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## BRIEFLY

### LG Sinha pays Tribute to Patriot Maqbool Sherwani on Martyrdom day

SRINAGAR, Nov 7 (Agencies): Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday paid tribute to the great Patriot, Maqbool Sherwani on his martyrdom day. In a post on X, LG Sinha wrote, "Tributes to brave son of Maa Bharti, the great patriot, Maqbool Sherwani on his martyrdom day. His courage, selfless sacrifice & commitment to our nation's peace and progress will continue to inspire generations to come."

### Girl crushed to death by speedy tipper in Uri

URI, Nov 7 (Agencies): An 8-year old girl crushed to death by speedy tipper in Banali Boniyar on Thursday reports said.

Reports said that a minor girl identified as Rafiya Mushtaq a resident of Banali Boniyar was on way to school when a speedy tipper crushed her in Banali resulting her to onspot death.

Meanwhile a police official said that a case has been registered in this regard for further investigations.

### Man dies after hit by speedy tipper in Pantha Chowk

SRINAGAR, Nov 7 (Agencies): A man lost his life after being hit by a speedy tipper near Zafraon Colony area of Pantha Chowk here on Thursday, officials said.

An official told that a middle-aged man, riding a scooty bearing registration number JK05A-9747 was injured, after being hit by a speedy tipper vehicle near Khubani departmental store of Zafraon Colony Pantha Chowk here.

He has been identified as Abdul Rashid Dar, son of Abdul Khaliq Dar, a resident of Achanambal Zafraon Colony.

He said the man was shifted to SDH Pampore, where he was declared brought dead on arrival.

Meanwhile, police have taken up investigation in this regard.

## J&K assembly adjourned till Friday amid chaos over special status resolution



SRINAGAR, Nov 7 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir legislative assembly was adjourned

till Friday in the wake of chaos over a resolution passed by the house yesterday seeking res-

toration of special status of the erstwhile state. The speaker, Abdul Rahim Rather, adjourned

the House after ordering the marshalling out of the BJP members who continued their protest against the resolution.

Earlier, chaotic scenes were witnessed in the Jammu and Kashmir assembly as the BJP and ruling party members continued to spar over the special status resolution passed by the house yesterday.

As soon as the house convened, BJP leaders led by LoP Sunil Sharma started sloganeering to demand

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## New resolution submitted in assembly seeking restoration of 'Article 370, Article 35 A in original form'

SRINAGAR, Nov 7 (Agencies): A resolution has been tabled in the legislative assembly by PDP MLAs, Sajad Lone and others to demand restoration of Article 370, Article 35-A in their 'original, unaltered form'.

Giving details, PDP MLA Waheed Para said the resolution has been handed over to the speaker Abdul Rahim Rather.

In the resolution, a copy of which lies with Greater Kashmir, the

MLAs have said that the "House condemned the unconstitutional and unilateral abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35A, and enactment of Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act 2019, by the Govt of India".

The resolution reads: "These actions stripped Jammu & Kashmir of its special status and statehood, undermining the foundational guarantees and protections

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## Suspected IED on Srinagar-Bandipora road turns out to be water bottle: Police

SRINAGAR, Nov 7 (Agencies): Police on Thursday said that the suspected IED found at Nadihal along the Srinagar-Bandipora has turned out to be a water bottle.

Earlier, security forces said they found an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) at Nadihal along the Bandipora-Srinagar highway.

Reports said that joint teams of security forces are at the spot, and that the bomb disposal squad has been called too.

The traffic from both the sides was halted along the highway, reports said.

In a statement, police termed the reports of an IED being detected along the highway as "totally fake ad baseless."

No such incident has taken place in the district, Ganderbal police said.

## For talks, MHA invites Six Ladakh leaders

SRINAGAR: In a bid to address the ongoing concerns of Ladakh, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has invited key representatives from the region for a high-level discussion scheduled for December 3 in New Delhi. The meeting will be chaired by Nityanand Rai, Union Minister of State for Home, with top officials from the MHA, including the Home Secretary, expected to be present, reports appearing in media suggest.

Meeting of the Leh Apex Body and the Kargil Democratic Alliance Invitations have been extended to three prominent leaders from each of Ladakh's Leh and Kargil districts. Among those invited are former Ladakh MP Thupstan Chhewang, Chering Dorjay Lakruk, and Congress leader Nawang Rigzin Jora from Leh, along with National Conference representative Qamar Ali Akhooon, Congress member Asgar Karbalaie, and activist Sajjad Kargili from Kargil. Chhewang and

Lakruk hold leadership positions in the Leh Apex Body (LAB), while Akhooon and Karbalaie co-chair the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA). Both the LAB and KDA have been instrumental in pushing for Ladakh's four-point agenda, which includes demands for Sixth Schedule status, statehood, two Parliamentary seats, and a dedicated Public Service Commission. Other invitees include Tashi Gyalson and Dr Zaffar Akhooon, the

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## Minor among 4 killed, 2 injured as vehicle falls in gorge in Reasi

REASI/JAMMU, Nov 7 (Agencies): Four people, including a minor, died and two others were injured when a vehicle skidded off the road and rolled down into a gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district on Thursday, officials said.

An SUV skidded off the road, rolled down a hill, and plunged into a deep gorge in the Ganjote area of Mahore after the driver lost its control, they said.

Three people died on the spot, while three others sustained

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## Govt moving with a solid strategy against Terrorism: Union Home Minister Amit Shah

NEW DELHI, Nov 7 (Agencies): The Narendra Modi government is committed to eradicating terrorism in the country and moving forward with a solid strategy against it, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Thursday.

Shah also said that while law and order is a state subject but terrorism doesn't have any territorial boundary, and so all security agencies — central and states — must work in close coordination, chalk out joint strategies and share intelligence.



Security forces have to train young officers and use technology to combat terrorism, he said addressing an anti-terrorism conference here.

"After Narendra Modi became the prime minister in 2014, the country has been moving

forward with a solid strategy against terrorism. We are committed to eradicating terrorism," he said.

Now the whole world has accepted Prime Minister Modi's zero tolerance policy against terrorism, the home minister said, adding that the government is committed to removing the evil of terrorism.

Highlighting the achievements of the Modi government against terrorism since 2014, during which terror incidents have come

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## FFMA pays tributes to Darzi, Sherwani

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JAMMU, Nov 7: The Freedom Fighters Memorial Association (FFMA) paid floral tributes to Abdul Aziz Darzi and Mohammad Maqbool Sherwani on their martyrdom day, in a function held here in Jammu today. Pertinent to mentioned here that Master Abdul Darzi and Maqbool Sherwani had sacrificed lives while saving the lives of thousands of Kashmiris in 1947 aggression of the Kabalis and Pakistani intruders.

