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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 offical 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 Zafron 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 Zaffron Colony Pantha

Chowk here. He has been identified as Abdul Rashid Dar, son of Abdul Khaliq Dar, a resident of Achanambal Zaffron 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



(Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir legislative

till Friday in the wake of chaos over a resolution passed by the house toration of special status of the erstwhile state.

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

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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

chaos over special status resolution the House after ordering

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 Con-

gress leader Nawang Rigzin Jora

from Leh, along with National Con-

ference representative Qamar Ali

Akhoon, Congress member Asgar

Karbalaie, and activist Sajjad Kar-

gili from Kargil. Chhewang and



SRINAGAR, Nov 7 assembly was adjourned

SRINAGAR: In a bid to address

the ongoing concerns of Ladakh,

the Union Ministry of Home Affairs

(MHA) has invited key repre-

sentatives 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 sug-

yesterday seeking res-

The speaker, Abdul Rahim Rather, adjourned

For talks, MHA invites Six Ladakh leaders Lakruk hold leadership positions in the Leh Apex Body (LAB), while

> ing 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 Gyal-

> Akhoon and Karbalaie co-chair

the Kargil Democratic Alliance

(KDA). Both the LAB and KDA

have been instrumental in push-

son and Dr Zaffar Akhoon, the Turn to page 9

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.

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

An SUV skidded off

the spot, while three others sustained **Turn to page 9**

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 antiterrorism 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 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

Top News Report JAMMU, Nov 7:

The Freedom Fighters Memorial Association (FFMA) paid floral tributes to Abdul Aziz Darzi and Mohammad Magbool Sherwani on their martyrdom day, in a function held here in Jammu today. Pertinent to mentioned here that Master Abdul Darji and Magbool 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



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 Magbool 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.

OBITUARY / 10TH DAY KRIYA With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Karamyogi Sh. Avtar**

Krishan Koul (Baijaan), Slo Late Smt. Chand Rani Koul & Late Sh. Radha Krishan Koul, originally from Bonagund,

/erinag, At present H.No. 19, Lane No. 4, Sector-1, KB Nagar, Bantalab, Jammu. 10th Day Kriya will be performed on 10.11.2024 (Sunday

at Muthi Ghat, near Directorate of School Education Jammu at 08:30 AM. GRIEF STRICKEN:

Smt. Sheela Koul (Choti Maa) Brothers & Sisters-in-law Sh. Rajnath Koul & Smt. Nee u Koul

Sh. Kuldeep Koul & Smt. Renuka Koul

Smt. Java Pandita & Sh. P N Pandita

Smt. Lalita Raina & Sh. T N Raina Smt. Shanta Raina & Sh. B L Raina

Smt. Girja Bhat & Sh. Surinder Bhat Smt. Kishni Ji Smt. Kisan Ji & Sh. Kuldeep Dhar

Sh. Bharat Bhushan Koul & Smt. Simi Koul Sisters & Brothers-in-law Smt. Kanta Nehru & Sh. B. L Nehru

CREMATION

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh Jagtar Singh S/o Late. Sh. Nasib Singh R/o H. No. 532, Sec-E, Sainik Colony, Jammu.

Cremation shall take place at Channi Himmat Cremation Ground, Jammu on 08/11/24 at 2:30

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt Sardar Kour -Mother Smt Parminder Kaur -Wife

Enayat Kaur - Daughter Yashvir Singh -Son

Contact: 6005833592, 9419114929, 789307873



Sh Jagtar Singh

Shri Autar Krishen Dhar

Shri Shiv Nandan Trakru

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of Shri Autar Krishen Dhar (Indian Airlines) originally from Khankahe Sokhta, Safakadal, Srinagar and now residing at Delhi Rajdhani Apartments, Patparganj, Delhi on Nov.1, 2024.

Tenth Day Kriya will be held at Muradnagar Ghat (U.P.) on Saturday, Nov.9, 2024 at 12 noon.

In Grief:

(Granddaughter, Daughter-in-law & Son)

Sansa, Jyoti & Sanjay Dhar

Ninad Munshi & Neena Dhar (Grandson & Daughter)

Granddaughters, Daughter & Son-in-Law)

Meemansa, Mrigakshi, Amila & Manoj Koul)

Ph: 8851402298 & 7006590280

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved father Shri Shiv Nandan Trakru S/o Late Shri Kashi Nath Trakru, originally R/o 10 Wazir Bagh, Srinagar, A/P D-44, Navkunj Apartment, Patparganj, Delhi, on 1st Nov 2024.

The Tenth Day Kriya shall be performed on 10th Nov. 2024 at Muradhagar, U.P.

Assembly will be held at our home Navkunj Apts at 11:00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Nirmala Ganjoo (Wife) Ritu and Vishal Kachroo (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Ankush and Megha Trakru (Son & Daughter-in-law)

Smt Dulani Trakru (Bhabhi)

Shri Roshan Lal Trakru & Smt. Sheela Taploo (Brother & Sister-in-law) Smt. Nani Bhan (Sister)

Smt. Indra & Shri Sanjay Jalla (Sister & Brother-in-law) Ishan, Rhea, Riaan and Aria (Grand Children)

Trakrus, Ganjoos, Jalalis, Kauls

Cell No.: 9868806524, 9868543573

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform you the sad demise of our teloved Smt. Sudarshan Kumari Wife of Sh. Rajeshwar Verma who left us for heavenly abode on 28th Oct 2024 (Monday).

On 6th Nov. 2024 (Wednesday), 11 AM Tenth Day will be performed at our residence H.No. 83/2 Shiv Nagar, Talab, Tillo,

Kriya will be held at our tesidence at 12 PM on 9th Nov. 2024 (Saturday). Uthele will take place at Shiv Mandir Talab Tillo, Chowk, Jammu

on 9th Nov. from 3 PM to 4 PM. GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. Rajeshwar Verma - Husband

Son & Daughter-in-law

Mr. Sanjeev Verma & Mrs. Veena Verma Daughters & Sons-in-law

Smt. Ritu & Sh. Updesh Kumar (DySP) JK Police

(Ph.: 9419138776, 9419951222)

Smt. Arshu Manni & Ashok Manni (Ph.: 9797438727, 6006902185)

Grand Children: Urvashi, Ridima, Ujiwal, Akshara, Akriti Contact : 9419834307, 9419160630

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of Sh. Rakash Raina (Baya Ji) S/o Sh. Pushkar Nath ji of Zainapora (Shopian) A/P Lane 4/A Sub Lane No. 6, Laxmi Vihar, Tomal Bhori, Jammu on 30, 10, 2024.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Muthi Ghat, Near Director School Education Office, Muthi, Jammu at 8:00 am on 08.11.2024 (Friday).

GRIEF STRICKEN Smt. Anita Raina (Neetu): Wife Sh. Pushkar Nath: Father

Sh. Chaman Lal : Uncle Bhabhi and Brothers

Smt. Meenu and Sh. Sunil Raina Smt. Anita and Sh. Vinod Raina

Children: Barkha Raina (Daughter) Aaditiya Raina (Son)

AND SAMAST RAINA PARIVAR OF ZAINAPORA. CONTACT DETAILS: 7006253925/7006253919



Smt. Sudarshan Kumari

Sh. Rakash Raina (Baya Ji)

Sh. Omkar Nath Kaul

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of Sh. Omkar Nath Kaul S/o Late Sh. Makund Kaul resident of Sathu Bar Bar Shah Srinagar Kashmir. Presently residing at 5th Avenue F - 345, No ida extension, UP who left for heavenly abode on 03rd Nov 2024 (Sunday).

10TH DAY KRIYA will be held at Gad Ganga (UP) on 12th of November 2024 (Tuesday) and assembly at F-345 Gaur City 1 (Noida Extension) at 6 am.

Prayer meeting Assembly - 11am at 5th Avenue Tower F Noida Extension UP

GRIEF STRICKEN: -

Sons & Daughter in law:

Sh Abhin Kaul & Smt Suchitra Kaul

Sh Amit Kaul & Smt Radhika Kaul Grand Children :- Vansh Raj Kaul & Dheer Kaul

Griof Strickon: All Nears & Dears

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OBITUARIES

With profound grief and sorrow we inform about the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Sanju Bakshi (Sanjana) W/o Dr. Anil Bhat who departed for her heavenly abode on 31/10/2024.

Mourning will be observed upto 3rd November 2024 at our residence H.No. 5, Lane No 2 Pocket A, Saraswati Vihar Bohri,

10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 09-11-2024 (Saturday) at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education Jammu at 8:30am.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Samast Bhat and Bakshi Parivar.

Mob - 7006311474, 9419299124, 9596939644

MOURN FROM MALYUN SIDE

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the untimely demise of our beloved sister/Bhus Smt Gopi Shori W/o Shri Krishan Lal originally R/o Shogpora (Magam) D/o Late Shobawati and Late Permanand Vilgam (Handwara Dist) Kupwara) expired on 31st November 2024. Mourning is held in the community hall backside of Lane 9 & 8 of Jagti Township . Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 09-11-2024 at Muthi Ghat at 8:30 AM

Deeply Missed & Remembered By:-Brother & Sister in-law Piaray Lai & Shanta Bhat.

Sister & Brother in-law Sheela & Satlal Pandita

Nephew & Niece: Sh. & Smt Satish & Suristha Pandita

Sh. & Smt. Santoo Kumar & Jyoti Bhat

Smt. Vee na Bhat

Smt. & Sh. Sanj & Rajkumar Tickoo Smt. & Sh. Beauty & Dileep Ji Bhat

TENTH DAY/ KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound sorrow, we would like to inform the sad demise of our beloved Lt Col Som Datt Sharma (Retd) of Lower Kanhal who left for heavenly abode on 31-10-24.

Jammu

KRIYA will be performed on 9.11.24 (Sat) at 12:00 noon at our residence.

UTHALA will be performed on 9.11.24 (Sat) at Shri Ram Mandir, Sector D, Sainik Colony from 4:00 - 5:00 pm.

GRIEF STRICKEN: Smt Prem Lata Sharma (Wife)

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10TH DAY KRIYA With profound grief, we wish to inform you of

the sad demise of our beloved. Shree Rajeev Kaul, S/o Late Shree Chaman Lal Kaul, who left for his heavenly abode on Nov 3rd, 2024

10th Day Kriya on Nov 12th, 2024, at Alandi Pune at 9 a.m.

Assembly at 12:30 p.m. at home, B 02, Mont Verte 1, Sus Pashan Road, Pune

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Deepa Kaul - Wife Avtar Kaul, Moti Kaul & Villa Kaul - Uncles Kiran Kaul - Sister

Satish Kaul - Brother in Law Ayushi Kaul Nabar - Daughter Rahul Nabar - Son in Law

Jawaharlal Dhar - Father in Law, Shama Dhar - Mother in Law

demise of our beloved Dharamveer Pandoh S/o Late Sh Prem Raj Pandoh on 26th of October, 2024 at our residence House No. 20, Lane No. 29, Tawi Vihar Colony Sidhra Jammu. Uthala will be performed on 8th of November 2024 (Friday) at Jain Hall, Rani Park Jammu from 3 PM to 4 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN Smt Asha Pandoh -Wife Sh Kushan Pandoh -Son Khushi Pandoh -Daughter

Sh Arun Pandoh & Smt Ramni -Brother & Sister-in-law Miss Shriya -Niece Bhanu -Nephew

Sisters & Brothers-in-law Smt Sunita & Sh Nirmal Anand Smt Pinky & Sh Viay Nargotra Smt Varsha & Sh R P Sethi Smt Bindia & Sh Ashwani Pradhan

M/s Dharamveer & Brothers Shop No. 15, Sabzi Mandi, Narwal Ph. 9419661357, 7889382256

Smt. Vidhya

Laxmi Raina

Dharamveer Pandoh

TENTH DAY It is with deep sorrow that we announce the

passing of our beloved mother Smt. Vidhya Laxmi Raina, who left us on 31,10,2024. In a poignant twist of fate, she departed this world on the same day as her cherished husband Pt Vedh Lal Raina, 50 years ago. Their enduring love story, marked by unwavering devotion and companionship, continues to inspire us.

our mother was a beacon of love, strength and kindness. Her nurturing spirit and boundless generosity touched the lives of everyone who knew her. She was not only a devoted wife but also a loving mother, whose legacy of compassion and wisdom will forever remain in

our hearts. Mourning will be held at our residence H.No. 177/A Lane No 20/D Swarn Vihar (Police Colony).

In light of the marriage of our daughter scheduled from 8.11.2024, we wish to inform you that the condolences will be shortened to 6.11.2024.

