounts of varying degrees of abuse, from harassment to rape meted out to them in the warden's room between 2014 and 2022.

The chargesheet recorded similar details recurring in the statements of the children: being made to dance in their underwear; being made to watch pornography; being made to massage Bagra; and being made to consume medicines which made them sleepy and then waking up naked or dishevelled and in pain.

Multiple children also told police that they had been threatened against telling anyone about his activities and had been beaten.

During the investigation, six female children underwent medical examination. Two bottles of cough syrup and tablets were seized from the warden's room and pornographic photos and videos were found in his phone.

Calling the POCSO court's judgement a "landmark one that carries the potential to profoundly influence the psyche of the entire state and its citizens", the SIT's then Superintendent of Police Rohit Rajbir Singh said, "This ruling not only addresses the immediate issue at hand but also serves as a critical turning point for the broader societal awareness surrounding the protection of children, reinforcing the collective responsibility to safeguard their rights and welfare."

### NC-Cong succeeded in keeping BJP away in two phases: Omar

and its attempts of forming the next government.

Omar while speaking to the media persons in Tangmarg area, said, the BJP was making attempts to form the next government, but in the two phases, the alliance partners have successfully foiled their attempt as the people in large numbers voted in favour of the alliance candidates.

"In South as well as in Central Kashmir, the people in large number voted, who had decided to favour the alliance candidates," he said, adding that they are expecting a massive voter turnout in third phase in which people will favour NC and Congress candidates.

Replying to a query, he said that the party's manifesto and candidates cannot be separated. About the statement of BJP's J&K Unit President Ravinder Raina over forming the new government, mar said let he secure his Nowshehra seat, saying that they are getting the reports that Choudhary Surinder is winning the seat. "Let Raina secure his seat first and then think about the government formation," he said.

## Kathua gears up for polls, 704 polling stations set up for over 5 lakh voters

### Top News Report

KATHUA, Sep 28: Kathua district is all geared up for polls during the third and final phase of Assembly Elections on October 01.

The district comprises six Assembly Constituencies (ACs) of Bani, Billawar, Basohli, Jasrota, Kathua and Hiranagar with a total of 5,06,679 electorate, among which 2,65,420 are male voters, 2,41,256 are female and 3 third gender.

To facilitate the voters for smooth and hassle free electoral participation, Election Commission of India (ECI) has established 704 polling stations in the district; 73 as urban polling stations and 631 as rural polling stations.

Among all the six ACs of the district, 67-Kathua (SC) AC has the highest number of 1,09,000 registered electorate, comprising 57,243 male and 51,757 female voters.

The constituency houses 131 polling stations to facilitate a smooth and inclusive voting experience for all registered voters. Among which 57 are urban polling stations and 74 are rural polling stations.

64-Billawar AC comes next with a voter population of 94,845, among which 49,590 are males and 45,255 are females.

To facilitate the voters for exercising their right to franchise, 130 polling stations have been established in the constituency among which 4 are urban polling sta-

tions and 126 are rural polling stations.

The 68-Hiranagar AC comes next with 88,261 total registered voters, of which 45,913 are males and 42,348 are females.

To ensure smooth electoral participation, 110 polling stations have been established across the constituency, of which 7 are urban and 103 are rural polling stations.

Similarly, 66-Jasrota AC has 87,092 registered electorate, among which 45,495 are males and 41,597 are females.

To ensure smooth and hassle free voting process, 132 rural polling stations have been set up in the constituency.

65-Basohli AC has a total of 69,407 voters, of which 36,396 are

males and 33,009 are females besides 02 third gender voters are also registered here. In order to ensure participatory voting process, 107 polling stations have been established in the constituency, among which 5 are in urban areas while as 102 are in rural areas.

Likewise, 63-Bani AC has 58,074 registered voter population, of which 30,783 are males and 27,290 are females besides one transgender voter. For smooth voting process, ECI has established a network of 94 rural polling stations in this Constituency.

In order to boost voter turnout and ensure that every voter can exercise their franchise with ease, specialized polling stations have been

established across the district including all women Pink polling stations, PwD manned polling stations, Youth manned polling stations, unique polling stations and Green Polling Stations.

Meanwhile, all arrangements are being put in place for a smooth and peaceful polling in the district where voting is taking place in the third phase of General Elections to Legislative Assembly-2024 on October 01. Currently, a number of voter education programmes are underway in the various parts of the district to generate awareness among the electorate regarding importance of exercising the franchise, and maximise voter turnout.

