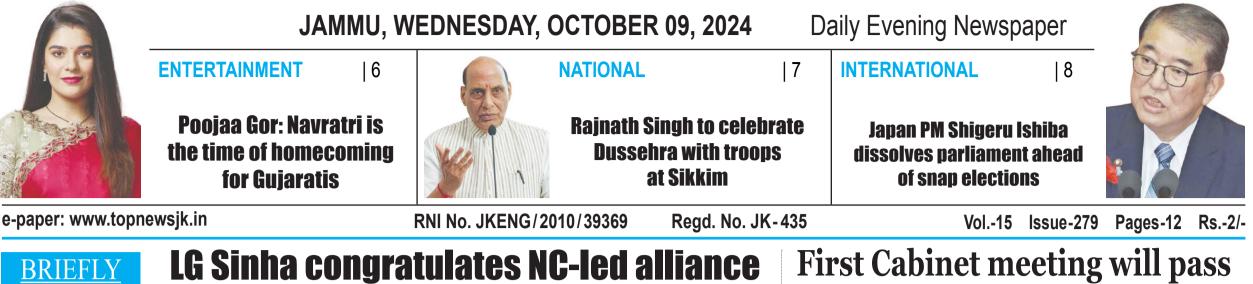
# TOP NEWS OF J&K



# BRIEFLY

Shri Ram Sena congratulates **INDIA alliance** for victory in **J&K Assembly** polls



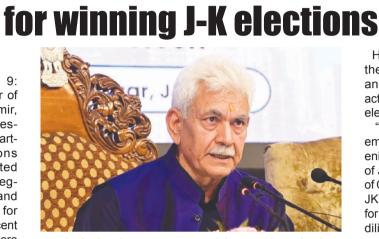
JAMMU, Oct 9: Shri Ram Sena (J&K) President Rajiv Mahajan congratulated the National Conference (NC) and Congress alliance for their victory in the Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections. The alliance secured an absolute majority with 49 seats in the first elections since the collapse of the PDP-BJP regime in 2018.

Mahajan also praised the alliance's commitment to restoring Jammu and Kashmir's statehood and ensuring regional representation. He noted that both NC and Congress are focused on priorities such as reviving the Darbar move, address-

# Rajiv

SRINAGAR, Oct 9: Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoi Sinha Wednesday extended his heartfelt congratulations to the newly elected members of the Legislative Assembly and the NC-led alliance for their victory in the recent

polls whose results were declared yesterday. Taking to his official X-handle, Sinha wished best for the members even as he emphasized working together for the



region's development. "My heartiest congratulations to all the members elected to Legislative Assembly and NC-led alliance for victory in polls. Best

wishes to them in the service of people. Constitution of India is our guiding light & I urge all to work together for growth of J&K & welfare of people," Sinha wrote.

He also took thanked the people of Jammu and Kashmir for their active participation in the election process.

"I thank the people for empowering & strengthening democracy in UT of J&K. I laud the efforts of CEO J&K, EC officials, JKP and security forces for working tirelessly and diligently to uphold the sanctity of the ballot and successfully completing transparent, free & fair election," he wrote. Reflecting on the

smooth conduct of the Turn to page 9

### **Delhi HC** seeks police stand on denial to Wangchuk's protest at Jantar Mantar

NEW DELHI, Oct 9 (Agencies): The Delhi High Court on Wednesday sought the stand of Delhi police on a plea Turn to page 9

# **First Cabinet meeting will pass** resolution for JK Statehood **Restoration: Omar** should be a cordial rela-

SRINAGAR, Oct 9 (Agencies): National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah on Wednesday said the NC-Congress Government will pass a resolution demanding the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood in its first cabinet meeting.

"After the formation of the Government, I hope in the first cabinet meeting, the cabinet will pass a resolution impressing upon the Centre to restore the statehood. The Government should then take that resolution to the Prime Minister," Abdullah told reporters here.

He expressed hope that the Government in Jammu and Kashmir will be able to run smoothly unlike in Delhi.

"There is a difference between us and Delhi. Delhi was never a state. No one promised Delhi a statehood. Jammu and Kashmir was a state before 2019. We have been promised the restoration of statehood by the prime minister,



the Home Minister and other senior ministers who have said that three steps will be taken in J-K - delimitation, election and then Statehood.

"Delimitation has happened, the elections have now taken place as well. So, only the statehood remains which should be restored," he

added. Asked how important was the need for coordination between the new J-K government and Centre, the NC leader said nothing can be achieved by having a confrontation with New Delhi.

"Let the government be formed first. This question should be posed to the chief minister. There

Abducted Army man's body found in Kokernag forests input, a joint counter

SRINAGAR, Oct 9 (Agencies): Security forces on Wednesday recovered the bulletridden body of a missing said. soldier from Anantnag district of Jammu and

Kashmir, officials said here. The body of Territorial Army jawan Hilal Ahmad Bhat, who was reported missing on Tuesday

from Shah, was recovered from Sanglan forest area in Utrasoo area of Anantnag, the officials They said the body has

been taken to a hospital for medical formalities. Security forces had launched a massive search operation to trace the jawan. "Based on intelligence

Four Independent MLAs who quit

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tionship with New Delhi.

My advice to him (CM)

will be that we cannot

address any issues by

having a confrontation

"It is not that we will

accept the BJP's poli-

tics, or that the BJP will

accept our politics. We

will continue to oppose

the BJP, but it is not our

compulsion to oppose

"It will be for the benefit

of J-K and for the people

of J-K to have a good

relationship with the

"The people have not

voted for a confronta-

tion. The people of J-K

have voted because

they want employment,

they want development,

they want the restoration

of the Statehood, they

want to address elec-

tricity and other issues

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confrontation with New

Abdullah said the NC

would call a meeting of

the legislative party on **Turn to page 9** 

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### Senior U.S. tourist dies in Sonamarg

SRINAGAR, Oct 9 (Agencies): A tourist from the United States of America collapsed at the hotel he was staying in Sonamarg in Kashmir's Ganderbal district yesterday late evening, reports said. Quoting an official, news agency NVI reported that the 84-year-old was shifted by the hotel staff to the Primary Health Centre (PHC) Sonamarg, where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

The official identified the deceased tourist as Ranma Allauddin Rajabali, a resident of Dallas Texas, United States.

Police have taken cognizance of the incident, the official said.

**PCC chief** visits Abdullahs' to express greetings on behalf of party

SRINAGAR, Oct 9 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) chief Tarig Hameed Karra today visited the Abdullahs' to extend greetings on

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up to the polls.

### National Conference over mandate issue, set for 'Ghar Wapsi'

JAMMU, Oct 9 (Agencies): After the result of the Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections, four independent MLAs who had left the National Conference (NC) over expressing resentment against ticket distribution issue set to have 'Ghar Wapsi' after a stellar performance by the NC-Congress alliance.



emerged victorious in In the elections, seven their respective constituindependent candidates encies.

Former judge Muzaffar Igbal Khan defeated Turn to page 9

### J-K Congress will introspect party's performance in Jammu region: Karra



SRINAGAR, Oct 9 "We are very sorry (Agencies): Jammu and for that, but we will Kashmir Congress chief introspect it. But, there Tariq Hameed Karra on are other factors also. Wednesday said the There were lapses on party would introspect part of the administraits dismal performance tion, or some deliberate in the assembly polls in attempts - in the last the Jammu region. three days all the check-He also alleged that points established by the there were some lapses police were taken off, and the distribution of on part of the administration or some delibermoney and liquor was ate attempts in the run facilitated," Karra told.

The JKPCC president

along with party's incharge for J-K Bharat Solanki called on the Abdullahs at their residence here to congratulate them on the win in the assembly polls. Karra said the man-

date of the people was against the BJP's "hate politics and their oppressive policies".

"It is against their divisive policies, hatemongering, their atrocities on the people at the Constitution, legal, social-cultural, and religion level. People have voted against that," he said.

Karra said the party will be fighting for the restoration of Statehood and "the struggle will now Turn to page 9



# **OBITUARIES**

BARKHI (MASVAR & VAHARVAR)

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### Top News of J&K Jammu, Wednesday, October 09, 2024





Smt. Indu Bindroo





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KUMAR GUPTA

DEEPLY MISSED & REMEMBERED BY: Smt. Sandhya Gupta -Wife Mother-in-law Smt Kanta Gupta W/o Late Dr. Banke Bihari Gupta Mami and Mama Ji Smt. Primla and Sh. Serve Mitter Gupta Sister and Brother-in-law Smt. Neelam and Sh. Ravi Gupta Sister-in-law and Brother Smt. Neelam and Sh. Naresh Gupta Daughter and Son-in-law Smt. Samrill and Sh. Bharat Gupta Daughter-in-law & Son Smt. Pooja and Sh. Shubam Gupta



### TENTH DAY KRIYA

Tenth Day Kriya of our Revered Karam Yogi Pt. Chaman Lal Koul Padroo S/o Late Arjan Nath Padroo, originally a resident of Bohri Kadal / Karan Nagar, Srinagar, Kashmir, al Present H.No. 204, Wazir Lane, behind Devan's Wine Factory, Bohri, Talab Tillo, Jammu, will be held at MUTHI GHAT Jammu near the Directorate of School Education or Sunday, 13th October 2024. The assembly will be held at 9:00 AM. GRIEF STRICKEN: Sons & Daughters-in-law

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Manju & Rajinder Koul

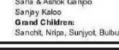
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Smriti & Abhishek Raina

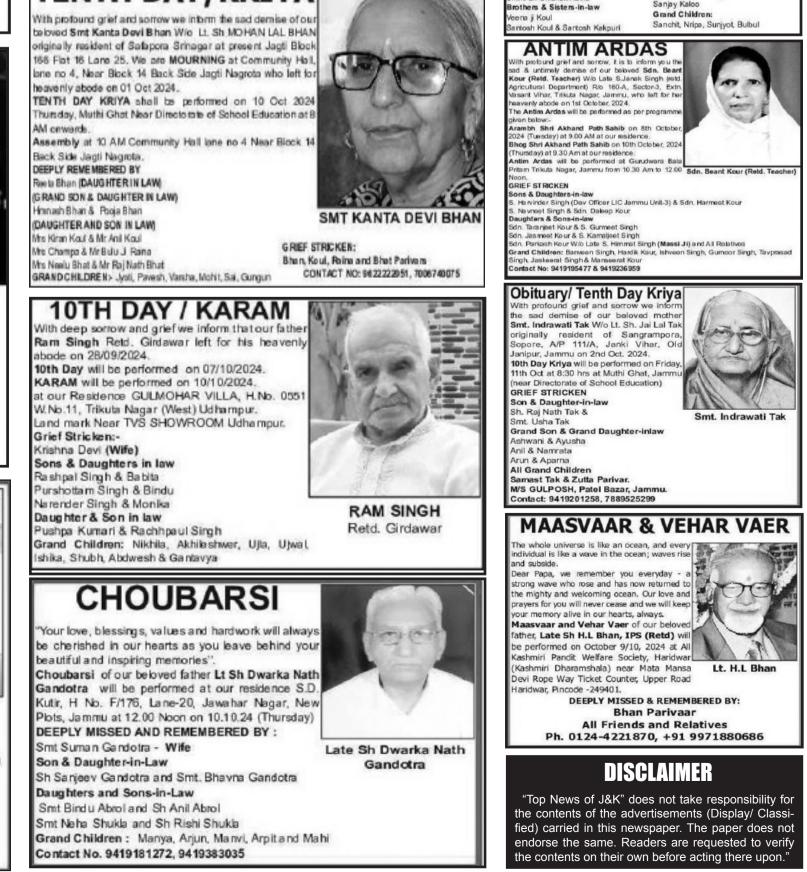


Karam Yogi Pt. Chaman Lal Koul Padroo

Sisters & Brothers-in-law Sarla & Ashok Ganjoo Sanjay Kaloo Grand Children: Sanchit, Nripa, Sunjyot, Bulbul



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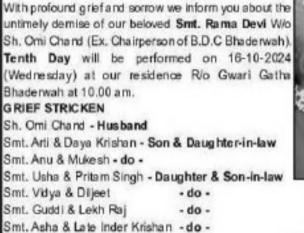
## TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Smt Bimla Hangshoo W/o Tej Krishan Hangshoo of Sangrampora Sopore on 03-10-2024. TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on

12-10-2024, 08:30 hrs at Muthi Ghat near Dir. School Education A/p H No. 102 Ambika Vihar Gole Gujral Camp near PHC Talab Smt Bimla Hangshoo

Tillo Jammu. Grief Stricken : Tej Krishan Hangshoo (Husband) - 9419210890, 9796062628 (Brother & Bhabi) Smt Sunita & Sanjay Hangshoo - 9419206730, 9149607885 Daughter & Son in law Smt Kanchan & Sunil Ji Bhat- 9906356219 Sister & Brother in law Smt Bimla & S K Bhat (Lalad) - 9419220100 Smt Shama Koul -09990298723 Smt Sunita & PJ Bhat - 8492094581 Smt Lovely & M K Pandita- 9419157873 Grand Child: Nidhaan

### TENTH DAY



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### OBITUARY/10TH DAY KRIYA

Grand Children: Vinal, Lavya, Kashab, Dhristi

Smt. Pammi & Rakesh Raina - do -

With profound grief, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Sheela Bhat W/o Sh. Daya Krishan Bhat originally resident of Chinkral Mohalla, HabbaKadal, Srinagar, presently at 12/3, Sector 1, K.B. Nagar, Bantalab, Jammu on 2nd of October, 2024.

10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 11th of October, 2024 (Friday) at 9am Near Directorate of School Education, Jammu

**GRIEF STRICKEN:-**Sh. Daya Krishan Bhat (Husband) Smt. Janak Rani (Jethani) Smt. Pushpa Rani (Nanand)

Smt. Uma Tickoo (Sister) Sh. Maharaj Krishan Bhat, Smt. Vijanti Koul (Son & Daughter in law) Sh. Bushan Lai Bhat, Smt. Nimmi Pandita (Son & Daughter in Law) Sh. Deepak Raj, Smt. Bharti Bhat (Son-in-law & Daughter) Sh. Ajay Bhan, Smt. Jyoti Tickoo (Son-in-law & Daughter) Sh. Sahil Bali & Nupur Bhat (Grand Son-in-Law & Grand Daughter) Grand Children: Akhil, Satyarth, Devanshi and Dhruvika Contact: 7006366320, 7006416918, 9070812356, 9419107579 And Samast Parivaar,

Bhats, Bhans, Tickoos, Kouls, Sharabis, Panditas, Balis and Dhars.

# TENTH DAY/KRIYA With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to



Lt. Sh. Dalbir Singh 08-07-1943 to 20-10-2020 Sh. Balbir Singh (Brother) & Smt. Vijay Kumari

Sh. Joginder Singh (Brother) Sons & Daughters-in-Law Capt. Surjeet Singh (Retd.) & Smt. Geeta Chib

- Sh. Jagjeet Singh & Smt. Jyoti Devi
- Sh. Ranjeet Singh & Smt. Anju Devi
- Sh. Maniit Chib & Smt. Rekha Chib Contact No. : 9315712055, 9419384428

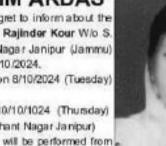
# TENTH DAY/KRIYA



Saniav Koul & Dolly Koul Sunil Koul & Jyoti Koul

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY Smt. Shakuntla Devi (Wife) Ms. Shakuntla Devi (Sister)

SMT. SHEELA BHAT

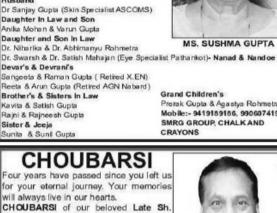


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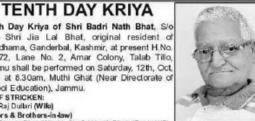
Raman Kumar Gupta S/o Late Sh. Gian Chand Gupta will be performed on 10th October, 2024 (Thursday) at our residence 802-A, Last Morh, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu



Tenth Day Kriva of Shri Badri Nath Bhat, S/o Late Shri Jia Lal Bhat, original resident of Wandhama, Ganderbal, Kashmir, at present H.No. 7A/72, Lane No. 2, Amar Colony, Talab Tillo, Jammu shall be performed on Saturday, 12th, Oct, 2024 at 8.30am, Muthi Ghat (Near Directorate of School Education), Jammu. GRIEF STRICKEN: Smt. Raj Dullari (Willo) (Sisters & Brothers-in-law)

lusband

at 01:00 PM.







inform you about the sad demise of beloved mother Mrs. Leela Gandotra (W/o Late Sh RD Gandotra).

10th Day will be performed on Thursday 10th Oct, 2024 at our residence 426 A/B, Near Post Office, Gandhi Nagar at 11 AM. Kriya will be performed on 12th Oct, 2024 at our residence at 12 Noon.

### **GRIEF STRICKEN:-**

#### Daughters-in-Law & Sons

Mrs Anjna & Mr Rajinder Kumar Gandotra and Family Mrs Rita & Late Col. Ravi Kumar Gandotts and Family Mrs Kiran & Late Mr Shyam Kumar Gandotra and Family Sh Ramlal Gandotra (Devar) and Family

### (Daughters & Sons-in-law)

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Kanta Devi - Sister

Smt Sudha & Sh Radhe Sham Abrol and Family Smt Reva & Sh V.K. Abrol and Family Contact No: 94191-16347, 94191-04425

### **OBITUARY/10TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved father Sh. Saligram Mussa (Retd. Branch Manager, National Insurance Company) S/o Lt. Sh. Hriday Nath Mussa R/o Martand, Mattan Anantnag Kashmir, Presently at H.No. 220/B, Lane No-3, Friends Sector, Subash Nagar, Jammu. 10TH DAY KRIYA will be held on 12th of October 2024 (Saturday) at 9:00 AM near Directorate of School Education Muthi, Jammu.



MRS. LEELA

GANDOTRA

Sh. Saligram Mussa Retd. Branch Manager, National Insurance Co)

Smt. Usha Ji & Sh. Sanjay Mussa (LIC of India) - Daughter-in-law & Son Smt. Sunita Santoshi & Sh. Sunil Mussa -Daughter-in-law & Son Smt. Nisha & Sh. Bimal Ji Khar - Daughter & Son-in-law Grand Children : Rahul, Neha, Rohit, Deepika, Surbhi, Shubam, Sheen, Duggu & Arshu. Contact : 9419307072, 7889418178, 9697208649 Samast Mussa's, Kichloo's, Tickoo's & Khar Parivar

# LOCAL/ ADVT

# **Indian Air Force organizes static display** at Air Force Station Leh

#### **Top News Report**

LEH, Oct 9: To commemorate the 92nd anniversary of the Indian Air Force, a static display was organised at Air Force Station Leh on Wednesday.

