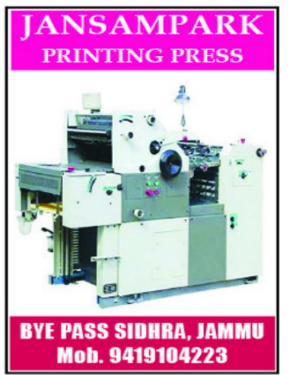




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Inclusion of African Union in G20 is 'Significant Stride' towards more inclusive global dialogue: PM Modi



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said the inclusion of the African Union in the G20 is a significant stride towards a more inclusive global dialogue and stressed on collaborative efforts for the benefit of the entire world.

In a significant milestone under India's G20 presidency, the African Union on Saturday became a new permanent member of the grouping of the largest economies of the world. It is the first expansion

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G20 leaders pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat



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NEW DELHI, SEP 10

G20 leaders, including US President Joe Biden, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and UN Secretary General António Guterres,

paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at his memorial Rajghat here on Sunday.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi received the leaders at the rain-drenched Rajghat.

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British PM Sunak, Wife Akshata perform 'Puja' at Akshardham Temple



AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, SEPT 10

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and his wife Akshata Murty visited the Akshardham temple here on Sunday and offered prayers.

Ahead of the visit of G20 leaders to Rajghat to pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi, Sunak, who was dressed in trousers and a shirt, and his wife, wearing a kurta with palazzo, reached the temple early morning and were accorded a traditional welcome. Sunak was then greeted

by swamis, as well as senior leaders from the Akshardham Mandir, who relayed a special message on behalf of Mahant Swami Maharaj, spiritual leader of the Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS).

During his visit, the British Prime Minister was given an overview of Swaminarayan Akshardham, a 100-acre spiritual and cultural complex that portrays the traditions and ancient architecture of India and promotes

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J&K govt to develop 300 new tourist destinations: LG

JNEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, SEPTEMBER 10

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha visited Bangus Valley and inaugurated the 'Bangus Adventure Festival', today.

In his address, the Lt Governor welcomed the visiting tourists to Jammu Kashmir. We live by the motto of 'Atithi Devo Bhava', which also resonates in our culture. I hope you all will take memorable memories with you from your visit to this beautiful Bangus valley which has emerged as a premier offbeat destination, he said.

"Several offbeat destinations of J&K like Bangus are the ideal escape for travelers seeking leisurely adventures and enchanting experiences. From adventure, exquisite cuisine, pilgrimage, traditional handicrafts to serene mountains, Jammu Kashmir offers anything and everything to travelers," the Lt Governor said.

He said the festival will



further highlight the rural and adventure tourism potential of Bangus valley, promote its tribal culture and provide a platform for local artisans to showcase traditional arts and crafts.

The Lt Governor also highlighted the tourism potential of J&K and shared the efforts of the UT Administration to promote the tourism sector of the UT.

"We have completely transformed the tourism industry and Jammu Kashmir has been positioned

as the most promising destination. The Tourism sector will soon become the engine of growth for the Union Territory," the Lt Governor said.

He said the aim of the UT Administration is to attract a greater share of tourists and provide lifetime experience to travelers, explorers and art lovers.

Around 300 new destinations including heritage sites, offbeat, adventure and spiritual

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Nearly 15 Lakh people participated in 'Brashtachar Mukht J&K Week' campaign



JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 10

On the conclusion of the 'Brashtachar Mukht J&K Week' held first time in the UT between 4-9th September, Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta reiterated that the fight against corruption is not a one-off event but a continuous process that needs to become integral part of our thinking and action.

He stated that the UT Administration does not believe in just symbolism but is committed to take this fight against the cor-

ruption to each and every household. He observed that the corrupt practices are beneficial to only few individuals who amass illegitimate wealth but detrimental for the welfare of general public.

He said that the society as a whole can progress only by defeating corruption in all its dimensions and forms. He emphasized that the task has to be accomplished collectively by working hand in hand with the administration. The Anti-Corruption bodies like ACB and Crime Branch have to play

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Chief Secretary inaugurates Workshop on SSAP-Water at IIT-Jammu

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JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 10

In a significant stride toward securing sustainable future for water sector across Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu and Jal Shakti Department (JSD) of Jammu & Kashmir today jointly organised Inception Workshop focusing on the State-Specific Action Plan for Water (SSAP-Water) here.

The workshop was inaugurated virtually by Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta.

Additional Chief Secretary, JSD, Shaheen Kabra; Director IIT-Jammu, Dr. Manoj Gaur; National Water Mission (NWM), Scientist 'F', Dr. Sanjay

Kumar; Chief Engineer Jal Shakti and I&FC Department Jammu, eminent dignitaries, water experts, and other stakeholders were also present on the occasion.

The workshop was also graced by Chief Engineer & Chairman of the Krishna River Management Board, Shiv Nandan Kumar and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene expert from Department of Civil Engineering, Manipal University, Jaipur, Prof. Anil Dutt Vyas.

The formulation of the SSAP-Water is being implemented under Dr. Divyesh Varade, jointly with Dr. Nitin Joshi and Dr. Vinay Chembolu from the Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Jammu,

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Missing BSF Jawan traced to home in Bihar, to face departmental inquiry

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MENDHAR, JAMMU, SEP 10

Two days after he was reported to be missing from his post near the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district, a Border Security Force (BSF) jawan was traced to his home in Bihar, officials said on Sunday.

The jawan was reported missing from the forward post in Bharani in Balakote sector early Friday, following which the BSF lodged a missing person report at the police station concerned, the officials said.

A police officer said the missing jawan was traced to his home in Bihar Sunday morning and further necessary action was being taken.

The officials said BSF has also started a departmental inquiry against the jawan for leaving his post without permission.

President JDU J&K, President JKWP call on Lt Governor

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 10

GM Shaheen, President J&K Janta Dal United (JDU), called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan. Shaheen put forth various demands to the Lt Governor

which include increase in Night flights from Srinagar Airport, check on rates charged by Hoteliers from tourists and robust arrangements of power supply in Winters.

Mir Junaid, President, Jammu & Kashmir Workers Party (JKWP) also called on Lt Governor and apprised him of issues of public importance.

The Lt Governor assured leaders of the political parties of appropriate redressal of the issues presented by them.



Parliamentary standing committee on home affairs to hear views of domain experts on three bills to replace criminal laws

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, SEPT 10

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs will hear the views of domain experts on three bills, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023; the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023; and the Bharatiya Sakshya Bill, 2023 on September 11, 12 and 13.

The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023,



the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, and the Bharatiya Sakshya Bill 2023 were introduced in the Lower House of Parliament on August 11. These bills

seek to replace the Indian Penal Code (IPC) 1860, Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), 1973, and the Indian Evidence

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Alpine grasslands of Bharderwah emerges as favourite destination for picnickers

AGENCIES
JAMMU, SEPT 10

The high-altitude Jaie Valley meadows near the picturesque Bharderwah in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district has emerged as a favourite destination for picnickers this season, officials said. A record four lakh tourists, including 1.20 lakh students, visited the valley - which lies at an altitude of 7,850 feet, 30 kilometres from Bharderwah - between May and September. Additional

Deputy Commissioner Dilmir Chowdhary said.

Surrounded by coniferous deodar forests, the valley has a nearly nine-kilometre-long meadow, bisected by a stream that merges with a tributary of the Chenab at Kahara.

"Over 1.20 lakh students from 385 schools, colleges and other educational institutions came to Jaie Valley for picnics from May 1 to September 9, making it the most visited high-altitude destination by students in the Jammu

region," Chowdhary said.

In addition, more than three lakh tourists from within and outside Jammu and Kashmir visited the valley during the same period.

"We have recorded over one lakh additional visitors to the valley this season compared to previous years," the official said.

The massive footfall has turned the fortunes of locals, especially the tribal migrant Gujjar community that traditionally resides in these grasslands with their



cattle during the summers. Mohd Hussain Chechi, the lumberdar of the valley's tribal population,

said the massive tourist inflow has turned fortune in their favour, that too at their doorstep.

"This is no less than magic ... for the first time in my life, we are selling our produce (milk and milk products) from the meadows itself and that too at a very good price, without incurring extra cost on transportation to the towns," Chechi said.

He said the tribal population is earning extra as nearly 30 Gujjar youngsters offer pony rides to the visitors. Several others have opened small make-shift shops, eateries and tent house accommoda-

tions in these meadows. The students and their teachers also seem to be in awe of the mundane beauty of the high-altitude meadows and want to return in the future.

"The visit to Jaie Valley was a complete package in the form of gushing water bodies, lush green meadows, tall coniferous trees, horse rides, pure organic food and pleasant weather," said 27-year-old Shivali Parihar, a school-teacher from Khellani. She is completely smitten

by the beauty of the place. "This time, I am here with my students for a school picnic but I will return soon with my family," she added.

Thirteen-year-old Khadeeja, a student from Doda, said this is the best and most easily accessible picnic spot in the Chenab region.

"We enjoyed ourselves to the hilt in the water, played cricket, rode ponies and danced in the cool weather. I simply love Jaie Valley," she said.

Condolences extended to DC Srinagar Aijaz Asad, Family by Former Ministers, MLAs, & bureaucrats

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, SEPT 10: We extend our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members, friends, and well-wishers on the untimely passing of Er Qasim, a distinguished individual whose contributions to society were truly remarkable. Er Qasim's demise has left a void that will be hard to fill, as he was not only a highly accomplished engineer but also a compassionate and dedicated human being.

A multitude of esteemed personalities, including former Minister Mian Altaf Ahmed, ex-MP Ch Talib Hussain, Shabir Ahmed Khan, VC DDC Rajouri, and ex-Minister Ravinder Raina, President BJP JK Adv Qammar Ch, ex-MLA Ch Akram, ex-MLA Aslam Khan, ex-MLA Muzaffar Khan, former Judge Junaid Azim Mattoo, Mayor of Srinagar, Administrative Secretary of the Tribal Affairs Department Dr. Shahid Iqbal Ch, DC Rajouri Sh. Vikas Kundal, DDCs, BDCs, IAS and KAS officers, engineers, doctors, and various leaders from diverse political parties, gathered at Bhattian to express their sympathies to Aijaz Asad, DC Srinagar, and the bereaved family.

Together, they offered their prayers for the eternal peace of Er Qasim's departed soul and strength to his family to endure this irrepara-



ble loss. They emphasized that Er Qasim's contributions to society were immense, as he devoted his entire life to the betterment of people. His commitment to social work was exemplary, leaving a lasting impact.

These dignitaries, who paid their respects, described Er Qasim as a kind-hearted individual with exceptional qualities of both intellect and compassion.

They lamented the great void left by his passing, highlighting his unwavering commitment and unmatched sincerity in public service.

Er Qasim was not only a distinguished engineer but also a trailblazer from the Pir Panjal region, having earned double engineering degrees in both Electrical and Civil

Engineering. His legacy as one of the first Chief Engineers from this region will always be remembered.

The news of Er Qasim's untimely demise has brought profound sorrow to his ancestral village. His neighbors, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, fondly recalled how he generously supported them in various ways, including providing assistance for medical treatment and facilitating the education of their children.

Er Qasim's life serves as an enduring example of selfless service, and his memory will continue to inspire generations to come. The community has lost a truly exceptional individual, and his legacy of compassion and dedication will live on in the hearts and minds of all who knew him.

