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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, addressing unemployment and other issues.

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 Allaiddin 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 Tariq Hameed Karra today visited the Abdullahs' to extend greetings on

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LG Sinha congratulates NC-led alliance for winning J-K elections

Rajiv

SRINAGAR, Oct 9: Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj 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

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

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

should be a cordial relationship with New Delhi. My advice to him (CM) will be that we cannot address any issues by having a confrontation with the Centre.

"It is not that we will accept the BJP's politics, or that the BJP will accept our politics. We will continue to oppose the BJP, but it is not our compulsion to oppose the Centre," he said.

"It will be for the benefit of J-K and for the people of J-K to have a good relationship with the Centre," Abdullah said.

"The people have not voted for a confrontation. 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 electricity and other issues and that redressal will not happen by having a confrontation with New Delhi," he added.

Abdullah said the NC would call a meeting of the legislative party on

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Abducted Army man's body found in Kokernag forests

SRINAGAR, Oct 9 (Agencies): Security forces on Wednesday recovered the bullet-ridden body of a missing 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 said.

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

input, a joint counter terrorist operation was launched by #IndianArmy alongwith @JmuKmrPolice & other agencies in Kazwan Forest #Kokernag on 08 Oct 24. Operation continued overnight as one soldier of Territorial Army was reported missing," Srinagar-based Chinara Corps of the Army posted on X.

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

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Four Independent MLAs who quit 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.

In the elections, seven independent candidates



emerged victorious in their respective constituencies.

Former judge Muzaffar Iqbal Khan defeated

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



SRINAGAR, Oct 9 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Congress chief Tariq Hameed Karra on Wednesday said the party would introspect its dismal performance in the assembly polls in the Jammu region.

He also alleged that there were some lapses on part of the administration or some deliberate attempts in the run up to the polls.

"We are very sorry for that, but we will introspect it. But, there are other factors also. There were lapses on part of the administration, or some deliberate attempts - in the last three days all the checkpoints established by the police were taken off, and the distribution of money and liquor was facilitated," Karra told.

The JKPC president

along with party's in-charge 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 mandate of the people was against the BJP's "hate politics and their oppressive policies".

"It is against their divisive policies, hate-mongering, 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

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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

Finally 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 pre-poll 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 6 or 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 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 Haryana, 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 single-handed. 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 pro-poor 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.

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

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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-



toes into gold and jalebis made by machines reflects a strategy to portray opponents as unrealistic or overly ambitious, contrasting them with the BJP's perceived pragmatism," he said.

Chandel claimed that

the Valmiki Harijan community and the Jat community were instrumental in the BJP's success in Haryana.

By asserting that "not 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.

JCB India launches its most fuel-efficient Tracked Excavator

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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 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

operations comfortable 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.

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 world-class 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."

IMS Jammu organizes ARAMBH 24- Induction Programme for BBA & BCA 1st Sem



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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

audience as he explored the significance of the 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.

He detailed the market's key participants and traced the growth 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 of the Indian economy further inspired students to consider stock market careers as a viable and exciting path.

Following this, Er. Divya Jamwal, Coordinator of the Management Depart-

ment, led an engaging session on entrepreneurship.

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 anti-ragging 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 development.

A vote of thanks was presented by Er. Divya Jamwal. Bhanu Pratap Singh was presented with a memento for his invaluable contribution to the day's program.

LG Mishra discusses construction of Eklavya Model Residential School at Kargil



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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.

Er Rashid, his associates are BJP agents, claims NC's Hilal Akbar Lone

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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 reporters.

Lone, who won the

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.

BSP pays tribute Kanshi Ram on 18th Parinirvana Diwas



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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 Chargoitra, 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.

In his address, Raja Ram emphasized Kanshi Ram's significant contributions 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

communities, contributing to the broader mission of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar. Raja Ram's remarks served to remind attendees of the enduring impact of Kanshi Ram's work on Indian society.