The show included static display of various fighters, transport and helicopter fleet aircraft, along with indigenous surface to air weapon systems. The aim of the static display was to showcase the professionalism and capabilities of IAF as well as to instil



region's progress.

Commissioner/Secre-

tary, Health & Medical

Education, Dr Vasantha

Kumar N; Commissioner/

Secretary, Planning &

Monitoring Department,

Dr Laltinkhuma Franklin;

Administrative Secre-

tary, PWD, Michael M.

D Souza; Deputy Com-

missioners Leh, San-

tosh Sukhdeve; Chief

Engineer, CPWD; Chief

Engineer, PW(R&B)

Abdul Mutalib; Additional

Secretary, Finance Dr

Safdar Ali; Assistant

Commissioner Revenue,

Leh/ Kargil; Directors

of various departments

were present during the

meeting. The officials

a sense of patriotism in youth of the country. Lieutenant Governor of UT Ladakh, Brig Dr. BD Mishra (Retd) was the Chief Guest. Officers

of sister services and civil dignitaries graced the event hosted by Air Cmde Dharminder Singh Handa, Air Officer Commanding and all person-

nel of Air Force Station Leh.

The marquee event started with students and general public witnessing the displayed aircraft and

Minimising differences between

missile systems. They were also briefed about the strengths and

capabilities of each system. Attractive aircraft posters, stickers and other publicity material were distributed amongst the students witnessing the event.

It invoked inquisitiveness, particularly among the younger generation. Successful conduct of the event was a testimony to the cooperation and coordination between the functionaries of Air Force Station and Civil Administration.

# Advisor Dr Pawan Kotwal reviews departmental projects/ works of various departments by CPWD

**Top News Report** 

LEH. Oct 9: The Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Dr Pawan Kotwal, chaired a meeting to review the progress of developmental projects/ works of various departments being executed by the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) at the Conference Hall, UT Secretariat, Leh.

During the meeting, the Director of Finance, Dr Safdar Ali, briefed the Advisor, Dr Pawan Kotwal, about the budget allocations provided to various departments to execute developmental works through the Central Public Works Department (CPWD)

Dr Kotwal emphasized the need to expedite budget allocation processes and directed the CPWD to ensure that projects are completed



within the set timeframes. He also instructed the concerned departments to properly use the funds, ensuring they are effectively utilized to complete the developmental works. Advisor Dr Pawan Kotwal emphasized the importance of collective efforts from all officers to ensure transparency, accountability, and efficiency in the utilization of resources. He stressed that every rupee spent must contribute meaningfully to the holistic development of Ladakh. The Advisor instructed

#### Jammu, Kashmir will be our Govt's aim: Farooq Abdullah to ensure that developmental works are carried SRINAGAR, Oct 9 out with integrity and that (Agencies): National public funds are used Conference Presiresponsibly to create dent Farooq Abdullah a lasting impact on the

Wednesday said the aim of the NC-Congress government would be to minimise the differences between the two regions of the Union Territory and to build confidence among the Hindus.

"We have to minimise the differences that they have created between Jammu, and Kashmir. Our endeavour should be that the Hindus there have this confidence in us that we will think about them in the same manner as about Kashmir," Abdullah told reporters here. "We will not differenti-

ate between the two. So what that they did not vote. It is our duty to solve their problems," he added



were many challenges before the new Government

"The biggest challenges are inflation and unemployment. We have to create opportunities for our youth," he said. Abdullah also asserted his supremacy over the choice of person who will head the Government. On his son Omar's saying that the alliance will decide who will be the chief minister, the senior Abdullah said: "What I have decided, only that will happen." The NC president Tues-

day said Omar Abdullah will be the chief minister

#### stationed outside attendthe concerned officers ed the meeting virtually. The NC chief said there of the new Government. **SMVDSB expands Healthcare with Pradhan Mantri**

# Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendra at Bhawan

#### **Top News Report**

KATRA, Oct 9: In a pursuit to enhance quality healthcare services for pilgrims, employees of Shrine Board and allied agencies deployed in in and surr areas, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board's Chief Executive Officer, Anshul Garg, today inaugurated the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendra (PMBJK) at Bhawan during the ongoing Shardiya Navratras as per the directions of Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Chairman, SMVDSB (Lt. Governor, JK-UT). The newly established PMBJK at Bhawan aligns with the Government of India's vision to provide affordable quality medicines and healthcare products. This initiative

benefits lakhs of pilgrims visiting the Shrine annually and officials in the area by offering easy access to generic medicines, medical devices and essential healthcare products at affordable



tional by the Board for the facilitation of the pilgrims. Earlier, the Chief Executive Officer also unveiled the Durlabh Darshan Kendra, a collaborative initiative with TechXR Innovations Pvt. Ltd., renng pilgri plimentary 11-minute virtual reality experience of the entire Shri Mata Vaishno Devi pilgrimage during Shardiya Navratras. Using VR headsets, devotees can immerse themselves in the sacred journey, encompassing the entire route, Aarti, and Holy Pindis darshans, fostering a profound spiritual connection without extensive time commitments. Building on last year's launch of virtual darshan through the natural cave, this innovative technology enhances the pilgrimage experience by providing a real accessible and immersive spiritual encounter for devotees. Among those present on the occasions were Addl. Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB; SDM, Bhawan; Director, SMVDNSH; Tehsildar, Bhawan; Medical Officers alongwith Para Medical Staff of SMVDSB; official of SMVDSB and pilgrims

# Omar's son celebrates victory, vows to advocate for J&K statehood restoration, criticizes Article 370 abrogation

#### **Top News Report**

SRINAGAR, Oct 9: Celebrating his father's victories in the Ganderbal and Budgam Assembly constituencies, Zameer Abdullah, son of the National Conference Vice President Omar Abdullah, conveyed the immense relief and joy that followed the election results, describing it as a historic win for Jammu and Kashmir.

"This is the mandate of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The people are happy. This mandate is not just the National Conference's; it's the formation of a government after 10 years, and I am truly happy," Zameer told reporters in Srinagar.

"In the last seven years, the people's voice has been suppressed. But today, they are out in full force because they know the JKNC is the party that will listen to them,"

He took the opportunity to criticize the 2019 abrogation of Article 370, pointing out that it never resonated with the people of Jammu and Kashmir. "They tried to show that people were content with what happened in 2019, but it was wrong, and they couldn't maintain that false narrative. Our youth are still in jails-why? Today, the people's voice has finally emerged," he passionately stated.

When questioned about Omar Abdullah potentially becoming the Chief Minister, he deferred to the party's leadership. "The party will make that decision, and I have

nothing to do with it," he said, emphasizing that such matters were for the

#### Reflecting on the campaign, he reiterated the Abdullah family's strong stance on restoring Jammu and Kashmir's statehood. "I said throughout the campaign that the Union government must return statehood to Jammu and Kashmir and respect the people's mandate. We will fight for the restoration of statehood," he vowed. He also suggested that

NC to decide collectively.

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the central government had tried to sideline Omar Abdullah in recent political contests.

"There was a strategy from those in Delhi to keep Omar Sahib away from the parliamentary elections, but the people saw through it. They voted for him and the National Conference," he remarked.

# **IHRC President congratulates INDI** Alliance on victory in J&K

### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Oct 9: Fahar Manzoor Baba, Youth Ambassador-IYS, President of International Human Rights Commission for Jammu and Kashmir, congratulated the INDIA Alliance for its success in the recent elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

He commended the hard work, unity, and dedication of the alliance's candidates, which led to this significant victory and demonstrated the power of a collective vision for the people of the region.

"Today marks a crucial step forward for Jammu and Kashmir. The people have placed their trust in the INDI Alliance, voting decisively for change, development, and justice. This victory is not just for the candidates



but for every citizen who dreams of a better future for Jammu and Kashmir,' Fahar Baba stated. In his remarks, Fahar

Baba further highlighted that the alliance would work relentlessly to ensure that the voice of every individual is heard, their rights protected, and their aspirations fulfilled. "This is a moment of renewal, and we will not stop until the autonomy, dignity, and democratic rights of the people are fully restored. The INDI

in its mission to rebuild Jammu and Kashmir as a state of prosperity, peace, and progress," he added. He congratulated the people for participating in this democratic process and for choosing a path that reflects their aspirations for a stronger, united Jammu and Kashmir. "This election is a powerful testament to the vision and courage of the people of J&K, who have voted for an alliance that is committed to their

Alliance will stand firm

cause.' Fahar Baba concluded by reaffirming that the INDIA Alliance will work with dedication and responsibility to serve the people, ensuring that their trust is never betrayed, and the promises of justice, development, and peace are fulfilled, he added.

JMC Commissioner visits various Municipal

**Over 1000 students introduced** to mandate of Institution's **Innovation Council at JU Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Oct 9: The Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), University of Jammu, in collaboration with various Departments, Centers, and Schools of University of Jammu, successfully organized a series of interactive sessions, reaching over 1000 students.

These sessions, which began on August 12, 2024, and concluded on October 07, 2024, broke through departmental boundaries, engaging a diverse range of students.

As outlined by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell, the role of IICs is to involve a large number of students and faculty in innovation-related activities, with the goal of promoting the creation of incubators, start-ups, and entrepreneurship units in colleges and universities nationwide.

In line with this vision, the IIC at the University of Jammu initiated this effort to introduce both new and returning students to the council's mandate.

The primary objective was to encourage students to share their innovative ideas, especially those addressing societal challenges, and to harness their creative potential The initiative proved successful, as students engaged openly with IIC members, offering novel ideas, and the council assured them of full support in turning their ideas into reality

These sessions were led by active IIC members at the University of Jammu, including Prof Veenu Kaul and Prof Parmil Kumar, Dr. Sunil Kumar, Dr. Pramod Kumar Singh, Dr. Rakesh Kumar Attri. Dr. Ripu Dhaman Parihar. Dr Romica Verma, and Dr. Sajan Thakur, along with Syed Azhar. The events were made possible through the dedicated support of the Heads and Directors of the various Departments, Centers, and Schools involved.

пегеру такто quality healthcare more accessible to all.

The Chief Executive Officer reaffirmed the Board's endeavor to enhance healthcare infrastructure along the pilgrimage route by ensuring that pilgrims experience spiritual fulfillment and receive affordable medical care when needed. He emphasized that affordable healthcare is a vital aspect of the pilgrimage and the Board is proud to offer this service at the pilgrimage destination. The PMBJK will significantly

bolster the healthcare ecosystem by providing a holistic approach to pilgrims' well-being. This initiative enables pilgrims and employees to access high-quality medicines at economical rates without compromising on quality and efficacy.

CEO underscored that Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board reiterated its mission of delivering services that go beyond religious aspects by catering to the overall well-being of society. The CEO assured that

the Board will continue its efforts to provide worldclass facilities and extend its healthcare, education and welfare programs in Notably, to cater to the medical needs of the pilgrims, seven fully functional medical units (SMVDNSH), Kakryal

equipments are being run by the Board at various strategic locations along the track to attend any medical exigency round the clock. Standby ambulances are also available for immediate shifting of patients to the referred Hospital for specialized medical attention. Besides, there is a Govt. Community Hospital at Katra and about 09 Km from Katra, a 300 bedded tertiary care Hospital of the Shrine Board is also available to attend all medical needs of the pilgrims (at cost to Board). Additionally, nine cloudenabled state-of-theart Health ATMs along the revered pilgrimage track and one Telemedicine Studio at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital

### wards, takes stock of basic amenities issues

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Oct 9: Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Dr Devansh Yadav today visited various wards falling under the jurisdiction of Jammu Municipal Corporation.

During the tour, the Commissioner visited various areas including New Plot, Talimorh, Janipur, Roop Nagar, Muthi and other adjoining areas and took stock of activities being carried out by various sections.

Inspecting the morning sanitation being carried out by the sanitation workers of the Corporation, the Commissioner directed the concerned for regular sanitation of the allotted wards. He asked the concerned for creating awareness among masses about the use of dedicated garbage vehicles ferrying in their respective wards



for collection of garbage, besides not to throw the refuse in the streets, saying that it is the duty of every citizen to keep the city neat and clean. Taking stock of functioning of Street lights installed at various locations in the Municipal limit, the Commissioner

directed the concerned for

immediate identification

of non-functional street

lights and their repair for

the convenience of gen-

He also appreciated

the Electrical team for

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eral masses.

non-functional lights in no time.

Talking serious note of encroachments by the locals at various locations, the Commissioner directed the concerned for taking immediate measures to remove these encroachments and take stringent action against the violators to prevent such encroachments in future.

Among others, Health Officer, Dr. Vinod Sharma and other senior concerned officers accompanied the Commissioner during the tour.

### NORTHERN RAILWAY

#### E-TENDER NOTICE

Acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders egainst below titled benders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date 29.10.2024 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on PEPS portal like net banking debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque Depositreceipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

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# Niharika qualifies Ph.D

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#### **Top News Report**

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the region.

KATRA, Oct 9: Niharika, daughter of Bharti and Prof. Bharat B. Gupta and wife of Aakash has been declared qualified for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra, UT J&K.

She has worked on the topic "Effective Use of Feature Extraction Techniques and Learning Paradigms on Online **Bio-medical Datasets** for Disease Prediction" under the supervision of Dr. Baijnath Kaushik, Head, School of Computer Science and Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, SMVDU, Katra. Niharika has published

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

The scholar extends her heartfelt gratitude to her parents, spouse,

and supervisor for their invaluable guidance and support. She also acknowledges the School of Computer Science and Engineering, SMVDU, Katra, for providing exceptional facilities and resources throughout her research. Professor (Dr.) Pragati

at large.

Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of SMVDU, along with other committee members, extended warm congratulations to Niharika and bestowed their best wishes for her future endeavors.



# **OP-ED**

# **EDHORIAL**

# MISLEADING INFORMATION

In today's digital age, social media has become a powerful tool for communication, information sharing, and community building. However, it has also emerged as a significant platform for the dissemination of misleading information. This phenomenon raises concerns about the integrity of information, the impact on public opinion, and the potential consequences for society.

Misleading information can take various forms, including false claims, exaggerations, or contextually manipulated content. Often, this information is shared rapidly, spreading through likes, shares, and retweets, sometimes without any verification of its accuracy. This rapid dissemination can lead to widespread misconceptions and misinformed public discourse.

Several psychological factors contribute to the spread of misleading information on social media. One key factor is cognitive bias, particularly confirmation bias, where individuals tend to favor information that aligns with their pre-existing beliefs. This predisposition can lead users to share content that resonates with their views, regardless of its accuracy. Emotional appeal also plays a crucial role; content that evokes strong emotions—be it anger, fear, or joy—is more likely to be shared. This emotional engagement can overshadow rational analysis, prompting users to accept and propagate misleading claims.

One notable example of misleading information on social media is the spread of conspiracy theories. For instance, during the COVID-19 pandemic, various unfounded claims emerged, such as the idea that the virus was deliberately created or that vaccines contained harmful substances. These theories gained traction on platforms like Facebook and Twitter, often amplified by influential figures or groups. As a result, many people hesitated to get vaccinated, contributing to public health challenges.

Another example involves misleading political content, particularly during election cycles. False narratives about candidates or policies can easily circulate, shaping voter perceptions and influencing election outcomes. In the lead-up to major elections, misinformation campaigns can create confusion and mistrust, undermining the democratic process.

The consequences of misleading information on social media are profound and far-reaching. Firstly, it can polarize public opinion, creating deep divisions within society. When people are exposed to different versions of reality, they may become entrenched in their beliefs, leading to increased animosity between opposing sides. This polarization can manifest in social interactions, political discourse, and even in public policy debates.

Secondly, misleading information can erode trust in institutions. When individuals are bombarded with false claims about governments, media outlets, or health organizations, they may begin to distrust legitimate sources of information. This skepticism can hinder efforts to address societal issues, as individuals may reject critical information needed for informed decision-making. Lastly, the spread of misleading information can have tangible consequences, such as public health crises or social unrest. For instance, misinformation about vaccines has been linked to lower vaccination rates, resulting in outbreaks of preventable diseases. Similarly, false information regarding social movements can incite violence and chaos, as seen in various protests worldwide. Addressing the challenge of misleading information requires a multi-faceted approach. Education is a critical component: promoting digital literacy can empower individuals to critically evaluate the information they encounter online. Teaching users how to identify reliable sources, recognize bias, and assess the credibility of claims can significantly reduce the spread of misinformation. Social media platforms also bear responsibility for curbing the dissemination of misleading information. Implementing stricter policies on the promotion of false content, enhancing fact-checking processes, and providing users with context around contentious posts can help mitigate the issue. Transparency regarding algorithms that promote sensational content can also play a role in reducing the visibility of misleading information. Moreover, fostering a culture of accountability among users is essential. Encouraging individuals to take responsibility for the content they share and promoting respectful discourse can create a more informed and engaged online community. Users should be motivated to verify information before sharing and consider the potential consequences of their actions. The spread of misleading information on social media presents significant challenges to society, impacting public opinion, trust in institutions, and overall social cohesion. By understanding the nature of this phenomenon and implementing strategies to combat it, we can work towards a more informed and responsible digital landscape. Ultimately, fostering critical thinking and accountability among social media users, coupled with proactive measures from platforms, will be essential in mitigating the effects of misleading information and preserving the integrity of public discourse.