Rajiv Mahajan, Chairman Freedom Fighters Memorial Association (FFMA) and President



Shri Ram Sena (SRS) highlighted the deeds of the martyrs Abdul Aziz Darzi and Maqbool Sherwani.

Mahajan asserted that it is the duty of the nation and every individual to ensure that the families of the martyrs are respected and do not face any problem. Prof.

S S Balwal, President FFMA also paid tributes to the Abdul Aziz Darzi and Mohammad Maqbool Sherwani on their martyrdom day and the Nation always debited such people who sacrificed their lives for the welfare of people of the country.

Among those who paid tributes include Ved Gandotra (Petron), R C Puri (Vice Chairman), Th. Karnail Chand (Working President), Sardar Rimple Singh (General Secretary), Pritam Sharma (Vice President), Ravinder Mittal (Organiser), R.R Raina (Vice President), Parbhat Kapahi (Office Secretary) and others.

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Is there any educated MLA in BJP?

# BJP's protest in LA mere sound and fury signifying nothing: Harsh Dev

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UDHAMPUR, Nov 7: Questioning the hullaballo created by the BJP MLAs over the resolution passed by the govt in legislative assembly, Harsh Dev Singh, ex Education Minister and JKNPP India President wondered whether any of the BJP MLAs was educated enough to understand/comprehend the meaning and substance of the said resolution. One fails to understand the jangle and rattle created by BJP in legislative assembly over the resolution which has merely called upon the central govt to initiate a dialogue with elected representatives of J&K over restoration of special status.

The resolution has nowhere stated that J&K govt or its legislative assembly has restored Art 370 or that it has passed any resolution on restoration of Art 370. While Art 370 or 35 A has nowhere been named in the resolution, the majority govt has only expressed concern over unilateral removal of special status without consultation/concurrence of the legislative assembly and reaffirmed the importance of special status and constitutional guarantees provided to the people of J&K. The resolution further emphasizes on national unity and states that mechanism under the constitution has to be worked out, elucidated

Singh. He was addressing a press conference in Udhampur today.

Asserting that the BJP MLAs appeared to be 'dumbwits', Singh asked them to read the resolution carefully and then take decision with regard to their further course of action keeping in mind the interests of the people of J&K. What are the BJP MLAs actually opposing? questioned Singh.

"Are you opposing dialogue between Govt of India and elected representatives of J&K? or else, are you opposing the emphasis on national unity laid in the resolution by incumbent govt/ LA? Or you are opposed to the appeal to govt of India to work out a mech-

anism under the constitution?" asserted Singh. Singh claimed that some special concessions were accorded to J&K in consonance with the 'Instrument of Accession' signed by Maharaja Hari Singh with GOI and it had ensured safeguarding the rights and liberties of the people of J&K.

The Constitution of India under Baba Sahib Ambedkar has acknowledged the rights of the people of J&K and ensured certain safeguards to its people which have been snatched unilaterally without a debate on this issue. Why are you shying away from debate? Is it because you have only robbed

J&K and its people of all they had in the form of safeguards, constitutional guarantees, statehood and its resources, lands and jobs and that you have no answer for your policy of deprivation of the people therein.

Supporting the dialogue over the issue, Singh said that even PM Modi during his 2014 rally in Jammu Parade ground had assured that a debate would be held over the issue. He appealed the UT and central govt to hold debates and not only with elected representatives but with all recognized political parties in J&K.

Let us discuss what we gained and what we lost, maintained Singh.

# No mercy for killers of innocents: Dr. Parneesh

Backs LG Sinha's stand on stringent action against terrorism

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JAMMU, Nov 7: Dr. Parneesh Mahajan, Convenor Department of Training, BJP J&K, has voiced strong support for Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha's recent statement advocating uncompromising measures to combat terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. Reflecting the collective resolve to eliminate terrorism from the region, he emphasized that houses sheltering terrorists should indeed face strict action, aligning with LG Sinha's warning that such properties will be "razed to rubble."

In a statement issued here today, the senior BJP leader reiterated LG Sinha's statement, underscoring the necessity for a zero-tolerance approach toward individuals or

groups that facilitate terrorism by providing aid or refuge. He condemned those responsible for harming innocent lives, asserting that the only effective response to their actions is stringent and immediate action. "There will be no mercy for killers of innocents," he stated, aligning with the government's stance on upholding peace and security for all citizens.

Dr. Parneesh further urged that the restoration

of statehood in Jammu and Kashmir should be approached in a spirit of unity rather than political opportunism, stating that politicizing this sensitive matter only detracts from the primary focus: eradicating terrorism and ensuring long-lasting peace.

The senior BJP leader appealed to all political and social entities across Jammu and Kashmir to unite in the mission to rid the region of terrorist influences, asserting that collective action and solidarity are essential to achieving a secure, prosperous future. He praised LG Sinha's leadership and commitment to protecting the lives and dignity of the people in Jammu and Kashmir, reaffirming the BJP's full support for the administration's efforts to create a terror-free region.

# DFSS condemn resolution on Article 370, demand focus on public welfare



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JAMMU, Nov 7: The Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS), Jammu and Kashmir, expressed strong opposition to the recent proceedings of the Jammu Kashmir Legislative Assembly, where a resolution for the restoration of Article 370 was introduced.

Party President Ashok Gupta condemned the move, emphasizing that the resolution, introduced by the Deputy Chief Minister, deliberately avoided direct mention of Article 370 to avoid contradicting the Supreme Court's decision.

Gupta recalled a similar situation in 2000 when the then J&K govern-

ment presented a resolution for autonomy, which was rejected outright by the Indian Parliament and the Central Government. He stated that the current resolution would face the same fate.

He urged the Legislative Assembly to prioritize addressing the pressing problems of the people of Jammu and Kashmir

rather than engaging in political maneuvers.

Additionally, he called on the opposition to hold the government accountable for its promises, such as providing 12 free gas cylinders and 200 free units of electricity.

Under Gupta's leadership, Dogra Front & Shiv Sena workers held a rally demanding the fulfillment of these promises.

They insisted that the Legislative Assembly should focus on creating a concrete roadmap for the welfare of the people, rather than wasting public resources on political disputes. Gupta warned that discussions on restoring Article 370 only fuel terrorism and separatist agendas.

The protest saw participation from several party members, including Ramesh, Bantu, Raju, Ganesh, Rahul, Sham, Prem, Rampal, Naresh, Kalu, and many others.

# Swachh Survekshan "Mera Shehar Meri Pehchan" 2024 observed at Bee Enn College of Nursing

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JAMMU, Nov 7: Swachh Survekshan "Mera Shehar Meri Pehchan" 2024 observed at Bee Enn College of Nursing, Chak bhalwal, Jammu on Thursday with a thought provoking program of speeches and poetry on the topic of Swachh Survekshan.

