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#### BRIEFLY

#### **Omar** defends **Statehood** resolution, says Article 370 is Legislature's **Prerogative**

SRINAGAR, Oct 19 (Agencies): Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday took to social media to defend his government's focus on statehood restoration. Omar said that Article 370, which provided special autonomy to Jammu and Kashmir, requires action by the legislature.

Omar said since statehood can be granted or altered by a decision of the government, it was addressed first, while Article 370 requires legislative involvement. "Article 370 is the purview of the legislature, while statehood is the purview of the government. Hence, the statehood resolution has come first," he wrote on X.

The Omar Abdullahled National Conference government, at its first cabinet meeting on Thursday, unanimously adopted a resolution seeking the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

Opposition parties, including the PDP, were critical of the move. "Omar Abdullah's first resolution on statehood is nothing less than a ratification of the August 5, 2019 decision. No resolution on Article 370, and scaling down the demand to mere statehood, is a huge setback, especially after seeking votes on the promise of restoring Article 370," PDP Youth President and Pulwama MLA Waheed Para posted on X.

#### **CRPF** personnel injured in **Budgam** road accident succumbs

SRINAGAR, Oct 19 (Agencies): A Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) trooper injured in a road accident in Jammu & Kashmir's Budgam district on Friday, succumbed to critical injuries on Saturday in the hospital. Nineteen CRPF troopers were injured on Friday when their

vehicle went out of the driver's control and skidded off the road. The injured troopers belong to 181-F company of the CRPF. A

rescue team Turn to page 9 **Mubarak Gul takes oath as Protem Speaker of J&K Assembly** 



SRINAGAR, Oct 19 (Agencies): Six-time National Conference (NC) MLA Mubarak Gul took oath as the pro tem speaker of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly here on Saturday.

Gul was administered

the oath of office by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at a function at Raj Bhavan.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, ministers and senior officials were present at the swearingin ceremony.

Gul, who won Eidgah assembly seat in Srinagar for the sixth time in the recent assembly polls, was appointed the pro tem speaker on

He will administer oath to the newly elected

members of the assembly on Monday at 2 PM. Gul served as speaker of the assembly of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir from 2013 to 2015. He was advisor to Abdullah during his first term as Chief Minister.

#### LG Sinha clears resolution passed by Omar-Led Cabinet urging **Centre to Restore Statehood**

SRINAGAR, Oct 19 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has cleared a resolution passed by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah-led cabinet urging the Centre to restore the statehood to the Union territory, officials said on Saturday.

"The cabinet which met under the chairmanship of Omar Abdullah on

Thursday passed a unanimous resolution for restoration of statehood in its original form." an official spokesperson said.

Without giving any further details, the officials asserted that the LG has cleared the resolution passed by the cabinet.

The spokesperson said the restoration of

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#### LG Manoj Sinha, CM Omar Abdullah condemns killing of non-local labourer in Shopian

SRINAGAR, Oct 19 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday condemned the killing of a non-local labourer whose bullet-riddled body was found in Shopian district.

Security forces are determined to hunt down the culprits and bring them to justice, he said.

"I strongly condemn the brutal killing of a vendor, Ashok Chauhan. in Shopian by cowardly

terrorists. The entire nation stands shoulder to shoulder with his family. Our security forces are determined to hunt down the culprits and bring them to justice," the LG said on X.

Sinha said his thoughts are with Chauhan's family members and friends in this time of grief.

"I have directed the Jammu Kashmir Police & District Administration to extend all the support," he added.

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#### Two terrorists linked with **JKGF** arrested in Poonch:

**Police** 

JAMMU. Oct 19 (Agencies): Police have arrested two hybrid terrorists of Jammu and Kashmir Ghaznavi Force (JKGF) with grenades and arms in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Police sources on Saturday said that two hybrid terrorists associated with JKGF were arrested on Friday evening with three grenades and a pistol.

"The timely arrest of the terrorists have thwarted potential attacks in the region," they said, adding that the operation reflects the relentless efforts of security forces to combat terrorism in the region.

#### Mild earthquake in Doda town, adjoining areas

DODA, Oct 19 (Agencies): A mild earthquake was felt in Doda town and adjoining areas which lasted for a few

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#### Kashmir Marathon: 59 Int'l athletes among 2000 participants to flex muscles on 42-km stretch tomorrow



(Agencies): For the first time Kashmir will host a mega International Marathon with the participation of 2000 athletes including 59 foreign international athletes as well. The Athletes will run 42-kms full marathon and 21-kms half marathon tomorrow (Sunday).

Addressing the press conference here, Director Tourism Raja Yaqoob Faroog as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said for the first time there are over 2000 registrations for the Marathon. "Representations are from 29 UTs and 13 foreign countries. There are 59 foreign international Athletes participating in the half and full marathons tomorrow (Sunday)," he

He said that there are 30-35 participants from **Turn to page 9** 

#### Driver killed as truck plunges into gorge on **Srinagar-Jammu National Highway**

SRINAGAR, Oct 19 (Agencies): A tragic road accident occurred at Khoni Nallah along the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway today, resulting in the on spot death of a truck driver while his helper narrowly escaped.

The truck, reportedly enroute from Jammu to Srinagar, veered off the road and plunged into a deep gorge near Khoni Nallah.

News agency reported that the driver was killed

on the spot. His body was retrieved

and shifted to Ramban Hospital for further proceedings and identification.

According to eyewitnesses, the truck lost control at a treacherous curve before skidding off the highway.

"The driver seemed to have lost control, and the truck just skidded off the road into the gorge. It all happened in seconds," said a local who witnessed the accident.

The helper, who was traveling with the driver, miraculously survived by jumping from the truck moments before it fell.

"I saw the truck losing control, and I jumped out just in time," he recounted, visibly shaken by the ordeal. The official confirmation is still awaited.

Police have launched an investigation to determine the exact cause of the accident.

The Jammu-Srinagar National Highway,

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With profound grief we regret to inform you that our mother Mrs Indu Dasi (W/o Late Dr GS Dasi) left for her heavenly abode on 14th Oct 2024.

Mourning will be observed at 228, Savitri Towers VIP Road Zirakpur 140803.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Haridwar on 22nd October 2024.

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Sh.H.L Dasi & family

Smt.Sunita Dassi W/o Lt. Ravinder Dassi & family

Daughters and Son in law: lesha Dasi W/o Rohit Koul

Manvika Dasi W/o Rohit Malla

Grand kids: Lehar, Vishruth and Vanya Contact Number: 7719926686, 7738060099

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Karamyogni Smt

Sh. Radhey Sham Sharma

Sub Inspector (BSF)

SH.BHUPINDER GUPTA

(BITTU)

#### 10TH DAY/KRIYA

our revered & beloved mother Karamyogni Smt Sheela Rani Zutshi (W/o Lt. Sh Saligram Zutshi) originally resident of Nai Sarak Srinagar, Kashmir at present at Plot No. 30, Sector 7 Lower Roop Nagar, Jammu left for her heavenly abode on 13th Oct. 2024.

We are grateful for her love and spiritual inspiration given to us and others.

10th Day Kriya will be performed on Tuesday 22nd Oct. 2024 at 9 am at Muthi Ghat, Jammu Sheela Rani Zutshi (near Directorate of School Education).

Grief Stricken Son & Daughter-in-law

Sh Sanjay Kumar Zutshi & Smt Suneeta Pandita

Daughters & Sons-in-law Smt Anjana Zutshi & Sh Roop Krishen Razdan

Smt Maniu Zutshi & Sh Suneel Raina

All family members: Zutshi's, Kak's, Pandita's & Grand Children

Contact: 9796691661, 9419181702, 9910076731

### 10TH DAY / KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Radhey Sham Sharma who left for heavenly abode on 10-10-2024.

10th Day will be performed on 19-10-2024 (Saturday) at Purkhoo at 11,00 hours.

Kriya will be held on 20-10-2024 (Sunday) at Purkhoo.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Vaishno Devi - Wife

Sh. Dwarika nath & Smt. Anju Devi - Son-in-law & Daughter

Sh. Bodh Raj Sharma & Smt. Swati Sharma - Son & Daughter-in-law

Sh. Kanav & Kashvi - Grand Son & Grand Daughter

Ph. No: 8492096096, 9419137283



You left us beautiful memories, Your love is still our guide. And Although we cannot see you, You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken, And nothing seems the same But as God calls us one by one, The chain will link again.

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad, unfortunate and untimely demise of our beloved S. Devinder Singh Ball S/o

S. Devinder Singh Bali Lt. S Isher Singh Bali R/o Rehari Chungi who left for heavenly journey on 13-10-2024. PROGRAMME:

Aaramith Shri Akhand Path Sahib at our residence Rehari Chungi on 19-10-2024 (Saturday) Timing: 9:30 am.

Bhog Akhand Path Sahib at our residence on 21-10-2024 (Monday) Timing: 9:30 am.

Kirtan And Antim Ardas at Gurutwara Kalgid har Sahib, Rehari Chungi on 21-10-2024 (Monday) Timing: 11.00 am -12:30 pm. GRIEF STRICKEN Sdr. Teiinder Kour -Wife S. Hardeep Singh Bali -Son

Hneet Kaur & S. Inderjeet Singh -Daughter & Son-in-law Deepi Bali - Daughter Mandeep Kour & S. Bhupinder Singh (DSP) - Daughter & Son-In-law S. Karan Singh Ball & Sdr. Rajinder Kour - Brother & Sister-in-law S. Gurcharan Singh Bali & Sdr Devinder Kour -Brother & Sister-in-law

Sdr. Ranjeet Kour -Sister Grand Children: Rajveer Singh, Manueer Singh, Gurveer Singh, Jasmeh Kaur

Mobile No. 9419183037

#### TENTH DAY/ KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF SH.BHUPINDER GUPTA (BITTU) S/O SH. BRIJ MOHAN GUPTA R/O BILLAWAR WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 11-10-2024.

TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON 20-10 2024 SUNDAY AT OUR RESIDENCE.

KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 23-10-2024 WEDNESDAY AT OUR RESIDENCE

GRIEF STRICKEN: -

FATHER & MOTHER

SH. BRIJ MOHAN GUPTA AND SMT. RAM PYARI

SMT. TRIPTA GUPTA (WIFE) **BROTHER & SISTER IN LAW** 

SH. DANESH GUPTA & SMT SUPRIYA GUPTA SH. NAVNEET GUPTA & SMT.RUCHI MAHAJAN SH, SANJEEV GUPTA & SMT, POONAM GUPTA.

SISTER & BROTHER IN LAW SMT. SAMRITI & SH. BHUPINDER GUPTA

SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW

SH . ABHISHEK & DR. TANYA GUPTA

DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW DR. SHIVANI & DR. ANKUSH

PHONE NO. - 9419324554, 9419156345, 7006504144



demise of our beloved Sh. Rattan Lal Saproo (Tota Saproo) S/o Late Smt. Dulari Saproo (Saraf) and Late Sh. Prem Nath Saproo of Nai- Basti Ananthag, A/p Ward No. 62, H.No. 1024, Dr. Choudhary Lane, Near Kailash Ashram, Roop Nagar, jammu on 16-10-2024.

Ghat near Directorate of School Education at 8:30 AM. GRIEF STRICKEN & FONDLY REMEMBERED BY

Ambica Saproo - Daughter (7889894746)

Sister & Brother-in-law

Smt. Meena Koul & Sh. Sudhir Koul - 6006272889

Ankush Koul & Vaishnavi Koul

Manisha Saproo Samest 'Saproo' Parivar of Pehroo

Samest 'Bhat' Parivar of Panian-Vessu

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Purkhao.

Sh. Kanav & Kashvi - Grand Son & Grand Daughter

Ph. No: 8492096096, 9419137283

10TH DAY KRIYA of Phoola Tikoo (Razdan) W/o Raj Bhushan Razdan will

Venue: Shri Gauri Shankar Mandir, New Palam Vihar, Block T, Sector 109, Gurugram, Haryana.

held at 11 a.m. at Community Center, Aastha Apartments Plot No 19 - B, Sector

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Raj Bhushan Razdan (9910435661)

Rakesh Razdan (9818194009)



One year has passed since you left for heavenly abode. Your memories are still fresh and feel your presence is everywhere. Though the pain of losing you will never fade, but your love and memories always with us.

Masvar and Vaharwar of our beloved son Late Vinay Dhar will be performed on October, 19 and 20, 2024 at our residence Baba Surgal Gali Near Police Post Poni Chack Jammu.

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:-Sh. Basi Lal Dhar - Father

Smt. Kiran Dhar - Mother Sh. Arun Dhar - Brother

Mobile No: 9906034605, 9149905564, 7006355964

#### 10TH DAY/KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THAT OUR BELOVED SH SANJAY KHAJURIA SYO LATE SHISATYA AUL KHAJURIA RESIDENT OF SECTOR1 SANJAY NAGAR LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 11T HOCT 2024. 10TH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON SUNDAY 20 OCT 2024 AT OUR RESIDENCE AT 11AM. THE RASAM KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON MONDAY

GRIEF STRICKEN SMT PUSHPA DEVI - MOTHER SUNITA SHARMA - WIFE SURBHI SHARMA - DAUGHTER ANSH KHAJURIA - SON BROTHER AND BHABI AJAY KHAJURIA AND REKHA

RAKESH KHAJURIA AND ARTI UNCLE AND AUNTS MAHESH CHANDER KHAJURIA AND KRISHNA T SHIKHEM RAJIKHAJURIA AND RAN SHOK KHAJURIA AND KANCHAN

BROTHERS UNIL KHAJURIA SANDEEP KHAJURIA RAM KHAJURIA HAM KHAJURIA BHISHEK KHAJURIA

#### **10TH DAY**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our Karam Yogi Father Sh. Prem Nath Bhat S/o Shumboo Nath originally resident of Village Gugloosa Tehsil Trehgam, Kupwara At present TRT No 17, Block-G, Purkhoo Camp Domana Jammu who left us for heavenly abode on 13th Oct 2024. May Lord Grant peace to his divine soul. 10th Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat

on 22nd of Oct 2024 (Tuesday at 8.30 AM.) Assembly will be held at Community Hall Purkhoo Camp.

MOBILE NO: 8803494690, 97976976566

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Smt & Sh. Akshay Kumar Bhat -Son & Daughter in Law Smt & Sh. Ankur Pandita -Son in Law & Daughter Smt & Sh Amit Hangloo -Son in Law & Daughter



This is to inform that the 10TH DAY KRIYA of our beloved Smt. Shama Tufchi (Tathi Ji) W/o Late Sh. Pran Nath Tufchi, originally from 130, Drabiyar, Habba Kadal, Srinagar shall be performed at Murad Nagar Canal at 8:00 AM on 23rd Oct 2024.



Smt. Shama Tufchi (Tathi Ji)

Phoola & Ashok Kumar Tufchi -9868250604

Ranjna & Anil Kumar Tufchi- 9811113202 Meenakshi & Lalit Kumar Tufchi -9860008685

Reema & Rajesh Barnzai Henu & Pankaj Kaul

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Amrit, Nidhi, Etasha, Rukmani, Amrita, Saina & Aryamann. Residence: 8201, ATS Dolce, Sector Zeta-1, Greater Noida. U.P.

#### 10TH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET NFORM THE UNTIMELY DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SUDHIR KOUL S/O SH AMAR NATH KOUL, (MIYAN MOHALLA, KOCHA NIDHAN RAINAWARI) PRESENT RESI-DENCE AT HOUSE NO 403, LAXM VIHAR, TALAB TILLO, BOHRI JAMMU.



10TH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PER- SUDHIR KOUL FORMED AT 9 AM, MUTHI GHAT, ON FRIDAY 25TH

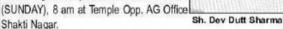
OCTOBER 2024. GRIEF STRICKEN -

FATHER AND MOTHER SHAMARNATH KOUL AND SMT.NANCY KOUL

SAMAST PARIVAAR OF KOUL 'S, RAINA 'S, PANDITA'S CONTACT NO -9797618255, 6005765200, 8130214040, 9871393166, 97

#### TENTH DAY / KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Dev Dutt Sharma R/o 247, Friend sector, Subash Nagar, Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 11-10-2024 (Friday). Tenth Day will be performed on 20-10-2024



Kriya will be held on 21-10-2024 (MONDAY), 12:30 P.M at our residence.