10TH DAY will be performed on 9.11.20.24 & assembly at Muthi Ghat at 9 am. Grief Stricken Raina's Koul's Bhat's 9419121083, 9596659015



Smt. Sanju Bakshi

(Sanjana)

TENTH DAY will be performed on 8.11.24 (Fri) at 11:00 am at our residence H No 124, Lane No. 18 Upper side, Greater Kailash,

Col Krishan Datt & Mrs Vinny (Son & Daughter in law) Dr Meenakshi Datt Sudan & Dr Dinesh Sudan (Daughter & Son -in law)





Lt Col Som Datt

Sharma (Retd)



13TH DAY, KRIYA

13th Day Kriya will be performed on Friday 8th Nov at our Residence GRIEF STRICKEN Brother and Sister in law Mr Balwant Singh Sambyal and Shakuntla Devi

Sons and Daughters in law Mr Dharanter Singh and Sarla Devi Mr Sawtanter Singh and Preeta Devi

KR Vajinder Singh, Abhinandan Singh Arvita, Kavita, Sheetal, Sakshi

TENTH DAY KRIYA With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Sh** Ramesh Shali (Bitan ji) S/o Late. Sh Dwarika Nath Shali, original resident of Karar Dwarika Nath Shali, original resident of Kar Nagar, Srinagar on 1st Nov, 2024 Indirapuram, Ghaziabad.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on Sunda the 10th Nov, 2024 at Chhota Haridwar, Mura Nagar from 8:00 AM. Assembly at 11:30am at 807, Maharani Land Shakti Khand 4, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad.

GRIEF STRICKEN: Brother & Bhabhi Sh. Roop Shali & Smt. Indu ji Sisters & Brother-In-laws Smt. Krishna & Sh. T.N.Kaul (Saraf)

Smt. Santosh & Sh. D.N.Kaul (Sharabi) Smt. Usha Kaul (Hakhu)

Smt. Basanti & Sh. R.K. Dhar In reverence & Remembrance: Samast Pariwar of Shali's and Peshin's

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OBITUARY/10TH DAY KRIYA

Obituary for Smt. Kamla Kaul It's with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Smt. Kamla Kaul, wife of Sh. Soom Nath Kaul, on Novembe 1, 2024, at Flat No. 622, Sector 13 B, Dwarka

1, 2024, at Flat No. 622, details 10. Delhi.
A devoted wife, nurturing mother, and cherished friend, her legacy of kindness and compassion will forever remain in our hearts.

10 TH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 10/11/24.

10Th DAY KRIYA will be performed on 10/11/24 (Sunday) at Gauri Shankar Mandir, Phase-1. New Palam Vihar, Gurgaon (Haryara) With an assembly at our residence Flat No. 622, Metro View Aprit, at 6:00 AM GRIEVING FAMILY:
Sh. Soom Nath Kaul (Husband)
Smt. Gipa Kaul Raina (Daughter)
Sh. I.K. Raina (Son-In-Law)
Sh. Vijay Kumar Kaul (Son)
Smt. Sunita Safaya Kaul (Daughter-in-Law)
Smt. Sunita Kaul Bhan (Daughter)
Sh. Manoj Bhan (Son-in-law) Sh. Manoj Bhan (Son-in-law) Grand Children: Mrinal, Rishabh, Sundra, Kartik Condole nece can be shared at 8826008555, 7986924676, 9417447585



10th DAY KRIYA

With deep grief, we inform you of the sa demise of our beloved mother **Smt Kamlawa** demise of our beoved mother smt Annauvatt.

Raina (fondly known as Amaji), wife of Late Pt
Janki Nath Raina, originally resident of Karan
Nagar / Purshyar, Habba Kadal. Amaji left us
peacefully for her heavenly abode on
Wednesday, 30th October in Bangatore. The 10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed on Friday, 8th November at Channa patra, near Bangalore. Loving family: Daughter and Son-in-law Krishna and Maharaj Pajar

Sons and Daughters-in-law niban Krishen and Basanti Raina avinder and Nirmala Raina Grand Son and Grand Daughter-in-law

Manish and Shivi Pajan Kavita Pajan and Sumit Dhar- Grand Daughter and Grand Son-in-law Romila Rains and Swapnii Gupta - Grand Daughter and Grand Son-in-law Ragini Raina and Akhii Bhan - Grand Daughter and Grand Son-in-law Shalini Raina and Valbhav Tankha - Grand Daughter and Grand Son-in-law Great Grand Children: Kimaya Dhar, Rohan Pajan, Aayan Bhan, Myra Gupta, Sia Tankha 9740017939



WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM YOU THAT OUR BELOVED FATHER SH HARI KRISHAM MALGURIA (SRINAGAR WALE) SIO LT SHIDIN DAYAL MALGURIA WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 30TH MALGURIA, WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABDIDE ON 30TH OCT 2024, OPP RAJ THEATRE WARD NO. 1, HOUSE NO. 228 SUBASH NAGAR, UDHAMPUR. 10TH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON 8TH NOVEMBER 2024 (FRIDAY) AT SHIV MANDIR, HOUSING COLONY UDHAMPUR AT 12:00 PM AND KRIVA, WILL BE HELD ON

OTH NOVEMBER 2024 (SATURDAY) AT DEVIKA GHAT FOLLOWED BY RASAM PAGRI AT OUR RESIDENCE AT 5:00 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN
SMT GEETA DEVI (WIFE)
SONS AND DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW
SUNIL GUPTA AND NEENU GUPTA
ROHIT GUPTA AND SHILPA GUPTA

DEEPAK GUPTA AND DEEPIKA GUPTA AUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW RTI GUPTAAND SANJAY KUMAR GUPTA

SHOP NO. 50 MANDOO BUILDING BATWARA, SRINAGAR 9018690901, 9419022910,+ 91 9541586243, 9419022906

The Tenth Day will be performed on 5th of November 2024 (Tuesday) at Dashnan Ghat, Dandi at 9 AM and Kriya (13th Day) will be performed on

Grief Stricken Sh Jia Lal Kotwal- Father

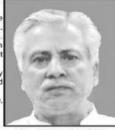
Baby Savi Kotwal- Daughter Baby Savni Kotwal- -do Smt & Sh. Nagesh Katal- (Brother and Bhabi)

Smt Anupma & Sh Ajay Kotwail- Sister & B-in-law Smt & Sh Ranbir Singh Pathania-Brother -in-law



Sh. Th. Lakhmi Chand





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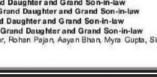


yogi Sh. Avtar Krishan

Koul (Nanna Ji)



Smt Kamlawati Raina



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Nalin Kotwal

SH HARI KRISHAN

M/S DIN DAYAL KEWAL KRISHAN

TENTH DAY/KRIYA With profound grief and sorrow, we mourn the sad lemise of our beloved Nalin Kotwal S/o Sh Jia Lal Kotwal R/o Dand - Udrana Bhadarwah.

8th Nov 2024 at our residence.

Sh Romesh Kotwal- Uncle Smt Sudesh Kotwal Wo Late Sh Ravinder Kotwal-Aunty Smt Reenu Lata Kotwal-Wife

Smt & Sh Asubsh Katal--do-Smt Chand & Sh Madan Wazir-Sister & B-In-law Sh Sudesh Manhas - B-in-law

Smt & Sh Lucky Singh Pathania--do-(Mob Nos 6005636554, 9419216193, 9622384867)

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Th. Lakhmi Chand Sambyal R/o Village Ranjana Tehsil Kahara, Distt. Doda at present House No. 179, Lane No. 4, Vasuki Vihar Upper Barnai, Bantalab, Jammu

Sambyal



SH. RAMESH SHALI



the contents on their own before acting there upon."

Is there any educated MLA in BJP?

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

Top News Report

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.

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 mechtution?" 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

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

Top News Report

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



Top News Report

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

Gupta recalled a similar situation in 2000 when the then J&K government presented a resolu-

tion 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

Top News Report

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

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

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

Akash Masih, Comedian and RJ Chaitanya also gave their presence

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in the event.

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

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

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 7: Sohana Hospital, a super-speciality hospital in Mohali is organising a Free Checkup 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 Sachde-

va, 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."

offers Cancer patients the right to save their organ as only the cancerous tumour on the kidney is removed, ultimately saving the kidney

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

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

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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Govt Women Polytechnic inks MoU with CIIIT

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 7: Govt. Polytechnic for Women, Jammu on Thursday inked Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Centre for Invention, Innovation, Incubation and Training (CIIIT), 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,

EDITORIAL

Role of Social Media

ocial 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 battle-ground, 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

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.

the pandemic, racial justice, and election integrity.

By: Omkar Dattatray

t last after many years of Adeployment of the Chinese army at the unmarked bordeployment of the Chinese ders 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 on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit 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 tranquilly .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.

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

Freedom vs Liberation

By: Vijay Garg

here 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 rightsThere 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 Sankhya philosophy. theory 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. AndHe 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 YogdarshSee 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.

(Vijay Garg Retired Principal Educational Columnist Street Kaur Chand MHR Malout Punjab)

YCET conducts Placement Drive

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 7: Avi Softwares conducted a pool placement drive at Yogananda College of Engineering & Technology (YCET) in Jammu for students from YCET, IMS, MIET, MBSCET, LPU, TMU Moradabad, JUIT Solan, and the University of Jammu.

Avi Softwares is a product engineering, technology, and consulting services provider that partners with organizations to achieve business and digital transformation. Leveraging its crossfunctional knowledge, deep sector expertise, and specializations in fields such as product engineering, digitization, hyper-automation, DevOps, cybersecurity, and data science, the company's mission is to accelerate innovation



across the value chain. A total of 50 students were shortlisted for the first round with Avi Softwares. At the end of the rigorous selection process, which included a written test and technical interview, eight students advanced to the inter-

Among them, two students, Varun Sharma from CSE 7th semester at YCET and one student from the University of Jammu, were selected to join the company with an annual package of approximately 4 lakhs. The program was organized by the Placement Cell of Yogananda College of Engineering & Technology, Jammu.

Many officials from both Avi Softwares and YCET participated in facilitating a smooth placement process. YCET is leading efforts to provide students in Jammu with firsthand

placement experience. along with Sahil Sharma, As part of its Social Senior Software Devel-Responsibility initiatives. oper, Arun Kumar, YCET's career counsel-Senior Software Develing programs focus on oper, and Mohd Sha-

keeb, Senior Software Developer, praised the college for its efforts in nurturing and exploring young talent for a promising future

YCET's Chairman Er. Vidhi S. Singh Jamwal, Vice-Chairman Thakur Shiv Dev Singh Jamwal, Managing Director Er. Renu Bangroo, Director Dr. (Prof.) Mukesh Kumar Rana, Dean Academics Er. Dinesh Gupta, and Chief Coordinator Er. B.R. Verma commended the college team for their efforts, extending best wishes to the successful students.

The entire placement drive was meticulously coordinated by the Head of the Computer Science Department and placement coordinators, under the guidance of Er. Dinesh Gupta, who heads YCET's Training and Placement Cell.

The-SARA provides library kits to LoC Schools in Keran

Top News Report

KERAN, Nov 7: 'The SARA' a Registered Non Governmental Organization under its 'Share With Schools' initiative with the permission of Directorate of School Education Kashmir contributed Library in classroom kits in Government Schools near Indo-Pak LoC in Keran Tehsil in Kupwara district of Kashmir.

Team 'The- SARA' led by Dr. Raminder Jit Singh contributed library in classroom kits in two Indo-Pak LoC schools in Keran valley namely Government Boys Primary School Keran Bala and Government Girls Primary School Keran. Contribution by 'The- SARA' benefitted



of both schools. Initiative by 'The - SARA' is an effort to support the schools located in remote areas which lack basic facilities and connectivity.

'The - SARA' initiative was supported by publishing house Pratham Books. 'The - SARA' under its 'Share With Schools' initiative time to time contributes books and stationary material for the school children of Government Schools across J&K and Ladakh UT's. On the occasion staff members of the schools and local residents thanked members of 'The - SARA' for supporting the Border

Dimple leads protest against BJP over Dogra State issues, demands Restoration of Article 370

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 7: Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood, led a strong protest at Maharaja Hari Singh Ji Park along with a large number of youth, condemning the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for its alleged anti-Dogra stance and behavior against the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's Dogra state, special status, and Article 370. Protestors accused the BJP of attempting to alter the identity, culture, and demography of Jammu and Kashmir

Addressing the demonstrators, Dimple criticized the BJP's "unconstitutional" decision on August 5, 2019, which revoked Jammu and Kashmir's special status and Article 370, demoting the state into two union territories. He



recalled the significant contributions and sacrifices of Dogra Maharaja Hari Singh, emphasizing that the Maharaja's efforts led to the granting of special status, the Instrument of Accession, Permanent Resident Certificates (PRC). and the Darbar Move, all designed to protect the region's lands, jobs, culture, and identity.

