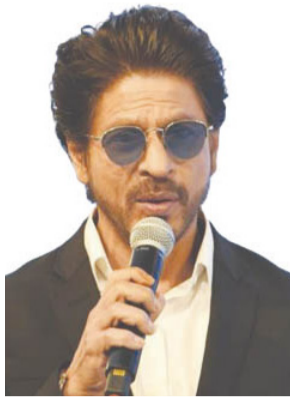


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Migrant labourer dies after falling from an under construction building at CUK

SRINAGAR, Sep 30 (Agencies): A labourer died after falling from an under construction building at the Central University of Kashmir in Ganderbal late last night, reports said. Quoting an official news agency NVI reported that a labourer was seriously injured in the incident.

He said the labourer was immediately rushed to District Hospital (DH) Ganderbal for treatment, from where he was referred to SKIMS Soura, where doctors declared him brought dead on arrival. The official identified the labourer as Ramjee Thakur, son of Late Durga Thakur, a resident of Bihar.

Search Operations in Kathua, Rajouri extended to fresh areas

JAMMU, Sep 30 (Agencies): Security forces on Monday extended the ongoing search operations to new areas in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua and Rajouri districts to hunt down terrorists following recent encounters in the region, officials said.

While a policeman and a terrorist were killed and two police officers injured in a fierce gunbattle in remote Kog-Mandli forest village in Billawar tehsil of Kathua district on Saturday evening, a brief exchange of fire took place between terrorists and security forces in Manial Gali in Thanamandi area of Rajouri district on Sunday evening.

A massive search operation is going on for the third day in Kathua with cordon extending to over a dozen other villages near the scene of Saturday's encounter, the officials said.

They said at least three more foreign terrorists of Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) are believed to be hiding in the forest belt.

In Rajouri, the officials said the terrorists fled after a brief encounter with security forces at Manial Gali in Thanamandi area Sunday evening.

The operation was called off late Sunday and resumed and extended to new areas

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"Tried to create an atmosphere free from fear, intimidation," says DGP RR Swain on last day of his service

SRINAGAR, Sep 30 (Agencies): On the final day of his service, the Director General of Police (DGP) RR Swain Monday visited the newly constructed Martyr's Memorial or Balidan Stambh at Pratap Park in Srinagar's Lal Chowk.

Talking to reporters after paying tributes to killed soldiers, the J&K police chief said that he too could have been among his hundreds of colleagues killed in the line of duty.

During his three-decades of service, the DGP said that he



has tried to ensure a fear-free atmosphere in Kashmir.

"For a police officer, Balidan Stambh is not less than a place of worship. There are hun-

dreds of fallen heroes who have sacrificed their lives for the cause. It is my duty to pay rich tributes to all the heroes on the last day of my ser-

vice," DGP Swain said. Asked how he feels from being a Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) to be promoted to the DGP rank, Swain said, "this opportunity doesn't come to all. For this, I am thankful to the Almighty and the government and then to my colleagues."

"I did try to see the smiles on the faces of people and remove fear. I am thankful to all mothers, sisters, children, old age citizens and all for their support. My belief is that everyone in J&K

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CBI arrests 26 cybercriminals in multi-state crackdown



NEW DELHI, Sep 30 (Agencies): In a multi-state crackdown on organised cybercrime, the CBI has arrested 26 alleged cybercriminals involved in fraudulent activities targeting people globally, officials

said on Monday.

The action under operation Chakra-III started with raids at 32 different places across Pune, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad and Visakhapatnam late night last Thursday. The central agency has

seized Rs 58.45 lakh cash, locker keys and three luxury vehicles, they said.

Four call centres — V.C. Inconformities Pvt. Ltd at Regent Plaza, Pune; V.C. Infrometrix Pvt. Ltd, Murli Nagar, Visakhapatnam; Viatrix Solutions, Hyderabad; and Atriya Global Services Pvt. Ltd, Visakhapatnam — were among the places raided by the agency.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) intercepted 170 people engaged in live online

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"Congress confident in forming govts in Haryana, Jammu-Kashmir", Says MP Jairam Ramesh



NEW DELHI, Sep 30 (Agencies): Congress leader Jairam Ramesh stated that the party is confident about forming a government in Haryana as well as Jammu and Kashmir following the end of the assembly polls.

In an exclusive interview with news agency on Monday, the Rajya Sabha MP highlighted key issues such as justice for soldiers, farmers, and wrestlers and emphasised the slogan "Jai jawan, jai kisaan, jai pehelwan" to address perceived injustices in the state.

"It is clear that the Congress government will be formed in Haryana. It is a big storm against the BJP. The issues in Haryana are 'Jai jawan, jai kisaan, jai pehelwan'... There has been injustice with jawans and farmers

and discrimination with wrestlers. So this is our slogan for Haryana," he said.

Ramesh stressed the demand for a legal guarantee of Minimum Support Price (MSP), citing the farmers' protest and also slammed the Prime Minister for being during the protest.

He also mentioned the party's commitment to loan waivers and the removal of the 50 per cent reservation limit and reiterated the importance of conducting a caste census by

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Veteran actor Mithun Chakraborty to receive Dadasaheb Phalke Award: Ashwini Vaishnav

NEW DELHI, Sep 30 (Agencies): Veteran actor Mithun Chakraborty, star of films such as "Mrigayaa", "Surakshaa", "Disco Dancer", and "Dance Dance", was on Monday named recipient of the Dadasaheb Phalke Award, the government's highest recognition in the field of cinema.

Union Minister for Infor-



mation and Broadcasting Ashwini Vaishnav made the announcement on X.

"Mithun Da's remarkable cinematic journey inspires generations! Honoured to announce that the Dadasaheb Phalke Selection Jury has decided to award legendary actor, Sh. Mithun Chakraborty Ji for his iconic contribution to Indian Cinema," the minister said in the post.

The award will be presented to Chakraborty at

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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.

Hope voters will take right decision, says Dr Farooq

SRINAGAR, Sep 30 (Agencies): National Conference (NC) President and former parliamentarian, Dr Farooq Abdullah on Monday said that Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will have to face the defeat and hopefully the people will take right decision this time by casting their ballots. "We are expecting people to take right decision for the restora-



tion of special status and other things," Dr Farooq. He added that he is happy that BJP has

been targeting NC as it is the party that is fighting against them and BJP has to face a defeat.

About the statement of BJP leaders with regard to Article 370 has been buried, Abdullah said the party has been burying everything.

About Waqf Bill, the former chief minister of erstwhile J&K state, said that Joint Parliamentary

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We had our own Flag, Constitution, and Identity: Omar Abdullah



SRINAGAR, Sep 30 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Vice President Omar Abdullah on Sunday reiterated NC's commitment to fight for the restoration of all the abridged rights of the

people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Omar Abdullah as per a statement stated that the National Conference will not let anyone compromise or trade away our rights.

He made these comments while addressing back to back election rallies in Baramulla, Handwara and Tangdhar today. He was accompanied by party Treasurer Shammi Oberoi. Party's contesting candidates Javed Beigh, Chowdhary Moham-

mad Ramzaan, Javed Mirchal organized the events.

Omar said, "Only 14 million people once had the exclusive rights to the land, employment, education, rivers, forests, and other resources of Jammu and Kashmir. However, on August 5, 2019, our rights were forcefully stripped away and handed over to 1.4 billion people. The current BJP government is determined to put an official stamp on their actions in the Assembly.

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OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA
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 892/1 Sector 40A Chandigarh-160006, originally R/o Pimplish, Tral, 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 Anshu - Son & Daughter-in-law
Daughter and Son-in-law
Sunita and Rakesh Koul
Neha and Vikram Raina
Hem Krishan Raina and Gita Raina (Brother & Sister-in-law)
Revinder Krishan Raina and Lalita Raina (Brother & Sister-in-law)
Dr M K Koul and Jyoti (Brother-in-law & Sister)
ALL NEARS AND DEARS
CONTACT DETAILS: 99916587338, 9419204952, 9852779952



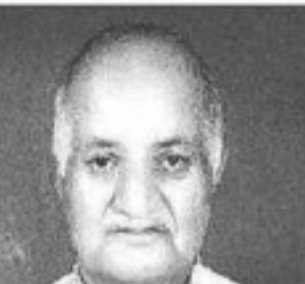
Sh Avtar Krishan Raina

BARKHI
A year has passed in a blink of an eye since our beloved **Sh Rattan Chand Sharma (Master ji)** left us for heavenly abode.
Barkhi will be performed on 01st October 2024 at 12 noon at our residence 93/2 Channi Himmat Mohalla Sandh Jammu.
IN GRIEF
(Sons & Daughters-in-law)
Sh Suresh Kumar & Sharda Devi - Ph 9797533362
Sh Manoj Kumar & Jyoti Sharma - Ph 9796600811
(Daughters & Sons-in-law)
Smt Neelam & Sh Gopal Sharma
Smt Anju & Sh Sanjeev Kumar
(Grand Children)
Vivek, Vikrant, Parul, Siddharth, Akul, Rajat, Aryan, Viren & Annaya



Sh Rattan Chand Sharma (Master ji)

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA
With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Sh. M.L.Sharma (Raina)** original resident of Kharyar Habba Kadal Srinagar (Kashmir) and presently resident of Swaran colony Trilokpur Road Gole Gujral Jammu expired on 26/09/2024 after brief illness and cremation has taken place on 27/09/2024 at Shanti Ghat Gole Gujral Near SOS school Jammu. **TENTH DAY KRIYA** and assembly will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 05/10/2024 at 8.30 am.
MOURNING FROM INLAWS will also be held at the above address.
GRIEF STRICKEN
ALL NEARS AND DEARS.
7006900425.




Sh. M.L.Sharma (Raina)

10TH DAY KRIYA
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Smt. Sheela Devi** R/o At present H.No. F 660, Near Jain Temple, Talab Tillo, Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 26th September, 2024.
TENTH DAY KRIYA on 5th October, 2024 (Saturday) 9:00 AM at Muthi Ghat, Near Directorate of School Education, Jammu.
IN GRIEF:-
Sh. O. N. Jotshi (Husband) 9149520538
Daughters-in-laws & Sons
Raj & A.K. Jotshi - 9419195152
Babli & Anil Jotshi - 9419143636
Sanju & Sunil Jotshi - 9796043202
Indu & Rakesh Jotshi - 9811873885
Shanu & Amit Jotshi
Rohani & Arun Jotshi
Daughters & Sons-in-laws
Sunita & Sanjay Rewoo - 9906571716
Esha & Ankit Raina - 7011078471
Grand Children: Aman, Anshika, Parth, Rishul, Arush, Arvi, Anika, Ansh
Samast Dhanwati Parivar of Bijbehara



SMT. SHEELA DEVI

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




SH. BRIJ KRISHAN BHAN

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA
With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Karamyogi Smt. Rattani Chaku (Rani)** originally resident of Karan Nagar, Srinagar, presently residing at House No. 144/B, Greater Jammu, Kurjwani Bypass, Jammu on 27th Sept. 2024.
Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 06th Oct. 2024, Sunday at 9:00 AM.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Daughters-in-law & Sons
Mrs. Paripalini Chaku & Lt. Sh. Ashok Chaku
Mrs. Meenakshi & Kanwal Chaku
Mrs. Jyoti & Sunil Chaku
Daughters & Sons-in-law
Mrs. Reeta & Sunil Kaul
Mrs. Asha & Rakesh Tickoo
Grand Children: Vasundra, Malika, Mrinal, Ayush, Adityaom, Anmol, Anuj & Arnav
And Samast Parivar of Chaku's, Kaul's, Tickoo's, Bamzai's, Taing's, Alma's, Koul's, Hashia's and Bhan's
Mobile Numbers: 8437045445, 9018276467



Smt. Rattani Chaku (Rani)

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: 9590945228, 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 Sunita & 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: Hashita, Bhagav, Kanishka, Devansh, Ananya, Anant, Bhavya & Divyam
MOBILE NO: 9419218946, 7006657710




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

10TH DAY
With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform about the sad and untimely demise of our beloved son **Siddharth Chib [173(TA) Bengal Engineers]** S/o Rajesh Kumar Chib in a tragic road accident in Nowgam, Kashmir.
The **10TH DAY** shall be observed at our residence 501/4, Rani Talab Digiana, Jammu on 1/10/2024 at 10 am.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Rajesh Kumar Chib (Father)
Trishla Chib (Mother)
Parth Chib (Brother)
PHONE NOS- 7006397737, 7006735258.




Siddharth Chib [173(TA) Bengal Engineers]

10TH DAY KRIYA
With deep sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother, **Smt. Raj Lakshmi Razdan (Deda)** W/o Late Sh. Radha Krishan Razdan originally from Kalusa, Bandipora, Kashmir, A/P- H.No 27/15A, Chaman Vihar, Colonel Colony, Talab Tillo, Jammu. She left for heavenly abode on Sunday, 22nd Sept, 2024. The **10th Day Kriya** will be performed on 1st Oct, 2024 at Muthi Ghat, Jammu at 9:00 am IST.
GRIEF STRICKEN:-
Samast Razdan & Siboo Family




Smt. Raj Lakshmi Razdan (Deda)

TENTH DAY
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Raman Kumar Gupta** S/o Lt. Lal Thoru Mal Mahajan (Mule Chack Wale) R/o 247, Near Last Morh Sarwal Colony Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 21 Sept 2024.
Tenth Day will be performed on 30th Sept 2024 (Monday) from 10.30 am to 11.30 am at Mahajan Hall Shalimar Road Jammu.
Kriya will be performed on 3rd Oct 2024 (Thursday) at our residence at 12:00 Clock.
Deeply Missed & Remembered By:
Smt. Meenakshi Gupta - Wife
Sparsh & Vaishali Gupta - Son & Daughter-in-law
Mehak - Daughter
Sh. Roop Lal Gupta & Smt. Krishna Gupta - Father-in-law & Mother-in-law
Suresh & Dharam Pal Mehta - Sister & Brother-in-law
Suman & Deepthi Mahajan - Sister & Brother-in-law
Suman & Subhash Chander - Bhabhi & Brother
Smt. Rekha W/o Late Dharam Pal - Bhabhi
Smt. Neelam & Ajay Vaid (Siggy) - Bhabhi & Brother
M/s Thoru Mal & Bros
M/s Gopal Krishan & Co.
M/s Vaid Bros
M/s Om Prakash & Co.
Lakhdatta Bazar Jammu
Contact No: 94191-54633, 94198-06000, 94191-81573



Sh. Raman Kumar Gupta

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न नेनं कौटिल्यमप्यो न शोचयति मातः ।
(The Soul is Imperishable; It cannot be harmed by Weapons, Fire, Water, or Wind)



SHRI HUKAM CHAND BANSAL
(08-12-1949 to 21-09-2024)
PRAYER MEETING
Date: 02 October 2024 | **Time:** 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Venue: RIMT University Campus, Gate no-3, Mandi Gobindgarh, Punjab
Fondly Remembered by
Neena Bansal (Wife)
Suman & Late Shri Dewan Chand Bansal (Bhabhi & Brother)
Saloni and Vijyant Bansal (Daughter-In-Law & Son)
Sanya and Rahul Bansal (Daughter-In-Law & Nephew)
Varsha and Sahil Bansal (Daughter-In-Law & Nephew)
Mona and Nitin Kansal (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Ritu and Navin Mittal (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Sarita and Saurabh Agarwal (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Shweta & Rahul Garg (Niece and Son in Law)
Amogh, Anagh, Abhiraj, Aniket, Niransh and Rishan (Grandsons)
Darshana & Late Shri Narendra Agarwal (Sister & Brother-In-Law)
Late smt Krishana & Late Shri Krishan Goel (Sister & Brother-In-Law)
Parveen & Late Shri Rajinder Bansal (Sister & Brother-In-Law)
Raman & Raj Kumar Goel (Sister & Brother-In-Law)
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BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS
WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SARDARNI AMRIT KOUR (GUDDI)** ON 24-9-2024 TO PAY OUR OBEISANCE TO THE DEPARTED SOUL, **ARAMBH SRI AKHAND PAATH SAHIB** ON 01.10.2024 AT 9.30 AM & **BHOG SRI AKHAND PAATH SAHIB** ON 03/10/2024 AT 10.00 AM SHALL TAKE PLACE AT OUR RESIDENCE 76/6 NEW PLOT JAMMU NEAR JK STATE MOTOR GARAGE JAMMU. **ANTIM ARDAAS** WILL BE PERFORMED AT GURUDWARA SHRI KALGIDHAR SAHIB REHARI ON 03.10.2024 FROM 11.00 AM TO 12.30 PM FOLLOWED BY GURU KALANGER.
GRIEF STRICKEN:-
COL Ajib Singh - Husband
SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
Col Aji Singh & Manmeet Kour
S. Jaswinder Singh & Anvinder Kour
Kulwinder Singh and Gagandeep Kour
Charanjit Singh and Gurmeet Kour
Brother and Sister in law
S. Surinder Singh and Jagjeet Kour
Contact: 8492957470, 9419530721, 9419883230, 9419137871, 9419279297




SARDARNI AMRIT KOUR (GUDDI)

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA
With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Tara Devi Ji** W/o Late Sh. Kripa Ram Sharma R/o H.No. 104, Patoli Magotian 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 Magotian 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 Magotian 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 Kurni & Sh. Sat Pal Sharma (Former Secretary Red Cross, Jammu Region)
Smt. Anita Kumari & Sh. Ravinder Sharma (Retd. DM SFC)
Dr. Sukhman Sharma & Dr. Rajiv Saini - Grand Daughter & Son-in-law
Er. Manik Magotra - Grand Son
Er. Adish Magotra & Dr. Sunaina Sharma (JKAS) - Grand Son & Daughter-in-law
Great Grand Children: Advait, Medhaansh
Contact Nos.: 9419195501, 962246282



Smt. Tara Devi Ji

OBITUARY
With profound grief, we inform sad demise of our beloved **Smt Raj Dulari Tikoo**, W/o Shri Shubhan Ji Tikoo on Saturday, 28th September 2024 at Gurgaon.
(Original resident of 9, Bagdagi, Rainawari Srinagar, Kashmir)
Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Murad Nagar, on Monday 7th October, 2024.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
TIKUS, TURKIS AND KOUL'S RESIDENCE,
MS-10, FLAT NO. 504, KENDRIYA VIHAR, SECTOR -56, GURUGRAM, HARYANA
PIN CODE: 122011
Ph. 9810745768



Smt Raj Dulari Tikoo

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 - 10994, Kunj Vihar Lane, Nanak Nagar.
Beavaed:
Mrs & Mr Sultanier Singh
Mrs & Mr Sumer Singh
Mr Sikander Singh
Mrs & Mr Bishan Singh
All Grand & Great-grand Children
9419784636, 9018150592



Smt Kamla Jammal

TENTH DAY
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of beloved **Late Smt. Neelam Jammal** (Retd. SO Gandhi Nagar, Women College), R/o H.No 54, Old University Lane, Canal Road, Jammu.
Tenth Day will be performed on 1st October 2024, at Guru Ravidas Mandir, Krishna Nagar, Jammu. Satsang (12.00 pm), Bhog (01.00 pm).
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Mr. Joginder Lal (Husband)
Sourabh Langhe (Son)
Surbi & Abhishek (Daughter & Son in law)
Inayat, Ayira & Riyansh (Grand Childrens)
All Langhe Family
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Late Smt. Neelam Jammal

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LG Mishra interacts with students who will perform at Rashtrapati Bhawan on Ladakh Foundation Day

Top News Report

LEH, Sep 30: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd), interacted with 12 students from Leh and Kargil who will perform at Rashtrapati Bhawan on October 31, 2024, on the occasion of Foundation Day of UT Ladakh.