GRIEF STRICKEN Smt. Bimla Devi - Wife

Smt. Aradhana Sharma W/o Lt. Sh. Subhash Chander Sharma -Daughter-in-law Smt. Verthana & Sh. Ashwini Dubey - Daughter & Son in law

Mrs. Surbhi & Mr. Chetan Sharma - Granddaughter in law & Grandson Mr. Ketan Sharma - Grandson

With deep sorrow and regret, we inform you about the sad demise of our belove Smt. Nancy Ji Trisal (Kaushalya), W/o Sh. Roshan Lal Trisal at 5/ 143, Lane 23, Jagti Colony, Nagrota, Jammu. Mourning is being observed at the

Community Hall, behind Lane 7 and Lane 8, Jagti Colony, Nagrota, Jammu. The 10TH DAY KRIYA will be performe on Sunday, 20th October 2024, at 9 AM at Muthi Ghat, near the Directorate of School

Education, Jammu. Daughter & Son-in-law Mrs. Sweety & Mr. Sanjay Kar Mrs. Ritu & Mr. Sumeet Slathia Son & Daughter-in-law Mr. Ashish & Mrs. Karuna Trisal

Mr. Rajesh & Mrs. Namrita Trisal Samast Trisal Wali, Koul, Hanjura, Peer, Misri, Saraf, Kuchroo, Kar and Stathia Parivars CONTACT NUMBERS: 7889677636, 9810555939, 8899710822, 9810225939, 9858110000

#### 10TH DAY KRIYA WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM

THAT OUR BELOVED MOTHER KARAMYOGI SMT, KAM-AWATI PANDITA W/O LATE DINA NATH PANDITA ORIGI IALLY RESIDENT OF HARDU CHANAM DISTT BARAMU LA A/P LANE 24 BLOCK 156 FLAT 16 JAGTI LEFT FOI HEAVENLY ABODE ON 16 OCT 2024 WEDNESDAY 10TH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 25 OCT 2024 FRIDAY AT MUTHI GHAT NEAR DIRECTORATE SCHOOL

EDUCATION JAMMU AT 8:30 AM GRIEF STRICKEN:-SONS AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW SH. MAHARAJ KRISHEN PANDITA AND USHAJI

SH, AVATAR KRISHEN PANDITA AND KIRAN JI SH, SATASH KUMAR PANDITA AND SUNITA JI DAUGHTERS AND SON-IN-LAW LT. SOHAN LAL BHAT AND LT. PARANA JI BITA DEVI WIFE OF LT. SATISH RAINA

KARAMYOGI SMT. KAMLAWATI PANDITA

#### 10TH DAY / KRIYA / UTHALA Vith profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform ou the said demise of our belowed father Sh. Sham at Soni ji. Sol Late Sh Amar Nath Soni ji. 0th Day will be performed at 11am on Saturday Kriya will be performed at 12 noon on Tuesday, 22-10-24

MOBILE NO 9796263720, 9055643933, 9149830218

UTHALA will be performed at 2 pm on Wednesday nue- at our residence Bhaddu (Billawar) venue- at our residence Bhaddu (Billawar)
Deeply Loved and missed by
Son & Daughter in law
Sh Mohinder Kurnar Soni & Anuradha Soni
Daughters and Son in laws
Smt Saroj Nayyar Wo Late Sh Kuldeep Raj Nayy
Smt Swran Lata Soni
Wo Late Sh Subash Chander Abrol.

Srand Children Grand Children
Mr. Daleep Soni & Ms Jyoti Ms Arpana & Mr Vikas Suri Ms. Upasana & Mr. Sachin Shar Ms. Suvidha & Mr. Aditya Kohii (Great Grand Children)

Contact - 9419132524, 9419109279, 9149406033, 6005025841



#### 10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the untimely demise of our beloved son in law Sudhir Koul S/o Sh Amar Nath Koul, (Miyan Mohalla Kocha Nidhan, Rainawari ) present residence at House No 403, Laxmi Vihar,

Talab Tillo, Bohri, Jammu. 10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed at 9

am, Muthi Ghat, on Friday 25th October 2024 **GRIEF STRICKEN -**Smt & Sh Roshan Lal Koul

Smt & Sh Rattan Lal Koul

Smt & Sh Kaka Ji Koul Smt & Sh Vimal Razdan SAMAST PARIVAAR OF KOUL'S, PANDITA'S, BHATT'S,

CONTACT NO -7780808362, 9718317626, 6005287030, 7889301282

SUDHIR KOUL

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With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the untimely sad

10th Day Kriya will be held on 25-10-24, Friday at Muthi Smt. Pummy Saproo - Wife (6006500179)

Arvan Saproo - Son

(Tota Saproo) (Whatsapp call) Smt. Veena Saproo & Manu Jee Saproo - Sister in-law & Brother (8899242507)

Aushee Koul & Sumit Matoo Akash Saproo (8448130112)



With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad

Kriya will be held on 20-10-2024 (Sunday) at

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Vaishno Devi - Wife

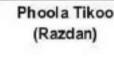
Sh. Dwarika nath & Smt. Anju Devi - Son-in-law & Daughter Sh. Bodh Raj Sharma & Smt. Swati Sharma - Son & Daughter-in-law

### TENTH DAY KRIYA

be held on 21st October

After the KRIYA, Prayer meeting will be

6. Dwarka New Delhi 75



LATE VINAY DHAR

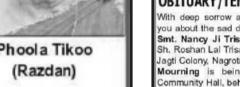
Sh Sanjay Khajuria

SH. PREM NATH BHAT



Sh. Radhey Sham Sharma

Sh. Rattan Lal Saproo





Smt. Nancy Ji Trisal (Kaushalya)



# Raina releases Dogri music album 'Pyar Di Gal' of Vishal Rahi



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Oct 19: BJP President J&K Ravinder Raina along with Ashok Koul (General Secretary Org.), Vikram Randhawa (MLA Bahu), Rekha Mahajan, Vinay Gupta, Rajeev Charak, Narendra Gupta, Bharat Bhushan, Rachit Khosla, Varun Sharma, Man-

meet Singh, Lovisha Gupta, Pihu and many other launched the Dogri music album 'Pyar Di Gal' during a event held at the BJP Headquarters here.

The album release marked a significant milestone in promoting the Dogri language and celebrating the rich cultural heritage of the region. Ravinder Raina praised the efforts of the talented team behind the album.

The album, titled 'Pyar Di Gal ' features soulful compositions of Vishal Rahi and lyrics written by Sh. Surinder Sagar. Vishal Rahi, along with Vanshika ,Shefali, Vaishali, komal, Mehak , Aaradhya, Rashi and Choreographer Arti Langeh showcased

their exceptional talent through this musical endeavor. The album's music was masterfully created by Musical Mafia (Naresh NB) and video directed by Thakur MM

Ravinder Raina applauded Vishal Rahi and his team for their relentless efforts in promoting the Dogri

language through their music album. He emphasized the urgent need to preserve and promote regional languages like Dogri. "The release of 'Pyar Di Gal' marks a significant milestone in the promotion of Dogri culture and language, contributing to the preservation of the region's unique artistic heritage," he added.

The senior BJP leader said that Jammu and Kashmir's youth possess immense talent that should be nurtured and provided with adequate platforms

Expressing his best wishes to the entire team behind the Dogri music album 'Pyar Di Gal,' Ravinder Raina wished them a brighter future.

### **JKPCC** hails Karra for constituting **Fact Finding Committee**

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Oct 19: Several leaders of the J&K Pradesh Congress Committee have hailed the decision of PCC Chief Shri Tariq Hameed Karra for constituting a Fact Finding Committee to ascertain the reasons for poor show of the party in the just concluded Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

In a joint statement the young Turks in the JKPCC have appreciated the constitution of fact finding committee by the PCC Chief Shri Tariq Hameed Karra

and said that they feel happy whenever right things take place in the party. The seriousness of the party chief towards the betterment of the party's interests shows that he himself is keen to know the reasons behind defeat of congress candidates in Jammu Region.

These leaders were of the opinion that the Chairman and all members of the Fact Finding Committee will explore all possibilities of bringing truth to the knowledge of party high command, Congress President Shri Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of

opposition in Lok Sabha Shri Rahul Gandhi, so that they may take appropriate action to rectify the things which went wrong against the interests of the party.

The signatories to

the statement include Sanjeev Sharma, Rajiv Saraf, Rajveer Singh, Manjeet Singh Jatt, Neeraj Gupta, Kapil Singh Chib. Varinder Manhas, Sharma, Vijay Shastri, Ricky Dalotra, Manjeet Singh Bedi, Darshan Lal Verma, Rajeswh Paul, Camres David Babloo, Parshotam Mehra, Vinay Sharma and others.

### Statehood already promised by PM, why make it an Issue? Khatana to Omar

**Top News Report** 

NEW DELHI, Oct 19: Senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Er. Ghulam Ali Khatana on Wednesday criticized the resolution passed by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and his council of ministers, seeking the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, terming it a publicity

In a sharp rebuttal, Khatana emphasized

that both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah had already assured the restoration of statehood to J&K on the floor of the Parlia-

"The Prime Minister and Home Minister have clearly promised that statehood will be restored at an appropriate time. Your resolution is nothing but an attempt to grab headlines." Khatana stated.

He further urged Abdullah to focus on governance and fulfilling the promises made to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

"You are the Chief Minister, and the people have expectations from vou. Instead of playing politics over statehood, engage yourself in delivering what you have promised. In this new India, people demand governance and tangible results," Khatana added.

### **Union Ministry of MSME** organizes Exhibition cum Trade Fair

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Oct 19: MSME-**Development Facilitation** Office, Jammu the field office of Union Ministry of MSME implements various schemes and activities for the benefit of MSME Sector for Jammu & Kashmir.

Exhibition cum Trade Fair on PM Vishwakarma for artisans registered under the scheme is being organized by MSME-Development Facilitation Office Jammu at Gandhi Nagar Market / Gole Market Ground opposite to Phalwan Di Hatti, Jammu from October 24 to 29, 2024.

The exhibition is being organized for promoting the marketing avenues for the PM Vishwakarma artisans and stall are

offered free of cost. There is provision for reimbursement of Boarding Lodging charge for 3 days for 2 persons @Rs.375 per person (Limited to Rs.2250/- on producing of bills), Transport charges including freight charges (Limited to Rs.2000/- on producing of bills). Stipend of Rs.500/- per day per artisan is also reimbursable. However total reimbursement is limited to Rs.5750/- per artisan.

For participation in the exhibition registration can be done online in the link https://forms.gle/ Xs8TvMUrxWoeuNu6A till 22.10.2024 up to 05.00 PM. Jammu & Kashmir takes lead in the country in organizing such exhibitions for betterment and upliftment of the artisans.

### JMC develops user-friendly online application to book various services



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Oct 19: The Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) has recently launched an upgraded Public Grievances & Feedback Management System that incorporates advanced Geographic Information System (GIS) technology and a Digital Door Numbering (DDN) system

This initiative is designed to streamline the resolution of public complaints and enhance service delivery in Jammu, ensuring that citizens can report issues with precision and receive timely responses.

One of the key features of the revamped system is its integration of GIS and DDN, which allows residents to easily report problems related to sanitation, illegal constructions, water supply, and road maintenance. all mapped to their exact

#### locations.

This not only improves the efficiency of addressing grievances but also enables JMC to pinpoint specific problem areas, facilitating quicker action. Additionally, a dedicated toll-free helpline (18001807207) has been introduced, providing citizens with a direct line to report complaints, which are logged and tracked in real-time.

To further enhance municipal services, the JMC has developed a user-friendly online application that enables residents to book various services, including garden waste collection. construction and demolition waste disposal, water tanker services, septic tank clearance, and access to municipal machinery like JCBs and tippers. This platform aims to make service requests more transpar-

ent and convenient, allowing residents to schedule services from the comfort of their homes.

This initiative also addresses public health concerns by facilitating the reporting of vectorborne diseases, such as dengue and chikungunya. Residents can request fogging and spraying services, which a broader public health campaign aimed at controlling the spread of these diseases. Furthermore, the revamped system supports JMC's preparations for the Swachh Survekshan 2024, encouraging public participation in cleanliness efforts and helping the city improve its sanitation ranking.

Dr. Devansh Yadav, the Commissioner of JMC, highlighted that this revamped grievance system marks a significant milestone in their mission to enhance service delivery and civic engagement. By embracing modern technology, the JMC aims to provide more accurate, timely, and efficient solutions to citizens' concerns. The platform not only ensures that essential services are easily accessible but also promotes accountability and transparency in municipal operations, ultimately leading to a cleaner and more sustainable environment for the residents of Jammu.

### BJP condemns killing of vendor Ashok Chauhan in Shopian

**Top News Report** 

SRINAGAR. Oct 19: BJP Kashmir unit has strongly condemned the heinous and cowardly act of terrorism that took the life of Ashok Chauhan, a vendor in Shopian. The killing of an innocent man who was earning his livelihood reflects the desperation of terrorists to create fear and disrupt

peace in the valley. Sajid Yousuf Shah, BJP Media Incharge Kashmir, expressed his deep sorrow and outrage over this brutal incident. The cold-blooded murder of Ashok Chauhan is a reprehensible act of cowardice that seeks to destabilize the harmony in Jammu and Kashmir. We stand united with the family of the victim during this tragic time. These terrorists will not succeed in their sinister designs, Shah said.

He further reiterated



the BJP's unwavering commitment to restoring peace and normalcy in Kashmir, stating, Such acts will only strengthen our resolve to root out terrorism from our land. The security forces will ensure that the perpetrators of this ghastly crime are brought to justice.

#### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAMMU MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CORRIGENDUM Ref.: This Office Fresh e-NIT No 09 (2ND Time) of DIV-IV JMC 2024-25, Dt: - 14-08 - 2024 (e-NIT No 03 of Div.-IV JMC S.no 1) "COVERING OF DRAIN NEAR H/O KANHAIYA NIWAS ,13 A SMALL PLOTS GANDHI NAGAR IN WARD NO 22 ". Due to administrative reasons, the work advertised Vide Office Fresh e-NIT No 09 (2ND Time) of DIV-IV JMC 2024-25, Dt: - 14- 08 - 2024 (e-NIT No 03 of Div.-IV JMC S.no 1) "COVERING OF DRAIN NEAR H/O KANHAIYA NIWAS ,13 A SMALL PLOTS GANDHI NAGAR IN WARD NO 22 ". All other terms & conditions shall remain same. DIP/J-2296-P/24 **Executive Engineer** No.: MJ/TECH/DIV-IV/1383-1386 Dt: 16/0/2024

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### BTSM to organise awareness programme on Oct 20

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Oct 19: Bharat Tibbat Sahyog Manch is observing 20 October as a Black Day across J&K UT against the Communist Chinese regime in Beijing as the People's Liberation Army attacked simultaneously on Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh (then North-East Frontier Agency) on this date in 1962. We will organise an awareness programme across JKUT and show the real face of China to the people. We will also appeal to the people of JKUT not to purchase Chinese-made items.

Addressing the meeting, Dr Vivek

Sharma, State President JKUT stated that China was waging an ecological war against India. It exploited the huge freshwater resource in the Tibetan plateau and diverted a huge volume of water from Yarlung Tsangpo, which affected the Brahmaputra

valley civilization. Aggressive Chinese forces showed utter disrespect to the rules framed by the Panchsheel Treaty, signed by China and India on 29 April 1954. We want to protest against the assault over India's trust in the Beijing admin-

istration," said Sharma. BTSM has remained one of the strongest supporters of the Tibetan cause since its inception on 5th May 1999 under the patronage of Indresh Kumar.

The organisation has been doing this protest near the Chinese Embassy for the past several years to remind the world about the brutality and inhumane act committed by Communist China to the Tibetans and its neighbouring countries. Among those who addressed the meeting were Rajinder Sadotra, Dr Vikrant Singh, Vishal Sharma and Alok Mahajan.

Prominent who present in the meeting were Rajesh Sharma, Rohit Sadotra, Ms Niharika and other activUnion Territory of Jammu and Kashmir Office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical & Hospital Division Udhampur (E-mail- xenmdudh@gmail.con

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### **EDITORIAL**

# LATEST TECHNOLOGY

n today's fast-paced, interconnected world, technology plays a pivotal role in shaping competitive advantages across industries. Organizations that leverage the latest technological advancements can optimize operations, enhance customer experiences, and gain insights that drive strategic decision-making. Here are some of the most impactful technologies currently transforming businesses and enabling them to achieve strategic advantages.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) are at the forefront of technological innovation, enabling organizations to analyze vast amounts of data and derive actionable insights. AI systems can automate routine tasks, freeing up human resources for more strategic initiatives. In sectors like finance, AI algorithms can detect fraudulent activities by recognizing patterns in transaction data that would be invisible to the human eye.

Machine learning, a subset of AI, allows systems to learn from data over time and improve their accuracy without explicit programming. This capability is particularly beneficial in predictive analytics, where businesses can forecast trends and customer behavior, allowing them to tailor marketing strategies and product offerings. Companies like Amazon and Netflix use these technologies to provide personalized recommendations, significantly enhancing customer satisfaction and loyalty.

The explosion of data in recent years has created opportunities for organizations to harness big data analytics. By leveraging advanced analytics tools, businesses can sift through massive datasets to uncover insights that inform decision-making. For instance, retail companies can analyze purchasing patterns to optimize inventory management and enhance supply chain efficiency.

Moreover, advanced analytics enables organizations to segment their customer base more effectively, allowing for targeted marketing strategies that resonate with specific demographics. This data-driven approach not only increases conversion rates but also minimizes waste in marketing expenditures.

Cloud computing has revolutionized the way organizations store and manage data. It allows businesses to access computing resources and storage on-demand, reducing the need for substantial capital investment in physical infrastructure. This flexibility is particularly advantageous for startups and small businesses, enabling them to scale rapidly without the burden of heavy overhead costs.

Furthermore, cloud platforms facilitate collaboration by providing teams with real-time access to shared data and applications. This enhances productivity and ensures that all team members are on the same page, regardless of their physical location. Companies can also leverage cloud-based tools for data backup and disaster recovery, ensuring business continuity in the face of unexpected challenges.

The Internet of Things (IoT) refers to the network of interconnected devices that collect and exchange data. By deploying IoT sensors, organizations can monitor operations in real-time, gaining valuable insights into performance and efficiency. For example, manufacturing companies can use IoT devices to track machinery health and predict maintenance needs, reducing downtime and increasing productivity.

In the retail sector, IoT technology can enhance customer experiences by enabling smart shelves that monitor inventory levels and automatically reorder products. This ensures that stores are always stocked with the right items, improving customer satisfaction and loyalty.