# NC-Congress alliance armed with mandate to form government



By: Omkar Dattatray

Tinally the impatient wait of the political parties and the gullible people has come to close with the final count of votes in Jammu and Kashmir and declaration of the results of the assembly polls which were crucial and historical in more than one way .The outcome of the polls has more or less been as predicted by the exit poll and opinion poll and at the end of the political churning a fractured mandate has come to fore and this churning has produced the political nectar in the form of win to NC-Congress and thus the din and dust of election has given rise to the full chance of NC-Congress coalition government in the mountainous region Jammu and Kashmir which is rightly called the crown of India .Despite the claims and counter claims of NC-Congress pre poll alliance and the BJP of forming the coalition government in the UT ,at the end of the counting ,it is NC-Congress alliance towards which the balance of power is tilted and it is this pre -poll alliance of NC-Congress which is now in a comfortable position to form a coalition government in Jammu and Kashmir after a long wait and spell of governors rule .The BJP and its leaders both UT's and national were over-confident of forming government in Jammu and Kashmir .But

it does not pay to be over-confident in politics and more so in elections .The BJP though failed to gain power, but its performance in elections can be called historical as in the electoral history of Jammu and Kashmir , for the first time BJP has won 29 seats and thus it is no ordinary thing though the party has been short of the magic number to stake claim for the government formation.BJP has performed well in Jammu region and as expected it has not won a single seat from Kashmir region The election results in Jammu and Kashmir did not sprang any surprise as the outcome of the elections has been at the expected lines and the results of the assembly polls did not even surprise the political pundits and poll stars .All speculations about who will win the crucial Jammu and Kashmir assembly polls has come to end with the emphatic win of the prepoll alliance of NC-Congress .The NC-Congress alliance will form a coalition government in the UT on its own as far as the election arithmetic is concerned. NC-Congress pre-poll alliance has a definite edge over the BJP as against 29 seats of BJP,NC-Congress pre poll alliance has got 48 seats and it is the magic number in the new assembly given the fact that LG is going to nominate 5 seats from KPs and POJK refugees and thus including the nominated seats the tally of the assembly seats comes to 95. Given this magic number of 48 seats ,the NC-Congress alliance has not to beg for support before the independent candidates whose number is significant ten.PDP which has almost faced rout in these polls has got merely three seats and Mehbooba Mufti has already pledged her support to the NC-Congress alliance for government formation. Congress has not fared well in these polls as it has only got merely 6or 7 seats despite the high pitch campaigning of Rahul

Gandhi and Prayanka Gandhi .The mainstream regional party National Conference which has a mass base and following across Kashmir valley has performed extremely well because its political rival BJP has no base in Kashmir and the PDP's base and following has shrunk after it has entered into alliance government with BJP in 2014.It is also a fact that a big number of independent candidates also could not dent the political fortune of the NC given the fact that these independents were not successful in making division of votes .Even Engineer factor has done little damage to the prospects and political harvest of the NC .In this crucial poll Kashmiris have voted as Referendum on the Modi's overriding decisions of August 2019 whereby the center had revoked the special status and position of Jammu and Kashmir by scrapping Article 370 and having downgraded the state into Union Territory .On 5 August 2019 center had unilaterally stripped the Jammu and Kashmir of the statehood and bifurcated the erstwhile state into two UT's that is Jammu and Kashmir & Ladakh .So the election result shows the resentment of Kashmiris on these decisions .Moreover NC has been successful in creating suspicion and fear among the Kashmiri Muslims that if BJP wins it will create troubles for them by giving the examples of UT .But it is a false and negative narrative created by the NC and thus it has been successful in weaning away of Kashmiris from voting in favor of the saffron party despite the spectacular development of Jammu and Kashmir post abrogation of Article 370. Besides peace and normalcy and change for better BJP failed to win seats from Kashmir thanks to the negative campaigning and false narrative woven by the NC .Now that NC-Congress alliance is all set to form coalition

government in Jammu and Kashmir in few days ,the new government should try to fulfill its poll promises and fulfill the promises given in its poll manifesto .The NC-Congress government should earnestly try to address the issues ,concerns and problems of the people of Jammu and Kashmir . This government should come up to the expectations of the people who have reposed trust and confidence in NC-Congress .The coalition government of NC-Congress should wipe tears from the eyes of the public and heal the hurt psychic of the alienated people of Jammu and Kashmir .It should try to deliver on its promises and try to provide some relief to the people of Jammu and Kashmir who faced disconnect with the governors/ LG administration .There was political vacuum in J&K for the last ten years and this election has ended this vacuum as the people now will have a democratic ,and popular government which will care for the interests and aspirations of the people .Omar Abdulla who is the potential chief minister should shun vendetta politics and treat all friends and political foes equally and try to address the genuine issues and developmental matters of the people of Jammu and Kashmir .Irrespective of which alliance has won these elections ,one thing stands tall and that is democracy has once again triumphed in Jammu and Kashmir as people has shown trust and confidence in democratic governance and have overwhelmingly took active part in the polls and it is a big thing indeed.

### (The author is a columnist,social and KP activist)

# Cong fatal flaws exposed by Haryana shock defeat

### By: Shikha Mukerjee

The Congress, by handing the BJP a walkover in **L** Haryana with a third term in power and the status of representing the vulnerable Hindus in Jammu as well as in Kashmir, has given the Narendra Modi-led party the morale booster it needed after the shock of the 2024 Lok Sabha election. In doing so, the Congress has been irresponsible and failed in fulfilling its role as the leader and biggest stakeholder of the anti-BJP Opposition and its Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance. Also Read -Pradeep C. Nair | Manipur: Weaponised society, fake videos worsen N-E crisis Advertisement As the challenger, the Congress has not failed to disappoint, succeeding in snatching defeat from victory in Haryana where it was in a straight fight against the BJP, and faring badly in Jammu, also against the BJP. In contrast, in Jammu and Kashmir, the National Conference, winning 42 seats in both parts of the Union territory, securing it the cachet of the largest single party, means it is mandated to represent the people as a whole. It undermines to an extent the BJP's claims to be the guardian angel of Jammu, though not its championship of the Hindu minority in its relentless drive to Also Read - Aakar Patel | To pass effective laws, PM & govt need to reach out to the Opposition advocate divisive majoritarian politics. The Congress' abysmal performance confirms that there are fatal flaws in its organisation and leadership that, going forward, could have disastrous consequences in Maharashtra and in Jharkhand, where Assembly elections will be held soon. The seat-sharing discussions that seemed to have reached the finalisation stage in Maharashtra between the Congress,

the Sharad Pawar-led Nationalist Congress and the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena will have to be renegotiated. The Congress' failure to convert its 40 per cent Also Read - Sunanda K. Datta-Ray Keep close eye on Dhaka amid China, Pak games vote share into a commensurable number of seats in Haryana raises questions about its leadership, organisation and management of elections, more so because the BJP's vote share of 40 per cent was converted into its biggest electoral victory in the state in its third term. Political pundits are duty bound to pontificate on the need for the Congress to introspect, however pointless the exercise may be. The issue is not about what others make of the Congress' failure to win, even when victory was achievable, as it was in Haryana. It is about the Congress as an organisation and as the instrument of its success or its failures. The contrast with the BJP is stark. Also Read - Manish Tewari | Need more health spends, law to tackle future pandemics It bears repeating that in preparing for the election in Harvana, the BJP knew it had problems a year ago. It took bold and risky steps to break the stranglehold of entrenched leaders by replacing Manohar Lal Khattar as chief minister and bringing in the relatively less experienced Nayab Singh Saini, who was an unknown quantity. It also knew that the Haryana party was ridden with factions that depleted its capacity to fight. The Congress thought it was being clever by putting all its eggs in one basket, that is, Bhupinder Singh Hooda, the battle-hardened veteran, by believing his assurances that he could do things singlehanded. Like the BJP, the Congress knew there was debilitating internal fights in the Haryana unit, focused on Mr Hooda's leadership and Jat-centric politics. In

doing so, the Congress alienated its star Dalit leader Kumari Selja, which was a blunder of the biggest magnitude as the results show. The BJP also managed rebellions within the party by taking control over ticket distribution and then it ensured that the anti-incumbency votes were neutralised by putting up rebels and dissidents as Independent candidates. In contrast, the Congress could not even risk rubbing Mr Hooda up the wrong way by insisting on collective leadership in the campaign by pooling the strength of its multiple leaders. Not even the best political strategists or for that matter, the best of charismatic leaders, can save the Congress from its own stupidity, if it does not want to learn from its own history of bad decisions. By losing out in Haryana and merely registering its presence in Jammu and Kashmir, the Congress has done significant damage to the larger cause of providing leadership and bolstering the strength of the anti-BJP Opposition and its platform, the INDIA bloc. After the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the Congress' failure to add to the tally of the INDIA bloc by winning in Haryana and doing well in Jammu and Kashmir equals weakening the collective capacity of the bloc to make the BJP bleed in Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Delhi and Bihar, where elections are due. The Congress by its actions has proved that it is neither a strong challenger to the BJP on its own nor a dependable partner in an alliance with regional parties at the state level. At stake are issues critical to the idea of India's democracy, its secularism and the dislocation of its trajectory of propoor policies and overall development. For starters, a weaker Congress after its shocking defeat in Haryana means that it cannot push as hard as it should to pin the Narendra Modi government down

on making good on the promise to restore statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. The Haryana loss has also compromised Rahul Gandhi's position as the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha. It also bodes ill for the fight that is necessary to stop the Narendra Modi government from moving ahead with the One Nation-One Election agenda. The BJP's win, on the contrary, enables it to push forward with its agenda of unrolling a Uniform Civil Code, as its governments in Uttarakhand and Assam have promised to do at the earliest. It emboldens the BJP to flout the Supreme Court's orders banning bulldozer politics as a form of punishment on vulnerable communities, targeting the Muslim minority. It allows the Modi government to go ahead with the communally divisive National Register of Citizens by making it an issue in the Jharkhand election by raking up fears among tribals of being swamped by illegal Muslim Rohingya immigrants. It enables the Centre to backtrack on its promises to the farmer community on Minimum Support Prices that was a fundamental demand of the farmers' protest. It allows the Modi government to divert attention through the newly unveiled schemes for improving the farm and animal husbandry sectors. The list is just the starters in a much larger menu of changes that the BJP would like to implement to advance its hegemonist agenda. A more confident Narendra Modi and an aggressive BJP will be a much tougher proposition for the INDIA bloc, of which the Congress is the biggest stakeholder. The party has to decide if it has the appetite and the stamina to carry on a no- holds-barred fight up to the 2029 Lok Sabha elections.

# **LOCAL**

# Valmiki Samaj, Jat Samaj made BJP win in Haryana: Chandel

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Oct 9: Senior Hindutva BJP leader Guruji Raju Chandel was seen distributing jalebis at the BJP Delhi headquarters while celebrating the victory in Haryana.

Talking to journalists on this occasion, Raju Chandel reinforced a narrative of triumph and unity among party workers and supporters

He said "Bhaiya Pappu" serve as a direct critique of opposition leaders, suggesting that they are out of touch with reality. "The comment about

promises of turning pota-



the Valmiki Harijan commade by machines munity and the Jat comreflects a strategy to pormunity were instrumental in the BJP's success in tray opponents as unrealistic or overly ambitious, Haryana. By asserting that "not contrasting them with the BJP's perceived pragma-

ship.

a single vote" from the Valmiki community was lost, he emphasized the

effectiveness of targeted outreach and voter mobilization within these communities, painting a picture of a united front.

Chandel expressed concern over the future of Hindu representation in Jammu and Kashmir, attributing challenges to "Jai Chands,". This rhetoric serves to galvanize support among Hindu voters by framing the political landscape as one requiring vigilance and unity

He mentioned the BJP's success in winning the maximum number of assembly seats in Jammu province, highlighting the party's growing influence in the region.

However, he also voiced disappointment that despite significant support from the Valmiki community, they did not secure any assembly seats. This reveals an ongoing struggle for representation and recognition within the party structure. Despite the setbacks, Chandel reassured that

the Valmiki community will continue to stand with the BJP. This indicates a long-term strategy for the party, aiming to solidify loyalty among key demographics, which could be crucial in future elections.

### LG Mishra discusses construction of Eklavya Model **Induction Programme for BBA & BCA Ist Sem Residential School at Kargil** ment, led an engaging session on entrepreneur-



#### **Top News Report**

LEH, Oct 9: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) chaired a meeting at the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat to discuss the Construction of Eklavya Model Residential School at Kargil by the Department of Social and Tribal Welfare, UT Ladakh. Advisor to the LG, Dr Pawan Kotwal,; Commissioner/Secretary to the LG, Dr L Franklin and Director, Social and Tribal Welfare Department, UT Ladakh, Tashi Dolma, were present in the meeting.

Architect Javed informed the LG that necessary changes, as suggested by the

#### LG during the previous meeting held on September 16, 2024, to discuss the same topic, have been incorporated for the construction of the Eklavya Model Residential School at Kargil. He informed the LG that the area of around 100 kanals demarcated for the Residential School has been divided into four zones: residential, sports, academic and

common space and explained about these zones in detail. The LG asked the architect and concerned officials to make the necessary changes in the design for the ease and convenience of students and faculty members of the Eklavya Model Residential School.

# JCB India launches its most fuel-efficient Tracked Excavator

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Oct 9: India's leading Manufacturer of Earthmoving and Construction Equipment, JCB India, today launched its JCB NXT 215 LC Fuel Master Tracked Excavator at its state-of-the-art factory in Pune. In addition to its introduction to the domestic market the machine will also be exported to countries around the world.

The JCBNXT 215 LC Fuel Master has been extensively engineered to reduce fuel consumption by 14% compared to the previous model. It has been tested for demanding working cycles for Indian operations and significantly benefits customers through reduced operating costs.

This has been possible through optimised Hydraulics using JCB's Intelliflow Hydraulics technology. The machine now gives real-time fuel consumption data through the onboard interface screen as well as over LiveLink which is JCB's innovative remote monitoring solution. Improvement in fuel efficiency can lead to an estimated savings of Rs. 2.90 Lacs per year, a direct saving for JCB's customers. In addition to

this, new feature of auto engine long idle stop avoids wastage of fuel wastage in case engine is idling for long. Speaking at the event,

JCB India CEO and Managing Director, Deepak Shetty said, "Innovation has been the cornerstone of our operations in India for over four decades. This new machine has been engineered to enhance the profitability of our customers through a significant reduction in fuel consumption of 14%. It will lead to a better return on their investments in today's competitive working environment'

This new machine is also 5% more productive and comes with a Power Boost function to perform in tough applications. It has a quieter engine compartment which makes and fatigue-free. The machine is also designed to give strong performance in Rock Breaker applications. LED lights have been introduced for brighter work area illumination and durable performance

operations comfortable

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Deepak Shetty further said, "At JCB the customer is at the centre of all our efforts. Through technology, this new machine will mitigate the impact of rising fuel costs. The JCBNXT 215 LC Fuel Master will be a trusted partner for our customers who are playing a key role in the creation of a worldclass infrastructure. This fuel saving is also in line with the Government's focus on reduction of fossil fuels, which has a significant impact on our economy and the environment.

GDC Sidhra organizes "Shram Daan" under Special Campaign 4.0 for Swacchta



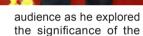
**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Oct 9: NSS Unit of GDC Sidhra under the aegis of IQAC organized "shram daan" under the the banner of

Principal of the College, volunteers Dr. G.S Rakwal apprecicleaned the area thorated the efforts of the oughly at the Railway stavolunteers and remarked tion. GRP officials supthat Cleanliness and ported the cleanliness sanitation are an integral drive, Dr. Purvaiva Hans. part of the Gandhian way

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Oct 9: IMS Jammu hosted a memorable induction event, 'ARAMBH'24', welcoming the incoming BBA and BCA Semester 1 students. The day commenced with a ceremonial lamp lighting, where Mr. Bhanu Pratap Singh, Branch Manager of SBI Cap Securities Ltd., Dr. Meenakshi Sharma, Director IMS, and Prof. J.R. Dhotra, Senior Professor IMS, graced the stage, symbolizing the dispelling of darkness and the beginning of a new academic journey. The highlight of the event was an insightful session by Bhanu Pratap Singh, who drew upon his nine years of experience in the financial markets. His talk captivated the



tism," he said.

IMS Jammu organizes ARAMBH 24-

Chandel claimed that

Indian stock market. Singh emphasized the critical role stock markets play in the economy and outlined the numerous career opportunities available to students, from brokering to asset management.

of the Nifty 50 over the past 15 years, offering valuable insights into the broader trends shaping India's financial landscape. His discussion on the evolving patterns

He detailed the market's key participants and traced the growth

She focused on the essential skills and mindset needed to thrive as an entrepreneur, encouraging students to embrace confidence, persistence,

and goal setting. She also highlighted the rewards of entrepreneurship, such as the independence of being one's own boss and the satisfaction of doing something you love.

Adding a lively twist to the day, Era Sharma conducted a fun and interactive activity called "Know Thy Partner.'

In this session, students paired up and took turns introducing themselves, fostering a sense of camaraderie and helping them form early bonds with their peers.

Sheetal Sharma, Coordinator of the Computer Science Department, then briefed the students on the institution's antiragging norms and the importance of maintaining discipline, ensuring a respectful and safe campus environment.

The event concluded with closing remarks from Prof. J.R. Dhotra, who underscored the importance of holistic education and personal

the day's program.

communities, contributing

to the broader mission

of Dr. Bhimrao Ambed-

kar. Raja Ram's remarks

served to remind attend-

ees of the enduring impact

of Kanshi Ram's work on

Darshan Rana, in his speech, reiterated the

BSP's ongoing commitment to upholding the values and vision laid out by

Kanshi Ram. He noted that programs honoring Kanshi

Ram were being organized

across the country, empha-

sizing the party's mission

to advocate for the rights

and welfare of backward

BSP aimed to keep Kanshi

Ram's legacy alive while

galvanizing support for its

objectives in Jammu and

beyond, ensuring that the

rights of marginalized com-

munities remain a central

focus of its political agenda.

Indian society.

Er Rashid, his associates

of the Indian economy further inspired students to consider stock market careers as a viable and exciting path Following this, Er. Divva Jamwal, Coordinator of the Management Depart-

development A vote of thanks was presented by Er. Divya Jamwal. Bhanu Pratap Singh was presented with a memento for his invaluable contribution to

# **BSP** pays tribute Kanshi Ram on **18th Parinirvana Diwas**



#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Oct 9: The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) held a tribute event in Jammu to commemorate the 18th Parinirvana Diwas (death anniversary) of its founder, Kanshi Ram. The program, organized at the party office, was chaired by State President Darshan Rana and featured notable participation from former Rajya Sabha MP Raja Ram, who serves as the party's in-charge for Jammu, Kashmir, and Himachal Pradesh. This gathering not only honored Kanshi Ram's legacy but also aimed to reinforce the BSP's commitment to the rights of marginalized communities.

The event saw the attendance of several prominent

party leaders, including Vice President Charanjeet Chargotra, Coordinator Gurbakhsh Gaurav, General Secretary Sunil Majotra, and District President Kathua Raman Kumar. Together with a large number of party workers, they came together to pay their respects to Kanshi Ram, reflecting the unity and dedication of the BSP towards its foundational principles.

classes. Rana stressed that the BSP continues to be a voice for Dalits and marginalized communities, working towards their betterment in line with Kanshi Ram's legacy. Overall, the tribute event served not only as a remembrance of Kanshi Ram but also as a reaf-In his address, Raja firmation of the BSP's Ram emphasized Kanshi dedication to social justice. Ram's significant contribu-By bringing together party leaders and workers, the

tions to the Dalit and backward classes, highlighting his journey from a social worker to a formidable political leader. He articulated how Kanshi Ram fought tirelessly for justice, dignity, and political representation for marginalized are BJP agents, claims NC's Hilal Akbar Lone

**Top News Report** 

SRINAGAR, Oct 9: Senior National Conference leader Hilal Akbar Lone on Thursday claimed that MP Er Rashid and his associates are agents of the BJP.