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, emphasizing the party's mission to advocate for the rights and welfare of backward 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 reaffirmation of the BSP's dedication to social justice. By bringing together party leaders and workers, the 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 communities remain a central focus of its political agenda.

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

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.

Delegation of teacher aspirants calls on LG Mishra



Top News Report

LEH, Oct 9: A delegation comprising Tsetan Dolker and Lobzang Chune, 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 Chune appraised 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.

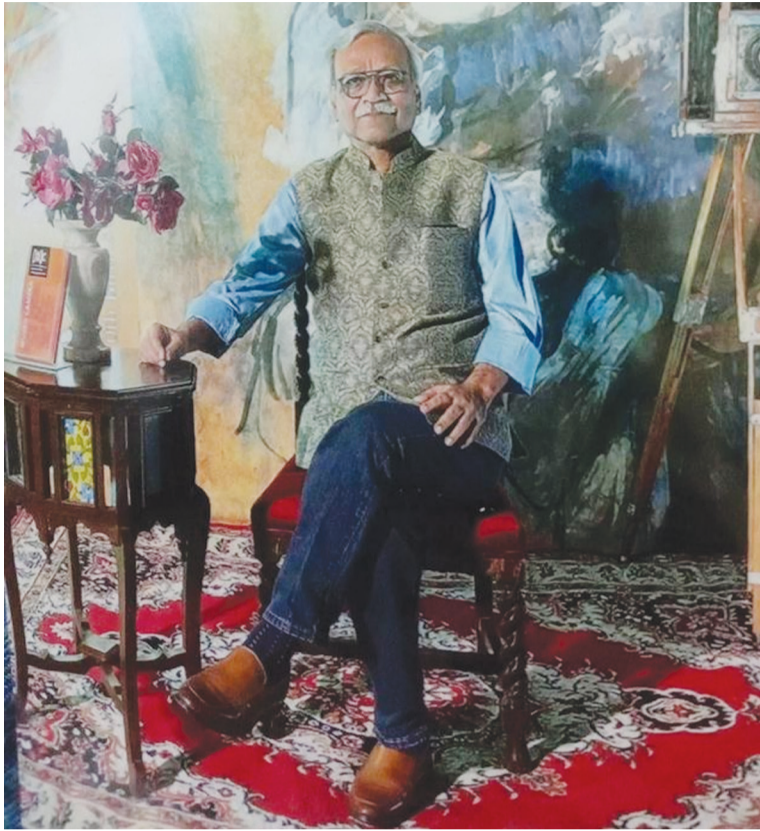
Author Ashwini Bhatnagar, whose book on Amrita Sher-Gil, 'Amrita and Victor', is being adapted into a documentary, says he has not fictionalised even one bit of her life

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.

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 chronicle; 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 co-producer 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 be!

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."

Monali, recipient of several awards, including a National Film Award for the song Moh Moh Ke Dhaage from Dum Laga Ke Haisha (2015) and a Filmfare Award for Sawaar Loon from Lootera (2013), says the music scene 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," she believes.

Monali, who was a judge of Zee TV's singing 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 playback singer who is now about to start with

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 songwriter, who is involved in the whole creative process. 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. However, if I get to sing a beautiful melody, it is 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 and that makes me very happy."

Monali is inspired by quite a few music legends and says, "Bade Gulam Ali Khan sahib and Jagdish Prasad ji, his student and my 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."

Moving along as she 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 Poojaa 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-



Gujarati 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 multi-city 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.

Rituparna Sengupta: Durga Puja is like a lifeline for Bengalis

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



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

ing Anjali in new saree in the mandap on the main Ashtami day."

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 Chittrakoot 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 begun 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.

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.

Commenting 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 & Agniveer-vayu) 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 four-day event.

First Lady, Neelam Mishra; Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalsong; Former Rajya Sabha MP Tarun Vijay, Former MP Lok Sabha, Jyamyang 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.

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 inaugurated 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 socio-economic importance of anardana cultivation, underscoring its contri-

buton 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, Scientist 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

Ramban.