## Campus rally organized by SPPND GDC Samba to boost voter participation



### Top News Report

SAMBA, Sep 28: Pravaad Electoral Literacy Club, Shri Pandit Prem Nath Dogra Government Degree College, Samba, took a significant step towards strengthening democracy by organizing a campus rally aimed at increasing voter participation in the upcoming Legislative Assembly Elections.

The rally held on

campus under the supervision of Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members.

The rally was organized as part of a larger initiative to raise awareness about the importance of voting and to empower the youth to take an active role in the democratic process.

With the theme "Your Vote, Your Voice," the

rally emphasized the power of each vote in shaping the future of the nation and highlighted the pivotal role young voters play in the electoral process.

The rally concluded with a pledge by all participants to vote in the upcoming elections and to encourage others to do the same, reinforcing the message that every vote counts in a democracy.

## SVEEP awareness rally organized by GGM Science College Jammu

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 28: In a spirited initiative to promote voter awareness and encourage responsible electoral participation, Government Gandhi Memorial (GGM) Science College, Jammu, successfully organized a rally under the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) program.

The event was aimed to inspire enthusiastic participation in the upcoming Legislative Assembly elections.

The entire College family i.e. Faculty, students, NCC Cadets, NSS Volunteers, and

non teaching staff members participated in the rally and actively involved to promote voter participation thereby strengthening the democracy.

The rally was held under the overall supervision of Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of GGM Science College, who also flagged the rally from the College Campus. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Gupta emphasized the pivotal role of voting in strengthening democracy as every vote counts and even a single vote can make the difference. He specially stressed and motivated the new and



young voters to cast their vote.

He highlighted the significance of active civic engagement and elaborated on the various initiatives undertaken by the Election Commission of India (ECI) to ensure higher voter turnout and fair elections.

The rally that passed through key locations such as Canal Road, Jewel Market, and Vikram Chowk, concluded at the General Zorawar Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu. Enroute students and staff members raised voter

awareness through impactful slogans like "My Vote-My Right, My Vote-My Voice, My Vote-My Pride and Voting is Power while holding and displaying playcards, banners etc for general awareness.

At the General Zorawar Singh Auditorium, a special event was held where the District Election Officer (DEO), Jammu, interacted and urged the youth not only to cast their vote but also to encourage their families and peers to actively participate in this essential democratic process, underscoring the importance of every vote in shaping the nation's future.

## District Doda players shine at 9th UT J&K Pencak Silat Championship 2024

### Top News Report

DODA, Sep 28: The District Doda Pencak Silat Association is thrilled to announce the outstanding performance of its athletes at the recently concluded 9th UT J&K Pencak Silat Championship 2024, held at the Polo Ground in Srinagar. This prestigious event saw the Khelo India Centre Pencak Silat team from Bhandarwah make a significant impact, with an impressive 10 out of 18 participants securing medals.

The success at the championship highlights the relentless dedication and rigorous training that the athletes have undergone in preparation for the competi-



tion. The District Doda Pencak Silat Association expressed deep gratitude to the Secretary for their unwavering support, which has played a vital role in helping the athletes achieve these remarkable results.

Among the medal winners, Mohammad Aleem Zargar emerged as a standout competitor,

clinching the Gold medal in his category. His performance was complemented by fellow athletes Aradhaya Kotwal and Mohd. Irshad, who each secured Silver medals, demonstrating their skill and perseverance on the mat. A total of seven Bronze medals were awarded to athletes including Kavi-

sha Devi, Priya Uttam, Sneha Chandail, Diksha Komal, Aryan Kotwal, Ayush Kotwal, and Sourav Kumar, showcasing the competitive spirit and talent present in District Doda.

In addition to the medalists, several other athletes represented District Doda with distinction, including Arpit

prised of Sonam Verma, Pooja Devi, and Sonali Bhagat, proudly secured the 2nd position.

The Principal of College Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra congratulated the winners, praising their hard work and dedication. She commended the faculty members for their support and encouragement, which played a significant role in the students' success. She emphasized the importance of participation in such competitions, encouraging students to continue representing the college with pride in future events.

Kotwal, Diya Rathore, Aditya Raj, Ankush Kumar, Naveed Dar, Ayush Kumar, Vinod Kumar, and Naman Singh. Their participation not only contributed to the district's overall performance but also highlighted the growing popularity of Pencak Silat in the region.