The event aimed to raise awareness about Swachhatta and promote cleanliness drive among students.

The program was organized by Govt Maternity Hospital, Gandhi Nagar, GMC Jammu in collaboration with Bee Enn Nursing Institute and College of Nursing.

The program commenced with a warm welcome of Chief guest, Vice-Principal, Staff and Students. The event further head with Lamp lighting ceremony via Chief Guest Dr. Arun Sharma, Medical Superintendent of Gandhi Nagar Hospital and all the dignitaries.

Welcome speech was given by Neetu Sharma, Principal, Bee Enn Nurs-

ing Institute. Students of Bee Enn Nursing institute and college of nursing have participated in the speech competition of this year theme ("Mera shehar meri pehchan").

Dr. Arun Sharma emphasized on the important of proper waste disposal and also highlighted the efforts

of Jammu Municipal Coporation in keeping the jammu Clean and Green, he also shared knowledge regardng swachhatta App and inspired the audience to be the active participant of Swachh Survekshan.

Akash Masih, Comedian and RJ Chaitanya also gave their presence

in the event. The program concluded with felicitation to all the dignitaries and vote of thanks by Dr. Isreal Jaba Prabhu, Vice-principal, Bee Enn college of Nursing who expressed gratitude towards dignitaries and appreciated the audience in promoting cleanliness.

# Sohana Hospital to hold free Robotic surgery check-up camp on Nov 10 in Jammu

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JAMMU, Nov 7: Sohana Hospital, a super-specialty hospital in Mohali is organising a Free Check-up Camp for Robotic Surgery for the first time in Jammu by North India's Best Robotic Knee Replacement Surgeon Dr. Gagandeep Singh Sachdeva along with Dr. Karamveer Singh Sabharwal, who specializes in Robotic Urological Surgeries.

This camp will take place on 10th November 2024 at Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sahib, Guru Nanak Nagar, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu from 09:00 AM to 2:00 PM with free consultation and check-up by award winning robotic surgeons. Dr. Gagandeep Sachdeva, who has over 25 years of experience in knee replacement surgery and has performed over 3000+ robotic knee replacement surgeries said "This camp is a must visit for patients who have



been advised surgery for knee pain, arthritis knee pain and are experiencing difficulty in walking, bending knees and climbing stairs" Benefits of Robotic Knee Replacement Surgery are Maximum Precision, Minimal Cuts, Less Blood Loss, Highest Accuracy and Faster Return to Normal Activities. Elderly patients aged 80 and above with damaged knee joints, Age-related Osteoarthritis, Rheumatoid Arthritis suffering from High BP, Diabetes, Heart Diseases can greatly benefit from Robotic Knee Replacement Surgery." Dr. Karamveer Sab-

harwal added "We are successfully performing Robotic Surgeries for Urological problems such as Prostate and Prostate Cancer, Kidney Cancer & Bladder Cancer. Robotic Surgery helps patients recover faster due to small cuts, reduced blood loss, and faster return to normal activities. Robotic surgery also offers Cancer patients the right to save their organ as only the cancerous tumour on the kidney is removed, ultimately saving the kidney. Sukhdeep Singh Trustee Sohana Hospital Mohali said that "Owing to the vast number of

patients coming to us from Jammu in search of quality medical care, we are offering services by some of our most senior robotic surgeons and qualified staff at this camp. This will be a gesture to extend our support to help the people of Jammu and also make Jammu residents aware about the benefits of Robotic Surgeries along with free tests and medications. Additionally, we will also be providing special discount packages to patients booking their surgeries on the day of the camp." Sohana Hospital Mohali, a 400 bedded super speciality hospital established in 1995 has become one of North India's best hospitals due to their constant technological advancements. A large number of people are expected to attend the camp, as it will prove to be a ray of hope for those who are unable to seek quality medical care for their orthopedic and urologic problems.

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For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K UT, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Rural Division Jammu, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from the reputed/registered firms/individuals for the below mentioned work:-

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# Govt Women Polytechnic inks MoU with CIIT

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JAMMU, Nov 7: Govt. Polytechnic for Women, Jammu on Thursday inked Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Centre for Innovation, Innovation, Incubation and Training (CIIT), located at Govt. Polytechnic College, Bikram

Chowk, Jammu. The main objective of this MOU is to strengthen the skill of the students of 3-Year Diploma of this Institution and to make them Industry ready while increasing their chances of better employability. The MOU was signed between Er. Suket

Gupta, Principal Govt. Polytechnic for Women Jammu and Er. Arun Bangotra, Principal Govt. Polytechnic College, Bikram Chowk, Jammu in presence of Er. Kamal Kumar, HOD, Textile Designing and Er. Naresh Gupta, HOD E&C of Govt. Polytechnic for women, Jammu

and Er. Sanjay Koul, HOD, Computer Science, Rani Devi, HOD, Computer Science, Jasdeep Kour, HOD I&C, Sukhdeep Singh, HOD Civil, Raj Shekhar, HOD, Auto Mobile and Raj Kumar, HOD, Mechanical of Govt. Polytechnic College, Bikram Chowk, Jammu.

## EDITORIAL

Role of  
Social Media

Social media has fundamentally transformed the landscape of political discourse across the globe. Platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and more recently TikTok, have shifted the way individuals engage with politics, not just as consumers of information but as active participants in the creation and dissemination of political content. While social media has democratized access to information and political engagement, it has also introduced new challenges, such as the spread of misinformation, echo chambers, and heightened polarization. This editorial explores both the positive and negative impacts of social media on political discourse, especially in the context of the 2024 U.S. presidential election and global political movements.

Social media has democratized political discourse in unprecedented ways. Historically, political engagement was often confined to traditional media, such as newspapers, radio, and television, which were controlled by a limited number of entities. This meant that political information was often filtered through specific ideologies or institutional interests. In contrast, social media allows anyone with an internet connection to share opinions, organize campaigns, and mobilize support. This has opened up new avenues for grassroots movements and political expression, giving rise to protests, petitions, and calls for action that might have been ignored by mainstream media outlets.

For instance, movements like #MeToo, Black Lives Matter, and climate strikes have gained global traction thanks to social media. Activists can now bypass traditional media gatekeepers and directly communicate with the public, creating a more inclusive and participatory political environment. In many cases, social media platforms have provided marginalized communities with the means to highlight issues that mainstream politics often overlooks, whether it's racial justice, women's rights, or LGBTQ+ issues.