The training session also featured interactive discussions, with Anardana growers from the region sharing their experiences and challenges in cultivation and marketing. Their active participation enriched the event, providing practical insights into the ground realities faced by farmers. The resource persons were felicitated by momento.

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 crops in the region.

The training concluded with a positive response from anardana growers, who expressed their gratitude for the valuable information shared and vowed to implement the knowledge gained in their farming practices.

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I, Mohd Mudassar Jagal, S/o Mohd Latief, R/o Ward No 07 Phambanar Gursahi, district Poonch, J&K have applied for correction of my name which has wrongly been written as Mohd Mudassar Jagal in my driving licence bearing No. JK1220200001489. Objection if any may be conveyed to the ARTO Poonch within seven days from the date of publication of this notice.

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I, Sanjeev Chouhan, S/o Sh Rattan Lal Chouhan, R/o Chauhane Chak, Tehsil Marh, District Jammu have stated that his Date of Birth is August 3, 1977 at home. I am applying for the registration of Date of Birth certificate. Objection if any may be conveyed in the court of Executive Magistrate Marh with 7 day s of the publication of this notice.

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

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 depart-

ments also shared detailed insights on various government initiatives aimed at enhancing livelihoods and protecting the environment.

A documentary showcasing the rich biodiversity of the Ladakh region was also screened for the participants.

Ghulam Abass, Director CBC J&K & Ladakh region, emphasized CBC's role in conducting outreach programmes across Ladakh region with a focus on reaching the remotest areas to ensure an

informed 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 entertainment 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.

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LG Sinha congratulates NC-led alliance for winning J-K elections

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

us to work for the benefit of the people of J-K. I am also acutely aware of the fact that 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.

The Government that comes 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.

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.

Senior Political leader Mohd Aslam Kohli of Surankote who was campaigning for 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 JKPC 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.

lost the elections.

The Congress had said the result in 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.

JNV students experience Legacy and Learning at GGM Science College

Top News Report

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 Vidyalaya, 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 Maheshwari 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

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 animal species.

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 were 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



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

been an integral part of the legal curriculum in Indian universities since 1985. Moot court is a form of legal education that involves research, writing, and presenting oral arguments on a given legal issue or problem. The term "moot" means "open to discussion", and reflects the fact that moot court cases are usually based on unsettled or controversial areas of law. Moot court cases can cover any branch of law, such as constitutional law, international law, criminal law, human rights law, etc.

Dr. Walia while addressing said that the purpose of moot court is to train law students for their future careers by providing a realistic legal environment to develop and

practice skills. Moot court competitions help students develop skills like legal research, writing, and oral advocacy. It will students build confidence in presenting their arguments in front of judges and peers. Moot court is not only a co-curricular activity but also a valuable learning experience for law students. added walia.

The student committee including President Adarsh Jha, Vice Presidents Muskan & Nishu, Social media head Himanshu & Jasagam, Promotion Head Nitin & Arit 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," motivating the students to

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 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 achievement 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

strive 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 each other. The event also featured various fun-filled games that allowed students to share and display their talents.

Two distinguished alumni, Naman Mansotra and Nirbhay 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

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 committee against sexual harassment.

This was followed by the information shared by Dr. Taniya 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.

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.

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

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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."

Rubro: A literary interaction, felicitation, book release event organised at JU

Top News Report

JAMMU, Oct 9: The Department of Punjabi, University of Jammu, in collaboration with the Punjabi Lekhak Sabha, Jammu, hosted "Rubro," 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 well-known Punjabi author and intellectual. Guests of Honour included Dr. Manmohan, an IPS Officer and respected poet and professor at Guru Nanak Dev University,

Amritsar, along with Sawarnjeet Singh Savi, Chairman Punjab Art Council and an accomplished artist.

Prof. Sucheta Pathania, Head, Department of Punjabi, welcomed the audience and dignitaries, highlighting the department's various academic and literary initiatives. She also acknowledged the collaborative efforts with other prominent literary organizations that made the event possible.