7 Day long Personality development workshop for woman concludes

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 10: The Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages successfully concluded its inaugural seven-day Personality Workshop for Women, specifically designed for homemakers. The event, held at Abhinav Theatre in Jammu, aimed to empower and enhance the skills of women from both urban and rural areas.

Bharat Singh (JKAS), Secretary of JKAACL, extended a warm welcome to the participants and congratulated them on the successful completion of the workshop. He praised the dedication of the experts in various performing arts disciplines such as Music, Dance, and Theatre, as well as Yoga and Meditation, who contributed to the program. Singh emphasized the importance of such innovative initiatives to



provide women with a platform to learn and embrace the fundamentals of performing arts. These skills, he noted, would help them face the challenges of modern life with resilience and reduce stress, offering a natural way to unwind.

During the event, Bharat Singh engaged with the participating women, discussing the concept of personality, which encompasses enduring characteristics, behaviors, traits, interests, and abilities that shape a person's unique adaptation to life.

The participants showcased their talents with scintillating performances in Music, Dogri dance, short plays, and demonstrations of various yogic asanas. Several prominent experts, including Dr. Jasmeet Kour, Dr. Kamal Sharma, MS Sushma Gupta, MS Saba, Advocate Supriya Chouhan, Dr. Sumita Bhat, and Dr. Sudhir Mahajan, shared their knowledge and provided training during the workshop. Advocate MS Supriya Chouhan was a guest of honor, commending the participants' per-

formances and acknowledging the JKAACL's initiatives.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Dr. Sudhir Mahajan, SDI, and incharge of the Divisional office in Jammu. The workshop recognized the outstanding performance of the participating women by presenting them with appreciation certificates. The women who participated came from diverse backgrounds, and their active engagement contributed to the workshop's success.

Kesri demands Police to keep strict vigil on drug proliferation, consumption

Shiv Sena Hindustan holds meeting at village Manda Tikri, Udhampur



JI NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, SEPT 10: Shiv Sena Hindustan J&K President Pt Rajesh Kesri today convened a meeting at village Manda Tikri of district Udhampur. The meeting featured extensive discussions on several critical facets concerning drug addiction, besides promoting Nasha Mukta Panchayats, identification of hotspots, frequent monitoring, the setup of drug de-addiction and rehabilitation centers, tracking mechanisms, and the cultivation of illicit poppy.

Speaking on the occasion, Kesri emphasized the urgent need for comprehensive awareness programs against drug abuse. He demanded the stakeholders to conduct awareness campaigns in schools, colleges, and beyond, adopting a holistic approach that targets the younger population while involving parents.

He requested detailed reports from relevant departments regarding measures taken to combat the drug menace in the district. Tehsildars must be specifically directed to make provisions for the

identification tracking mechanism system. Furthermore, Kesri demanded conducting sensitization programs on drugs in different blocks. He stressed the necessity for sustained efforts from law enforcement agencies and urged all stakeholders to work together in a coordinated manner.

Kesri demanded education department to promote anti-drug abuse awareness in all educational institutions and acquaint the students about its ill effects on the health of society.

He urged Police department to keep strict vigil on drug proliferation, consumption and intensify awareness against such addictive substances involving concerned stakeholders from civil administration.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Balveer Kumar, District Udhampur President Rajesh Khajuria, Rural District Head Anil Vijay Kumar, Advisor Mohan Lal Malhotra, Senior Deputy Chief Rajendra Singh, Pritam Singh, Rajesh Jhanda, Pankaj Kumar, Rahul Kumar, Varun Kumar Sharma, Vijay Singh besides others.

Inspired by visionary leadership of PM, Youths are joining BJP: Rekha Mahajan



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 10: A large number of youths join BJP SC Morcha in the esteem presence of BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan, Prabhari Ayodhya Gupta, District General Secretary Pushpinder Singh, Morcha Prabhari Vijay Anand Gill, Manohar Lal, Manohar Lal Menia along with team members here

at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

The Programme was organized by BJP SC Morcha District Jammu South President Umesh Kumar.

The youths said they are all driven and inspired by the works under the dynamic, vibrant, vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi and also impressed by the service rendered by the

union territory of J&K, BJP's erstwhile state leadership which compelled them to join the nationalist party.

Rekha Mahajan, while welcoming the new entrants into the party fold added that youth power shall boost the morale of the BJP cadre and help us to take the policies of government to the Gross root level. She said that every worker of

the party works with the principle of the nation first in mind and the prime minister has himself established the highest benchmark of serving the society and the nation selflessly. Rekha also welcomed the youths belonging to the different segments of society and lauded them for their decision to join the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Rekha Mahajan, remarked while interactive sessions with the workers, she asserted, that "the BJP has always acted as a family that respects everybody and cares for everyone". She said the party has always opened up arms for those who want to serve the nation and society unconditionally and she congratulated the new entrants and urged them to work hard and empower the poor and marginalized with full dedication and devotion.

Several prominent persons join Lok Janshakti Party (Ramvilas)

BJP Govt has set poor man's Kitchen on fire in J&K: Malik



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 10: Several prominent persons today joined Lok Janshakti Party (Ramvilas) in presence of Rafiq Malik State President JKUT, RP Singh State General Secretary, Subash Chander Sharma Jammu Province General Secretary, Mahraj Krishan Bhat State President Migrant Cell, Mulkh Raj State President SC Cell. The newly joined were given assignments as officer bearers including Davinder Pal Singh State President Minority Cell JKUT, Harjeet Singh, State General Secretary Minority Cell JKUT, Jangbahadur Singh State Secretary JKUT. Among others who joined Congress today include Jagjeet Singh, V.S Risam, S.Daleep Singh, S.Chanchal Singh, Simardeep Singh, Arvinder Pal

Singh, Tarsem Singh, Parvinder Singh, Karan Singh, Davinder Singh besides others.

Speaking on the occasion, Malik voiced the frustration of many by stating, "People of Jammu have been diligently paying their electricity bills, but now being gifted smart meters. They are not financially capable of paying the tariffs based on meter readings. We are not against the idea, but shouldn't the authorities consider the people's ability to pay?" He claimed that people from the unprivileged section wouldn't be able to make their both ends meet if they spend their earnings on power bills.

Malik said BJP Govt has set the poor man's Kitchen on fire with prices of wheat flour, edible oil, pulses, vegetables and fruits are

skyrocketing. While the common people are in acute distress, the Govt is in ecstasy after pushing the prices of essential commodities from tomato to petrol beyond reach," Bhalla said. Castigating the sycophants of the Govt for not telling the truth about savagely rising prices and peaking unemployment, Malik said "while the budgets of middle-class households have derailed, the poor cannot afford the basic food for sustenance.

Malik pointed out, the government has continuously implemented anti-people measures, as if seeking revenge from the people. "Instead of providing relief to the people, the government keeps imposing unjust measures one after another," he lamented. He further warned that the government's actions were testing the patience of the people in J&K, and that continued such measures would be met with strong resistance. "They are already suffering from previous anti-people measures, and they will not accept this new measure as it directly impacts the survival of their families," Malik said. He said after installation of smart meters, people are getting bills in thousands of rupees. He asserted that they were against the current approach to installing prepaid smart meters due to the burden of hefty bills on households where these meters had been implemented.

SRS expresses grave concern over unscrupulous attempt to commercialize Jogi Gate Cremation Ground



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 10: Shri Ram Sena, Jammu and Kashmir, has raised a serious alarm concerning the ongoing attempts by unscrupulous elements to convert the hallowed Jogi Gate cremation ground in Prem Nagar, Jammu, into a commercial complex.

In a statement released today, Rajiv Mahajan, President of Shri Ram Sena, Jammu & Kashmir, voiced his deep concerns over the alarming construction activities occurring in close proximity to the main entrance of the historic Jogi Gate.

Mahajan expressed his dismay,

revealing that some unscrupulous elements are actively engaged in constructing shops on the sacred ground of Jogi Gate cremation ground.

These shops had previously been demolished by the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) under the leadership of the then JMC Commissioner, Avny Lavasa. The demolition was carried out due to the construction work being initiated without the requisite permissions.

Mahajan said that previous shops constructed on the land of Jogi Gate were sold to individuals under the pretext of 'Pagri,' with these shops subsequently being falsely categor-

ized as 'Karayanama' or rental basis in official records. Mahajan expressed his apprehension that if the ongoing illegal construction work at Jogi Gate is not promptly stopped by the administration, these unscrupulous elements may succeed in selling these shops at exorbitant prices, only to have them deceitfully categorized as 'Karayanama' once again. Additionally, Rajiv Mahajan also called upon these unscrupulous elements to desist from their efforts to raise illegal construction on this sacred place. He emphasized the universal truth that everyone, regardless of their background or beliefs, ultimately covers their last journey at a cremation ground.

Furthermore, he stressed that the preservation of cultural and sacred sites is not just a responsibility of the government and authorities but a collective duty shared by all members of society. He urged the community to come together in protecting the heritage and legacy of Jogi Gate for the benefit of present and future generations.

Rajiv Mahajan appealed to the Lt Governor to intervene in this matter and direct the authorities concerned to take immediate action to stop ongoing illegal construction at Jogi Gate.

Success of G20 under PM Modi's realms watershed moment for nation: Kavinder

Prominent Muslim leader along with hundreds of supporters join BJP



J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 10: Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, today commended India's hosting of the G20 Summit, a global forum of major economies. The prestigious event signifies India's emergence as a key player in the international arena and a testament to the nation's commitment to global cooperation and diplomacy.

Speaking at the joining programme held here today, Kavinder said the G20 Summit, under the presidency of Prime

Minister Narendra Modi, is a platform for world leaders to engage in substantive discussions and collaborate on critical issues that impact not only their respective nations but the entire world. It provides a unique opportunity to address pressing challenges such as economic slowdown, terrorism, and public health crises, among others, he added.

Kavinder Gupta acknowledged that the hosting of the G20 Summit in India is a momentous occasion, demonstrating the nation's dedication to the principles of unity, peace,

and international cooperation. The summit has garnered appreciation from top world leaders, including US President Joe Biden, French President Emmanuel Macron, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, and Russian ministers, who have lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and India's role as the host.

The former deputy Chief Minister highlighted that India, under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Modi, has made remarkable strides in various sectors and continues to play a pivotal role in shaping the global agenda.

He expressed confidence that India's participation in the G20 Summit will contribute significantly to addressing critical global challenges and fostering stronger international partnerships.

Meanwhile, in a significant political development, Tahir Ali Shah, a prominent Muslim leader, along with hundreds of his supporters, officially joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in presence of Kavinder Gupta, Ranjodh Singh Nalwa, Convener Minority Morcha, BJP, Jammu and Kashmir; Santokh Singh, General Secretary; Harpal Bali; Jasmeet Kour; and Yashpal Singh at the Party headquarters in Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Kavinder welcomed these youths into the party fold and anticipated that their joining will strengthen the party base at their respective places.

The newly joined members assured that they will work tirelessly to bring in vibrancy and strengthen the party at grassroots level.

MP Khatana commends PM Modi's Visionary Leadership, Calls for more inclusive policies

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 10: BJP MP Rajya Sabha, Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, has commended the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, acknowledging its transformative impact not only on Indian politics but also on the global stage. Khatana emphasized that India's role in hosting the G20 meeting, with Prime Minister Modi at the helm, has brought a renewed sense of hope for global peace and stability. In a world grappling with numerous challenges, including economic slowdown, terrorism, and healthcare crises, this leadership offers a beacon of optimism.