Social media has also become an essential tool for political candidates. During the 2024 U.S. election, candidates like Kamala Harris and Donald Trump are using platforms to engage with voters directly. Harris, for example, promotes her policies on women's rights, while Trump uses social media to rally support and criticize political opponents. Social media allows candidates to create unfiltered narratives that reach millions, bypassing the traditional news cycle and engaging voters on a more personal level. Moreover, the viral nature of social media campaigns—where content can be shared and amplified rapidly—has enabled political figures to mobilize large swaths of voters quickly.

However, the rapid spread of political content on social media is not without its pitfalls. One of the most significant issues is the spread of misinformation and fake news. False or misleading information can travel faster on social media than verified facts, making it difficult for voters to distinguish between truth and propaganda. In the 2020 U.S. election, false claims about voter fraud circulated widely on platforms like Twitter and Facebook, contributing to the deepening political divides in the country. Even in 2024, misinformation continues to plague political campaigns, with bots and coordinated campaigns spreading fake news to influence public opinion.

The spread of misinformation is not just about falsehoods; it is also about the selective presentation of facts. Algorithms on platforms like Facebook and YouTube are designed to prioritize content that generates engagement, often showing users information that aligns with their existing beliefs. This leads to the creation of "echo chambers," where users are only exposed to viewpoints that reinforce their biases. As a result, social media can reinforce existing political divides, making it more difficult for individuals with opposing views to engage in constructive dialogue.

Social media has also contributed to the rise of online harassment and toxic political environments. Political discussions, often anonymous, can quickly escalate into personal attacks, threats, and vitriol. The lack of face-to-face interaction allows for dehumanization, where individuals see each other as enemies rather than political opponents. This environment has created a situation where political debate can often feel more like a battleground, with participants more focused on winning arguments than engaging in meaningful discourse.

Social media's influence extends beyond the immediate engagement of political candidates and grassroots movements. The platforms also play a significant role in shaping public opinion. Research has shown that social media can influence how people perceive political events and candidates. During the 2020 election, for example, platforms like Twitter played a major role in amplifying political narratives, especially concerning issues like the pandemic, racial justice, and election integrity.

As we approach the 2024 elections, the influence of social media will only grow. Its role in shaping political conversations, mobilizing voters, and influencing policy will continue to be a double-edged sword. By fostering responsible usage, encouraging critical thinking, and holding platforms accountable, society can ensure that social media serves as a tool for inclusive and informed political participation.

By: Omkar Dattatray

At last after many years of deployment of the Chinese army at the unmarked borders between India and China, the ice has been broken and recently there has been a thaw between the relations of the two neighboring country. The meeting between the prime minister of India Narendra Modi and president of China Xi Jinping and the meeting of India's foreign minister and his Chinese counterpart has led to the thaw in relations between India and China. The verbal agreements between the two countries are being materialized and implemented on the ground and it seems that good sense and sanity has prevailed on China and the two countries have started the disengagement of the troops from the borders. China cannot be trusted and that country should not be taken at face value and India should be very cautious and tread cautiously while dealing with China. China has a well-known record of springing surprises and India needs to remain alert all the time. The Modi -Xi Jinping meeting on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit in the Russian city of Kazan symbolizes a thaw in the relationships between the two most powerful Asian countries that has turned bitter four years ago in the wake of Chinese Army's unexpected attacks on the Indian soldiers in the Galwan Valley. India's commercial and political ties with China was moving in an upwardly positive trajectory when Galwan incident took place and Sino-Indian ties nosedived. It can be said that a restricted and restrained Cold war type rivalry emerged with China more fiercely expanding its influence in countries around India and at the same time feeling jittery about deepening India-US security relations. India's proactive engagements in the India-Pacific, strengthening of the Quad, and Delhi's ability to navigate the turbulent geopolitics emerging from the Ukraine war with continuation of stron-

## Thaw in Sino-India Relations

ger ties with Moscow and Washington appeared to be Beijing's envy. However, China also saw India's robust economic growth amidst downturn in global political economy, including in China. That country vividly sees the benefits of normalizing relations with India, which has the tenacity to face Chinese muscle flexing along the LAC and the wisdom to maintain trade ties with China at the same time. Besides, continuously taking unfriendly steps against India in the backdrop of US alliance politics in the Indo-Pacific, such as the Camp David Defense Pact with Japan and South Korea, AUKUS Pact with Australia and Britain are now seen in Beijing as counterproductive. China is undoubtedly suspicious of Quad as well, but respects India as a country that maintains its strategic autonomy. The way India has been able to keep Pakistan at bay also sends a clear signal to China that Islamabad may be proud of its all weather friendship with China, but an unstable Pakistan cannot be a durable strategic asset and may actually become a liability. Chinese think in the long term and take steps with a strategic vision. The high level dialogue between the two sides at multiple levels to restore peace and stability along the border and its positive outcome is the byproduct of current Chinese strategic thinking. India is also a responsible international actor with deep strategic calculations. Modi government has successfully deterred further Chinese advances along the LAC, reinforced the military presence in the border regions, built critical infrastructure in the difficult Himalayan terrain, and at the same time refused to normalize ties with China unless peace along the border is maintained and status quo of April 2020 is reinstated. The recent agreement by both the parties is a welcome development and the very first step to restore normalcy is mirrored in Modi-Xi meeting in Karzan. Both China and India support a multipolar world order, both oppose unilateralism in principle

, both seek to champion the cause of the Global South, and both are members of multiple multilateral mechanisms, including BRICS, East Asia Summit, ASEAN Regional Forum, and many others. PM Modi has aptly said that Sino-Indian cooperation can bring dividends for regional and global security. EAM S. Jaishankar has often stated that the 21st century cannot become an Asian century without deeper and expansive Sino-Indian cooperation. However, the Modi-Xi meeting in Russia is only a first necessary step. It perhaps gives satisfaction to the strategic community and peace lovers in the Indo-Pacific region. After all, many Indo-Pacific countries face their dilemmas in navigating the Sino-Indian differences and disputes. Thaw in Sino-Indian ties is certainly good for both the countries. But it is not a positive sign for countries that played China against India or saw strategic gains in emerging Sino-Indian competition in certain areas. Thus, complications will crop up on the way to normalizing India's relations with China. Some hardliners on both sides may also hold on to their conventional views that normalization of relations is not possible until the entire boundary disputes are resolved. Besides, India needs to be cautious, careful and diligent to progress through myriad dialogue mechanisms that have remained stalled since 2020. China has a well-known record of springing surprises and India needs to remain alert all the time. Trust is an imperative to conduct international relations, but history teaches us that it is important to keep verifying the moves of other countries, so that words, written and spoken, matches actions on the ground. On October 31, the day of Dewali, the Hindu festival of lights, Indian and Chinese troops exchanged sweets along the disputed border, just a day after the two countries had successfully completed military disengagements at two points in Ladakh, the theater of a bitter standoff over the Last four years. Ten days before Diwali

, Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri had announced that India and China had reached "an agreement on patrolling arrangements along the LOC leading to disengagement and resolution of issues that had arisen in these areas in 2020." Two days after the foreign statement, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi had his first meeting in five years with Chinese president Xi Jinping in Kazan, Russia. During their 50 minute conversation, the two leaders emphasized the importance of improving bilateral relations from a strategic and long term perspective, upgrading strategic communications and pursuing cooperation for mutual development. They also agreed that their officials would meet to address the border issue, in order to restore peace and tranquility. The latest agreement provides for Chinese and Indian troops pulling back from occupied areas at Depsang Plains, and Demchok and reverting to their pre-May 2020 positions. On the ground disengagements are being implemented and followed and both sides have moved their troops from the positions of discord. Disengagement is being followed and Jaishankar underscored the need for de-escalation, which is meant to address the buildup of forces along the LAC since 2020. After disengagement, India and China await de-escalation says S. Jaishankar. EAM said disengagement process has been done and there is need to address de-escalation of forces. To cut the long story short the thaw in relations between India and China has been reached and it is a welcome development and it will build strong foundations for de-escalation and finally the better ties between India and China will follow which will be in the interest of both the countries.

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## Freedom vs Liberation

By: Vijay Garg

There is a famous saying – Man is born free, but everywhere he is bound by the shackles of slavery. This statement is from the western thinker Rousseau. Jean Jacques Rousseau. He said this while analyzing the social conditions of humans. His book is 'Social Contract'. This is his statement. Western thinkers are mainly materialists. At the center of his concern are the material needs of man. Therefore, he has given some more thought to the acquisition and distribution of wealth. of human rights. There are more things to talk about. Therefore, in the West, there have been more efforts to gather resources to meet the material needs of human beings. But, ultimately it has been seen and is being seen that mere fulfillment of man's material needs does not bring happiness in man's life. Even after attaining material prosperity he does not free himself from the shackles of slavery. Because the freedom of man that Rousseau and other Western thinkers talked about is not, in fact, freedom. Freedom is just a kind of holiday. live life your way's holiday. Where there is freedom to live one's own way, one begins to feel freedom. But man does not just need freedom to live his life. He finds real happiness only in liberation. dimensions of aspirations. Salvation does not mean attaining heaven after death. Liberation is freedom from all kinds of worldly bondages. Indian philosophy talks about liberation. West-

ern philosophy talks about freedom. As soon as a human being is born, family, relationships, society and system start showering their aspirations on him. Are. In this way, various kinds of aspirations are filled within the human being. He considers them as his duty, his religion, his responsibility. Attachment starts developing in humans as soon as they are born. Attachment towards relationships, attachment towards things. this fascination It is his biggest bond. Bound by this attachment, he creates all the mischiefs in the world. He is filled with the desire to acquire property. For this he creates and adopts various kinds of tricks and deceptions. Indian philosophy had called the world Maya in the sense that the world is hidden in man. Creates a force and tries to capture it. When this creation was imagined in the form of nature and man, it was also believed that nature first captivates man and fills him with fickleness. Then man i.e. man wanders around getting confused in the false creation of the world. Indian philosophy talks about freedom from this attachment and illusion. This is a matter of values. Everyone needs freedom. Because man's basic aspiration is for liberation. But we often lose our way between liberation and freedom. Instead of striving for liberation, they start struggling for freedom. Because most of our shackles are physical. Because they are created by our material aspirations. When a man is born and grows up in a family, he starts

living with its aspirations. Fulfilling those aspirations starts being considered as our ultimate religion. Many principles have been created regarding this, many moral values have been established. The same principles and values keep man astray to fulfill material needs. And he gets involved in some economic activity, takes up a job or profession. All these things are related to the rules and regulations of the system. By the rules of social and political system. These rules and regulations keep changing according to time. Man's entire struggle for freedom begins from these rules. Talks about human rights start from here. This is where the moral demand for equitable distribution of wealth and the struggle against exploitation begins. As efforts to ensure man's material prosperity intensified, machines were made faster and faster. As the competition to garner resources increased, the struggle for human rights also intensified across the world. Voices against exploitation increased. Many movements were raised invoking democratic values and calls for revolution were made. But the reality is that man's freedom is becoming increasingly questioned day by day. The shackles of man have become continuously stronger. liberation is not renunciation. In fact, the heartbeat of life beats in the liberation of man. The person we see and recognize ourselves as is actually And there is man created in him. It has been created by family, relationships, society and systems. Apart from that, there

is a real man within us, who aspires for liberation. Liberation does not mean renunciation. There is inconsistency. To remain carefree while living in the family, relationships, society and system in which we live. Don't get caught in his attraction. Not expecting anything in return while performing duties is liberation. The greatest pain of man is not getting compensation for his actions. May this desire for retribution end. Then showers of happiness start flowing within us. We often repeat the principle of Karma and Result of Gita, but in reality it is difficult to follow it. We do all the work with the expectation that we will get results from it. That fruit will nourish ourselves, our families and our society. This is a materialistic aspiration. To be free from this bondage is the feeling of liberation. The freedom that Rousseau talked about is actually going to increase the obstacles to freedom. Salvation is not something to be achieved after death, but while alive. Some of its paths are Yogdarsh See you in no. Only if dispassion is practiced, the joy of liberation will begin to flow. Freedom is not involvement, detachment is the only thing. Freedom from the world, freedom from oneself too.

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## 'Good work will find its way'

Ritvik Sahore, who is currently seen in Highway Love 2, says it's not the length of his role but the storyline that decides which project he chooses

Remember the cute cousin of Geeta and Babita, Omkar Singh Phogat, from the blockbuster Dangal? If not, here is a reminder. He was child artiste Ritvik Sahore, who made quite a mark with his short, yet impactful stint in the film.

Well, Ritvik never wanted to become an actor in the first place. As luck would have it, he was spotted and how! Today a well-known name in the industry, Ritvik's first break came with the film Ferrari Ki Sawaari (2012), for which he received the Screen Award for Best Child Artist nomination. "I was roaming in a mall with my parents on a Friday evening, where I was coaxed into going, as I was more worried about my homework. Thank God, I went! The assistant director of the film Ferrari Ki Sawaari spotted me and the rest, as they say, is history. That night changed my life."

Not a trained actor, having performed in only a handful of plays during his school days, Ritvik learnt it all on ground. "It is not often that one gets a break like I did. I had no training in acting, but worked hard. My family is not from the industry, but I give all credit to them for never imposing their views on me, even when I was a child."

Dangal for him was an experience of a lifetime. Working with



a superstar like Aamir Khan must be quite a daunting task? "On the contrary, it was a breeze as Aamir sir made everyone on the sets very comfortable. Even when I met him for the first time, he invited me and my family to a function at his home. He is a very calm person and a fantastic actor, something that goes without saying. I was 16 when I did Dangal and it was everything that I could have ever dreamt of."