Dr. Harsimran Singh provided an insightful overview of "Muhabbat," Dr. Raina's novel, emphasizing its themes of love, separation, and the ideological differences between India and Pakistan. The novel also explores the impact of the 1947 partition on the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Literary figures praised Dr. Raina's work for its deeply emotional

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 co-ordinating and hosting the proceedings. The event drew participation from university faculty, officers, scholars, students, and notable literary personalities from various languages, making "Rubro" 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.

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

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 health-care 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, Dr. Jitendra 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, high-quality medicines is truly commendable. We now rank 3rd in pharmaceutical production by volume

and 14th by value." One of the most remarkable shifts within the industry has been the transition from a generic-focused model to the development of biopharmaceuticals and biosimilars, he added.

Speaking about the next industrial revolution, 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 becoming a global leader in biopharmaceuticals, biomanufacturing, and life sciences by 2030. However, there is still much to be achieved. I congratulate CII and the life sciences industry on your success, but we must not lose sight of the immense opportunities ahead, he added.

Dr. Jitendra said, every third tablet consumed globally is made in India. A recent Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) survey across 48,000 drug samples from all Indian states revealed a spurious drug incidence of just 0.0245%. However, as goods travel across diverse climatic regions, improving the infrastructure and efficiency of transporting pharmaceutical products is vital to

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 industry-academia collaborations, particularly in sectors like advanced materials, EV mobility, and health technology.

Health Department launches comprehensive health initiative in Leh Schools

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 Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (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

pediatric health experts, 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 treatment.

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 puberty-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 Psychologist.

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

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



(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

that the 2025 ICC Champions Trophy will be held successfully in Pakistan, with all participating teams, including India, expected to participate in the tournament.

Set to take place from February 19 to March 9, the Champions Trophy will be played across Lahore, Karachi, and Rawal-

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," Naqvi added.

Sam Billings, James Neesham guide Atlanta Kings to massive win over New York Lions



TEXAS, Oct 9 (Agencies): Sam Billings and James Neesham produced explosive knocks while the bowlers impressed as Atlanta Kings registered 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

he slammed 69 in 26 deliveries with 6 fours and 6 sixes. The New York Lions bowlers struggled massively to keep the runs in check as both Neesham and Billings marched on to their fifties and posted a huge total of 153/1.

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 all-rounder Suresh Raina

bowled just one over in the encounter but he ended up conceding 27 runs.

In response, Upul Tharanga was the only positive for New York Lions but his effort went in vain as they were beaten by 60 runs. Tharanga scored 55 in 25 balls with the help of 4 fours and 5 sixes but the former Sri Lanka cricketer did not get any support from the other batters.

Manvinder Bisla was the second highest run-scorer with 13.

Imran Tahir, Danish Aziz and Saad Humayan took two wickets each as New York Lions struggled massively to score runs. Gajanan 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 sat in few of the meetings with Reliance," she said.

Usha said that the allegations were motivated as a few of the EC members have been exposed for their wrongdoings. While Yadav has been questioned over his role in writing off Rs 1.75 crore that the Indian weightlifting Federation owed the IOA, other EC members are facing the heat over their continuance in office despite completing their tenures.

"Chaubey gave affiliation to the Taekwondo Federation of India when it had to be cleared by

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 executive members are likely to square up in the Special General Body (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.

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

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 Williamson's departure to India was to give the

former 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 from the start of the tour, it provides an opportunity for someone else to

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.

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

"Mark has displayed an ability to play spin proactively in the international arena, and combined with his excellent first-class 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 replaced by Sodhi.

While the opening Test

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, 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 amaz-

ing 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 Maqsood 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.

Student Welfare Committee of GDCW Kathua hosts Induction Program

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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 departments 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

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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, outspoken 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



Delhi UT and given a new concept of governance in politics-i.e; "governance to serve & not to rule".

Rao added that Delhi type of governance is a death blow to communalism & hate policy of certain Political Parties.