MP Gulam Ali Khatana noted that prominent world leaders, such as US President Joe Biden, French President Emmanuel Macron, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, and Russian officials, have expressed their appreciation for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership as the host of the G20 summit. They recognize India's unwavering commitment to the principles of unity and peace on the global stage.

Turning to domestic affairs, Khatana underscored Prime Minister Narendra Modi's exceptional leadership over the past nine



years. He commended Modi's dedicated focus on uplifting the poorest of the poor and propelling the nation to greater heights.

MP Gulam Ali Khatana also highlighted several path-breaking initiatives introduced by the BJP government to benefit the common masses.

These initiatives include the Ayushman Bharat scheme, which aims to provide healthcare access to millions, and the distribution of free ration to 80 crore individuals to address food security challenges during and after the Covid-19 pandemic. He also praised the Ujjwala scheme, among others, which have significantly improved the lives of

many.

During his tenure, MP Gulam Ali Khatana has actively engaged with various delegations and groups. Among those who met with him were representatives from the All J&K VLWs (Panchayat Secretary) Association, JSA Waiting List selectees, the president of Balakote BP Mandal, and residents from Mendhar who were advocating for the construction of a road from Mohalla Peeran to Therpal NABARD road.

These interactions allowed Khatana to listen to the concerns and demands of his constituents and work towards addressing them effectively.

Jasrotia collects soil from martyrs Gari Singh & Kawal Singh's villages for 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' program



J I NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, SEPT 10: Continuing his campaign under Meri Mati Mera Desh program former Minister Rajiv Jasrotia today visited Martyr Gari Singh village Jasrotia and Martyr Kawal Singh village Logate and collected Mitti of Martyrs villages expecting that all the stakeholders would play a strong role in keeping the state's reputation intact in the country through the successful implementation of the 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' events.

Speaking on the occasion, Jasrotia said that 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' program has been taken as part of the concluding program of Azadi Ka Amrit Mohotsav. In this program, soil is being collected from

every panchayat across the country which will be brought to Delhi to pay tribute to the national heroes, and the Azadi Ka Amrit Mohotsav Memorial and Amrit Bhatika will be constructed there.

He said Meri Maati Mera Desh' envisions a unified celebration of India's soil and valour, commemorating the nation's journey of freedom and progress. By connecting with the land and honoring our heroes, this program has instilled a sense of national pride and inspired future generations to protect India's cherished heritage.

Jasrotia further said that fundamental aspect of the program is to express heartfelt gratitude to all the bravehearts (Veers and Veeranganas) who have made the

supreme sacrifice. On the Shilaphalakam, names of the bravehearts shall be inscribed. These shall include freedom fighters, defense personnel, personnel of Central Armed Police Forces and State Police who laid down their lives in the line of duty, he added.

At the memorial site, people are taking a solemn pledge covering Panch Pran of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, affirming their commitment to the country. This campaign this year has successfully promoted 'Jan Bhagidari' by conducting different programs and events at village, Panchayat, Block, Urban Local Body, State and National levels. Jasrotia claimed that the 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' campaign is an idea to celebrate India's soil and valour and aims to enhance interaction & promote mutual understanding between people of different states/UTs.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Narendra Singh, Ashok Jasrotia, Gyan Singh, Sardar JP Singh, Sarpanch Sudarshan Khajuriya, Sardar Gurmeet Singh, Sardar Daljit Singh, Surinder Kumar, Bhupinder Raj, Aniruddh Sharma, Raghubir Singh, Karam Singh, Jagdish Pooniya, Ravindra Pathania, Romi Jandial, Mehtab Singh, Dhruv Singh B Tilak Raj.

MSCBM Trust empowers students through art workshop

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 10: Artists of the Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Trust (MSCBMT) conducted a transformative art workshop at the Higher Secondary School and Middle School in Kothibag, Srinagar. The workshop aimed to enhance students' understanding and skills in the field of art, with a special focus on portrait making.

The week-long art workshop, organized under the auspices of the Ministry of Culture of the Union Government, revolved around the theme of 'Vanishing Art and Culture of J&K'. Notable artists including Anas Sultan, Kishore Kumar, Gopal Krushna Samantray, Vijay Kumar, Digbijayee Khatua, Javaid Iqbal, Mohd Yusuf Baccha, Masood Hussain,



Prof Zahoor Zargar, and M.A. Mehboob actively participated in the event.

During the workshop, the artists passionately shared their expertise regarding the skills and techniques involved in portrait making. The students were engaged in interactive sessions, where the essential features to be taken care of while painting portraits

were discussed and demonstrated. Anuradha Rishi, Chairperson of the Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Trust, expressed her excitement about the workshop and its impact on the participating students.

She emphasized the Trust's commitment to promoting art and culture, particularly in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

Kashmir.

Anuradha Rishi further stated, "Through this workshop, we aimed to explore the hidden talents among school-going children at an early stage. By providing them with the skills and knowledge in art, we hope to nurture their creativity and passion for artistic expression. Our Trust is dedicated to empowering young minds and preserving the rich heritage of J&K's art and culture."

She asserted that the Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Trust has been actively working towards the promotion of art and culture through various initiatives. This art workshop stands as a testament to their dedication in fostering artistic development and preserving the unique identity of Jammu & Kashmir, she added.

Major political shift in Kishtwar as over 50 activists, including Councillor, embrace BJP

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KISHTWAR, SEPT 10: In a significant political development in Kishtwar, more than 50 political and social activists, hailing from various backgrounds, including the National Conference and Peoples Democratic Party, made a decisive move by joining the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

This momentous event took place in the presence of Jammu and Kashmir State General Secretary & Former Minister Sunil Kumar Sharma, District President Chuni Lal, and Muslim Morcha District President Mansoor Mattoo.

Notably, this move includes the participation of Councillor Zahid Sheikh, along with his supporters, who transitioned to the BJP after their association with



regional parties for over two years.

The decision of these prominent political and social activists to align themselves with the BJP is a noteworthy development and is expected to bolster the party's aspirations of securing 50 plus seats in the upcoming assembly elections, with the ultimate goal of forming its own government in Jammu and Kashmir.

The warm welcome

extended to the new members of the BJP family underscores the recognition of the efforts put forth by the local leadership, particularly the commendable work of Muslim Morcha President Mansoor Mattoo.

The infusion of fresh talent and dedication from these new entrants is seen as a crucial step in the party's mission to strengthen its presence and influence at all levels.

The local community has also expressed its appreciation for the diligent efforts of Muslim Morcha President Kishtwar in advancing the party's interests and expanding its reach in the region. This notable shift in political allegiances reflects the dynamic landscape of politics in Kishtwar and sets the stage for potential changes in the political dynamics of the region.

Natrang enthalls audiences with Hindi Play 'Parda Uthne Se Pehle'

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JAMMU, SEPT 10: In its weekly theater series, Sunday Theatre, Natrang presented a captivating new Hindi play titled 'Parda Uthne Se Pehle' at its Studio Theatre in Kachi Chawni, Jammu. This engaging play, written by Rajinder Kumar Sharma and directed by Neeraj Kant, explored the dynamics of passion for acting and the challenges it poses in relationships.

'Parda Uthne Se Pehle' revolves around the life of Anil, a man deeply passionate about acting, much to the chagrin of his wife, Sheela. As the play unfolds, we see Sheela expressing her frustration with Anil's theatrical pursuits, believing that no husband should be so engrossed in drama. Anil's arrival at home triggers a heated exchange between the couple, with Sheela demanding that if drama is what he desires in life, he should send her back to her parents' house.

In a bid to pacify Sheela, Anil changes his approach and praises her, declaring that she will now be the heroine of his play. This shift occurs because the original lead actress, Veena, has mysteriously disappeared without notice, and Anil's play is scheduled for the day after tomorrow. Anil, determined to proceed, starts coaching Sheela for the role.

However, their rehearsal is interrupted when a man arrives to col-



lect entry passes for the play. Anil is forced to resume practice, only to have his chatty neighbor, Makhan Lal, intrude and engage him in trivial conversations. Anil barely manages to free himself from Makhan Lal's clutches when his son Munnu arrives, threatening to disrupt their efforts. They send Munnu away with an excuse and return to rehearsing the final scene, where Anil dramatically points Munnu's toy pistol at Sheela.

Unbeknownst to Anil, his neighbors Pindidas and Subramaniam overhear the commotion and mistakenly believe that Anil is harming Sheela. Anil must work hard to convince them that it was merely a rehearsal for his play.

The climax of the play arrives when Veena, the missing actress, finally makes her entrance. Upon

discovering the truth about Anil's intentions with Veena, Sheela exposes him, leading to a dramatic and unexpected conclusion. Anil realizes that his play has ended even before the curtain could rise.

The cast of the play featured talented Natrang young artists, including Chirag Anand, Abhimanyu Choudhary, Sumit Bandaral, Mehak Singh, Palshin Dutta, Harsh Dogra, Nikhil Sharma, Chaitanya Shekhar, and Sonali Sharma. The play's lighting and music were expertly handled by Neeraj Kant, with presentations managed by Mahikshit Singh and coordination overseen by Mohd. Yaseen.

'Parda Uthne Se Pehle' was a captivating exploration of the world of theater and its impact on personal relationships, leaving the audience entertained and thoughtful.

Join 'Meri Matti Mera Desh' campaign wholeheartedly to honour Martyrs: Purnima Sharma

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JAMMU, SEPT 10: Advocate Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir and former Deputy Mayor has appealed to the people to come forward wholeheartedly and join the campaign being carried under the 'Meri Mitti Mera Desh' in order to pay their tributes to the martyrs of this nation to whom we owe our existence and enjoy the fruits of democracy. She expressed this in her address while attending a 'Meri Mitti Mera Desh' programme held in Aithem area here today. The programme was organised by Rekha Ji, Panch Aithem. Speaking about the 'Meri Mitti Mera Desh' Campaign, Purnima said that it is the duty of all the



citizens of this nation to honour the ultimate sacrifice of the martyrs and the best tribute to them at present would be to join the nationwide campaign 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' displaying their proactive participation. She said that through our participation in 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaigns we pay tributes to martyrs of the world's largest democracy who laid down their lives in defending the nation. She said that under this cam-

paign we visit the martyrs' houses and collect soil from there. The collected soil will then be sent to the National Capital to be merged with the soil at 'Amrit Vatika' in front of Rashtrapati Bhawan on 'Kartavya Path' she added. It is pertinent to mention here that 'Kartavya Path' is the new name of formerly known Rajpath. The senior BJP leader stated that these campaigns will be carried out under the slogan, "Mitti

Ko Naman, Veeron Ka Vandan" to celebrate 77 years of Indian Independence. She said that the Kalash Yatras carrying the soil in 7500 urns including the ones collected from Jammu and Kashmir will finally reach the nation's capital Delhi to be merged with the soil at 'Amrit Vatika'. Prominent among those present on the occasion were Ex Panch, Ex Sarpanch and a large number of respectable local people of the area.

KPC urges community to mark September 14 as 'Black Day' in memory of martyrs

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JAMMU, SEPT 10: In a significant meeting held in New Delhi, the Kashmiri Pandit Conference (KPC) has called upon the Kashmiri Pandit community to observe September 14, 2023, as a 'Black Day.' The chief of KPC, Kundan Kashmiri, has issued a heartfelt appeal to Kashmiri Pandits across the nation, urging them to wear black badges, switch off lights, and stand united in remembrance. Kundan Kashmiri emphasized the importance of this collective act of remembrance and protest. He stressed that by observing 'Black Day,' the community can draw the attention of the nation's political leaders to the challenges and injustices faced by Kashmiri Pandits. This

solemn day is not only a reflection of their condemnation of atrocities but also a call to expose those responsible for their suffering. The chief of KPC called upon all members of the Kashmiri Pandit Biradari (community) to wear black badges and switch off lights in their homes and businesses during the evening, known as 'Sandhya.' This symbolic gesture aims to bring to light the struggles and tragedies that led to the forced exodus of Kashmiri Pandits from the valley. Additionally, KPC supporters and activists are encouraged to use social media and other platforms to educate the younger generation and the wider public about the horrific events and killings that marked this dark period in history.