Blockchain technology offers a secure, transparent way to conduct transactions and manage data. Originally developed for cryptocurrencies, its applications have expanded across various sectors. For instance, in supply chain management, blockchain can provide an immutable record of product origins and movements, enhancing traceability and reducing fraud.

Financial institutions are also exploring blockchain for its potential to streamline cross-border payments and reduce transaction costs. By eliminating intermediaries, blockchain can facilitate faster and more secure transactions, giving organizations a competitive edge in the global marketplace.

As organizations increasingly rely on digital solutions, cybersecurity has become a critical concern. The latest innovations in cybersecurity, such as AI-driven threat detection and response systems, help organizations protect their sensitive data from cyber threats. These technologies can analyze patterns of behavior to identify potential breaches in real-time, allowing for swift action before damage occurs.

Investing in robust cybersecurity measures not only protects organizational assets but also builds trust with customers. As consumers become more aware of data privacy issues, organizations that prioritize cybersecurity are more likely to attract and retain customers.

AR and VR technologies are transforming customer engagement and training processes. In retail, AR can enhance the shopping experience by allowing customers to visualize products in their own spaces before making a purchase. This reduces return rates and increases customer satisfaction.

In training and development, VR provides immersive learning experiences that can be particularly beneficial in industries such as healthcare and manufacturing. Employees can practice skills in a controlled environment, leading to improved retention and performance.

Incorporating the latest technologies into business operations is essential for gaining a strategic advantage in today's competitive landscape. From AI and big data analytics to IoT and blockchain, these innovations enable organizations to optimize efficiency, enhance customer experiences, and make informed decisions based on data-driven insights. As technology continues to evolve, businesses that stay ahead of the curve will be better positioned to adapt, innovate, and thrive in an ever-changing environment. Embracing these advancements not only fosters growth but also ensures long-term sustainability in the marketplace.

### Governance no cakewalk for Omar

By: Omkar Dattatray

✓ Uneasy lies the head which wares the crown" is an old adage which very much fits the Omar Abdullah's coalition government . The crown which Omar is about to ware is not a bed of roses but is full of thorns .The task before the new chief minister is daunting ,challenging and difficult and great responsibility lies on the new government and its captain to try to fulfill the promises and commitments made to the electorate during electioneering and he and his government should come up to the expectations of the alienate and gullible people who tolerated the brunt of disconnect and political vacuum and alienation all these long years of central rule .Omar has to tailor and tune his bureaucracy and administration as to deliver best to the people of Jammu and Kashmir .The new chief minister should work for the interest of all the people and should not make any difference and discrimination with anyone and say goodbye to the animosity and political rivalry of the electioneering .He should abstain from vengeance and vendetta politics and safely pilot the UT's ship to the shore of destination of development .Remember ,Omar is the chief minister of a changed Jammu and Kashmir as he is the head of government of not a state but of a Union territory and thus he has to work within limits and within his jurisdiction. The new chief minister has to maintain cordial and good relations with the head of the state that is with the Lieutenant Governor so that both the head of the government and head of the state will work in unison and coordination for the betterment and welfare of the ultimate sovereigns the people who have

voted the new coalition government to power .We have the instance of the functioning of the AAP government of Kejriwal in sight where there is only friction and mad race for using powers between the chief minister Kejriwal and the LG of Delhi .No such friction and race for using powers and authority should rise in Jammu and Kashmir and there should be no confusion between the IK chief minister and the LG .Instead Omar should take suggestions from LG Monaj Sinha who is the constitutional head of the UT and has got a fund of experience and knowledge of politics and administrative acumen .Omar should regard LG as fatherly and take advice from him for the smooth functioning of governance. Otherwise the friction, disputes and misunderstandings between chief minister and LG will land Jammu and Kashmir in trouble which is in no way in the interest of the people of UT. Omar should understand, realize and appreciate the fact that he has to work in a politically and constitutionally changed Jammu and Kashmir which is a union territory from 20019 . So he has to prepare himself to work within the constraints and limits as there is no Article 370 which guaranteed special position and status to erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state neither is Jammu and Kashmir a state but is a UT .So the new chief minister has to work and govern in an altered politico-constitutional environment . The erstwhile state stands re-organised by virtue of the sweeping amendments made in 2019 by the central parliament by the blessings of prime Minister Modi .We are living in a federation and the unitary character of India is the overriding principle of Indian federation .Thus Omar should maintain and keep

friendly relations with the central government and in this lies the good of the people of Jammu and Kashmir .The new chief minister should seek maximum funds and finances from the central government for keeping and enhancing the development tempo of Jammu and Kashmir and the generous finances to Jammu and Kashmir will flow when there are cordial relations between the union and the UT .Omar has to led a coalition government and therefore he should take his coalition partners always in confidence for taking the decisions of governance .He has to keep its close pre-poll alley the Congress in pleasant mood as it is the big coalition partner of the post alliance arrangement .He should keep close liaison with its coalition partner Congress and thus Omar has to learn the art of coalition politics to be successful in the coalition arrangement .Omar should ensure that the benefit of the centrally sponsored schemes goes to the last man in the queue so that socio-economic upliftment of the marginalized sections of the society is made possible .New chief minister should sincerely try to fulfill the promises and assurances made to the people before and during elections .So Omar administration should deliver to the best of its capacity so that people of J&K heave a sigh of relief and his democratic dispensation should provide a government which is responsive to needs and genuine aspirations of the people and the new government should be transparent .Good governance should be the catch word and practical covet of Omar administration. In good governance lies the good of the people of Jammu and Kashmir .The tasks before Omar are monumental and he should take his cabinet col-

leagues along with him to provide the best services in terms of good roads ,health, good schooling, housing facilities to the people of Jammu and Kashmir who have reposed their trust in NC of Omar Abdullah as the people of J&K have given mandate to NC-Congress alliance to govern Jammu and Kashmir .Restoration of the full statehood to Jammu and Kashmir is the democratic and constitutional right of the people of this part of India and thus there is no harm in demanding it back and pressing for it .So if the new cabinet will pass the resolution regarding restoration of the statehood to J&K it is a praise worthy step and will be a good step .One of the daunting task before Omar government is to bridge the deepening regional and religious divide between the two regions of Jammu and Kashmir after all NC is the secular party and boasts its secular credentials and thus it should fill the religious and regional divide between the two regions .He should work for equal development of both the regions of the UT .Till statehood is restored to Jammu and Kashmir ,Omar should learn the art of working in a UT framework . No effort should be left to lift the people of Jammu and Kashmir from the morass of central rule which is not fairly democratic .People of Jammu and Kashmir have great hope on Omar and he has big responsibility towards the people and he should come up to the expectations of the orphaned and alienated people of Jammu and Kashmir.

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### Karwa Chauth -the festival of Love and bonding

By: Biaraj Chawalgami

arwa chauth is an important Hindu festival cel-Lebrated by the married women especially in north India .On this auspicious occasion ,married women keep fast till the rising of the moon and break the fast by drinking water from the hands of their husband. This festival is celebrated to pray for the long ,happy and prosperous life of the husband and thus Karwa chauth is dedicated to the well being and longevity of the life of the husbands .As the name indicates it falls on the fourth day of the first fortnight of the Hindu month of Kartika and is celebrated with great fanfare and devotion to ones husband by all the married women .It in fact is the celebration of the intense love and respect to the husband .This year Karwa Chauth falls on 20 October which is Sunday .This auspicious Hindu festival of Karwa Chauth is marked with zeal across the country, especially in North Indian states of Himachal Pradesh, Uttrakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Gujarat and Rajasthan. It also known as Karaka Chaturthi or Karwa Chauth .It is celebrated during the Chaturthi tithi of Krishna Paksha in Kartik month .Married women observe this festival by keeping a difficult nirjala vrat (fasting without water and food) for their husband's long life and prosperity. They break the fast after the moon rise by sighting it through a sieve and then looking at their husband through it .After which ,the husband gives the wife a morsel of food and sip of water. While the fast is special for all married women ,it holds special significance for the newlywed brides observing their first Karwa Chauth fast .For any

married women ,the first Karwa

Chauth holds significance .Both the husband and wives family see it as a special day .Every family friends and relatives drop by to wish the newlywed couple and the bride gets gifts from everyone .Newly married women celebrating their first Karwa Chauth receive thoughtful gifts from their in-laws and their maternal home and this makes them feel special on this day .The newly married daughter -in-law usually gives her mother-in-law a specially curated Baya clessings containing clothes ,jewelry ,food items ,and wedding items .This ritual is performed to receive blessings from the mother-inlaw .Sagri is another important ritual of the festival .On the first Karwa Chauth ,the mother-inlaw gives Sagri to her daughter -in-law .The Sagri plate consists of fruits, mathri, sweets, dry fruits and other food items. Both mother –in-law and daughter – in-law should eat Sagri together before sunrise .The newly married women wake up early in the morning and take a bath .Then they clean the temple, light a diya ,worship Maa Parvati ,Lord Ganesha and Lord Kartikeya take a pledge for a nirjila vrat and listen the Karwa Chauth Katha .Newly-married brides wear traditional clothes in red ,do solah sringar ,and apply mehendi on their hands and feet .They should avoid wearing black brown and white colors .While white and black are not considered auspicious ,brown represents Rahu and Ketu .Apart from red, they can wear, pink, yellow green and maroon. On this day married women keep nirjala fast which literally means fasting in which even water is not consumed from sunrise till moonrise .Women fast on this day to pray for safe and long life of their husbands ,though these days many husbands too observe fast

along with their wives for similar reason and it is so good and positive and it should be encouraged .On this day ,married women dress up in new clothes (preferably red which signifies a happy married life) and apply mehendi on their hands and feet as a part of the festivities . Women observing this fast get together on this day and celebrate it by narrating folk tale ,reading Karwa Chauth Vrat Katha and singing folk songs -all of which make it a lively festival .Women also worship Goddess Parvati in the Karwa Chauth Puja followed by Lord Shiva ,Lord Ganesha and Lord Kartikeya .The fast is later broken after having a glimpse of the moon .Though this Hindu festival is celebrated across India it is particularly celebrated in north Indian states .If we talk about the literal meaning of Karwa Chauth ,it means offering Argya to the moon using earthen pot known as Karwa on the Chaturthi of the Karthika month .A women named Karva was deeply devoted to her husband. Her intense love and dedication towards him gave her shakti (spititual power ). While bathing at a river, her husband was caught by a crocodile .Karva bound the crocodile with cotton yarn and asked yama (the god of death) to send the crocodile to hell .Karva is another word for pot ( a small earthen pot of water) and Chauth means fourth in Hindi (a reference to the fact that the festival falls on the fourth day of the dark –fortnight, of Krishna Paksha, of the month of Kartika) .In Sanskrit scriptures, the festival is referred to as Karaka Chaturthi ,Karaka meaning an earthen water pitcher and Chaturthi denoting the fourth day of the lunar Hindu month .One hypothesis is that military campaigns were often

conducted by men in far off

places whereby men would leave their wives and children at home to go off to the war .Their wives would often pray for their safe return .The festival also coincides with the wheat -sowing time(i.e ,the beginning of the Rabi crop cycle).Big earthen pots in which wheat is stored are sometimes called Karvas .so the fast may have begun as a prayer for a good harvest in this predominantly wheat-eating Northwestern region .Another story about the origin of this festival relates to the bond of feminine friendship .With the custom of arranged marriage being prevalent, the newlywed is supposed to reside with her husband and in-laws .Being new to the family ,the custom arose of befriending another women as her friend (kangan -Saheli ) or sister (dharm -behn) for life .The friendship would be sanctified through Hindu ritual during the marriage ceremony itself. The bride's friend would usually be of the same age or slightly older ,typically married into the same village (so that she would not go away) and not directly related to her in-laws (so there was no conflict of interest later) . This emotional and psychological bond would be considered akin to a blood relationship. It is said that Karva Chauth festival evolved to include celebrating this special bond of friendship .Husbands should reciprocate and show the loyalty and obedience and total love and faithfulness to their wives .In brief it can be safely said that Karwa Chauth is the festival of celebration of love and bonding between the husbands and wives in Indian culture .May Indian wives and husbands uphold purity of mutual love and bonding and this is the best tribute to the married couples on Karwa Chauth.

# **Lecture on "Animals and Environment"** organized at MIER College

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Oct 19: To commemorate World Animal Day, the Environment Unit of MIER College of Education organized a lecture on the theme "Animals and Environment," aimed at raising awareness about the interrelationship between animal welfare and environmental conservation on 18th October 2024. Namrata Hakhoo, Founder and Chairperson of the Hakhoo Street Animals Foundation Trust, was the resource person.

Hakhoo delivered a compelling and informative lecture, emphasizing the urgent need for the protection of animals and their natural habitats.



She discussed how human activities are disrupting ecosystems and endangering species, and she encouraged the students to take responsibility for fostering harmony between humans, animals, and nature.

Drawing from her extensive experience in rescuing and rehabilitating street animals, Hakhoo shared valuable insights into the challenges faced by animals, particularly those in urban environments, and the role of communities in addressing these issues.

To further disseminate knowledge, pamphlets

outlining practical steps for environmental conservation and animal welfare were distributed

to the students.

The event included an interactive session, where students engaged actively, asking questions about the challenges of animal protection and exploring ways to contribute to environmental sustainability.

A memento was presented to the resource person by Dr. Adit Gupta. Principal and Director, as a token of respect and appreciation.

The program was hosted by Ananya, a student of B.A. Hons. Psychology (Semester V), with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Aditi Mahajan also from B.A. Hons. Psychology (Semester V).

The event was organized under the guidance of Suman Gupta, In-charge of the Environment Unit. Dr. Adit Gupta commended the unit for its efforts and acknowledged the active participation of students.

### Mehndi Utsav held at SPPND **GDC Samba**



**Top News Report** 

SAMBA, Oct 19: SPPND Govt. Degree College, Samba organized a vibrant Mehndi Utsav, showcasing the rich traditions of Mehndi application.

The event aimed to celebrate the cultural significance of Mehndi in Indian traditions while also promoting creativity

among students under the guidance of Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri, the Mehndi Utsav saw enthusiastic participation from students, who displayed their artistic skills through intricate Mehndi designs.

The event provided a platform for students to showcase their creativity and engage with cultural

The principal praised the students' efforts and emphasized the importance of preserving cultural traditions through such events.

She further emphasized that blending cultural heritage with creative expression enriches students' holistic development. The celebration brought a festive spirit to the campus.

#### **Investiture Ceremony held at DPS Kathua**



**Top News Report** 

KATHUA, Oct 19: Delhi Public School (DPS) Kathua held a grand Investiture Ceremony, a key annual event that marked the formal appointment of the newly elected student council.

Held at both the Main Campus in Rajbagh and the Feeder School in Kathua, the ceremony was a joyous celebration of leadership, responsibility, and the school's commitment to nurturing

future leaders The Chief Guest for the occasion, Kanta Andotra, Former MLA and Founder Chairperson of DPS Kathua, delivered an inspiring address. emphasizing the transformative power of leadership in students' personal and academic growth. Andotra encouraged the newly elected leaders to serve with dedication, humility, and a sense of responsibility, reminding them that their roles were not just honorary but carried significant weight in shaping the school's future.

Charu Andotra, Principal of Mount Zee Litera and the Guest of Honour, commended the discipline and determination of the students. Her words of encouragement resonated deeply with

both students and parents, as she highlighted the importance of leadership in cultivating a culture of mutual respect and academic excel-

The ceremony was a proud moment for parents, who watched as their children took center stage to receive their badges and sashes.

The sight of these young leaders, beaming with pride, was met with enthusiastic applause from their peers, creating an atmosphere charged with excitement and anticipation for the journey ahead.

Principal Vivek Arora delivered a heartfelt congratulatory speech to the newly appointed council members, urging them to lead with empathy, fairness. and integrity.

He emphasized that true leadership lies in making unbiased and thoughtful decisions, always keeping the wellbeing of the larger school community in mind.

His address reinforced the school's philosophy of fostering leadership that is not only effective but also compassionate and inclusive.

One of the highlights of the ceremony was the impressive presence of the school's NCC cadets. Their disciplined

demeanor and organizational skills were on full display as they efficiently ushered in the guests, adding a sense of formality and structure to the event.

Their role in the ceremony was a testament to the school's commitment to instilling values of discipline and responsibility in all aspects of student

Senior Coordinator Tajinder Kour, who meticulously planned and supervised the event, ensured that every detail was executed to perfec-

The presence of other senior staff members, including Jagmohan, Amandeep Sharma, Narshotam Mahi, Rahul, Monika Patyal, Gurpreet Kaur, Ruchi Sharma, Jyoti, and Pankaj Kumar, added to the ceremony's significance, reflecting the school's collective effort in shaping the lead-

ers of tomorrow. The Investiture Ceremony was not just a formal event but a vivid celebration of the vibrant spirit of DPS Kathua. The colorful banners, the proud parents, and the enthusiastic student body all came together to create a memorable day The newly elected council members now embark on their leadership journey, tasked with the responsibility of making a meaningful impact, both within the school and beyond its gates.

As the ceremony concluded, the entire DPS Kathua community was filled with a sense of pride and optimism for the future, with the belief that the school's new leaders would rise to the occasion, embodying the values of empathy, integrity, and responsibility in every decision they

### **Tributes paid to Chanchla** Devi Sandhu in a Shardhanjali Samaroh

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Oct 19: To pay floral tributes to Batwal Community's most respected pious woman Smt. Chanchla Devi who left for her heavenly abode, a Shradhanjali Samaroh was held in Kingsway Hotel here today.