This championship has not only been a platform for showcasing talent but also serves as a motivating force for aspiring athletes in District Doda. The Association looks forward to building on this success in future competitions, further promoting Pencak Silat and encouraging more young athletes to engage in this dynamic sport.

## GDC Ramgarh students shine at District Level Competitions celebrating Gandhi Jayanti

### Top News Report

RAMGARH, Sep 28: Students of Government Degree College (GDC) Ramgarh have showcased remarkable talent and dedication at the district-level competitions organized in connection with Gandhi Jayanti celebrations at Govt. Degree College, Samba.

Various events including seminars, Essay writing competition, Art/Slogan writing competition, Reel-making competition, and Bhajan singing competition were organized where the students from

various colleges of Samba district had participated.

Students of GDC Ramgarh brought laurels to the college by winning prizes, marking a proud moment for the college. Bhoomika Sharma secured the 1st prize in the essay writing competition, while Chahat Tadyal won the 1st prize in the seminar.

Amit Kumar excelled in the reel-making competition, earning the 1st prize as well. In the art and slogan writing category, Alisha claimed the 1st prize.

The Bhajan singing team, com-

prised of Sonam Verma, Pooja Devi, and Sonali Bhagat, proudly secured the 2nd position.

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### WANTED GIRL MAHAJAN/ KHATRI

Wanted suitable match for June 92 born BDS/JKAS Mahajan boy having height 5'8". Preference will be given to Doctor MD, JKAS or Post Graduate working girl. Interested people can contact on 9419701575.

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(for political parties to publish in newspapers, social media platforms & website of the party)  
Information regarding individuals with pending criminal cases, who have been selected as candidates, along with the reasons for such selection, as also as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates  
(As per the Commission's directions issued in pursuance of the Order dated 13.02.2020 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in contempt petition (C) no. 2192 of 2018 in WP (C) no. 536 of 2011)

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

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| 1.     | Criminal antecedents                             |  |
| a.     | Nature of the offences                           | 1. FIR No.19/2006, dated 28.01.2006, Police Station Chanakya Puri, New Delhi, under Section 186/332/353 IPC<br>2. Civil Case No. Nil |
| b.     | Case no.   | 1. Nil<br>2. Nil   |
| c.     | Name of the Court                                | 1. MM - 02 Patiala House Court, New Delhi  |
| d.     | Whether Charges have been framed or not (Yes/No) | 1. YES   |
| e.     | Date of conviction, if any                       | 1. 09.08.2018<br>2. Nil<br>3. Nil  |

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| f. | Details of punishment undergone, if any    | 1. On 17.08.2018, simple imprisonment for a period of one month with a fine of Rs. 500 under Section 186 IPC.<br>2. Simple imprisonment for a period of six months with fine of Rs. 1000/- under Section 353 IPC.<br>3. Rigorous imprisonment for a period of one year with fine of Rs. 1000/- under Section 332 IPC.<br>4. Punishment under gone nil.   |
| g. | Any other information required to be given | Against the conviction order dated 09.08.2018 and order of sentence dated 17.08.2018 a criminal appeal No. 124/2018 was filed on 27.08.2018 which was disposed of on 11.12.2019 with modification of sentences by the ASJ/Special Judge (NDPS) Patiala House Courts New Delhi:-<br>1. Simple imprisonment for a period of 7 days with fine of Rs. 500/- under Section 186 IPC.<br>2. Simple imprisonment for a period of 15 days with a fine of Rs. 1000/- under Section 353 IPC.<br>3. Simple imprisonment for a period of 1 month with fine of Rs. 1000/- under Section 332 IPC.<br>4. Criminal revision petition No. 1317/2019 was filed on 17.12.2019 before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi at New Delhi, challenging the order dated 11.12.2019, passed by the appellate court i.e. Ld. ASJ, New Delhi.<br>5. Vide Order dated 23.12.2019 the sentences have been suspended by the Hon'ble High Court till next date of hearing. The interim order is still continuing and the next date of hearing is fixed for 14.10.2024. |

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| 2. | The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words) | The candidate is a young dedicated social worker who has done marvelous work in social justice and upliftment of poor and downtrodden people of his constituency and is serving in the constituency for more than 25 years, the candidate has served the party in different capacities on different posts and positions, such as in the State Youth Wing, District President, State General Secretary and on many other positions. |
| 3. | Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words).   | The case registered against the candidate is a politically motivated one. He enjoys popularity among the youth and is dedicated to the organization and enjoys support from within the party and among common people. The candidate is former Minister and has vast experience in public service.  |