Kundan Kashmiri also expressed his concern about the current state of affairs in the valley. He pointed out that not only the Islamist and secessionist leaders but even a significant section of so-called mainstream politicians, who once held power, are now engaging in divisive communal and separatist politics. This has raised concerns about the interests and well-being of the Kashmiri Pandit community, who have deep roots in the region. In closing, KPC's chief appealed to the entire Kashmiri Pandit community to come together, unite for their rights, land, and property, and pay homage to their beloved martyrs. On September 14, 2023, they are encouraged to observe this day as a "BLACK

DAY." This observance includes wearing black badges, switching off lights for half an hour during the evening (Sandhya), followed by prayers at their respective locations to honor the memory of their martyrs and security forces who sacrificed their lives for the Kashmiri Pandit community and the nation. This call for unity and remembrance resonates as a powerful expression of resilience and a plea for justice and recognition. Kashmiri Pandit Conference (KPC) Calls for Observing 'Black Day' on September 14, 2023, to Remember Martyrs and Highlight Injustices Faced by the Community. KPC Chief, Kundan Kashmiri, Urges Pandits Nationwide to Wear Black Badges, Switch Off Lights, and Unite in Solidarity.

Poonch Campus hostel takes stand against drug menace with inspiring painting event

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POONCH, SEPT 10: Poonch Campus University of Jammu, a renowned educational institution committed to community development, has successfully organized a powerful and impactful event aimed at tackling the critical issue of drug abuse through art. The "Painting Event on Drug Menace," held today on the premises of the Girls' Hostel, brought together talented artists and students to raise awareness and unite against the drug menace. Participants included boarders from both the Girls' and Boys' Hostels. The drug menace is a significant threat to communities, affecting individuals, families, and society as a whole. Recognizing the urgency of addressing this issue, Poonch Campus embarked on a creative journey to shed light on the consequences of drug abuse. In his message, Director of Poonch Campus, Prof. Rakesh Vaid, congratulated the boarders from

both the Girls' and Boys' Hostels, particularly Warden Hostel Dr. Rubia Bukhari, for organizing the "Painting Event on Drug Menace." He emphasized the gravity of the drug menace, stating, "The event provided a platform for students to channel their creative talents to address the drug menace through various forms of visual art." Prof. Vaid further mentioned that Poonch Campus had opened its doors to the public, fostering a sense of community and encouraging a collective effort to combat drug abuse. Highlighting the collaborative efforts of Poonch Campus with local organizations, government agencies, and NGOs in addressing the drug menace, Prof. Vaid stressed the importance of a comprehensive approach. Dr. Rubia Bukhari, the visionary coordinator of the event, expressed her enthusiasm, saying, "Art has a unique ability to transcend boundaries and create a profound impact on society. Through this painting event, we aim to inspire change and

raise awareness about the devastating consequences of drug abuse. Together, we can work towards a drug-free and healthier community." She extended her gratitude to all the students who made the event a resounding success. "This effort sends a strong message to our community that together, we can make a difference in the fight against the drug menace," she added. Poonch Campus is a distinguished educational institution dedicated to promoting education, culture, and community development. With a steadfast commitment to holistic growth, Poonch Campus strives to create a positive impact on society through various educational and awareness initiatives. Participants in the poster-making event on drug menace included Shivali Sonia, Proctor of Girls' Hostel; Ajay Sadotra, Proctor of Boys' Hostel; Nitish Singh Pangotra; Chail Singh; Jyoti Sharma; Simran Shan; Kajal Bhandari; Shakshi Devi; Bindiya Verma; and Shaista Shabir.

DIET Kishtwar conducts three-Day Workshop for Librarians, Junior Librarians

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KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 10: District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) Kishtwar conducted a three-day workshop for librarians, Junior Librarians and Library Assistants here on its campus. As many as 42 officials were actively engaged in the workshop to promote reading, thinking and community discussions and guarantee free library access to all students and

teacher community. The three day workshop was inaugurated by Sr. Lecturer DIET Kishtwar Riaz Ahmed Butt also the wing Head "Planning and Management" in presence of senior Lecturers R.A Giri, F.A Giri, Humaira Ayub and the other resource persons of DIET Kishtwar. The main objective of imparting training to librarians/ junior librarians was to make them aware that its workforce needs to be skilled,

competent and confident because they are subject to continual change, especially in today's digital information environment in which libraries operate mean that we need to be flexible, agile and continually evolving. The trainees were sensitized to embrace change, and its workforce was motivated to work hard and develop its professional and technical skills so that modern day requirements may be met accordingly.

"Bharat" is our motherland, Proud of seeing name used at international meets: Raman Suri

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JAMMU, SEPT 10: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K Executive Member Raman Suri today said that 'Bharat' is our motherland and each one of us must feel proud for getting back this name after centuries. After President Droupadi Murmu used the 'President of Bharat' on the official invitation extended to G20 nation heads, our Prime Minister Narendra Modi used the name 'Bharat' on the podium from where he addressed the G20 nation heads. Various rulers and invaders had been referring to our proud and prosperous nation by multiple names but today, when the name Bharat is widely being used even at international meets, opposition leaders are getting irked and giving unreasonable arguments just to satisfy their false egos. Raman Suri said, "We welcome the "Bharat" nomenclature and even if Article 1 of the Constitution,



says that India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States, getting back just one ancient name Bharat will be a welcome step. Opposition parties had themselves been using 'Bharat' in their campaigns, manifestos, speeches and invites but because it is the BJP government at the Centre that came out with the novel idea of reverting to ancient name Bharat, they are getting irked. Raman Suri said that the decision to use 'Bharat' is a welcome state-

ment against the colonial mindset. Ideally, this should have happened long back but it did not, since Congress like parties, impressed with British era names, didnot bother to revert to the name Bharat. Today, the entire nation feels happy and derives a sense of satisfaction on listening to the name 'Bharat', that is widely being used in offices, speeches, even on signboards, songs, films, government vehicles and office works. The BJP leader said that since the President of Bharat Droupadi Murmu has a given priority to 'Bharat' while inviting G20 nation heads, we all must follow the same and feel proud in our Bharat and its achievements. There should be no controversy about this name and the nation must discard 'India' by switching over to 'Bharat' and start using it in our conversations, letters, works, signboards, office works and at all other places wherever the country's name is required to be mentioned.

Miseries of common people increased manifold under BJP Govt: Dr Manohar

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JAMMU, SEPT 10: Former Minister Dr Manohar Lal Sharma today organized monthly public meeting at Six Acres Farm Mandli to listen to public issues. Prominent among those present on the occasion include Sham Spolia Block President. Romal Singh Block President. Raj Kumar ji. Ramesh Spolia Ex Sarpanch, Karan Dev Singh Ex Sarpanch, Dyal Singh, Jaswant Singh Raju from dewal join Dr Manohar Lal Sharma party. Mohd Nadeem Ex Sarpanch, Rangeel Singh Makhnu, Ch Mahmmud, Vipul Sharma Youth, Surinder Thripathi, Jagdish Singh, Joginder Singh Retd Head Master, Ghar Chand Verma, Mast Ram, Hukam Chand Retd Master, Chran Dass Prohit, Rominder Singh. Kauldeep Singh Mankotia. Chran Dass Thangria. Capt Bansi Lal, Capt Girdhari Lal, Ravi Kanth, Romal Singh, Shori Lal, Puran Singh, Retd Master, Sunil Singh Bhadwar, Jeetam Singh, Jattu Ram From Khowh, Shiv Kumar ji, Hans Raj recently retired join Dr Manohar Lal Sharma party, Zafar iqbal, Pankaj Nath, Ajit Singh Lamberdhar Join Dr Manohar Lal Party, Karnail Singh.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Manohar highlight the issue of deployment of smart meters in J&K, power outages, price-rise, imposition of property tax, Toll Plazas and other such issues which are hampering the daily lives of people in Jammu and Kashmir demanding closing toll plazas, stopping to install prepaid smart meters, rollback of property tax terming them anti-people decisions. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Manohar said people of J&K are already distressed both economically and politically in view of the long spell of terrorism and the prevailing security situation coupled with the Centre's experiments to deal with the problem as a result the normal business and other activities remain derailed to great extent. In such a situation, J&K can't be equated with other UTs or states in the matter of taxations, especially when no facilities of the like are available here," he added. Dr Manohar said bureaucratic regime under the command of the central government is harassing the common man by issuing series of anti-people orders. Claiming that the Modi government has pushed the country into a "vicious cycle" of inflation, he said the prices of essential commodities will automatically fall if the prices of petroleum products are reduced, as it would lead to decrease in transportation costs accusing the Modi government of "ruthlessly profiteering" from the sale of petrol and diesel.

Dr Manohar said without any elected Government, the people of J&K easily fall prey to the malicious tactics of BJP. People are being exploited as taxes in the form of power tariffs, toll taxes, property tax etc and prices soar through the roof. This has been an ongoing issue ever since the advent of BJP. He said that imposition of property tax was another blow to the already economically and politically distressed people of the region by the bureaucratic UT regime and the Centre in the absence of an elected government. Dr Manohar said BJP Government in the State and BJP Government at the Centre has increased the miseries of common people manifold. He said rise in prices of food grains, cooking gas, vegetables, fertilizers, seeds have broken the backbone of the common man. The poor middle class BPL people are hand to mouth and their purchasing capacity sharply come down. The people are feeling insecure. Are these "good days", Dr Manohar asked, adding that the common man is praying to God for "old bad days". Dr Manohar said in present situation, common man cannot have his own house due to rise in prices of cement and steel, sand, bajri and other building material items like wood etc. BJP Government has not even spared the cost of recharging mobile connections. Service tax on mobiles has badly hit the common youth. The Govt at the centre and UT administration is choosing the opportunity to take certain decisions against the wishes and aspirations and interests of the general people, forcing the people to protest and come on roads, added Dr Manohar. The mining policies of the Govt, leads to great sufferings to all people especially the manifold confusion, smuggling, price hike of building material due to wrong policies of the Govt. The Administration and the Centre keep on making decisions for Jammu and Kashmir's public without any inputs from the stakeholders or thinking of any of the consequences. In a recent example, the installation of smart meters without any control of power tariffs first will cause an immediate and massive financial burden on the consumers, Dr Manohar said. Dr Manohar also briefed on other major issues including withdrawal of old age and widow pensions is another cause of concern. There is an increase of wine shops in residential areas across the city. What does this say about the priorities of the Government? All policies are focussed towards increasing the earnings of the government, whereas the other aspects such as social welfare and quality of life are being neglected.