The LG informed the students that they would perform in front of the President of India, Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhawan on the occasion of Foundation Day

of UT Ladakh on October 31, 2024. He stated that it is a big opportunity for the students as they are getting a chance to perform in front of the Hon'ble President of India. He asked the students to give their best performance as they are representing Ladakh.

The LG asked Deputy Secretary, Cultural Academy, Tsering Paljor to hold a 15-day camp for students at Leh in which the students would be taught to sing and play instruments. He stated that the performance,

depicting the King and Queen along with the Royal Court of Ladakh, should be around 20-30 minutes long. He highlighted the need to prepare a script for the Act in the next one week so that the final script could be prepared based on which the students would start their rehearsal.

The LG asked the concerned officials to ensure discipline among students and ensure their safety, security, food and accommodation during the camp. He also asked the concerned officials

to get undertaking/No-Objection Certificates from the students' parents. He stated that the students would showcase their final performance on October 27 before departing to Delhi on October 29, 2024. The LG asked the concerned officials to ensure traditional dress for the students for their performances.

DC Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve informed the HLG about the arrangements for lodging/boarding for students at Leh and in Delhi.

Deputy Secretary, Cultural Academy, Leh, Tsering Paljor informed the LG that the Department would seek help from a theatre expert to prepare the script for the Act.

First Lady, Neelam Mishra; Commissioner/Secretary to the LG, Dr L Franklin; Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve; PS to Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Shri Jigmet Raftan; Deputy Secretary, Cultural Academy, Leh, Tsewang Paljor and teachers from Leh and Kargil were present during the meeting.

Netanyahu biggest terrorist after Adolf Hitler: Mehbooba Mufti

SRINAGAR, Sep 30 (Agencies): PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Monday said Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is the "biggest terrorist after Adolf Hitler" as the Jewish leader has turned Palestine and Lebanon into "gas chambers".

Mehbooba had earlier condemned the killing of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah in Israeli airstrikes and cancelled her election campaign for a day to extend support to the people of Lebanon and Palestine.

"The International Criminal Court has given a verdict against Netanyahu. This (attacks in Lebanon) incident has proved that he is really a criminal who has killed thousands of persons in Palestine and is now doing the same in Lebanon. No condemnation is enough," Mehbooba told agency Videos.

Terming Netanyahu as "the biggest terrorist after Hitler", the former chief minister said, "Hitler set up gas chambers to kill people but Netanyahu



has turned Palestine and Lebanon into gas chambers where they are killing people in thousands," she said.

Mehbooba said the government's decision to have ties with the Netanyahu regime is wrong. "We have stood by Palestine since the times of Mahatma Gandhi. Having ties with a regime and supplying weapons and drones that are being used to kill people, I think, is a wrong decision," she added.

Asked about BJP criticism of her tweet terming slain Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah a martyr, Mufti said the saffron party should look at the "outpouring" in the

country against the killing. "What will the BJP tell me? They are the ones who stood by the rapists of an eight-year-old girl in Kathua. Those convicts are today serving their sentences. I had to remove two of their ministers for supporting the rapists," the PDP chief said.

"What do they (BJP) know about the long struggle of Nasrallah for the people of Palestine? They should see how many people are coming out in Kashmir, in Lucknow and other parts of the country and raising slogans for the martyr. They should realise how wrong their thinking is," she said.

AIP denies assault on Er Rashid, says 'close associate' broke windshield of his car out of 'pure love'

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Sep 30 (Agencies): The Awami Ittehad Party (AIP) Monday denied claims of assault on the party chief.

The video, which garnered thousands of views in few hours on Sunday, showed a man climbing the front of the vehicle carrying Er Rashid and breaking the windshield by kicking it.

"The assault on Er Rashid" became a trending topic in Kashmir, following which Rashid's party issued a "clarification statement."

Terming the rumours completely false and misleading, the AIP in a statement said that the man Noor Ul Shah-

baz, who is seen breaking the windshield is a 'close associate of the AIP chief,' and that "his actions were motivated purely by love and dedication to Er Rashid."

The AIP said that Shahbaz was eager for Rashid to pass through his area and simultaneously, another associate requested that AIP chief take a different route. "In the heat of the moment, out of sheer passion and love for Rashid, Shahbaz broke the windshield of his own family car, in which Rashid and Shahbaz were travelling," the AIP said.

Later, they continued their journey to Shahbaz's area even as he accompanied them,

"demonstrating that there was no conflict or hostility between them," it said.

"He also addressed the media afterward to clear up any rumours and confirm that the incident was in no way an attack or an assault. His actions were motivated purely by love and dedication to Er Rashid," it said.

While refuting the claims of assault, the AIP said that "unlike other parties that pay people to attend their rallies, people come to our rallies out of genuine love and admiration for Er Rashid."

Instead of rumours, the AIP said, "everyone should focus on real issues of the people of J-K."

BSNL celebrates its Formation Day

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 30: Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), India's leading state-owned telecommunications company, proudly celebrates its 24th Formation Day on 1st October 2024. This year marks another milestone in BSNL's journey of providing reliable and affordable telecommunication services to millions of Indians. Established on 1st October 2000, BSNL has been at the forefront of India's telecommunications sector, offering a wide range of services including mobile, broadband, and enterprise solutions. The company remains dedicated to bridging the digital divide and fostering inclusive growth.

BSNL has roll out its much-anticipated 4G services. BSNL is rapidly expanding its network reach, ensuring that even the remotest areas of India are connected. The company aims to

cover the entire state of J&K with 4G services within this financial year. This launch will mark a significant step forward in enhancing connectivity and providing high-speed internet services across the country.

The company is focused on upgrading its existing 4G infrastructure to facilitate a smooth transition to 5G. This includes the installation of new towers and essential equipment. With major telecom players increasing their prices, BSNL continues to offer affordable plans, making high-quality telecommunication services accessible to all.

Saurabh Tayagi, CGMT, BSNL J&K Circle said: "We are thrilled to celebrate BSNL's Formation Day and are committed to continuing our legacy of innovation and service excellence. The launch of 4G services is a testament to our dedication to providing cutting-edge technology to our customers."

Rotary Club Mumbai West Coast honors Dr. A.K. Kapoor, Ritesh Kapoor



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 30: The Rotary Club Mumbai West Coast celebrated the outstanding contributions of Dr. A.K. Kapoor and Mr. Ritesh Kapoor by awarding them prestigious honors at a ceremony held at Sanjeevani World School in Dahisar East, Mumbai. Dr. A.K. Kapoor, Chairman of Adarsh Educational Trust Jammu, received the Lifetime Achievement Award, while Ritesh Kapoor, Director Principal of A.S.N. Hr. Sec. School, Channi Himmat, Jammu, was recognized with the Nation Builders Award.

The event was graced by the Chief Guest, Dr. Manjula Pooja Shroff, MD & CEO of Karolex Group, along with Special Invitee PDG Rtn. Dr. Balkrishna Inamdar. Rtn. Dr. Seemaa Negi, President of the club, and Mr. Anantha Krishnan Balasubramanian, CEO of Karolex, also attended as Guests of Honour. The ceremony featured speeches from notable figures, including Ms. Lina Ashar and Lt. Gen. Surendra Kulkarni.

A highlight of the event was the release of a new book titled "Safe Teen Steps" by Ragini Bhadravaj and Dr. Manjula Pooja Shroff, aimed at making young adults cyber secure. The dignitaries presented signed copies of the book to the awardees, emphasizing

its importance in today's digital landscape.

In total, the Rotary Club honored around 235 educators with the Nation Builders Award, alongside additional recognitions for seven jury members and four Lifetime Achievement Awards. These awards celebrated the dedication and innovation of educators across various levels, from pre-primary to higher education, and acknowledged their profound impact on shaping future generations. The selection process was rigorous, with approximately 900 nominations narrowed down to 239 finalists.

Dr. A.K. Kapoor expressed his gratitude, stating that the Lifetime Achievement Award reflects not only his efforts but also the unwavering support of

his team and family over his 55 years of service. He reaffirmed his commitment to creating positive change and striving for excellence in education.

Ritesh Kapoor, in his acceptance speech for the Nation Builders Award, praised the Rotary Club for its invaluable contributions to society and for recognizing the hard work of educators and leaders. He noted that the award symbolizes exceptional leadership and a vision for community engagement and development.

The ceremony highlighted the significant role educators play in inspiring and empowering youth, reinforcing the Rotary Club's mission to acknowledge their selfless service in building a compassionate nation.

There was split in grand alliance even before election results: Chandel

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 30: In a recent press conference, senior BJP leader Gururaj Raju Chandel voiced strong criticism of opposition leaders in Jammu and Kashmir, accusing them of "begging" for attention by invoking Pakistan and promoting outdated policies like Article 370 and Article 35A. Chandel asserted that this behavior is detrimental to the region and claimed that such leaders are distracting from the pressing issues facing the public.

Chandel highlighted the broader context of political instability, stating that the "Mahagathbandhan" (Grand Alliance) is facing internal divisions ahead of the upcoming election results. He predicted that these leaders, whom he described as "scammers," would face severe consequences following the elections, potentially leading to legal actions



and imprisonment in Delhi's Tihar Jail.

Emphasizing the need for a decisive government, Chandel expressed confidence that the BJP will continue to strengthen its position in Jammu and Kashmir. He remarked that the narrative surrounding Pakistan is outdated and that the public is increasingly aware of the true intentions of those invoking it.

As political tensions rise in the region, the upcoming election results are anticipated to reveal significant shifts in the political landscape of Jammu and Kashmir.

Ivy Hospitals to increase bed strength from 750 to 2000

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 30: LIVASA Hospitals, formerly known as Ivy Hospitals on Monday announced its official rebranding to deliver world-class healthcare services across India. The transformation highlights the group's unwavering commitment to clinical excellence, with strategic plans for significant growth and innovation soon.

Addressing a press conference on Monday, Dr. Pawan Kumar, CEO of LIVASA Hospitals said that we are all set to increase its bed capacity from the current 750 to 2,000 beds through both organic and inorganic expansion.

This ambitious growth includes adding 150-200 beds within existing units and launching new healthcare facilities across Punjab and neighboring states, he said.

"IndiaRF and the LIVASA team are fully dedicated to driving this growth and positioning group as a leader in healthcare excellence. New investment from IndiaRF which is a joint venture between Bain



Capital and Primal Group is driving growth not just in capacity but also building new specialties, adding newer technology, delivering higher quality care. This new vision driving patient centric care is the basis of our new name LIVASA."

He further said that we are providing world class care in cardiac sciences, oncology, neurosciences, critical care, nephro and kidney transplant and LIVASA group plans to expand the reach of complex specialty work to other tier 2-3 cities with special focus on building transplant programs including liver, pancreas and heart.

Our mission is to deliver exceptional clinical outcomes, while solving complex medical challenges with the help of our dedicated teams, he asserted.

With cutting-edge technology and a focus on expansion, we are determined to raise the standard of healthcare in the region, he maintained.

Dr Rohit Jaiswal group medical director said, "LIVASA Hospital Amritsar is on panel of CGHS, ECHS, CAPF and all major TPA and corporates and all kinds of complex surgical and medical procedures are routinely performed at the hospital. LIVASA Hospital, Amritsar is the only Hospital in Majha region to conduct Australian & New Zealand immigration Medical Checkups."

Currently LIVASA Hospital is Punjab's biggest superspecialty hospital network with 5 hospitals, 750 beds, 280 ICU beds, 6 cath labs, 20 modular OTs and the healthcare chain treating over 3 lakh patients every year.

Pathseekers shines at CBSE North Zone II Taekwondo Championship 2024-25



Top News Report

SAMBA, Sep 30: The Pathseekers International School (TPIS) proudly announces that Omkar Singh, a student of the school, has won a Gold Medal in the Under-14, 27 kg weight category at the prestigious CBSE North Zone II Taekwondo Championship 2024-25 held in Sonapat.

Omkar's outstanding performance has earned him a place in the CBSE National Taekwondo Championship, which will take place in Uttarakhand from 9th to 13th October 2024. His remarkable achievement

has made his school and community proud, as he now prepares to represent the North Zone at the national level.

Upon his return to Pathseekers School today, Omkar was warmly welcomed by the school staff and students.

Manpreet Kaur, Principal of The Pathseekers International School, congratulated Omkar on his extraordinary dedication to both his academics and sports. She lauded his perseverance and hard work, which have brought such a prestigious accolade to the school.

Kaur also praised the

efforts of Pankaj Kumar, the Taekwondo instructor at TPIS, for his role in training and mentoring Omkar. She emphasized the importance of balancing academic excellence with co-curricular activities and expressed confidence in Omkar's performance at the upcoming national championship.

The entire school community extends its best wishes to Omkar for his participation in the CBSE National Taekwondo Championship in October. We are confident that he will continue to make us proud on this larger platform.

KC College of Education celebrates Gandhi Jayanti

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 30: In commemoration of Gandhi Jayanti, the birthday of Father of Nation, K.C. College of Education organized a cleanliness drive (Swachhata Abhiyan) in Arya Public School, Kachi Chowni, Jammu.

On this occasion lot of

students and the staff participated in the drive. The entire school campus was rendered squeaky-clean by the participants, by using brooms & mops.

The students and the staff showed utmost enthusiasm in making the occasion a remarkable one. The material used for cleanliness drive was procured by

the college in advance to facilitate the successful completion of the drive.

The drive was held under the aegis of NSS wing of the college, wherein senior faculty member Ms. Priya Gupta, the programme officer of the NSS unit, along with Ms. Rita Jamwal, the another faculty member made it possible by pulling their

efforts in organizing the drive. Dr. Sanjay Tickoo, the worthy principal of the college lauded the role of the said staff members & other participants in making the mission a success, he further elaborated the need of cleanliness for health & hygiene & stressed on the need to organize such drives regularly in future.

EDITORIAL

Skill Development
for Women

In today's rapidly changing world, skill development for women has emerged as a crucial factor in promoting gender equality, economic growth, and social empowerment. Empowering women through skill development not only enhances their economic prospects but also contributes to the overall development of communities and nations. This essay explores the importance of skill development for women, the challenges they face, and effective strategies to foster empowerment.

Skill development is essential for enabling women to participate meaningfully in the workforce. It provides them with the tools needed to secure employment, pursue entrepreneurial ventures, and achieve financial independence. According to the World Economic Forum, closing the gender skills gap could boost global GDP by \$28 trillion by 2025. By investing in women's skills, economies can benefit from increased productivity, innovation, and competitiveness.

Moreover, skill development equips women with the confidence to challenge societal norms and stereotypes. Women who are skilled are more likely to take on leadership roles, advocate for their rights, and contribute to decision-making processes in both their families and communities. This shift not only transforms individual lives but also fosters a culture of equality and empowerment.

Despite the clear benefits, women continue to face significant barriers to skill development. Socio-cultural factors, such as traditional gender roles and discrimination, often limit their access to education and training. In many regions, women are expected to prioritize household responsibilities over personal development, leaving little room for skill acquisition.

Additionally, financial constraints can hinder women's ability to participate in training programs. Many women lack access to funding, scholarships, or affordable training options, which exacerbates existing inequalities. Moreover, the lack of supportive infrastructure, such as childcare services and flexible training schedules, further complicates their ability to engage in skill development initiatives.

To effectively promote skill development for women, a multifaceted approach is necessary.

Governments and organizations should prioritize creating accessible educational opportunities for women and girls. This includes establishing vocational training centers, offering online courses, and providing scholarships specifically for women. Flexible training schedules can also accommodate women's household responsibilities.

Supporting women entrepreneurs through training in business management, finance, and marketing is vital. Programs that provide mentorship, networking opportunities, and access to capital can empower women to start their own businesses. Initiatives like microfinance can help women gain the necessary financial resources to pursue their entrepreneurial goals.

Raising awareness about the importance of women's skill development is essential for changing societal attitudes. Campaigns that highlight successful women role models can inspire others and challenge stereotypes. Engaging men and boys in these discussions is equally important to foster a more inclusive environment.

Policymakers should implement gender-sensitive policies that promote skill development for women. This includes funding for training programs, tax incentives for businesses that hire women, and support for women-owned enterprises. Ensuring that women have equal access to government resources and services is critical for their empowerment.