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

Signature of office bearer of the Political Party

Name & Designation...  
S. M. Chowdhary (Advocate)  
Vice-President, JKPCG,  
Jammu

## Rain delays start of second day's play in 2nd Test between India and Bangladesh

*Bangladesh were 107 for 3 in their first innings at the end of the rain-curtailed opening day on Friday*

KANPUR, Sep 28 (Agencies): Heavy rain delayed the start of action on day two of the second Test between India and Bangladesh at the Green Park Stadium here Saturday.

Bangladesh were 107 for 3 in their first innings at the end of the rain-curtailed opening day on Friday.

Only 35 overs could be bowled on the opening day with India pacer Akash Deep accounting for two Bangladeshi batters.

The drizzle in the morning Saturday turned into heavy rain



and there is a possibility that play won't be possible until the final session of the day.

The two teams have already left the stadium and former India players Sunil Gavaskar and Dinesh Karthik, who are a part of on the commentary panel, were also seen leaving the venue.

On Friday also, the start of the match was delayed by an hour due to wet outfield following overnight rain.

India are leading the two-match series 1-0, having won the Chennai Test by 280 runs.

## Mumbai's Musheer Khan suffers neck injury in road accident, set to miss Irani Cup

NEW DELHI, Sep 28 (Agencies): Mumbai's young batter, Musheer Khan has sustained a serious neck injury following a road accident and is set to be sidelined for an extended period, missing the upcoming Irani Cup. Musheer, the younger brother of Sarfaraz Khan, was traveling with his father, Naushad Khan, from Azamgarh to Lucknow when their car tragically flipped four to five times on the road, according to sources. The exact cause of the accident remains unclear.

The 19-year-old batter is expected to be out of action for a period ranging from six weeks to three months, depending on the severity of the injury and his recovery process. This injury is a significant setback for Musheer, who has been making waves in domestic cricket over the past year.

Musheer Khan, brother of fellow Mumbai cricketer Sarfaraz Khan, has been in impressive form in red-ball cricket. His recent performances

include a standout knock of 181 for India B against India A in the Duleep Trophy, where he guided his team to victory. Despite this, his form dipped in the subsequent matches, where he managed scores of 1, 5, and two ducks in his last four innings.

The young batter has been one of the most exciting prospects in the Indian domestic circuit. With an impressive average of 51.14 in first-class cricket, Musheer has accumulated 716 runs from 15 innings, including three centuries and one half-century. While there is no official statement from the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) regarding his injury, Musheer's absence will be a significant blow to the Mumbai side. His absence from the Irani Cup comes at an unfortunate time as the teenager was expected to play a pivotal role in the tournament. As Musheer focuses on his recovery, the Mumbai cricket fraternity and fans will be hoping for his swift return to action.

## Ahead of India tour, New Zealand bundled out for 88 vs Sri Lanka in Galle Test

GALLE, Sep 28 (Agencies): New Zealand's poor run of form has reared its head again, as they suffered a humiliating batting collapse, being bowled out for just 88 runs in the first innings of their second Test against Sri Lanka on September 28 in Galle. This dismal performance allowed Sri Lanka to enforce the follow-on, underscoring the Blackcaps' struggles throughout the tour. As they prepare for their upcoming Test series against India, the tour of Sri Lanka has been a stark reality check for Tim Southee's men, both in batting and bowling.

After winning the toss and electing to bat, Sri Lanka put on a commanding display, with three centuries — Kamindu Mendis, Kusal Mendis, and Dinesh Chandimal — powering



their side to a mammoth 602/5 before declaring. New Zealand's bowling attack offered little resistance, unable to stem the flow of runs at any point in the innings.

When it was New Zealand's turn to bat, their troubles only deepened. No batter was able to make a significant impact, as they crumbled against Sri Lanka's dominant bowling. Prabhath Jayasuriya led the charge with a stunning 6/42, while Nishan Peiris added 3/33. Asitha Fernando picked up the remaining wicket,

continuing his fine form from the series.

Mitchell Santner was the sole New Zealand batter to show some fight, top-scoring with a 29-ball knock. In fact, Santner was the only player to cross the 20-run mark in what was a disastrous batting effort.