Drugs-a gateway to destruction: Swami Shri Rajeshwaranand

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JAMMU, SEPT 10: Jai Deva Mission Founder Swami Shri Rajeshwaranand Ji Maharaj and Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir Unit President Manish Sahni expressed deep concern over the increasing drug trade and growing number of youth getting trapped in drug addiction in the city of temples, Jammu. They sent a message to the youth to stay away from drugs and demanded the enforcement of prohibition in Jammu and Kashmir. During a program organized at the Shiv Sena state office in Jammu today, Swami Rajeshwaranand Ji Maharaj and Manish Sahni jointly addressed the media and expressed their deep concern over the rising activities of drug traffickers in the city of temples and the growing addiction among the youth. Swami Rajeshwaranand addressed the youth, stating that "Nasha Naash ka Dwara Hai" (Drugs are the gateway to destruction). He emphasized that the more



drugs penetrate into their lives, the more they get immersed in the clutches of destruction. Similarly, Sahni mentioned that there is an abundance of liquor shops in the city of temples, which is the first step towards addiction. Along with that, the activity of trafficking drugs like charas, bhukki, and heroin is also increasing day by day. The future and lives of the youth, who are addicted to drugs, are in danger. Sahni highlighted the growing attraction of youth towards Western culture and hookah, which is proving to be the cause of the destruction of our cultural identity.

Out of the total population of 13 million in Jammu and Kashmir, approximately 10 lakhs people have fallen prey to the addiction to drugs. Saints, sages, holy men, and even the heavens on earth known as Jammu and Kashmir are being rapidly captured by the drug trade, he added. Swami Rajeshwaranand Ji Maharaj and Manish Sahni have requested the youth to stay away from drugs and urged the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha to enforce strict prohibition of drugs in Jammu and Kashmir and take stern action against the elements involved in the drug trafficking.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"An eye for and eye will only make the whole world blind." - Mahatma Gandhi

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SPEED UP BORDER INFRA PROJECTS

India and China standoff over the territorial dispute continue to remain a cause of concern for the Asian continent. China, under its expansionist agenda, is unnecessarily trying to usurp the Indian land in Eastern Ladakh which has been strongly countered by the Indian forces. The Chinese government has been expanding its base in the region by building up massive infrastructure including buildings and roads. Sensing the urgency and sensitivity of the matter, India under the leadership of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has not only given free hand to the forces to defeat any nefarious design of the neighbouring country but also thrust upon raising infrastructure in Ladakh region. Under this policy, the Border Roads Organisation is now set to embark on a significant infrastructure project in the eastern Ladakh region of Jammu and Kashmir. At an estimated cost of Rs 218 crore, the BRO will construct a strategically vital airfield in the Nyoma belt. This development is scheduled to be inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on September 12. The mega project seems to be coming against the backdrop of the ongoing border dispute between two countries as a thaw in the India-China relations has remained elusive so far. The airfield is expected to augment air infrastructure in Ladakh and boost the Indian Air Force's battle-readiness along the northern border. It is critical to ensure that such important projects are completed within their timelines. Any delay can be detrimental to the interests of national security. Worrisome is the fact that the strategic Sela tunnel in Arunachal Pradesh, which will facilitate faster deployment of troops and weapons to forward areas in the Tawang sector, has already missed a series of deadlines. New Delhi has stepped up efforts to strengthen border infrastructure in a bid to keep pace with the relentless build-up by Beijing. The Defence Minister would also inaugurate 90 projects, built by the BRO along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) at a cost of Rs 2,941 crore, tomorrow. These include roads, bridges, tunnels and airfields in 10 border states and union territories. Last year, 103 BRO infrastructure projects were dedicated to the nation at a cost of Rs 2,897 crore. The BRO chief, Lt Gen Rajeev Chaudhry, has candidly admitted that India is behind China in raising border infrastructure, but he added that the country is catching up fast by dint of speedy execution of strategic projects to bolster military operations. In his estimation, India will almost draw level with China in the next three to four years. However, it would be naïve to presume that Beijing would take its foot off the pedal in the coming years. Even as military and diplomatic parleys between the two sides are likely to continue, India must go all out to scale up its presence along the LAC. Moreover, thrust should also be given on liberal funding for raising border infrastructure so that no enemy country dares to challenge the sovereignty of India.

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The manufacture of discontent

BY SHASHI WARRIER

The whole thing about discontent," he explained, "is to keep it simple, and to repeat it over and over. The other day my friend Murthy demonstrated that his nose for my Scotch is as keen as ever. I'd just got myself a couple of bottles in anticipation of a visit from a close friend when he turned up. He wasn't alone: he had a in tow a stranger who looked like he could handle a hefty tot or two. "Meet Sridhar," he said, when the drinks were on the table and the snacks frying in the kitchen. "Sridhar is into business." Sridhar held out his business card. "Cellphones, tablets, and laptops" he said. "Any time you want one of those with a proper warranty, get in touch. I'll give you the best price you can get." "Thanks," I said. "What brands do you handle?" "Just one," he said. He named a fruit brand that I never buy. Not that I have anything against it, but I can't afford it. Any one of several Chinese brands is good enough. "Great!" I said. "I must visit your showroom one of these days." He pointed at the card, which was lying on the table. "Business is good," he said. "Call before you come, and I'll see to it that they treat you well." "Thanks," I said. Turning to Murthy, I asked, "So what's up?" "The usual," he said. "Some people are unhappy with the new government. They say the government haven't kept the promises they made during the election campaign."

"How does the government respond?" I asked. "Saying that the Opposition's lying," replied Murthy. "Though the Opposition's doing something else." "What's that?" I asked. "Manufacturing discontent," he replied. "That's how the system works. You get enough people frustrated at the government, they vote against the government, a new party becomes the government, and the old government begins to manufacture discontent." "But the government in Delhi keeps going," I said. "The whole thing about discontent," he explained, "is to keep it simple, and to repeat it over and over. Goebbels figured that out nearly a century ago. But when you have a couple of small national parties and more than a dozen regional parties trying work it together, they find it very difficult to agree on what people should be discontented about. They have too many separate matters of discontent, and can't agree which the most important should be." "And the truth?" I asked. "That depends on which philosopher you believe," he replied with a grin. "The truth could be a figment of your imagination, but it's always irrelevant." His grin widened. "The politician's first axiom is this: if it gets you votes, it's good for you. That's just how the system works." "What about taking care of the needs of the country?" I asked. "Irrelevant, again," he replied. "Here's axiom two: it's easier for any Opposition to make people discontented than for

any government to satisfy people. Axiom three is that you don't do anything unless you absolutely have to. So nobody's going to worry about what they should be doing. They're only thinking of winning the next election, or the one after." "What do you mean?" I asked. "The one after?" "That's if you're in government," he replied. "If you are, you resign yourself to losing the next election and focus on raising a war-chest big enough to win the one after. Unless, of course, you have a fragmented Opposition, in which case you raise a war-chest big enough to win another series of elections. But, in any case, there's no need to do what you should be doing, meaning looking after the country's people." "So the bottom line," I said, "is that you look after yourself and choose which people to make unhappy." His face lit up. "You got it!" he said. "Now you're fit to be a politician." He looked at his watch. "I've got to be going now," he said. "Sridhar will find his own way back home." Sridhar, who'd been listening to this conversation with open-mouthed concentration, smiled as Murthy headed for the door. After I resumed my seat, he said, "I've never heard Murthy speak like this." "What do you mean?" I asked. "I've just learned that I'm a politician, too," he replied, his smile widening. "How come?" I asked. "Isn't your job customer satisfaction?" He shook his head and grinned.

"That's a very small part of my job. My real job is to create new customers to whom I can sell more of my goods." "What do you mean?" I asked. "Customer satisfaction doesn't last," he said. "So when a customer is unhappy with the product, I persuade him to buy the next model. So, you see, most unhappy customers are customers who buys a more expensive product." "But you said your job is to create new customers," I said. "What you said just now is about keeping customers, not creating them." "You got it!" he said, echoing Murthy. "The simplest way to create new customers is to make them unhappy with that they have. If you make enough people unhappy enough with what they have, at least some of those will buy your product." "But how do you make them unhappy?" I asked. "Easy!" he said. "I tell them what their product can't do that mine can. The manufacturer helps." "And what about the things their product can do that yours can't?" I asked. "I make them feel those features are passe," he said. "No high end customer wants them." He finished his drink and rose. "Do come," he said as he left. When I looked at the sadly depleted bottle of Scotch, I couldn't help thinking that I was another person that he'd left discontented... (Shashi Warriar has written fairy tales, thrillers, a semi-fictional biography, satires, and a love story. Besides writing, he teaches strategic communication at a business school.)

Bharat vs India: Don't create new fault lines

BY PARSA VENKATESHWAR RAO JR

Turkiye is the old/new name for Turkey that Islamist President Recep Tayyip Erdogan had adopted for his country. It is a part of Mr Erdogan's efforts to de-Westernise his Muslim majority country on the edge of Asia and Europe. But Turkiye/Turkey is buffeting an economic crisis with its inflation level at 60 per cent, with its central bank's interest rate raised by 750 basis points, even as Mr Erdogan won a third term as President, and the change in name is seen as tokenism. Of course, Turkish people do use the term "Turkiye". Mr Erdogan is not indulging in regression of a major kind. He keeps Turkiye engaged with the world. He is playing an important role as a deal-maker, if not quite a peacemaker, in the Russia-Ukraine war that broke out in February 2022. And Turkiye is once again seeking membership of the European Union (EU), after Brussels has kept it dangling in the air for decades. Turkiye serves as a good parallel to the "Bharat" nomenclature flutter. President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi sent out invitations in the name of Bharat, Ms Murmu as President of Bharat and Mr Modi as Prime Minister of Bharat, instead of the customary President of India and Prime Minister of India for the G-20 summit in New Delhi. Like Mr Erdogan, Mr Modi is on a mission to decolonise India, to in one sense "Indianise" India. It is Hindu reassertion with Mr Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party, mainly a party of Hindus, with its ideological mentor, the Rashtriya

Swayasevak Sangh (RSS), advocating Hindu supremacy. It was a no-brainer that using Bharat in place of India is pushing for a misty Hindu India of a thousand-plus years ago. It is a quixotic gesture at best. For the majority of the people in India, Bharat is officialese at best. Most Indians do not use "Bharat" to refer to themselves in their everyday dealings. Cutting across regional, linguistic and cultural demarcations, they prefer the easy term "India". In many Indian languages, Bharat and its many declensions are used, but "Bharat" in its North India, Hindi version, is never a common coinage. Most Indian languages would go with the vowel-ending "Bharata" and its modifications. So, the Narendra Modi government's use of Bharat in the official invitation is a projection of how the word is projected in official Hindi. The Modi government was not breaking any norms because "Bharat" is official, much too official, as it is enshrined in the Constitution in the words "India, that is Bharat..." The official communications of the Central government are always in the name of "Bharat Sarkar", or Bharat Government. There is nothing radical about it because "Bharat" is a formally recognised name of the country. There is the immediate political provocation from the Opposition bloc calling itself "INDIA", and Mr Modi, never the one to let pass a rapier thrust from his rivals, has resorted to the easily available constitutional alternative of "Bharat". It is nothing more than that. That is why he has cautioned his Cabinet colleagues not to get drawn into the duel over Bharat/India, and