Dimple declared August 5, 2019, as a "black day" in history, accusing the BJP of betraying the Dogra legacy and exposing its dual character. He reiterated the demand for the restoration of Jammu

and Kashmir's Dogra state, the reinstatement of the Darbar Move, and adherence to the Instrument of Accession condi-

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also organized multiple

workshops for students

on the latest industry

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rigorously for placement

Avinash Kumar, Direc-

tor of Avi Softwares,

During the event, protestors paid floral tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh. Dimple welcomed the recent resolution advocating for the return of Article 370, 35-A, and statehood and called on the Chief Minister to implement Maharaja Hari Singh's vision and condi-

Dimple urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah to clarify the BJP's stance on restoring Dogra statehood and restarting the Darbar Move, in line with Supreme Court directives. He accused BJP leaders, including the 29 BJP MLAs, of hypocrisy and betraying the Dogras, alleging they had created chaos in the assembly and insulted Maharaja Hari Singh's

legacy. Other leaders present at the protest included Manjiet Adil Choudhry, Arun Kumar, Jodhveer Singh, Wasim Choudry, Dilshan Malik, Ashraf Ali, Rupesh, Divanshi, Sanjay, and many more.

Trisha wins two medals in J&K UT **Roller Hockey Skating C'ship**

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 7: Trisha Jamwal achieved an impressive feat at the recent J&K UT Roller Hockey Skating Championship held at M.A. Stadium in Jammu, where she secured both a gold and a silver medal. Her outstanding performance demonstrated remarkable dedication, skill, and perseverance, earning her widespread recog-



nition in this prestigious Competing against

some of the finest skaters in the UT, Trisha's display of agility, precision, and athleticism stood out, making her a celebrated figure in the roller hockey skating community. Her accomplishment serves as an inspiration to aspiring athletes, highlighting the importance of hard work and commitment in achieving excellence.

ADC Handwara chairs Annual Day function at GHSS Haril



Top News Report

KUPWARA, Nov 7: Additional Deputy Commissioner, (ADC), Handwara, on Thursday attended the Annual Day function at Grils Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Haril.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that the education sector is the top most priority of the Administration adding that various innovative programmes have been introduced to improve the Education system in the sub district. The ADC said this while addressing a colourful Annual Day function at Government Girls Higher Secondary School Haril

Chairman District Development Council Kupwara, Chief Education Officer Kupwara, Principal Higher Secondary school concerned and principles, HOIs, of other education institutions, Officer & officials from other departments, besides, teaching faculty and a large number of students

attended the function. The ADC said that education is not confined to academic exercise only but it contains extra curricular activities which develop the life and personality of an individual. He urged the students

to vigorously participate in co-curricular activities and try to explore their hidden talent. He assured all possible support from Administration for any kind of help to the students.He asked students to make their goals and follow them with perseverance and consistency.

Later, cultural programmes and other activities were performed by the students and at the conclusion of the event a prize distribution ceremony was held

Later,the ADC visited Govt Primary School Chontipora and resolved a play field/ground issue of the school on the spot.

CBC Kathua hosts Photo Exhibition to raise awareness on Revamped Criminal Laws, Nutrition, Environmental Protection

Top News Report

KATHUA, Nov 7: The Field Office Kathua, Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, organized a two-day photo exhibition as part of its Integrated Communication and Outreach Programme at Town Hall, Kathua.

The event aimed to engage the public with critical themes including revamped criminal laws, nutrition, and environmental protection through visual storytelling and interactive ses-

The event attracted dignitaries, government officials, and local participants who experienced first-hand the informative displays on the trithemed subjects.

ADC Kathua, Ranjit Singh who was the Chief Guest inaugurated the two-day exhibition.

Field Officer, CBC Kathua welcomed the Chief guest and other dignitaries, outlining the objectives of the exhibition. He emphasized how collaborative efforts can help society tackle nutritional and environmental challenges while staying informed about evolving laws and procedures.

In his address, ADC Ranjit Singh urged participants to take full advantage of the exhibition's insights into the recently restructured criminal laws, including the Bhartiya Nayaya Sahita, 2023,

Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, and Bhartiya Sakhya Adhinayam, 2023. He highlighted the importance of these laws for public awareness and community safety, and encouraged participants to spread the exhibition's message within their communities.

The exhibition also

highlighted Poshan Abhiyan and Mission LiFE, both of which are vital in today's times. Poshan Abhiyan focuses on the holistic growth of children, pregnant, and lactating mothers, while Mission LiFE underscores environmental sustainability. CDPO Barnoti Varsha Rani provided participants with an overview of the evolution of Poshan Abhiyan, originally launched as the ICDS in 1975, explaining its shift from nutritioncentered initiatives to a more comprehensive approach to child development that now includes educational components.

Prosecuting Officer Vandana Sharma discussed the recent updates in criminal laws, noting that they have been refined to address the current threat landscape. She explained the new sections added to manage emerging criminal activities and how outdated sections have been removed to simplify processes for the public. She called on attendees to educate others on these revamped laws to

ensure community mem-

bers are informed of their rights and protections.

CEO Kathua Mangat Ram Sharma encouraged students to become ambassadors of these themes, urging them to share what they learned with family, friends, and community members. He underscored the relevance of the exhibition's subjects in today's world.

DIO Kathua Neeraj Bhargav commended CBC Kathua for selecting exhibition themes that address pressing, contemporary challenges. He expressed hope that the tri-themed exhibition would significantly enhance participants' understanding of these

Besides, representative from the Health Department provided an overview of Ayushman Bharat Cards and other welfare schemes aimed at enhancing public health.

important issues.

The event also included a debate and painting competition, where students from various schools shared their perspectives on the trithemed subjects, illustrating the importance of each and exploring ways to leverage their benefits. A cultural program brought energy and entertainment to the first day, further engaging

attendees The CBC Kathua also gave away Trophies, environment friendly Jute Bags, Dust Bins as a gesture to promote eco friendly practices.

Cambridge School skaters triumph with gold medals at UT **Roller Skating Championship**



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 7: Cambridge International School announced a remarkable achievement by its students—Vihaan Sudan, Vivaan Sudan, and Vinayak Rajputwho have won two gold medals at the UT State Roller Skating Championship held at M.A. Stadium, Jammu, under the Jammu and Kashmir Roller Sports Association banner.

The talented trio secured their first gold medal in the Roller Hockey Cadet Boys category and their second in the Roller Hockey Cadet Mix category. Schools

participated in the tournament, which began on November 4, 2024, with the medal ceremony held on November 5, 2024.

This consecutive victory has brought immense pride to the CIS family. The school management praised the students for their hard work and dedication. They also commended Coach Rupinder Singh for his commitment

Chairman of the School Er. Vidhi Sharan Singh Jamwal said that CIS remains committed to supporting young athletes in their pursuits and looks forward to more such inspiring achievements.

5th Himachal Pradesh State Yogasana C'ship concludes

Top News Report

SHIMLA, Nov 7: The 5th Himachal Pradesh State Yogasana Championship concluded in Shimla, with around 70 children from 12 districts participating. Tryambak Tiwari from Kangra Nurpur Fatehpur won

the silver medal in the under-14 boys artistic yoga single category, earning recognition for his district and village. Tryambak will represent Himachal Pradesh in the national championship set to take place from November 10 in Guwahati, Assam.

Aryans celebrates National Cancer Awareness Day



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 7: To create awareness about Cancer among students and to unite everyone in the fight against Cancer, Aryans Institute of Nursing, Rajpura, near Chandigarh celebrated 'National Cancer Awareness Day' on Thursday. Students of B. Sc. Nursing, GNM & ANM & from other departments participated in this event on this year theme "Hope,

love, and strength: our weapons against cancer".

A speech contest was organized on this occasion, all students wore white clothes & a lavender badge on it to mark this day theme based & more special. Students spoke on various issues with various aspects of health and hygiene as prevention is the most effective approach. They stressed that early detection helps in earlier treatment and increases the chances of recovery and survival.

Kamlesh Rani, Vice Principal, Aryans Institute of Nursing addressed and motivated students to take a positive and proactive approach to fight against cancer. It is to be mentioned that National Cancer Awareness Day, observed on November 7 each year, aims to raise awareness about cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment.

'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



of the film."

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 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, Escaype 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. I have not done television yet, 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, Rajkummar Rao, Alia Bhatt and Sharvari, 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

nurrana be a part of Thama, cited to which will be made

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

diqui. 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 yetto-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

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, Java 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, who has previously diversity," he shared.

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.

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

The 27-year-old heartthrob 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 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.

er.
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

decided to finally, finally, finally open my You-Tube channel. I'm very excited because now I won't have to answer questions about what I do every day, you'll just be able to see it. So I'm gonna put the link to my channel in my bio and

let's start this new chap-

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.

OROP significant step towards reaffirming nation's gratitude to its heroes: PM Modi

In a post on X, he noted that the scheme, a promise of the BJP before 2014 Lok Sabha polls, was implemented on this day

NEW DELHI, Nov 7 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday that the implementation of 'one rank one pension' for veterans was a significant step towards reaffirming the nation's gratitude to its heroes.

In posts on X, he noted that the scheme, a promise of the BJP before the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, was implemented on this day.

His government took the decision to implement OROP by issuing an order on November 7, 2015, making its benefits effective from July 1, 2014.

"It would make you all happy



that over the decade, lakhs of pensioners and pensioner families have benefitted from this landmark initiative. Beyond the

numbers, OROP represents the government's commitment to the well-being of our armed forces," he said. The prime minister said his government will always do everything possible to strengthen the armed forces and further the welfare of those who serve the nation.

He said the execution of OROP was a tribute to the courage and sacrifices of veterans and ex-service personnel who dedicate their lives to protecting the nation.

"The decision to implement OROP was a significant step towards addressing this long-standing demand and reaffirming our nation's gratitude to our heroes," he said.

BJP takes swipe at Uddhav for releasing Sena (UBT) manifesto from home

MUMBAI, Nov 7 (Agencies): Maharashtra BJP chief Chandrashekhar Bawankule on Thursday took a dig at Uddhav Thackeray for releasing his party's manifesto from home, claiming the Shiv Sena (UBT) leader was focussing more on his family and neglecting the wider community.

A true leader is the one who is present and ready to serve the people at their doorsteps, not someone who prefers to remain indoors, Bawankule said.

Thackeray unveiled his party's manifesto for the November 20

Maharashtra assembly polls at his residence

'Matoshree' in Mumbai.
He assured free education for male students, stabilising prices of essential items and scrapping of the Dharavi redevelopment project.

The former chief minister said most of the poll promises are part of the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi's (MVA) overall assurances, but there are some points which need special attention.

The MVA, which comprises the Shiv Sena (UBT), Congress and Sharad Pawar's NCP (SP), will also launch its manifesto for the state

polls, he said.

residence.

Bawankule in a post on X said Uddhav Thackeray, who conducted Facebook Live sessions from home for "two-anda-half years" when he was the chief minister, today unveiled his party's manifesto from his

Traditionally, (Shiv Sena founder) Balasaheb Thackeray had launched the party's manifesto from its headquarters at Shiv Sena Bhavan, the BJP leader noted.

"For two and a half years, he (Uddhav) engaged in politics



with his family's interests as his sole focus, often neglecting the wider community. His tendency to work from home shows no signs of changing." Bawankule claimed.

He also said that late Balasaheb Thackeray

always prioritised what was best for Maharash-tra

"In contrast, Uddhav Thackeray seems to have overlooked the grassroots workers, focusing more on his own family instead," the BJP leader claimed.

Rahul Gandhi using 'red book' to seek help from 'urban Naxals': Fadnavis

NAGPUR, Nov 7 (Agencies): Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Thursday alleged that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, was trying to seek support from "urban Naxals and anarchists" by holding a "red book" in his hand.

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Notably, Gandhi, the
leader of opposition
in the Lok Sabha, has
been displaying an
abridged version of the
Constitution in a red
cover during his rallies.

The state assembly

polls are scheduled on November 20.

During his visit to Nagpur on Wednesday, Gandhi carried a copy of the Constitution in his hand at an event where he once again advocated for a caste census, saying the exercise will happen in the country and it will show the injustice meted out to Dalits, OBCs and Adivasis.

Asked about the LoP seeking a caste census in the country, Fadnavis on Thursday



told reporters here, "My allegations made two days back against Rahul Gandhi have proved true about his inclination towards 'urban Naxals'. He showed the red book and tried seeking help (politically) from urban Naxals and anarchists." Gandhi has shown disregard for the country's Constitution, the BJP leader claimed.

"He was either giving them some warning or seeking their help. Rahul Gandhi indulges in such drama regularly. He, on a daily basis, insults the Constitution in some or other way," he said.

The Congress has previously "insulted" Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar and the Constitution. But no one will now fall prey to their drama, Fadnavis said.

I'm not anti-business, I'm anti-monopoly: Rahul Gandhi



NEW DELHI, Nov 7 (Agencies): Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Thursday asserted that he was not "antibusiness" as being projected by the BJP but was "anti-monopoly" and "anti-creating oligopolies".