With a heavy 63-run defeat in the first Test on September 23, New Zealand's performance has raised serious concerns, casting doubt on their preparedness for the much-anticipated series against India.

## International Hockey returns to New Delhi after 10 years; India legends react

NEW DELHI, Sep 28 (Agencies): Former stalwarts of Indian Hockey— Harbinder Singh and Zafar Iqbal are excited to witness the Indian Men's Hockey Team in action against Germany at the Major Dhyani Chand National Stadium in New Delhi. India will face off against the Olympic Silver medalists on the 23rd and 24th of October. International hockey is returning to New Delhi after a decade with this event and several dignitaries, including former hockey stars are expected to attend the event.

The last time India played at the Major Dhyani Chand National Stadium was the Hero Hockey World League Final — Men's Round 4, back in January 2014.

"1972 was the last time I played hockey in Delhi for the national team. I remember the Shivaji Stadium was filled to the brim and the fans were on their feet cheering for us. I believe a lot of fans will turn up to cheer for India and Germany



as well. They will be witnessing a high-level international match after a decade after all," Padma Shri Harbinder Singh, winner of the 1964 Tokyo Gold, 1968 Mexico Bronze, and 1972 Munich Bronze at the Olympics commented.

Zafar Iqbal, Gold medallist at the 1980 Moscow Olympics and Captain of the 1982 Asian Games Silver winning team in Delhi also weighed in saying, "Back in our era, hockey had an immense following. Events like the Nehru Gold Cup, Asian

Trophy and the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifier. This November, Rajgir, a city in Bihar, will host the upcoming Women's Asian Champions Trophy.

"High-profile matches should be hosted at various venues across the country, giving a chance for people from all regions to witness the team live in action and grow the following for the sport, in addition to keeping our players sharp for important international tournaments," Harbinder Singh lauded Hockey India's initiative to take hockey to all parts of the country.

Zafar Iqbal also urged supporters to turn up in numbers saying, "The general impression before was that India is a team that concedes goals late in games but that has changed now, we are one of the best teams in the world in all aspects. The facilities are top notch and I am sure the game will be filled with riveting action. And, I would like to take this opportunity to invite hockey fans to turn up in numbers to support our team."

## Adam Zampa becomes Australia's eighth-highest ODI wicket-taker

LONDON, Sep 28 (Agencies): Australia spinner Adam Zampa overtook former pacer Nathan Bracken to become Australia's eighth-highest wicket-taker in ODIs on Saturday. Zampa made this upward movement in the charts during the fourth ODI against England at Lord's. In the match, Zampa was somewhat the only positive for Australian bowling, taking two wickets for 66 runs in eight overs at an economy rate of 8.25. He got crucial wickets of half-centurions Ben Duckett and Harry Brook.

Now, in 102 ODIs since his debut in 2016, Zampa has taken 175 wickets at an average

of 27.99, with best figures of 5/35. He has 11 four-wicket hauls and a five-wicket haul in ODIs.

On the other hand, Bracken, a prominent Aussie pacer from 2001-09, once ranked number one in 50-over format, took 174 wickets in 116 ODIs at an average of 24.36, with best figures of 5/47. He took five 4-wicket hauls and two five-wicket hauls in ODIs.

Pace legends Glenn McGrath and Brett Lee (380 wickets each) are joint-highest wicket-takers in ODIs for Aussies.

Coming to the match, Australia won the toss and opted to field first.

England started off with a fine 48-run opening stand between Phil



Salt (22 in 27 balls, with three fours) and Ben Duckett. After a brief stumble, skipper Harry Brook recorded a 79-run partnership with Duckett (63 in 62 balls, with six fours and a six) and a 75-run partnership with Jamie Smith (39 in 28 balls, with a four and two sixes). Brook missed out on a well-deserved second-successive ODI ton,

scoring 87 in 58 balls, with 11 fours and a six.

Liam Livingstone (62\* in 27 balls, with three fours and seven sixes) provided some brilliant finishing touches, smashing Mitchell Starc for 28 runs as England scored 312/5 in their 39 overs.

Adam Zampa (2/66) was the pick of the bowlers. Mitchell Marsh,

Glenn Maxwell, and Josh Hazlewood got a wicket each.

In the run-chase, openers Travis Head (34 in 23 balls, with four boundaries and two sixes) and skipper Marsh (28 in 34 balls, with two fours and a six) provided a fine start with a 68-run stand. However, after their partnership was broken, it was all downhill for Australia, who was skittled out for 126 in 24.4 overs, thanks to brilliant spells from Matthew Potts (4/38) and Brydon Carse (3/36). England levelled the five-match series 2-2 with a 186-run win.