instead forcefully counter the attack on Sanatan Dharma by DMK leader Udayanidhi Stalin. This is not so much against the DMK as such as it is against the Congress for continuing to support the DMK in a bid to show that the Congress is anti-Hindu. He wants to ride on Hindu sentiments for the 2024 election because his government has nothing much to show for the last five years as well as for the entire decade, including his first term in office. The G-20 summit and the success of Chandrayaan-3 and Aditya-L1 do not matter to the lives of the ordinary people as they battle rising prices and lack of job opportunities. The promises of India becoming the fifth largest economy and ready to climb to the third position has something unreal about it. Mr Modi is fully aware that the grand successes on broad fronts do not mean much for ordinary people. The issue of Bharat versus India will not resonate, but he hopes that Sanatan Dharma is something that could fire the people in Uttar Pradesh, the state that the BJP bets on the most. Mr Modi, the BJP and RSS do have radical plans to change India into a Hindu India and wipe away its religious pluralism. When Mr Modi speaks of India's diversity and democracy, he is speaking of linguistic diversity. The democracy he speaks of is of village and city oligarchies of ancient India. There is no room for Muslims and Christians, and Sikhs, Buddhists and Jains are seen as part of amorphous Hinduism. Mr Modi is doing what Mr Erdogan is doing in Turkiye/Turkey. He wants to impose an artificial unity

based on religion. That is indeed the long-term plan of the Hindu parties. The BJP/RSS plan is unlikely to succeed because inherent diversity in the vast geography that is India will resist homogenising. And it is a natural centrifugal force at work. There is not much need for liberals and secularists to labour the point of heterogeneity in the country. Bharat and Sanatan Dharma is not the glue that holds India together. It is in many ways a self-contained geographical unity. What was once seen as a dismissive description of India being merely a "geographical expression" and nothing more is indeed the binding factor for the subcontinent. And political regimentation of the kind envisaged by Mr Modi and company will only create unnecessary cultural fault lines. So cultural nationalism, Sanatan Dharma and Bharat are supposed to be its key words, and it's a disaster in the making because it's the valleys and hills, mountains and river systems and coast lines that shape communities, which give rise to different social patterns. The play on words like "Bharat" will not affect things like national identity, either for good or for bad. They are mere words. It is the hard reality outside the words that matters the most. Politicians, unlike poets, have a diabolical plan when they create the web of words. They want to imprison minds in words. Between rhetoric and reality, reality has an edge. People base their responses on reality and not on words. So, the use of words like "Bharat" is not likely to distract people. (The author is a Delhi-based commentator and analyst)

India dreaming: Can we land on the moon and build toilets too?

BY ANITA ANAND

On August 23, India made global news by landing its Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft on the hitherto unexplored south pole of the moon, becoming the first country in the world to do so. "This moment is unforgettable. It is phenomenal. This is a victory cry of a new India," said an exultant Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He added that Isro's moon mission was writing a new chapter in India's space odyssey and elevating "the dreams and ambitions of every Indian". Are the 1.4 billion Indians dreams and ambitions elevated by the space odyssey or the landing? The "space race" as it is called, was a race between the then Soviet Union (now Russia) and the United States, an outgrowth of the mid-20th-century Cold War, a conflict of ideologies of capitalism and communism. In 1957, the Soviet Union successfully sent Sputnik, the world's first orbital satellite into space and a year later the US launched its first satellite, Explorer 1. The race to the moon was just that, a

race. In the context of the US, Michelle Hanlon, executive director of the Centre for Air and Space Law at the University of Mississippi, says: "We were just sort of rushing to get to be the first, get to the moon first. And that was all about prestige, geopolitics - who's a better country? Whose system is working better?" India as a newly independent nation in the early 1950s had ambitions of its own. Scientists like Homi Bhabha and Vikram Sarabhai, with the support of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, worked to initiate the nuclear and space research programmes. Both were staunch nationalists, came from well-to-do industrialist families, studied in England, and believed that science and technology could leapfrog India into the 20th century, making it a global player. Leapfrogging is a phenomenon where a developing country can skip stages of the path taken by the industrial nations, enabling them to catch up sooner, particularly in terms of economic growth. A space programme at this time seemed practical. "If we do not do it now, we will have to depend later on buying the knowhow from other coun-

tries at much greater cost. There are some who question the relevance of space activities in a developing nation. To us, there is no ambiguity of purpose," said Sarabhai. The significance of India's landing on the south pole of the moon is because of the water. According to Hanlon, for scientists it is important to be at the place where they are doing their scientific experiments and research. "We need to send people to the moon for long periods of time, and in order to do that, they need to have water. We can't send them with all the water they need because that's just simply too heavy. And water has to be separated into hydrogen and oxygen for use in propulsion, for space exploration beyond the universe, if we want to get to the asteroid belt, which have those rare earth metals that are going to make mining on Earth obsolete. To get the rockets to the asteroids a boost will be needed from the moon, as it would be cheaper." Bhabha, Sarabhai and Nehru were talented and visionary men. However, their vision was slightly obscured by the stark reality of Indians emerging out of colonialism. The essen-

tial needs were housing, livelihoods, healthcare, electricity, water, schools and infrastructure, at every level. India had entered the space race wanting to be included among the superpowers, not to be left behind as a poor nation. Being among the greats stems from a sense of inferiority, camouflaged as superiority. Neither the Soviet Union or the United States have shown much greatness as superpowers and global leaders in their own and other countries, strategically meddling and instigating conflict and war. This continues. What can Indians be proud of today? Besides the moon landing, some advancements in the standard of living, a modern economy, part of the globalised world and muddling along despite the many challenges it faces. We can be prouder if we bring more people out of poverty, making livelihoods, education, health and sanitation a serious priority. A 2020 World Economic Forum study found "some 220 million Indians sustained on an expenditure level of less than Rs 32 a day, the poverty line for rural India, by the last headcount of the poor in India in 2013".

Shah Rukh Khan's action thriller 'Jawan' records highest single day collection ever at box office

After entering the Rs 100 crore club, the craze of Shah Rukh's recent release 'Jawan' doesn't seem to end any sooner. Now the film has made another mark at the box office by scoring the highest single-day collection ever.

Taking to Instagram story, Deepika Padukone treated fans with this exciting news. Jawan in the Hindi language has minted to Rs 68.72 crore on Saturday and in all languages it ranked 144.22 crore. In just three days, the film created a tsunami by scoring total collection of Rs 180.45 crore.

Taking to Instagram, trade analyst Taran Adarsh shared, "TSUNAMI -

HURRICANE - TYPHOON... #Jawan is a #BO MONSTER, goes on an overdrive on Day 3 [Sat]... Creates HISTORY, HIGHEST *3-day* ever [#Hindi version]... Await Day 4 [Sun], picture abhi baaki hain... Thu 65.50 cr, Fri 46.23 cr, Sat 68.72 cr. Total: ? 180.45 cr. #Hindi. #India biz. #Boxoffice."

He added, "#Pathaan vs #Jawan - 3 days...? #Pathaan: ? 161 cr [Wed - Fri]? #Jawan: ? 180.45 cr [Thu - Sat] Surpasses #Pathaan #RepublicDay biz.#SRKvsSRK #Hindi #Jawan [#Tamil + #Telugu] Thu 9.50 cr, Fri 7 cr, Sat 9.11 cr. Total: ? 25.61 cr."

On Friday, the film minted Rs 46.23 crores in India which took the film's



total collection to Rs 111.73 crores in just two days of its release.

Taking to Instagram, trade analyst Taran Adarsh shared a post and wrote, "#Jawan is PHENOMENAL on Day 2 [working day, after *partial holiday* on Thu]... Biz jumped post 4.30 pm... Evening/night shows on ... Metros, non-metros, mass pockets - the

response is EXCEPTIONAL... Sat - Sun will witness BIGGG GAINS... ? 235 cr - ? 250 cr [*extended* weekend] on the cards... Thu 65.50 cr, Fri 46.23 cr. Total: ? 111.73 cr. #Hindi. #India biz. #Boxoffice" The film witnessed a massive start at the Indian box office and collected Rs 65.50 crores on its opening day.

Robert De Niro looks sharp, trim as he steps out after transformation



Robert De Niro looks sharp, trim as he steps out after transformation Hollywood star Robert De Niro recently stepped out looking trim just weeks after celebrating turning 80.

The 'Taxi Driver' actor, who recently became a dad for the seventh time, looked sharp as he stepped out in New York City. While it wasn't clear what the Hollywood star was filming, camera crews were following him.

For the apparent shoot he was spotted wearing a baggy grey t-shirt, black shorts and black trainers. His silver hair was unkempt and he wore a grey-framed pair of glasses, while holding a cap in his hand.

He looked in fine spirits in the sunshine, continuing on from his celebrity-filled party last month to mark his 80th birthday. At the time, he was joined by his girlfriend and mother to his newest child, Tiffany Chen.

As per Mirror.co.uk, Robert and Tiffany are said to have met when he worked on the film The Intern in 2015. The star-studded bash also saw the likes of Leonardo DiCaprio, Sir Paul McCartney and Christopher Walken attend.

Also there was Robert's daughter Drena, who put on a brave face just weeks after the death of her son, and Robert's grandson, Leandro.

Drena took to social media to announce the death of her 19-year-old son in July, writing at the time: "You have been my joy my heart and all that was ever pure and real in my life. I wish I was with you right now. I wish I was with you. I don't know how to live without you."

Who is Chaitanya Choudhry? Actor stars alongside Shilpa Shetty and Kusha Kapila in 'Sukhee'

The trailer for the upcoming movie 'Sukhee,' helmed by director Sonal Singh, has recently hit the screens. The film boasts a stellar cast, including Shilpa Shetty and Kusha Kapila, but one actor, in particular, has been drawing attention lately. Chaitanya Choudhry, known for his roles in Indian television series like 'Uttaran,' is now in the spotlight. Let's dive into some facts about him.

Chaitanya Choudhry, aged 45, hails from Mumbai. He attended Cumballa Hill High School and pursued higher education, earning an MBA degree. His journey into the entertainment world began with his debut film, 'Love at Times Square' in 2003. Although the



film didn't achieve great success, it marked the start of his career, eventually leading to his role as Akshat in the popular TV show 'Kahin to Hoga.'

More about Chaitanya Choudhry:

Apart from his television work, Chaitanya has also appeared in various TV commercials and episodic shows, including 'CID' and 'Aahat.' His family background is steeped in the arts, with a filmmaker father, Yashpal Choudhry, and a mother, Indira Choudhry, who is involved in theatre.

Outside of his acting pursuits, Chaitanya Choudhry is a man of diverse interests. He's an avid traveler and enjoys sports like cricket, squash, and cycling. In matters of the heart, he is married to Vaishali Rajpal Choudhry.

Notably, Chaitanya Choudhry's path to stardom was marked by his dedication to education. He prioritized his studies before embarking on his acting

career. So he acquired not only an MBA but also a diploma in Export Management. His commitment to self-improvement and talent eventually led him to participate in Gladrag's Manhunt in 2001. There he secured the third runner-up position and earned the title of Mr. Photogenic in the competition.

Chaitanya Choudhry's journey from a studious student to a celebrated actor and model reflects his unwavering determination to chase his dreams and make his mark in the world of entertainment. With his role in 'Sukhee' generating buzz, fans and audiences can eagerly anticipate what this versatile talent has in store for them next.

Sunny Leone to Anurag Kashyap: 'Happy Birthday to the man who changed the course of my life'



Actress Sunny Leone wished her 'Kennedy' director Anurag Kashyap, who on Sunday turned 51-years-old.

Labeling Anurag as the man who "changed" her life, Sunny took to Instagram, where she shared a picture posing with the filmmaker.

For the caption, she wrote: "Happy Birthday to the man who actually changed the course of my life!! I hope your day is full of love and light! Love you from the bottom of my heart!!"

'Kennedy' is a neo-noir thriller film written and directed by Anurag. It also stars Rahul Bhat. The film marks the third collaboration of Kashyap and Bhat after 'Ugly' and 'Dobaaraa'.