Large number of people participated therein and paid their heartfelt tributes to Chanchla Devi and said that she was a passionate woman, respected by everybody. She would always help those who were helpless. She believed that charity is a great virtue.

People further expressed their deep sympathies with the bereaved family and acknowledged its courage to bear this immea-



surable loss.

Those who paid tributes in the Shardanili Samaroh were Hans Raj Loria, R L.Kaith, Gian Chand Sandhu, Des Raj Kaith, Tilak Raj Bassa, Hakikat Anmol, Jagdish Raj Kaith, Krishan Lal Kashyap, Romesh Kumar Mandi, Ashok Kumar Sandhu, Subash Chander Kaith, Kewal Krishan Sandhu and Raju Sandhu.

### Damaged irrigation canal causes hardship to Vessu orchardists, Admin silent

**Top News Report** 

QAZIGUND, Oct 19: Apple growers in Vessu village of Qazigund in south Kashmir's Anantnag district are facing immense hardships due to a damaged irrigation canal passing through a road in the area.

According to various apple growers, the partially-damaged canal was rendered redundant after the authorities carried out the construction work on the road a year ago.

"The irrigation canal got blocked which significantly affected the flow of water," said a group of growers.

The farmers said that the officials from the R&B Department then promised them to restore the irrigation canal but nothing was done even after the lapse of more than a



Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) R&B Department Vessu, Reyaz Ahmad Padder told that the irrigation canal was total 650meter out of which 550 meter has been already completed, now only 100 meter was left out due to the hindrance of locals due to land dispute among them, adding

"Now we have to take up the matter with the revenue department for demarcation of land before carrying out the work on the irrigation canal" he said.

On contacting, Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Dooru, Parvaiz Rahim told that he would look into the matter at

### Rehbar-e-Khel Teachers congratulates council of ministers



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Oct 19: Jammu Kashmir Rehbar-e-khel Teachers congratulated CM Omar Abdullah led cabinet.

In a statement, Harish Choudhary extended felicitations to the triumphant candidates especially those who were inducted in the cabinet.

Extending greetings to the newly sworn-in ministers, Choudhary said that the new Government will focus on public issues and try to alleviate the sufferings of the people. He welcomed Satish

Snarma as the youth ser vices and sports minister. He also congratulated all the winning candidates and those who made it to the Cabinet. He said that people have hinged their hopes on the new leader-

ship and the leadership

will make it's best contri-

bution for public welfare.

While congratulating Satish Sharma for his induction in the cabinet of ministers, Choudhary said that the allocation of youth services and sports portfolio to a young legislator who has proved his worth on multiple occasions will prove to be a watershed moment in the history of Jammu Kash-

He said that the leadership of Rehbar-e-Khel Teachers will work ardently under the guidance of the new YSS minister to take the UT's sports scenario to new heights.

### **MLA inaugurates 24x7 Power Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme at SD Ramgarh**



**Top News Report** 

RAMGARH, Oct 19: Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, MLA Ramgarh, on Saturday inaugurated the 24x7 Power Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) at Sub District Hospital Ramgarh, a project valued at Rs.30 lakhs. This initiative aims to provide uninterrupted power supply to the hospital, ensuring quality healthcare services to the people of Ramgarh.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by distinguished guests, including Keshav Dutt Sharma Chairman DDC Samba Dr. Vidhi Bhatial, CMO Samba, **BDO Ramgarh Mukesh** Sharma Dr. Lakhwinder Singh, BMO Ramgarh, Javed, Executive Engineer JPDCL, and Ashok Dubey, AEE Ramgarh.

This project is a significant step towards improving healthcare infrastructure in Ramgarh, and Dr. Manyal's efforts demonstrate his commitment to the region's development and well-being.

Present on the occasion Former BDC Darshan Singh, Mandal President Ramgarh Shiv Kuamr Choudhary, Shamsher Singh Mandal President Swankha, Vice President Samba, Vindo Singh, GS Ramgarh Naveen Sharma and Nancy Choudhary.

### Samarth of DPS Jammu excels in state level UCMAS Abacus & mental arithmetic competition 2024

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Oct 19: Samarth Kapoor (V-C), student of Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu brought laurels to the school and his parents by securing 2nd position in 14th J&K UCMAS ABACUS & Mental Arithmetic Competition 2024 held in the month of July, for which the results were declared recently. More than 1000 student from all over the state had participated out of which Samarth secured 2nd position.

He has also qualified for the international level competition to be held in the month of December, 2024.



UCMAS is a child development program based on Visual Arithmetic and Abacus that boosts brainpower in children aged 4-13 years. Along with strengthening math skills, the UCMAS approach promotes whole brain development and establishes foundational building blocks like memory, concentration, creativity and problem solving-core skills that inspire greater confidence and success in all subject areas and in life. The management of

DPS Jammu including President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC- Dr. Ritu Singh, Director, S.S Sodhi along with Principal-DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chabra and staff congratulated Samarth and his parents for the achievement. They also extended their best wishes to him for all his future endeavours

#### Displaced Families of Ratle Hydro Project seek adequate compensation, approach High Court **Top News Report** JAMMU, Oct 19: Several families block Drab-

shalla displaced by the RATLE Hydro Project have approached the High Court, expressing concerns over inadequate compensation and the lack of effective resettlement plans. These families, officially categorized as Displaced Persons, were forced to vacate their homes and agricultural lands due to

the project's construction, which requires the inundation of vast areas of land. The writ petition was filed by Masood Ahmed and Ors through Z A Mughal Advocate.

The Ratle Hydro Project, aimed at boosting the region's hydroelectric power generation capabilities, has had a profound impact on local residents. While the authorities have introduced compensation, resettlement, and



Tilak Shan hails decision of High Court

rehabilitation measures, the petitioners argue that these efforts fall short in

addressing the long-term challenges posed by their displacement.

In their plea to the High Court, the petitioners raised concerns regarding the adequacy of the financial compensation, as well as the effectiveness of the proposed resettlement efforts. The court has now directed authorities to consider their grievances and ensure that the rights of the displaced are fully protected under the legal

frameworks governing large-scale infrastructure projects. Directions have been issued vide order dated on August 23, 2024 to the respondents therein to consider the cases of the petitioners by treating their petition as representation.

The compliance of this case is awaited, with displaced families hoping for more comprehensive support to facilitate their transition to new living conditions.

### Sunny Deol turns a year older: A look back at the iconic films of Bollywood's action legend

On his 67th birthday, we revisit the best of Deol's acting journey spanning over four decades

Sunny Deol, the powerhouse of Bollywood, has captivated audiences with his intense performances and unforgettable characters.

As we celebrate his birthday, let's take a trip down memory lane and revisit some of his most iconic films that have left an indelible mark on Indian

Ghayal' (1990)

'Ghayal' (1990) is a Hindi action drama directed by Rajkumar Santoshi. It follows the story of Ajay Mehra, who seeks revenge against corrupt politicians and law enforcement after being wrongfully imprisoned for his brother's murder. The film stars Sunny Deol and received acclaim for its gripping narrative and powerful performances.

'Damini' (1993) Deol's portrayal of Bharat, the fierce lawyer fighting for justice in a sensitive rape case, remains one of his most memorable roles. His famous dialogue, "Tarikh pe tarikh," became a rallying cry for those seeking justice, showcasing his ability to embody righteous anger.

'Gadar: Ek Prem Katha' (2001) 'Gadar: Ek Prem Katha' (2001) is a historical romance set during the Partition of India. Sunny Deol portrays Tara Singh, a fierce and devoted Sikh truck driver who falls in love with a Muslim woman. His character embodies love, bravery, and determination as he fights against societal divides to protect his family.

'Kshatriya' (1993) 'Kshatriya' (1993) is a film cen-



tred on the themes of honour and rivalry among royal families. Sunny Deol plays the character of Thakur Prithviraj Singh, a courageous and noble warrior. He embodies valour and chivalry, standing firm for his family's dignity while navigating complex relationships and fierce confrontations with rival clans.

'Border' (1997)

'Border' (1997) is a war film based on the Battle of Longewala during the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971. Sunny Deol portrays Major Kuldip Singh Chandpuri, a brave and determined officer who leads his troops against overwhelming odds. His character exemplifies heroism, sacrifice, and unwavering patriotism in the face of adversity.

Sunny Deol, born Ajay Singh Deol on October 19, 1956, is a prominent Indian film actor, director, and producer, known for his powerful performances and action-packed roles in Bollywood films.

The son of legendary actor Dharmendra, Sunny carved his own niche in the industry, becoming one of the leading stars of the 1980s and 1990s.

Deol made his acting debut in 1983 with the film "Betaab," which was a commercial success and showcased his potential as a leading man.

However, it was his role in the 1990 film "Ghayal" that truly catapulted him to fame. The film, which revolved around themes of justice and vengeance. earned him several accolades and established him as an action hero.

His iconic dialogue delivery and intense on-screen presence became his trademarks.

Throughout his career, Sunny Deol has starred in numerous successful films, including "Dil," "Ghatak," "Border," and

"Zameer." His performances often highlight themes of patriotism, family values, and social justice, resonating with audiences across generations.

Deol is also known for his unique style, characterized by his muscular physique and signature action sequences.

In addition to acting, Sunny has ventured into directing and producing, showcasing his creative versatility. He made his directorial debut with "Dillagi" in 1999, which received positive reviews.

Over the years, he has continued to work in both commercial and critically acclaimed projects, further solidifying his legacy in Indian cinema.

Sunny Deol's contributions to the film industry have not gone unnoticed; he has received several awards, including the National Film Award for Best

Sunny Deol's contributions to Indian cinema are significant and varied, showcasing his ability to portray a wide range of characters--from the angry young man to the principled hero.

Beyond his cinematic achievements, he is also known for his philanthropic efforts and involvement in social causes. In the realm of politics, Sunny Deol entered public service in 2019 when he was elected as a Member of Parliament from the Gurdaspur constituency in Punjab, representing the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

### Shah Rukh Khan reveals he started drinking after Devdas



Shah Rukh Khan's Devdas is one of the masterpieces created by Sanjay Leela Bhansali. It's been 22 years since it came out and to date, it is remembered by the cinephiles for actors' performances, music and, of course, the grand sets.

Recently, his interview from the 77th Locarno Film Festival was released and in that conversation, we can see Shah Rukh sharing anecdotes from the time when he shot for Devdas. He revealed that he resorted to method acting for the role as he turned to alcohol while playing the character. However,

"Well, I got the Best Actor award. It might have helped, but I started drinking after the film and that's one downside

it worked against him as

He even talked about how he approached the character not as a tragic loser, but as a man with his own reasons for not committing to love.

"I didn't want you to feel love for him, but I didn't want you to hate him. Nor did I want you to like him for being an alcoholic who runs away from every girl that he falls in love with. I just wanted him to appear indescribable," SRK added.

He also shared that he accepted the titular role in Devdas despite receiving advice against it from many veterans because he believed his mother would have liked it.

"For some reason, I always felt if I make films which are very big, my mom and dad could see them from heaven. It's a childish thought, but I still think my mom's a star. I even know the star she is," he said.

SRK as Devdas, Aishwarya as Paro, and Madhuri as Chandramukhi, the trio gave a flawless performance which tugged at the heartstrings of audiences. Apart from the lead actors, Kirron Kher, Jackie Shroff, Smita Jaykar and Jaya Bhattacharya, all did a commendable job in the movie.

#### **Actress Jane Fonda to receive 2025 SAG Life Achievement Award**

Legendary actress and activist Jane Fonda will be bestowed with the highest honour at the 2025 Screen Actors Guild Awards. SAG-AFTRA announced Oscar-winning actor Jane Fonda, 87, as the 60th recipient of the SAG Life Achievement Award. The award will be given to her at the 31st SAG Awards on February 23, 2025.

She said in a statement that she was 'deeply honoured and humbled' by the recognition. "I have been working in this industry for almost the entirety of my life and there's no honour like the one bestowed on you by your peers," she said.

"SAG-AFTRA works tirelessly to protect the working actor and to ensure that union members are being treated equitably in all areas,



and I am proud to be a member as we continue to work to protect generations of performers to come," she added.

The SAG Life Achievement Award is given to actors 'for outstanding achievement in fostering the best ideals of the acting profession'. Barbra Streisand was honoured at the 2024 SAG Awards in February, while Sally Field and Helen Mirren recieved it at the 2023 and 2022 events, respectively.

### Actor Jaideep Singh believes good looks still matter in the industry

Jaideep Singh, currently captivating audiences as Balbir Singh Bajwa in Iss Ishq Ka Rabb Rakha on Star Plus, has witnessed firsthand the intricate dynamics of the entertainment industry. While he acknowledges that talent is increasingly valued, he also highlights the lingering emphasis on good looks as a critical factor in an actor's success. "Despite the proven fact that talent has become more important over time, the sad reality is that good looks still receive more consideration," Jaideep reflects. His belief that talent should be prioritised over appearance resonates with many in the industry who strive to be recognised for their craft rather than their physical attributes. "Personally, I feel that talent should



come first, with looks coming second. As for luck, you can't rely on it all the time, but your talent will definitely take you further," he emphasises.

In an industry notorious for its fierce competition, Jaideep remains undeterred. "It's true that fierce competition is always going to be there. One has to follow the principle of 'survival of the fittest' and keep moving forward," he advises aspiring actors. His pragmatic approach underscores the importance of resilience and determination in the face of adversity.

While favouritism is an undeniable aspect of the industry, Jaideep prefers not to dwell upon it. "I focus on my work and maintain a professional attitude. If my work, I address it politely and then move on," he explains. This mindset allows him to navigate the challenges of the industry without becoming disheartened. Reflecting on his own experiences, Jaideep shares an incident that taught him the value of persistence. "I can't mention specific names, but there was an instance where I was the first choice, yet they went with another actor. Later, they realised he couldn't deliver, and they called me back. I decided to return because I really wanted to do the project and knew that some people had fought for me to be there," he concludes, emphasising the importance of integrity and collaboration in his career.

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### Renowned singer Kumar Sanu has teamed up with American singer Sandy Kaur for the song Tum Khaffa Hogaye

In an exciting musical collaboration, renowned Bollywood singer Kumar Sanu has teamed up with American singer Sandy Kaur for the release of their new track Tum Khaffa Hogaye. The song promises to transport listeners back to the golden era of 90s Bollywood music, a time when Kumar Sanu's soulful voice became the hallmark of timeless romantic melodies.

Tum Khaffa Hogaye blends the classic charm of Kumar Sanu's mesmerising voice with Sandy Kaur's fresh international flair, creating a unique fusion that



appeals to both nostalgic audiences and new listeners alike. The song's smooth melody, evocative lyrics, and heart-

touching emotions bring back the essence of the 90s, with a modern twist. About the collaboration, Kumar Sanu said,

"The 90s was a magical time for music, and I'm thrilled to revisit that era with Tum Khaffa Hogaye. Working with

Sandy Kaur has been a different experience. I've tried to create something that will resonate with listeners across generations."

Sandy Kaur added, "It's an honour to collaborate with a legend like Kumar Sanu. His music has shaped the soundtracks of so many lives, and bringing our styles together has been truly special. We hope the song brings joy and nostalgia to people everywhere.'

The much-anticipated track is now available on Kumar Sanu's official YouTube channel.

### Sumit Singh: My character was something unique that I should definitely do



Actress Sumit Singh, who is seen playing the lead role of Pinni in Star Bharat's popular show Shaitani Ras-

her thoughts on why she embraced this role, revealing a deeper and more personal connecplayed before. When I first heard the name Pinni, I found it interesting, and, later, when I learned more about the show's storyline, I really liked it. What excites me is the horror aspect, and my character has powers, which I find fascinating. I felt it was something unique that I should definitely do. In real life, we are just normal people without any special abilities,

but in this show my

character has magical

powers."

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Sumit said, "This

character is very differ-

ent from the ones I've

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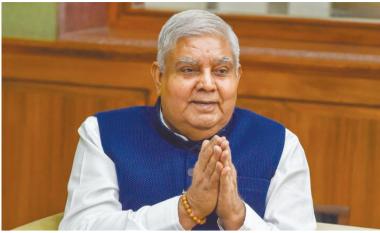
### **Commercialisation of education adversely impacting** its quality: Dhankhar

JAIPUR, Oct 19 (Agencies): Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Saturday said commercialisation of education is adversely impacting its quality which is not good for the future of the nation.

Speaking at a function organised by a private educational institute in Rajasthan's Sikar, Dhankhar said, "I see all around that what began as charitable work has now become commerce. Education becoming a business is not good for the future of the nation."

Stating that education was never a source of income but a medium of sacrifice and charity to build a healthy society, Dhankhar rued that today it has become a commodity which is being sold for profit, thus adversely impacting its quality.

"In some cases, it is even taking the shape of extortion. This is a matter of concern,"



he said.

"While educational institutions should be financially sustainable, it is the responsibility of the industry to nurture them from time to time. Corporate houses should use their CSR funds liberally to build institutions and fund new courses. This will help the nation progress," Dhankhar said.

He also said that industries are the biggest beneficiaries of research and innovations, which give power to the nation in front of the world

Students today want to study abroad but there are many opportunities in India and institutions and industry leaders should make them aware about them to stop the brain drain and loss of foreign exchange, the vice president said.

"The youth generally run behind 8-10 types of jobs but there are huge opportunities across various sectors. The basket of opportunities is getting bigger everyday but most of our students are not fully exposed to it," Dhankhar said.

"There is a need to create awareness among the youth about the ever-increasing basket of opportunities. I call upon the educational institutions and industry leaders to hold seminars and make the students aware about the different avenues available to them," he added.