His remarks came a day after he penned an opinion piece in The Indian Express in which he said the original East India Company wound up over 150 years ago but the raw fear it then generated is back with a new breed of monopolists having taken its place. Gandhi, however, had asserted that a "new deal for progressive Indian business is an idea whose time has come".

In a video posted on X on Thursday, Gandhi said, "I want to make something absolutely clear, I have been projected by my opponents in the BJP to be antibusiness. I am not antibusiness in the least, I am anti-monopoly, I am anti-creating oligopolies, I am anti-domination of business by one or 2 or 5 people."

"I started my career as a management consultant and I understand the type of things that are required for a business to succeed. So I just want to repeat. I am not anti-business, I am anti-monopoly," the former Congress chief said. In his post accompanying the video, Gandhi said, "I am pro-Jobs, pro-Business, pro-Innovation, pro-Competition. I am anti-Monopoly.'

"Our economy will thrive when there is free and fair space for all businesses," Gandhi asserted. In his article, Gandhi had said India was silenced by the East India Company and it was silenced not by its business prowess, but by its chokehold. The Company choked India by partnering with, bribing, and threatening more

nawabs, he pointed out.

"It controlled our banking, bureaucratic, and information networks. We didn't lose our freedom to another nation; we lost it to a monopolistic corporation that ran a coercive apparatus," he said. The original East India Company wound up over 150 years ago, but the raw fear it then

generated is back, he

claimed.

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A new breed of monopolists has taken its place, amassing colossal wealth, even as India has become far more unequal and unfair for everybody else, Gandhi had said. The BJP had slammed Gandhi for making "baseless accusations" against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and asked him to examine facts before jumping to conclusions. Hitting back at the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, the BJP wrote on X: "Another baseless accusation against the Modi government through the so-called 'match-fixing monopoly groups versus fair-play businesses' is simply misleading." "Dear Baalak Buddhi, do not jump to conclusions without examining facts," the saffron party said in a veiled reference to Gandhi.

Odisha's double murder: Father-son duo kill mother and sister over property dispute

SAMBALPUR, Nov 7 (Agencies): A man and his son have been arrested for killing his 90-year-old mother and 62-year-old sister in their house in Odisha's Sambalpur district, police said on Thursday.

The burnt bodies of Snehalata Dikshit (90) and her daughter Sairendri Dikshit (62) were found on the first floor of their house in Hatapada area under the jurisdiction of Sambalpur Sadar police station on Tuesday night.

"Initially, it was treated as an unnatural death case but upon interrogation of the deceased's family members, it was found to be a murder case. Accordingly, Snehalata Dikshit's son Jagannath and grandson Sanket were arrested," Sambalpur Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Ajay Mishra told report-

"It was a pre-planned murder committed over a property dispute. During initial investigation, we found that the

two women were first strangulated to death and then their bodies were set on fire.

The exact cause of the deaths, however, will be known after receiving postmortem reports," he said. Earlier, Snehalata Dikshit's younger

daughter Indrani Purohit alleged that her brother killed the duo over land and property dispute.

The 90-year-old woman and her 62-year-old daughter used to stay on the first floor of the two-storey building. Her son Jagannath lived on the ground floor of the building with his family, another police officer said.

On seeing a blaze on the first floor of the building between 10.30 pm and 11 pm on November 5, locals had intimated the police.

Police reached the spot and found the charred bodies, following which an investigation was started, the officer

Smriti Irani hits back at Rahul Gandhi's East India Company comment



NEW DELHI, Nov 7 (Agencies): Former union minister Smriti Irani on Thursday attacked leader of opposition Rahul Gandhi for his remarks that India was subjugated by the East India company and not the British, and that the business conglomerate successfully lured royals of the times into suppression.

"Someone who has converted his own party into a single family private limited company is taking about East India company today. We cannot expect him to know anything about the valour of Rani Laxmibai and other heroes of the independence struggle. Had it not been for those collective struggles the British would have still been here," said Irani, who was defeated by Congress Gandhi family loyalist Kishori Lal Sharma in Amethi.

In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, Irani had defeated Rahul from Amethi.

This time, the Congress had fielded KL Sharma against Irani.

BJP's graph diving, INDIA bloc to form govts in Maharashtra, Jharkhand: Pilot

BHOPAL, Nov 7 (Agencies): Senior Congress leader Sachin Pilot on Thursday claimed that BJP's favourability is declining as people are fed up with its "policies" and "misuse of agencies", and predicted the victory of INDIA bloc in Maharashtra and Jharkhand assembly polls.

"BJP's graph in the entire country is declining and the INDIA grouping will win the upcoming elections in Maharashtra and Jharkhand. I have been to Jamshedpur (Jharkhand) and there is a one-sided wave prevailing in that state," Pilot told reporters at the residence of Madhya Pradesh Congress President Jitu Patwari.

Senior Congress leader and Rajya Sabha MP Vivek Tankha was also present.
Pilot arrived here to campaign for Congress in the

November 13 bypoll in Vijaypur assembly constituency in Sheopur district, bordering Rajasthan.

The former Rajasthan deputy chief minister accused BJP leaders of using low-level language during polls, referring to comments like "snatching mangal sutra" and "taking away your buffaloes" during the Lok Sabha elections and the recent "batenge toh katenge" (if divided, we will be finished) by Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Aditya Nath.

The Congress is focussed on giving slogans with positivity like 'padhenge toh badhenge' (if we study, we will progress), he said.

"This type of culture should be promoted. People in

the country are now fed up with the BJP over misuse of power and central agencies, and polarisation," he said. Pilot also slammed the BJP over the arrest of two CMs – Jharkhand's Hemant Soren and Delhi's Arvind Kejriwal – and accused it of exploiting central agencies for political gains.



He said that former Congress president Rahul Gandhi, current party chief Mallikarjun Kharge and leaders of the opposition INDIA bloc are working towards strengthening the country and the results of the bypolls in MP will leave their mark in the 2028 assembly elections.

Besides Vijaypur, a bypoll will also be held on November 13 in the Budhni constituency, earlier represented by former CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan. Votes will be counted on November 23.

The results of the bypolls in various states, including Wayanad from where Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra is contesting her maiden Lok Sabha polls, and the assembly elections in Jharkhand and Maharashtra will be satisfying for the Congress and the outcomes will have a direct impact on future elections, said Pilot.

In Vijaypur, the Congress has fielded senior tribal leader Mukesh Malhotra. The bypoll was necessitated after sitting Congress MLA Ramniwas Rawat joined the BJP during the Lok Sabha polls earlier this year. He is

contesting the bypoll on a BJP ticket.

Rawat had won from Vijaypur six times as a Congress candidate in 1990, 1993, 2003, 2008, 2013 and 2023. Responding to a question about BJP's allegation that Congress and other parties encouraged infiltration in Jharkhand in a planned manner, Pilot asked, "Who is responsible for protecting the country's borders? They are levelling allegations by shirking away their own responsibilities." He alleged that the BJP raises issues like 'one election, one nation', cows and Gods before elections just for votes and never talks about its performance in the areas of industrialisation, jobs, roads and water.

Asked about the culture of freebies and former Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan's popular scheme 'Ladli Behna Yojana', Pilot asked if the scheme was so good then why Chavan was removed as the CM

On the one hand, Pilot said, BJP describes freebies as 'revdi" and on the other, it wants to take credit for providing free ration to 80 crore people in the country.

"If Congress and other parties want to help the deprived sections of society then it is termed 'revdiyan' despite the fact that when they do such things they call themselves 'annadata' and 'daandata'," he guipped.

Pilot said that though there is a double-engine government (same party at the state and Centre), unemployment is still rising in MP and farmers are dying by suicide. "Who will stop it," he asked.

Answering a question about Jammu and Kashmir, he said that the state should get full statehood and added that the elections were held there on the directives of the Supreme Court and not by the BJP-led government at the Centre.

Focus on immigration, economy paved way for **Trump's comeback**

WASHINGTON, Nov 7 (Agencies): Donald Trump has scored a decisive victory in a deeply divided nation. In doing so, the Republican president-elect has exposed a fundamental weakness within the Democratic base and beat back concerns about his moral failings, becoming the first US president with a felony convic-

The former president won over frustrated voters with promises to improve economy, block the flow of immigrants on the Southern border and his call to "Make America Great Again". He appealed to religious voters by seizing on the Democrats' support for the trans-gender community.

His claims — 'America-first' economic populism and conservative culture would make voters' lives better — will be tested immediately. But his plans for mass deportations and huge tariffs may hurt the very people who enabled his victory.

Trump is set to enter the White House on January 20, 2025. With votes still being count-



ed, he could become the first Republican in two decades to win the popular vote.

With modest shifts, Trump undermined the Democrats' coalition of Black voters, who have been the bedrock of the Democratic Party. In recent years, Latinos and young voters have also joined them. All three groups still preferred Democrat Kamala Harris, but preliminary data from agency VoteCast, a nationwide survey of more than 1,15,000 voters, suggested that Trump had made significant Conviction not an issue

Incomplete returns show that Trump's criminal convictions, additional pending indictments and any concerns over his most incendiary rhetoric simply were not a sufficient concern to keep tens of millions of Americans from voting for him. Besides, Trump may never actually face sentencing in a New York business fraud case in which he was convicted of 34 felonies.

Inflation key poll plank Around half of Trump voters

said inflation was the biggest issue that determined their election decisions. About as many said that about the situation at the US-Mexico border, according to agency VoteCast. He has promised the largest mass deportation effort in US history, and threatened to impose massive tariffs on key products from China and other American adversaries.

Biden's dismal rating

Despite voters' frustration and Biden's dismal approval rating, Kamala Harris never distanced herself from her party's sitting president.

Beating abortion concerns

It was the first presidential election after the Supreme Court overturned Roe vs Wade and ended a woman's national right to terminate a pregnancy. It was also the first time that a Republican presidential candidate overly courted males with a hypermasculine approach. But the "gender gap" that resulted was not enough to sink Trump. About half of women backed Harris, while about half of men went for Trump, according to agency VoteCast.

"Chance to review previous wrong policies": Iran on Trump's victory



TEHRAN, Nov 7 (Agencies): Iran on Thursday called Donald Trump's victory in the US presidential election an opportunity for the United States to reassess past "wrong policies".

Trump, who is set to return to the White House in January after defeating US Vice President Kamala Harris in Tuesday's election, had pursued a "maximum pressure" strategy on Iran during his first term.

"We have very bitter

experiences with the policies and approaches of different US governments in the past," foreign ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baghaei was

news agency IRNA. Trump's win, he added, was a chance "to review previous wrong policies". Iran and the United States have been adversaries since the 1979 Islamic Revolution, which overthrew the Westernbacked shah, but tensions peaked during

quoted as saying by state

2017 to 2021.

Before Trump was declared the winner on Wednesday, Iran had dismissed the US election as irrelevant.

"The general policies of the United States and the Islamic Republic of Iran are fixed." said government spokesperson Fatemeh Mohajerani.

"It doesn't matter who becomes president. Plans have already been set so that there is no change in people's livelihood," she added.

During his first term, Trump unilaterally withdrew the United States from the 2015 Iran nuclear deal and imposed harsh sanctions on the Islamic republic.

In 2020, under Trump's presidency, the United States killed revered Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps general Qasem Soleimani in an air strike on Baghdad airport.

Israel passes law that would allow it to deport the families of Palestinian attackers

JERUSALEM, Nov 7 (Agencies): Israel's parliament passed a law early Thursday that would allow it to deport family members of Palestinian attackers, including the country's own citizens, to the warravaged Gaza Strip or other locations

The law, which was championed by members of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party and his far-right allies, passed with a 61-41 vote but is likely to be challenged in court.

It would apply to Palestinian citizens of Israel and residents of lem who knew about their family members' attacks beforehand or who "express support or identification with the act of terrorism."

They would be deported, either to the Gaza Strip or another location, for a period of 7 to 20 years.

The Israel-Hamas war is still raging in Gaza,

where tens of thousands have been killed and most of the population has been internally displaced, often multiple times.

It was unclear if it would apply in the occupied West Bank, where Israel already has a longstanding policy of demolishing the family homes of attackers. Palestinians have carried out scores of stabbing, shooting and car-ramming attacks against Israelis in recent years. Dr. Eran Shamir-Bor-

er, a senior researcher at the Israel Democracy Institute and a former international law expert for the Israeli military, said that if the law comes before the Supreme Court, it is likely to be struck down based on previous Israeli cases regarding deportation.

"The bottom line is this is completely non-constitutional and a clear conflict to Israel's core values," said Shamir-Borer.