'Kennedy' premiered at the 2023 Cannes Film Festival on May 24, 2023. It is also being premiered at 2023 Sydney Film Festival and Bucheon International Fantastic Film Festival. 'Kennedy', an insomniac ex-police officer who operates secretly for the corrupt system, lives in different conditions and goes on a lookout for salvation.

Pooja Entertainment's next 'Mission Raniganj - The Great Bharat Rescue' teaser unleashes global storm

Pooja Entertainment, which is known for creating cutting edge and content driven cinema, has released the teaser of its upcoming film 'Mission Raniganj - The Great Bharat Rescue' which has gone viral on a global scale and fans are going gaga over the recreation of the era of 1989.

Akshay Kumar and Parineeti Chopra-starrer 'Mission Raniganj: The Great Bharat Rescue' has effortlessly created a global sensation, with a massive 40M views within 24-hours. The hashtag #MissionRaniganj has constantly been trending on Youtube and Twitter in the top 5 trends as the fans have not stopped talking about the teaser.

The film marks the third collaboration between Pooja Entertainment and Akshay Kumar. The coalmine rescue drama is inspired by a real life hero, the late Shri Jaswant Singh Gill, who played a vital role in rescuing miners trapped in a flooded coal mine in Raniganj in November 1989.

This remarkable mission is documented as one of the world's most successful rescue opera-



tions against all odds. Helmed by National Award-winning filmmaker Tinu Suresh Desai, the film also features Kumund Mishra, Rajesh Sharma, Pavan Malhotra, Ravi Kishan, Dibyendu Bhattacharya and Varun Badola among many others. The teaser is packed with thrill, full of suspense, bravery, and the determination to overcome tough obstacles. Pooja Entertainment's movies often remind us that real-life stories can be just as incredible as fiction and the teaser of the film promises to be one.

Additionally, with the recent release of the blockbuster 'OMG 2', Bollywood superstar Akshay Kumar has yet again proved why he is considered a true icon of Indian cinema.

He once again stands out for his discerning choice of roles that not only entertain but also enlighten. Furthermore, the anticipation has surged as Akshay Kumar collaborates with Tinu Suresh Desai, who previously directed 'Rustom', a film that clinched the National Award. Vashu Bhagnani Presents, A Pooja Entertainment Production - 'Mission Raniganj,' produced by the powerhouse team of Vashu Bhagnani, Jacky Bhagnani, Deepshikha Deshmukh, and Ajay Kapoor, this cinematic marvel is set to hit theatres on October 6, 2023.

SRK all praise for PM Modi; G20 Summit has brought 'pride into hearts of every Indian'

Even as he celebrates 'Jawan' breaking its own record and earning Rs 90 crore (the highest ever for a Hindi film) on Saturday, Shah Rukh Khan congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the successful completion of the G20 Summit.

Responding to a video link on the formation of the Global Biofuels Alliance put up by the Prime Minister with the comment, "Productive discussions at the G20 Summit for a better planet", Shah Rukh said: "Congratulations to Hon. PM @narendramodi ji for the success of India's G20 Presidency and for fostering unity between nations for a better future for the people of the world."

He added: "It has brought in a sense of honour and pride into the hearts of every Indian. Sir, under your leadership, we will prosper not in isolation but in Oneness. One Earth, One Family, One Future."

The post was reminiscent of his congratulatory comments and video on the new Parliament building at a time when the controversy over the Sengol and the Opposition's boycott of the inauguration was at its peak.

Earlier, another leading Bollywood actor, Anupam Kher, had hailed the Prime Minister for "democratising" the G20. Sharing his views on Instagram post, he wrote in the caption: "Jaya Jaya Bharatam! That is the feeling one gets when one witnesses the elaborate arrangements that have been made for the G20 Leadership Summit."

He added in the same positive vein: "High Tech, New Age, absolutely world class but steeped in our civilisational values, culture and rich heritage. This is the Bharat that we want the world to see, embrace and engage with. The national capital has seen a massive facelift."

Talking about how India has "democratised" G20 under the leadership of PM Modi, Kher wrote: "G20 has been democratised like never before. Nearly 60 cities and more than 210 meetings pan India. PM has walked the talk w.r.t. Jan Bhagidhari. It has become a Sabka G20 as every nook and corner of Bharat has hosted an event over the last year. The effect has been transformative and I am personally witness to it."

SINGER JOE JONAS PERFORMS WITHOUT WEDDING RING FOR FIRST TIME IN LAS VEGAS

Singer Joe Jonas, who filed for divorce from his wife, Sophie Turner, recently performed on stage with his brothers, for the very first time without his wedding ring, reported People.

Joe, 33, and his brothers, Nick Jonas and Kevin Jonas, enjoyed a night together doing what they love most at his second tour stop since the news emerged on Tuesday that he filed for divorce from his wife of four years, Sophie Turner.

As per People, the Jonas

Brothers' Five Albums, One Night, the world tour made a stop in Las Vegas on Friday, and the trio performed in front of thousands of fans at the MGM Grand Garden Arena. Joe was notably not wearing his wedding ring during the gig.

Joe greeted Kevin and then Nick with a handshake as the musical siblings took the stage, as shown in fan-captured footage. He was wearing black sequined trousers and a black sleeveless top.

Joe hasn't worn his wed-

ding ring since Wednesday's gig in Phoenix, Arizona, though he did wear it last weekend in Austin, Texas, just hours after news surfaced that he had hired a divorce lawyer.

The brothers' appearance in Phoenix was their first after Joe and Turner's divorce was revealed, and the three shared a beautiful moment onstage before the show began.

In footage posted by fans, the Jonases shared a group hug onstage, and Joe was

energetic as he emerged from the embrace and took in the sprawling crowd. Later in the show, Nick gave a nod to his older brother, who was born in Casa Grande, Arizona, before the family settled in New Jersey.

"It is so good to be back in the birthplace of my favourite person in the entire world, Joseph Adam Jonas," Nick said as the crowd erupted in cheers, reported People.

Joe was photographed in Sherman Oaks, California, just hours before taking the

stage on Wednesday, with his two children, Willa, 3, and a 14-month-old named D in court records. Joe went out to eat with his children, whom he shares with Turner, in his first public appearance since filing for divorce.

According to People, he carried Willa in his arms while a woman held his second daughter. He was photographed joking around with his kids, making funny faces and playing with his food as they enjoyed a pancake breakfast.



WEIGHT GAIN SUPPLEMENTS: TRY THESE TO GAIN WEIGHT FAST



Struggling to gain weight can be just as frustrating as trying to lose weight. For many women, simply maintaining a healthy weight can be a daunting challenge. Their lean physique may even land them at the receiving end of body shaming. Increasing weight with these weight gain supplements isn't just about aesthetics. It's also about improving your overall health.

Best weight gain supplements in India

Often, in the quest to increase weight, people end up asking, "What can I take to gain weight fast?". We have curated a list of popular weight

gain supplements designed to meet the unique needs of women.

1. Mypro Sport Nutrition High Protein Women Weight Gainer

Mypro Sport Nutrition High Protein Women Weight Gainer can help you build lean muscle mass. It is powered by aguahae fruit extracts that have multiple health benefits, including increase of appetite. With high protein content and over 20 nutrients that support muscle growth, it can be helpful for women who are looking to gain weight in a healthy way. Its delicious chocolate flavour is an advantage.

Mypro Sport Nutrition High Protein Women Weight Gainer With Power Full AGUAJE FRUIT Extract For Increase Breast Muscle (24 Vital Nutrients, 3 Best Quality Protein) Chocolate Flavor For Women-500 Gm

2. MYHERB Women's Weight Gainer

MYHERB Women's Weight Gainer is a 100 percent vegetarian supplement designed to help you increase your weight. Its chocolate flavour makes it a tasty treat. This sugar-free supplement contains a blend of ingredients that boost your calorie intake and kicks up metabolism.

MYHERB Women's Weight Gainer, Her Gainer With 16 Herbs, 4 High Quality Protein, For Increase Breast Muscle and Weight Gainer

THE RIGHT WEIGHT GAIN SUPPLEMENTS CAN HELP YOU INCREASE WEIGHT FAST, ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING WITH BEING UNDER-WEIGHT.

With Mass Gainer And Muscle Growth For Women Chocolate Flavour (500 Gm)

3. Pharma Science Ayurvedic Weight Gainer Supplement Powder for Men and Women

Looking for a natural approach to weight gain? Pharma Science Ayurvedic Weight Gainer Supplement Powder claims to be packed with Ayurvedic goodness. Its ingredients include Ashwagandha, Shatavari, Singhara, Cumin seeds and more. Apart from weight gain, it also promises improvement in stamina and energy.

Pharma Science Ayurvedic Weight Gainer Supplement Powder for Men and Women - 100gm

4. Nutrela Weight Gain - Banana Flavour

Banana lovers, this one's for you! The Patanjali Nutrela Weight Gain comes in banana flavour and offers a delicious way to achieve your weight gain

goals. This product claims to deliver 3834 kcal per serving for weight gain. It is enriched with 13 vitamins, 12 minerals and Khandhari sugar for

flavour.

5. Absolute Nutrition's Alpha Series Exclusive Mass Gainer

Absolute Nutrition's Alpha Series Exclusive Mass Gainer is a chocolatey delight that not only helps you gain weight but also supports muscle growth. It's a win-win for those looking to transform their physique. This mass gainer is loaded with essential proteins, carbohydrates, and fats, making it a powerhouse for weight gain.

How to use weight gain supplements?

Follow the recommended dosage on the product labels. Typically, these weight gain powders are mixed with water or milk. But it could differ from person to person and product to product. These supplements are most effective when combined with a balanced diet and a consistent workout routine. But don't forget to check with a nutritionist or medical expert before consumption.

Coconut Benefits: Nutritionist Talks About The Health Benefits Of Coconut Meat

COCONUT MEAT IS RICH IN MINERALS AND ALSO GOOD FOR WEIGHT LOSS AND HEART HEALTH.

We all know that there are certain health benefits of coconut water. It's a natural and refreshing drink that's packed with essential electrolytes like potassium, making it great for staying hydrated. Coconut water is fat-free, contains antioxidants, good for skin health, and is best to quench your thirst on a hot day.

However, did you know that coconut meat is also as nutritious as coconut water? Nutritionist Nмами Agarwal, in her recent Instagram reel, states the benefits of coconut meat.

It has various minerals and provides multiple health benefits. Nмами Agarwal writes, "Coconut meat is a nutritional powerhouse that offers numerous health benefits."

She also provides a detailed list of benefits of coconut water:

1. Rich in essential minerals

Coconut meat is a rich source of essential minerals like manganese, copper, selenium, phospho-

rus, potassium, and iron. These minerals are not just important but vital for maintaining overall health and ensuring that our bodies function properly. 2. Lauric acid and immune

Boost

Another notable component of coconut meat is lauric acid, a medium-chain fatty acid renowned for its antimicrobial properties. Lauric acid can give your immune system a significant boost. Moreover, the fibre content in coconut meat contributes to regulating bowel movements, promoting digestive health, and preventing constipation.

3. Weight loss and heart health

Coconut meat contains medium-chain triglycerides (MCTs), which have gained recognition for their potential to support weight loss and heart health.

These healthy fats are easily metabolised and provide a quick source of energy, making them a valuable addition to a balanced diet.