Partnerships between the public and private sectors can enhance skill development initiatives. Businesses can play a crucial role by offering internships, apprenticeships, and training programs specifically designed for women. Collaborating with educational institutions can also help bridge the skills gap and align training with market demands.

Skill development for women is a fundamental aspect of achieving gender equality and sustainable development. By empowering women with the skills they need to thrive in the workforce and in their communities, societies can unlock their full potential and drive economic growth. Addressing the barriers to skill acquisition through targeted strategies and collaborative efforts is essential. As we move forward, it is imperative to recognize that investing in women's skills is not just a moral obligation but also a strategic necessity for a prosperous future. Empowering women through skill development will create a ripple effect, transforming lives and communities for generations to come.

Labour MP quits, calls PM hypocrite; Oxford Street to be free of traffic?

By: Kishwar Desai

There are very few British Prime Ministers who have come out unscathed from the daily grilling that goes on in the British press. And this time it raises a question that has vexed many over the centuries: "Do clothes maketh the man"? Or woman, as the case may be. And should a Prime Minister and his wife be always well dressed? If the answer is "yes", then what can be wrong if someone offers to buy fancy clothes for you? Surely if you are the Prime Minister, you should have better things to worry about than what you will wear for the Cabinet meeting or the UN get-together... And then, the Prime Minister's wife is always under scrutiny over what she wears. In fact, the press even publishes the brand she is wearing along with the price tag. (I have always wondered about how quickly the media know it all – but then undoubtedly the dress designers also have a PR firm which will quickly leak the information to the press.) Also Read - Sanjaya Baru | Pride & politics: Netas toss the Tirupati laddu around Advertisement But Sir Keir Starmer made the mistake of allowing clothes worth thousands of pounds to be gifted to him by a supporter – and

the subsequent hammering by the right-wing press means that he (despite having won a handsome victory) is now very, very unpopular – and 26 per cent voters dislike him more than those who like him. The alleged error is that Sir Keir was given clothes to wear worth thousands of pounds plus spectacles costing more than two thousand pounds by a rich member of the Labour Party, Lord Ali. Also Read - Pavan K. Varma | Governors need to keep soul of Constitution alive MPs are supposed to declare gifts received but some of this happened during election when Parliament was not meeting and Sir Keir was a candidate but not an elected MP yet. However, the gifts are worth a six-figure sum. His statement about them got delayed, and that has become the latest scandal. And then it turned out that fashion conscious Lord Ali had also helped Lady Starmer to buy thousands pounds worth of dresses as well as the Chancellor Rachel Reeves and the Deputy Leader Angela Rayner. Also Read - Anita Katyal | Omar-Rahul bond gets weakened by poll? Kolkata bids farewell to trams * And to make matters worse, Sir Keir "borrowed" Lord Ali's apartment to film a documentary and then it seems his son used it to study for his GCSEs. None

of this is actually a crime, especially when obviously Sir Keir and his wife were badly advised about all these posh togs to swan around in, and a swanky apartment to get filmed in. For most, of us it would be a relief to have someone who said – "don't worry, old chap, just tell me your sizes and I will get you nicely turned out. And whenever you need – my home is your castle." Also Read - Shreya Sen-Handley | Waiting for 'sorry'? Why not get even? But sometimes generous friends can be your undoing... Lady Starmer should just make a bonfire of the vanities and auction the clothes to give the money to charity. It might calm everyone down. * And now even more embarrassingly for the PM it has led to the resignation of one Labour MP – Rosie Duffield, who will now sit as an independent as she is embarrassed over how Sir Keir and his wife and indeed other members of his Cabinet have also accepted freebies from Lord Alli and others, apart from some other political decisions she does not agree with. She is the first to go, but the fact that she has been extremely vocal and called the PM hypocritical does not augur well at all... * Meanwhile apart from the political theatre playing out, London continues to thrive with superb theatre at

the West End. Currently we have the celebrated Samuel Becket classic Waiting for Godot getting rave reviews. At the National Theatre there is Shakespeare's rarely performed Coriolanus. And there is a musical based on a 1957 Elia Kazan film A Face in the Crowd. I am booking tickets like there is no tomorrow. * Sadiq Khan, the mayor of London, re-elected once more, is planning to redesign Oxford Street as a traffic free zone. Of course, it is the heart of London's shopping area where you have Selfridges and Marks and Spencer and John Lewis. But there are buses and taxis and cars which he thinks create unwanted congestion. But making the most frequently visited stretch of Oxford Street traffic-free raises the worry that we may have to walk long distances carrying our shopping bags... hmmm... one more reason to shop online! * And... here we go again! It seems that soup has once more been thrown by climate activists at the "Sunflowers" painted by Vincent Van Gogh, at an exhibition at the National Gallery. What has astonished me is that those indulging in this vandalism are not young! Among the three who were arrested, is a sixty-year-old man and a seventy-seven-year-old woman. Anger knows no age!

High-Impact career involves a combination of strategic planning, skill development, and networking

By: Vijay GarG

Your degree can be something more than a qualification. If approached in the right way, it is that foundation on which to base your potential successful career. It's not just the certificate, but how you apply your education to meet the demands of the workforce that continuously change over time.

The following are the six key strategies that can help turn your degree into a very powerful career launchpad.

ALIGN YOUR EDUCATION WITH INDUSTRY NEEDS

Make your degree valuable by making it relate to the needs of the industry. Research on the current trends and demands of the market. Search for the skills employers are looking for and correlate your learning with them. While you are still in school, take electives and/or classes, especially if it's aligned with those requirements. For graduates, it's not too late. You can always pursue your degree accompanied by additional certificates. The trick is to customise knowledge as per the requirements of the employer in the field that you choose.

FOCUS ON SKILL-BASED LEARNING

Whereas a degree gives you theoretical knowledge, what most employers look for is what you can do. Skill-based learning helps bridge this gap. Today's job market appreciates

practical skills, so try to engage in opportunities that lead you to acquire them. This could be project work that might need problem-solving, technical know-how, or critical thinking. By focusing on the acquisition of skills, you end up increasing your chances of employability.

Employers tend to put a lot of emphasis on work experience, with practical evidence of the abilities candidates hold.

LEVERAGE INTERNSHIPS AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Internships and real-world work experience are important to turn your degree into a career. They provide you with an opportunity to practice what you have been studying within a working environment. Internships are not the only preview of the world of work; they also build up your résumé. If you can intern while at school, do. For all those out of school already, an entry-level position or a volunteer opportunity that will give you the experience you need should be sought. Businesses like to employ people who have shown initiative to learn by doing.

Experience often counts more than formal education in many industries.

EMBRACE LIFELONG LEARNING

Your degree represents just the tip of the iceberg of what you can learn. In today's rapidly changing world, industries are always changing, and to

be current in these industries, one has to keep abreast with new information. The adoption of continuous education is among the keys that could help unlock career success. Be it online courses, workshops, or up-to-date software can only give you a competitive advantage. Such an attitude will show employers that you are flexible and ready for growth in an industry. But it is not also that a degree can be relied on; rather, staying informed and improving your skills at all times is a key to long-term career growth.

NETWORKING AND PERSONAL BRANDING

Putting your degree to work will most effectively be done through creating connections with industry professionals. It will help open doors of opportunity, jobs, and mentorship support.

Attend industry events, join online communities, and connect with people already established in your field. Social platforms, particularly LinkedIn, can help you build a very strong professional network. In addition to networking, and branding, personal branding is also key. Make sure your online brand is consistent with your skills and career aspirations. By branding yourself well, you will have made it easy for employers and industry peers to note your potential.

SEEK CAREER COUNSELLING AND MENTORSHIP

Making headway in a new career is tough. Career counselors and mentors provide one with the best advice on making a decision based on information offered through career counselling.

The process helps you learn more about the job market and strengths, besides putting your interests in line with possible career choices. Mentorship, on the other hand, takes into account personal guidance from someone who has already succeeded in your desired field. Mentorship can help you dodge common pitfalls and give you advice on how to advance in your career.

Both career counselling and mentorship happen to be the two major tools that have high significance for turning degrees into successful careers.

By following these strategies, you can transform your degree into a career launchpad. Get proactive; start lining up your education with the needs of the industry regarding practical skills and lifelong learning. Go ahead and build that strong foundation for continued long-term success through internships, networking, and mentorship.

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GDC Budhal holds Orientation Program for 1st Semester Students

Top News Report

BUDHAL, Sep 30: An orientation program for the 1st Semester students of Government Degree College Budhal was held on Monday in the college seminar Hall. The event aimed to familiarize the new students with the college environment, its academic structure and the expectations from them as they embark on their higher education journey.

The program began with a warm welcome by Prof. Tahir Nadeem, the NSS Programme Officer of the college, who emphasized some essential "Do's and Don'ts" that the students should follow during their time at the institution. He highlighted the



importance of discipline, regularity, punctuality and adherence to college rules. Prof. Nadeem also spoke about the value of participating in extracurricular activities like the National Service Scheme (NSS), which plays a vital role in shaping students into responsible citizens.

Following him, Prof. Ishfaq Ahmed, Head, Department of Kash-

miri, also shared his perspectives on the subject and encouraged the students to broaden their intellectual horizons through academic pursuits. Dr. Shokit Ali, Head, Department of Urdu, took the opportunity to discuss the academic expectations from the students, particularly focusing on discipline. He urged students to maintain a conducive

learning environment to ensure academic success.

Dr. Altaf Hussain, Head, Department of Chemistry, also reinforced the importance of adhering to college rules. He also provided an overview of the semester system, ensuring that students were well-prepared for the academic rigor ahead.

Prof. Tahir Mahmood, Head Department of English, encouraged students to focus on their personal and intellectual growth during their college years. He stressed the importance of developing strong communication skills, which are essential in today's globalized world.

The highlight of the event was the address

by the College Principal, Prof. Manzoor Ahmed Dar. In his speech, he laid great emphasis on the Code of Conduct, explaining the various rules and regulations that the students are expected to follow. He also spoke about the importance of time management, regular studies and involvement in positive campus activities. Prof. Dar motivated the students to make the most of their time at GDC Budhal and assured them of the full support of the faculty in their academic and personal growth.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Miss Sania Ajaz, a senior NSS volunteer, who also conducted the proceedings of the event.

GDC R.S. Pura organizes screening of short film "The Mahatma Returns"



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 30: To commemorate Gandhi Jayanti, the Social Media Committee of Government Degree College R.S. Pura organized screening of a short film "The Mahatma Returns" for the students.

The film focusses on Mahatma Gandhi's life & philosophy and was screened with an aim to

propagate the message of peace, truth and non-violence.

The screening was followed by an interactive session between the students and teachers. Principal Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour lauded the efforts of the committee for screening the film and deliberated upon the students to inculcate in themselves the teachings of Gandhi. The whole

event was coordinated by Dr. Kiran Pathania, Convener Social Media Committee. The film screening was organized as a part of series of events being organized in the college for Gandhi Jayanti celebrations and it was attended by senior faculty members namely Dr. Neena Gupta, Dr. Raj Kumari, Dr. Shivani Manchanda, Prof. Harpreet Kour and Dr. Savleen Kour.

GDC Kishtwar felicitates Cadet Sarika for getting selected in TSC for National Snap Firing Competition



Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Sep 30: The National Cadet Corps (NCC) unit of Govt. Degree College Kishtwar, announced that Cadet Sarika from the NCC Senior Wing (S/W) has brought laurels to the institution by getting selected in all India Thal Sainik Camp for National Snap Firing Competition.

Her outstanding performance at the national level reflects her dedication, perseverance, and exceptional marksmanship.

The felicitation ceremony was held at Govt. Degree College Kishtwar, where Principal Prof. Basharat Iqbal and Chief Training Officer (CTO) of NCC Senior Wing, Dr. Tabassum Saleem Prof. Satish Kumar, Dr. Yasar

Ahmed, Prof. Ashfaq Wani and other faculty members congratulated Cadet Sarika for her remarkable achievement.

Principal Prof. Basharat Iqbal, while addressing the gathering, praised Cadet Sarika for her hard work and commitment. "This is a proud moment for the college, and Cadet Sarika's achievement will inspire other students to aim high and pursue excellence in all fields," he said.

Dr. Tabassum Saleem, CTO of NCC S/W, commended the rigorous training and discipline exhibited by Cadet Sarika and extended her best wishes for future competitions.

She remarked, "The dedication shown by our cadet is a testimony to the spirit of the NCC,

and I am confident that this success will motivate others to follow in her footsteps."

Cadet Sarika expressed her gratitude towards the college, her mentors, and fellow cadets for their continuous support and encouragement. "This achievement is not mine alone; it belongs to my entire NCC family. I am thankful for the guidance and support I received from Principal Sir and Dr. Tabassum, who have been pillars of strength throughout this journey," she said.

The entire institution celebrated this remarkable achievement, and the ceremony concluded with a pledge to continue fostering such talent and encouraging students to participate in national-level competitions.

GDC Kishtwar organizes innovative "Art Mela from Waste"

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Sep 30: GDC Kishtwar organized an Innovative Art Mela from Waste, a unique event aimed at promoting creativity, sustainability, and environmental awareness. The mela was held under the convensorship of Dr. Tabassum Saleem, Chief Training Officer (CTO) of the NCC Senior Wing (S/W), and was guided by the esteemed Principal of the college, Prof. Basharat Iqbal.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from around 70 students, including NCC cadets, who showcased their artistic talents by creating beautiful and innovative pieces of art using waste materials. The aim of the mela was to foster environmental consciousness among students and encourage them to turn everyday waste into creative masterpieces.

Principal Prof. Basharat Iqbal applauded the efforts of the students and faculty, stating, "This initiative not only highlights the importance of environmental sustainability but also showcases the immense creativity and talent of our students. The event is a testament to how waste materials can be

transformed into art with imagination and effort."

Dr. Tabassum Saleem, the convener of the event, emphasized the importance of such activities in promoting environmental stewardship among the youth. "Our students have shown remarkable innovation in transforming waste into art. This Art Mela is an example of how we can raise awareness about waste management in a creative and impactful way," she said.

The event was also attended by notable faculty members, including Dr. Zahoor Din, Dr. Yasar Ahmed, and Dr. Sehrish Gazal, who appreciated the initiative and the efforts of the students. They highlighted how the event brought together artistic expression and environmental responsibility, making it a memorable and meaningful experience for all involved.

Students who participated in the mela expressed their enthusiasm for the opportunity to showcase their creative abilities while contributing to a greener environment. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, and participants were encouraged to continue their journey of innovation and sustainability.

GDC R S Pura organizes cleanliness drive



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 30: In a continued effort to support the nationwide Swachh Bharat Mission and to promote cleanliness and hygiene, NCC Boys Unit of Govt. Degree College R S Pura organised a Cleanliness Drive across its campus and surrounding areas under the guidance of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour and coordinated by ANO Boys Dr Rakesh Choudhary.

This initiative reflects the college's commitment to fostering a cleaner and greener environment and encouraging students to be responsible citizens.

The event will begin at 10:00 AM with a brief introduction to the importance of cleanliness and the significance of community service.

Students, faculty, and

staff participated in cleaning various areas of the college, including classrooms, common spaces, and outdoor areas.

Volunteers will spread awareness about hygiene and sanitation in nearby localities, engaging residents in the cleanliness efforts.

Participants will take the Swachhta Hi Sewa pledge, reaffirming their dedication to keeping their surroundings clean. In this pledge, students and faculty members committed themselves to devote 100 hours per year, that is two hours per week, to voluntarily work for cleanliness.

Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour, Principal of GDC R S Pura expressed the enthusiasm for the initiative, stating, "This drive is not just about cleaning our college but about instilling a sense

of responsibility in our students towards society. We aim to motivate young minds to take active steps in making cleanliness a way of life."

The cleanliness drive was open to all students, staff, and volunteers from the local community. This initiative is a part of a larger commitment by the college to promote environmental sustainability and social responsibility through student engagement and outreach programs. In this programme faculty members namely Dr. Neena Gupta, Dr. Radhika Mahajan, Dr. Savtanter Kour, Dr. Raj Kumari, Prof. Priya Darshni, Dr. Kiran Pathania, Dr. Shivani Manchanda, Prof. Harpreet Kour, Prof. Neelam Kumari, Prof. Meeshu Pandita and Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch along with cadets participated.

GDC R.S Pura organises debate competition

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 30: Drug De-addiction committee in collaboration with Bhrastrachar Mukta Committee of GDC R. S. Pura organised a "Debate Competition on Vision of Mahatma Gandhi of a Drug free India" to commemorate Gandhi Jayanti on 30th Sept; 2024. The event was started with the welcome address by the convener Drug De-addiction committee of the college Prof. Neelam Kumari (HOD Education Department), she along with the welcome address also throw light on the importance of organizing such activities. The whole event was organized under the able guidance and sup-



port of worthy Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour. A large number of students from all semesters of the college participated in debate competition. The students shed light on Gandhiji thoughts about the drugs. They explained that Gandhi

believed that alcoholism was a "monstrous evil" that could destroy a nation's soul and cause ruin. He believed that alcohol could turn people into beasts who were incapable of distinguishing between family members. Alcoholism is worse than malaria. Gandhi

believed that the damage caused by alcohol and drugs was far worse than that caused by malaria, which only affects the body. Gandhi believed that people should completely abstain from alcohol, tobacco and drugs because they are habit-forming. Gandhi believed

that legislation and voluntary effort should work together to create a win-win situation for society and those struggling with drinking. He believed that India could easily implement prohibition because only a small minority of people drink and drinking is generally considered dis-respectable. The Convener of the Drug De-addiction deliberated how students can play the role of ambassadors in the society and she once again uttered the commitment of college administration to fight against drug abuse and drug trafficking in and around campus. The programme ended with formal vote of thanks by Dr. Raj Jamwal (HOD Hindi Department).

KVK Doda starts 15 days certificate course on fertilizers for Input dealers

Top News Report

DODA, Sep 30: Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Doda working under the auspices of Directorate of Extension, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) today started 15 days certificate course on fertilizers for Input dealers.