Brook secured the 'Player of the Match' award.

## Barcola's brace powers PSG to 3-1 victory over Rennes

PARIS, Sep 28 (Agencies): Bradley Barcola scored two goals and Lee Kang-in added another as Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) defeated Rennes 3-1, extending their unbeaten run in Ligue 1.

Barcola opened the scoring after half an hour, taking a pass from Ousmane Dembélé and steering a right-foot shot inside the far post. Twelve minutes into the second half, Lee doubled the home side's advantage, netting his third goal of the season. Barcola then added his second goal with a simple tap-in after 68 minutes.

Rennes managed a consolation goal from the penalty spot through Arnaud Kalimuendo, but had a second goal chalked off by VAR with just two minutes remaining, ending any hopes of a comeback.

With his fifth and sixth goals of the season, Barcola now leads the Ligue 1 scoring charts, one clear of Marseille's Mason Greenwood. PSG currently sits at 16 points from its first six games.

Marseille, also unbeaten, has 13

points from five games and is set to play at Strasbourg on Sunday. Rennes remains in eighth place with seven points from six matches.

In another match, Auxerre secured a 3-0 victory over Brest, marking its second league win of the season and halting the visitors' recent run of form. Brest had come off two consecutive victories, including a 2-1 win over Sturm Graz in their first-ever Champions League match.

However, under pouring rain in central France, Auxerre demonstrated the form that earned them promotion last year and avoided a fifth straight defeat in Ligue 1. Elisha Owusu put the home side ahead with a left-foot shot after 26 minutes, followed by captain Jubal doubling the lead from the penalty spot 11 minutes later. Hamed Junior Traorè, on loan from Bournemouth, then scored his second goal in two games 14 minutes into the second half.

The result leaves both teams with six points from six matches.

## 1st T20I: Rickelton, Hendricks star as South Africa thrash Ireland

ABU DHABI, Sep 28 (Agencies): Ryan Rickelton and Reeza Hendricks starred with the bat to power South Africa to a commanding eight-wicket win over Ireland in the first T20I at the Zayed Cricket Stadium in Abu Dhabi. Rickelton and Hendricks shared a record-breaking 136-run opening partnership to set the stage for a clinical chase, as South Africa easily overhauled Ireland's 171 for 8 with 14 balls to spare.

Rickelton played a career-best knock,

scoring 76 runs, while Hendricks contributed 51, marking the highest T20I opening stand for South Africa on foreign soil. This dominant performance helped South Africa reach 174 for 2 in just 17.4 overs. Put in to bat first, Ireland made a promising start. Ross Adair took on South African pacer Lizaad Williams in the opening over, smashing two fours and a six before falling for 18. Captain Paul Stirling was bowled by Otneil Baartman shortly afterward, but Curtis Campher's

aggressive 49 kept the Irish in contention.

Harry Tector joined in the action, hitting Williams for three consecutive boundaries, as Ireland raced to 63 for 2 by the end of the PowerPlay. As the Irish innings progressed, South Africa's bowlers fought back. Patrick Kruger, in particular, wreaked havoc in the final stages, claiming four wickets for just 27 runs. His last-over heroics included three wickets, which helped restrict Ireland to a modest 171 for 8 after a threatening



position of 153 for 4. Neil Rock (28) and

Campher steadied the Irish middle order with

a 59-run stand, but once Campher was dis-

missed, Kruger capitalized, wrapping up the innings with ease. In response, South Africa's openers wasted no time. Rickelton and Hendricks attacked from the outset, with Rickelton smashing two early boundaries and Hendricks following with three of his own off Mark Adair.

By the end of the PowerPlay, South Africa was cruising at 58-0, and with the dew affecting Ireland's bowling grip, the task only got easier for the Proteas. Rickelton brought up his first international fifty with

a well-timed boundary, and Hendricks soon followed suit, reaching his half-century before being trapped in front by Craig Young. Though both openers fell in quick succession after their fifties, Aiden Markram (19\*) and Matthew Breetzke (13\*) saw the game home comfortably, ensuring South Africa completed the chase with 2.2 overs to spare.

The two teams will face off again on Sunday in the second and final T20I, before shifting focus to a three-match ODI series.