Calling for optimum use of technology to give quality education to the students, the vice president also praised the National Education Policy which he called a "game changer".

### 15 kids injured as school bus overturns, falls into gorge in Haryana's Panchkula



CHANDIGARH, Oct 19 (Agencies): A bus carrying school children met with an accident near Morni, close to Tikkar Tal on October

The incident occurred due to the driver reportedly driving at high

speed, causing the bus to overturn and fall into a gorge near Thal vil-

Around 10 to 15 children sustained injuries in the accident. Emergency services quickly arrived on the scene to rescue the injured,

with all affected children being taken to the primary health centre in Morni for treatment. Some were also transported to the civil hospital in Sector 6, Panchkula, for further medical attention.

The driver of the bus was seriously injured in the crash.

Local police have begun an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Preliminary reports from the police indicate that the bus was carrying children from Nankana Sahib School in Malerkotla, Punjab, on a trip to Morni Hills when the accident occurred.

#### Six people run over by speeding **SUV** in Bihar

BANKA, Oct 19 (Agencies): Six people were run over by a speeding SUV in Bihar's Banka district, police said on Saturday.

The accident happened near Nagardih crossing in the Fullidumar police station area around 8.30 pm on Friday, they said.

"The deceased were pedestrians. Four persons died on the spot. Two persons succumbed to their injuries during treatment at the hospital," Sub-Divisional Police Officer Bipin



Bihari told agency.

"According to locals, the driver of the SUV fled immediately after the accident

A case has been reg-

istered and the matter is being investigated," he said.

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar expressed grief over the incident.

### AAP, Kejriwal will decide my future political roles: Satyendar Jain

(Agencies): Senior AAP leader Satyendar Jain on Saturday said his future political responsibilities will be decided by the party and its convener Arvind Kejriwal.

The former Delhi Health minister was on Friday night released from Tihar jail after spending 18 months in the prison in a money laundering case.

"I will do whatever our party and Arvind Kejriwal say," the AAP leader told agency Videos when asked about his



future political role.

The Rouse Avenue court granted bail to Jain on Friday afternoon. He was one of the topmost AAP leaders and held various portfolios in

the then Kejriwal government when he was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate in May

2022. "Atrocity is being done... it appears that the British rule has returned. The governments should compete on the work being done for the public.

However, the BJP doesn't do that. They say we won't let you work," he said.

Jain who is a MLA from Shakurbasti constituency, charged that he was arrested to stall Kejriwal and AAP government's works on Mohalla Clinics and Yamuna cleaning.

"I feel it is very unfortunate for the country. All parties need to work in unity and only then the country will progress,' he said.

After being released from jail, Jain met Kejriwal at his residence on Firozshah Road on Friday night.

The AAP convener shared his photos with Jain on X, saying "Welcome back Satyendra!"

Jain was given a warm welcome by the party leaders including Delhi Chief Minister Atishi, Manish Sisodia and Sanjay Singh who were present outside Tihar jail to receive him on Friday.

### Days after Baba Siddique's murder, son's photo found in shooter's phone, shared through Snapchat

MUMBAI, Oct 19 (Agencies): A photograph of NCP leader Baba Siddique's son Zeeshan Siddique was found in the phone of one of the arrested accused. Mumbai Police said on Saturday.

As per police, this picture was shared with the accused by their handler through Snapchat.

"Investigation revealed that the shooters and conspirators used Snapchat to share information with messages being deleted after instructions were given," Mumbai police said.

The Mumbai Crime Branch mentioned on Saturday that the arrested accused Ram

Kanojia revealed during interrogation that he was the first who was given the contract to kill the NCP leader and he had initially demanded one crore rupees.

According to his statement, fugitive accused Shubham Lonkar had first given the contract to kill Baba Siddiqui to Ram Kanojia. Kanoiia had demanded one crore rupees for carrying out the murder.

"During interrogation by the Mumbai Crime Branch, Ram Kanojia disclosed that Shubham Lonkar initially offered the contract to him and Nitin Sapre to kill Baba Siddiqui. Kanojia, who hails from



Maharashtra, knew the consequences of killing Baba Siddiqui, which is why he was hesitant to take the contract. This led him to demand one crore rupees for the job. Subsequently, Shubham Lonkar chose not to hire Ram Kanojia and instead selected shooters from Uttar Pradesh," the crime branch said.

further "Kanojia

revealed that Shubham Lonkar was aware that the people from Uttar Pradesh might not be fully aware of Baba Siddiqui's stature or reputation in Maharashtra. Therefore, they would agree to carry out the murder for a lower price. When Ram Kanojia and

Nitin Sapre backed out,

Shubham hired Dharma

Raj Kashyap, Gurnail

Singh, and Shivkumar Gautam from Uttar Pradesh for the task." the statement added.

Meanwhile, a look-out circular was issued for Shubham Lonkar, along with two additional suspects, Shiv Kumar Gautam and Zeeshan Akhtar, who are believed to be trying to flee to Nepal.

Baba Siddique was shot outside his office in Nirmal Nagar.

He sustained two gunshot wounds to the chest and was taken to Mumbai's Lilavati Hospital for emergency treatment, where he succumbed to his injuries on October 12.

### SP has sought 12 seats from **MVA** to contest in Maharashtra assembly polls: Akhilesh



DHULE, Oct 19 (Agencies): The Samajwadi Party (SP) has asked for 12 seats from the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) in Maharashtra, party chief Akhilesh Singh Yadav said on Saturday.

Talking to reporters in north Maharashtra's Dhule district, Yadav said his party has declared candidates on a few seats where it has sitting MLAs and also in constituencies where it

feels it is strong.

Yadav said his party is the one that is satisfied with a few seats.

The Uttar Pradeshbased party founded by Mulayam Singh Yadav is a constituent of the opposition's INDIA bloc at the national level.

In Maharashtra, three parties - Shiv Sena (UBT), Congress and NCP (SP) - which are also part of the INDIA bloc, are contesting the elections as part of the MVA alliance.

The assembly elections in Maharashtra will be held on November 20.

### Vijaya Kishore Rahatkar named new National Commission for Women chief

NEW DELHI. Oct 19 (Agencies): The Centre appointed Vijaya Kishore Rahatkar as the new Chairperson of the National Commission for Women (NCW), according to a notification issued on Saturday.

Rahatkar's appointment, made under Section 3 of the National Commission for Women Act, 1990, will last for a term of three years or until she reaches the age of 65, whichever comes first.

Her tenure is set to begin immediately, and the formal announcement will be published in the Gazette of India.

Alongside Rahatkar's appointment, the government has also named new members to the NCW. Dr. Archana Majumdar has been appointed as a member of the commission for a threeyear term, as confirmed by the Ministry of Women and Child Development's official notification.

Vijaya Rahatkar, currently serving as the National Secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Co-Incharge of the party's Rajasthan unit, has held a



range of key positions within the party over the past several decades.

Vijaya Rahatkar completed her Bachelor's degree in Science with a major in Physics and her Postgraduate degree in History from Pune University.

She hails from the Aurangabad district of Maharashtra. With no political background, Rahatkar joined the BJP in 1995 as a booth worker and gradually

advanced within the party. She served as an elected member of the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation from 2000 to 2010 and was elected as the Mayor of Aurangabad from 2007 to 2010.

### Man set ablaze by villagers in Odisha over allegations of black magic

BHUBANESWAR. Oct 19 (Agencies): A 50-year-old man was fighting for his life at a hospital in Odisha's Nuapada district after he was allegedly set on fire by villagers, accusing him of practising black magic, police said on Saturday.

The residents of Portipada village had convened a meeting on Friday evening, and the victim, Kham Singh Majhi, was asked to be

present there. The kangaroo court charged him with practising black magic, and

as a "punishment", tied

him with ropes made of

straw and set him on

fire, police said.

As the blaze engulfed him, Majhi ran from one house to the other, screaming and shouting in pain. As no one came forward to help him, he finally jumped into a pond.

He was rescued from the pond by his family who admitted him to the Sinappli government hospital. As his condition was critical, he was transferred to the district headquarters hospital, police said.

"The villagers had called a meeting and threatened my father with dire consequences for performing black magic. As he denied the

charges, they first beat him up and then set him on fire," alleged Majhi's son Hemlal.

SDPO of Khariar Arup Behera said a case was registered at the Sinapalli police station, a search was underway for the accused per-

"Most of the people have fled their houses when police reached the village," he said.

"As per the allegation, an attempt was made to burn him alive. The investigation is now at the preliminary stage. We will ascertain the reason for the attack only after a thorough probe," he added.

### Two paramilitary jawans injured in Naxal bomb blast in Chhattisgarh

CHHATTISGARH, Oct 19 (Agencies): Two jawans of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) were injured in a bomb blast by the Naxals in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur on Saturday, officials said.

The Naxals carried out an improvised explosive device (IED) blast on the team returning from an anti-Naxal search operation in Abujhmad. The identity of the personnel is yet to be revealed by the forces. In July, two jawans were killed and four were injured in an IED blast by Naxals in Bijapur district. This occurred when security forces were returning from

an anti-Naxal operation and the pipe bomb exploded. Two Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel were killed in June in a similar attack. They were on a routine patrol as part of a Road Opening Party on a truck and bikes when the truck was blown up by

Meanwhile, the state also recorded the highest number of killings of Naxalites. In the first half of 2024 alone, over 140 Naxals were gunned down by security forces in Chhattisgarh.

### Drone attack on Benjamin Netanyahu's residence in **Israel, Prime Minister safe**

Netanyahu was not in the house at time of the attack and there were no casualties

JERUSALEM, Oct 19 (Agencies): Israel's government said a drone was launched toward the the prime minister's house Saturday, with no casualties.

Sirens wailed Saturday morning in Israel, warning of incoming fire from Lebanon, with a drone launched toward Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's house in Caesarea, the Israeli government said.

Neither he nor his wife were home and there were no casualties, said his spokesperson in a statement.

The strikes into Israel come as



its war with Lebanon's Hezbollah — a Hamas ally backed by

Iran — has intensified in recent

Hezbollah said Friday that it planned to launch a new phase of fighting by sending more guided missiles and exploding drones into Israel.

The militant group's longtime leader, Hassan Nasrallah, was killed in an Israeli airstrike in late September, and Israel sent ground troops into Lebanon earlier in October

A standoff is also ensuing between Israel and Hamas, which it's fighting in Gaza, with both signaling resistance to ending the war after the death of Hamas' leader Yahya Sinwar this week.

#### Japan's ruling party headquarters is attacked with firebombs and suspect is arrested

TOKYO, Oct 19 (Agencies): A man threw several firebombs into the headquarters of Japan's ruling party in Tokyo Saturday, then crashed his car into the fencing of the prime minister's residence, Tokyo police said. There were no reports of injuries.

The man, identified by police as Atsunobu Usuda, 49, was arrested on the spot on charges of obstructing the performance of official duties, although additional charges can be added later.

Although the motive for the attack was not immediately clear, Japanese media reports said social media posts believed to be Usuda's showed him complaining about the sums of money required to run for office under Japanese law, implying Usuda had political ambitions. The media reports also

quoted unidentified sources as saying Usuda had taken part in protests against nuclear plants. Usuda was not immediately available for comment. The ruling Liberal Democratic Party is increasingly unpopular with the public due to a ballooning money scandal involving dubious funding and suspected tax evasion. The party declined to comment on Saturday's attack, referring all queries to the police. Voting for the lower house of Parliament is set for Oct. 27. Some tarnished politicians lost the official backing of the ruling party but are running as independents.

The party recently chose a new leader, Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba, hoping to present a new image. But polls show its popularity plummeting, although it's still unclear whether they will lose their majority grip on the lower house in the upcoming election given the splintered opposition.

Some candidates have been heckled, which is relatively rare in Japanese culture. The Liberal Democrats have ruled Japan

almost continuously over recent decades. They are credited with leading Japan as it became an economic powerhouse from the devastation of World War II.

Then-Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was assassinated in 2022, while making a speech for a ruling party candidate during a parliamentary election. The killer used a handmade firearm, saying he resented Abe because his mother gave all the family money to the Unification Church, and he saw Abe as affiliated with that church. Such ties are still ongoing with some ruling party politicians.

### Khamenei says death of 'heroic mujahid' Sinwar won't stop 'Axis of Resistance'



TEHRAN, Oct 19 (Agencies): Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said on Saturday that the death of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar will not stop the "Axis of Resistance" and that Hamas will continue to exist, news agency agency reported.

"His loss is undoubtedly painful for the Axis of Resistance, but this front did not cease advancing with the martyrdom of prominent figures," Khamenei said in a state-

"Hamas is alive and will remain alive," he added.

In a series of posts on X. Khamenei condoled the Hamas leader's death and called him a "heroic mujahid". He said, "For someone like Yahya Sinwar who had dedicated his life to the battle against the usurping, cruel enemy, anything less than martyrdom would have been an unworthy fate".

He added that he will continue to "stand by the sincere Palestinian mujahideen and fighters".

Earlier this month, in his first Friday sermon in half a decade, the 85-year-old Iranian Supreme Leader had warned that Israel "will not last long".

Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar, who ordered the October 7 attack on Israel, was killed on Friday. The Israeli Defence Force (IDF) announced Sinwar's death on Thursday, October 17. He was one of the primary targets of Israel.

Israel had released a drone footage showing Yahya Sinwar's final moments. The video showed him slumped in a chair covered in dust, with a bleeding right hand. As the drone hovered nearby, the video showed him throwing a stick at it in an apparent act of desperation or defiance. Soon after, a tank shell was fired into the building, and he was found dead later with his head smashed.

Hamas confirmed the death of the group's leader, Yahya Sinwar, and vowed it will not release the hostages it seized on October 7 until the aggression in Gaza ends.

The October 7 attacks that killed 1,200 Israelis, was the deadliest terrorist attack on the Jewish state, and plunged the Middle East into chaos.

Yahya Sinwar, known for his brutal enforcement against Palestinians who cooperated with Israel and his staunch opposition to the state, was imprisoned for many years by Israel. He rose to leadership on August 6, succeeding the former political chief, Ismail Haniyeh, who was assassinated in Tehran days earlier.

#### North Korea claims it discovered the remains of a South Korean drone in its capital

SEOUL, Oct 19 (Agencies): North Korea said Saturday it found the remains of a South Korean drone during a search in its capital, Pyongyang, claiming the drone proved the South's military was behind the alleged drone infiltrations over the city's skies earlier in the month

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff in a statement described the North Korean claim as "unilateral" and "unworthy of responding."

The North's official Korean Central News Agency released photos showing a seemingly damaged aircraft with wide, V-shaped wings and winglets. It said a joint investigation by North Korea's military and state security agencies concluded that the aircraft, which it said was found on Oct. 13, was the same type of drone that appeared in a South Korean military parade earlier in Octo-

North Korea accused South Korea of flying drones over the night skies of Pyongyang three different times

this month to drop anti-North Korean propaganda leaflets. It threatened to respond with force if such flights occur again.

The aircraft allegedly found in Pyongyang was likely one of the drones that were used to drop leaflets, North Korea's Defense Ministry said, but further examinations were needed to verify

deny that the aircraft was used to drop leaflets, that would only confess to a separate infiltration of North Korea's airspace by the South's military, the ministry said. If North Korea confirms another violation of its territorial ground, airspace and waters by the South's military, that will be regarded as a "declaration of war and an immediate retaliatory attack will be launched," the ministry added.

South Korea's defense minister initially made a vague denial after the North's Oct. 11 accusation that the South sent drones over Pyongyang. The South's military adjusted its response hours later, saying it couldn't confirm whether or not the North's claims were true.

Tensions on the Korean Peninsula are now at their worst in years as North Korean leader Kim Jong Un ramps up his weapons tests and threats, and expands military cooperation with Russia, with South Korea claiming the North dispatched troops to support Should South Korea Russia's war against Ukraine.

The animosity has been exacerbated by Cold War-style psychological warfare campaigns between the Koreas in recent months.

Since May, North Korea has sent thousands of balloons carrying paper waste, plastic and other trash to drop on the South. The South's military has responded by using loudspeakers at the border to broadcast propaganda and K-pop to North Korea.

North Korea is extremely sensitive to any outside criticism of Kim's authoritarian government and his family's dynastic rule.

### First migrants sent to Albania for processing are returned to Italy

SHENGJIN, Oct 19 (Agencies): An Italian navy ship on Saturday took back to Italy the first 12 migrants from newly opened asylum processing centers in Albania following a court decision in Rome.

The court ruling on Friday represents an early stumbling block to a five-year deal between Italy and Albania for Tirana to host 3,000 migrants per month picked up by the Italian coast guard. They will be vetted for possible asylum in Italy or to be sent back to their coun-

Italian Premier Minister Giorgia Meloni has hailed it as a new "model" to handle illegal migration.

The court in Rome rejected the detention of 12 of the migrants, arguing they cannot be sent back to their countries or origin -- Bangladesh and Egypt -- because the court did not deem them to be safe enough.

The Italian navy ship took the 12 from the port of Shengiin, 66 kilometers (40 miles) northwest of the capital Tirana. After arriving there this week, the four other migrants had already been rejected by center staff, two as vulnerable after undergoing health checks and two

for being minors. Each migrant's detention must be reviewed by special migration courts in Italy under Italian law.

Meloni slammed the judges following the ruling, and said that deeming countries such as Bangladesh and Egypt unsafe means that virtually all migrants would be barred from the Albania program, making it unworkable. Interior Minister Matteo Piantedosi said the government would appear the ruling.