"We have already stated that he is working at the behest of the BJP. He is their agent here, and all of his associates in his party are also BJP agents," Lone told report-

Lone, who won the

# **MHAC School Nagbani** outshines in Chess Championship

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Oct 9: Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Department of Youth services and sports organised UT level tournament in the sports discipline of Chess at Prem Palace Batote Ramban from 26th September 2024 to 28th September 2024, age category U/19 and

Sonawari constituency by a significant margin, said he had expected to win with a margin of around

14,000 votes "We knew the NC would win. We had expected this outcome, and the results confirmed it," he said. The NC leader added that they will focus on the

development of Jammu & Kashmir. "We will continue to fight

for the restoration of Article 370. We will raise this issue, even if it means going to jail," he said.

Special Campaign 4.0 for Swacchta" initiative of Govt. of India.

This year's theme, Swabhav Swachhata, Sanskar Swachhata, aims to instill cleanliness as a natural habit and a core societal value among all citizens.

With the aim of engaging with local communities and fostering public participation and responsibility, NSS volunteers along with NSS Program Officer Dr. Purvaiya Hans and other faculty members organized a

also briefed the students about the importance of imbibing the principles of Cleanliness and sanitation in our lives. She urged the students

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to keep their surroundings clean for healthy life. She asked them to spread message of cleanliness amongst their families and communities

Cleanliness drive was organised under the Implementation phase (2nd October 2024 to 31st October 2024) to aware the students about the principles of cleanliness and sanitation.

ensures the well being of our citizens thereby lessening the burden on healthcare systems, and contributes significantly to environmental sustainability. The event was organised by Dr. Purvaiya Hans, NSS Program Officer under the guidance of Principal of the

College, Dr. G.S Rakwal.

Dr. Harpreet Kour, Dr.

Mussarat Chowdhary,

Prof. Shonima Malhotra,

Deepak Kumar, Prof.

of living. Cleanliness

Pooja Sharma and others massive cleanliness were present during the drive at Bajalta Railway event. **Delegation of teacher aspirants** calls on LG Mishra



LEH, Oct 9: A delegation comprising Tsetan Dolker and Lobzang Chunet, who are teacher aspirants, called on the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd), at the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat. Advisor to the LG, Dr Pawan Kotwal; Commissioner/Secretary to the LG, Dr L Franklin and Director, School Education, Tsering Paldan, were present in the meeting.

Tsetan and Chunet apprised the HLG of the delay in issuance of the joining letter for the reserve list of teachers despite the declaration of the result on August 13. They also informed that they were given the offer of appointment which they accepted and completed all the due formalities. They further informed the LG that they still hadn't received the appointment letter and requested the LG's intervention in the matter.

The LG informed the teacher aspirants that their files would be sent to the concerned Secretary for review following which appropriate action would be taken.

U/17 girls. Saanvi Bhat of 11th

E (U/19) and Mishthi of 10th B( U/17) from MHAC School were the members of Jammu district and Jammu district team stood Winner in the tournament and selected for nationals And Mishthi Sharma from MHAC School got selected for U-17 SGFI nationals.

**Top News Report** 

# **ENTERTAINMENT**

independent music. So

what does she enjoy more? "Music is music. I am just performing as

a vocalist, but in my

independent stuff I am

a singer as well as song-

writer, who is involved in

the whole creative pro-

cess. It is my thoughts

getting expressed. It's

my creative call and

journey. Of course, I

like independent music

more because I get to

express myself and that

is more exciting. How-

ever, if I get to sing a

beautiful melody, it is

# Author Ashwini Bhatnagar, whose book on Amrita Sher-Gil. 'Amrita and Victor', is being adapted into a documentary, says he has not fictionalised even one bit of her life

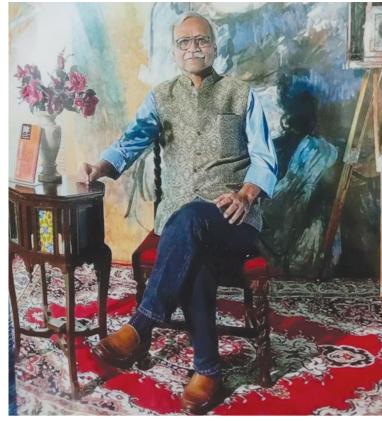
Indian-Hungarian artist Amrita Sher-Gil remains one of India's most celebrated artists. Hailed as a pioneer in modern Indian art; among the many honours, there is a postage stamp depicting her painting, Hill Women, and a road in Delhi named after her. Yet prolific and acclaimed author Ashwini Bhatnagar, whose book 'Amrita and Victor' is being adapted as a documentary, believes otherwise.

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He observes, "Amrita did not get the global recognition she deserved. Often compared to Mexican artist Frida Kahlo, she may not have been a Picasso but in the same line of artistic geniuses." In his documentary, he would rather call it a film, he wants to approach Amrita the person. Yes, it will look at her life through a dozen of her iconic paintings, serving as some sort of 'psych-geography', the place influencing artistic impulses.

Indeed, there are many documentaries on the great artist, by Amrita's niece Navina Sundaram, another by artist Subodh Kerkar and then Films Division of India's National Award winning film too has delved into her life. What distinguishes Bhatnagar's take? "For one, it will not be a flat chronicler; born on January, 30, 1913, at Budapest, died on December 5, 1941, in Lahore, the usual mapping of the iconic artist using archival footage." Nor would it be a salacious look at her bohemian lifestyle choices. Rather Bhatnagar takes umbrage at what he calls 'the Khushwant Singh mind-set of looking at women as commodities'. An ode to her immense talent, the film is equally about the woman and her love, Victor Egan.

For someone who has done research on her for six years, Bhatnagar is aware of her traumas, ups and downs of a short life — she died at 28. He can't stop talking about the angst



she nursed, the anger against her Hungarian mother, Marie Antoniette Gottesmann, strong bond with her Sikh father, Umrao Singh Sher-Gil, loving relationship with her Hungarian cousin Victor, as well as many men, and women, in her life.

Bhatnagar has his own set of favourite paintings too, like Bharatmata. He shares a story of how India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru felt that Amrita's painting of a poor rural Indian woman, with an infant son in her lap and a young daughter by her side, was probably the most realistic depiction of our motherland. Yet another painting of Amrita who studied at École des Beaux-Arts, Paris, he singles out is Professional Model, of a 40-year old model suffering from tuberculosis. An award-winning work, he says, "She exposed the underbelly of Parisian society beneath the glamour."

While tracing her journey in the film divided into three parts, Bhatnagar is adamant about not fictionalising even one bit of her life. Like her nephew Vivan Sundaram once said, 'artists can take liberty with historical facts', Bhatnagar has no issues with artistic liberty. Only, he adds, "If you can tell the story as it is and as effectively, why take the fictional route." One day, the book might leap on to the silver screen as a feature film as many filmmakers have reached out to him. However, a film on Amrita, a period one, a tale spread across Hungary, France and India, requires a mega budget. Till then, he is making his documentary at 'fraction of the cost' for which he has turned a coproducer and a British director has been roped in.

Screen adaptations of books are not a given. "Written word is enough and not all books lend

themselves to visual adaptations," he insists. But he doesn't discount the power of cinema and reminds us how 'Guide' became a different creative beast in the hands of Dev Anand and Vijay Anand. On the aside he also throws in the tale of how RK Narayan, the author, was aghast when he went on the sets and thundered, "You have murdered my book." Is that why he decided to write the screenplay? He laughs, "I decided to murder my own book." On a serious note, he promises sans aids like artificial intelligence Amrita will come alive like never before and viewers would be transfixed by, 'oh we didn't know this' feeling of elation. Ready by early next year, he may profess to be non-judgemental, but his empathy for Amrita, who he believes struggled with identity at many levels, including her artistic choices, is more than palpable.

Art meets life meets love ... are we likely to fall in love with Amrita then? "The idea is not to make viewers fall in love, but to truly appreciate this woman who created so much space for herself." Clearly, if Amrita was not one-dimensional her documentary possibly can't and shouldn't bel

Having worked with leading dailies, Ashwini Bhatnagar doesn't believe journalists make for natural authors for, "If journalism is a craft, writing is an art. Precisely why we can't stop quoting Shakespeare." It is the beauty of art that draws him to women like Amrita Sher-Gil and Meena Kumari, whose biography too he has authored. He doesn't view them as tragedies. "There is no happy life ever. Meant to float freely, they were looking for an anchor without the need for one. Their creativity was so intense and they didn't require another person to fulfil it."

### Singer Monali Thakur says the essence of music remains eternal



Wherever she goes, she spreads her infectious energy and delights with her mellifluous voice. In Chandigarh for a performance recently, singer Monali Thakur was equally delighted by the audience, "Sabki energy was so beautiful in Chandigarh and people were so welcoming. It was just an absolute pleasure to perform in front of them. The big surprise was my song Haan Ke Haan, as it was one of the first times I sang it in a concert but the response was amazing.'

Performing in various parts of the country, there must be a set process as to how she goes about it? "I do change things based on the city and the kind of audience. It involves months of preparation and rehearsals."

also equally exciting," she says. As for the song Haan Ke Haan, she counts it among her personal favourites, "I was going through a very difficult phase in life at that time, but with this song my innocence came out Monali, recipient of and that makes me very several awards, includhappy." ing a National Film Monali is inspired by Award for the song Moh quite a few music leg-Moh Ke Dhaage from ends and says, "Bade Dum Laga Ke Haisha Ghulam Ali Khan sahib (2015) and a Filmfare and Jagdish Prasad Award for Sawaar Loon from Lootera (2013), says the music scene

guru; Lata ji and Asha ji have also been great influences in my life. My father has deeply inspired me too. Among the international stars, I love how Doja Cat performs; Bruno Mars, Rosalia and many more are good too."

is on the crest of music, Monali draws inspiration from her own self, "I am grateful that I'm an intense person. My emotional intelligence is what is going to allow me to express intelligently, so I think I seek inspiration from my emotional intelligence." Inspiring!

# Poojaa Gor: Navratri is the time of homecoming for Gujaratis

As the Navratri celebrations continue across the nation, actor Pooiaa Gor is raring to go back to her hometown Ahmedabad to enjoy the festivities in the OG style. "I am very well aware that Mumbai has a huge Gujarati community, but for anybody like me who has come from Gujarat, for us Navratri means going back home. Some of the best Navratri and garba nights happen in Gujarat, and while the celebrations in Mumbai are no less, our sentiments are attached to Gujarat. Navratri is the time of homecoming for Gujaratis as our families, community and comfort is there," she says. The actor admits that her understanding of Navratri happened during two phases of life. "Since each day is about a different Goddess, we would focus on their story and why we are celebrating them during childhood. While we wouldn't understand it all in depth, we would enjoy it by indulging ourselves in it creatively with the decorations, making prasad with our mothers, grandmothers and aunts. It used to be a community event, and then garba used to be a highlight every night after aarti," she shares, adding that after growing up, she understood the meaning and importance of rituals like fasting. Garba nights are the highlight of festivities for the 33-year-old, and she even turns choreographer for her non-



# Rituparna Sengupta: Durga Puja is like a lifeline for Bengalis

In Bengali culture, Durga Puja is the most important festival of the

righteousness and storehouse of woman power," she asserts, adding, "It

has evolved over the

years and so has she.

"One has to keep up

with the times. As music

has evolved, so have I.

Sometimes the whole

process surprises me,

but it is great learning.

Also, while one needs

to evolve the essence of

music remains eternal,"

Monali, who was a

judge of Zee TV's sing-

ing reality show Sa Re

Ga Ma Pa L'il Champs

2014 and an expert on

Colors TV's Rising Star

for two consecutive

seasons, has been a

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Gujatrati friends during these nine days: "I first teach them the basic steps as it's all about enjoyment. There is no right or wrong way, but just about enjoying the music. The biggest thing during Navratri is the participation in garba. I just love it. Not just during Navratri, but whenever I hear garba tunes, I can't help but start grooving. It invokes that in me. Every Gujarati has a Daya ben inside of them.'

Recalling her Navratri memories, Poojaa shares, "Going to a different garba pandal every day for these nine days used to be so much fun. I used to take a lot of time dressing up, and every year, a month or two before Navratri, I would go to different cities to buy chaniya choli. My designer aunt would make customised chaniya choli for us too. We would personalise our outfits and it was so much fun. We would learn the steps of the season for garba and choreograph it with our group of friends. There used to be awards of best dressed, best dancer and others."

This year, the actor has already attended a garba night and is now gearing up for a multicity Navratri tour. "After becoming an actor, most of my Navratris have gone visiting different cities as a guest for celebrations. There has been less chance for me to go out and actually do garba, and from today, I am going to a few different cities. But that's part of the fun as well. I love to see the enthusiasm of people from different places and do garba with them," she ends.

year, and actor Rituparna Sengupta is quite excited as she has come down to Mumbai to enjoy the revelry of this auspicious time. "Durga Puja is like a lifeline for Bengalis. It is not only a festival, but holds a lot of power, history and rituals. It goes beyond religion as everyone comes together during this time and enjoy the celebration of mother Goddess. It's a huge tradition and a part of our being for us Bengalis," she says. The nine days of

Navratri and Durga Puja celebrate the power of Goddess Durga in different avatars, and for Rituparna, it's all about learning from it. "Goddess Durga means power justice kindness and supreme authority. She is the epitome of



brings joy, power, commitments, relationships and beauty everything together. Durga Puja is our essence of life, and it represents our strengths, our childhood and the indomitable spirit that we have."

The 52-year-old goes down memory lane revisiting some of her favourite memories of Durga Puja, including buying clothes with her mother and aunts. She shares, "We used to count how many new dresses in the morning and evening we will change and compete with our cousins and friends in style and numbers. I loved the pandal hopping, having street food golgappas, then having khichuri, begun bhaja and offer-

While she loves her Kolkata celebrations, the actor has a soft corner for the Mumbai festivities too. As part of the Indian Bangla Club, Rituparna is the ambassador of the Durga Puja pandal at the Chitrakoot grounds, Andheri West this year. "Mumbai has its own charm and charisma; it has its wonderful vibration. Getting to be a part of Puja here means a lot to me as I get to represent a world of my own, my language, my culture and my spirituality. It's wonderful to see everyone coming and participating in this devi puja and following the Bengali rituals. The devi aradhana is so auspicious and it's a beautiful feeling," she ends.

# Dil-Luminati India Tour 2024: Diljit Dosanjh announces 2 more shows

Punjabi singing sensation Diljit Dosanjh has added one stop each in New Delhi and Jaipur to his upcoming "Dil-Luminati India Tour 2024", set to begin in the national capital from October 26.

Diljit, who is currently on the European leg of his world tour, made the announcement on his Instagram Story on Tuesday night.

According to his post, the popular singer will perform another show in New Delhi on October 27. This will be his third show in the city.



Diljit will perform a second show in Jaipur on November 3. The sale of tickets for both shows has been begin on Zomato Live on Wednesday from 2 pm.

Last month, the singer announced a second show in New Delhi as well as announced stops in Jaipur and Mumbai after fans, who weren't able to buy tickets in time, demanded that he add more shows to the India tour. A section of social media users also criticised Diljit and show organisers for expensive tickets, as per media reports.

# **NATIONAL**

# **Congress an irresponsible party, factory to** spread hatred, claims PM Modi

The BJP has won the Haryana assembly elections and it shows the mood of the country, Modi said, adding that "in Maharashtra we have to get a bigger victory."

MUMBAI, Oct 9 (Agencies): A day after Congress' defeat in the Haryana polls, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said the Congress is an irresponsible party and a factory to "spread hatred", which wants to divide Hindus and pit one community against another

The BJP has won the Haryana assembly elections and it shows the mood of the country, Modi said, adding that "in Maharashtra we have to get a bigger victory."

The opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) wants to weaken Maharashtra to gain power, but the ruling Mahayuti will strengthen the state, he said after virtually inaugurating various development projects of more than Rs 7,600 crore in the state.

Elections to the 288-member Maharashtra assembly are likely to be held next month.

Modi said never before has Maharashtra seen the expeditious development of projects. Under the Congress regime,

the same speed and scale was witnessed in terms of corruption, the PM said. "The Congress is an irrespon-

sible party and a factory to spread hatred. The Congress is not concerned about development and legacy; we have paid attention to both," he said.

"Our goal is Viksit Bharat with the development of poor, farmers, youth and women," the prime minister said.



The upgradation of the Dr

Babasaheb Ambedkar Inter-

national Airport in Nagpur will

be done with a total estimated

project cost of around Rs 7,000

It will serve as a catalyst for

growth across multiple sec-

tors, including manufacturing,

aviation, tourism, logistics, and

healthcare, benefiting Nagpur

city and the wider Vidarbha

The New Integrated Terminal

Building at the Shirdi Airport, to

be set up at a cost of Rs 645

crore, will provide world-class

facilities and amenities for the

religious tourists coming to

The construction theme of

the proposed terminal is based

on the spiritual Neem tree of

The 10 new government

medical colleges in Maha-

rashtra, launched by the PM

on Wednesday, are located in

Mumbai, Nashik, Jalna, Amra-

Shirdi, the officials said.

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The Congress creates fear among Muslims and converts them into its vote bank, Modi said.

Further targeting the Congress, Modi said the opposition party wants to divide Hindus and pit one community against another

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday virtually laid the foundation stone of various development projects of more than Rs 7,600 crore in Maharashtra.

He laid the foundation stones of the upgradation of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport in Nagpur and the New Integrated Terminal Building at the Shirdi Airport in the state via video conference.

The prime minister also virtually inaugurated the Indian Institute of Skills Mumbai and Vidya Samiksha Kendra in Maharashtra and launched 10 new government medical colleges in the state

vati, Gadchiroli, Buldhana, Washim, Bhandara, Hingoli and Ambernath (Thane).

While enhancing the undergraduate and post-graduate seats, the colleges will also offer specialised tertiary healthcare to the people, as per the officials.

The Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) Mumbai has been set up with an aim to create an industry-ready workforce with cuttingedge technology and hands-on training.

Established under a Public-Private Partnership model, it is a collaboration between the Tata Education and Development Trust and the Government of India

The institute plans to provide training in highly specialised areas like mechatronics, artificial intelligence, data analytics, industrial automation and robotics, among others.

The Vidya Samiksha Kendra (VSK) of Maharashtra will provide access to students, teachers and administrators to crucial academic and administrative data through live chatbots such as Smart Upasthiti and Swadhyay, among others.

It will offer high-quality insights to schools to manage resources effectively, strengthen ties between parents and the state, and deliver responsive support. It will also supply curated instructional resources to enhance teaching practices and student learning, the officials said.



**Rajnath Singh to celebrate** 

NEW DELHI, Oct 9 (Agencies): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will celebrate Dussehra with troops of the Indian Army in Sikkim. Dussehra falls on October 12 and it marks the

victory of Lord Ram over Ravana. The Minister will be on a two-day visit (October 11-12) to Sikkim, a state that shares boundary with China. Rajnath Singh regularly celebrates Dussehra with troops. During his visit to the mountain state, the Minister will be briefed about the activities of Army's 33 Corps that is tasked to secure the boundary along China. India has bolstered its stance along the boundarv especially along the Chumbi valley that is in China. The 2017 military standoff between India and China at the Doklam plateau had happened at the southern edge of the Chumbi valley.