On the inaugural day, Chief Scientist & Head, KVK Doda, Dr. Amit Singh Charak welcomed the participants and said that the dealers/retailers are an important link between company and farmers and key



change agents in motivating the farmers to use fertilizers in a balanced manner. The fertilizers and manures are important for crop growth and development and help to pay good dividends to farmers in return, he said.

Dr. Charak, Course Coordinator, presented a detailed schedule of course that shall be carried out during 15 days period. The general purpose of such courses is that no unauthorized person shall be allowed to sell the fertilizers in illegal and inappropriate manner, he elaborated.

He underlined the role of such training programmes so that the dealers in addition to running their businesses may actually help the

farmers to use the particular fertilizers based upon the crop and crop requirement judiciously.

Dr. Ghanshyam N. Jha, Scientist-Fisheries also interacted with the participants and discussed the importance of integrated nutrient management in view of modernized farming in relation to fruit crops.

A total of 20 desirous candidates hailing from different areas of Doda, Udhampur & Rajouri district have registered for the said course. The course shall be conducted from 30-09-2024 to 14-10-2024.

The inaugural day of said course ended with the vote of thanks proposed by the Course Coordinator.

GDC R S Pura organises symposium to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 30: As series of events being organized to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti, Department of English organized Symposium on the theme "Truth and Non-Violence" under the patronage of the Principal Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour and supervision of Dr. Neena Gupta Rohmetra, Head Department of



English and Convener, Debate and Seminar Committee. Students of

all semesters participated with full zeal and enthusiasm. Indeed symposiums

provide platform to the students to develop their communication skills, critical thinking skills and develop their presentation skills. Symposiums encourage active participation from students rather than passive listening.

They provide opportunities to the students to engage in discussions, ask questions and present their ideas. This active

engagement enhances their understanding of the topic and helps them retain information better. Dr. Raj Kumari, Head Department of Hindi and Prof. Harpreet Kour, Assistant Professor in Department of English adjudged the students. Sunaina Devi of Semester-I bagged first position, Harsdeep Singh of Semester-III bagged 2nd position and Manbir

Kour of Semester-III scored third position.

Principal of the college lauded the efforts of the organizing committee, encouraged the students and also advised them to participate more enthusiastically in such type of activities in future also. Dr. Kiran Pathania, Assistant Professor in Department of English co-ordinated the entire event.

Kangana has agreed to cuts in 'Emergency', Censor Board tells HC

The court was hearing a petition filed by the film's co-producer Zee Entertainment Enterprises, seeking a direction to the CBFC to issue a certificate for the film, helmed by Ranaut

The Central Board of Film Certification told the Bombay High Court on Monday that actor-producer Kangana Ranaut has agreed to the cuts suggested by the CBFC in her movie 'Emergency'.

A division bench of Justices BP Colabawalla and Firdosh Pooniwalla was hearing a petition filed by the film's co-producer Zee Entertainment Enterprises, seeking a direction to the CBFC to issue a certificate for the film, helmed by Ranaut.

The movie, which was initially slated for a September 6 release, has been embroiled in a battle with the censor board for non-issuance of certificate for its release.

Ranaut, who has directed and co-produced the film besides playing the lead role of former prime minister late Indira Gandhi, had accused the CBFC of stalling certification to delay the release.

The biographical drama is caught up in controversy after some Sikh organisations including the Shiromani Akali Dal



objected, accusing it of misrepresenting the community and getting historical facts wrong.

During the hearing on Monday, advocate Sharan Jagtiani, representing Zee Entertainment,

told the high court that Ranaut has informed them about the revised changes that they (CBFC) wanted to make.

The matter has been agreed and discussed between her

(Kangana) and the CBFC, he said.

However, Zee Entertainment needs time to confirm about the cuts that are to be made, he added.

Ranaut's Manikarnika Films is the co-producer of the movie.

CBFC counsel Abhinav Chandrachud told the bench that the cuts would not touch even one minute and it won't affect the movie's length.

Most of the changes have been agreed upon by the Manikarnika Films, he added.

The court adjourned the matter till October 3 and asked both the parties to seek proper instructions.

Zee Entertainment in its plea claimed the CBFC had already made the certificate for the movie but was not issuing it.

It had earlier alleged the certificate was being withheld due to political reasons and due to the upcoming elections in Haryana.

The bench had then wondered as to why the ruling party would act against Ranaut, who is herself a BJP MP.

'It's good to be back': Shah Rukh Khan on best actor win at IIFA 2024



Superstar Shah Rukh Khan, who won the best actor trophy for 'Jawan' at the IIFA Awards 2024 ceremony, said he and his family went through a "tough time" while the movie was under development, and that he was happy to end his year on a high after the victory.

Directed by Atlee, 'Jawan' follows the emotional journey of a man who is set to rectify the wrongs in the society. It starred Shah Rukh in the dual role of Vikram Rathore and his son Azad.

Shah Rukh, who also hosted IIFA Awards with Vicky Kaushal and Karan Johar, said while he did not like talking about his personal life, 'Jawan' was made "under stress".

"We all were going through a little bit of a tough time while making 'Jawan'... It's good to be back. I'm extremely grateful for this award. I love awards, I'm greedy about awards... I'm genuinely back and really happy to end the year like this," the actor said in his awards acceptance

speech.

King Khan had taken a break post the release of 2018's 'Zero' after some of his films didn't do well at the box office. Tough times also hit home when his eldest son, Aryan Khan, was arrested in connection with the Mumbai cruise drugs case in 2021 and spent 22 days in jail.

The family was under intense media scrutiny during this time. In 2022, Aryan was cleared of all charges.

"We are all professionals who are supposed to do our job, but I'd like to thank the team behind me Arun, Raj, Sharina, Anjali, Khushboo, Preeti who did the make-up, and of course, Pooja (his manager). They all worked very, very hard for 2-3 years to make this film happen. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart," he said.

The actor said he was accepting the trophy for all three of his 2023 releases 'Jawan', 'Pathaan' and 'Dunki'.

"I have a little happiness from the audience this year because I have worked after a long time. So, I take this award for all the three films that I happen to do this year — the wonderful 'Dunki', the magnificent 'Pathaan', and absolutely mad 'Jawan'," said Shah Rukh, who returned to the big screen with 'Pathaan', almost five years after 'Zero'.

"All of them deserve it in one way or the other," he added.

The legendary actor was presented the award by his 'Dil Se' director Mani Ratnam and music composer AR Rahman.

Going with the flow: I arrive on set, face the camera, and character comes alive for me, says Sonakshi Sinha

Sonakshi Sinha recently opened up about her unique approach to character preparation, revealing that she doesn't adhere to a strict method. Instead, she embraces spontaneity, stating that she simply arrives on set, faces the camera, and allows the character to come alive in the moment.

Speaking about her preparation for her characters in the web series Dahan and Heermandi, the actress said, "Honestly, my method is that I don't have a set method, be it Dahan or my other project. I arrive on the set, face the camera, and that's when the character comes alive for me. It's hard to explain, but having a strong imagination really helps."

"Being observant—taking note of what you see and hear, picking up



on certain nuances, and applying them when needed—that's how I approach it. I observe people. Of course, directors are a huge help when preparing for

a character, especially one you're unfamiliar with. Speaking about Fareedan in Heermandi, I would give credit to filmmaker Sanjay Leela Bhansali sir," she said.

I choose a script that resonates with me as an Indian woman: Rani Mukerji

Bollywood star Rani Mukerji says she wants to highlight various facets of Indian women through her work, the most recent being "Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway".

For the Hindi film, which chronicled the story of an immigrant mother who is engaged in a long-drawn legal battle with a country over her children's custody, the actor received the best performance in a leading role (female) honour at the IIFA Awards 2024.

Mukerji will next reprise her role of tough cop Shivani Shivaji Roy in the third instalment in the action thriller "Mardaani" franchise.

"I choose a script that resonates with me as an Indian woman, something that I can play and show to the world what Indian women are all about. Also, (I try to) do a film that inspires and is aspirational because



in our everyday lives, we need a story of a hero to inspire us and feel good about ourselves each day," she said on the green carpet of the awards ceremony.

"Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway", based on a true story, was an "eye-opener" for Mukerji.

"We don't hear such stories. We hear some stories but it shook me... because it was about bringing up your children. The question that was asked was why can't Indian women raise their children the way they want to?" she said.

"We, all women, are the same when it comes to our children. We want the best for our children and no mother in her right mind would do anything that would be detrimental to a child's growth," said the actor, who shares nine-year-old daughter Adira with

producer-husband Aditya Chopra.

Released theatrically in March, "Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway" emerged a box office hit and earned acclaim for Mukerji's performance.

"I wanted the story to reach as many people (as possible). The fact that "Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway", my character was nominated (at the IIFA awards) speaks volumes of the fact that globally the film has been accepted and that people have related to the character of Debika. They've also given me so much love, that's why I'm here," she said.

Asked about the need to make more women-led cinema, Mukerji said it all depends on the audience.

"The more the audience will go and watch (such) films, the more of these films will be made."

Coldplay ticket rush: BookMyShow CEO, technical head summoned by Mumbai cops

The issue came to light when an advocate, Amit Vyas levelled allegations against BMS of facilitating the black marketing of tickets for the concert

The arrival of the British rock band Coldplay in India is drumming up a significant buzz.

After the initial discontent of fans over the issuing of tickets and the pricing, the controversy has now snowballed as the entertainment platform BookMyShow finds itself in the midst of a potential legal action.

The CEO and co-founder of BMS, Ashish Hemrajani and its technical head have been issued fresh summons by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) over the alleged black marketing of tickets for the Coldplay concert which is set to be held in Navi Mumbai at the DY Patil Stadium from January 19 to January 21, 2025.



The Mumbai Police's Economic Offences Wing (EOW) has asked them to appear before an investigating officer on Monday.

Ashish Hemrajani and the technical head have

not yet got in touch with the police, reportedly.

The issue came to light when an advocate, Amit Vyas levelled allegations against BMS of facilitating the black marketing of tickets for the concert.

He has alleged that

Coldplay's India tour tickets, which were originally priced at Rs 2,500, are being resold by third parties and influencers for as much as Rs 3 lakh.

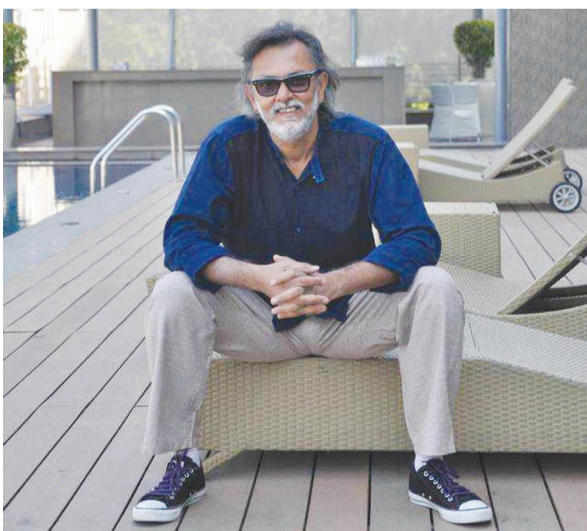
Earlier, the fans of the band were left disap-

pointed when a majority of them couldn't get their hands on the ticket with the queue on the ticketing platform going as high as a million, and the third-party websites selling the tickets in black at an exorbitant rates.

Coldplay's Mumbai gig is a part of their Music of the Spheres World Tour. This is the second time that Coldplay will be performing in India, they last visited the country in 2016 when they performed in Mumbai as a part of the Global Citizen Festival.

The tour is also travelling to Abu Dhabi, Seoul and Hong Kong between January and April of 2025.

It's a responsibility, can't afford to play with people's emotions: Rakeysh Mehra on 'Karna'



A filmmaker has a certain responsibility towards millions of cinema goers, who turn up to watch movies, and he cannot afford to play with their emotions, says director Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra, whose next film 'Karna' is reportedly based on the iconic Mahabharata character.

According to reports, Mehra's ambitious project will see Tamil movie star Suriya in the titular role, with Janhvi Kapoor playing the role of Draupadi.

The filmmaker, known for 'Bhaag Milkha Bhaag', 'Delhi-6' and 'Rang De Basanti', was in Abu Dhabi to attend the IIFA Awards 2024.

"I don't see a film as big or small but it's a responsibility to tell a story. You are responsible to millions of people who watch the movie because I can't afford to play with the emotions. I have to invest in the emotion," he said.

"Fortunately, I've been blessed with the audience, they've given me a lot of love, and that gives me a lot of strength," Mehra.

Asked if he was spending a lot of time on research, the filmmaker said, "I wake up at 3.30 in the morning and start working."

"We need to honour real-life heroes, whether they are from sports or politics, or they are social activists. I think a lot needs to be told (on screen) about social activists," he added.

Kharge's comments on PM Modi absolutely distasteful, disgraceful: Amit Shah

NEW DELHI, Sep 30 (Agencies): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday termed Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's remarks on Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a public meeting in Jammu and Kashmir "absolutely distasteful and disgraceful".

Shah said "a bitter display of spite", Kharge unnecessarily dragged the prime minister into his personal health matters by saying that he would die only after removing Modi from power. At an election rally in Jasrota in Jammu on Sunday, Kharge was taken ill as he suffered a "syncopal attack" but resumed his speech after a brief pause, saying he won't die before PM



Modi is removed from power. "I am 83 years old. I am not going to die so early. I will stay alive till PM Modi is removed from power," the Congress leader said. "I wanted to talk. But due to dizziness, I have sat

down. Please pardon me." Shah hit out at Kharge over his remarks. "Yesterday, the Congress President Shri Mallikarjun Kharge Ji has outperformed himself, his leaders and his party in being

absolutely distasteful and disgraceful in his speech.

"In a bitter display of spite, he unnecessarily dragged PM Modi into his personal health matters by saying that he would die only after removing PM Modi from power," Shah wrote on X.

He said Kharge's remarks showed how much hate and fear the Congress people have for PM Modi and that they are constantly thinking of him.

"As for the health of Mr. Kharge Ji, Modi Ji prays, I pray and we all pray that he lives a long, healthy life. May he continue to live for many years and may he live to see the creation of a Viksit Bharat by 2047," the minister said.

Air Marshal AP Singh takes over as new Air Force chief



NEW DELHI, Sep 30 (Agencies): Air Marshal AP Singh succeeded Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari as the new Air Force chief today. Before assuming the charge, he served as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff since February 2023.

Born on October 27, 1964, Mr Singh was commissioned into the fighter pilot stream of the Air Force in 1984. During a service spanning nearly 40 years, he has served in a

variety of Command, Staff, Instructional and Foreign appointments.

An alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Defence Services Staff College and National Defence College, the Air Officer is a Qualified Flying Instructor and an Experimental Test Pilot with more than 5,000 hours of flying experience on a variety of fixed and rotary-wing aircraft.

During his career, he has also commanded

an operational fighter squadron and a frontline air base.

As a test pilot, he led the MiG-29 Upgrade Project Management Team in Moscow, Russia. He was also the Project Director (Flight Test) at the National Flight Test Centre and was tasked with flight testing of the Light Combat Aircraft, Tejas.

He has held important staff appointments of Air Defence Commander at South Western Air Command and Senior Air Staff Officer at Eastern Air Command. Prior to assuming the charge of Vice Chief of the Air Staff, he was the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Central Air Command.

He is also a recipient of the "Param Vishisht Seva" Medal and the "Ati Vishisht Seva" Medal.

No 'spin-doctoring' can change fact that last 10 years saw 'jobloss growth': Congress

NEW DELHI, Sep 30 (Agencies): The Congress on Monday dismissed as "half-truths" the government's assertions of creating eight crore employment opportunities between 2021 and 2024 and 6.2 crore net subscribers joining the EPFO database.

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said that amidst the "U-turns and scandals" that have marked the last few months of this "tottering" government, "the PM and his drum beaters have tried to find some solace in their economic record, claiming to have created eight crore employment opportunities between 2021 and 2024".

"This claim initially emerged from the RBI

KLEMS data, which we had earlier countered on July 15th, 2024. The government now claim that 6.2 crore net subscribers joined the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) database between September 2017 and March 2024. Both claims are based on half-truths," he said in a statement.

A large part of the claimed "employment growth" has recorded the unpaid household work by women as "employment", he said, adding that it is not new job creation.

Amidst the poor economic climate, workers are moving to low-productivity informal and agricultural jobs. While crucial sectors like education saw 12 lakh fewer jobs in 2020-

2021, a whopping 1.8 crore 'jobs' were 'created' in agriculture," he said. Thus, factory workers, teachers, miners, etc. who returned home during COVID-19 and had to return to farming, Ramesh argued.

This shift to low-productivity, poorly paid jobs is an economic travesty, which the government is touting as an achievement, the Congress leader said.

He further said the government cites the addition of 6.2 crore net subscribers in the EPFO database to show record employment growth, without revealing the full picture.

EPFO only tracks the organised sector which is less than 10 per cent of total employment.

The Supreme Court verdict in 2020 required



the EPFO to include contractual workers at any establishment which employs more than 20 people.

A substantial number of workers who were already employed are now being reflected in its data -? these are not new jobs created," Ramesh said.

Ramesh further said that firms with 20 or more employees come under the purview of the EPF act moved from 19 to 20 employees in

one year will suddenly appear in the EPFO data as 20 new "jobs" even though net job creation is a single job.

India's unemployment rate today is the highest it has been in 45 years, with the unemployment rate for graduate youth at 42%.

The final straw has been the PM's economic policy of favouring a few large business groups, which is destroying competition and impacting inflation as well, he said.

Maharashtra declares indigenous cows 'Rajyamata-Gomata' ahead of Assembly polls

MUMBAI, Sep 30 (Agencies): The Maharashtra government has given indigenous cow breeds the status of 'Rajyamata-Gomata' (state mother cow) in recognition of their cultural and agricultural significance.

The state Cabinet led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde took the decision months ahead of the Maharashtra Assembly election.