## Arvinder Singh Micky Joins Congress, Boosting Party Support in Jammu East

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 28: In a significant development, Former Deputy Chairman of J&K Legislative Council Arvinder Singh Micky joined the Congress party in presence of Sh. Bharatsinh Solanki Ji, AICC Incharge for J&K and Sh. Manoj Yadav Ji, Jt. Secretary AICC, and Yogesh Sawhney Congress NC Candidate Jammu East (Former Minister & ex-MLA Jammu East). Later in the evening, several young members of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) from Sidhra, Jammu East, officially joined the Congress party in presence of Sawhney. The former Minister welcomed the joining of Sh. A. S. Micky Ji and said it would bolster the party support at the grassroots level and augment progress. The new members from Sidhra Jammu East were also warmly wel-



comed by Sawhney, who highlighted the importance of youth participation in politics and its role in strengthening the party's grassroots efforts. Addressing the gathering, he expressed his gratitude and optimism about the growing appeal of Congress among the youth. He emphasized that the involvement of young minds brings fresh perspectives and energy, which is crucial for driv-

ing meaningful change at the local level. "The youth are the backbone of any progressive movement. Their participation enhances the grassroots performance of the party and ensures a better connection with the issues that matter most to the people," Sawhney remarked.

The young individuals stated that their decision to switch parties stemmed from their

belief in the core values and inclusive vision of the Congress. They cited the Congress party's focus on democratic principles, social justice, and its commitment to upliftment of marginalized sections as key reasons for their shift. "We believe in the values and vision of the Congress party, and we feel it resonates more with the aspirations of the youth," one of the newly inducted members said.

Sawhney also underscored how the youth's growing disillusionment with the BJP's policies and leadership has caused disappointment among the people. He urged the new members to actively engage in grassroots politics and work for the welfare of the people in the constituency. Sawhney further added that this marks a significant boost for Congress party, as the party gears up for the upcoming elections. He said that there is a broader trend of dissatisfaction among people with the current political climate because of various problems in Jammu East which remain addressed such as that of unemployment, electricity bills, property tax, lack of basic facilities among others. Congress is aiming to address all of these issues head on to provide relief to the people, he said.

## Tar Village Honored as One of India's Best Tourism Villages for 2024



Top News Report

LEH, Sep 28: The Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) proudly congratulates Tar Village for being recognized as one of the Best Tourism Villages of India 2024 in the Responsible Tourism Category. This esteemed honor, announced on World Tourism Day, highlights the village's commitment to sustainable tourism practices that benefit both the environment and the local community. The award ceremony

took place at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, attended by prominent dignitaries, including the Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, and other key ministers. This recognition not only celebrates the hard work of Tar Village's residents but also positions it as a model for responsible tourism in the region.

LAHDC's unwavering support has been crucial in establishing Tar Village as a sustainable and economically viable destination. The council's initiatives foster an envi-

ronment where local culture and traditions thrive alongside tourism.

Chairman/CEC Adv. Tashi Gyalson praised the leadership of Nambarbar and Councillor Lobzang Sherab, whose efforts have been vital in guiding the community to this significant achievement. Their commitment to preserving the village's unique heritage while embracing responsible tourism sets an inspiring example for others.

Congratulations once again to Tar Village on this well-deserved accolade!

## GDC Marheen Hosts Inspiring Session Under Swachhata Hi Sewa Campaign

Top News Report

MARHEEN, Sep 28: In an inspiring move towards promoting both physical wellness and cleanliness, the NSS Unit of GDC Marheen organized a Yoga session on September 28, 2024, as part of the Swachhata Hi Sewa campaign, with a focus on "Swabhav Swachhata-Sanskara Swachhata." Under the patronage of the esteemed Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Anupama Gupta, the session highlighted the importance of Yoga in reducing stress and improving day-to-day efficiency.

NSS volunteers Neha Chib, Kaniika, and Labita led the way by demonstrating Yog Asanas, sharing valuable tips for enhancing health standards within the community and the student body. The event saw enthusiastic participation from a large number of students and volunteers, reflecting a strong commitment to both personal well-being and societal cleanliness.

The session was smoothly coordinated by Dr. Arun Dev Singh, NSS Programme Officer, with the support of Dr. Shalun and Prof. Manu Saini. Notable faculty members like Prof. Anoop Sharma, Dr. Munisha, and others were also in attendance.