Speaking to reporters during a trip to Lebanon, Meloni said she would convene a Cabinet meeting Monday to discuss the issue.

"We'll meet to approve

allow us to overcome this obstacle," Meloni said. "I believe it's up to the government and not magistrates to establish which countries can be considered safe."

some norms that will

Although Bangladesh and Egypt are not at war or facing any large refugee crises, the Rome judges said their decision was based on recent international rulings that consider discrimination or persecution in even a part of a country as grounds for such a determination.

Italy has agreed to welcome those migrants who are granted asylum, while those whose applications are rejected face deportation directly from Albania.

The controversial agreement to outsource the housing of asylumseekers to a non-EU member country has been hailed by some countries that, like Italy, are experiencing a high level of migrant arrivals.

The agreement was endorsed by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen as an example of "outof-box thinking" in tackling the issue of migration into the European Union.

Human rights organizations considered it as setting a dangerous precedent.

### Australian authorities respond to a reported bomb scare on a New Zealand flight

MELBOURNE, Oct 19 (Agencies): Australian authorities responded on Saturday to a reported bomb scare on flight from New Zealand to Sydney. Police said there was no threat.

Air New Zealand flight 247 remained on the Sydney Airport tarmac



with its passengers aboard for hours due to a bomb threat, news media reported. Australian Federal Police said they had responded to an incident on board an aircraft that was en route to the airport.

"Investigations are continuing. There is no threat to the community," a police statement said. Air New Zealand said in a statement there was

a "security incident" on

the flight.

"We are working with the local authorities and following standard protocols established for such incidents.

The safety and security of all passengers and crew is our utmost priority," an airline statement said.

### Lawyer for Mozambique's opposition politician is fatally shot following disputed election

MAPUTO, Oct 19 (Agencies): Gunmen chased down the lawyer for Mozambique's leading opposition politician and a senior opposition official and fatally shot them in their car in the capital, their party said Sat-

This comes as the country waits for the results of a tense election that has drawn more allegations of vote rigging and clamping down on dissent against the long-ruling governing party.

Elvino Dias, a lawyer and advisor to opposition presidential candidate Venancio Mondlane, was killed late Friday night by gunmen in two vehicles who riddled his car with bullets on a main avenue in the city of Maputo, the PODEMOS opposition party said.



Paulo Guambe, a senior member and the spokesperson for PODEMOS, also was in the car with Dias and died in the shooting, the party said in a statement.

The killings are "further clear evidence of the lack of justice that we are all subjected

to," PODEMOS said.

PODEMOS is a relatively new opposition party that challenged the 49-year rule of the Front for the Liberation of Mozambique (Frelimo) party in the Oct. 9 election. Although Mondlane ran for president as an independent, he was supported by PODEMOS. Mondlane, PODEMOS and other opposition parties have accused Frelimo of electoral fraud and rigging the election.

Frelimo candidate Daniel Chapo holds a clear lead in the presidential race, according to preliminary results. The final election results are due to be announced next week. Chapo is expected to be announced as the winner to succeed President Filipe Nyusi, who has served a maximum of two terms.

### N Korea sending troops to aid Russia: Seoul



SEOUL, Oct 19 (Agencies): South Korean intelligence

has found North Korea has dispatched 12,000 troops to support Ukraine. Yonhap news agency cited the National Intelligence Service as that the North Korean troops have already left the country. The NIS didn't immediately confirm the report. but South Korea's presidential office said that President Yoon Suk Yeol had presided over an emergency meeting to discuss North Korea's troop dispatch to Ukraine.

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## **SSP Traffic Rural Jammu counsels bikers** to wear crash helmet

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU. Oct 19: In its continuous efforts towards the awareness programmes in Traffic Rural Jammu jurisdiction to road users/vehicle operators and general public, SSP Traffic Rural Jammu Sh. Vinay Kumar held counselling sessions with the bikers at various places in Samba and Kathua districts in order to educate them about the importance of wearing safety gears and following traffic rules to avoid the fatal and non fatal accidents.

During the counselling sessions, SSP Traffic Rural Jammu emphasized the importance of road safety gears to motorists especially our valued bike riders. The officer appealed to the bikers to always wear a crash helmet including the pillion rider and ensure it is securely fastened which is the best defense against head injuries. Officer advised the bikers to desist from using the mobile phones while driving their two wheelers/ motor bikes and strictly avoid triple riding to ensure.He informed the bikers that as per the survey wearing helmets reduce risk of head injury by 70% (World Health Organization) and due to non wearing of helmets, 85% of motorcycle fatalities involve head injuries. Wearing standard marked helmets are



approximately 37% effective in preventing fatalities and 69% effective in preventing brain injuries. Mr. Kumar cautioned the bikers, not to indulge/ make habit in the wrong lane driving, using short cuts, and overtaking/ stunts, which endangers the precious human lives.

Additionally, SSP Traffic Rural Jammu urged upon the vehicle operators / mini bus & bus operators to obey traffic signals, stop only at designated bus stops, ensure lane driving follow traffic rules honestly and above all not indulge in overtaking/ overloading/ rash driving/ using pressure horns.

They shall ride defensively and anticipate the unexpected. Further, the Bus/ mini buses operators have been request-

ed to remove the paints and stickers pasted on the window glasses, front and back screens which blocks the visibility.

The emergency exits in the vehicles shall be kept free to facilitate evacuation during any eventuality. While plying the vehicles on the road/ NHWs/ SHWs. as a commuter. motorists/ drivers shall give priority to the Emergency vehicles like Fire tenders and Ambulances.

The motorists in general shall remember that they share the road with others and first of all behave as a good citizens to work for effective traffic management system when the whole NHW is under construction from Lakhanpur to Bari Brahmana.

Kumar also informed that to avoid the cancela legal requirement but a responsible driving prac-

Kumar requested the road commuters to cooperate with Traffic Police to safeguard the lives of public and to ensure better traffic management for the general public.

He further reiterated his commitment to provide better service to masses and to help passengers to reach their destinations safety. Let us work together to make our roads safer and ride smart and ride safe.

The awareness programme was held under the close supervision of M. Suleman Choudhary IGP Traffic J&K and Dr. Mohd. Haseeb Mughal DIG Jammu Range.

SSP Traffic Rural Jammu was accompanied by Sukhdedv Singh DySP Samba Kathua, Inspr. Aijaz Pervaiz DTI Samba/Vijaypur and Inspr. Kapil Manhas DTI Bari Brahmana during the programme in the juris-

SSP Traffic Rural Jammu Vinay Kumar called upon the Traffic officers and officials to dedicate themselves with highest ethical and professional standards to maintain the public confidence.

Moreover, special awareness sessions be organized to familiarize the general public especially youth about the Traffic laws and other road safety measures.

### **Govt Polytechnic Jammu** organized chess tournament

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Oct 19: Government Polytechnic College organized Chess Tournament in the college. Students from all the ten departments took part in this tournament which was played on knockout basis at two levels, Intradepartmental and Interdepartmental.

The Intra-department Competitions were inaugurated by the worthy Principal Er. Arun Bangotra on 14th of October 2024. HoD's and staff of all the departments organized an Intra- department chess competition for the students of all the three semesters of their department.

Principal Er. Arun Bangotra was Chief Guest on the final match and prize distribution function.

Amit Kumar Sharma, Sports Secretary and Chamel Singh PEM welcomed the Principal Er. Arun Bangotra, who interacted with all the participants and exhorted spectators and participants to take part in Indoor and Outdoor activities which will give all round development and it will groom their overall personalities to take challenges later in their life. "Chess", he said, is a game of nerves which can develop critical thinking, problem solving, decision making and

planning skills. The final matches of Inter Departmental chess tournament was conducted today in the conference hall under the expert panel of Er. Rishab Gupta Lecturer-I (Convener), Er. Paramjot Singh (Demonstrator), Himanshu Bakshi, Rakesh Khullar, Chamel Singh (PEM) and

Toshi Devi (PET). In the 1st semi-final Anirudh Sharma of Information Technology Department beat Kashish Jasrotia of Travel and Tourism and in the 2nd semi-final Chinmay

Sharma of Architecture Department beat Puneet Kumar of Computer Department.

In the Summit clash a tough fight was seen between Chinmay Sharma and Anirudh Sharma where Chinmay held his nerves and proved his mental strength and was declared winner of this year title and Anirudh Sharma was declared runner up of the event.

Er. Sukhdeep Singh HOD Civil Engineering, Er. Raj Kumar HOD Mechanical Engineering, Sanjay Koul HOD Computer Engineering, Smt. Rani Devi HOD IT Sanam Gupta Lecturer-I Mechanical Engineering, Rishabh Gupta Lecturer-I Mechanical Engineering, Mehraj-u-din Lecturer MLT, Manu Rajput, Himani Dubey, Smt. Jeenita, also witnessed the final match along with students of various departments.

#### The Shri Ram School hosts J&K Yuva Sansad



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Oct 19: The Shri Ram Universal School, Jammu, in partnership with the Directorate of School Education and Erudite Youth Community, recently hosted the Jammu and Kashmir Yuva Sansad.

This two-day event aimed to involve young people in the democratic process and fostering leadership skills. Over 100 students from various government and private schools across Samba actively participated in this event. It included dynamic sessions across three committees: All India Political Parties Meet (AIPPM), Citizen

Dialogue Bhartiy In the AIPPM, participants engaged in lively debates on national issues like education reforms and unemployment. The Citizen Dialogue allowed students to discuss local concerns such as environmental sustainability and youth involvement in governance.

The Bhartiya Press committee played the role of journalists, covering the debates and producing reports on the discussions.

The committees were expertly chaired by members of the Edurite Youth Community, including Surya Bali, Ayesha Hayaat, Advay Sharma, Shashwat Veer and Suhas Koul.

Shivani Vaid, as the Conference President led the proceedings, ensuring meaningful engagement across all committees.

The organizing team of the school included Manpreet Kour, Purnima Gupta, and Radhika Sharma as the School Conveners, who played cessful execution of the event. Mrinalini Sambyal and Ayushi Angral, were honoured as Ambassadors of the Yuva Sansad.

The closing ceremony was honored by Rajesh Sharma, Deputy Commissioner of Samba, as the Chief Guest.

In his address, he praised the students'

active participation and underscored the importance of youth engagement in the democratic process.

Other distinguished guests included Ekshu Sharma, Assistant Director, Handicrafts Samba, Kewal Krishan, Chief Education Officer Samba, Abhimanyu Kalsotra, Tehsildar Ramgarh, and Dr. Atul Hans, Director Academics, IDRS, who commended the efforts of the students and the organizers for creating such an impactful event.

Sonika Mahajan, Principal, TSUSJ, greeted the esteemed guests and expressed her gratitude for their presence, underscoring the importance of next generation of lead-

Sanjeev Gupta, Chairman and Rajni Gupta, Director of the school acknowledged the valuable presence of the guests and extended their appreciation to all participants especially the Core Team for making the event a grand success.

### Goenkan Lit Fest 2024: a celebration of literary brilliance and creativity

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Oct 19: G.D. Goenka Public School, Jammu, hosted the muchanticipated Goenkan Lit Fest 2024, an Inter-School Literary Competition that celebrated the art of articulation, intellectual engagement, and artistic expression. Students from various prestigious schools across Jammu gathered to participate, fostering a spirit of healthy competition and collabo-

The auspicious occasion commenced with talented Goenkans taking the stage as they offered an ode to the Goddess of Knowledge and Arts-Goddess Saraswati. The audience was enthralled by the captivating presentation, which set the tone for the day's celebrations.

The event began with a

warm welcome address by Senior Wing Coordinator, Varsha Billawaria. She highlighted the significance of the Lit Fest as a cherished tradition that grows stronger each year, providing a platform for young minds to explore literature, unleash their creativity, and hone their

expressive abilities. Principal Arindam Rov Choudhury delivered an inspiring speech, encouraging students to explore the vast realms of creativ-

out the day's events. Throughout the day, participants displayed their impressive literary skills across various events. In the Class 6 Fairy Tale Retelling, APS BD Bari captivated the audience with a creative twist on a timeless classic, securing first place. The Class 7 Ad Mad Show saw APS

BD Bari stand out with their clever and insightful advertisement concept. Ink Imagica, the Class 8 showcased exceptional storytelling, with KC International School taking the top spot for their imagina-

tive narrative. In addition, Class 9 and 10 students excelled in The Radio Show, where KC Public School, captivated listeners with their engaging broadcast. Meanwhile, Class 11 and 12 participants brought Shakespearean drama to life in The Stage of the Bard, with GD Goenka Public School earning top honours for their out-

standing performance. The Hindi literary events were also a highlight, emphasising the depth and beauty of the language.

In the Class 6 event 'Laghu Katha', GD

Goenka Public School delivered a powerful storytelling performance that earned them the top spot. In Samachar Vachan, a news-reading event for Class 7, GD goenka

public school triumphed with their clear articulation and confidence. Sahitya Prashnottari, a quiz testing knowledge of Hindi literature for Class 8, saw APS BD Bari securing first place with their impressive answers. The 'Ekanki' competibrought the day's theatrical element to life, with APS BD Bari delivering a compelling performance that clinched the victory.

The day reached its peak with the thrilling announcement of the overall champion.

GD Goenka Public School, Jammu and APS BD Bari won the coveted

Paragons of Lit Fest 2024 title for their excellence across both English and Hindi events.

Susmita Roy Choudhury, Dean Academics, delivered a heartfelt vote of thanks, expressing her deep appreciation for the participating schools, the tireless efforts of the organising team, and the outstanding performances by the students. The event concluded on a patriotic note with the singing of the National Goenkan Lit Fest 2024

was not merely a competition but a celebration of literature, creativity, and bringing to life the world of words, where students from across Jammu came together to share ideas. showcase their talents, and forge lasting memories of learning and collaboration.

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#### **Doda town, adjoining** areas

seconds.

As per the news agency, six days after a 4.3 magnitude earthquake hit the area, a mild earthquake was felt around 10.18

There was no loss of life or property reported in the incident.

#### **Kashmir Marathon: 59 Int'l athletes among 2000 participants to** flex muscles on 42-km stretch tomorrow

Kashmir as well. "This marathon will send a message across the globe that Kashmir is peaceful. All these Athletes will send a message across the world that Kashmir is fit to host international events," Director Tourism said. "We will showcase our cuisine, paper machie, pashmina and other things. All these athletes will be our brand ambassadors," he added.

A foreign Athlete from Denmark said she is in Kashmir for the first time. "I love the surroundings of Srinagar. People and food are amazing. It would be a great experience to run here," she said.

Sunita, who is representing a team of 45 Elite Indian Athletes said, the hospitality in Kashmir is amazing. "We have been told that athletes will be taken for a tour to Gulmarg by the Tourism department,

she said. "In Kashmir, there is the highest prize money for the marathon, which is a great thing.

The Director Tourism said that the Marathon will be flagged off by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah at 6:15 am tomorrow from Polo View Srinagar.

#### **Driver killed as truck** plunges into gorge on Srinagar-Jammu **National Highway**

notorious for frequent road accidents, has long been a cause of concern for commuters and authorities alike.

"Every other day, we hear about accidents on this highway. Something needs to be done about it," commented a frustrated commuter at the scene.

#### **CRPF** personnel injured in Budgam road accident succumbs

immediately reached the accident spot and shifted the injured to the hospital in Chrar-e-Sharief town in Budgam district. Attending doctors at Chrar-e-Sharief Hospital on Friday referred nine injured troopers to SMHS hospital in Srinagar city. One of the injured troopers succumbed to injuries in the hospital today, officials said. Senior officials of the paramilitary force went to the hospital to inquire about the welfare of the injured troopers. Police has taken cognisance of the incident.

#### LG Sinha clears resolution passed by Omar-**Led Cabinet urging** centre to Restore Statehood

statehood will be a beginning of a healing process, reclaiming the constitutional rights and protecting the identity of people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The cabinet has authorised the chief minister to take up the matter with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Government of India for restoration of statehood, he said.

Protection of Jammu and Kashmir's unique identity and constitutional rights of people remains the cornerstone of the newly-elected government's policy, the spokesperson said.

He said the chief minister would be proceeding to New Delhi in the coming days to meet the Prime Minister and Union Ministers in this regard.

The cabinet has also decided to summon the Legislative Assembly at Srinagar on November 4 and advised the LG to summon and address the assembly, the spokesperson added.

The draft address of the LG to the Legislative Assembly at the commencement of the first session was also placed before the Council of Ministers which the Council decided shall be further considered and

discussed, he said. Political parties on Friday described the resolution only on statehood and not on Article 370 as an "utter surrender" and a departure from the stand of the ruling National Conference.

Various political parties, including the People's Democratic Party (PDP), People's Conference (PC) and Awami Ittehad Party (AIP), denounced the move, reminding the NC of its poll promise to "strive to restore (Articles) 370-35A and statehood as prior to August 5, 2019", and saying it was a departure from the pre-election stand.

#### **LG Manoi Sinha. CM** Omar Abdullah condemns killing of non**local labourer in Shop**ian

The body of the labourer was found in a field in the Wachi area of Zainapora in the south Kashmir district on Friday. It bore two bullet marks.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and political parties in the valley have also condemned the killing.

"Very sorry to hear about the death of Ashok Chouhan at the hands of militants in South Kashmir. These attacks are abhorrent & must be condemned in the strongest possible terms. I send my condolences to the family & loved ones of the deceased," Abdullah said on X.

Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) president Tariq Hameed Karra condemned the killing,

terming it as most unfortunate and shock-

"I am disappointed and equally pained to learn about the killing of Ashok Chouhan by the unidentified gunmen in South Kashmir. Killings in any form are highly condemnable and unacceptable. Such incidents must be stopped in the larger interest of peace and safety of common people," the JKPCC chief said.