A statement issued by the state Agriculture, Dairy Development, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Department

on Monday read, "Keeping in view the status of the native cow in Indian culture since the Vedic period, the usefulness of the milk of the native cow in human diet, the important place of cow dung and cow urine in Ayurveda medicine, Panchgavya treatment system and organic farming systems, it has been approved to declare the native cows as 'Rajyamata Gomata' from now on."

Speaking about the decision, Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said, "Indigenous



cows are a boon for our farmers. So, we have decided to grant this (Rajyamata) status to them. We have also decided to extend help for the rearing of indigenous cows at goshalas (cow shelters)."

Cow holds deep spiritual and cultural significance in Hinduism. The cow is regarded as a symbol of motherhood because of its ability to provide milk, a vital resource. Hindus often refer to cows as "Gau

Mata" (mother cow), reflecting their role in sustaining life.

The Maharashtra Cabinet also accepted the second and third reports of the Justice Shinde committee, set up to finalise the protocol for issuing Kunbi-Maratha and Maratha-Kunbi certificates based on historical records.

The move is seen as a significant move to placate the Maratha community protesting for inclusion in the OBC category ahead of the Assembly election.

Keep gods away from politics: Supreme Court on Tirupati laddu row

NEW DELHI, Sep 30 (Agencies): Observing that at least the gods should be kept out of politics, the Supreme Court on Monday questioned Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu's claim that animal fat was used in making Tirupati laddus and sought proof of it.

A bench of Justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan noted that the chief minister made the claim on September 18, even though the FIR in the matter was lodged on September 25 and a special investigation team (SIT) constituted on September 26.

"...it was not appropriate on the part of a higher constitutional functionary to go in

public and make a statement which can affect the sentiments of crores of people," the bench said.

The bench asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to assist it in deciding whether the investigation by the state-appointed SIT should continue or the probe should be conducted by an independent agency.

The bench was hearing a batch of pleas, including those seeking a court-monitored probe into the alleged use of animal fat in making Tirupati laddus.

During the hearing, the apex court sought proof that contaminated ghee was used in making Tirupati laddus.

"At least, we expect

the gods to be kept away from politics," the bench observed.

Mehta told the bench that it was a matter of faith and if contaminated ghee was used in preparation of laddus, it was unacceptable.

The bench has posted the matter for October 3.

Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu claimed earlier this month that animal fat was used in preparing Tirupati laddus during the previous YS Jagan Mohan Reddy-led government in the state, triggering a massive political row.

The YSR Congress Party has accused Naidu of indulging in "heinous allegations" for political gains.

Malayalam actor Siddique granted pre-arrest bail by Supreme Court in rape case

NEW DELHI, Sep 30 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Monday granted interim protection from arrest to Malayalam actor Siddique in a sexual assault case lodged against him by an actress. The relief to the Malayalam actor came days after the Kerala High Court refused the pre-arrest bail plea in the sexual assault case.

The top court provided the pre-arrest bail to Siddique on the condition that he would appear before police for questioning and cooperate with the investigation.

A bench of Justices Bela M Trivedi and Satish Chandra Sharma also issued notice to the Kerala government and the actress in the case during the hearing of the plea by Siddique challenging a Kerala High Court order.

An FIR was filed against Siddique in connection with the sexual assault allegations by an actress in August this year. The case was registered by the Trivandrum Museum Police under the non-bailable offence of rape based on the complaint.



Speaking about the case, Siddique, who was charged with offences under sections 376 (rape) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), claimed that the complainant actress had subjected him to a "prolonged campaign of harassment and false accusations since 2019".

Siddique also claimed that the complainant is making these allegations because he conducted a press conference along with other office bearers of the Association of Malayalam Movie Actors (AMMA) after

the release of the Justice Hema Committee report.

The Hema Committee report shed light on the widespread and persistent sexual harassment faced by women in the Malayalam cinema, with many alleging they were subjected to unwanted advances even before commencing work.

Multiple FIRs have been registered against many high-profile Malayalam film personalities following allegations of sexual harassment against them in the wake of revelations made in the Hema Committee report.

Doctor at UP hospital forgets surgical needle inside woman's head, probe on

Chief Medical Officer for Hapur district, Dr Sunil Tyagi, said they are aware of the incident at the community health centre

HAPUR (UP), Sep 30 (Agencies): In an incident that raises serious questions about the state healthcare system, the doctor at a government hospital in Uttar Pradesh's Hapur left a surgical needle inside an 18-year-old's head after stitching up an injury.

Sitara was rushed to a community health centre after she suffered a head injury during a clash with neighbours. The doctor said she needed stitches on her head. He and the healthcare staff performed the procedure, bandaged the woman's head and sent her home.

Back home, the woman started screaming with pain. Her family members rushed her to



a private hospital. The doctors there opened up the wound again and were shocked to find the needle inside. It was only after it was removed that the woman felt some relief.

The woman's mother said the doctor at the state-run community health centre was drunk. "We don't want anyone to go through this. We want action," she said. The woman's mother

also showed the needle extracted from her daughter's head.

Chief Medical Officer for Hapur district, Dr Sunil Tyagi, said they are aware of the incident at the community health centre. "We have ordered an investigation by a two-member team. As soon as we get a report, we will take action."

Asked about the family's allegation that the doctor was drunk at the time of the procedure, the senior medical official replied, "There is no such doctor in the district. And the doctor in this case does not drink at all."

Surgical needles left in the body of the patient can cause chronic pain, irritation, and even organ injury.

Putin says Russia will accomplish 'all goals set' in Ukraine

MOSCOW, Sep 30 (Agencies): Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday vowed that Moscow would accomplish all goals it has set for itself in Ukraine, in its third year of conflict.

"The truth is on our side. All goals set will be achieved," Putin said in a video message released to mark the second anniversary of what Russia calls "Reunification Day", when Moscow annexed four Ukrainian regions.

After it sent troops into Ukraine in February 2022, Russia annexed the regions of Lugansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia and



Kherson. It does not fully control all territory in these regions.

In his address, Putin repeated his justification for sending troops into Ukraine as protecting Russian speakers against a "neo-Nazi dictatorship" that aimed to "cut them off forever from Russia, their historic homeland".

He also slammed "Western elites" who "turned Ukraine into their colony, a military base aimed at Russia" and who fanned "hate, radical nationalism... hostility to everything Russian".

"Today we are fighting for a secure, prosperous future for our children and grandchildren", he said.

Nearly 200 killed in floods, landslides in Nepal

Incessant rain from last Friday triggers floods and landslides, wreaking havoc in the Himalayan nation

KATHMANDU, Sep 30 (Agencies): The death toll from rain-induced floods and landslides across Nepal reached nearly 200 on Monday, with at least 30 people still missing, according to the police.

Incessant rain from last Friday triggered floods and landslides, wreaking havoc in the Himalayan nation.

At least 192 people have been killed in the continuous rain, floods, landslides and inundation, officials from the Nepal Police said.

They said 94 others have also been injured



nationwide in the disaster, while 30 others remain missing.

The government has given high priority to search, rescue and relief operations, MyRepublica news portal reported,

quoting Home Ministry spokesperson Rishiram Tiwari.

Security agencies across the country have been deployed for search, rescue and relief efforts, and more than

4,500 disaster-affected individuals rescued so far, the report said.

While those injured are receiving free treatment, food and other emergency relief materials have been provided to others affected by the floods.

Numerous roads throughout the nation are severely damaged, and all routes leading to the capital city, Kathmandu, are still blocked, leaving thousands of travellers stranded, The Kathmandu Post newspaper reported.

Tiwari said efforts are under way to clear the

obstructed highways to resume transportation.

Kathmandu's main river, the Bagmati, was flowing above danger levels after incessant rain lashed large swathes of eastern and central Nepal on Friday and Saturday, a report published by the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) said.

"A low-pressure system in the Bay of Bengal and the more northerly than usual position of the monsoon trough was the reason" behind the exceptionally intense rain, it said.

Japan's next PM aims for snap election, stocks sink

TOKYO, Sep 30 (Agencies): Japan's incoming prime minister Shigeru Ishiba said on Monday he aimed to call snap elections for October 27, as equities plunged on a strong yen and fears that tax hikes are on the cards.

Ishiba, who was set to be formally appointed as premier on Tuesday after winning the leadership of the ruling party, supports the Bank of Japan's drive to hike interest rates and has said "there is room" to raise corporate levies.

The leadership contest for the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), which has governed almost uninterrupted for decades, went down to the wire on Friday, with right-winger Sanae Takaichi tipped to win when markets closed.

With Takaichi a fan of former prime minister Shinzo Abe's unorthodox "Abenomics" economic policies of ultra-low interest rates and tax cuts, the prospect of her winning sent stocks higher and the yen lower.

Takaichi, an arch nationalist, would also have been the first woman prime minister in a country where men still dominate politics and business.

Ishiba, 67, is a fierce critic of Abe and his last-gasp victory -- on his fifth attempt - sent the yen soaring to around 142 per dollar from around 146.50. Investors dumped stocks on Monday, with exporters among the worst hit.

The Nikkei index closed down 4.8 per cent, with Toyota tumbling 7.6 per cent and real estate company Mitsui Fudosan off 8.7 per cent.

Ishiba confirmed on Monday media reports that he aimed to call snap elections for October 27, saying it was "important for the new government to be judged by the people as soon as possible".

LDP elders are banking on Ishiba, a self-confessed defence "geek" fond of making model ships and planes, to boost the party's popularity.



Its poll ratings fell sharply under outgoing premier Fumio Kishida, hit by a damaging party slush fund scandal and anger over rising prices.

Defence ties Ishiba vowed on Friday to restore confidence in the LDP after the scandal and to shore up defence ties among neighbours rattled by recent Chinese actions.

He is considering appointing as finance minister Katsunobu Kato, a former chief cabinet secretary who ran in the LDP leadership race, media reports said.

Gen Nakatani, a veteran former defence minister, will return to his old job while Takeshi Iwaya, another former defence

military among Japan's shrinking population.

Taro Saito, senior economist at NLI Research Institute, told AFP that Ishiba has so far focused on how to improve public finances in Japan, which has one of the world's highest debt mountains.

"He seems not so interested in policies to boost economic growth, although what is most important for Japan is low growth rather than fiscal health," Saito said.

Chief cabinet secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi, who is reportedly set to remain under Ishiba, declined to comment on Monday on the fall in stocks but said the government would "make judgements with calm heads".

"We will continue closely watching trends in financial markets at home and abroad with a sense of vigilance and, while cooperating closely with the Bank of Japan, we will do our best in management of the economy and finance," he said.

Hamas confirms death of its leader in Lebanon in Israeli airstrike

Israel has repeatedly targeted Hamas officials in Lebanon since the Gaza war erupted almost a year ago.



BEIRUT, Sep 30 (Agencies): Palestinian militant group Hamas said its leader in Lebanon was killed Monday in a strike on the country's south, as official media reported a strike on a Palestinian refugee camp.

"Fatah Sharif Abu al-Amine, the leader of Hamas... in Lebanon and member of the movement's leadership abroad" was killed in an air strike on his "home in the Al-Bass camp in south Lebanon", a

Hamas statement said. It said he was killed with his wife, son and daughter in a "terrorist and criminal assassination".

The official National News Agency reported an air strike on Al-Bass near the city of Tyre, saying it was the "first time" the camp had been targeted.

The statement came hours after the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), a secular left-wing group, said three of its mem-

bers were killed in a strike on Beirut's Kola district early Monday.

Israel has repeatedly targeted Hamas officials in Lebanon since the Gaza war erupted almost a year ago.

A strike in January, which a US defence official said was carried out by Israel, killed Hamas deputy leader Saleh al-Aruri and six other militants in Hezbollah's south Beirut stronghold.

In August, an Israeli strike on a vehicle in the south Lebanon city of Sidon killed Hamas commander Samer al-Hajj.

Lebanon's official Palestinian refugee camps were created for Palestinians who were driven out or fled during the 1948 war at the time of Israel's creation.

By longstanding convention, the Lebanese army stays out of the camps and leaves the Palestinian factions to handle security.

Thai court orders extradition of Vietnam activist who rights groups say will be at risk if returned

BANGKOK, Sep 30 (Agencies): A Thai court on Monday ordered the extradition of a 32-year-old Vietnamese activist detained in Bangkok, despite fears among rights groups he could be at risk if sent home.

The Bangkok Criminal Court granted Vietnam's request for the extradition of Y Quynh Bdap, who was detained in the Thai capital in June.

The co-founder of the Montagnards Stand for Justice group was convicted in absentia in Vietnam in January of terrorism and sentenced to 10 years in prison on allegations that he was involved in organizing anti-government riots in Vietnam's central highland province of Dak Lak last June.

Bdap's attorney, Nadthasiri Bergman, said she was already working on an appeal, which has to be filed within the next 30 days. Regardless of the outcome, the Thai government could also decide diplomatically not to enforce the extradition order as well.

"The prime minister has the right, if they want to protect human rights, they can do it," she told reporters outside the court. "If he goes back to his country there will be a threat to his life, so the government should respect that evidence."

Bdap has been seeking asylum in Canada and had a meeting with Canadian Embassy officials in Bangkok the day before he was taken into custody. Canadian officials have refused to comment on the case.

Bdap was in Thailand at the time of the Dak Lak riots at two district government offices in which nine people were killed, including four police officers and

two government officials.

Overall, about 100 people have been tried for alleged involvement in the riots, and 53 have been convicted on terrorism charges.

Days after the verdicts, Vietnamese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Pham Thu Hang rejected criticism that Vietnam had used the trial as an opportunity to crack down on ethnic minorities.

Vietnam has long been criticized by rights groups and others for its treatment of the country's Montagnard minority, a term loosely used to refer to many predominantly Christian ethnic groups that live in the central highlands and neighboring Cambodia.

Human Rights Watch has said many have been driven to seek asylum in Cambodia and Thailand as Vietnamese authorities have subjected their communities to intimidation, arbitrary arrests and mistreatment in custody.

"Y Quynh Bdap would be at real risk if returned to Vietnam," said Bryony Lau, deputy Asia director for Human Rights Watch, at the time the activist was apprehended.

"Thai authorities should immediately release this prominent religious freedom advocate and refugee. Returning him to Vietnam would be a violation of Thailand's obligations under Thai and international law," Lau said.

Human Rights Watch has criticized Thailand for sending home dissidents from Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos and China to uncertain fates, in what it said in a recent report was a quid-pro-quo form of transnational repression, in which those countries sent home dissidents wanted by Thailand.

Saudi Arabia voices "great concern" for Lebanon amid Israeli strikes

RIYADH, Sep 30 (Agencies): Saudi Arabia expressed its "great concern" at the conflict in Lebanon on Monday, calling for the country's "sovereignty and territorial integrity" to be respected.

A foreign ministry statement said: "the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is following with great concern the developments taking place in the Republic of Lebanon."

As the country's health ministry said more than a hundred people had



been killed in Israel's strikes on targets across the country on Sunday, Riyadh stressed Leba-

non's sovereignty. "The Kingdom calls on the international community to assume its responsibilities towards

protecting regional peace and security to spare the region and its people the dangers and tragedies of wars,"

UAE says residence of its ambassador in Sudan attacked by military aircraft



DUBAI, Sep 30 (Agencies): The United Arab Emirates said early on Monday the residence of its ambassador in Khartoum was attacked by a Sudanese military aircraft, condemning it as a "heinous attack".

The UAE's foreign ministry said in a statement that the attack on its ambassador's residence had caused extensive damage to the building. The Sudanese army has not immediately commented on the accusation.

The Sudanese army has repeatedly accused the UAE of providing weapons and support to the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in Sudan's 17-month-old war. The Gulf state denies the allegations. UN

sanctions monitors have described as credible accusations that the UAE had provided military support to the RSF.

War erupted in April last year between the Sudanese army and the RSF over a transition to free elections.

The U.N. says nearly 25 million people - half Sudan's population - need aid, famine is looming and some 8 million people have fled their homes.

"The Ministry stressed the importance of protecting diplomatic buildings and embassy staff residences, in accordance with the treaties and customs that regulate diplomatic relations," the UAE statement added.

Samsung India LAUNCHES Galaxy Tab S10+, Tab S10 Ultra – World's First AI-Powered Tablets

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 30: Samsung, India's leading consumer electronics brand, today launched Galaxy Tab S10+ and Tab S10 Ultra—a flagship lineup that redefines the tablet experience with cutting-edge AI features. The world's first AI-powered tablets, Galaxy Tab S10+ and S10 Ultra bring groundbreaking innovations, including flagship performance, enhanced creative tools, and advanced Galaxy AI features designed to elevate productivity and creativity. Whether you're a professional looking to maximize productivity or a creator seeking tools to elevate your work, the Galaxy Tab S10 Ultra and S10+ are crafted to exceed expectations.

Both Galaxy Tab S10+ and S10 Ultra come equipped with stunning Dynamic AMOLED 2X displays with an anti-reflective coating for breathtaking visuals and an immersive entertainment experience. Galaxy Tab S10 Ultra stands out with a 14.6-inch Dynamic AMOLED 2X display, featuring an anti-reflective coating for stunning

visuals and an immersive viewing experience, even in bright conditions. Its dual 12-megapixel selfie cameras and dual rear cameras (13MP main and 8MP ultrawide) make it the perfect tool for professional photography and video calls.

The Galaxy Tab S10 Ultra and Galaxy Tab S10+ leverage major advancements in AI processing to offer a powerful, seamless performance. The Galaxy Tab S10 Ultra boasts an over 18% boost in CPU, 28% increase in GPU, and 14% improvement in NPU compared to its predecessor, the Galaxy Tab S9 Ultra. With extended battery life and Super-Fast Charging, the Galaxy Tab S10 series ensures longer usage with minimal downtime for recharging. The dedicated AI key on the keyboard also allows users to access powerful tools like Transcript Assist for easy text management and Note Assist, which can solve complex math problems in seconds. Other cutting-edge features include Sketch to Image and Gemini, which allow for effortless multitasking and creativity. Both tablets also

come with an IP68-rated S Pen, offering precision and unmatched productivity for creators and professionals alike.