Having rocked at the box-office, Dangal catapulted Ritvik into a different league. "The film gave a fillip to my career and I am thankful for that. In fact, it boosted the careers of all the young artistes who were a part

of the film."

Ritvik, who is currently seen in Amazon MX Player's web series Highway Love Season 2, has previously been a part of successful series such as Laakhon Mein Ek, Indori Ishq, Escapade Live, Highway Love, Flames and Jamnapaar. "If a series goes into a second season, it is an indication that the audience has accepted and admired your work. I am happy that Highway Love has another outing."

While OTT is growing in popularity, Ritvik does not like to compare mediums. "Both films and OTT have given me a lot in life, but there is no comparison. Having said that, I believe the latter has provided more space

for not only actors but all creative people, such as writers, directors and more. It offers opportunities, hope and motivation."

As for how he chooses his roles, Ritvik says, "When I get a script, I never bother about the length of my role. It is all about whether I am enjoying the story, crying and laughing where I am supposed to, but am open to it. I believe good work will find its way, whichever platform it is."

And what kind of roles does he prefer? "I love doing romantic roles and they have worked greatly in my favour. But as an actor, I want to explore more genres — action, drama, thrillers, comedy."

Born and brought up in Mumbai, Ritvik's family hails from Una in Himachal Pradesh, and he has some fond memories of Chandigarh too. "My nana ji used to read The Tribune," he beams.

Ritvik, who admires the work of Ranbir Kapoor, Rajkumar Rao, Alia Bhatt and Sharvati, keeps his word of advice for upcoming actors very simple, "Work hard, there is no substitute for that. Treat every audition not as a test but a learning experience, as an opportunity to get better. Keep exploring and remain patient." Way to go!

## Ayushmann Khurrana joins Dinesh Vijan's horror comedy universe



Ayushmann Khurrana is extremely excited to be a part of Thama, which will be made

under the Maddock Films banner. In the film, Ayushmann will share screen space with Rashmika Mandanna and Nawazuddin Siddiqui.

Sharing his happiness on headlining the horror comedy universe, he said, "I'm excited that Dinesh Vijan feels this is the best time for me to enter his blockbuster horror comedy universe in and as Thama. After Stree 2 became the all-time biggest Bollywood film in the history of Hindi cinema, I am thrilled to be part of this universe's legacy as it moves forward and also feel responsible for giving audiences a theatrical experience that they will remember for years to come." He is quite happy to collaborate with Dinesh Vijan after Bala.

He added, "Dinesh and I have a similar passion for disruption." Meanwhile, Ayushmann will also be seen sharing screen space with Sara Ali Khan in a yet-to-be-titled film.

## When Jaya Bachchan felt neglected by Nehru government

Veteran actress Jaya Bachchan once spoke about how she felt neglected during her younger years, not by her family or elders, but by the government.

During her appearance on Prasar Bharati Archives series 'In Conversation with Rajiv Mehrotra, Jaya, known for her candidness, recalled that while there were several initiatives for children, largely driven by former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's vision, she felt there was a lack of attention toward the youth of the country. The video of her old interview is doing the rounds on social media.

In the clip, Jaya could be heard saying, "I felt very neglected, not by my parents, my teachers, or by elders, but by the government of the country."

She added, "There were things being done



for the children because Chacha Nehru wanted that way.

But there was nothing being done for the youth, and that is something I felt needed to be addressed."

The 76-year-old actress, known for her outspoken personality, recently made headlines after several reports stated that Jaya's mother, Indira Bhaduri, passed away in Bhopal. Last month, Abhishek Bachchan's team released a statement clarifying that Indira Bhaduri is fine.

The statement read, "At this time, Jaya Bachchan and her family have not experienced any loss. We kindly request fans to remain supportive and to seek reliable updates, avoiding engagement with misleading or unverified information. They should not have to contend with the added burden of false reports. We urge everyone to respect the privacy of the Bachchan family at this time and to seek information from reliable sources for future updates."

## I aim to evolve with every song: Karan Aujla

Be it Mexico, Gangsta, Players, God Damn with Badshah or even Tauba Tauba from Bad Newz to name a few, Karan Aujla has given many hip-swaying numbers, making him one of the best Punjabi singers, which he agrees gets pressurising at times, considering that he needs to outrun his previously set benchmark.

Asked if he feels the pressure at times considering he needs to give his best to outrun the previous record, he said, "Absolutely, there's a certain level of pressure that comes with consistently releasing hit songs."

The singer, who hails from the Ghurala village in the Ludhiana district of Punjab, agrees that expectations are 'motivating and daunting.'

"Each release brings high expectations from my fans and the industry, which can be both motivating and daunting. I always strive to give



my best and while I love creating music, the fear of not meeting those expectations can sometimes be overwhelming," said Karan, who got his

breakthrough with the song Don't Worry in 2018. "However, I try to focus on my passion for music rather than the charts," said Karan,

who has previously expressed his willingness to collaborate with the rappers 50 Cent and Drake.

The 27-year-old heart-throb believes that creativity flows best when, "I'm not weighed down by pressure."

"Each song is a new opportunity to express myself and I aim to evolve with every release, exploring different themes and sounds while staying true to my style. Ultimately, I remind myself that the journey is just as important as the outcome," added the singer.

Aujla, who is all set to perform in several cities in India for his It Was All A Dream World Tour commencing on December 7, describes his music as diverse and experimental.

"I would classify my style as being very diverse and experimental, which allows me to be open-minded and receptive to cultural

diversity," he shared.

From Soch to the latest release Tauba Tauba, all his songs have been chartbusters. Karan said the key ingredient to his music being a hit is 'its authenticity and relatability'.

"I believe the key to my music striking an emotional chord with people lies in its authenticity and relatability. I've always aimed to tell stories that resonate with my audience, reflecting their experiences, emotions and the realities of life," he shared.

Karan strongly believes that the 'fusion of cultures' helps his music stand out.

"It's all about creating music that speaks to the heart, and I'm thankful that it resonates with so many people," added the Canada-based artiste. The It Was All A Dream World Tour is presented and produced by Team Innovation and supported by Live Nation.

## 'No one like' Anupam Kher: Sooraj Barjatya wishes the actor luck for 'Vijay69'

Anupam Kher has touched four decades being in the industry and Sooraj Barjatya, with whom the actor has worked in films such as 'Saaransh', 'Hum Aapke Hain Koun', 'Hum Saath-Saath Hain' and 'Uunchai', celebrated the milestone. The filmmaker also tagged the star as an "institution of acting."

Rajshri Productions shared a monochrome picture of Anupam with Sooraj along with a note penned by the filmmaker.