Karra expressed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and prayed for their courage to bear the irreparable loss.

The BJP's Kashmir unit strongly condemned the "heinous and cowardly act of terrorism", saying the killing of an innocent man who was earning his livelihood reflects the desperation of terrorists to create fear and disrupt peace in the valley.

The party's Kashmir Media Incharge, Sajid Yousuf Shah expressed deep sorrow and outrage over this brutal incident.

"The cold-blooded murder of Ashok Chauhan is a reprehensible act of cowardice that seeks to destabilize the harmony in J-K. We stand united with the family of the victim during this tragic time. These terrorists will not succeed in their sinister designs," Shah said.

He reiterated the BJP's unwavering commitment to restoring peace and normalcy in Kashmir, saying such acts will only strengthen our resolve to root out terrorism from our land.

The security forces will ensure that the perpetrators of this ghastly crime are brought to justice, he added.

Mild earthquake in

## Meet T.M. Mathachan, the man who made **Ratan Tata a 'taxi-driver'**

NEW DELHI, Oct 19 (Agencies): T.M. Mathachan breaks into a smile as he recollects the time Ratan Tata walked up to him and asked, "Don't we know each other? Then, why didn't you come and say hello when you saw me?'

As young men, this former employee of TELCO (now Tata Motors) and the chairman emeritus of Tata Sons were hotel-mates in Jamshedpur. Now retired and settled in his home in Kandanad in Kerala's Ernakulam district, Mathachan could not stress enough the warmth of the legendary industrialist.

Mathew, known locally by his family name as Thukalan Mathachan, and Tata were hostelmates in 1962 when they were trainees in TELCO. He fondly remembers Tata as the personification of grace, nobility, and humility

After the training, Tata moved back to Mumbai. After a decade or so. versation was interrupt-

Tata spotted Mathachan in the crowd when he was leading a delegation from Africa to the training centre in Jamshedpur. As he was an employee, Mathachan chose to be professional and stayed in the background. However, Tata spotted him immediately, walked amount. over, and broke the ice with his friendly query.

No special service The Jamshedpur hostel was managed by the trainees themselves So, they devised a way to keep the mess bills down-providing room service to special quests. This and any other additional privileges were billed and the money was added to the common pool. Tata was given special service, but he was only charged the regular

being sent to his room as The following month, his presence in the dining when Mathachan took hall might inconvenience over as mess manager, others. Mathachan assured him that his he mentioned the discrepancy to Tata and presence was always suggested that it should welcome. Tata smiled be corrected. The conand added humorously,

"By the way, my car is a bit large. Do I need to pay a parking fee?'

Tata, the 'taxi driver'

Mathachan also recalled the time when Baiju, a canteen worker from Odisha, fell off his bicycle and injured himself. As Mathachan rushed around to find transportation to the hospital, Tata stepped in and offered his car. When Mathachan said a taxi might be more appropriate, Tata insisted on using his car and personally drove Baiju to the hospital.

While returning, Tata asked Mathachan, "Aren't you the one who insists on following all the rules? Shouldn't I be paid taxi rates for this trip?" To this, Mathachan replied, "How could Lever think of you as a taxi driver?" The trainees both laughed at the banter as they drove down to the hostel.

Sitting in Kandanad, Mathachan today mourns a man who was his boss, and genuinely, a friend.

### When is Muhurat trading 2024? Dalal Street to mark Samvat 2081 with special Diwali session

MUMBAI, Oct 19 (Agencies): The Hindu accounting year, Samvat, begins with Diwali every year and the Indian equity markets hold muhurat trading to mark the auspicious occasion.

When is Muhurat trading 2024?

This year Diwali falls on November 1 and hence the one-hour muhurat trading session will be held on the same day to mark the new year, Samvat 2081.

The one-hour symbolic session is finalised based on planetary positions and is believed to bring good fortune. This happens when the ritual of Laxmi Pujan is carried out to celebrate prosperity. Investors buy stocks as a token to mark new beginnings and usually don't make serious investments.

The tradition of Muhu-



rat trading began on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) in 1957. The National Stock Exchange

exchange was founded. The session will have various segments, beginning with a 15-minute block deal session when traders commit to buying or selling stocks at a fixed price and report it the exchange. This will be followed by a pre-market session of 15-minute

(NSE) picked up the tra-

dition in 1992 when the

duration.

The main trading session will last for one hour. During this window, call auction will also be held for the transaction of illiquid securitues. The main window will be followed by the closing session when investors are allowed to place orders at the closing price.

Both BSE and NSE are yet to make an official announcement regarding the timings of the session.

### In a first, Kerala lottery revenue breaches Rs 11,000 crore mark

KERALA, Oct 19 (Agencies): Kerala's lottery revenue crossed Rs 11,000 crore for the first time in history. The state's major share of tax and non-tax revenue comes from a few key commodities, including petroleum, alcoholic beverages, and lotteries. In 2022-23, lottery sales generated Rs 11,892.87 crore, accounting for 78.67 per cent of the

state's non-tax revenue. The state's total own revenue in 2022-23 was Rs 87,086.11 crore, 1.42 per cent higher than the budget estimates. Notably, while the budget had projected lottery revenue at Rs 8,402 crore, the actual figure reached Rs 11,892.87 crore—41 per cent higher than expected, providing a significant boost to the overall rev-

According to the latest CAG report on state finances, non-tax revenue, which has ranged between 7.51 and 13.59 per cent of the state's revenue receipts over the last five years, saw a substantial increase of Rs 4 655 45 crore (44 50 per cent) in 2022-23 compared to the previous

Back in 2013-14, the state lotteries contribution to state exchequer was Rs 3,796 crore. A decade



later, this contribution has increased by 213.3 per cent, reflecting a significant rise in revenue from state lotteries.

Other than State Own Tax Revenue and Nontax Revenue, the other sources of receipts for a state government are the devolution of States' share in taxes. Grants in aid and transfers from the Union Government and non-debt capital receipts. The share of Grants-inaid in revenue receipts rose from 12.27 per cent in 2018-19 to 20.63 per cent in 2022-23, indicating Kerala's increased reliance on the support of the Union government. The State Government received Rs 4,587.79 crore as the central share for the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) in the year.

Some critics contend that lotteries disproportionately affect lowincome individuals who spend a larger share of their income on tickets. This has led some to describe lotteries as a "tax on the poor". Notably, lotteries yield significant GST revenue also on the sales value. Against the actual sale proceeds of Rs 11,892.87 crore during 2022-23, the GST collected on sales value is Rs 1,660.52 crore. That brings the total contribution from lotteries to Rs 13,553.39 crore, reaffirming its role as a crucial source of revenue for the state government.

Kerala government, however, claims to spend a major share of revenue it earns through lottery sales on expenses like distribution of prizes and agent commission and that the money is being diverted back to the people. Notably, the state lotteries have a wide distribution network of more than 55,414 agents and over 1.5 lakhs retailers.

### **Mission Director HADP visits Govt Fruit** Plant Nursery Vijaypur



**Top News Report** 

VIJAYPUR, Oct 19: Mission Director HADP (Holistic Agriculture Development Programme) Rahul Yadav, paid a visit to Govt. Fruit Plant Nursery, Vijaypur, Samba along with Director Horticulture Jammu C. L Sharma for inspecting the implementation of different components of project P-21 of HADP.

During the visit, Mission Director inspected protected cultivation structure having microirrigation facilities established in the nursery under the project P-21 of

HADP. He also inspected Mother block of Dragon fruit, an exotic fruit plant, established during the current year under the component "Production of Designer Plants" of

HADP. While inspecting the nursery, he appreciated fruiting in the experimental Mother block of Date Palm which was established during the year 2020-21 and came into bearing this year for the

However, on interacting with the officers in the nursery, he laid emphasis on effective implementation of HADP projects. He impressed

upon them to make maximum efforts to reach to every farmer so that various interventions being taken up under HADP are implemented and objective of the Govt. is well achieved.

Further, the officers were instructed to develop the nursery on scientific lines so that this may become a model nursery with latest facilities.

Earlier, Director Horticulture briefed Mission Director about the developmental works going on in the nursery for its holistic development.

He informed that the nursery is producing quality true to type fruit Plants of Mango, Guava, Litchi, Citrus etc. for farming community. This nursery is catering the requirement of subtropical fruit plants of the farmers of Jammu province to a greater extent.

Mission Director was accompanied by Chief Horticulture Officer Samba Mukesh Sharma and other officers of the department.

#### **Orientation Course for Crime** Branch officials concludes at SKPA

ed by a shocked hostel

warden, but Tata inter-

vened, saying, "He has

the patience to explain

it to me, and I have the

patience to listen. Please

Tata explained that he

assumed the meals were

don't interfere."



**Top News Report** 

UDHAMPUR, Oct 19: A five-day "Refresher/Orientation Course for the Officers/Officials of the Crime Branch' concluded today at SKPA. Eighteen officers and officials from the Crime Branch, J&K, participated in the training

The course featured extensive deliberations on key aspects of Crime Branch operations, including the concept of FIR, evidentiary value, financial literacy, bank frauds, income tax frauds, the use of SAECK (Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit), and the concept of social defense.

The training sessions were enriched by lectures from prominent speakers, including Ajay Bandral, Advocate, Rahul Pandit, Director of Ideogram Technology Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Jammu, and experienced police officers, who addressed a range of relevant topics

A valedictory function was held at the Academy, with Rajinder Kumar Gupta SSP, Deputy Director (Indoor), SKPA, as the Chief Guest.

In his address, Gupta urged the participants to embrace technology and modern investigative techniques in their work. He also encouraged them to share the knowledge gained during the training with their fellow police person-

### Mehndi Naksh competition organised at GDC Marh

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Oct 19: IQAC and BSG in collaboration with Cultural Committee of the college organized competition on Mehndi Nagsh designing to enhance the creative skill and artistic talent of students on 19TH October 2024 on the occasion of Karva Chauth. Students from all the semesters converged to showcase their proficiency in applying intricate mehndi naqsh designs.

The competition promoted Indian cultural and unity. Students applied Mehndi designs to the staff members and also among themselves. The competition was held under the supervision of cultural committee of the college and under the guidance of the Principal of the college Prof. Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul.



The principal of the college blessed all the faculty and students of the college with joy and happiness and motivated them to enhance Indian Culture and spread its richness to the whole

He further added one of the major function of education, is to preserve, and transmit our cultural values from generations to generations and in this respect they play a major role in the society The Judges for the competition were Prof Anita Kumari(HOD English) Dr. Sheetal Sharma(HOD Dogri) and Dr. Ruchika (Deptt of English).

Sweety Kaith from semester 3rd, Mehridhi Sharma from semester 1st, whereas Anjali Sharma from semester 5th were adjudged first, second and third position respectively. Consellation prizes were given to Ria and Roshani of 1st semester. The programme was

organised under the Supervision of Dr. Ashu Jolly(Convenor Cultural Committee) and Asstt Prof Asha Devi (Co-Convenor Cultural Committee. Appreciation Certificate to position holders and all the participants were also given to all by the Principal of the college and in the end all together enjoyed the refreshment.

#### **GDC** Kunjwani clinches inter-collegiate basketball trophy



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Oct 19: GDC Kunjwani won the Inter Collegiate Basketball Tournament organized by the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu under the able guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Manisha Sarup Kohli, Principal of the College and under the supervision of Malik Aejaz Iqbal, Physical Director of the college

The college lifted the Men's Basketball trophy by defeating PG Department, Physical Education, University of Jammu by 6 points in the finals. The team's outstanding

performance throughout the competition exemplified teamwork, skill and determination, which lead to victory

The team was presented with the championship trophy by representatives from the organizing bodies

Mohd. Ishtiaq, Raghav, Aadarsh Sharma were awarded as the star performers for their outstanding contributions throughout the tournament

Memorable moments were marked by the golden words of advice and motivation by Principal, Dr. Manisha Kohli She congratulated the winners and emphasized the importance of sports in fostering teamwork, fitness, and discipline She lauded the enthusiastic participation of students in the event and encouraged them to play the game with positive attitude and urged them to pursue the sport and make a career out of it.

The Basketball team was accompanied by Prof. Baljinder Kour, Convener Sports Committee; Malik Aejaz Iqbal, Physical Director; Prof. Shrikant Sharma

### **IGNOU** extends last date for admission till Oct 31

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU Oct 19: Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has further extended the last date of admission for the July 2024 admission cycle till October 31, 2024. The last date has not been extended for certificate programmes of six-month duration and semester-

based programmes.

Seeking applicants who wish to apply for fresh admission can access the admission portal at the front page of the National website www.ignou.ac.in or directly follow the link https://ignouadmission. samarth.edu.in. IGNOU offers admission to various UG, PG, Certificate, Diploma, PG Diploma programmes in distance learning and online education mode. As per the new UGC guidelines, candidates can now study two online or offline programmes at the same time.

Learners who wish to re-register for next/ subsequent semester or year can access the reregistration portal at the front page of the National website www.ignou.ac.in or directly follow the link https://onlinerr.ignou.

Before filling the admission form online, a candidate needs to create a User ID and Password on the SAMARTH portal and be ready with a Mobile No., Email ID, properly

scanned academic docu-

ments, photograph and

Bank Debit /Credit/Net

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Learners seeking admission must provide their own email ID and mobile number at the time of registration even if they are submitting their admission forms online from a Cyber Cafe. Learners must exercise caution and be vigilant while submitting their admission forms. They must note

their User ID and Pass-

word for future use.

Dr. Jai Prakash Verma, Regional Director, IGNOU RC Jammu informed that the University has further extended the last date of admission for the ongoing July 2024 admission cycle till October 31, 2024 in view he interest of the prospective learners and they must avail this extended opportunity and enrol afresh in the programmes of their choice well before the

deadline

#### **GDCW Kathua celebrates Karwa Chauth Festival with enthusiasm** event by highlighting the relevance of

**Top News Report** 

KATHUA, Oct 19: the Department of Home Science at Government Degree College for Women (GDCW), Kathua, celebrated the festival of Karwa Chauth with great fervor and cultural pride. The event, organized in the Home Science Lab, aimed at educating students about the significance of this age-old tradition while also instilling a sense of cultural values and respect for Indian heritage

Prof. Seema jolly, HOD, Home Science Department inaugurated the Karwa Chauth in today's society. She emphasized the importance of balancing tradition with modernity, and how festivals like Karwa Chauth strengthen family bonds and reinforce the cultural fabric of India

The celebration featured various activities like dancing and singing, mehandi competition conducted by the faculty and students of the Home Science Department. Prof. Seema Jolly elaborated on the traditional practices and rituals observed during Karwa Chauth, such as fast-

ing, applying mehndi (henna), and the worship of the Karwa (earthen pot). A special session was dedicated to explaining the scientific and health aspects of fasting. As part of the celebrations, the stu-

dents displayed their artistic talents through intricate designs, adding vibrancy and creativity to the event. The event was attended by teaching, non tecaching staff along with students. Dr. Babita Mahajan, Dr. Ambica, Dr Deepshikha, Dr. Renu gupta, Prof. Romika Bhasin, Dr. Surabhi were also present during the event.

### Sarfaraz's maiden Test hundred carries resurgent India to 344/3 at lunch against NZ

Sarfaraz (125, 154b) and Rishabh Pant (53, 56b) were at the crease when an early lunch was taken due to rain.

BENGALURU, Oct 19 (Agencies): India continued their extraordinary turnaround in opening Test against New Zealand with Sarfaraz Khan striking his maiden Test hundred to take India to 344 for three at lunch on the fourth day, here Saturday.

Sarfaraz (125, 154b) and Rishabh Pant (53, 56b) were at the crease when an early lunch was taken due to rain.

The duo milked 113 runs for the unbroken fourth wicket in just 22 overs.

India, resuming from 231/3 and 125 behind, now trail only by 12 runs.

The sight of Rishabh Pant walking out to bat with Sarfaraz too might have calmed a lot of nerves in the Indian dressing room after the former missed the third day's play due to a blow he copped on his knee on the second day while keeping. There was hardly any doubt



about the hero of the first ses-

Playing in only his fifth Test, the Mumbai man, resuming from 70, tamed overcast conditions and New Zealand bowlers in impeccable fashion as India added 63 runs ahead of

the first drinks break. A good chunk of it came from Sarfaraz's bat and the way he nullified the Kiwis pacers through late cuts was just exceptional.

In fact, 40 out of his first 100 runs came in the arc between point and third man through a melange of late cuts.

When the spinners were introduced, Sarfaraz used sweeps and nudges between square leg and fine leg to collect his runs. He made 39 runs in that region.

Tom Latham struggled to keep a proper field for him as

Sarfaraz controlled the proceedings like a puppet master. The landmark moment came through a polished backfoot

punch through covers for a boundary off Tim Southee. Sarfaraz ran around the field and jumped in joy.

At the other end, Pant understandably made a slightly gingerly start and was even involved in a mix-up with Sarfaraz, saved only by an erratic throw at stumps by wicketkeep-

But once he swam past that period. Pant was unstoppable. clobbering left-arm spinner Ajaz Patel for a couple of sixes. He also began to give more

er Tom Blundell.

confident support to Sarfaraz. The left-hander soon brought up his fifty off just 55 balls with a thumping cover drive off Glenn Phillips as India added 113 runs without losing a wicket till the skies opened up at 11:01am to

stop the proceedings.