The Galaxy Tab S10 series also acts as a home AI device, with a 3D Map View that gives a visual overview of the home and all connected devices to streamline device management across the SmartThings ecosystem. Robust Samsung Knox security ensures data privacy and control, while innovative materials underscore Samsung's commitment to a more sustainable future.

Coupled with a massive 11,200mAh battery, 16GB of RAM, and 1TB of storage, Galaxy Tab S10 Ultra is the ultimate companion for work and play, perfectly mirroring the high-end specifications of its predecessor.

Galaxy Tab S10+ offers a more compact 12.3-inch Dynamic AMOLED 2X display, a 12MP front camera, and the same advanced rear camera setup. With up to 12GB of RAM and 512GB of storage, this tablet is designed for users who demand peak performance in a portable

form factor, backed by a 10,090mAh battery for all-day productivity. With advanced anti-reflective technology, every detail stays sharp from any angle and in all environments by minimizing glare and lowering reflection. The series also features a quad-speaker system enhanced by AI-powered Dialogue Boost, which amplifies voices over background noise for exceptionally clear audio.

The Galaxy Tab S10 series delivers a seamless and productive experience, making it the perfect platform for unleashing your creativity. With Note Assist and the intuitive S Pen, taking notes is effortless on the large display. Tasks like schoolwork, note-taking, and journaling become more efficient with AI-powered automatic transcription and summaries.

The Galaxy Tab S10 series also supports PDF Overlay Translation, enabling easy translation of PDFs through an on-screen overlay, while Handwriting Help improves the appearance of messy notes. Additionally, Galaxy AI's Sketch to Image turns the Galaxy Tab S10 Ultra

into an ideal tool for transforming ideas into reality, acting as a creative assistant to help you overcome mental blocks.

The Circle to Search feature with Google allows you to quickly search anything without switching between apps. You can instantly translate images, videos, or text with just two taps. Circle to Search even helps with outlining steps for solving math and physics problems.

The Galaxy S Pen's Air Command powered by AI gives immediate access to Galaxy AI Assistant features without the need to switch menus. AI Assistant apps are also easily accessible via the Galaxy AI Key on the Book Cover Keyboard, letting users effortlessly switch between Samsung's Bixby and Google's Gemini for a personalized AI experience.

Galaxy Tab S10 Series is designed to seamlessly integrate into Samsung's expanded Galaxy Ecosystem, allowing users to switch effortlessly between Galaxy devices, whether it's taking a call, answering messages, or continuing tasks from one device to another.

Over 39 lakh electors to decide fate of 415 candidates in final phase of elections on Oct 1

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Sep 30: With the stage set for 3rd and final phase of General Elections to Legislative Assembly, scheduled for October 01, the fate of 415 candidates will be determined by over 39.18 lakh voters.

The third phase of the Legislative Assembly Elections 2024 will cover 40 Assembly Constituencies (ACs) across seven districts of Jammu & Kashmir. These include Kupwara, Baramulla and Bandipora in the Kashmir Division while as Jammu, Udhampur, Kathua and Samba in the Jammu Division.

Baramulla Assembly Segment of North Kashmir leads with the highest 25 candidates in poll fray, while as Akhnour assembly constituency of Jammu district will witness contest among three candidates only during this phase.

In Kashmir Division, 16 Assembly Constituencies comprising Karnah, Trehgam, Kupwara, Lolab, Handwara, Langate, Sopore, Rafiabad, Uri, Baramulla, Gulmarg, Wagoora-Kreeri, Pattan, Sonawari, Bandipora and Gurez (ST), and in Jammu Division 24 Assembly Constituencies comprising Udhampur West, Udhampur East, Chenani, Ramnagar (SC), Bani, Billawar, Basohli, Jasoora, Kathua (SC), Hiranagar, Ramgarh (SC), Samba, Vijaypur, Bishnah (SC), Suchetgarh (SC), R.S.Pura-Jammu South, Bahu, Jammu East, Nagrota, Jammu West, Jammu North, Marh (SC), Akhnour (SC) and Chhamb will go to the polls in this phase.

According to the latest electoral rolls, 39,18,220 voters are eligible to cast their ballots in this phase, comprising 20,09,033 male voters, 19,09,130 female voters and 57 transgender voters.

Underlining the significance of the role to be played by youth of Jammu and Kashmir in strengthening the democracy, as many as 1.94 lakh youths voters aged 18 to 19 are eligible to vote in 3rd phase of Assembly Election.

This phase will also see participation from 35,860 Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and 32,953 voters above the age of 85.

To facilitate the voters for smooth and hassle free electoral participation, Election Commission of India (ECI) has established 5,060 polling stations with 100% web-casting across 40 Assembly Constituencies. These include 974 Urban Polling Stations and 4,086 Rural Polling Stations.

To enhance voter participation, 240 special polling

stations have been established across 7 districts in this phase, including 50 polling stations managed by women, known as Pink polling stations, 43 polling stations manned by specially abled persons and 40 polling stations manned by youth. Also, there will be 45 green polling stations in order to spread message about environmental concern, 29 polling stations are established near the LOC/IB for residents residing there and 33 Unique Polling Stations.

A total of 24 special Polling Stations have been established for Migrant Voters of Kashmir Division, which includes 19 Special Polling Stations in Jammu, 4 in Delhi and 1 in Udhampur District. Special Polling Station-wise extract voter list will be with BLOs.

A team of four officials, including Presiding Officer will be stationed in every polling station. In total, more than 20,000 Polling staff will be deployed on duty for 3rd phase of assembly election.

In this phase, 109 candidates are in fray in Jammu district, followed by 101 in Baramulla district, 59 in Kupwara district, 42 in Bandipora district, 37 in Udhampur district, 35 in Kathua district, while 32 candidates are contesting in Samba district.

In Udhampur district, 12 candidates are in fray in 59-Udhampur West AC; 9 in 60-Udhampur East AC; 9 in 61-Chenani AC; while 7 candidates are contesting in 62-Ramnagar (SC) AC.

In Kathua district, 8 candidates are in fray in 63-Bani AC; 4 in 64-Billawar AC; 4 in 65-Basohli AC; 8 in 66-Jasoora AC; 5 in 67-Kathua (SC) AC; while 6 candidates are contesting in 68-Hiranagar AC.

In Samba district, 7 candidates are in fray in 69-Ramgarh (SC) AC; 14 in 70-Samba AC; while 11 candidates are contesting in 71-Vijaypur AC.

In Jammu district, 9 candidates are in fray in 72-Bishnah (SC) AC; 11 in 73-Suchetgarh (SC) AC; 14 in 74-R.S.Pura-Jammu South AC; 9 in 75-Bahu AC; 9 in 76-Jammu East AC; 8 in 77-Nagrota AC; 12 in 78-Jammu West AC; 17 in 79-Jammu North AC; 6 in 80-Marh (SC) AC; 3 in 81-Akhnour (SC) AC; while 8 candidates are contesting in 82-Chhamb AC.

Similarly, in Kashmir Division's Kupwara district, 8 candidates are in fray in 1-Karnah AC; 10 in 2-Trehgam AC; 8 in 3-Kupwara AC; 11 in 4-Lolab AC; 7 in 5-Handwara AC; while 15 candidates are contesting in 6-Langate AC.

In Baramulla district, 20 candidates are in fray in

4th National Pharmacovigilance Week celebrated at Shoolini University

Top News Report

SOLAN/JAMMU, Sep 30: The School of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Shoolini University celebrated the 4th National Pharmacovigilance Week from September 16 to 24 under the theme "Building ADR Reporting Culture for Patient Safety."

The event aimed to raise awareness on the significance of Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR) reporting in safeguarding patient health.

A highlight of the week was an online webinar featured discussions on key topics such as the Pharmacovigilance Program of India (PVPI) and the Materiovigilance Program of India (MVPPI). The key speakers included Prof. Bikash Medhi,

Dr. Ajay Prakash, and Dr. Sandhya from the Department of Pharmacology, PGIMER, Chandigarh, who shared their insights and expertise on the vital role of pharmacovigilance in healthcare.

On the occasion the pharmacy faculty and students organized an awareness campaign at the Health Centre, Shoolini University. The campaign focused on educating the public about the importance of ADR reporting and its potential impact on patient safety.

Speaking at the event, Dr. Deepak Kapoor, Professor and Dean of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, emphasized the importance of pharmacovigilance in

ensuring the responsible use of medicines and protecting public health.

Throughout the week, several engaging activities took place, including digital flyer and poster creation, as well as extempore presentations by pharmacy students to further advocate for pharmacovigilance awareness.

The program coordinator, Dr. Raveen Chauhan, said that the aim of event was to guide students on the adverse effects of commonly prescribed drugs and stressed the importance of ADR reporting by both healthcare professionals and patients, which helps in identifying safety issues and contributes to the development of safer medicines.

GDC Paloura Concludes Gandhi Jayanti celebration with valedictory Seminar

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 30: GDC Paloura concluded its weeklong Gandhi Jayanti celebration with valedictory seminar on the theme "Life and Time of Mahatma Gandhi".

GDC Paloura organized a series of activities to mark the celebration of 155th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhiji. The aim of the programme was to popularise and to spread awareness regarding Gandhian philosophy among the students. Students of various departments participated in various activities with great enthusiasm and zeal the various activities were organized by IQAC, Literally, Cultural Committee, NCC, NSS and different departments of college. Essay writing, Poster Making Competition, Reel Making, Clean-

liness Drive, Plantation Drive and rally against drug abuse were organized under the able guidance of Principal Dr. Kulvinder Kour.

While speaking on the occasion, she addressed the students about the life and teaching of Mahatma Gandhi and encouraged them to follow the path of peace, truth and non-violence. She congratulated all the students for their active participation and the faculty members for organizing such events. The valedictory function concluded with the formal vote of thanks by Prof. Vishal Magrota, Assistant Professor in History. He said that such kind of celebration served as a platform for student to honour Mahatma Gandhi's teachings and values and promote these ideas of peace, truth and non-violence in their life.

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"Tried to create an atmosphere free from fear, intimidation," says DGP RR Swain on last day of his service

should enjoy peace, live a life free from fear and intimidation. I think I have not lost the opportunity to ensure this all," the DGP said.

DGP Swain will demit office today evening and J&K will see Nalin Prabhat as its new police chief.

CBI arrests 26 cyber-criminals in multi-state crackdown

criminal activities across the four call centers, the officials said.

"The cybercriminals targeted in this operation were involved in a range of illicit activities, including impersonating... Tech support services and approaching victims, especially in the USA in the guise that the victim's systems have been hacked," a CBI spokesperson said in a statement.

He said the victims were convinced by the criminals that their identities had been stolen and that a large number of unauthorised transactions were being made in their bank accounts.

The scammers told the victims that they were under the scanner of investigation agencies of their respective countries, he added.

"The cybercriminals then induced the victims to transfer their bank holdings into new bank accounts given by cybercriminals in the guise of safeguarding their finances.

"In some instances, the cybercriminals intimidated the victims into transferring funds to them through international gift cards or crypto currency. Extensive wrongful losses were incurred by the victims targeted by this criminal network," the statement said.

So far, the CBI has arrested 10 cybercriminals from Pune, five from Hyderabad and 11 from Visakhapatnam. Further investigation and questioning into the role of other workers at these illegal call centers is ongoing, it said.

"These operations have resulted seizure of critical digital evidence and incriminating material. 951 items have been seized including electronic devices, mobile phones, laptops, financial information, communication records and incriminating material used by this cyber crime network for criminal activity and to defraud victims," the spokesperson said.

This operation has resulted in significant disruption and dismantling of a major trans national technology enabled crime network, he said.

"Congress confident in forming govts in Haryana, Jammu-Kashmir", Says MP Jai Ram Ramesh

the Centre as per the mandate in the Indian Constitution.

"When it comes to MSP we ask for a legal guarantee of MSP and it is the demand of farmers also. They called for it in their protest that lasted three years with 700 farmers being martyred, but the Prime Minister did not break his silence. They had to take

back the three black laws (farmer's law). Our issue is not only the legal guarantee of MSP but also the demand for loan waiver. We have said that if voted to power, Congress will remove the 50 per cent reservation limit. We also talk about the census. This is the duty of the centre to conduct the census as per the Indian Constitution. These are our real issues: legal guarantee on MSP, removal of 50 per cent reservation limit and conducting caste census," he said.

Regarding the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, Ramesh expressed optimism about forming a coalition government with the National Conference and pointed out the need for the restoration of full statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

On the potential for an alliance with the People's Democratic Party (PDP), Ramesh noted that while the PDP is part of the INDIA alliance, Congress is focused on its electoral partnership with the National Conference.

"The National Conference-Congress government will be formed; this is the atmosphere there... After the Bharat Jodo Yatra, support has been witnessed for Congress. Our only demand is the restoration of full statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. We will fight for it," he said.

"Let us see what happens... PDP is a part of the INDIA alliance but our alliance for elections is only with the National Conference. Let's see what will happen post-polls," he further added.

In response to the recent remark made by Union Minister Amit Shah against Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge's statement on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Ramesh advised the Union Home Minister to concentrate on his responsibilities, including the situation in Manipur.

"The Home Minister should focus on his

work and also Manipur," Ramesh said.

He also called for the resignation of the Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on moral grounds following the Bengaluru court ruling for an FIR against her in the now scrapped electoral bonds case.

Veteran actor Mithun Chakraborty to receive Dadasaheb Phalke Award: Ashwini Vaishnav

the 70th National Film Awards ceremony on October 8, 2024, Vaishnav said.

Chakraborty, 74, made his acting debut with Mrinal Sen's 1976 film "Mrigayaa", for which he won the National Film Award for Best Actor.

He is also known for films such as "Kasam Paida Karne Wale Ki" and "Commando".

Hope voters will take right decision, says Dr Farooq

Committee has reviewing the bill, let it be brought in the Parliament and NC part of INDI Alliance will take steps accordingly.

We had our own Flag, Constitution, and Identity: Omar Abdullah

We have therefore no other option but to stop them."

Omar said that assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir are being held after 10 years and a lot has changed in these 10 years.

"A lot has been taken away from us, our dignity, our honor, our identity has been taken away from us. Before 2019, when there were assembly elections, we had our own flag, we had our own constitution, Ladakh was our part, we had our own state, we had the right to our own land in the state, we had the right to our own employment, we had the right to rivers, mountains and forests. But PDP opened the doors for BJP here and finally on August 5, 2019, the rights of 1.4 Cr people were taken away and given to 1 billion 40 crore people and the people here got nothing in return. People here have seen nothing but destruction, unemployment, despair. The last 10 years have been very upsetting for the people of Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

Search Operations in Kathua, Rajouri extended to fresh areas

early this morning, the officials said.

They said there was no fresh contact with the terrorists so far.

Meanwhile, slain head constable Bashir Ahmed was laid to rest with full honours at a graveyard near his Jammu residence after a wreath laying ceremony late Sunday evening.

J-K Director General of Police, Operations and Security, Nalin Prabhat, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu zone, and all personnel paid homage to the fallen cop.

Family members of the policeman — his wife, two sons and a daughter — were present at the wreath laying ceremony at the police headquarters and were seen being consoled personally by the DGP.

Officers of central paramilitary forces also paid rich tributes and laid floral wreaths on the mortal remains of the deceased.

SKIMS hosts Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Update under ICMR Taskforce Initiative

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Sep 30: The Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), Srinagar hosted an insightful event on "Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) Update" at the SKIMS Auditorium, in observance of PCOS Awareness Month. The event was organized under ICMR-PCOS National Task Force Study, for which SKIMS serves as the nationwide coordinating centre with Dr. Mohd Ashraf Ganie, Director SKIMS & EOSG as the National Chief coordinator for last seven years. The event commenced with welcome address by Dr Anjum Malik, Associate Professor, Dept. of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, SKIMS-MC, Bemina, followed by a presentations on Introduction to ICMR PCOS Task Force Initiative, Multidisciplinary PCOS Clinic-A SKIMS initiative and a PCOS Documentary.

The Inaugural ceremony of the event began with welcome address by Dr. Cimona Lyn Saldanha, Head, Department of OBG, SKIMS, who emphasized the significance of the event and set the tone for further proceedings. Dr. Mohd. Ashraf Ganie, Chief Guest of the function extended a cordial welcome to all the guests, SKIMS faculty, and other attendees. He expressed gratitude to Dr. Sachidananda Mohanty, special

guest on the occasion and highlighted the significance of the ICMR PCOS Task Force Study, the study's outcomes and the serious consequences of PCOS on women's health. He also urged all faculty members and scientists to focus on specific areas of their interest and carve a niche in order to achieve global recognition by taking cue from the work. Prof. Ganie commended the event organizers for their dedication and acknowledged the critical role of SKIMS in PCOS research at global level.

Dr. Sachidananda Mohanty, special guest on the occasion thanked Dr. Ganie for his patronage while acknowledging his leadership in academics and research and assurance for supporting upcoming AIIMS Awantipora through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will play a vital mentoring role to guide the development of AIIMS Awantipora, fostering an environment of collaboration and shared expertise that would ultimately enhance patient care. Following the formal proceedings, Dr. Mohanty had the opportunity to tour SKIMS patient care facilities etc, where he expressed his admiration for the exceptional work being carried out at the institute.

Dr. Mohanty concluded his address by that AIIMS

Awantipora is anticipated to become operational by the next year, with ongoing recruitment efforts already in progress and conveyed his optimism that both the institutions would play a crucial role in improving healthcare accessibility and quality in the region.

Dr. Iffat Hassan Shah, the guest of honour, delivered an insightful address that underscored the critical importance of educational programs centered on PCOS.

She emphasized that these programs play a vital role in equipping healthcare professionals and the community with the knowledge necessary to effectively manage this prevalent condition, which affects a significant number of women worldwide. Dean of Medical Faculty, Dr. Shariq R. Masoodi, underscored the event's relevance in raising awareness about PCOS and its clinical manifestations.