Rao further said that only Aam Aadmi Party, with its magical Policies & Programs, has the capacity to douse the venomous situation created in the country by the BJP.

He said that nationally famed & world acclaimed progress in Education and Health Sectors- irrespective of caste, creed and colour across all sections of society, can surely go a long way in dousing the venomously charged communal atmosphere because 40 % of the total-allocation of 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 message 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 traditional 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

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

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 long-term effects on physical-social and psychological functioning.

The vote of thanks was presented by Prof Sonia Raj. Prof Ritika Mahajan, NSS PO, Prof. Parminder Kumar and Prof. Tanmeet Kour also graced the event with their presence.

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

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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 under Raina's leadership. Fans will also see players like Kedar Jadhav, Pawan Negi, Parthiv Patel, and Shaun Marsh

grace the field.

Mudasir Ahmad, a local athlete and longtime cricket fan, shared his excitement: "It is going to be something new for me and for the cricket enthusiasts. It will be the first time we see superstars, who have earned their names, playing in Kashmir. I am excited."

The Bakshi Stadium has been selected over Sher-e-Kashmir Cricket 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 cricketing standards.

"We should have IPL and other league matches here in Srinagar. Maybe this league will pave the way for something more," said Khalid, a young cricket enthusiast from the city.

This tournament, which kicked off on September 20, is expected to wrap up its remaining matches in Srinagar.

In addition to today's clash, Bakshi Stadium

will host matches featuring other iconic cricket legends, including Ian 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 organizers alike are hopeful this event will pave the way for larger cricketing tournaments in the region, potentially even the IPL.

Founder NDA Sushil Charak congratulates Dr. Manyal on his victory in Ramgarh

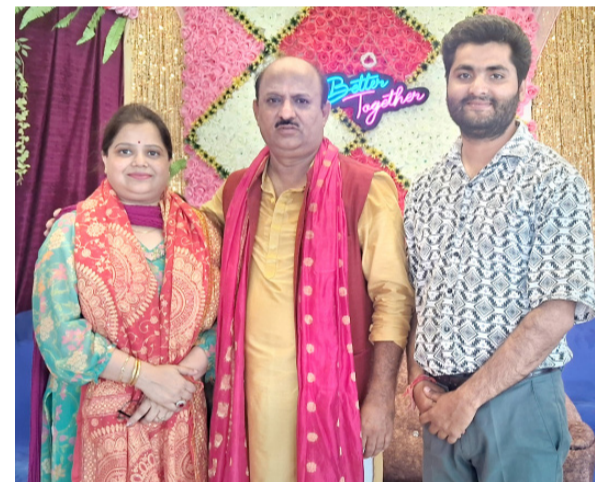
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JAMMU, Oct 9: Sushil Singh Charak, a prominent social activist and founder of the Nations Development Association (NDA), extended his heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal on his recent election victory in the Ramgarh constituency.

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 that he will continue to champion the welfare of his constituents."

As a former Secretary of the International



Human Rights Organisation in Jammu and Kashmir, Charak has been an advocate for social justice and human rights, actively collaborating with various organizations to promote development and equality in the region.

"Dr. Manyal's win represents a victory for

the people of Ramgarh, and I look forward to the positive changes he will bring to the community," Charak added.

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

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

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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

former Chief Minister of J&K, stepped out to greet the supporters, thanking them for their unwavering trust and participation in the democratic process.

His son, Omar Abdullah, also expressed his gratitude, stating, "This victory belongs to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. We will continue to fight for your rights and dignity."

The National Conference (NC) and Congress alliance is poised to form the government in Jammu and Kashmir within the next few days, with strong indications that Omar Abdullah will be the coalition's chief ministerial candidate.

Senior NC leader Nasir Aslam Wani said that the party leaders will meet to discuss the strategy and future course of action.

If confirmed, Omar Abdullah's appointment would mark a significant return to leadership for the former chief minister, who previously served two terms.

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