#### **Champions trophy: Play in** Pakistan and return home same day, PCB's proposal for India



KARACHI, Oct 19 (Agencies): The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has reached out to the BCCI and proposed an arrangement, allowing India to return to either New Delhi or Chandigarh in between matches during the Champions Trophy next year if the team is not willing to stay in Pakistan due to security reasons.

The PCB has "verbally" suggested to the BCCI that the Indian team can set up camp in either New Delhi or Chandigarh/Mohali and use chartered flights to travel to Lahore for their matches. A PCB source though confirmed that the board had not made any suggestions in writing to their Indian counterparts.

"It is true that these options have been discussed verbally between officials as a way to ensure that India

play their matches in Pakistan," the source said.

The Champions Trophy is slated to take place from February 19 to March 9, with matches scheduled in Lahore, Rawalpindi, and Karachi. Due to its proximity to the Indian border and logistical ease, the PCB has planned India's matches in Lahore.

India's three group-stage matches in the tournament are slated for February 20 (against Bangladesh), February 23 (against Pakistan), and March 2 (against New Zealand).

The ICC is considering a hybrid model for the tournament, with some matches played outside of Pakistan. The hybrid model is being considered due to India's unlikely participation in the tournament, as they have not toured Pakistan since 2008. The ICC is exploring alternative venues, such as Dubai and Sri Lanka, to host the matches.

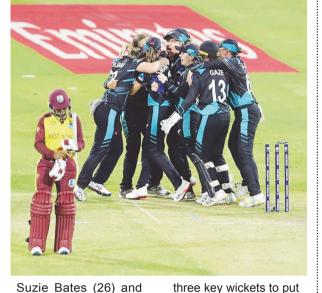
The PCB is mentally prepared for India's refusal to travel to the country for the event but it won't move the title clash of the tournament from Lahore even if the arch-rivals qualify for the final on March 9. The ICC board members meet in Dubai on October 18-21.

### **ICC Women T20 World Cup:** NZ beat Windies to reach final

SHARJAH, Oct 19 (Agencies): West Indies all-rounder Deandra Dottin's brilliance with bat and ball could not prevent New Zealand from sailing into the final of the women's T20 World Cup with a thrilling eight-run victory in the second semifinal. Dottin claimed 4/22 and then returned to smash 33 but West Indies, chasing 129 for victory, managed 120/8.

New Zealand will clash with South Africa, who stunned defending champions Australia in the first semifinal, in Sunday's final in Dubai, which will produce a new world champion.

to bat, New Zealand could not capitalise on their strong start and posted a modest 128/9.



Georgia Plimmer (33) put on 48 runs for the opening stand but most New Zealand batters struggled to time the ball

West Indies stumbled early in their innings as Eden Carson grabbed three key wickets to put New Zealand ahead. Needing 15 runs from the last over from Bates, West Indies managed only six.

"I'm a bit emotional but really proud of the girls," Player of the Match Carson said

### Shakib Al Hasan fans protest in Dhaka ahead of home test series against South Africa

DHAKA, Oct 19 (Agencies): Fans of Shakib Al Hasan, a Bangladeshi politician and cricketer, gathered outside the Mirpur Cricket Stadium in the capital Dhaka to protest ahead of the home test series against South Africa. Shakib flew from the United States to join the Bangladesh team but cancelled the trip to Dhaka while he was in Dubai due to 'security concerns'. The development shocked the Shakib fans and hundreds of his supporters began gathering outside Mirpur Stadium, one of the venues of the test series that is to begin on Monday.

"I am a big fan of Shakib Al Hasan. You can not exclude Shakib from the Bangladesh



team, because he is one of the best cricketers in the world. I do not believe that he did any crime as he was abroad during the movement. Why he was barred from coming home", said a fan wearing a Bangladesh jersey while hundreds of his supporters shouted "Shakib Shakib

"Why will Shakib say goodbye to cricket from Kanpur (India)? He will say goodbye from Mirpur as he wishes", said another supporter.

The supporters see the challenges of Bangladesh cricket in the post-Shakib era.

"Without Shakib, the Bangladesh team is immobile", said a fan.

Notably, Shakib officially joined the Awami League party in 2023. He filed the nomination from the Magura-1 parliamentary seat as an Awami League candidate to contest in the 2024 Bangladesh general election, which he

Two months ago, a student-led movement ousted Bangladesh's Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina, after weeks of protests and clashes that killed over 600 people. Hasina, 76, fled to India on August 5 and an interim government led by Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus was formed.

Awami League leaders and supporters, including Sheikh Hasina, are facing dozens of cases of allegedly committing

crimes during the July-August uprising. Sakib Al Hasan is one of the accused in the cases but he wished to say cricket goodbye after the test series against South Africa. He sought security.

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) responded positively and announced the team including Shakib Al Hasan. Sakib flew from the USA but he abounded home coming during a stopover in Dubai due to security concerns.

BCB announced the appointment of former West Indies batter Phil Simmons as the head coach of the national men's cricket team after suspending Chandika Hathurusinghe, due to misconduct.

### Five Indian footballers selected to go train at **Old Trafford in Manchester**

NEW DELHI, Oct 19 (Agencies): Five Indian footballers will go through training at Old Trafford in Manchester after emerging as winners in the fourth edition of United We Play, a grassroots football initiative.

The event saw the participation of over 15,000 budding Indian footballers across 18 cities, culminating in a grand finale in the presence of Manchester United legend and alltime great Gary Neville in Chan-

In the finale, PC Lalchhuanawma (Mizoram), Shreejal Kisku (Bhubaneswar), Mohd Ayan (Lucknow), Bhakta Bahadur Pariyar (Nepal) and Chanason Chaiyatham (Bangkok) were shortlisted.

These players will be given the opportunity to visit Old Trafford to participate in activities like a match-day experience, training sessions with Manchester United Soccer School coaches and legend interactions.

"Delighted to see the dedication and passion for football amongst young children in India," Neville, whose illustrious career includes eight English Premier League titles and two **UEFA Champions League titles** for Manchester United, said in a release.

"Many congratulations to the

young players whose hard work has paid off today. I am sure that the experience that they will have at the iconic Old Trafford will be memories of a lifetime." The launch of the fourth edition of United We Play took place in Kolkata in December last year, where former Manchester United and French footballer Louis Saha kicked off the programme.

### Wanindu Hasaranga returns as Sri Lanka announce squad for ODIs vs West Indies

COLOMBO, Oct 19 (Agencies): Sri Lanka has announced a 16-member squad for the upcoming threematch ODI series against the West Indies, with all matches set to take place at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium. The series begins on October 20, followed by the second and third ODIs on October 23 and 26, respectively. All-rounder Chamindu Wickramasinghe has earned his first ODI call-up. Meanwhile, fast bowler Dilshan Madushanka returns to the squad after missing the India series in August due to a ham-

string injury. Mohamed Shiraz, who made his ODI debut during that series, retains his spot. Wanindu Hasaranga is

also back in the squad, having recovered from a hamstring injury that kept him out of the final two ODIs against India. However, Sri Lanka has left out all-rounder Chamika Karunaratne and spinner Akila Dananjaya from the squad. The pace attack will miss Matheesha Pathirana, who is still recovering from a shoulder injury sustained before the India series. Dushmantha Chameera and Nuwan Thushara have also been excluded.



Nishan Madushka, who was called up for the India series but did not feature in any match, remains part of the squad.

Sri Lanka comes into the ODI series with momentum, having recently secured a 2-1 T20I series win against the West Indies. Although they lost the

opening match, Sri Lanka fought back to win the next two games and clinch the series.

This ODI series will give Sri Lanka a chance to build squad depth, especially with the return of key players from injury.

It also provides an opportunity to test younger players like

Wickramasinghe and Shiraz in preparation for future competitions. The team will aim to carry forward the winning momentum from the T20Is and perform well in the ODIs.

Sri Lanka squad: Charith Asalanka (c), Avishka Fernando, Pathum Nissanka, Kusal Mendis, Kamindu Mendis, Janith Liyanage, Sadeera Samarawickrama, Nishan Madushka, Dunith Wellalage, Wanindu Hasaranga, Maheesh Theekshana, Jeffrey Vandersay, Chamidu Wickramasinghe, Asitha Fernando, Dilshan Madushanka, Mohamed Shiraz.

### Ranji Trophy: Shreyas Iyer scores first class hundred after 3 years for Mumbai



(Agencies): India batter Shreyas Iyer, who has been out of favour in Tests, scored his first First-Class century in three years during Mumbai's second-round Ranji Trophy clash against Maharashtra on Saturday. Iyer came in to bat at number five after Mumbai lost their captain Ajinkya Rahane early. Teaming up with young opener Ayush Mhatre, Iyer helped Mumbai surpass Maharashtra's first-innings total, forging a crucial 200-run partnership with Mhatre on Day 2. The partnership pushed Mumbai past the 300run mark, setting a solid

While Mhatre was dismissed for a well-made 176, lyer carried on to reach his hundred off 131 balls, hitting nine fours and three sixes in the process. The innings marked the end of a prolonged century drought for the 29-year-old, who had been out of the Indian Test side since the home series against England earlier in 2024. His previous first-class hundred came for India against New Zealand in

6,000 First-Class runs. 100 for Shreyas Iyer lyer makes a come-

November 2021 during

the Kanpur Test. During

this knock, lyer also

crossed the milestone of

The century comes as a much-needed boost for Iyer, who has struggled with form since the start of the 2024-25 domestic season. In the Duleep Trophy, he managed just 154 runs across six innings, with two half-centuries and two ducks. In the Irani Cup, playing for Mumbai, Iyer's performances remained underwhelming, scoring 57 and 8 across two innings. He also recorded another duck in Mumbai's opening Ranji Trophy match last week against Baroda.

lyer, along with wicketkeeper Ishan Kishan, was excluded from the **BCCI Central Contracts** list earlier in 2024. The exclusion came after both were deemed to have skipped domestic matches. Iyer cited back and groin pain as the reason for his absence from Ranji games.

lyer's hundred in the Ranji Trophy will prove to be a confidence booster as he looks to revive his domestic and international career.

# **Exhibition cum Sale on Karwa Chouth** held at GCW Parade

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU Oct 19: To celebrate the festive season of karwa Chouth, the Art and Craft centre of the GCW Parade, Jammu in collaboration with Fashion Designing, Department of Home science and Department of Commerce, organized an "Exhibition cum sale on Karwa Chouth" on Saturday under the supervision of Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo, the Principal of the college.

The function was inaugurated by Dr. Ritu Magotra, the Head, Department of English. The students of the college, under the supervision of Dr. Mamta Sharma, the coordinator of the Art and Craft centre along with the members of the



committee organized. The students displayed their rich artistic talent by exhibiting their handmade bangles, diyas, candles, wall hangings, statues of Gods

and Goddesses, head bands, clips, paintings, crocheted key chains and various other home decors

Anand

showcased

self-conceived

brand of perfume, "MB

AROMAX". She has cre-

ated about 71 variants

of perfume under this

brand Mehandi stalls

One of the students of the college, Roshni kiosks where delicacies like momos, cakes, sandwiches, gol gappas and refreshing beverages were available. This exhibition-cum-

sale was open for all, besides the college staff and students. The visitors bought the items of their choice at reasonable prices. The exhibition was a delight to watch. The spectators were influenced and rejuvenated by the thoughtful ideas and the artistic displays of the students.

were also set up where designer henna applica-

tion was done by the stu-

dents of the Art and Craft

centre of the college. A

display of trending suits, kurtis and dress material

was also done. Some

students set up their food

### Harmeet Kaur wins intra-college "Writing Skills Competition"



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Oct 19: Guru Gobind Singh College of Management and Technology, Gidderbaha, organized an inter-college essay writing competition for the students of the college.

There were a total of 50 students from the departments of commerce and arts who participated enthusiastically in the competition.

It was the subject matter of this competition that was discussed a variety of topics

There was the craze for

foreign countries among young people, the role and responsibility of young people during elections, Punjabi culture, a degree or skill that is in

artificial intelligence. The essay competition was won by Harmeet Kaur, a student of the first semester of BA CS, Lovepreet Singh, a student of the first semester of BA CS, and Akashdeep, a student of the third semester of B.Com

high demand, as well as

(Hons). At the end of the competition, certificates of appreciation were presented to all participants as a token of apprecia-

On this occasion, Dr. R.K. Uppal, Principal of GGS College Giddarbaha, inspired the students about current affairs and writing skills. As well as congratulating all the organizers on a wonderful competition, he also thanked them for their hard work. The event was organized by Tammana Sharma, Dr. Amandeep Dhillon assistant professor, Sukhwinder Kaur assistant professor, and assistant professor Amanjot Kaur.

### SDH Bhaderwah performs 20 different surgeries in week time

**Top News Report** 

DODA, Oct 19: With the continued, persistent and unwavering efforts of Director Health Services Jammu Dr Rakesh Magotra, CMO Doda Dr Om Kumar and BMO Bhaderwah Dr Mohd Ashraf, playing pivotal role in providing better healthcare services to the people of Bhaderwah, the SDH Bhaderwah has set an example and achieved a milestone by conducting 20 different surgeries in a week time, including 11 major and 09 minor surgeries.

The surgeries performed during the week were 02 LSCS cases, 01 Tonsillectomy case, 08 Lapro Cholecsystectomy cases, 03 Perianal Abcess cases, 01 Reduction Mamoplasty case and others.

The surgeries were performed by a team of dedicated staff which includes Dr Varsha

in patient care, by con-Kotwal (Consultant tion that healthcare ser-

Gynecologist), Dr Subash Sharma (Surgeon Specialist), Dr Priya Manhas (MO-ENT Specialist), Dr Azma (Anaesthetist) assisted by the OT staff including Amresh Kumar, Rishi Kant and others.

CMO Doda Dr Om Kumar congratulated the BMO Bhaderwah and dedicated team of SDH Bhaderwah for achieving this feat. He appreciated the hard work and dedication shown by the staff ducting these surgeries, depicting their proactive

As per the data available, from April 2024 onwards, SDH Bhaderwah has successfully conducted 67 General Surgeries including Lapro Surgeries, 23 LSCS Surgeries, 16 ENT Surgeries besides 265 Minor Surgeries, which were performed by the dedicated medical staff of the hospital and these

vices in the District have been delivering well.

Despite a shortage of medical and paramedical staff, the SDH Bhaderwah under the leadership of BMO Bhaderwah Dr Mohd Ashraf continues to march ahead by providing the best and most advanced surgical and medical care to the patients of Bhaderwah

It is important to mention here that, the Sub District Hospital Bhaderwah in District Doda is dedicated to transforming healthcare access and outcomes for patients in the region and with regular surgeries, marks a promising step forward in the mission.

The local populace of the region thanked the District Administration, CMO Doda and BMO Bhaderwah for the professional and compassionate behaviour and making them feel at home, while taking different health services at SDH Bhaderwah.

The initiative is a part of Health Department Doda's continuous efforts to improve public health in the region by extending better medical services, reinforcing their commitment to promoting healthcare access for all, and has significantly benefited the local population, reducing the need for patients to travel to Doda, Jammu or Srinagar for such procedures.

### Yudhvir Sethi conducts surprise visit to GGM Science College

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Oct 19: Yudhvir Sethi, MLA of Jammu East, made a surprise visit to GGM Science College, one of the oldest and most iconic heritage institutions in Jammu and Kashmir. During his visit, Sethi inspected various ongoing developmental projects aimed at renovating and uplifting the college's historic build-

The MLA personally reviewed the progress of the renovation work on these heritage structures, expressing concern over the pace of the project.

He instructed the executing agencies to expedite the work to ensure timely completion. Sethi emphasized that the restoration of the college's heritage buildings holds both cultural and educational significance and should be completed as swiftly as possible without compromising on quality.

In addition to reviewing the developmental works,



Yudhvir Sethi interacted with the students and staff of the college.

His visit was wellreceived, by College Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, along with students and staff, appreciating Sethi's proactive approach to addressing their concerns and improving the campus environment.

Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Gupta while interacting with the visiting MLA, highlighted various achievements of the college in academics and extracurricular activities

while also apprising Sethi of ongoing works and upcoming projects.

In response, Sethi assured his continued support from all corners to enhance the academic infrastructure and facilities at the institution. "GGM Science College has a rich legacy, and I will do my best to ensure that it continues to be a hub of excellence," said

He further committed to taking necessary steps to help the college reach new heights in education and development.

### Sarwant Gill appointed as Technical Director of VSSF

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Oct 19: Vansh Sabre Sports Foundation (VSSF), J&K Secretary Kuldeep Kumar Gupta said that Sarwant Singh Gill has been appointed as Technical Director of Vansh

who has participated in National 110 high hurdle from Jammu & Kashmir and still record is on his name in the books of National Federation.

Gill has performed NTO in 12th South Asian Games in 2016 at Gowhati, Assam, Dy.



Sabre Sports Foundation.

He is NIS Qualified coach in the year 1985-86 and retired from BSF as Dy. Commandant. S. Gill is also performing the duty as Associate Residency Secretary and Technical Director of Jammu & Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association. Gill is 1st Sports Person

Chef Demission in 35th National Games in 2015 at Kerala, CFITO Technical Official in 2018 at Delhi, Track Asia Cup as Technical official in 2019 at Delhi, Asian Track Cycling as Technical official in 2022 at Delhi, Asian Mountain Train Bike Cycling as Technical Official at 2023 at Kerala, Asian Track

Cycling as Technical Official at 2024 at Delhi and also Holding the Post of Member Athlete

Commission of Cycling Federation of India upto Year 2027.

Moreover he has also

participated as Technical official number of times in different National Games



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