Israel captured Gaza, the West Bank and east Jerusalem in the 1967 Mideast war, territories the Palestinians want for their future state. It withdrew settlers and soldiers from Gaza in 2005 but has reoccupied parts of the territory since Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023 attack triggered

Israel annexed east Jerusalem in a move not recognized by most of the international community. Palestinians there have permanent residency and are allowed to apply for citizenship, but most choose not to, and those who do face a series of obstacles.

the war.

Palestinians living in Israel make up around 20% of the country's population. They have citizenship and the right to vote but face widespread discrimination. Many also have close family ties to those in the territories and most sympathize with the Palestinian cause.

Xi congratulates Trump; says China, US should find 'right way' to manage differences

BEIJING, Nov 7 (Agencies): Chinese President Xi Jinping on Thursday congratulated President-elect Donald Trump on his election victory and called for China and the US to find the right way to manage the differences by strengthening dialogue and communication.

Trump won the US presidential election for a second term on Wednesday in one of the most remarkable comebacks in American electoral history.

Xi, in his congratulatory message to Trump, called for the two countries to strengthen dialogue and communication, properly manage differences and expand mutually beneficial cooperation, official media reports here said.

"I urge China and the US to expand mutually beneficial cooperation," Xi said.

"I call for the right way for China, and the US to get along in the new era," he said, adding that both the countries, the top two economies of the world, should strengthen dialogue and communication.



History teaches that China and the United States gain from cooperation and lose from confrontation, Xi said, noting that a stable, sound and sustainable China-US relationship serves the two countries' shared interests and meets the aspirations of the international community. He expressed the hope

that the two sides will uphold the principles of mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and win-win cooperation, strengthen dialogue and communication, properly manage differences and expand mutually beneficial cooperation.

Also on Thursday, Chinese Vice President Han Zheng congratulated J D Vance on his election as vice president of the

United States, state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

As the results of the US presidential elections poured in on Wednesday pointing to a sweeping victory for Trump, who pursued a tough policy against China in his first term including clamping tariffs on over USD 380 billion Chinese exports to the US, Beijing reacted guardedly and said that it respects the choice of the American people.

"Our policy towards the United States has been consistent and we will continue to view and handle the China-US relations in accordance with the principles of mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and win-win cooperation," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning told a media briefing here.

She dismissed the question on Trump's campaign promise to sharply raise tariffs on Chinese imports, higher than his first term.

"We do not respond to hypothetical questions," she said. The return of Trump

as US President for a second term after a gap of four years has increased Beijing's anxieties especially when the Chinese economy faced a serious slowdown resulting in a declining growth rate and business environment with job losses and increased unemployment.

In its flash editorial on Trump's re-election, state-run China Daily said his victory "could mark a new beginning in the China-US relations if the chance that has been offered is not wasted."

"The upcoming four years will provide new opportunities for the next US administration to take the overall picture of the China-US ties into account and strengthen dialogue and communication with China to properly handle the differences that exist between the world's two largest economies, which range from the Taiwan question to trade, and to the South China Sea," it said.

In his first term, Trump launched a trade war against China by imposing tariffs of over USD 380 billion on Chinese imports in 2018-19, saying that China is ripping off America. His

> has continued the tariffs, denting China's profits. During his campaign, Trump threatened to impose over 60 per cent tariffs on Chinese imports which last year accounted for USD

successor Joe Biden

427.2 billion. The China-US relations became tense over a host of policies pursued by Trump including blocking Chinese tech. He also blamed China for the Covid-19 pandemic, saying that the virus emanated from a bio-lab in Wuhan.

The military relations between the two countries also remained tense under Trump's previous presidency.

When should kids start using social media? Australia's government proposes age limit of 16

MELBOURNE, Nov 7 (Agencies): The Australian government announced on Thursday what it described as world-leading legislation that would institute an age limit of 16 years for children to start using social media, and hold platforms responsible for ensuring compliance.

"Social media is doing harm to our kids and I'm calling time on it," Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said.

The legislation will be introduced in Parliament during its final two weeks in session this year, which begin on Nov. 18. The age limit would take effect 12 months after the law is passed, Albanese told reporters.

The platforms including X, TikTok, Instagram and Facebook would need to use that year to work out how to exclude Australian children younger than 16.

"I've spoken to thousands of parents, grandparents, aunties and uncles. They, like me, are worried sick about the safety of our kids online," Albanese said.

The proposal comes as governments around the world are wrestling with how to supervise young people's use of technologies like smartphones and social media. Social media platforms would be penalized for breaching the age limit, but underage children and their parents would not. "The onus will be on social media plat-

forms to demonstrate they are taking reasonable steps to prevent access. The onus won't be on parents or young people," Albanese said.

Antigone Davis, head of safety at Meta, which owns Facebook and Instagram, said the company would respect any age limitations the government wants to introduce.

"However, what's missing is a deeper discussion on how we implement protections, otherwise we risk making ourselves feel better, like we have taken action, but teens and parents will not find themselves in a better place," Davis said in a statement.

She added that stronger tools in app stores and operating systems for parents to control what apps their children can use would be a "simple and effective solution."

declined to comment. The Digital Industry Group Inc., an advocate for the digital industry in Australia, described the age limit as a "20th Century

response to 21st Century challenges."

X did not immediately respond to a

request for comment on Thursday. TikTok



"Rather than blocking access through bans, we need to take a balanced approach to create age-appropriate spaces, build digital literacy and protect young people from online harm," DIGI managing director Sunita Bose said in a statement.

More than 140 Australian and international academics with expertise in fields related to technology and child welfare signed an open letter to Albanese last month opposing a social media age limit as "too blunt an instrument to address risks effectively."

Jackie Hallan, a director at the youth mental health service ReachOut, opposed the ban. She said 73% of young people across Australia accessing mental health support did so through social media.

"We're uncomfortable with the ban. We think young people are likely to circumvent a ban and our concern is that it really drives the behavior underground and then if things go wrong, young people are less likely to get support from parents and carers because they're worried about getting in trouble," Hallan said.

Child psychologist Philip Tam said a minimum age of 12 or 13 would have been more enforceable.

"My real fear honestly is that the problem of social media will simply be driven underground," Tam said.

Australian National University lawyer Associate Prof. Faith Gordon feared separating children from there platforms could create pressures within families.

Albanese said there would be exclusions and exemptions in circumstances such as a need to continue access to educational

But parental consent would not entitle a child under 16 to access social media.

Earlier this year, the government began a trial of age-restriciton technologies. Australia's eSafety Commissioner, the online watchdog that will police compliance, will

use the results of that trial to provide platforms with guidance on what reasonable steps they can take.

Communications Minister Michelle Rowland said the year-long lead-in would ensure the age limit could be implemented in a "very practical way."

"There does need to be enhanced penalties to ensure compliance," Rowland said.

"Every company that operates in Australia, whether domiciled here or otherwise, is expected and must comply with Australian law or face the consequences," she added.

principle support for an age limit at 16. Opposition lawmaker Paul Fletcher said the platforms already had the technology

The main opposition party has given in-

to enforce such an age ban. "It's not really a technical viability question, it's a question of their readiness to do it and will they incur the cost to do it,"

Fletcher told Australian Broadcasting Corp. "The platforms say: 'It's all too hard, we

can't do it, Australia will become a backwater, it won't possibly work.' But if you have well-drafted legislation and you stick to your guns, you can get the outcomes," Fletcher added.

Skoda Auto India unveils all-new Kylag, starting price of Rs 7.89 lakh

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 7: Skoda Auto India has taken the wraps off its muchawaited SUV, the Kylag, revealing the vehicle for the very first time in India and the world. The Kylaq ushers in the New Era for Skoda Auto in India as it enters new markets and attracts new customers into its fold. The company had ascertained its ambitions to expand further in India with the announcement of this SUV in February this year. In October this year, Skoda Auto India conducted drives of a camouflaged preproduction version of the Kylaq. And a month later, the Kylaq has now made its world premiere, with bookings opening from December 2, 2024.

Klaus Zellmer, CEO of Skoda Auto, says: "The Skoda Kylaq is our first sub-4-metre SUV. designed in India and for India as a new entry point

to our internationalisation plans, the world's thirdlargest car market, and SUVs make up 50% of new vehicle sales. We want the Kylag to welcome new customers who are looking in this popular and fast-growing segment. Adding to its appeal, the Kylaq marks the debut in India of our Modern Solid design language, with new visual accents. It also beckons with a wide choice of variants, colours, features and a standard package of over 25 active and passive safety technologies. At a very competitive starting price of Rs 7,89,000, the Kylaq is the most accessible Škoda model in India.

The Skoda Kylaq has been named by India. The name is derived from the Sanskrit term for a crystal and is named after Mount Kailash. The larger Kushaq in Skoda Auto India's SUV line up

also gets its name from the Sanskrit word for an emperor. The Kylaq adds to the company's roster of SUVs like Kodiaq, the large 4x4, and the midsized Kushaq. The Kylaq features quite a few segment-firsts. Like sixway electric seats with ventilation for the driver and front passenger. The boot in the Kylaq is the best in its segment measuring 446 litres. The car also features Auto Climatronic, with ventilation for the electrically adjustable front seats. Select variants are also available

Piyush Arora, Managing Director and CEO, Skoda Auto Volkswagen India says, "Today is another important milestone in our India journey with the World Premiere of the Skoda Kylaq. Kylaq has generated tremendous excitement and buzz through 2024. And I'm extremely proud to unveil the Skoda Kylaq to India

Srinagar Dr. Bilal Mohi-

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missioner spoke on the

occasion and stressed

the need and importance

to provide the hassle free

services to the public by

avoiding much of direct

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and uphold the moral and

ethical values while deliv-

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ACR Srinagar and DySP

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corruption and upholding

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and to the world. With its high levels of localisation, unmatched driving dynamics and uncompromising safety, Kylaq will make a significant impact in the market."

Petr Janeba, Brand

Director, Skoda Auto India shares, "The Kylag has literally hit the ground running and is going to be powering our growth in India over the next few years. It is the beginning of a New Era for us in India. We are aware we are entering what is currently the most competitive segment in India. And are confident the Kylaq has what it takes to make an impact with its safety and driving dynamics. Moreover, the Kylaq boasts some segment-leading features like a six-way front electric seat adjustment with seat ventilation, and a class-leading 446 litres of boot space. The Kylag continues with our Indiafocussed product line-

up following the Kushaq and Slavia and will further our goal of entering newer markets and bringing new customers into the Skoda family. We believe we have stuck to our promise of accessible pricing of the Kylaq and look forward to ensure it democratises European technology in India. It is a compact car but is larger than life. And that's the reason we premiere it via a motion picture premiere

The Kylaq can accelerate to a 100kph in 10.5 seconds with the manual transmission. The SUV also has a top speed of 188kph. Its 1.0 TSI engine produces 85kW of power and 178Nm of torque. This powerplant is mated to a six-speed manual or a six-speed torque converter automatic with paddle shifters in select variants. The car is based on the same MQB-A0-IN platform as the Kushaq and Slavia.

like never before."

Indoor sports activities under Nashamukht Bharat Abhiyan organised at GDC Thannamandi

Top News Report

THANNAMANDI, Nov 7: Government Degree College (GDC) Thannamandi organized indoor sports activities under the banner of Nashamukht Bharat Abhiyan.

The event was organised under the guidance of Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Farooq Ahmed.The college organised series of indoor sports activities including Weight-lifting, Caramboard, Chess, Armpowers, Gymnasium and Table-tennis to inspire and explore the crucial role of youth in the development of a strong and morally grounded nation.

The objective of organising such events was to promote physical fitness. team work and a platform for students to showcase their sporting talents and also to keep them away from drugs and others activities which are harmful for the society as a

The event organised in

the Physical education department of the college under the supervision of physical Director Rakesh Puri and Dr. Shiraz Ahmed Nodal Officer Red Ribbon Club of the college.

In the event students enthusiastically participated in the various indoor sports activites where Rehan Zakir, Sajad Qayoom, Saiyam Ahmed and Saqib Malik of semester first participated in the weight-lifting whereas Mehvish Dar, Ifra Mir, Muskan Jabeen and Afsana Kouser has been participated in caramboard competition. In the chess competition Arbab Ali and Danish Mehmood from boys wing and Mehvish Dar and Muskan Jabeen from girls wing

participated. Under the competition of Table Tennis, Shoulder powers and Armpowers Danish Mehmood, Arbab Ali, Murtaza Alam, Akhlag Ahmed, Shaista Kouser and Sanam Naz participated.

Dr. Nazakat Hussain,

Head Department of History also highlighted the impotance of sports activities in day to day life and emphasised that such activities must be organise to eradicate the mennace of drugs from the society.

Earlier, Dr. Shiraz Ahmed, Nodal Officer, Red Ribbon Club of the College, welcomed all the esteemed faculty and students for participation in this event.

Prof. (Dr.) Farooq Ahmed, Principal of the College congratulated to all the participating students and faculty memebers for organising such a wonderful events and also focussed on the importance of such sports actievitis for the overall development of the students.