### Girl, 7, falls from scooter, dies after coming under truck wheels in Nagpur

NAGPUR, Oct 9 (Agencies): A sevenyear-old girl was killed as she came under the wheels of a mini truck after falling from a scooter ridden by her grandfather in Maharashtra's Nagpur city, police said on Wednesday.

The accident took place on a road connecting Gopal Nagar to Padole Square on Tuesday evening, officials from Pratap Nagar police station said.

The girl was on her way to attend a dance class. She was riding pillion on the scooter with her grandfather.



An unidentified vehicle suddenly hit the scooter from behind. The minor and her grandfather fell on the road and the girl got crushed by the rear wheels of a mini truck heading in the same

direction, an official

The girl suffered griev-

said.

ous head injuries and was rushed to a hospital where she succumbed, the official said.

The Pratap Nagar police have registered a case against the unidentified vehicle's driver and launched an investigation to identify and nab the culprit.

**Rahul Gandhi's first reaction post** Haryana drubbing, Congress analysing 'unexpected' results

NEW DELHI, Oct 9 (Agencies): Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday said the party was analysing the "unexpected" results in Harvana and will apprise the Elec-



### 'Turned winning match into loss': Sena (UBT) slams alliance partner Congress after Haryana poll loss

MUMBAI, Oct 9 (Agencies): Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut on Wednesday criticised alliance partner Congress for its defeat in the Haryana assembly elections, saying the party believed it could win without the

support of allies. In an editorial in the Sena (UBT) mouthpiece Saamana, Raut claimed Congress had "turned a winning match into a loss" and attributed the party's defeat to "overconfidence" and the "arrogance" of local leaders. The editorial particularly criticised Harvana Congress leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda for his domineering role in candidate selection, which sidelined key figures like Kumari Selia. This internal discord, it argued, weakened Congress' organisational strength and led to a poor campaign It also noted that while sentiment in Haryana was against the BJP, many expected a Congress landslide. However, the party's internal strife was cited as one of the broader failures in capitalising on the anti-BJP atmosphere, the editorial claimed Everyone should learn from Congress over how to turn a winning match into a loss, the editorial said.

The editorial further issued a warning to Congress leaders in Maharashtra, urging them to learn from the party's defeat in Haryana. Meanwhile, speaking to report-

ers, Raut alleged that the Congress relies on allies in weak regions but ignores them in its stronghold areas. "Wherever Congress is weak, it takes help from regional parties, but where it thinks it is strong, the Congress assigns no importance to regional parties," he said.

tion votes.

"The way the BJP fought the elections is very good. BJP won a lost battle. Everybody believed the Congress was winning, but it still lost and the BJP won because it has a systematic system, management; we need it to give to them for this," the Sena (UBT) leader added. Raut also drew parallels with

elections, expected in November, Raut said, "In a state like Maharashtra, people want a leader. People cannot digest the policy that you first contest polls and declare the CM's face later." Similarly, Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Priyanka Chaturvedi also called for introspection from the Conaress.

"The INDIA alliance fought very well in the J&K assembly elec-

tion Commission about complaints received from various constituencies of the state.

In his first reaction after the shock defeat in Haryana, the former Congress president also thanked the people of Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir for their support.

Gandhi's post on X follows allegations levelled by Congress general secretary incharge of communications Jairam Ramesh and party's media and publicity department chief Pawan Khera on Tuesday, regarding

the EVMs.

complaints from Congress candidates about anomalies found with Maximum number

of complaints of this nature came from three districts - Hisar, Mahendragarh and Panipat -

Ramesh and Khera had alleged and said the election results were not "acceptable" to Conaress

"Heartfelt thanks to all the people of Haryana for their support and to our Babbar Sher work-

ers for their tireless hard work. We will continue this fight for rights, for social and economic justice, for truth, and will keep raising your voice", Gandhi wrote in his post.

He also thanked the people of J&K where National Conference-Congress alliance secured a majority. "India's victory in the state is a victory of the Constitution, a vic-

tory of democratic selfrespect", he said.

Raut doubled down that the poll outcome could have been different had the Congress contested it as part of an alliance.

"INDIA alliance could not win in Haryana because the Congress felt they would win on their own and they did not need any other partner in power. Congress leader Hooda Ji felt we would win. If they (Congress) had shared seats with the Samajwadi Party, AAP or other smaller parties, the results would have been different," he told agency. According to Raut, the Congress fell aside in Haryana due to deft election management by the BJP, which divided opposimir, noting that Congress won there by contesting in alliance with the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC).

the results in Jammu and Kash-

"Both Jammu and Kashmir and Haryana had 90-90 constituencies. One 90 went to INDIA; the other went to the BJP... We won in JK because INDIA was contesting in the alliance with JKNC under Chief Farooq Abdullah," he said.

Rejecting talks that the Haryana poll verdict will have any bearing on the upcoming Maharashtra assembly elections, Raut once again appealed to the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) allies to declare a chief ministerial face for the upcoming contest. Reiterating the Shiv Sena (UBT)'s demand for declaring the CM face for Maharashtra

tions and they are all set to form the government. In Haryana, Congress had to suffer defeat. Even after anti-incumbency, the BJP formed the government in Harvana. I congratulate them. Congress should introspect on the reasons for its defeat," she said.

BJP won 48 out of 90 seats in the Harvana assembly, while Congress managed to win 37 seats. Independents won 3 seats and Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) secured 2 seats, according to ECI data issued on Tuesday.

Notably, the Sena (UBT), along with the Congress and NCP (SP), are part of the opposition's MVA in Maharashtra, which goes to polls later this year.

### Doctors say mass resignation 'symbolic', healthcare services largely unaffected in Bengal

KOLKATA, Oct 9 (Agencies): The mass resignation of senior doctors at different medical colleges and hospitals in West Bengal to express solidarity with their junior counterparts did not hamper healthcare services at these medical establishments, an official of the state health department claimed on Wednesday.

Patient inflow at the outpatient department was considerably low due to the ongoing Durga Puja festivities across the state though senior and junior doctors, RMOs and assistant professors were present in the hospitals across West Bengal to perform their regular duties, the official said.

"We are yet to receive any official communication from any of the doctors in connection with their mass resignation. There is no such norm to offer mass resignation. If people want to resign, they will have to follow a certain process. However, healthcare services were not affected because no doctor was absent in any of the hospitals today," the health official told agency. Several doctors and faculty

members in Kolkata followed their colleagues in RG Kar Medical College and Hospital who had resigned en masse on Tuesday and sent their mass resignation to the Director of Medical Education, according to Kolkata Medical College Resident Doctors' Association.

Around 35 doctors of North Bengal Medical College and Hospital in Siliguri also gave mass resignation in support

of the junior doctors' protest in Kolkata. doctors' forum of the medical establishment said

"We, the teachers of North Bengal Medical College are dismayed and discouraged to continue our services. under such oppressive circumstances. While our students and juniors stand on the verge of disaster, we earnestly request the higher authorities to address their demands and ensure resolution of this crisis without any further delay.

"However, there being no such effort evident till now, we request you to kindly accept our resignation from the West Bengal Medical Education Service," their mass resignation letter read. A patient from Murshidabad, who is a regular at the

orthopedic department in RG Kar Hospital, said that the particular doctor whom he had been consulting for the last 4-5 years was present at the OPD as per schedule. Another oncology patient who had pre-scheduled cancer-related therapy was also attended to at the medical facility.

Dr Sunit Hazra, an orthopedic surgeon at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, explained that the resignations were intended to exert pressure on the state government, which has remained silent during the ongoing hunger strike by junior doctors.

"Our resignation is symbolic, aimed at prompting the government to engage in discussions. We do not want the patients to suffer. We are

treating them and will continue to do so because it is our duty and we are morally obliged to do that," he said.

Explaining the way hospitals function during festivities, Hazra said that the duty roster is prepared keeping in mind that everybody can be part of the festivities. "So, we know how to replace a doctor in his absence. In hospitals, there is always a backup for a doctor. If somebody is absent, we can replace him or her immediately so that healthcare services are not affected," he said.

Dr Hiralal Konar, joint convener of the joint platform of doctors of West Bengal, "This (tendering mass resignation) has become viral among doctors after seeing the state government unmoved even when a few young doctors

are on the fast-unto-death." "The senior doctors have realised that only mass resignation could move the state government. We are waiting for the state government to come forward and address the issues as soon as possible so that there is no life threat to those on hunger strike," he said.

Another patient, Bikramjit Chattopadhyay, who is scheduled for a pacemaker battery replacement at SSKM Hospital, said that the operation is as per schedule and will take place on Thursdav

During Durga Puja, OPDs are closed only on 'Ashtami' (which falls on Friday this year) and are operational during the rest of the days during the puia.

The senior doctors, how-

ever, cautioned that although the services at state-run hospitals have not been affected much till Wednesday, the situation might not remain the same in the coming days if there is no fruitful response from the state government.

"Till today, we have worked keeping in mind the patients and their sufferings. We want the government to come forth and do its duty," Dr Sandip Sarkar, assistant professor at RG Kar Hospital said.

A total of 54 senior doctors of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital on Tuesday resigned en masse on Tuesday.

Doctors in West Bengal are protesting after the alleged rape and murder of a woman medic at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in August.

# **INTERNATIONAL**

Top News of J&K Jammu, Wednesday, October 09, 2024

# Japan PM Shigeru Ishiba dissolves parliament ahead of snap elections

By dissolving parliament now, Shigeru Ishiba wants to put his party to the test before his "honeymoon" period ends, a political science professor said.

TOKYO, Oct 9 (Agencies): Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba dissolved parliament on Wednesday ahead of the October 27 snap elections, banking on his political honeymoon and a fragmented opposition to lead his scandaltainted party to victory.

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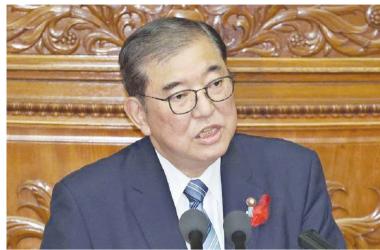
Ishiba's Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) has governed Japan almost uninterrupted for decades -- albeit with frequent leader changes -- and is almost certain to be reelected. But Ishiba, named prime minister just last week. wants to shore up his mandate to push through policies that include beefing up spending on defence as well as on poorer regions hit hard by Japan's demographic crisis.

"We want to face this election fairly and sincerely, so as for this government to obtain (public) trust," Ishiba told reporters on Wednesday.

Later the speaker of parliament read out a letter from the prime minister with the emperor's seal, formally dissolving parliament as lawmakers shouted the traditional rallying cry of "banzai".

The three-year government of Ishiba's predecessor Fumio Kishida suffered record-low approval ratings due to a slush fund scandal and voter discontent over rising prices.

Polls last week gave Ishiba's cabinet approval ratings of 45-50 percent, compared with



20-30 percent for the Kishida administration's final month. Ishiba's backers hope the self-confessed defence "geek" and outspoken critic of the LDP establishment will boost the party's popularity, including by persuading young people to vote. By dissolving parliament now, the 67-year-old wants to put his party to the test before his "honeymoon" period ends, said Yu Uchiyama, a political science professor at the University of Tokyo.

"It makes sense that he wanted to call a snap election as soon as the 'face' of the party changed, while the momentum is still there", he told AFP.

Uchiyama added that Ishiba also wanted to catch opposition forces flat-footed, as the LDP's foes remain undecided about how to coordinate with each other in the election. But the prime minister's decision to call a snap election this early was also criticised for contradicting his previous vows to prioritise facing the opposition in parliament.

Some voters saw it as a disappointing sign that he had "yielded to the pressure within his party" to dissolve parliament for political gain, Uchiyama said. Over the weekend, Ishiba announced that the LDP would not endorse some disgraced party members implicated in the political funding scandal in the election.

The announcement reflected his desire to demonstrate to the public that he can be "strict" and "likely regained public trust in him a bit", Uchiyama said. Fresh promises

To counter China, Ishiba has backed the creation of a regional military alliance along the lines of NATO, although he admitted on Monday it would "not happen overnight".

Analyst Yee Kuang Heng of the University of Tokyo's Graduate School of Public Policy, told AFP the idea sounded like a "blast from the past" recalling the now-defunct SEATO (Southeast Asia Treaty Organization). Ishiba said the security environment in Asia was "the most severe since the end of World War II", and warned in his first policy speech Friday that "today's Ukraine could be tomorrow's East Asia".

Japan is also facing a looming demographic crisis as its population ages and the birth rate stays stubbornly low -- a situation Ishiba called a "quiet emergency" on Friday.

He said his government would promote measures to support families such as flexible working hours.

Ishiba has also pledged to "ensure Japan's economy emerges from deflation", and wants to boost incomes through a new stimulus package as well as support for local governments and low-income households.

The main opposition Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan, meanwhile, seeks to differentiate itself from the LDP on a range of diversity issues, including vowing to legalise same-sex marriages. It also pledges to allow married

couples to maintain separate surnames.

Nepal's Nima Rinji sets new record: The youngest climber to conquer all 14 peaks above **8,000 meters** 

over 8000m. Accom-

panied by his climbing

partners Pasang Nurbu



KATHMANDU. Oct 9 (Agencies): Nepal's teenage Sherpa climber, Nima Rinji Sherpa (18) on Wednesday created a world record as the youngest person to summit all 14 peaks above 8,000 meters.

Expedition organiser, Seven Summit Treks, took to Instagram to announce the feat by a teenage climber after he reached the summit of Mount Shishapangma.

"Nima Rinji Sherpa, at the remarkable age of 18 years and 5 months, has made history by becoming the youngest person to summit all 14 of the world's highest peaks 8,163 meters of Mount Manaslu. He completed his forte to climb all 14 peaks in two years and ten days, according to the expedition organizer. As per the record from

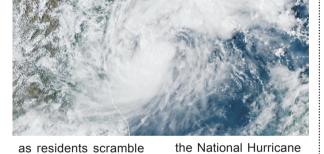
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the Department of Tourism, Nima Rinji ascended Mount Manaslu (8163m) on September 30, 2022, Mt. Everest (8848.86m) on May 24, 2023, Mt Lhotse (8516m) on May 23, 2024, Mt Nanga Parbat (8126m) on June 26, 2023, Mt Gasherbrum I (8068m) on July 18, 2023, Mt. Gasherbrum II (8035m) on July 19, 2023 and Mt Broad Peak (8047m) on July

He successfully scaled, Mt K2 (8611m) on July 27, 2023, Mt. Cho-Oyu (8188m) on October 6, 2023, Mt. Dhaulagiri (8167m) on September 29, 2023, Mt. Annapurna | (8091m) without Oxygen on 12th April, 2024, Mt. Makalu (8485m) on May 4, 2024, Mt Kanchenjunga (8586m) on June 8, 2024, and Mt Shishapangma (8027m) - October 9, 2024.

### Hurricane Milton likely to hit Florida today, residents asked to evacuate

FLORIDA, Oct 9 (Agencies): Hurricane Milton, now classified as a catastrophic Category 5 storm, is hurtling towards Florida's Gulf Coast, prompting emergency officials to order evacuations for over one million residents. With maximum sustained winds reaching 165 mph, Milton is anticipated to make landfall late Wednes day or early Thursday, targeting the densely populated Tampa Bay area still recovering from Hurricane Helene just weeks ago. Tampa Mayor Jane Castor emphasized the urgency of the situation, urging residents to evacuate ahead of the storm. "If you choose to stay in one of those evacuation areas, you're going to die," she stated, highlighting the severe risks associated with Milton's potential impact. Traffic has come to a standstill in many areas



to flee, facing significant Center (NHC) in Miami. This rate of intensification is among the fastest Hurri-

# North Korea vows to block border with South Korea and build front-line defense structures

SEOUL, Oct 9 (Agen-Korean Central News cies): North Korea Agency. said Wednesday it

The North's military called its steps a "selfdefensive measure for inhibiting war and defending the security" of North Korea. It said that "the hostile forces are getting ever more reckless in their confrontational hysteria." It cited what it called various war exercises in South Korea, the deployment of U.S. strategic assets and its rivals' harsh rhetoric. South Korea's military said later Wednesday that it won't tolerate any attempt by North Korea to change the status quo. It said South Korea will "overwhelmingly punish" North Korea if it launches provocations. A South Korean military statement said North Korea's nuclear and

earlier said North Korea had already been adding anti-tank barriers and reinforcing roads on its side of the border since April in a likely attempt to boost its front-line security posture and prevent its soldiers and citizens from defecting to South Korea. In a report to parliament on Tuesday, South Korea's Unification Ministry said that North Korea has been removing ties on the northern side of cross-border railways and nearby lamps and planting mines along the border. KCNA earlier Wednesday said the Supreme People's Assembly met for two days this week to amend the legal ages of

the goal of a peaceful Korean unification, formally designate South Korea as the country's "invariable principal enemy" and define the North's sovereign, territorial sphere. At the center of outside attention was whether

attempt.

was seen as breaking away with his predecessors' long-cherished dreams of achieving a unified Korea on the North's terms. Experts say Kim likely aims to diminish South Korea's voice in the regional nuclear standoff and seek direct dealings with the U.S. They say Kim also likely hopes to diminish South Korean cultural influence and bolster his rule at home. Tensions on the Korean Peninsula are at their highest point in years, with North Korea continuing a run of provocative weapons tests and South Korea and the U.S. expanding their military drills. KCNA said North Korea on Tuesday tested a longrange artillery system that observers say pose a direct threat to Seoul, the South Korean capital. which is only an hour's drive from the border.

Sherpa, who also completed the 14x8000ers. Nima reached the 23, 2023. summit of Mount Shishapangma (8,027m) early this morning at 6:05 am (China local time)," Seven Summit announced in a post on Instagram. The teenage climber was waiting for permits from the Chinese side which came in September, opening his way for the record-setting Nima Rinji started off

for his record-setting summit attempt in Sep-

cane Center has warned that Milton's direct hit on the Tampa Bay region would be unprecedented since 1921, when the area was a fraction of its current size of over 3 million residents. The storm's rapid intensification into one of the strongest hurricanes on record has raised alarms, with officials stressing the importance of heeding evacuation orders. Hurricane Milton has undergone rapid intensification, with wind speeds increasing by 80 knots in just 24 hours, according to

fuel shortages.

The National

ever recorded, following only Hurricanes Wilma in 2005 and Felix in 2007

Satellite images and radar from Mexico show the storm's small, welldefined eye and powerful evewall, underscoring its strength. Residents are being urged to secure important documents, medications, and pets, and to seek shelter further inland as the storm approaches. With the threat of severe flooding, high winds, and flying debris, the upcoming hours are critical for those in Milton's path.