The note read: "I have been a keen observer and a collaborator in Anupam Sir's 40-year-old journey in our Hindi film industry. I was the fourth AD on Saaransh, his debut film and our relationship, association and fondness for each other started from there. He gave me my first job on the sets which was

to get him the script of Saaransh.

"I directed him in Hum Aapke Hain Koun, Vivah, Prem Ratan Dhan Payo and most recently in Uunchai."

He revealed why the filmmaker and actor share a special bond.

"Anupamji has been a part of the milestone moments of my career and in a way, I have been too. I guess that's why our bond is extremely special," he wrote.

"In a way, we have both seen each other grow, shared our highs and lows and our friendship has stood the test of time. Anupamji to me is an institution of acting," he added.

"The more you keenly observe him, the more layers you see, the more subtlety you can observe on screen, learn from it and get awed by it. All aspiring and I would say



successful actors of this generation should study Anupamji's acting to be better."

Barjatya said that he was "blown away" by the trailer of "Vijay 69".

"At 69, Anupamji is still hungry, still wanting more, still pushing himself to set new benchmarks. As someone I look up to, I cannot help but cheer him on in his quest for excellence with Vijay 69. There is no one like Anupamji."

"I know he will move us to tears with another

landmark performance in his 40th year in cinema. We are all lucky to have lived and seen his brilliance. Much regards, Sooraj Barjatya."

The post was captioned as: "Celebrating 40 years of Anupam Kher... a common man with an extraordinary life journey. Anupam Kher only chased excellence. He is still doing that... We wish him all the best for #Vijay69 - a film that will touch the hearts of everyone who sees it..."

## Actress Parineeti Chopra turns YouTuber

Bollywood actress Parineeti Chopra, who was last seen in the streaming biopic 'Amar Singh Chamkila', has started her YouTube channel.

The actress recently took to her Instagram and made the announcement through a video message.

She said in the video, "I've always been a very private person even though I'm a public figure. I'm in front of cameras all the time. I've always said that I only share one percent of my life on my social media."

She further mentioned, "Now that I do so much in my life, I travel so much, I do some crazy adventurous things, I scuba dive so much, I read and I have music and I'm singing all the time, I'm in studios all the time, there's so much happening in my life that I feel like it's finally time



and I'm finally ready to start sharing more of behind the scenes of my life and what I do on a daily basis".

The actress shared that this move will allow her fans to see first-hand and visually what unfolds in her life.

She added, "So I have

ter together. I'm super excited to welcome you into my life. See you soon."

She also penned a long note in the caption talking about what motivated her to start her own channel.

She wrote, "All these years, I have deliberately shared just about only about 1% of my life on social media. I do sooo much but have always loved staying private! But my reluctance to share anything has seriously frustrated my social media team (haha), and after a lot of persuasion from them, I think it's time to open up a bit more."

"Feeling nervous already. But here goes. I proudly announce that you can now subscribe to my YouTube channel, 'OfficialParineetiChopra', where I'll be sharing my life and days with you. Let's do this together," she added.













# Government seal on Shiv Sena's demand, panicked BJP started misleading

## BJP trying to take advantage in Maharashtra, Jharkhand with false propaganda of restoration Act 370:- Sahni

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 7: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit has claimed that the privilege resolution passed in Jammu-Kashmir assembly yesterday (in which there is no mention of Article 370) is the government's seal on their demands of privilege under Section 371. Along with this, BJP, panicked by the strong position of India alliance in the assembly elections of Maharashtra, Jharkhand, is trying to mislead the people of the country by linking it with the restoration of Article 370 and making political gains.

In a press conference held today at the state central office of the party, state chief Manish Sahni said that the resolution



passed by the Omar Abdullah government for restoration of cultural identity and privileges for the sons of the soil on the lines of the north-eastern states, is a full support and seal to Shiv Sena's (UBT) demand for Jammu-Kashmir identity, cultural identity and privileges under Article 371. Sahni said that Jammu

and Kashmir, being a highly sensitive and border area, has been facing terrorism for the last 35 years. Jammu and Kashmir should also get special privileges on the lines of all the North East states of the country.

He said that BJP has also won 29 seats from Jammu division and is bent on sacrificing the

restoration of the rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir to fulfill its political interests in other states.

Sahni said that when the main constituent parties of the Modi government can demand special privileges for their states Bihar and Andhra Pradesh, then what crime has Jammu and Kashmir

committed by passing the resolution.

In fact, BJP can clearly see its defeat in the assembly elections of Maharashtra, Jharkhand, by-elections of UP and other states, by linking the resolution passed in the Jammu and Kashmir assembly with Article 370, a game of misleading the people and making political gains are being played.

Sahni said that the BJP's intention to cross the electoral hurdle by trampling the legitimate demands of the people of Jammu and Kashmir will never succeed.

On this occasion, working President Jai Bharti, General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Senior Vice President Sanjeev Kohli, Balwant Singh, Rajesh Jandial were present.

# JKNPP Bhim condemns National Conference's push for Article 370 restoration

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 7: Vilakshan Singh, President of the Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party (Bhim), on Thursday strongly condemned the National Conference (NC) for bringing a resolution in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly seeking the restoration of Special Status which was guaranteed by Article 370. Singh accused the NC of attempting to promote an agenda of separatism and autonomy that undermines the integrity of India.

In a scathing statement, Singh said, "The NC is once again trying to create a 'country within a country' by pushing for the restoration of Article 370. Their actions are clearly aimed at promoting their divisive agenda and seeking greater autonomy for Jammu and Kashmir, with the ultimate goal of diminishing

India's role in the region."

Singh further emphasized that the abrogation of Article 370 was a critical step towards unifying Jammu and Kashmir with the rest of India. "Article 370 created an artificial barrier between Jammu and Kashmir and the rest of India," he said. "This blunder, committed by Congress decades ago, was rightfully corrected through the constitutional amendment in 2019. The NC's attempt to reverse this change is nothing but an effort to reintroduce division and sow discord between Jammu and Kashmir and the nation."

Singh reiterated that the amendment of Article 370 has ended the possibility of the NC's separatist agenda. "With the amendment, and its subsequent validation by the Supreme Court of India, the dreams of anti-national forces seeking autonomy or self-rule for Jammu and Kashmir have been dashed.

The NC is misleading the people of the region by bringing forth resolutions that are beyond the purview of the Legislative Assembly and can never become a reality," he said.

Singh urged the people of Jammu and Kashmir not to fall for the NC's "gimmicks."

"The NC is pursuing an agenda that could isolate Jammu and Kashmir from the rest of India," he warned. "Their calls for restoring Article 370 are part of a larger strategy to create division and confusion. The people of Jammu and Kashmir should not be misled."