The event witnessed active participation from students and faculty member. Prominent among others present on the occasion were Prof. Altaf Hussain, Dr. Junaid Ahmed, Dr. Gulshan Rashid Bhat

J&K ACB conducts awareness program in collaboration with District Administration of Srinagar



Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 7: In continuation to the weeklong campaign, themed 'Culture of Integrity for the Nation's Prosperity,' which aims to enhance transparency, reinforce ethical governance, and combat corruption across the Union Territory, today Anti-Corruption Bureau Srinagar conducted an awareness program in which officers and officials of Revenue and Custodian Department Srinagar participated.

On the onset of the program, a documentary recently launched by the ACB Jammu and Kashmir was screened to make the participants aware of the working of ACB, initiatives taken and call to work together to fight against menace of corruption jointly

Illustrating its Anti Corruption efforts and strategies for promoting accountability, special message from LG Manoj

Sinha UT of Jammu & Kashmir, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Commissioner Secretary Sanjeev Verma and Director ACB Shakti Kumar Pathak were screened reinforcing the importance of integrity and transparency in gov-

Officers from the Anti Corruption Bureau Srinagar, including SSP ACB Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Wani deliberated on measures to address corruption-prone areas in revenue and custodian departments and the role of investigative techniques in implementing corrective and penal measures effectively.

This session continued the interactive approach, soliciting feedback from participants through questionnaires via Mobile Application to gauge awareness and gather suggestions for improving anti-corruption initiatives.

The occasion was graced by presence of Deputy Commissioner

Unified approach needed to secure J&K's future: Nitish Mahajan

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 7: Nitish Mahajan, Co-Incharge of the Social Media Department of the BJP in Jammu and Kashmir, has expressed strong support for Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha's decisive stance on rooting out terrorism from the Union Territory. Applauding LG Sinha's recent statement warning that houses providing shelter to terrorists will face strict action, he reinforced the BJP's commitment to eradicating terrorism from J&K with a policy of zero tolerance.

here today, Nitish Mahajan highlighted the importance of stringent measures in combating those who threaten the peace and security of innocent citizens. He reiterated that providing refuge to terrorists is an unforgivable act that puts entire communities at risk and warrants immediate action, including the demolition of properties used for such purposes. "There will be no mercy for those who kill innocents." he stated. echoing LG Sinha's strong message that the time has come for strict and

In a statement issued



unyielding measures. Calling for a unified front, he stressed that the fight against terrorism is a responsibility shared by all political and social entities in Jammu and Kashmir. He urged local leaders to set aside differences and rally together for a common cause, pointing out that the restoration of statehood should not be politicized but rather approached as part of a collaborative effort to achieve lasting peace and stability in the region.

Nitish emphasized the BJP's steadfast support for LG Sinna's leadership in ensuring a safe environment for the people of Jammu and Kashmir He expressed confidence that, with unity and resilience, J&K can emerge as a model of peace and development, free from the threat of terrorism.

Pritam Saini opposes resolution on **Article 370 in J&K Assembly**

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 7: The Saini Samaj, a prominent representative group of the Other Backward Classes (OBC), has issued a strong opposition to the recent resolution passed in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly aimed at revisiting Article 370.

Pritam Saini, President of Jammu Kashmir Kshatriya Saini Sabha and National Vice President of Ganmanya Samaj Sangathan (New Delhi), has expressed the community's discontent with the passing of resolution on Article 370 in J&K assembly, which was abrogated by the central government on August 5, 2019.

In a bold statement issued here today, Pritam Saini emphasized the achievements of the 2019 abrogation of Article 370. "The abrogation of Article 370 was a monumental step in integrating Jammu and Kashmir with the rest of the nation, bringing long-awaited rights and benefits to the deprived communities within the region," he stated. He asserted that this move helped correct histori-

cal injustices, especially toward the marginalized classes, including those in the OBC category.

He stated that the people of Jammu and Kashmir do not support the reinstatement of Article 370, as it deprived them of fundamental rights and economic progress for over six decades.

Pritam Singh emphasized that the abrogation of Article 370 has had a profoundly positive impact on the region, leading to a significant reduction in militancy and ensuring equal rights for various marginalized communities. "Communities such as refugees, Gorkhas, and Safai Karamcharis, who were previously marginalized, now enjoy rights at par with other Indian citizens. This shift has brought dignity and equality to the lives of thousands who were denied their rightful place in society. he remarked

Since the abrogation, Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed a transformation with increased tourism, the return of Bollywood to its scenic locations, and a marked absence of hartals (strikes) and civilian unrest. "Kashmir is flourishing, and the law and order situation is under control. This progress is a testament to the benefits that have come with the abrogation of Article 370," he added.

Pritam accused the National Conference of attempting to mislead the public with false narratives. He further urged the party to stop manipulating sentiments for political gain, stressing that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have embraced the new era of peace and development. "The Supreme Court has already deliberated on this matter, and the decision stands firm," he noted, reinforcing that legal avenues have already upheld the abrogation.

Singh warned the National Conference against exploiting sensitive issues for political mileage, stating "Such tactics do not align with the interests of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, who are now looking forward to a future free from militancy and aligned with the prosperity and progress of the rest of India.

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

withdrawal of the resolution passed by the house, forcing the speaker to adjourn the house for 20 minutes.

resolution

After the house reconvened, the LoP started speaking, but he was stopped by the Speaker who said that he will be allowed to speak at his turn. "Isko samjaye (make him understand)...

he has not read basic rules of assembly. You are not above law and rules. Take your seat," speaker asked the LoP. The speaker, Abdul Rahim Rather, said

that he was watching activities of some members while asking them not to force

Sunil accused the ruling party of getting lakhs of people killed in the name of special status, which provoked the treasury benches. They stood up and started raising slogans, 'Jis Kashmir ko khoon se seencha, woh Kashmir humara hai'.

Soon, speaker ordered the marshalling out of the BJP MLAs.

Later, Sajad Lone accused the NC and BJP of playing a 'fixed match' by not letting anybody else to speak.

New resolution submitted in assembly seeking restoration of

'Article 370, Article 35 A in original form'

originally accorded to the region and its people by the Constitution of India."

"This House unequivocally demands the immediate restoration of Article 370 and Article 35A in their original, unaltered form, and calls for the reversal of all changes introduced by the Jammu & Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019. We further urge the Government of India to respect the constitutional and democratic sanctity of Jammu & Kashmir by reinstating all special provisions and guarantees intended to preserve its distinct identity, culture, and political

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

injuries and were rushed to a hospital, they said.

After receiving first aid, the injured were referred to the district hospital in Reasi, where one of three injured also succumbed to his injuries.

The deceased were identified as 40-yearold Manzoor Ahmed (a teacher), his 10-year-old daughter Ulfat Jan, 42-year-old Ghulam Mohi ud Din and his 28-year-old son Bashir Ahmed — all residents of the Mahore tehsil

For talks, MHA invites **Six Ladakh leaders**

chairpersons of Leh and Karqil Autonomous Hill Development Councils respectively, Ladakh MP Haji Hanifa Jan, and Dr Pawan Kotwal, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh. Ahead of the talks, the LAB and KDA are expected to meet to align their strategy, with the intent to maintain their stance on the four-point agenda.

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The issue of autonomy has been at the forefront since the High Powered Committee under Nityanand Rai was established on January 2, 2023, and reconstituted on November 30, 2023. While the MHA has previously rejected demands for Sixth Schedule status and statehood, it has indicated openness to protecting Ladakh's cultural and economic interests through the twin Hill Development Councils.

In a related development, the Union Home Ministry announced on August 26 the formation of five new districts in Ladakh—Sham, Nubra, and Changthang in Leh district, along with Zanskar and Drass in Kargil district. Currently, Ladakh consists of only two districts, Leh and Kargil, and the addition will bring the total to seven. A high-level committee has been formed to finalise the boundaries and address related administrative matters.

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

down by 70 per cent in comparison to the previous decade, Shah said now the shelf life of terrorists has decreased from two years to a few days.

He said due to the joint efforts of state and central governments, violence has been controlled to a great extent in Jammu and

Kashmir, Naxal-affected areas and the northeastern states in last 10 years.

Shah asked representatives of the state police forces at the conference, most of whom are DGP-rank officers, to invoke anti-terror law Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act wherever required.

The home minister said the central government's anti-terror probe agency National Investigation Agency (NIA) utilises UAPA in all terror cases and as a result so far out of 632 cases registered by it, chargesheet has been filed in 498 cases, conviction in almost 95 per cent.

He asked the police chiefs of the states to establish a synergy down to the level of police station and set up a strong ecosystem against terrorism.

The minister underlined the need to legally strengthen the hands of the institutions fighting it. He said, therefore, the jurisdiction of the NIA has been increased by amending the NIA Act and now it can probe terror cases abroad too.

By amending the UAPA, authorities now have the power to confiscate properties and declare organisations and individuals as terrorists, he said.

Shah said a 25-point integrated plan has been prepared to stop the funding of terrorism, including Jihadi terror and Left Wing Extremism.

He said the scope of Multi Agency Centre (MAC), an intelligence gathering mechanism, was expanded, and SOPs were created under it to monitor cyber security, narco terror and emerging radical hotspots, which has led to success in preventing many crimes before they happen.

Shah said he has given medals to 11 NIA officers for their hard work and successes and it is just a small recognition of their extraordinary contribution in fight against terror. "Their contribution and dedication is much bigger and more inspiring than this medal.

The two-day anti-terror conference, that began here on Thursday, is expected to further enhance coordination among agencies to strengthen India's security bastion.

The annual conference has over the years emerged as a meeting point for operational forces; technical, legal and forensic experts and agencies engaged in counter terrorism for deliberations on issues impacting national security and threats emerging out

The key focus of the conference is on developing synergies among various stake holders by establishing channels for coordinated action against the menace of terrorism in the spirit of 'Whole of the Government approach' and to present substantive inputs for future policy formulation, an official release said.

The deliberations and discussions in the two-day conference will be focused on various matters of importance including prosecution and evolving legal framework in counter-terrorism investigations, sharing of experiences and good practices.

Challenges and opportunities related to emerging technologies, international legal cooperation and strategies for dismantling terror ecosystem in various counter terrorism theatres across India will also be discussed at the conference.

The conference is being attended by senior police officers from States/UTs, officers from central agencies and departments dealing with issues related to counter terrorist and experts from related fields such as law, forensics, technology, the release said.

J&K PDL/TDL workers hold protest against delay in regularization despite SAC decision

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 7: PDL/ TDL workers from the Jammu Province of the Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Department (PDD) staged a strong protest outside the Press Club Jammu today, led by Akhil Sharma, State President, and attended by several other prominent leaders including Shamsher Singh, Vice President, Swamiraj, Vice President, Sheesh Kumar, Ashish Verma, Moti Lal, Sham Lal Sharma, and Leakat Mukesh.

The workers expressed their deep dissatisfaction over the ongoing delay in their regularization, despite the State Administrative Council's (SAC) decision and the issuance of relevant orders.

The protesting workers, many of whom have been employed with PDD for over 25 years, highlighted that despite a clear SAC



the process for regularizing PDL/TDL workers based on seniority, no substantial progress has been made. According to the workers, the government order dated April 2024 (Govt. order no. 69-JKPDD of 2024) clearly authorized the Corporations to regularize these workers, but implementation has been delayed, leaving

hundreds of families in

ization efforts in 2022, when 221 PDL/TDL staff members were regularized after a seniority list was compiled by the Divisional Level Promotion Committee (DPC) under the Chief Engineer Distribution, JPDCL Jammu.

highlighted the tragic loss Despite this, the proof workers who have died cess has been stalled, in accidents while servwith a finalized seniority ing in JPDCL, leaving list issued in December their families without the 2023, only for the probenefits of regularization. cess to be re-opened They emphasized the

lack of any provision to engage family members of deceased workers in place of the regularized employees, which they claimed has left these families in a state of despair.

The workers have called on the Chief Minister of J&K, the Principal Secretary of PDD, and the Managing Director of JPDCL to intervene and expedite the process, as they believe that "justice delayed is justice denied.'

They stressed that all necessary procedures have been completed, and it is unfair for the daily wagers to continually have to petition for what they are rightfully owed, as provisioned by government rules.

The union is urging the authorities to finalize the regularization process and ensure justice for the workers who have waited for over two years for their rights to be recoanized.

VC, SKUAST-J concedes pensioners' demands

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 7: SKUAST-J Pensioners Welfare Forum held a meeting with Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. B.N.Tripathi and Madan Lal, Comptroller of SKUAST-J under the leadership of the forum president Dr. Amarjeet Singh Bali to resolve of various issues regarding problems faced to the retirees of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu. The meeting was held in a very cordial atmosphere.