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tional hysteria" by South

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while not announcing an

expected constitutional

revision to formally des-

While the moves were likely a pressure tactic, it's unclear how they will affect ties with South Korea since cross-border travel and exchanges have been halted for years. North Korea's military

said it will "completely cut off roads and railways " linked to South Korea and "fortify the relevant areas of our side with strong defense structures," according to the North's official

North Koreans for working and participating in elections. But it didn't say whether the meeting dealt with leader missile programs have threatened peace on the Kim Jong Un's order in Korean Peninsula. January to rewrite the South Korean officials constitution to remove

trolled by South Korea off their west coast.

North Korea makes

new legal claims on the

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The poorly marked western sea boundary is where three bloody naval skirmishes and two deadly attacks blamed on North Korea happened in the past 25 years. Some experts say

North Korea might have delayed the constitutional revision but others speculated it amended the constitution without announcing it because of its sensitivity. Kim's order stunned many North Korea

watchers because it

### Israeli offensive in hard-hit northern Gaza kills and wounds dozens and threatens hospitals

DEIR AL-BALAH, Oct 9 (Agencies): A large-scale Israeli operation in northern Gaza has killed and wounded dozens of people and threatens to shut down three hospitals over a year into the war with Hamas, Palestinian officials and residents said Wednesday.

Heavy fighting is underway in Jabaliya, where Israeli forces carried out several major operations over the course of the war and then returned as militants regroup. The entire north, including Gaza City, has suffered heavy destruction and has been largely isolated by Israeli forces since late last year.

The continuing cycle of destruction and death in Gaza, unleashed by Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023, attack on southern Israel, offers a cautionary tale as Israel expands a weekold ground offensive against Hezbollah in Lebanon and considers a major retaliatory strike on Iran.

Residents of Jabaliya, a refugee camp dating back to the 1948 war surrounding Israel's creation, say heavy airstrikes and evacuation warnings have driven hundreds of people from their homes. An airstrike early Wednesday killed at least nine people, including two women and two

children, according to the Al-Ahly Hospital, which received the bodies.

Strikes in central Gaza killed another nine people, including three children, according to the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in Deir al-Balah. An Associated Press reporter counted the bodies.

The Gaza Health Ministry said Wednesday that the overall Palestinian death toll in Gaza since the start of the war has surpassed 42,000, with more than 97,000 others wounded.

Fadel Naeem, director of the Al-Ahly Hospital in Gaza City, said it has received dozens of dead and wounded people from across the northern half of the Palestinian enclave since Israel launched its air and ground operation there earlier this month. Israel's offensive has gutted Gaza's health sector, forcing most of its hospitals to shut down and leaving the rest only par-

tially functioning. "The situation is tense," Naeem told The Associated Press in text message. "We declared a state of emergency, suspended scheduled surgeries, and discharged patients whose conditions are stable to receive the growing numbers of wounded arriving from the north.'

He said three hospitals further north --Kamal Adwan, Awda and the Indonesian Hospital - have become almost inaccessible because of the fighting. The Gaza Health Ministry says the Israeli army has ordered all three to evacuate staff and patients. Meanwhile, no humanitarian aid has entered the north since Oct. 1, according to U.N. data.

The Israeli military did not immediately respond to requests for comment on the hospitals or the apparent suspension of aid delivery in the north.

Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari, the military spokesperson, said late Tuesday that Israeli forces were operating in Jabaliya "to prevent Hamas' regrouping efforts," saying they had killed around 100 militants, without providing evidence. Israel says it only targets militants and blames civilian deaths on Hamas because it fights in residential areas.

Israel ordered the wholesale evacuation of northern Gaza, including Gaza City, in the opening weeks of the war, but hundreds of thousands of people are believed to have remained there. Israel reiterated those instructions earlier this month, telling people to flee south to an expanded humanitarian zone along the coast where hundreds of thousands are already crammed into squalid tent camps. The war began just over a year ago, when Hamas-led militants stormed into southern Israel, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducting around 250. They are still holding around 100 hostages, a third of whom are believed to be dead.

Israel's offensive has killed 42,010 Palestinians, according to the Gaza Health Ministry, which does not say how many were fighters.

It has said women and children make up over half of the dead. The offensive has also caused staggering destruction across the territory and displaced around 90% of the population of 2.3 million people, often multiple times.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to keep fighting until "total victory" over Hamas and the return of all the captives.

On Tuesday, he warned that Lebanon would meet a similar fate if its people did not rise up against Hezbollah, which began firing rockets into Israel after the initial Hamas attack in support of the Palestinians. That set in motion a cycle of escalation that ignited a full-scale war last month. "You have an opportunity to save Leba-

non before it falls into the abyss of a long war that will lead to destruction and suffering like we see in Gaza," Netanyahu said, addressing the Lebanese people.

In recent weeks Israel has waged a punishing air campaign across large parts of Lebanon, targeting what it says are Hezbollah rocket launchers and other militant sites. In a matter of days, strikes killed Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah and most of his top commanders.

So far, ground operations appear to be focused on a narrow strip along the border, but Israel has warned people to evacuate dozens of cities and towns across southern Lebanon, many of them north of a buffer zone declared by the United Nations after the last war between Israel and Hezbollah in 2006.

Hezbollah's acting leader, Sheikh Naim Kassem, said in a televised statement Tuesday that the group has replaced its slain commanders and was preventing Israeli ground forces from advancing. The militants have extended their rocket fire deeper into Israel, disrupting life but causing few casualties.

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# LG Mishra attends closing ceremony of 68th National School Games U-19 Table Tennis C'ship

#### **Top News Report**

LEH, Oct 9: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) attended the closing ceremony of the four-day 68th National School Games 2024-25 Table Tennis Championship Under-19 Boys and Girls organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports at the Multipurpose Indoor Stadium, NDS Sports Complex in Leh.

The LG also flagged off the Indian Air Force (IAF)-Uttarakhand War Memorial (UWM) Vayu Veer Vijeta Car Rally from the NDS Ground in which IAF officials will cover 7,000 km from Thoise (Siachen) to Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh.

Commending the organisers, particularly Secretary of DYSS UT Ladakh, Vikram Singh Malik and former Rajya Sabha MP, Tarun Vijay, for organising the 68th National School Games U-19 Table Tennis Championships and the IAF-UWM Vayu Veer Vijeta Car Rally, respec-



tively, the HLG thanked the participation of players from different states and UTs for making the event significant and successful. Stating that a healthy mind and body are important for humans, he mentioned that studies and knowledge are critical for keeping the mind fresh while playing sports helps to keep oneself fit and healthy.

Mentioning that the National School Games Table Tennis Championship is being held in Ladakh for the first time, which is a matter of pride for the region, the HLG shared an important message for the players, i.e. they should train other aspiring table tennis players and help them win medals instead of just focusing on individual glory. He also asked the table tennis players from different states and UTs to tell other players to play with sportsmanship spirit and become citizens of India by following the Fundamental Duties mentioned in the Indian Constitution.

The LG asked the participants of the Car Rally to visit schools/colleges during their 7,000 km long journey and spread the message of fostering national unity and integrity. He also asked them to dispel the misinformation about Agnipath (Agniveer & Agniveervayu) scheme, which is aimed at keeping the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force young and strengthening national security.

The LG also gave trophies to the winners of the U-19 Table Tennis Championships, including Vanshika Mudgal from Delhi (winner of U-19 singles girls); S Das from West Bengal (winner of U-19 singles boys); Team Delhi (winners of U-19 girls team event) and Team Maharashtra (winner of U-19 boys team event).

He also felicitated officials from the School Games Federation of India (SGFI) and the President of the Table Tennis Association of UT Ladakh. Former Rajya Sabha MP, Tarun Vijay, who is the Chairman of the Uttarakhand War Memorial, highlighted the role of the Army, Navy and Air Force and stated that the Car Rally is aimed at spreading the message of the bravery of Indian soldiers and celebrating their lives.

Earlier, Secretary, YSS, Vikram Singh Malik, in his welcome address, informed the audience about the participation of around 300 players from 19 states and 5 UTs in the fourday event. First Lady, Neelam Mishra; Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson; Former Rajya Sabha MP Tarun Vijay, Former MP Lok Sabha, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal; Air Officer Commanding of Leh-based Air Force

Station Air Commodore D S Handa; officials from Indian Air Force, SGFI, TT Association of Ladakh, DYSS UT Ladakh; NCC cadets and participants from different states and UTs were present during the occasion.

# **CBC's three day outreach programme on Mission Life continues in Kargil**

ments also shared detailed

insights on various gov-

ernment initiatives aimed

at enhancing livelihoods

and protecting the envi-

A documentary show-

casing the rich biodiversity

of the Ladakh region was

also screened for the par-

Ghulam Abass, Director

CBC J&K & Ladakh region,

emphasized CBC's role in

conducting outreach pro-

grammes across Ladakh

region with a focus on

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#### **Top News Report**

KARGIL, Oct 9: The three day Integrated Communication and Outreach Programme being organised in Kargil by the Central Bureau of Communication, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, continued on Wednesday here at the Syed Mehdi Memorial Auditorium. The objective of the programme is to raise awareness on sustainable development, cleanliness, balanced nutrition and new government initiatives under Ek

Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. Resource persons from the departments of Agriculture and Horticulture provided comprehensive information on organic farming, technology-driven agricultural advancements, and available government schemes for incentivization and employment generation. They encouraged participants to explore these opportunities for community development Speakers from

the Wildlife, Education,Employment and Counselling departinformed and empowered citizenry.

A theme based quiz competition was also held during the day with winners receiving mementos and commendation certificates. The cultural troupes empanelled with CBC J&K presented thematic skits and musical performances providing wholesome infotainment to the audience. The event saw an enthusiastic participation from students, resource persons and local residents on second consecutive day as well.

Shahid Mohammad Lone, Field Publicity Officer, CBC Anantnag, delivered the welcome address, while Naseer Ahmad Rather, Field Publicity Officer, CBC Srinagar presented vote of thanks concluding the day's proceedings. It was informed that on

Thursday - the concluding day, the outreach programme will further engage the participants with discussions on themes like Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat and the New Criminal Laws.

# **Training Program on promotion** of Niche Crops under HADP held



**Top News Report** 

RAMBAN Oct 9: A one-day training program under the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP) on the "Promotion of Niche Crops in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir" was successfully conducted in Ramban in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Ramban, SKUAST-Jammu on 09-10-24. The program aimed to educate and empower local anardana (wild pomegranate) growers by imparting knowledge on best practices for enhancing crop quality and marketability. The event was inaugu-

rated by Prof. Parshant Bakshi, Head of the Division of Fruit Science, SKUAST-J, and Principal Investigator of the HADP project. In his address, Prof. Bakshi emphasized the significance of the HADP project and its role in promoting niche crops like anardana in the region.

He spoke extensively about the optimal harvesting stage and drying techniques, which are critical in maintaining the quality of anardana. He also highlighted the economic potential of expanding the cultivation area for this crop, noting that both the fruit and its peel provide high returns for the growers, offering substantial economic benefits to the farming community.

Dr. RajKumar Gupta, Head of KVK, Ramban, addressed the socioeconomic importance of anardana cultivation, underscoring its contribution to the livelihood of local growers. He stressed that the promotion of such niche crops not only strengthens the agricultural economy but also enhances the living standards of the rural populace. In her presentation, Dr.

Kiran Kour, Professor, discussed various value addition techniques for anardana, encouraging growers to explore diversified products that could enhance their profitability in the market. Dr. Parveen Kumar, Sci-

entist at KVK, Ramban, provided insights into the various farmer-centric activities organized by KVK for the betterment of the region's agricultural community. His presentation showcased the ongoing initiatives aimed at providing technical and advisory support to farmers, fostering sustainable agricultural practices in

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farming practices.

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The training session

also featured interactive

discussions, with Anar-

dana growers from the

region sharing their expe-

riences and challenges in

cultivation and marketing.

Their active participation

enriched the event, pro-

viding practical insights

into the ground realities

faced by farmers. The

resource persons were

The program was

also attended by local

experts Zahid Sheikh and

Mohsin, who contributed

to the discussions and

shared their perspectives

on the potential of niche

The training concluded

with a positive response

from anardana grow-

ers, who expressed their

gratitude for the valuable

information shared and

vowed to implement the

knowledge gained in their

crops in the region.

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Senior Political leader Mohd Aslam Kohli of Surankote who was campaigning for lost the elections. The Congress had said the result in

### NC-led alliance for winning J-K elections

LG Sinha congratulates

election process, Sinha further stated that the peaceful participation of millions of voters was a "testament to the vibrant democracy," reported news agency KNS.

"The peaceful electoral process and participation of millions of voters is testimony to vibrant democracy and people's faith in democratic values of the country. Today, J&K stands taller guided by principles of good governance, people-first, social justice and social harmony," he wrote.

### First Cabinet meeting will pass resolution for JK Statehood Restoration: Omar

Thursday to start the process of Government formation.

"I have spoken to NC president Farooq Abdullah and the party will call a legislative party meeting tomorrow. After that, there will be in a meeting of the alliance partners where the alliance leader will be elected and then we will go to the Raj Bhavan to stake the claim for Government formation," he said, adding, "I hope the new Government is in place in the next few days".

To a question about whether the PDP would be a part of the coalition Government, the NC leader said there were no discussions over that as of now.

"There has been no approach made to us by the PDP. We have made no approach to them. Given the results of this election, which I think is quite a setback to them, I think at the moment I can understand that there must be some internal discussion going on. "At some points of time, if a channel of communication opens, we will sit down and talk to them. But it is not a priority for us at the moment," he said.

Abdullah said while he is humbled by the mandate of the people, he is also acutely aware of the responsibility that it places upon them.

"The people of J-K have gone unheard since 2018. Now the time has come for

there is a sharp divide between Kashmir and Jammu and therefore, the incoming Government will have a major responsibility of giving a sense of ownership to the people of Jammu," he said.

us to work for the benefit of the people of

J-K. I am also acutely aware of the fact that

The Government that comes in in the next few days will not be a government of the NC or of the alliance, or it will not be a Government of those that voted for the alliance, it will be a Government for every single individual of J-K, regardless of who they voted for, or whether they voted at all, the NC leader said.

"A special emphasis will be laid to give a sense of ownership and voice within the government to those areas from where MLAs in this coalition will be less in number," he added.

On the issue of the nomination of five MLAs by the LG, the NC vice president advised Manoj Sinha not to do it "because even with nominating those five MLAs, the BJP will not be able to form the government".

"You will only nominate five MLAs to sit in the opposition and there will be a row, because we will then have to approach the Supreme Court and file a case against it. While we want to have a cordial relationship with the Centre, this move will create tension right from day one.

"The nomination of five MLAs will not have any impact on government formation. Some independents who won the election are already in touch with us and they will join us and we will increase our lead. The BJP will not gain anything by nominating these five MLAs," he added.

### Delhi HC seeks police stand on denial to Wangchuk's protest at Jantar Mantar

seeking permission for climate activist Sonam Wangchuk and others to hold a peaceful protest at the city's Jantar Mantar. A bench of Justices Prathiba M Singh and Amit Sharma issued notice on the plea filed by Apex Body Leh to the police and the Delhi government and sought their responses. October 22.

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Solicitor General of India Tushar Mehta, who was representing Delhi Police, said there was no urgency in the matter.

The plea stated that Delhi Police had failed to provide any valid ground for denying the request for staging of the protest. Wangchuk and his associates from Ladakh, who were allegedly detained at a Delhi border by the local police on September 30, marched to the national capital to demand the inclusion of Ladakh under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.

They were, however, released later.

The Sixth Schedule pertains to the administration of tribal areas in Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Mizoram as "autonomous districts and autonomous regions".

### Four Independent MLAs who quit National Conference over mandate issue, set for 'Ghar Wapsi'

BJP's Mohd Iqbal Malik in Thannamandi Assembly Constituency of Rajouri with a margin of 6,179 votes.

The INDIA alliance candidate Mohd Shabir Khan who contested on a Congress ticket remained at fourth spot with 7,508 votes. Independent candidate Payare Lal Sharma defeated another independent candidate Ghulam Mohammad Saroori by a narrow margin of 643 votes in the Inderwal assembly with INDI Alliance candidate of Congress party's Mohd Zafarullah securing a third spot.

Sharma decided to contest as an independent after the NC-Congress alliance left the seat to Congress. After the results were declared, Sharma said he was associated with NC and would remain in the party in future. He left for Srinagar from Kishtwar to meet the top NC leadership on Wednesday.

Choudhary Mohammed Akram won from Surankote, defeating alliance candidate Mohammad Shahnawaz Chowdhary by a margin of 8,851 votes. Akram polled 34,201 votes. Akram confirmed that the NC leadership is in touch with them and Akram decided to rejoin the party. Akram could not be reached out.

Akram left NC after the alliance was formed and Congress leader Shahnawaz Chowdhary was declared the candidate for the alliance in Surankote Constituency. Dr Rameshwar Singh won from Bani, defeating BJP candidate and former MLA Jewan Lal by 2,048 votes. Singh secured 18,672 votes, while Lal polled 16,624 votes.

A senior NC leader said four independent MLAs who were part of the National Conference before the elections were in touch with the party leadership and will rejoin soon. The NC can stake claim to form the government on its own after the MLAs are back in its fold.

The NC emerged as the single largest party in Jammu and Kashmir by winning 42 seats in the 90-member assembly, while the BJP retained its stronghold, Jammu, by bagging 29 seats and Congress bagged six.

### J-K Congress will introspect party's performance in Jammu region: Karra

start afresh".

To a question whether there was some discussion over Government formation between the two parties, the JKPCC chief said there have been no talks yet.

"We had only come to congratulate them on behalf of the party. We congratulated Abdullahs formally. Omar Abdullah has said that their legislature party meeting is to happen, then they will talk with the alliance partner. We have to wait for their legislature party to meet," he added.

The National Conference-Congress combine pulled off a spectacular victory in maiden elections in Jammu and Kashmir after abrogation of Article 370 in 2019.

However, the individual performance of the Congress has hit an all-time low as only one of its 29 candidates managed to win in the Jammu region, while its prominent leaders, including two working presidents Jammu region was not in accordance with the party's expectations and a detailed feedback would be sought on the debacle.

The Congress was fighting the elections in a pre-poll alliance with National Conference (NC) and had fielded 32 candidates, mostly in Jammu region, compared to 51 by the regional party.

Additionally, the CPI(M) and the Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party (JKNPP) have each been allocated one seat while both the Congress and NC had a 'friendly contest' on five seats.

### PCC chief visits Abdullahs' to express greetings on behalf of party

behalf of Congress party for National Conference's clean sweep in the Assembly polls. He said there would be discussions on contentious issues like Article 370 with the NC and Congress leadership i future.