He emphasized the need for widespread engagement beyond the medical community to educate the broader society about this condition, which affects millions of women globally. Dr. Masoodi, in his address, highlighted the significant contributions of Dr. Mohd Ashraf Ganie, stating that initiating a National Task Force is a matter of pride for SKIMS.

The inaugural session was followed by a Panel Discussion on "Advocacy for PCOS Awareness,

Research, and Future Directions" that was moderated by Prof. Mehbooba Beig, I/C Head, Dept. of Gynaecology and Obstetrics, MC&H, Bemina. A distinguished panel of experts from multiple disciplines shared their insights, including representatives from dermatology, psychiatry, radiology, yoga and dietetics. The event continued with key presentations on Dermatological Aspects of PCOS, Medication, Diet, and Physical Activity in PCOS, Gynaecological Issues in PCOS Infertility and PCOS Registry by eminent speakers from SKIMS and SKMS-MC Bemina.

The programme featured participation from all HOD's/In-charge HOD's/sectional Heads, including faculty from SKIMS and other institutions, alongside students and patients.

The program was a resounding success, bringing together experts and scholars to advance the understanding of PCOS and its impact on women's health. SKIMS is committed to fostering collaboration in research, exchange of expertise, and joint efforts to enhance public healthcare practices, and this event marked an important step in this direction.

In line with this commitment, SKIMS offers a state-of-the-art multi-specialty PCOS clinic, providing comprehensive care to patients with PCOS through a team of

experts from various specialties, including gynaecology, endocrinology, dermatology, psychiatry, and nutrition.

The event wrapped up with a lively Quiz competition, which engaged participants and encouraged a spirit of friendly competition.

Following the excitement of the quiz, a feedback session was held, providing attendees with an opportunity to share their thoughts and insights about the event. This not only helped organizers gather valuable input for future events but also fostered a sense of community among participants.

The concluding session of the event involved a heartfelt vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to everyone who played a role in making the event possible.

Acknowledgments were extended to the administration for their support, the organizing team for their hard work, and the faculty from SKIMS and other institutions for their contributions. Additionally, thanks were given to essential departments such as estates, IT, media, security, and others, who ensured that every logistical aspect was seamlessly executed. This comprehensive appreciation underscored the collaborative effort that went into the event, leaving attendees with a sense of fulfillment and camaraderie.

Walnut variety 'Parbat' approved for release

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 30: The Central Sub-Committee on Crop Standards, Notification, and Release of Varieties for Horticultural Crops has officially approved the release of the walnut variety 'Parbat,' developed by the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J). This decision was made during the committee's 31st meeting, chaired by Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Deputy Director General of Horticultural Science. The meeting took place over two sessions on July 19 and August 5, 2024, in New Delhi, where a range of horticultural crop varieties were evaluated.

The 'Parbat' walnut, spearheaded by Principal Breeder Dr. Parshant

Bakshi, was recognized for its adaptability to the unique agro-climatic conditions of Jammu and Kashmir. This walnut variety boasts several advantageous characteristics, including a nut weight of 19.18 grams and a kernel percentage of 53.28%. With a nut yield of 90 kg per tree and a protein content of 22%, the 'Parbat' walnut offers significant potential for enhancing agricultural productivity in the region.

Located at an elevation of 1,968 meters in Gowpadder, the 'Parbat' walnut trees are particularly well-suited to the harsh winter climate, which includes heavy snowfall from October to March. The variety's late leafing and maturity make it resilient to the impacts of climate change. Additionally, its unique characteristic of maturing

nuts within the hull before dehiscence helps prevent quality degradation during the rainy season, a common challenge for farmers in the area.

The successful release of the 'Parbat' walnut underscores SKUAST-J's dedication to developing superior horticultural varieties tailored to local conditions. Looking ahead, two more walnut and pecan varieties from Poonch and Bhaderwah are currently under review and are expected to be recommended for release in the upcoming meeting of the State Seed Sub-Committee. This advancement is anticipated to significantly boost walnut production in Jammu and Kashmir, providing local farmers with greater resilience against climate variability and enhancing their livelihoods.

Hindi Pakhwada by NYKS-J&K concluded

Top News Report

JAMMU Sep 30: A 15 days state level Hindi Diwas Pakhwada programme was concluded by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan J&K. During the Pakhwada NYKS conducted Hindi workshop, Essay competition, Declaration Contest and Slogan writings on virtual mode. The subject of the Essay competition and Declaration Contest was Hindi bhasha Rashtriya ekta ka sutr, and ek bhasha ke roop mein hindi ka mahatav respectively. The participants participated in these events across the J&K UT and Ladakh UT.

Hindi workshop has been conducted on the topic: Implementation of Rajbhasha as Official Language: How and Why in which all officials of J&K and Ladakh took the part. The NYK Officials and youth volunteers of different districts had participated in this program. Dr Bharat Bhushan, Retd Principal and Dr Bhagwati, Asstt Prof, Jammu University was the resource persons and act as judges in

the programme. At the outset Nitin DYO NYK Jammu welcomed the Resource Persons and said that the Hindi is the backbone of the culture of the country, as Indian our official language Hindi should be correct in writing as well as in speaking.

In his address, Dr Bharat Bhushan, said that a nation who does not have its own language is a dumb nation. Today, there are more means of dissemination of Hindi through which Hindi reached across the India. He said that today under the leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, people all over the world have started knowing Hindi.

Dr. Bhagwati Devi said that Hindi is being taught in the universities of the world today. We hope that the form and presentation of Hindi will improve more in the future. She said that today many languages are being translated into Hindi and we have the latest technology by which we can learn Hindi easily.

In Essay Competition Pawan Kotwal Doda, Ekta Kumari, Jammu and Jasleen Kour, Poonch

adjudged as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd winners respectively. Taniika (Kathua), Aman (Jammu), Sanjna (Doda) has won the prize as 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Slogan writing. In Declaration Contest, Karandeep Singh (Pulwama) as 1st, Zahira Idrasih (Budgam) as Second and Shivdeep Singh as 3rd adjudged by the jury.

The participants who were adjudged 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Slogan writing, Essay Competition, and Declaration Contest were given Rs 2000, Rs 1500, and Rs 1000/- respectively.

Nisar Ahmed Butt State Director, NYKS, J&K thanked Dr Bharat Bhushan, Retd Principal and Dr Bhagwati, Asstt Prof being a resource person of this workshop and also praised his efforts to make the workshop a real learning experience. He further added that we live in a state the Hindi was not the official language, so many of us don't know how to read and how write Hindi but one thing is sure if we try whole heartedly, we can learn it and we must as it is our National language.

'National Quantum Mission' key to realising India 2047 vision: Dr Jitendra

Top News Report

NEW DELHI, Sep 30: "National Quantum Mission is more than just a quantum initiative. It is a strategic investment in India's future, laying the groundwork for economic growth, job creation, and technological leadership in the quantum-driven world," said Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh at the Announcement Ceremony of Thematic Hubs and Technical Groups of "National Quantum Mission" (NQM).

Addressing the ceremony, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space, MoS Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh lauded the establishment of four Thematic Hubs (T-Hubs) comprising of 14 Technical Groups (17 Project Teams) across 17 states and 2 Union Territories. These hubs bring together a total of 152 researchers from 43 institutions, including 31 Institutes of National Importance, 8 research laboratories, one university and 3 private institutes. This initiative reflects the nation's collective ambition to lead in the rapidly evolving field of quantum technologies.

"The National Quantum Mission is a key pillar in realizing the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat 2047, reflecting our determination to be at the cutting edge of quantum technologies that will shape the future," stressed Dr Jitendra Singh.

NQM is one of the nine missions under the Prime Minister's Science Technology Innovation Advisory Council (PMSTIAC), created to leverage scientific research and make India a global leader in quantum technology. By advancing secure quantum communication, quantum computing, and precision sensing technologies, the mission is

set to revolutionize fields like telecommunications, defence, finance, and healthcare, driving lasting societal impact.

One of the key strengths of these dynamic T-Hubs, as highlighted by the Minister, is their multidisciplinary approach, which brings together experts from diverse fields like physics, computer science, engineering, and material science, thereby collaborating with academia, industry, and government to drive holistic advancements in quantum technology.

These hubs will play a crucial role in bridging the gap between research and industry, ensuring that innovations developed here lead to tangible advancements in the marketplace, benefiting sectors like telecommunications, defence, sensing & metrology, and healthcare.

NQM will provide critical support to startups and entrepreneurs, fostering a vibrant ecosystem for quantum-driven innovations and ensuring that India becomes a hub for quantum entrepreneurship. The mission will create jobs in emerging quantum technology sectors, building a highly skilled workforce in quantum computing, communication, and materials science—sectors that will define the jobs of tomorrow.

Dr. Jitendra Singh called NQM as deeply integrated with other national initiatives like 'Make in India' and 'Digital India', promoting technological self-reliance in critical areas and ensuring that India remains at the forefront of global technological development.

NQM is designed to ensure the sustained growth of India's quantum ecosystem over the long term, with a focus on building capacity, funding research, and creating a lasting impact on India's technological capabilities, added the Minister.

For the success of the National Quantum Mission, Dr. Jitendra Singh called on academia, industry, and the scien-

tific community to join forces and ensure that India emerges as a global quantum superpower. "Together, we will lead the world in quantum innovations, ensuring that India sets the pace for scientific discovery and industrial transformation on the global stage," reiterated the Minister.

"BharatGen is a proud example of India's commitment to advancing homegrown technologies, by positioning India as a global leader in the field of Generative AI, much like our achievements with UPI and other innovations that have transformed various sectors," said the Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh at the launch of BharatGen National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems.

This initiative marks the world's first government-funded Multimodal Large Language Model project focused on creating efficient and inclusive AI in Indian languages. A key element of BharatGen is its open-source foundational models, which will help democratize AI across India. By making AI more accessible, a collaborative ecosystem would be created, where researchers and developers can work together to build innovative solutions.

"BharatGen directly aligns with the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat as we are not just users but producers of innovative AI that reflects the diverse needs and cultures of our nation," highlighted the Minister.

Emphasising on the linguistic and cultural diversity of our country, the Minister stated that BharatGen prioritizes social equity, ensuring that AI benefits and respects all segments of society.

Underscoring our commitment to 'Make AI in India, Make AI for India', the Minister referred to BharatGen as a perfect example which is designed to support industry, government, and public welfare, ensuring that everyone can benefit from the transformative power of AI.

Heritagean Shreya Gupta wins gold at Inter-District UT Level Badminton Championship

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 30: Shreya Gupta, a student of Class 11D at Heritage School, has secured the Gold Medal in the Under-17 Girls category at the Inter-District Union Territory (UT) Level Badminton Championship, held in Srinagar on September 22 & 23, 2024.

This prestigious event featured skilled athletes from across the UT, and Shreya's impressive performance stood out among the competition.

Heritage fraternity extends heartiest congratulations to Shreya Gupta for her phenomenal achievement and wish her continued success in her future endeavours.

GDC Bishnah organized Swachata hi Sewa event

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 30: NSS Wing of GDC, Bishnah in collaboration with the cultural club celebrated Gandhi Jayanti with a theme Swachata Hi Sewa under the patronage of Dr. Shallu Samyal, Principal of the college.

In this connection students presented Rangoli, poster making, recitation of poetry, Extempore and performance of Bhajan (Ram Dun).

Moreover a short documentary on the life of Mahatma Gandhi was also shown to the stu-

dents. Around 50 students participated in this event with zeal and enthusiasm. During the events, like Extempore students expressed their opinion on the vision of Gandhi and through Rangoli they endeavored to paint the progressive future of India.

Dr. Shallu Samyal also threw light on the occasion and encouraged students to participate in such event where they get opportunity to enhance their talents and academic. The entire coordinated by Dr. Geeta Lakhotra, Dr. Kusum, and Prof. Shivani Raina.

GDC Thannamandi organises extension lecture

Top News Report

THANNAMANDI, Sep 30: GDC Thannamandi under the patronage of Principal Dr Farooq Ahmed organised an Extension lecture on the distance mode undergraduate and post graduate programmes being offered by MANU.

The Programme started with the formal welcome of the resource person Dr Abdul Ghani Regional Director MANU Jammu region by the Dr Abdul Haq Naimi, Head Dept of Urdu and Coordinator MANU of the college. Dr. Adul Ghani discussed the significance of the distance mode and how it caters to the educational needs of thousands of students every year.

MANU offers the flexibility of providing education at their doorsteps in Urdu language. Dr Abdul Ghani also deliberated

on the career avenues available after completion of their course and also motivated the students to take advantage of the Study Centre MANU available at GDC Thannamandi. The College has been allotted a Study Centre by MANU to fulfill the educational needs of far flung students from Pir Panjal region.

On this occasion Prof. Nazakat Hussain Vice Principal of the college also added grace to the elocution by expressing his views and motivation to the students. The programme concluded with felicitation to the resource person and formal vote of thanks by Dr Abdul Haq Naimi.

The programme was graced by Dr. Ather Aziz Raina, Head Dept. of Applied Mathematics. The programme enlightened a large number of students from various semesters.

Army organises Cricket Tournament at Banna



Top News Report

REASI, Sep 30: The Indian Army took a significant step toward fostering community engagement by organizing friendly cricket tournament in Reasi, specifically aimed at uplifting the Gujjar and Bakarwal communities

through sports. This initiative was designed to promote physical fitness, camaraderie, and sportsmanship among the local youth.

The tournament featured four enthusiastic teams that showcased their cricketing skills. The recognition of all participants highlighted the Army's commitment to unity and collaboration within the community.

This cricket tournament is part of a broader strategy which seeks to enhance civil-military relations and address the various concerns of local communities. By promoting sports, the Army encourages youth involvement in constructive activities, fostering teamwork and mutual respect among participants.

The Army emphasized that such events contribute significantly to social cohesion, allowing young people to engage posi-

tively with their peers. Moreover, the initiative acknowledges the critical role of the Gujjar and Bakarwal communities have historically played in maintaining peace in the region.

The Army's engagement with these communities through sports reflects its dedication to building long-term relationships and addressing local grievances. The successful turnout and positive feedback from community members demonstrates an appreciation for the Army's outreach efforts.

Local leaders expressed their gratitude for the opportunities provided by the tournament, showcasing how sports can serve as a medium for constructive engagement.

This event stands as a testament to the potential of sports in bridging gaps between military personnel and civilians, fostering collaboration and support.

Quest for excellence: BCCI turns National Cricket Academy into Centre of Excellence with 3 grounds, 86 pitches and indoor facility

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BENGALURU, Sep 30 (Agencies): It took 24 years for the National Cricket Academy (NCA) to find a dwelling that suits its stature and growth, but the wait was worth it as the facility finally took a new avatar as the BCCI Centre of Excellence, a hub of ultra-modern features including three different kind of pitches.

The Centre of Excellence, now operating closer to the international airport here, was inaugurated by BCCI secretary Jay Shah, and the most striking features were three international-quality grounds and 86 decks — prepared specifically to make players feel at home in any condition at home or abroad.

Ground A, the main ground, boasts an 85-yard boundary with 13 meticulously maintained Mumbai red-soil pitches that will offer a good amount of bounce.

It may be recalled that such a pitch was used in the first Test against Bangladesh in Chennai. It might come in handy when India travel to Australia, a home



to bouncy tracks, in November for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

Another unique feature of this ground is the herringbone drainage system that allows quick evaporation of water in case of rain.

“Its innovative subsurface drainage system ensures quick recovery after rainfall, minimising disruptions and maintaining a consistent playing schedule,” said the project manager.

The ground is also equipped with floodlighting and state-of-the-art broadcasting facilities,

if ever the venue is required to host a high-profile match.

Ground B and C serve as dedicated practice grounds with 75-yard boundaries, featuring 11 Mandya soil pitches and nine Black Cotton soil pitches from Kalahandi, Odisha.

“It is just about getting exposure to different kind of conditions. So that when they graduate to the national team, they are ready,” said VVS Laxman, head of the Centre of Excellence.

“I think the pitches here will

allow them to improve their adaptability.

And the three beautiful grounds will allow them to face any situation with a lot of confidence,” he added.

Apart from the three grounds, the comprehensive practice resources in the centre, sprawling over 40 acres, offer an impressive 45 outdoor net pitches for practice divided into nine clusters, separated by safety nets sourced from England.

The outdoor facility will also receive a dedicated fielding practice area and six outdoor running tracks with natural grass and synthetic surfaces.

The indoor practice facility is as impressive as the outdoor one. It gets eight pitches with premium English and Australian turfs.

The Sports Science & Medicine Block is equipped with best-in-class equipment such as four athletics tracks, a physiotherapy rehabilitation gym, a sports science and medicine lab and recovery area.

ISSF Junior World Championship: Shooters win twin team gold



NEW DELHI, Sep 30 (Agencies): India’s shooters began their ISSF Junior World Championship campaign in Peru on a good note, winning team gold in the men’s and women’s 10m air pistol events, though a potential top podium finish was lost in the individual category after a marksman was docked two points for reporting late for the final.

The junior men’s trio of Umesh Choudhary, Pradhyumn Singh and Mukesh Nelavalli topped the men’s team competition in the 10m air pistol with a tally of

1726 points. They finished 10 points ahead of second-placed Romania, while Italy took bronze with 1707.

The combination of Kanishka Dagar, Lashita and Anjali Choudhary tallied 1708 to clinch the women’s 10m air pistol team gold. They pipped Azerbaijan by a point and bronze-winning Ukraine by four points.

Dagar also made the individual final in third place with a score of 573. Kanak also shot the same score but with lesser inner 10s, bagging the fifth qualifying spot. In the final, Kanak

won bronze with a score of 217.6, while Dagar finished eighth. Chinese Taipei’s Chen Yu-Chun won gold, while Slovakia’s Manja Slak bagged the silver.