Regarding late disbursement of pension being a routine, the Comptroller apprised that salary and pension bills are simultaneously submitted to the treasury, but due to some inconsistent errors by the treasury, there was a delay in the disbursement of pension.

VC stressed that the only alternative to avoid such situations is to execute an MOU with J&K Bank on the same analogy as has been adopted by SKUAST-K for the disbursement of pension. He directed the Comptroller to follow up and expedite the process of signing the MoU at the earliest and assured for timely disbursement of pension in

future. VC also agreed to the request of the President for providing a room in the University campus for meeting of the forum. Regarding stoppage of commutation of those pensioners who have completed more than 10 years of retirement, comptroller informed that as soon as the J&K Govt takes a policy decision and issues an order, the same shall be implemented with the approval of the authority.

It was confirmed by the Comptroller that those pensioners who have physically visited the University, verified themselves and submitted the desired PPO, Aadhar and PAN in person are not required to submit the Life certificate which has to be submitted as per the prescribed proforma by only those pensioners who are not able to visit the university due to a valid reason.

The issue of late distribution of Form-16 also came up for discussion. VC directed the Comptroller to address the matter appropriately in time bound manner so that Form-16 can be provided to the pensioners timely in any case by the end of May.

Vice Chancellor also informed that a faculty club has been inaugurated in the campus and the University shall extend this facility to the retired faculty also on the prescribed charges which may be much lower as compared to the private facilities being availed by the faculty outside the campus.

The forum president thanked the Vice Chancellor sparing his valuable time to resolve the issues of pensioners.

Those who accompanied the president included Dr. R. K. Arora. Dr. C.S.Kalha, Dr. P Baru, Rakesh Kapoor, Dr. Mohd. Saleem. Dr.J.P.Sharma and

Secretary YSS declares open 68th National School Games Event fosters unity in diversity, sportsmanship: Sarmad Hafeez

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 7: The Secretary to the Government, Youth Services and Sports, Jammu and Kashmir, Sarmad Hafeez, declared the 68th National School Games open in an impressive, colourful and well attended opening ceremony at MA Stadium here today.

The sporting extravaganza, featuring Judo Under-17 Boys category is as part of the series of events J&K is hosting in four sports disciplines of Judo, Wushu, Fencing and Football.

Thirty five (35) teams from across the country comprising around 350 athletes are all set to vie for the top honours by displaying their skill and talent, besides sporting and competitive spirit in the City of Temples.

The ceremony began with the lighting of the traditional lamp which was



followed by an appealing welcome address by the Director General Youth Services and Sports, Rajinder Singh Tara, who is also the chairman of this mega event.

Welcoming the dignitaries and the visiting contingents, Mr Tara expressed his hope that all participants would cherish their time in Jammu and Kash-

tournament. Highlighting the magnitude of the event, Tara informed that over 4,000 participants will compete across various disciplines during the games, emphasizing J&K's commitment towards nurturing budding athletes and promoting sports in every

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ing memories from the

nook and corner of the Union Territory.

with a renewed objec-

tion-seeking letter from

the new Chief Engineer

in August 2024. The

workers argued that this

delay is not only causing

frustration but also jeop-

ardizing their futures, as

many senior workers are

The protestors also

nearing retirement.

Secretary Youth Services and Sports, Sarmad Hafeez lavished praise on the achievements and the activities of the Youth Services and Sports Department.

While welcoming the participants drawn from across the country, Sarmad underscored the unity and sportsmanship that the National School Games foster.

Highlighting the importance of hosting such events in Jammu and Kashmir, the Secretary YSS said such events apart from promoting sports and games, also promote tourism, besides promoting peace and harmony

He further said that such events showcase the region's infrastructure and hospitality while supporting youth engagement in sports at a national scene

Several high-ranking officials graced the occasion, including DIG Police and Secretary J&K Sports Council, Ms Nuzhat Gul, who shared in the celebrations and extended their best wishes to the young athletes.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Joint Director of Youth Services and Sports, Jammu, Ved Prakash, who expressed his gratitude to all dignitaries, guests, and media representatives for their support in making the event a grand success. Deputy Director YSS (C), Mr Jitendra Mishra was also present on the occasion.

The 68th National School Games promises to be an exciting platform for young athletes to shine and bring pride to their regions, fostering sportsmanship and camaraderie across states

NC leaders misleading people by making unrealistic promises on restoration of Article 370, 35A: Chandel

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 7: Sanatani BJP leader Raju Chandel has accused National Conference leaders Faroog Abdullah and his son Omar Abdullah of misleading the people of Jammu and Kashmir by making unrealistic promises about the restoration of Article 370 and Article 35A.

According to Chandel, the Abdullahs are attempting to deceive the public with "Mungerilal's dreams," a reference to unrealistic fantasies, despite knowing that such promises cannot be fulfilled without the approval of the central government.

Chandel emphasized that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are wise and well-educated, understanding that the restoration of Article 370 and Article 35A is impossible under the current political framework.

He stressed that these provisions were repealed in Parliament by the

central government, and even the Supreme Court refrained from intervening, recognizing it as a constitutional matter under Parliament's authority

Criticizing Farooq Abdullah, Chandel Abdullah. remarked that until Abdullah's party holds power at the national level—which he deemed unlikely given Abdullah's advanced age—there is no hope for the restoration of these laws.

In a sarcastic tone, Chandel suggested that the aging Farooq Abdullah should consider becoming a Maulana and dedicating his time to religious activities in a mosque, as he is skilled

at delivering speeches. He added that as long as Prime Minister Narendra Modi is in power, the repeal of Article 370 will remain irreversible.

Furthermore, Chandel accused the current Jammu and Kashmir administration of supporting fundamentalist elements, including Mujahideen and terrorists. He warned that if this situation persists, the region might see the re-imposition of President's rule or Governor's rule.

He also outlined his vision for the demographic and economic development of Jammu.

Chandel expressed his goal of making around 5 lakh Hindus citizens of Jammu within the next five years, providing them with employment and permanent residence. He argued that due to the declining Hindu population in the region, it is essential to balance the demographic composition to ensure parity with the Muslim population.

DLL organises career counselling programme at GHSS Bazar Qasaban

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 7: Education and mentoring young minds start at various levels (institutional and informal). The professional and journey of life becomes smoother and effective with effective mentoring and guidance.

Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu Prof. Umesh Rai's strong beliefs to mentor and reach the youth to shape them to able citizens is the guiding for DLL to undertake such activities. **Employment Information** Cum Advisory Bureau (EIAB), Department of Lifelong Learning (DLL) today organised a career counselling programme for the students of class 11th and 12th in the premises of Govt. Higher Secondary School, Bazar Qasaban, Jammu.

Dr. Priyanka Sharma,

Director, DLL while inaugurating the programme highlighted the needs and objectives of such programmes. She also elaborated the value added programme being offered under the aegis of DLL. She said that DLL has dedicated unit of EIAB, catering to career counselling and allied activities.

Prof. Ramni Gupta, Department of Physics, JU and Ms. Neetu Dhar, Coorporate Trainer were the resource persons. Dr. Rewa Khajuria, Counsellor, EIAB, DLL coordinated the programme.

Prof. Ramni informed the students about the career prospects in Science streamand further study options after completing schooling. She further said that the students can choose them on their interests and career goals.

Neetu Dhar in her presentation explained the importance of good communication skills. She also apprised that communication skills can help them to express themselves, choose career wisely and build good relationships.

Kamlesh Bhagat, principal of the school spoke about the guidance which are being provided to the students at this time and advised them to work hard as their exams are approaching.

About 49 students of the school while giving feedback appreciated the programme. They were very much interested in knowing the options available for them. Neeru Sadotra conducted the programme. The teachers of the school including Meenakshi Kak, Aneet Kour also attended the programme.

NDA members meet Cabinet **Minister Satish Sharma**

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 7: The Nations Development Association (NDA), affiliated with the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, had a significant meeting with Satish Sharma, the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs; Transport; Science & Technology; Information Technology; Youth Services & Sports; and ARI

& Trainings Departments. During the meeting, discussions were held on various aspects of youth empowerment, social development, and the role of youth services in fostering a stronger

The Minister expressed his commitment to supporting initiatives aimed at empowering young people and enhancing their contributions to society.

Sushil Singh Charak, the Founder and General



Secretary of the Nations Development Association, congratulated the youth for their continued commitment and involvement in national development. He emphasized the importance of youth participation in government and community-driven

projects.
Shubham Gupta, a member of NDA, also participated in the discussions, highlighting the need for collaborative efforts to further strengthen youth-centric programs in India

The NDA looks forward to continued collaboration with various governmental bodies to support youth development and provide platforms for their growth and participation in nation-building activi-

Interactive Session and Workshop under SBI Youth for India Fellowship Program held at **GGM Science College**

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 7: Career Counselling and Placement Cell at GGM Science College Jammu Organized an Interactive Session with SBI for Senior Undergraduate Students under "SBI Youth for India Fellowship Program" on Thursday. The program was organized under the guidance and patronage of Principal Dr Romesh Kumar Gupta. Mr Abhishek Ayyapan from SBI Youth shared his knowledge with the students on job prospects in the impact sector with decent financial incentives and future growth. This exclusive event provided senior undergraduate students with valuable insights into impactful career opportunities and real-world exposure to the dynamic requirements of the 21st-century job market. The placement drive, introduced students to the SBI Youth for India Fellowship, a unique program designed to empower young graduates to address critical social challenges in rural

India. Speaking on the

occasion, Prof. Lekh Raj emphasised the importance of holding additional events of this kind in order to provide students with opportunities for employment placement.

Dr Devinder Kumar Sharma, Convener, Career Counselling and Placement Cell in his welcome address highlighted that in order for students to acquire respectable placements in the job market, they must develop their technical and soft skills. He underlined that the fellowship allows students to grow both personally and professionally while making a significant difference in society. It is these types of experiences that prepare students to become compassion-

ate leaders of tomorrow. The event included interactive and inspiring talks by professionals from SBI and fellowship alumni. Students learned about the importance of impact sector roles, particularly in addressing issues such as education, health, environmental sustainability, and rural development.

These sessions highlighted how careers in the impact sector not only offer job stability but also provide a unique opportunity to contribute meaningfully to society, all while developing crucial skills such as problem-solving, adaptability, and empathy—qualities highly valued in the 21st-

century workforce. The students expressed enthusiasm for the insights they gained from the event, particularly the understanding that the modern workforce increasingly values roles in the impact sector, where meaningful work and social contribution are prioritized alongside personal growth.

The planning and preparations for the event were executed by Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma, Prof. Brinder Kumar, Prof. Bal Krishan, Prof. Sanjay Kumar, Prof. Reetika Rani, Dr Nisha, Dr Sukhdeep Singh Sasan and Prof. Arvind Kumar.

The proceedings of the program were compered by Prof Bal Krishan and the program concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Nisha.

Internship session of students of GDC Kishtwar held at DIC Kishtwar

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Nov 7: The District Information Centre Kishtwar holds internship course of GDC Kishtwar students. 30 students of English department participated in today's session which was conducted by Mr Kuldeep Kumar, JKAS DIO Kishtwar and Prof. Vikram Singh, Head of English Department of GDC Kishtwar.



nity Kalash Nath. Prasar Bharti correspondent Kishtwar delivered guest

During the Internship, titled "How Media Works".

the processes of information collection, processing, editing, and dissemination. He also explained the rights and responsibilities of citizens and media propoints with examples from the Fundamental Rights enshrined in the Constitution of India Kalash Nath shared

fessionals, illustrating his

insights on the history of journalism in India and its evolution over time, emphasizing how modern social media and Al have influenced societal dynamics. The students demonstrated great curiosity and enthusiasm, asking numer-

ous questions on topics such as paid news, fake news, and the risks associated with social media. Refreshments were

provided to the students during the session. Along with the mentioned personnel, other office staff were also present. Toward the end, students shared their experiences and insights from the session with media representatives on-

Ranji Trophy: Shreyas Iyer makes strong statement with quick-fire 233 vs Odisha

India and Mumbai batter Shreyas Iyer scored a sensational double hundred during the round four fixture of the Ranji Trophy 2024-25 against Odisha.

MUMBAI, Nov 7 (Agencies): India batter Shreyas Iyer scored a brilliant double hundred for Mumbai on Day 2 of their fourth-round fixture of the Ranji Trophy 2024-25 against Odisha at Sharad Pawar Cricket Academy BKC, Mumbai. The right-handed batter played a magnificent innings of 233 off 228 balls smashing 24 fours and nine sixes and registered his highest first-class score.

lyer resumed the day on the overnight score of 152* having already slammed his 15th first-class hundred on Day 1. He continued from where he left off and completed his double hundred off 201 balls and also surpassed his previous highest first-class score of 202 in no time.