"I had only come to see Dr Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah to extend greetings on behalf of the Congress party. As already stated by Omar sahab, NC will hold a legislature party meeting first and then a meeting with Alliance where the model of governance will be discussed," said Karra while speaking to reporters outside the Gupkar residence of Abdullahs.

Replying to a query whether Congress was demanding Deputy Chief Minister's post, Karra said nothing of that sort has been discussed today. "I came to taste sweets and extend greetings. These things will be discussed in the Alliance meeting," he said.

Karra, while answering another question as to what was the Congress stand on Article 370, said that these are contentious issues and will be discussed in future. "Let the LP of NC take place first and then there will be an Alliance meeting as well," he said. Earlier, Omar Abdullah had said that after LP and Alliance meeting tomorrow, they will stake claim on government formation in a next few days by visiting Raj Bhawan.

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JAMMU, Oct 9: Career Counselling and Placement Cell of GGM Science College, a prestigious institution renowned for its rich history and academic excellence, organized a visit of students from PM SHRI School Jawahar Navodaya Vidalaya, Samba in the Campus.

The visit was part of an educational excursion aimed at familiarizing the students with the historical significance of the college and providing them with a hands-on experience in scientific learning.

The students, accompanied by their teachers Sumit Kumar, Satya Parkash and Maheshvari Verma, were welcomed by the faculty and student volunteers of the college. Principal Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta while interacting with the visiting

students briefly introduced the outstanding reputation and rich cultural legacy of the college. He enlightened them on the value of higher education as well as the range of professional options available for them

after schooling. The students were divided into small groups for a guided tour of the key sites within the campus by the committee members, Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma (Convener), Dr. Ashaq Hussain, Prof. Bal Krishan, Prof. Sanjay, Prof.Reetika



animal species.

Rani, Dr. Nisha, Dr. Sukhdeep Singh Sasan and Prof. Arvind Kumar. In the Zoology museum which houses a diverse collection of preserved specimens, skeletons, and models of various The museum staff.

along with professors from the Zoology Department, gave the students a detailed explanation of the different specimens on display, including rare species and extinct animals. Engaging with them

Prof. Bal Krishan spoke

with them about the significance of the evolutionary history of certain species, the importance of conservation, and the role of zoology in modern scientific research. The students asked

insightful questions, showing a keen interest in understanding the biodiversity preserved in the museum

In the Geology Museum, the students where introduced to a vast collection of minerals, fossils, and rock samples from various geological eras. The Geology Depart-

ment's experts Dr Mateen Hafiz, Prof. Arjun Singh Rathore and Prof. Sumit guided the students through the exhibits, explaining the processes of rock formation, fossilization, and the significance of different minerals on display of ancient fossils, including a well-preserved dinosaur footprint and samples from the Paleozoic era

After the museum tours, the students were led on a Heritage Walk around the college campus and JKCA Ground. The college, which

was established in 1905 boasts remarkable colonial-era architecture and several historical landmarks.

The students expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to explore the rich academic and historical resources at GGM Science College.

# **Aryans College of Law inaugurates** Moot court society



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can cover any branch of

law, such as constitution-

al law, international law,

criminal law, human rights

Dr. Walia while address-

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of moot court is to train

law students for their

future careers by provid-

ing a realistic legal envi-

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**Rubroo:** A literary interaction, felicitation,

Council and an accom-

Prof. Sucheta Patha-

nia, Head, Department

of Punjabi, welcomed the

audience and dignitaries,

highlighting the depart-

ment's various academic

and literary initiatives.

She also acknowledged

the collaborative efforts

with other prominent lit-

erary organizations that

made the event possible.

provided an insightful

overview of "Muhab-

bat," Dr. Raina's novel,

emphasizing its themes

of love, separation, and

the ideological differ-

ences between India

and Pakistan. The novel

also explores the impact

Dr. Harsimran Singh

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Oct 9: Aryans College of Law, Rajpura inaugurated its moot court society.

The ceremony in the Aryans campus was attended by Dr. Shipra Gupta, Professor, Department of Law, Panjab university, Chandigarh & Dr. Ivneet Walia, Associate Professor, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab. Dr. Devender Singla, Principal, Aryans College of Law was present. Aryans law Students including BALLB & LLB attended the ceremony. The event commenced with lamp lighting ceremony followed by curtain raiser to inaugurate the society. Dr Shipra mentioned that Moot courts have

practice skills. Moot court been an integral part of the legal curriculum in competitions help stu-Indian universities since dents develop skills like 1985. Moot court is a legal research, writing, form of legal education and oral advocacy. It will that involves researchstudents build confidence in presenting their arguing, writing, and presenting oral arguments on a ments in front of judges given legal issue or proband peers. Moot court is lem. The term "moot" not only a co-curricular means "open to discusactivity but also a valusion", and reflects the fact able learning experience that moot court cases are for law students. added usually based on unsetwalia tled or controversial areas The student commit-

tee including President Adarsh Jha, Vice Presidents Muskan & Nishu, Social media head Himanshu & Jasagam, Promotion Head Nitin & Arjit Student Coordinator Mansi Naresh Gurparvinder Kaur Mohd. Hussain Rajat Priksha Deepak Mohd. Majid Khan was announced with sashes & badges

# **Two-day Induction Programme for New Students Culminates at MIER College**

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Oct 9: MIER College of Education organized a two-day induction programme for the new batch of students enrolled in B.A. Honours Psychology, Political Science and English, M.A. Political Science, and M.A. Clinical Psychology

on transforming lives at

MIER College Dr. Renu Gupta, Chairperson MIER, offered her blessings to the new students and encouraged them to give their 100% effort throughout the programme.

She shared her "eleven mantras of success.

a compelling message on the power of failure. encouraging students to embrace challenges and failures as learning opportunities and not be discouraged by them. Gupta's insightful message resonated deeply, inspiring students to approach their academic

motivating the students to journey with resilience

and Counseling.

The first day of induction programme commenced with registration, followed by a warm welcome address by the principal, Prof. Adit Gupta

He proudly highlighted the college's achievestrive for excellence. Dr. Gupta wished everyone success in their academic and learning pursuits. A video presentation showcasing MIER College was shared with the students, followed by an introduction session where they got to know

and determination. Jasleen Mohial, Coordinator IQAC, provided information about the mechanism of grievance and redressal and Dr. Bharti Tandon, Deputy Head, School of Education, talked about the functioning of the com-

# Drug peddler arrested with 7 gms heroin like substance



**Top News Report** 

SAMBA, Oct 9: Continuing its drive against narcotic smugglers/ peddlers, Police has arrested a drug peddler in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba and recovered approximately 7 grams heroin like substance from his possession.

Police team of Police Post Rakh Amb Talli headed by Incharge PP Rakh Amb Talli under SHO PS Samba during checking at naka Rakh Amb Talli, intercepted a person for checking who was coming from Samba

### During frisking of the said person, police recovered 7 grams approximately heroin like substance from his pos-

has also seized the contraband item on the spot. A case FIR No. 263/2024 u/s 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Samba and investigation book release event organised at JU **Top News Report** Amritsar, along with Sawarnjeet Singh Savi, Chairman Punjab Art

plished artist.

law, etc.

JAMMU, Oct 9: The Department of Punjabi, University of Jammu, in collaboration with the Punjabi Lekhak Sabha, Jammu, hosted "Rubroo," a special literary event to honor the acclaimed Punjabi poet, fiction writer, and filmmaker, Dr. Baljit Singh Raina. The event also marked the release of his latest novel, "Muhabbat."

The gathering was graced by several distinguished guests, with Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar of the University of Jammu, as the Chief Guest. The event was presided over by Amarjit Singh Grewal, a wellknown Punjabi author and intellectual. Guests

and thought-provoking narrative.

The event concluded with a strong sense of accomplishment, celebrating Dr. Raina's vast contributions to Punjabi literature while sparking meaningful discussions around love, identity, and the human experience.

Prof. Baljeet Kour coordinated the event, with Dr. Harjinder Singh cocoordinating and hosting the proceedings. The event drew participation from university faculty, officers, scholars, students, and notable literary personalities from various languages, making "Rubroo" and the book release a resounding success.

In his vote of thanks, Dr. Pritam Singh expressed heartfelt gratitude to the guests and participants for their valuable contributions to the promotion of Punjabi literature.

side. session.

The accused has been identified as Abdul Rashid, son of Mureed Baksh, resident of Manohar Gopala tehsil and district Samba. Police

has been started.

ment of being ranked the number one autonomous College in J&K for five consecutive years by Education World Magazine.

He shared the institution's key milestones, including the introduction of the B.Ed. programme and BA honours courses in various disciplines in the private sector. He emphasized the use of ICT and MOOC platforms for effective learning and encouraged students to fully utilize the college's resources, such as the library, online journals, periodical, research facilities and the psychological laboratory. He also delivered a session

each other. The event also featured various funfilled games that allowed students to share and

display their talents. Two distinguished alumni, Naman Mansotra and Nirbhey Khajuria, interacted with the students, reflecting on their academic journey at the

college. They expressed heartfelt gratitude for the transformative education and invaluable experiences they gained during their time at the institution. The second day of the

induction programme kicked off with an uplifting motivational session by Rupa Gupta, Joint Director. She delivered

mittee against sexual harassment. This was followed by

the information shared by Dr. Taniva Raina about the responsibilities, expectations and code of conduct. Information regarding digital initiatives, which include College ERP, Google Classroom, PI360 and LinkedIn was shared by Prof. Mool Raj Sharma, Head, Centre for Educational Technology, Palak Sadotra, Manager HR Training, and Sanjay

Chandel. Day two ended with the introduction of programme and course learning outcomes by faculty members.

# **Cyber Cell Jammu** recovers Rs 2.14 Lakh

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Oct 9: Cyber Cell DPO Jammu, a dedicated unit to deal with cases of online/offline frauds and cyber crime who has been relentlessly working day in and day out for ensuring the safety and security of masses in general has once again successfully recovered an amount of Rupees One Lakh from a fraudster who used to deceive the people by adopting different tactics and extract money from them. In this regard the complainant approached cyber cell Jammu of

being fraudulently cheated. Taking the cognizance of matter the cyber cell

Jammu took no time to start the investigations and acted swiftly while exhibiting the ultimate professional excellence through its dedicated skilled human resource which was put to task and in no time the lost amount of Rs.2,14,000 was recovered from the fraudster District Police Jammu, equipped with advanced technology and expert human resource remains at the forefront in the fight against cybercriminals.

### Airtel, Nokia collaborate to drive sustainability initiatives for mobile networks **Top News Report**

JAMMU. Oct 9: Bharti Airtel and Nokia, on Wednesday, announced a groundbreaking collaboration on "Green 5G" - an initiative aimed at introducing energy-efficient solutions and practices to Airtel's mobile network.

This ambitious project will focus on enhancing energy efficiency across Airtel's extensive 4G/5G Radio Access Network (RAN) by leveraging state-of-the-art technologies like AI/ML, as well as a suite of advanced software features and innovative solutions.

The comprehensive solution is expected to enhance energy efficiency during peak and off-peak hours and is projected to reduce Airtel's carbon emissions by an estimated 143.413 metric tons of CO2 annually

Randeep Sekhon, CTO, Bharti Airtel, said, "In response to the surging demand for data, mobile networks across India have rapidly expanded, particularly with the rollout of 5G technology. At Bharti Airtel, our commitment to sustainability has led us to collaborate with Nokia. This partnership allows us to leverage innovative solutions that deliver substantial energy savings, enabling us to significantly reduce our carbon footprint and further our environmental objectives in alignment with our business strategy.

of Honour included Dr. Manmohan, an IPS Officer and respected poet and professor at Guru Nanak Dev University,

of the 1947 partition on the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Literary figures praised Dr. Raina's work for its deeply emotional

# India emerging as hub of affordable, high quality medicines: Dr Jitendra

and 14th by value." One

of the most remarkable

shifts within the industry

has been the transition

from a generic-focused

model to the develop-

ment of biopharmaceuti-

cals and biosimilars, he

Speaking about the

next industrial revolu-

tion, the Minister said,

it will come through the

biotech sector. Prime

Minister Shri Narendra

Modi wants us to lead it.

Thanks to initiatives like

the PLI scheme, India is

well on its way to becom-

ing a global leader in

biopharmaceuticals, bio-

manufacturing, and life

sciences by 2030. How-

ever, there is still much

to be achieved. I con-

gratulate CII and the life

sciences industry on your

success, but we must not

lose sight of the immense

opportunities ahead, he

Dr Jitendra said, every

third tablet consumed

globally is made in India.

A recent Central Drugs

Standard Control Organi-

zation (CDSCO) survey

across 48,000 drug

samples from all Indian

states revealed a spuri-

ous drug incidence of

just 0.0245%. However,

as goods travel across

diverse climatic regions.

improving the infrastruc-

ture and efficiency of

transporting pharmaceu-

tical products is vital to

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**Top News Report** 

NEW DELHI/JAMMU, Oct 9 : "India is emerging as a hub of affordable, high quality medicines and by strengthening our domestic manufacturing, we are not only bolstering self-reliance but also ensuring critical healthcare supplies are readily available"

This was stated here on Wednesday by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, DrJitendra Singh while speaking at the 6th CII Pharma & Life Sciences Summit: 2024 here.

The Minister said, "This forum is a vital platform for the exchange of ideas among industry leaders, government officials, and academia, and exemplifies India's determination to lead in the global pharmaceutical and biotech arenas.

Appreciating the pharma industry, he said, India's emergence as a hub for affordable, highquality medicines is truly commendable. We now rank 3rd in pharmaceutical production by volume

ensuring their efficacy, he said.

The Minister said, India's leadership in global health is exemplified by the development of the world's first DNA vaccine for COVID-19 and the efforts to develop the first Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine for adolescent girls, which will prevent cervical cancer. Furthermore, producing 65% of the world's vaccines, India has significantly transformed health outcomes, especially for low- and middle-income countries, he added.

India's bioeconomy said Dr Jitendra, has expanded 13-fold in just ten years, thanks to the thriving ecosystem of nearly 6,000 bio-startups. To sustain this momentum, industry must continue to invest in R&D. support young entrepreneurs, and foster a robust startup ecosystem.The Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), with a budget of Rs 50,000 crore over five years, marks a transformative step in building a knowledge-driven society. By addressing the infrastructure gap in universities, the ANRF will stimulate industryacademia collaborations. particularly in sectors like advanced materials, EV mobility, and health technology.

Health Department launches comprehensive health initiative in Leh Schools pediatric health experts,

#### **Top News Report**

LEH, Oct 9: The Department of Health, Ladakh, has introduced a comprehensive health initiative in schools across Leh district, aimed at enhancing the physical and mental well-being of children and adolescents. The initiative integrates key national programs, including the Rashtriva Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), Rashtriya Kishor Swasthva Karvakram (RKSK), National Mental Health Program, and National Tobacco Control Program

At an event held at Lamdon Model Senior Secondary School, Dr. Iqbal Ahmad, Medical Officer and Dr. Tundup Dawa, Medical Officer

outlined the significance of RBSK, which screens children from birth to 18 years for 32 health conditions, including defects at birth, deficiencies, diseases, and developmental delays. They emphasized the importance of early detection and intervention, with screenings conducted by Mobile Health Teams, ensuring free and equitable access to treat-

ment. Psychologist Phunchok Diskit, spoke on the National Tobacco Control Program, highlighted the dangers of tobacco use, cancer risks and harmful chemicals.

**RKSK Counselor Diskit** Angmo discussed pubertv-related challenges, while Clinical Psycholo-

gist Mariyah Samreen addressed mental health issues like depression, anxiety, and substance abuse, highlighting the need for early intervention. One-on-one counseling sessions were provided for students identified by the School Health and Wellness Ambassadors. A total of 37 students received individual counseling from Tanveer Ahmad, AFHC Counselor, Diskit Angmo, AFHC

Counselor, and Mariyah Samreen, Clinical Psycholoaist.

This initiative underscores the Department of Health's commitment to fostering the overall wellbeing of Ladakhi youth by integrating vital physical and mental health services in schools.

# **SPORTS**

# No Champions Trophy 2025 final in Pakistan if India qualify? Report makes big claim

There has been a lot of conversation regarding the Champions Trophy 2025 taking place in Pakistan and what that means for India's participation in the tournament.

NEW DELHI, Oct 9 (Agencies): There has been a lot of conversation regarding the Champions Trophy 2025 taking place in Pakistan and what that means for India's participation in the tournament. India and Pakistan have not played a bilateral series in over a decade due to political tensions and the only time the two teams face each other is during international competitions. While Pakistan did travel to India for the 2023 ODI World Cup, India have not confirmed their plans regarding the Champions Trophy. While Lahore has reportedly been confirmed as the venue for the tournament's final, a report by Telegraph.co.uk claims that the final can be shifted to Dubai if the Indian cricket team end up qualifying for the summit clash of Champions Trophy 2025.

The report further claimed that India can play all of their games in the United Arab Emirates



Trophy will be held successfully

in Pakistan, with all participating

teams, including India, expected

to participate in the tournament.

ary 19 to March 9, the Champi-

ons Trophy will be played across

Lahore, Karachi, and Rawal-

Set to take place from Febru-

(UAE) if they decide to not travel to Pakistan. However, in the past few weeks, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has shown confidence that the tournament will take place in Pakistan in its entirety.

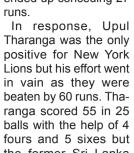
Earlier, chairman Mohsin Naqvi has expressed confidence pindi. Naqvi emphasized that preparations for the event are progressing on schedule, with further improvements to stadiums already in motion.

Speaking in Lahore, Naqvi addressed the ongoing uncertainty surrounding India's participation. India has not toured Pakistan since July 2008 due to political tension between the two countries. However, Naqvi remained optimistic about India's inclusion in the tournament.

"The Indian team should come. I don't see them cancelling or postponing coming here, and we are confident we will host all the teams in the Champions Trophy in Pakistan," Naqvi told reporters in Lahore.

He reassured that the stadiums would be ready on time, and any further renovations would be completed post-tournament. "In a way, you can say that we are going to have a brand new stadium," Nagvi added.

### Sam Billings, James Neesham guide Atlanta Kings to massive win over New York Lions bowled just one over in the encounter but he ended up conceding 27



the former Sri Lanka cricketer did not get any he slammed 69 in 26 support from the other deliveries with 6 fours batters. and 6 sixes. The New Manvinder Bisla was York Lions bowlers the second highest runstruggled massively to scorer with 13. keep the runs in check Imran Tahir, Danish as both Neesham and

Aziz and Saad Humayan took two wickets each as New York Lions struggled massively to score runs. Gajanand Singh and Tom Bruce also took one wicket apiece.

Although New York Lions were not all out, they were 93/8 in 10 overs.