## Summer Internship concludes at Sub District Hospital R.S Pura



Top News Report

R.S Pura: The Department of Geography at Government Degree College R.S Pura successfully concluded a 7-day Summer Internship program at the Sub District Hospital R.S Pura.

During the internship, students engaged in hands-on learning experiences that enriched their understanding of healthcare systems and the role of geography in public health. The program included interactive sessions with healthcare professionals, field visits, and practical workshops that emphasized the importance of

geographical factors in health services.

The initiative aimed to provide students with insights into the functioning of healthcare facilities and the application of geographical concepts in real-world scenarios. Participants expressed their gratitude for the opportunity, highlighting the valuable skills and knowledge they gained throughout the program.

The Department of Geography looks forward to continuing such initiatives in the future, enhancing educational experiences and fostering a deeper understanding of the intersection between geography and health.

## J&K Intellectual Civil Society Celebrates 117th Jayanti of Shaheed Bhagat Singh

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 28: The J&K Intellectual Civil Society, under the chairmanship of Sh. S.S. Sodhi, gathered to commemorate the 117th birth anniversary of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, one of India's most iconic and revered freedom fighters. The event, held with fervour and reverence, honoured the immense sacrifices made by Bhagat Singh and his comrades in the fight for India's independence.

S.S. Sodhi, Chairman, J&K Intellectual Civil Society, reflected on the inspiring legacy of Bhagat Singh and said that Bhagat Singh's unflinching courage, selflessness, and love for the nation continue to inspire generations. His willingness to lay down his life for the freedom and dignity of India reminds us of the spirit of patriotism and the responsibility we bear towards our country. His life is a testament to the power of youth in shaping the future of a nation.

The members of the society discussed at length the extraordinary contributions



of Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev, whose sacrifices have left an indelible mark on the history of India's freedom struggle. They also emphasized the importance of passing on the stories of these national heroes to the younger generation, ensuring that the ideals of courage, commitment, and sacrifice remain alive in the hearts of all Indians.

As the society concluded the session, S.S. Sodhi called upon everyone to imbibe the values that Bhagat Singh stood for—unity, integrity, and unwavering dedication to the nation. He urged the youth of today to draw inspiration from his life, reminding them that the spirit of patriotism should transcend all barriers and guide us towards building

a stronger and more unified India.

Addressing the gathering, Sodhi said "At DPS schools in J&K, we ensure that our students learn about the history and the supreme sacrifices made by those who gave their lives for our independence. It is crucial for our civil society to keep reminding the younger generations of this rich legacy, fostering a sense of patriotism and responsibility. I encourage all colleagues in schools and universities to study the lives and work of these great visionaries, and to follow their path of love and dedication towards our nation. Their sacrifices for India's independence should be an inspiration for all of us."

The event was attended by intellectuals, academicians, and members of civil society, all of whom paid tribute to the legacy of Shaheed Bhagat Singh. The gathering ended with the resolution to continue working towards the betterment of the country, upholding the values for which Bhagat Singh and countless other freedom fighters gave their lives.

## CEC conducts meeting regarding Wildlife Boundary Rationalisation in Nubra



Top News Report

LEH, Sep 28: Chairman/ CEC, LAHDC Leh Adv. Tashi Gyalson, along with the Deputy Chairman Tsering Angchuk, Executive Councillor for Minority Ghulam Mehdi and Councillors of Nubra, conducted a meeting with the Nubra Wildlife Boundary Rationalization Committee to discuss the draft proposal from the UT Administration.

The committee requested additional time to consult with all stakeholders, noting that the issue is complex and must be carefully considered, especially in light of Nubra's new district status. They also

mentioned that the committee's formal position had been submitted to the Hon'ble Governor the previous day; however, upon the CEC's request, they agreed to reassess their position in the light of proposal submitted by UT administration.

CEC Tashi Gyalson informed the committee that the Council has been actively pursuing this matter with both the UT Administration and the Union Government for the past three years. After more than 15 formal consultation meet, a formal proposal, detailing the problems, rationale, and a newly proposed map for all three protected areas was submitted to the

Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor in January 2024. The CEC emphasized that this proposal was the result of a complex process involving the management of various stakeholders' opinions and interests.

CEC Gyalson firmly rejected speculations that the Council did not submit the proposal. He reiterated the Council's deep responsibility to safeguard the interests of the people and stated that any agreement to the proposal would only occur if it is reasonable, scientific, and protect the basic rights and interests of the residents of Nubra, Changthang, and Hemis with people's consensus to it.

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