The 29-year-old walked to the crease with Mumbai on 154/3 after they were put in to bat first by Odisha captain Govinda Poddar. Iyer joined Siddesh Lad



at the crease and the duo got involved in a massive 354-run partnership for the fourth wicket and helped Mumbai cross the 500-run mark. Lad also brought up his ninth first-class hundred as Mumbai flexed their batting muscles against Odisha's hapless bowling attack.

It was lyer's second consecutive century in the tournament

having already scored a brilliant 142 in the last fixture he played against Maharashtra. It was also his 1st first class century after a long gap of almost three years with the last one coming against New Zealand on his Test debut in Kanpur, 2021.

lyer's tumultuous 2024 After his splendid knock against Maharashtra, lyer missed the next game against Tripura to get some rest and returned against Odisha to register his highest score of first-class career. He didn't have a memorable beginning to the domestic season, managing just 154 runs across six innings in the Duleep Trophy, 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. The Mumbai batter hasn't had the best of the years as he was dropped from the Indian Test squad and also lost his BCCI Central Contract earlier this year. Hence, the twin centuries will do a world of good to lyer's confidence who's aiming to earn his spot back in the Indian Test team.

Sunil Gavaskar's advice of replacing Rohit Sharma as captain discarded: "if your wife is having a baby..."



NEW DELHI, Nov 7 (Agencies): Former Australia skipper Aaron Finch has reacted to ex-India captain Sunil Gavaskar's suggestion regarding the latter team's captaincy for upcoming Border-Gavaskar series, starting November 22. India's Test captain Rohit Sharma could reportedly miss the first game of the five-Test series in Australia due to personal reasons. Gavaskar had said that the team should appoint a new captain for the entire series if Rohit is unable to make it to the first couple of Tests. Following India's humiliating 3-0 home series whitewash at the hands of New Zealand, Gavaskar has proposed that India need to be united under one captain for an entire series.

"We have been reading that Rohit Sharma will not play in the first Test, perhaps he will not play in the second as well. If this is the case, then I say that, right now, the Indian selection committee should say that 'if you have to rest, rest, if there are personal reasons then look at them. But if you are missing two-thirds of the matches then you should go for this tour only as a player. We will make the vice-captain the captain of this tour'," Gavaskar had told Sports Tak.

"Indian cricket is the most important. I would say that if we had won the New Zealand series 3-0, it would have been a different matter. Because we have lost this series 3-0, there is a need for a captain. The captain has to unite the team. If there is no captain in the beginning, it is better to make someone else the captain," Gavaskar had further added. However, Finch disagreed with Gavaskar's opinion.

"I disagree with Sunny on that totally. Rohit Sharma is the captain of the Indian cricket team. If you need to stay at home because your wife is having a baby... that's such a beautiful moment... and you take all the time that you need in that regard," Finch told ESPNcricinfo.

On This Day: Glenn Maxwell scores 201, ODI World Cup's 'greatest knock'

NEW DELHI, Nov 7 (Agencies): On this day in 2023, Glenn Maxwell produced arguably the greatest knock in the history of ODI World Cups at the Wankhede stadium as he battled adversities to gift Australia a memorable win. In a thrilling World Cup 2023 clash on November 7 in Mumbai, Australia faced a daunting target of 292 against Afghanistan. The Afghan bowlers made an explosive start, reducing Australia to 49 for 4 in just the ninth over, and by the 19th, the Aussies had slumped to 91 for 7. With Afghanistan firmly in command, Australia's chances looked bleak.

Then came Maxwell, who produced one of ODI cricket's most astonishing innings. Starting cautiously with 22 off 26 balls, Maxwell quickly shifted gears, launching an extraordinary counterattack. Despite battling severe cramps, he scored a record-breaking unbeaten 201 off 128 deliveries, marking him as the first player to score a double century in an ODI chase and the first Australian to reach a



double hundred in the format. His blistering knock included 21 fours and 10 sixes, flipping the match entirely.

Afghanistan had produced a good display with the bat early on with opener Ibrahim Zadran scored a resilient 129 off 143 balls, supported by vital late contributions from Rashid Khan and others, leading Afghanistan to a competitive 291. Their bowlers followed up with an intense start, leaving Australia reeling before Maxwell's unforgettable knock transformed the game and etched his innings into World Cup history.

Maxwell's 202-run stand with Pat Cummins, who added a steady 12 off 68 balls, also set the record for

the highest-ever eighthwicket partnership in ODIs. Maxwell's heroics were even more remarkable given his physical limitations; by the 41st over, he was visibly in pain, often unable to move. At times, nearly immobile at the crease, he leaned on his handeye coordination to send the ball to the boundary. Even when he collapsed from cramps, he remained on the field, eventually scoring 54 runs without shifting his feet, securing a famous win and Australia's place in the semifinals.

Maxwell's efforts would receive a lot of praise from all corners with Sachin Tendulkar calling it the greatest ODI knock he has ever

1st T20I: India's second line stars look for a breakaway series against South Africa

NEW DELHI, Nov 7 (Agencies): As India firmly embraces a transition phase, a clutch of second line stars such as Sanju Samson and Abhishek Sharma will be hoping for a breakaway series in the four T20Is against South Africa, starting with the first contest at Kingsmead, Durban Friday. It is imperative for them to shed the tag of sidekicks and establish themselves as the first-choice players in this format. The recent home T20I series against Bangladesh was a precursor. Samson received a chance to open consistently against the neighbours, and he made most of it slamming a 47-ball 111. In the post-Rohit Sharma era in T20ls. Samson would like to further buttress his claim for a regular opening slot with a few fruitful outings

against the Proteas.
This is an important series for Abhishek as well. The dashing left-hander showed his impressive skills while hammering a 47-ball hundred against Zimbabwe at Harare in July,



but his other six international innings have produced – 0, 10, 14, 16, 15, 4.

Abhishek will be keen to be more consistent to safeguard his place, and he will also be looking to be more penetrative with his left-arm spin.

Tilak Varma offers a similar case. The left-hander has somewhat fallen off the radar after making a solid beginning to his T20I career against the West Indies in August 2023.

Since then, his 12 outings in the shortest format have produced just one fifty and has not featured in the blue jersey after appearing against Afghanistan earlier this January.

So, the Hyderabadi will be keen to impress

the selectors with some meaningful efforts against the Africans, and he has also started using his off-spin more regularly.

This series also offers an excellent opportunity for wicketkeeper batter Jitesh Sharma, who has slipped a few rungs below in the pecking order, and spinner Varun Chakravarthy, who impressed against Bangladesh taking five wickets, to keep themselves afloat over the competition.

The selectors will also closely monitor how a new-look pace bowling unit – Arshdeep Singh, Avesh Khan, Vyshak Vijaykumar and Yash Dayal – fare against South Africa.

While Arshdeep

and Avesh have their moments at the top-level, Vyshak and Dayal will look to carry their success in domestic circuit and in the IPL to international cricket.

Ramandeep Singh, who was retained by Kolkata Knight Riders after a productive IPL 2024, will be eager to replicate his success here.

Ramandeep brings to the table exciting multiple skillsets – a daring batter down the order, useful medium pacer and a gun outfield fielder.

The seniors in the side like skipper Suryakumar Yadav, all-rounders Hardik Pandya and Axar Patel, the only member from the Test side here, will be hoping for a strong outing so that India can apply some balm over the wounds from their recent home series defeat against New Zealand.

On a personal level, four players – Arshdeep, Avesh, Jitesh and Vyshak – will want impact outings here after not getting retained by their respective franchises ahead of the IPL

mega auction November 24 and 25.

All other 11 players in the side have managed to get a retention from their IPL teams.

South Africa will be looking to add a touch of revenge to the series after losing to India in the T20 World Cup final in June, the last time these two sides met.

India: Suryakumar Yadav (C), Abhishek Sharma, Sanju Samson (WK), Rinku Singh, Tilak Varma, Jitesh Sharma (WK), Hardik Pandya, Axar Patel, Ramandeep Singh, Varun Chakaravarthy, Ravi Bishnoi, Arshdeep Singh, Vijaykumar Vyshak, Avesh Khan, Yash Dayal.

South Africa: Aiden Markram (c), Ottneil Baartman, Gerald Coetzee, Donovan Ferreira, Reeza Hendricks, Marco Jansen, Heinrich Klaasen, Patrick Kruger, Keshav Maharaj, David Miller, Mihlali Mpongwana, Nqaba Peter, Ryan Rickelton, Andile Simelane, Lutho Sipamla (3rd and 4th T20Is), and Tristan Stubbs. Match starts at 8.30pm IST.

Wright was ideal India coach, gave players free-hand unlike Chappell, Kumble: Patil

MUMBAI, Nov 7 (Agencies): The 1983 World Cup winner and ex-chairman of selectors, Sandeep Patil feels John Wright's approach of giving a free-hand to players led to his successful coaching stint with India, something his more authoritarian successors Greg Chappell and Anil Kumble failed to emulate.

In his autobiography -- Beyond Boundaries -- launched here, Patil gave deep insights about the reason behind Wright's success as India coach vis a vis Chappell and Kumble.

"Since 2000, India have had an array of international coaches and support staff. This has paid rich dividends, because India's overseas record has improved steadily. It all started with John Wright becoming India's first foreign coach.

"I think John was the ideal coach for India. He was soft spoken, polite, well-mannered, always kept to himself, and was happy to be in Sourav Ganguly's shadow.

"In addition to all that, he kept a distance from the Press. He managed that so well, that he was hardly in the news — unlike what happened in the Greg Chappell years," Patil wrote in his book.

"With Chappell, he was in the news every day. It is very important for a coach to first understand the policy of that particular board, the thinking of the board members, and the President. He should have a good rapport with the President and the Secretary, and of course the captain and the team. John did that wonderfully."

Patil observed that every player was equal and the team came first for Wright.

"...during his tenure, there was no 'seniors' and juniors' business. It was one team. He believed all seniors were leaders in some way, He gave them respect, and a free hand, which I feel Anil Kumble didn't do. Greg Chappell too," he wrote.

The former India coach felt that Chappell's aggressive approach did not suit the Indian dressing

room atmosphere.

"Greg is a very strong personality; very aggressive. The

moment Jagmohan Dalmiya said you have a free hand, he thought that he can change everything overnight. John waited, and learnt the system. Greg wanted to change the entire system, the entire thinking, and the selection process," Patil elaborated.

"He introduced flexibility in the Indian team, and he spoiled things for Rahul Dravid, who took over from Ganguly as captain. Irfan (Pathan) was asked to move up the order. Seniors don't like to change numbers, whether it is Sachin Tendulkar, Dravid, or Virender Sehwag.

"The other issue in the Greg Chappell saga was the presence of lan Fraser as Assistant Coach. Most players didn't like his presence."

Patil said Chappell was in a hurry to introduce the Australian culture in the Indian system.

"Greg wanted to introduce the Australian culture, the Australian way of playing cricket, and the Australian way of thinking. He could've done it, but he didn't bide his time. That's where I

think the rift started, and he was against a few seniors who were not toeing the line.

"Sourav is not a guy who will get up and start running and doing stretches. You need to give him time. I think Greg rubbed seniors the wrong way, though a few seniors didn't speak openly about him - some like Kumble still haven't. It's the same with Dravid. Ironically, Ganguly got him in, but was instrumental in his exit," he wrote.

Patil felt Gary Kirsten turned out to be the most successful Indian coach because of his closeness with the players.

"Gary Kirsten was very successful - you could say most successful, because his squad won the 2011 World Cup. Gary, again, was well-respected and soft-spoken. He had played against the same players and got runs. This counts, in a way.

"Having played in India, he knew what to expect. He also stayed away from the Press, and gave all his 24 hours to the team," he wrote.

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Rishabh Pant at 6th spot in ICC Test ranking



DUBAI, Nov 7 (Agencies): India wicketkeeper batter Rishabh Pant rose five places to

sixth spot in the latest ICC Men's Test Batter Rankings following his strong performance in a losing cause in third Test against New Zealand in Mumbai last week.

Pant made the jump on the back of a pair of half-centuries during the Mumbai Test, in a sure sign that he is back to his best following a serious car accident, with the attacking left-hander now just one spot behind the career-best fifth position he first occupied in July 2022.

The other Indian batter in top Test batter's chart is young left-handed opener Yashasvi Jaiswal, who dropped a rung to fourth. New Zealand secured a narrow 25-run victory in Mumbai to claim an unprecedented 3-0 series whitewash over India, with Pant and visiting side's Daryl Mitchell the main beneficiaries in the top 10 Test batter rankings.

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 northeastern 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

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

India's role in the region."

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

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 with 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 antinational 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. Raiat Bhardwai 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 achieve-

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 Cdts 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 cdts 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. Qumar Rabani Chowdhary (HOD History) and Dr. Shokit Ali (HOD Urdu). They evaluated the entries based on creativity, originality, relevance and overall impact.

Sanja Ajaz, an NSS Volunteer from semester 5th secured

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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