# **IOA prez Usha rejects treasurer's** claims of faulty deal with RIL

NEW DELHI, Oct 9 (Agencies): Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president PT Usha said that the executive committee members are out to taint her name, adding that the allegations against her brought forward by treasurer Sahdev Yadav were motivated.

Yadav alleged that a faulty sponsorship deal with Reliance led to major losses to the IOA. The original deal signed with the Reliance Industries Ltd as a sponsor for the Indian contingent was signed in 2022 and covered the 2022 and 2026 Asian Games. 2022 and 2026 Commonwealth Games as well as the 2024 and 2028 Olympics. The contract was worth Rs 35 crore and had a clause saying that RIL had to construct India House in both Paris and Los Angeles. However, after the International Olympic Committee (IOC) clarified that Indian sponsors will have no right of publicity, RIL renegotiated the contract and brought it down to Rs 17.5 crore, of which Rs six crore was already paid to the IOA. "Whatever I have done, I have done as per the constitution of the IOA. I have never gone against it. But this allegation that IOA incurred losses because of me is untrue. Everything is on record. The



terms of the contract had to be renegotiated once the IOC said that Indian sponsors have no right of publicity," Usha

said. Usha also said the EC members are wrong at pointing fingers at her as both joint secretary Kalyan Chaubey and Rohit Rajpal were part of the deliberations. "Kalyan, who was joint CEO then, wrote a letter to all the members on the issue. Rohit Rajpal

the general body. Wrestler Yogeshwar (Dutt) tried to take over the Ski & Snowboard Federation," Usha said.

> "The EC members have not allowed the IOA to work. The CEO has not been ratified or paid a penny. A worker who serves us tea has not been paid for months. They have been doing this since Day 1," she added. Usha and the execu-

> tive members are likely

to square up in the

Special General Body

# New Zealand's Williamson to miss initial part of Test series against India

TEXAS, Oct 9 (Agen-

cies): Sam Billings

and James Neesham

produced explosive

knocks while the bowl-

ers impressed as

Atlanta Kings regis-

tered a comprehensive

victory over New York

Lions in the National

Cricket League (NCL)

on Wednesday, Billings

looked in destructive

form as he slammed

66 off just 28 deliveries

with the help of 5 fours

and 6 sixes. However,

Neesham emerged

as the top scorer as

AUCKLAND, Oct 9 (Agencies): Senior batter Kane Williamson is set to miss the initial part of the upcoming three-Test series in India starting on October 16 due to groin strain, with New Zealand naming Mark Chapman as his cover in the 17-man squad here on Wednesday.

Williamson, who is dealing with a groin strain, will delay his departure to India where New Zealand will play three Tests at Bengaluru, Pune and Mumbai. While senior batting all-rounder Michael Bracewell has been roped in only for the first Test in Bengaluru, spinner Ish Sodhi will be available only for the second and third Tests. Tom Latham will be leading the Kiwis after



Tim Southee stepped aside from the leadership role a few days ago.

"Williamson experienced groin discomfort during the second Test against Sri Lanka in Galle and will require a period of rehabilitation before joining the Blackcaps Test squad in India," New Zealand Cricket said on their website.

New Zealand selector Sam Wells said the decision to delay Wilformer skipper more time to rest.

"The advice we've received is that the best course of action is for Kane to rest and rehabilitate now rather than risk aggravating the injury," said Wells.

"We're hopeful that if the rehabilitation goes to plan Kane will be available for the latter part of the tour. While it's obviously disappointing to not have Kane available play a role in an important series," he added. Chapman averages above 42 in first-class cricket in 44 matches but is yet to make his Test debut

Billings marched on to

their fifties and posted

For New York Lions,

every bowler struggled

with Mohammad Hafeez

conceding 51 runs in

3 overs while Tabraiz

Shamsi gave away 37

runs in 3 overs. Former

Indian cricket team allrounder Suresh Raina

a huge total of 153/1.

"We believe Mark (Chapman) is one of our best players of spin and has a proven trackrecord in the sub-continent," said Wells.

"Mark has displayed an ability to play spin proactively in the international arena, and combined with his excellent firstclass record, we see him as someone who can succeed in the type of conditions we expect to encounter in India." he added.

> Bracewell will return home after the first Test for the birth of his second child and will be

will be played at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium from October 16-20, the second will be held at the Maharashtra Cricket Association (MCA) Stadium in Gahunje, Pune from October 24-28.

The third and final Test will be held at the iconic Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai from November 1-5.

New Zealand squad for Test series in India:

Tom Latham (c), Tom Blundell (wk), Michael Bracewell (1st Test only), Mark Chapman, Devon Conway, Matt Henry, Daryl Mitchell, Will O'Rourke, Ajaz Patel, Glenn Phillips, Rachin Ravindra, Mitchell Santner, Ben Sears, Ish Sodhi (2nd & 3rd Test only), Tim Southee,

sat in few of the meetings with Reliance," she said.

Usha said that the

allegations were moti-

vated as a few of the

EC members have

been exposed for their

wrongdoings. While

Yadav has been ques-

tioned over his role in

writing off Rs 1.75 crore

that the Indian weight-

lifting Federation owed

the IOA, other EC mem-

bers are facing the heat

over their continuance in

office despite complet-

"Chaubey gave affili-

ation to the Taekwondo

Federation of India when

it had to be cleared by

ing their tenures.

(SGM), called to discuss amongst other issues the appointment of the CEO. When asked what will be her plan of action if the general house sides with the EC members. Usha said she will fight it out.

"I had never thought that I would become an MP or the IOA president. The SGM will decide and everyone will see who they want to support. If they want to support those who are not allowing IOA to function then it is up to them but now that I am here I will

not run away," she said.

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from the start of the tour. it provides an opportureplaced by Sodhi. While the opening Test nity for someone else to

Kane Williamson, Will Young.

# Spain striker Nico Williams out injured for **Denmark, Serbia Clashes**

MADRID, Oct 9 (Agencies): Spain will play Denmark and Serbia in the Nations League without striker Nico Williams after the star of the Euro 2024 title winning team picked up an injury with Athletic Bilbao. Williams reported for training camp at the national team base in Las Rozas,

near Madrid, but he was released "following talks between the medical services of his club and the national team." said a Spanish football federation statement. Sergio Gomez of Real

Sociedad, who was part of the Olympic gold medal winning side, has been called up to



replace Williams for the two matches in Murcia and Cordoba.

Winger Williams was named man of the match after scoring the opener when Spain beat England 2-1 in Berlin in July, and along with Lamine Yamal of Barcelona, is seen as the future of the national team.

## Saskia Horley's remarkable path: From Sydney suburbs to Scotland's T20 World Cup

It has been years since that episode aired, but Horley still gets plenty of questions about the experience of meeting her hero, even from her Scotland teammates.

DUBAI, Oct 9 (Agencies): Saskia Horley started playing football and cricket in her backyard with her dad while growing up in Sydney. She was a part of the Gordon Women's Cricket Club while playing some football for Northern Tigers FC.

One thing led to another and she got to feature in an episode of the series called 'Undercover Coach' by Disney Channel in Australia, where an international athlete would coach the young player for a day. Naturally, Horley's coach was dual international Ellyse Perry, who had represented her national side in both sports at that time.

It has been years since that episode aired, but Horley still gets plenty of questions about the experience of meeting her hero, even from her Scotland teammates. And she never shies away from answering. "People still ask me about it to this day, even on this team so it's great," Horley told this daily before the World

Cup. "I love it when it's brought up. It was an experience that I was very grateful to have that a lot of people didn't have the opportunity to do that. It's going to be

fun to see Pez around the hotel. I was a very young child at that point, but different now," she added

Starting with the domestic setup in New South Wales, Horley took a decision to represent her mother's heritage through the Scotland national team. Despite not knowing the



players, it didn't take her a lot of time to find a bond with her Scotland teammates. "The moment I first

saw the girls in that first training it was a great feeling. I met Rachel Slater first who was the best person to meet in that instance because it was just going to be so relaxed and we got along well. It is an amazing group to be a part of and everyone's so welcoming to new girls and it's a really good group," Horley cannot stop smiling while talking about her teammates.

After playing alongside Abtaha Magsood in the English domestic setup in Sunrisers, Horley knew about her a bit, but then captain Kathryn Bryce has been someone who has looked after her.

"It's outstanding. I hadn't come across Brycie before just because I was so far

away from Scotland. She is a great leader on the field. It is nice to have someone have your back in any sort of situation without her even needing to tell you. Abs (Abtaha) is outstanding. I think she's like a silent assassin and doesn't get to show too much emotion sometimes I think but her passion and pride for Scotland is something you can see from miles away which is special," she added. When asked about her

wish list, Horley cheekily

said she wants to score

at least a run and take a wicket. In the first match against Bangladesh in Sharjah she ticked both of those boxes. Even her best individual bowling figures came in Scotland's World Cup opener. "I would like to score at least one run. Love to take wickets because it would be really fun. I think to take in the whole experience and then win a match would be the cherry on top. I think to get at least one win as a whole team would be outstanding,' she added.

# LOCAL/ADVT

# **Student Welfare Committee of GDCW Kathua hosts Induction Program**

#### **Top News Report**

KATHUA, Oct 9: The Student Welfare Committee of Government Degree College for Women (GDCW) Kathua successfully organized an informative induction program for newly admitted Semester I students

The event was held on the college premises and saw active and enthusiastic participation from both students and faculty.

The program commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Sonika Jasrotia and was inaugurated by Dr. Savi Behl, Principal of GDCW Kathua, who served as the chief guest and the key resource person.

In her opening remarks, she warmly welcomed the new students, introducing them to the faculty members of different department and institution's

rules, and regulations. She emphasized the college's commitment to fostering a holistic learning environment that aligns with NEP 2020's goal of empowering students through multidisciplinary education and skill development opportunities. In her keynote address,

Dr. Savi Behl delved into the core principles of the NEP 2020, highlighting its student-centric approach,



flexible course structure, and its emphasis on enhancing critical thinking, innovation, and career development. She provided an in-depth explanation of the new

credit system, which offers a flexible curriculum, multiple exit options, and the integration of vocational education within the higher education framework. She encouraged students to seize the oppor-

tunities provided by NEP 2020, stressing the importance of continuous learning and personal growth.

The event saw active participation from approximately 130 Semester I students, who were keen to learn how NEP 2020 would shape their academic journey. The induction provided

valuable insights into the transformative nature of NEP 2020, offering stu-

dents a clearer understanding of its role in modernizing the Indian education system.

The program was graced by the presence of esteemed faculty members, including Dr. Seema Jolly, Prof. Ashwani Khajuria, Dr. Babita Mahajan, Dr. Amita Dua, Dr. Sonika Jasrotia, Dr. Satish Khajuria, Dr. Ajay Sanotra, and Dr. Gagan Kumar.

The induction program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Rachna, Dean of Student Welfare, who extended her heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Savi Behl for her insightful presentation. Dr. Rachna noted that the presentation, supported by a detailed PowerPoint, would significantly aid students in understanding the profound impact of NEP 2020 on their academic and professional futures.

Rao thanks voters of Doda **Assembly Constituency for their** support & Vote to Mehraj Malik

Delhi UT and given a new

concept of governance in

politics-i,e; "governance

Rao added that Delhi

type of governance is a

death blow to communal-

ism & hate policy of cer-

Rao further said that

only Aam Aadmi Party,

with its magical Policies

& Programs, has the

capacity to douse the

venomous situation cre-

ated in the country by the

He said that nationally

famed & world acclaimed progress in Education

and Health Sectors- irre-

spective of caste, creed

and colour across all

sections of society, can

surely go a long way in

dousing the venomously

charged communal atmo-

sphere because 40 % of

the total- allocation of the

BJP.

tain Political Parties.

to serve & not to rule".

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, OCT 9: Kuldeep Kumar Rao, Sr. AAP leader in a press statement issued here has thanked the voters of 52-Doda Assembly Constituency for their wholehearted physical, moral, ethical and financial support to a poor, educated, awakened, courageous, out spoken and selfless son of the soil-Mehraj-Ud-Din Malik as a Member of Legislative Assembly, rejecting the old spent forces of traditional political Parties for bringing holistic change and a new meaning to politics of service to the people.

Rao said that the AAP has taken its birth to the service of common man, the workers, laborers, farmers and exploited class of the society.

Rao congratulated Delhi and Punjab people for their wisdom and foresightedness who voted Kejriwal to serve the people, who has, because his visionary pro- people politics and programs, revolutionized and galvanized the budget in Delhi has been allocated for Education and Health sectors, which alone can galvanize the ground situation, he said. Rao, further said that a very dangerous trend is going rounds in politics these days. All traditional Political Parties are spreading the massage that if such and such Parties comes to power than such and such religion groups will be targeted. It is totally a false agenda being spread by these traditional political parties only to mislead poor people.

The need of the hour is to expose all these tradition political parties for playing caste base politics. The present situation in the country in general & J&K in particular is due to the corrupt & caste base politics being played by all these traditional political parties.

The need of the hour is to unitedly irrespective of caste, creed, colour or religion or region should expose and vote against them. No Hindu, Muslim, Sikh are safe in this corrupt and caste base politics.

## **GDC Ramnagar initiates** celebration of International **Girl Child Week**

#### **Top News Report**

RAMNAGAR, Oct 9: Women development cell of GDC Ramnagar initiated the celebration of international Girl child week 2024 from October 7- to 11, 2024 under the patronship of Dr Bhavnaish Chand Anthal, Principal GDC Ramnagar.

The events were organized under the Sankalp Hub for Empowerment of women (Mission Shakti) Udhampur

The International Day of the girl child aligns with the mandate of the scheme Beti Bachaao Beti Padhao (BBBP), reinforcing the commitment to the survival, protection and empowerment of the girls.

On day 3 of the celebration of international girl child week. an awareness session was organized on 9th October.2024, in which a national award-winning of the college. Around 40 students attended the session. The movie highlighted the benefits of teaching students about ways to tackle child abuse.

Prof Eisha Gohil, convener, Women Development Cell discussed with students about the need to impart knowledge regarding the potential dangers of abuse and the role of students in preventing this anti- social behaviour.

Prof. (Dr) Bhavnaish Chand Anthal, Principal GDC Ramnagar highlighted the importance of educating and training of children about sexual abuse which could lead to both short- and longterm effects on physicalsocial and psychological

functioning. The vote of thanks was presented by Prof Sonia Raj. Prof Ritika Mahajan, NSS PO, Prof. Parminder Kumar and Prof. Tan-

### Srinagar to host first-ever Legends League Cricket match at Bakshi Stadium today; Massive crowd expected

athlete and longtime

cricket fan, shared his

excitement: "It is going to

be something new for me

and for the cricket enthu-

siasts. It will be the first

time we see superstars,

who have earned their

names, playing in Kash-

The Bakshi Stadium

has been selected over

Sher-e-Kashmir Crick-

et Stadium due to its

30.000-seat capacity,

allowing a larger crowd

to witness the historic

event. The ground,

which was primarily a

football stadium, has

been revamped with the

help of international pitch

experts to meet cricket-

"We should have IPL

and other league match-

es here in Srinagar.

Maybe this league will

pave the way for some-

thing more," said Khalid,

a young cricket enthusi-

This tournament, which

kicked off on September

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#### grace the field. **Top News Report** Mudasir Ahmad, a local

SRINAGAR, Oct 9: The iconic Bakshi Stadium in Srinagar is all set to host its first-ever Legends League Cricket (LLC) match today, featuring international cricket stars from India and around the world in action.

Cricket fans are set to witness a star-studded encounter between Toyam Hyderabad and Southern Super Stars in Match 19 of the tournament, marking the return of international cricket players to the Valley for the first time in almost four decades

That international stars such as Martin Guptill and Dinesh Karthik from Southern Super Stars, alongside Suresh Raina and Stuart Binny from Toyam Hyderabad, have already arrived in Srinagar, fueling excitement in the region.

The Southern Super-Stars, led by Karthik, are up against a formidable Toyam Hyderabad side will host matches featuring other iconic cricket legends, including lan Bell, Harbhajan Singh, Irfan Pathan, Shikhar Dhawan, and Chris Gayle over the next week. Given the scale of the event, security measures have been significantly heightened.

Senior police officials and security agencies have set up tight arrangements around the stadium. Metal detectors, drone surveillance, and additional personnel have been deployed to ensure a smooth and safe event.

"We have a comprehensive security plan in place, and our priority is the safety of players, officials, and spectators," a senior police officer overseeing the arrangements told.

With the final match of the league set for October 16, this marks a monumental return of international cricket to Kashmir after nearly 40 years. Fans and organizFounder NDA Sushil Charak congratulates Dr. Manyal on his victory in Ramgarh

### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Oct 9: Sushil Singh Charak, a prominent social activist and founder of the Nations Development Association (NDA), extended his heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal on his recent election victory in the Ramgarh constituency. Dr. Manyal secured an impressive 35,672 votes, achieving a significant lead of 14,202 votes.

Charak commented, "This victory is a testament to Dr. Manyal's dedication and commitment to the people of Ramgarh. His hard work has truly paid off, and I have every confidence



Human Rights Organisathe people of Ramgarh, tion in Jammu and Kashand I look forward to the mir, Charak has been an positive changes he will bring to the community," advocate for social justice and human rights, Charak added. actively collaborating

Dr. Manyal is a seasoned politician and

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short film on child sexual abuse 'Komal' was shown to the students

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### Party leaders to meet & discuss future course of action: NC's Nasir Aslam Wani

and dignity."

ministerial candidate.

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**Top News Report** 

SRINAGAR, Oct 9: A day after the National Conference (NC) and Congress alliance secured a resounding victory in the Jammu and Kashmir elections, hundreds of jubilant supporters gathered outside the Srinagar residence of NC leaders Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah to congratulate them.

By chanting slogans in support of the Abdullah family and waving party flags, the crowd celebrated the victory of the National Conference, which emerged as a dominant force in the NC- Congress alliance. This victory is seen as a critical moment for the NC-Congress coalition, which campaigned on promises of restoring statehood and addressing long-standing grievances following the abrogation of Article 370.

Farooq Abdullah, the veteran leader and meet Kour also graced the event with their pres-

under Raina's leadership. 20, is expected to wrap Fans will also see players like Kedar Jadhav Pawan Negi, Parthiv

up its remaining matches in Srinagar. In addition to today's Patel, and Shaun Marsh clash, Bakshi Stadium ers alike are hopeful this event will pave the way for larger cricketing tournaments in the region, potentially even the IPL.

that he will continue to champion the welfare of his constituents." As a former Secre-

tary of the International represents a victory for

tions to promote development and equality in the region. "Dr. Manyal's win

with various organiza-

former Health Minister, previously serving as MLA from Samba, and is currently the BJP General Secretary for J&K.



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