Singh assured the people of Jammu and Kashmir that the JKNPP Bhim would continue to fight against any efforts to weaken the bond between J&K and India. "JKNPP Bhim will remain steadfast in its commitment to safeguarding the unity and integrity of India," he said.

# Prof Rajat elected as Staff Secretary GDC Sunderbani

Top News Report

SUNDERBANI, Nov 7: In a recent election held at Government Degree College (GDC) Sunderbani, Prof. Rajat Bhardwaj, a seasoned faculty member from the Department of Sociology, has been unanimously elected as the Staff Secretary.

The announcement, made on 6th of September, 2024, reflects the trust and confidence of the college staff in his capabilities.

During the on-the-spot election, Prof. Rajat Bhardwaj's nomination was proposed by Dr. Kuldeep Raj Sharma, Head of the Economics Department, and seconded by Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Head of the Department of English. Following this, the entire staff present during the election process unanimously resolved to elect Prof. Rajat Bhardwaj as staff secretary.

Expressing his gratitude upon being elected, he delivered his maiden speech, thanking the teaching fraternity for their support and trust. He emphasized his

commitment to serve as a bridge between the administration and the staff, promising transparency, integrity, and dedication in his role.

He articulated his vision for the college, emphasizing the importance of both rights and duties, and pledged to work tirelessly for the betterment of the students and the institution. He expressed his determination to contribute in the journey of college towards excellence.

Principal Dr. Ashu Vashisht, along with all the staff members, extended their congratulations to Prof. Rajat Bhardwaj on his new role. They expressed optimism that Prof. Rajat's leadership and past experience would propel the staff and the college to new heights of success and achievement.

Prof. Rajat Bhardwaj's election as Staff Secretary marks a significant milestone for Government Degree College Sunderbani, heralding a new era of collaborative leadership and dedication towards academic excellence.

# Maj Gen Anupinder Bevli visits Army Att Camp, interacts with cadets



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 7: Major General Anupinder Bevli, ADG, NCC Dte JK&L, made a visit to the Army Attachment Camp, where he interacted with cadets undergoing training at the Army Att Camp with 17 MADRAS.

The visit was marked by his engagement with the cadets, witnessing their training. A total of 50 Cds are undergoing the att camp.

The General Officer emphasised that "NCC is dedicated to shaping the future of our youth."

"This training exemplifies commitment to empowering cadets with practical knowledge,

leadership skills and values essential for success in all walks of life."

The visit of Major General Anupinder Bevli, underscored the importance of mentorship, leadership and motivation in nurturing the potential of the cadets.

The Training being imparted to the cadets during the att camp aims to develop character, discipline and leadership qualities in future military leaders.

He spent valuable time engaging with the cadets, learning about their training experiences. His presence provided cadets with a unique opportunity to interact with the General Officer and gain

inspiration from him.

His address to the cadets was marked by words of wisdom, encouragement and guidance. He emphasized the significance of resilience, teamwork and adaptability in the journey towards becoming effective leaders.

His anecdotes and lessons from the field resonated deeply with the young cadets, leaving them motivated and eager to excel in their training. His visit served as a source of inspiration for the NCC cadets, reinforcing the values of dedication, discipline and leadership that are essential in their training and future roles."

# KDP Wing of DPAP appeal for enforcement of Migrant Evacuee Property Distress Sale Act

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 7: The Kashmiri Displaced People (KDP) Wing of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) has issued a strong appeal for the enforcement of the Migrant Evacuee Property Distress Sale Act, which was first enacted in 1997 and has seen various amendments.

In a joint statement, the KDP Wing leaders, including President Sanjay Dhar, Chairman Piaray Lal Pandita, General Secretary Raj Kumar Ticku, Vice President R.K. Koul, Mahila President Daizy Dhar, and Mahila Working President Renu Razdan, emphasized the need to protect the ancestral properties of Kashmiri Hindu migrants that were left behind following the exodus caused by violence and persecution.

The KDP leaders are urging the Honorable Lieutenant Governor and the Chief Minister of

Jammu and Kashmir to revive and enforce the act.

They proposed the establishment of independent District Level Nodal Officers under the supervision of District Magistrates and the creation of grievance redressal cells in every district.

These offices would handle complaints related to the encroachment of properties, temples, shrines, and cremation grounds that belong to the Kashmiri Hindu community.

Despite being in exile for 35 years, the Kashmiri Hindu migrants maintain constitutional rights and voting rights connected to their ancestral homes in the Valley. The leaders stress that it is the government's responsibility to uphold these rights and implement policies to help the community regain their land and ensure citizenship rights in the Valley.

They also emphasized

the importance of restoring cultural heritage and building confidence among the displaced population to foster a sense of belonging and hope for eventual resettlement.

The statement highlights the severe hardships faced by the exiled community and calls for the Government of India and the administration of Jammu and Kashmir to demonstrate their commitment to resettlement efforts.

The leaders requested a white paper to be published monthly, detailing district-wise restoration efforts of properties to instill confidence in the government's sincerity. Additionally, they asked the Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner (Migrants) to set up an independent nodal office for efficient and direct grievance redressal, as the current online portal system does not adequately address their urgent needs.

# GDC Budhal observes National Cancer Awareness Day, 2024

Top News Report

BUDHAL, Nov 7: The NSS Unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Budhal, in collaboration with the College's Cultural Committee, marked National Cancer Awareness Day with a poster-making competition aimed at spreading awareness about cancer prevention and early detection. The event brought together 9 students from various semesters, each showcasing their artistic talents and perspectives on cancer-related issues.

The competition aimed at providing a platform to the students for self-expression besides fostering a sense of social responsibility and awareness of public health issues.

The posters made by students touched upon a range of topics, including cancer prevention, the importance of regular screenings, healthy lifestyle choices and support for cancer survivors. Each poster conveyed a unique message, capturing the urgency needed to address cancer's impact on society.

The judging panel featured distinguished faculty members Prof. Atal Bharati (HOD Physics), Prof. Kumar Rabani Chowdhary (HOD History) and Dr. Shokit Ali (HOD Urdu). They evaluated the entries based on creativity, originality, relevance and overall impact.

Sania Ajaz, an NSS Volunteer from semester 5th secured 1st position. The 2nd position was shared by two volunteers from semester 3rd namely Mahak Naseer and Mahar Naseer whereas the 3rd position was jointly held by Rohit Singh, a volunteer from semester 5th and Abdul Wahid, a volunteer from semester 1st.

The College Principal, Prof. Manzoor Ahmed Dar, commended the efforts of the NSS Unit and the Cultural Committee for organizing the event. He emphasized the significance of such awareness campaigns, especially among the youth, and encouraged students to participate in initiatives that blend education with social responsibility.

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