Docked two points Choudhary though missed a potential individual gold after being penalised two points for reporting late for the final. Choudhary and Pradhyumn had made it to the individual finals placed third and fourth, respectively, in the qualification round. Choudhary and Pradhyumn finished sixth and eighth, respectively. Luca Joldea of Romania won the gold medal, while Chinese Taipei’s Hsieh Hsiang-Chen clinched the silver. The 20-year-old Choudhary got 7.4 points in his first shot in the final after deduction of the two points.

The National Rifle Association of India said that the delay was caused after coach Priya Yadav went to look for the other Indian shooter, who “had fallen behind”.

3rd seed Jessica Pegula continues late-season charge

BEIJING, Sep 30 (Agencies): Third-ranked Jessica Pegula responded to losing a marathon first set by raising her game to a near-perfect level in her 6-7(9) 6-1 6-2 win over Veronika Kudermetova in the third round of the China Open.

Pegula has won 17 of her last 19 matches, including defending her title in Toronto and making finals at Cincinnati and the US Open, where her only defeats have come to Aryna Sabalenka, the top-seeded player in Beijing.

The American made three service breaks in the first set, but also lost three of her own, with Kudermetova prevailing in a lung-busting 20-point tiebreaker to take the lead.

The loss of the tie-breaker seemed to spur Pegula to life as she found her groundstroke range to break her Russian opponent’s serve twice in each set to take the match in just over two-and-a-half hours. It



was Pegula’s first win against the 39th-ranked Kudermetova in three attempts.

Pegula will play the 15th-seeded Paola Badosa in the fourth round after the Spaniard beat Serbian Rebecca Srnakova 7-5 7-5.

Poland’s Magdalena Frech, seeded 23rd, overcame a disastrous start to rally to a 0-6 6-3 6-4 win over 12th-seeded Diana Shnaider and next faces the 595th-ranked wildcard Zhang Shuai, who beat Greet Minnen of Belgium 6-2 6-3. The No. 6-ranked Coco Gauff beat Katie Boulter of Britain 7-5 6-2. In the men’s draw, local favourite Bu Yunchao-kete upset Paris Olympics bronze medallist

Lorenzo Musetti 6-2 6-4 for the 22-year-old’s first victory against a top-20 player.

Seventh-seeded Karen Khacharov made 15 fewer winners and four more unforced errors than Argentine Francisco Cerundolo, but found a way to win the big points in a 7-6(4) 7-6(9) victory to take him through to the quarterfinals.

He next faces third-ranked Carlos Alcaraz, who beat Tallon Greikspoor 6-1 6-2. Alcaraz needs to make at least the semifinals this week to rise above Alexander Zverev to No. 2 in the rankings. Zverev is not playing in Beijing as he recovers from an illness.

T20 World Cup: VVS Laxman lauds India women’s team’s unmatched preparation

NEW DELHI, Sep 30 (Agencies): Former India batter and head of the BCCI Centre of Excellence, VVS Laxman, has praised the India women’s cricket team for their rigorous preparation in the lead-up to the Women’s T20 World Cup. According to Laxman, the hard work put in by skipper Harmanpreet Kaur and her squad during a preparatory camp at the Centre of Excellence will prove crucial as they set their sights on T20 glory.

India will begin their World Cup campaign with a high-stakes match against New Zealand on October 4 in Dubai. Laxman, who has had a first-hand look at the team’s preparation, expressed his admiration for their efforts during an exclusive media briefing.

“The kind of commitment, dedication, and intensity with which they practice and prepare is unmatched. I am very proud of the way they



prepare,” said Laxman.

The camp, overseen by women’s team head coach Amol Muzumdar, took a multifaceted approach to ensure the players were ready both mentally and physically. Laxman detailed the structure of the camp, noting that it was divided into two phases to cover all aspects of the game.

“It was a productive camp,” Laxman explained. “Amol had planned in such a manner that in the first phase of the camp, he focused on the mental and physical aspects of the game. Then there was a break, and when they came back, they



focused on the skill and tactical aspect of the game.”

Beyond nets and standard training routines, the players were tested in five practice matches that presented varied challenges. “Amol created different situations and different kinds of challenges for the players. This hands-on experience will help them adapt quickly in high-pressure matches,” Laxman added.

Laxman also took a broader view, commenting on the rapid growth of women’s cricket in India in recent years. He attributed much of this rise to the success

of the Women’s Premier League (WPL), which he believes will be a transformative platform for the sport.

“I think there is so much upside for women’s cricket. The WPL is a great initiative. Just like the IPL helped Indian uncapped players get fast-tracked into international cricket, I am sure the WPL will be a game-changer for women cricketers,” said Laxman.

Laxman also highlighted the success of India’s Under-19 women’s team, which claimed the inaugural T20 World Cup title in South Africa in January 2023, as

a positive sign for the future of Indian women’s cricket. India defeated England by seven wickets in the final, securing the prestigious title.

“The U-19 girls didn’t have exposure to T20 cricket at that time, yet they went on to win the inaugural World Cup—a phenomenal achievement,” Laxman remarked. “This shows the mental strength and resilience of young cricketers, which will certainly help them progress in their careers.”

As the India women’s team gears up for the upcoming T20 World Cup, the work put in at the camp, combined with the growing momentum around women’s cricket in India, could position them well to challenge for the title. With players like Harmanpreet Kaur leading from the front and a support system that has shown faith in their talent, India is looking to make a strong impression on the global stage.

Comparing Kohli and Babar baseless, the Indian star way ahead: Zaheer Abbas

SHARJAH, Sep 30 (Agencies): Pakistan great Zaheer Abbas feels the comparisons between Virat Kohli and Babar Azam are baseless as the Indian superstar is a lot more consistent than the under-fire Pakistan batter.

Once regarded as part of the ‘Fab Five’ including Kohli, Steve Smith, Joe Root, and Kane Williamson, Babar is currently enduring an extended slump in form.

“Yeh fizool ki baatein hai (the comparisons are pointless). Virat Kohli scores in every match the other player (Babar) doesn’t score in any match so then how can you compare. The person who scores, he is the bigger player,” Abbas told agency on the sidelines of the Cricket Predicta Conclave here.

Kohli has 80 international hundreds to his name while the much younger Babar has scored 31 centuries across formats.

Abbar also acknowledged the consistency displayed by India across formats and said the Rohit Sharma-led team will be a strong contender for the upcoming Champions Trophy.

“Indian team overall is very good. Their batters are doing well and the bowlers both are good. It is a very balanced team, one that plays soch samajh kar (thoughtfully),” said Abbas.

“They have a very good captain, who understands cricket very well. So, when everything is going in your favour it is smooth sailing. That’s the case with India right now.

“There is a very good chance of them doing well (at the Champions Trophy) because they have a balanced team,” the 77-year-old said.

Hailed as the ‘Asian Bradman’ for insatiable appetite for runs, Abbas was one of the most elegant batters of his time. He played 78 Tests and 62 ODIs for Pakistan, accumulating 5062 and 2572 runs respectively.

Teams in T20s can win by fluke, not in Tests The 77-year-old strongly believes that Test cricket truly tests the players’ character, resilience, mental strength, technique, and consistency.

“Test cricket is real cricket. That it is the real Test of any player, bowler. At one point India and Pakistan’s Test team used to be good. And now the



boards are realising that we can’t go on without Test cricket.

“How many T20s can you play? How many white-ball tournaments can the ICC organise? Maybe 2 or 3 but in the end you have to return to ODI or Tests.

“If you continue Test cricket the cricket will last longer. I know people like to get results fast but slowly they will get bored of T20s and

we need Tests and ODIs.”

An increasing number of players are turning down central contracts from their boards to focus on careers in T20 franchise leagues, a worrying trend that Abbas believes should be addressed.

“Test cricket is ultimate. Anyone can win in T20. Teams can win by fluke. But that is not the case in Test cricket

as it has two innings. You have the scope to do well in one innings. Test cricket teaches you a lot.

“I know a lot of the players don’t want to play Test cricket and play T20 instead. That needs to be stopped. They need to come up with something...”

“Something like you have to play at least 5 or 6 Test matches a year then you can play ODI or T20s. Every year a minimum number of Test matches need to be allotted,” he added.

Loss to Bangladesh was a huge setback Once a cricketing powerhouse, Pakistan now find themselves in a difficult situation.

Their downward spiral began with the Asia Cup last year which was followed by the team’s early elimination from the ODI World Cup in

2023 and the T20 World Cup this year.

Earlier this month they suffered their first-ever Test series loss to Bangladesh.

“Bohot bada dhakka tha (It was a huge setback) that Pakistan lost to Bangladesh. We never thought that not only Pakistan will lose but it will lose so bad.”

“Pakistan cricket abhi daamadol hai (is not doing great). The performance has dropped. I am hopeful that it will get better. The reasons behind this are many.

“It happens, the West Indies used to be the best in the world, that’s not the case now. But I’m hopeful that Pakistan cricket returns to the top, the boys are working hard.”

Pacer Shaheen Afridi replaced Babar as skipper in T20s after the 2023 ODI World

Cup but the former was reappointed as the captain earlier this year.

Abbas urged the PCB to take some action before the issue escalates further.

“Yes, there have been rivalries in the Pakistan teams in the past but the board should take note of the rivalry between Babar and Shaheen fast. The faster the better because it will keep on escalating.

“Rivalry is good, but it should not become serious, if it does, it harms the team,” said Abbas.

Abbas, former Pakistan player Mudassar Nazar and former Pakistan coach Dav Whatmore spoke at the conclave to celebrate the centenary episode of Cricket Predicta, the largest cricket live stats based show in Asia.

CEO SMVDSB calls for joint efforts to ensure smooth Navratra celebrations

Top News Report

KATRA, Sep 30: For hassle-free pilgrimage prior to onset of Shardiya Navratra scheduled from October 3 - 12, 2024, Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) chaired a comprehensive review meeting at Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra with security agencies and local authorities.

The meeting aimed to assess the critical areas like security and operational preparedness for ensuring a seamless pilgrimage experience during the Shardiya Navratra.

The meeting was attended by Addl. Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB; SSP, Reasi; Commandant, CRPF; Jt. Chief Executive Officer and Dy. CEO, SMVDSB; SP, Katra; Sub Divisional Magistrate, Bhawan; Asstt. CEO, SMVDSB; SDPO Katra, Bhawan, Tehsildar, SMVDSB



and officers from Army, IB, CID, Fire Services, SMVDSB and other intelligence agencies.

Pertinent to mention here that Manoj Sinha, Chairman Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) and Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory recently visited the Holy Shrine on September 27, 2024 to review operational preparedness and security measures in the Shrine area.

Following his directions, the Chief Execu-

ive Officer stressed the importance of collaborative efforts among stakeholders, anticipating a significant influx of devotees during the upcoming Navratra period. The CEO highlighted essential security measures, including the replacement of RFID cards with new ones for enhanced security and mandatory RFID registration for all pilgrims. To facilitate smooth registration eight registration counters will be operational for pilgrims arriving by train at Katra with an aim

to ensure a seamless and secure pilgrimage experience for devotees, exhorted the CEO.

The CEO also instructed thorough frisking and verification at all entry points alongside a detailed census of pony porters to mitigate security risks. He emphasized the importance of robust crowd management, fire safety and disaster preparedness measures directing the concerned quarters to monitor vulnerable areas and conduct joint patrolling. Additionally, the CEO issued

directives for the smooth regulation of vehicle movement, improved sanitation, drinking water supplies and enhanced lighting on the track and Katra. Special attention was called to resolving traffic issues caused by unauthorized parking with plans for a special drive to tow away such vehicles.

Security agencies presented a detailed action plan including the deployment of drones and use of CCTV cameras for real-time monitoring besides deployment of additional security forces and quick response teams (QTRs). It was informed to the chair that a multi-tier security grid comprising the Police and para military forces will be in place to ensure the safety and smooth conduct of the yatra.

The meeting concluded with the clear instructions to ensure hassle-free pilgrimage experience for all devotees during the festival.

SPPND GDC Samba Hosts Engaging Mock Assembly and Voter Awareness Activities



Top News Report

SAMBA, Sep 30: Pravaad Electoral Literacy Club, Shri Pandit Prem Nath Dogra Government Degree College Samba organized a Mock Assembly session, followed by a signature campaign and a lively tug of war competition, aimed at promoting voter participation among students and the community.

The event held under the supervision of Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri, Principal of the college attracted a large audience of students and faculty, creating an atmosphere of enthusiasm and engagement.

The Mock Assembly provided students with

a platform to simulate the legislative process, enhancing their understanding of democratic procedures and the importance of their vote.

During the session, students took on various roles, debating pressing issues and demonstrating how legislation is crafted and passed. This immersive experience not only educated participants but also sparked discussions about civic responsibility and the impact of active citizenship.

Following the assembly, a signature campaign was initiated to encourage students to pledge their commitment to vote in upcoming elections. This initiative aimed to create awareness about

the significance of voter turnout and the power of each individual's voice in shaping democracy.

The day culminated in a spirited tug of war competition, symbolizing teamwork and community spirit. Students participated enthusiastically, further strengthening bonds within the college and reinforcing the message that collective efforts lead to impactful change. Principal of the college, emphasized the importance of electoral literacy and student engagement in democracy. "Events like these not only educate our youth but also empower them to take an active role in shaping their future," she stated.

DPS Kathua marks Gandhi, Shastri Jayanti with meaningful activities



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KATHUA, Sep 30: Delhi Public School, Kathua, celebrated Gandhi Jayanti and Shastri Jayanti with great enthusiasm and spirit, specifically engaging the students of Classes I and II in various activities. The event was aimed at imparting the timeless teachings of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri to young minds, focusing on the principles of truth, non-violence, cleanliness, and patriotism.

A highlight of the celebrations was a rally held within the school campus, where young students carried vibrant placards featuring slogans that promoted Swachh Bharat and reiterated the teachings of both revered leaders. Through their participation, the students actively raised awareness about the importance of cleanliness and sustainability, echoing Mahatma Gandhi's vision for a clean and self-reliant nation. They also learned about Lal Bahadur Shastri's values of simplicity, humility, and service to the country.

The event, conceptualized by Chief Coordinator Ms. Rimjhim Wazir and Kindergarten Coordinator Ms. Jyoti Katoch, was meticulously planned to ensure that the students could actively engage in the activities while learning important life lessons.

The teachers played a pivotal role in guiding the children, helping them understand the values of the two great leaders. Classroom discussions were held, emphasizing how the principles of

truth and non-violence can be integrated into daily life. By relating these teachings to real-life examples, the students were encouraged to adopt these values from a young age.

The rally served as a moving tribute to both Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri. As the students marched around the school premises, they carried messages that highlighted the importance of keeping their surroundings clean and being mindful of the environment. The vibrant energy displayed by the children reflected their eagerness to contribute to the vision of a cleaner and more harmonious world, while the slogans reminded all participants of the lasting impact of Gandhi Ji's and Shastri Ji's philosophies on today's society.

Principal Vivek Arora lauded the efforts of the teachers and students in making the event a success. He emphasized the significance of following the ideals of Gandhi Ji and Shastri Ji in today's fast-paced world. "The values of truth, non-violence, simplicity, and patriotism are more relevant now than ever. It is important for the younger generation to not only learn about these leaders but to embody their principles in their daily lives," Mr. Arora said in his address.

The celebrations concluded with a promise by the students to carry forward the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri in their lives, contributing to a cleaner and more compassionate society.

GGM Science College conducts different events to Celebrates Gandhi Jayanti

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JAMMU, Sep 30: On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, The Gandhian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at GGM Science College, Jammu, organized a series of inspiring events to commemorate the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi and his teachings on non-violence and truth. The broad theme for the activities was "Gandhian Philosophy of Non-Violence and Truth," focusing on how these principles continue to shape societal values today.

The events included a seminar, slogan writing competition, essay writing competition, bhajan singing, and reel-making activities. The theme for the essay writing competition was "Gandhi Ji's Vision for a Sustainable Future," encouraging participants to reflect on Gandhi's ideals of environmental stewardship and sustainable development.



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In addition to the creative and intellectual events, a cleanliness drive was conducted by the students, emphasizing how education plays a pivotal role in promoting cleanliness and sustainability in society. This initiative reflected Gandhi's belief in cleanliness as a moral responsibility and its connection to both personal and environmental well-being.

The programme saw enthusiastic participation from students, who engaged deeply with Gandhi's philosophy and its relevance in the

modern world.

The entire event was organized under the patronage of the esteemed Principal, Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta, and the Convenor of the Centre, Dr. Seema Gandotra. Coordination for the event was led by Dr. Shalini Sharma, Prof. Sunita Kumari, and Prof. Mehnaz Bano.

The series of events not only honored the Father of the Nation but also served as a platform for students to express their views on how Gandhian principles can inspire a peaceful and sustainable future.

NSS volunteers of GDC RS Pura give Gandhi Park a cleaner look

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JAMMU, Sep 30: The volunteers of the National Service Scheme of Govt. Degree College R. S. Pura cleaned and beautified the Gandhi Park R. S. Pura under Swachhata Pakhwada Campaign on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.

The event was held under able guidance and patronage of Prof. (Dr.), Preetpal Kour, Principal of the college, who emphasized the importance of creative expression in spreading messages of cleanliness and sustainability.

The NSS volunteers removed the weeds and collected dry and plastic wastes from the park. In addition, they planted saplings along with cleaning and setting right the inter-locked footpaths around the park. Dr. Chanchal Angral,



NSS PO initiated the cleanliness drive. She advised the volunteers to enhance the green belt around the town and said the volunteers should also educate the public not to throw wastes everywhere in the city but to dispose them at the places provided for it.

While speaking on the occasion Principal of the college expressed her enthusiasm for the campaign, stating, "We are dedicated to fostering a culture of cleanliness and

sustainability in our City. The Swachhata Pakhwada reflects our commitment to creating a cleaner, healthier, and more livable environment for all residents." she added that the planned activities and initiatives would raise awareness and encourage active community participation.

The faculty member Coordinated the drive were Dr. Akriti Parihar, Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch and Dr. Savleen Kour.

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