National Nutrition Week 2023: Say Goodbye To Expensive Diet Products And Opt For Chana Dal

We often believe that maintaining a healthy diet is an expensive endeavour. Products like protein powder, organic fruits and vegetables, health supplements, and extra virgin oils can strain our budgets. In the midst of National Nutrition Week, nutritionist Batra Batra is changing the narrative with her recent Instagram Stories. She's bringing the spotlight on a humble yet incredibly beneficial kitchen staple - chana dal.

Nutritionist Batra informs us that achieving a healthy diet can now be within everyone's reach. According to her, chana dal offers a cost-effective way to boost our well-being. It not only helps combat stress and regulate mood but also provides our bodies with ample protein and dietary fibre. It's a simple, accessible ingredient that can make healthy eating a reality for all.

Below are detailed benefits of

CHANA DAL IS RICH IN PROTEIN AND HAS DIETARY FIBRE.



chana dal, as stated by nutritionist Lovneet Batra:

Stress-busting nutrient powerhouse

Chickpeas are a rich source of vitamins and minerals that combat stress. Loaded with

magnesium, potassium, various B vitamins, zinc, selenium, manganese, and copper, they provide essential nutrients that support your body in times of tension and anxiety.

Mood-boosting L-tryptophan

Delightfully delicious, chickpeas offer more than just taste. They are rich in L-tryptophan, a crucial building block for mood-regulating neurotransmitters.

So, indulging in chickpea-

based dishes can contribute to improved mood and emotional balance.

Blood sugar management with dietary fibre

Chickpeas excel in providing dietary fibre, especially a soluble fibre called raffinose. This fibre variety has been associated with helping to reduce blood sugar levels.

Incorporating chickpeas into your diet can be a smart choice for those aiming to maintain stable blood sugar.

Protein-packed meat replacement If you follow a vegan diet, chickpeas can be your go-to source of protein.

With an impressive protein content of nearly 18%, they outshine lentils in this department.

Furthermore, chickpeas are rich in essential amino acids like lysine and arginine, making them an excellent meat substitute for people who are on a vegan diet.

High blood pressure while lying down linked to increased risk of heart attack, stroke, death

People who had high blood pressure while lying flat on their backs had a higher risk of heart attack, stroke, heart failure or premature death, according to new research to be presented at the American Heart Association's Hypertension Scientific Sessions 2023, to be held Sept. 7-10, 2023, in Boston. The meeting is the premier scientific exchange focused on recent advances in basic and clinical research on high blood pressure and its relationship to cardiac and kidney disease, stroke, obesity and genetics.

The autonomic nervous system regulates blood pressure in different body positions; however, gravity may cause blood to pool when seated or upright, and the body is sometimes unable to properly regulate blood pressure during lying, seated and standing positions, the authors noted.

If blood pressure is only measured while people are seated upright, cardiovascular disease risk may be missed if not measured also while they are lying supine on their backs."

To examine body position, blood pressure and heart health risk, the researchers examined health data for 11,369 adults from the longitudinal Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) study. The data on supine and seated blood pressure was gathered during the enrollment period, ARIC visit 1, which took place between 1987-1989.

Health benefits of apple: 9 reasons why you should eat an apple a day

There are several reasons why the adage 'An apple a day keeps the doctor away' is still very popular. Parents, friends and even doctors say it quite often. The crunchy and delicious fruit is loaded with nutrients. From digestion to skin health - there are many health benefits of apple you must know.

What are the benefits of eating apple?

Apple is one of the most easily available and most nutritious fruits. You can take a bite of it or cut it into pieces and eat it with other fruits as a salad or make a dessert using apples. The ways of eating apples are many. And so are the health benefits of apples!

1. Apples promote healthy digestion

Apples are a good source of soluble and insoluble fiber, which play an important role in promoting healthy digestion. That, in turn, prevents constipation and related conditions, says Dr Ushakiran Sisodia, Dietician and Clinical Nutritionist, Nanavati Max Super Speciality Hospital, Mumbai.

2. Good heart health

High cholesterol levels don't bring happy news. But one of the health benefits of apple, especially the red variety, is that it is known to reduce cholesterol levels. That means it may help to decrease the risk of any heart disease.

3. Apples fight off free radicals

Nutrient-rich apples are rich in quercetin and vitamin C that help to fight off free radicals in the body and help to reduce the risk of chronic diseases.

4. Weight management

High fiber content of apples helps to reinstate a feeling of satiety. Once that happens, you won't reach out for unhealthy snacks every now and then, reducing the chances of obesity.

5. Bone health

If we talk about bone health, it is mostly milk and dairy products that we think about. But some compounds found in apples, such as boron, are believed to strengthen bones too.

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6. Reduced diabetes risk



Diabetes is slowly crawling into lives of many, and consuming apples may be linked to a lower risk of type 2 diabetes. This is possibly due to their fiber and antioxidant content, says the expert.

7. Skin health The vitamin C found in apples contributes to healthy collagen production, which is essential for maintaining skin's elasticity and overall health. So yes, apples can help in giving you youthful look in some ways.

8. Respiratory health

You can blame the pollution or other factors for respiratory issues. Turns out, apple consumption may improve lung function and reduce the risk of respiratory diseases.

9. Hydration

It's not just watermelon or cucumber that are hydrating fruits or vegetables.

Apples also have a high water content, helping in keeping the body hydrated, says Dr Sisodia.

Eating apple

Apples are loaded with nutrients. Image courtesy; Adobe Stock

Nutrients facts about eating one apple in a day

A medium-sized apple of approximately 182 grams, typically provides the following nutrients:

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Calories: About 95 kcal

• Carbohydrates: 25 grams

• Sugars (includes fructose, glucose and sucrose): 19 grams

• Dietary fiber: 4 grams (of which 2.4 grams is insoluble and 1.2 grams is soluble, mainly in the form of pectin)

• Protein: 0.5 grams

• Fat: 0.3 grams

• Vitamin C: Approximately 14% of the Daily Value (DV)

• Potassium: 195 milligrams or about 6% of the DV

• Vitamin K: About 5% of the DV

• Vitamin B6 (Pyridoxine): About 3% of the DV

• Riboflavin (Vitamin B2): About 2% of the DV

• Manganese: About 4% of the DV

• Magnesium: About 2% of the DV

• Calcium: About 1% of the DV

• Folate: About 1% of the DV

• Iron: About 1% of the DV

• Phosphorus: About 2% of the DV

DV

How many apples are good for a day?

There's no strict limit on how many apples one can eat in a day, says the expert. However, like any healthy food, they should be eaten as part of a well balanced diet. On an average, consuming one or two apples a day is common and beneficial for most people.

Apples are a quick source of energy, as they contain natural sugars that can help to jump-start your day.

At the same time, eating an apple in the morning can stimulate your digestive system for the day. However, some people may experience discomfort or acidity if had an apple on empty stomach.

HP CM requests PM to declare rain-caused calamity in state national disaster



SHIMLA: Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi to declare the rain-caused calamity in the hill state a national disaster.

Sukhu was the only chief minister from the Congress-ruled states who attended a dinner hosted by President Droupadi Murmu for G20 leaders on Saturday.

In a post on X on Sunday, he said: "Had the privilege of addressing the grave aftermath of torrential rains in Himachal Pradesh during my conversation with Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi Ji after our G20 Summit dinner. I also requested a special disaster relief package and emphasised the need to designate this calamity as a

'national disaster', highlighting the urgency of the situation."

An official statement said Sukhu has conveyed the gravity of the damage suffered by the hill state during the monsoon season to the prime minister and appealed to him to declare the rain-related incidents a "national disaster". The chief minister has also told Modi that Himachal Pradesh requires substantial assistance from the Union government to chart a path towards recovery and requested him to announce a special relief package for the state.

Sukhu, who had earlier said Himachal Pradesh had suffered losses to the tune of Rs 12,000 crore due to rain-related incidents this monsoon, has been demanding

that the calamity be declared a national disaster and a special disaster package be announced on the lines of those provided in the aftermath of the Kedarnath and Bhuj tragedies.

On September 4, the chief minister had reiterated his demand and said he would meet Prime Minister Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah in this regard if the need arises.

Earlier, the Congress government in the hill state had raised claims of losses to the tune of Rs 6,700 crore suffered till August 10 and sent a detailed report of the damage caused during the monsoon to the BJP-led Centre.

Himachal Pradesh saw two spells of heavy rain this monsoon. The first on July 9 and 10 led to large-scale destruction in Mandi and Kullu districts. Shimla and Solan districts were hit during the second spell on August 14 and 15, and the capital city of Shimla suffered heavy damage as an aftermath.

According to the state emergency operation centre, 418 people have died (265 in rain-related incidents and 153 in road accidents) since the onset of monsoon on June 24 till September 9, while 39 are missing. The state has suffered losses of Rs 8,678 crore and the estimates are still pouring in, it said.

UK PM Sunak wife spend 45 minutes at Akshardham temple enquire about its architecture and history

NEW DELHI: Britain's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on Sunday visited the Akshardham temple here with his wife Akshata Murty and said it is not only a place of worship but also a landmark that portrays India's values.

The couple spent 45 minutes at the temple, offering prayers and learning about its architecture and history, according to the temple management.

They reached the temple dedicated to Swaminarayan, believed to be an incarnation of Lord Vishnu, around 6:45 am and walked barefoot from the reception area to the main temple complex -- a distance of about 150 metres.

Sunak, who was dressed in a crisp white shirt and navy blue trousers, and his wife, who paired a beige kurta with a bright pink dupatta and loose pants, were accorded a traditional welcome at the temple.

Walking around the temple, the British prime minister shared his thoughts with his hosts.

"My wife and I were delighted to visit Swaminarayan Akshardham for darshan and puja this morning. We were amazed and awed by the beauty of this temple and its universal message of peace, harmony and becoming a better human being," the temple authorities quoted Sunak as saying in a statement.

"This is not only a place of worship but a landmark that also portrays India's values, culture and contributions to the world," he said.

The UK PM said these values and culture are seen in the "positive contributions the British-Indian community makes to the UK", he



added. A temple management official said the visit of Sunak and his wife is a matter of "great honour".

"It rained but Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and his wife graciously offered prayers at our temple and it is a matter of great honour for us to have hosted them at this revered temple," the official told agency.

"Prime Minister Sunak and his wife Akshata Murty walked barefoot in the temple premises even in rainy weather. From the reception area to the main temple complex, there is a distance of about 150 metres and both of them walked barefoot back and forth," he said. They first offered flower petals (pushparpan) to the golden idol of Swaminarayan ji and then offered 'aarti', the official said.

"They also offered flower petals to idols of Sita-Ram, Radha-Krishna, Laxmi Narayana and Shiva-Parvati in the temple complex. The UK PM enquired about the architecture of the temple and its history," he said.

Sunak also saw some of the sanctified items that belonged to

Swaminarayan ji, such as shoes and a garland, he said. A senior temple management official told PTI, "Sunak and his wife spent about 45 minutes at the Akshardham temple and offered prayers. They were gifted a marble elephant and a marble peacock besides a special replica of Akshardham."

A trustee of the BAPS Swaminarayan Trust, UK and a volunteer from the Neasden temple in London accompanied Sunak and his wife during their visit, said another temple management official who was part of the reception team.

After the visit, Sunak joined the G20 leaders to pay tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at his memorial Rajghat.

Sunak and other world leaders have gathered in Delhi to attend the two-day G20 Summit that began on Saturday.

In a post on X, British High Commissioner to India Alex Ellis thanked Sunak and Murty for the visit.

SC dismisses plea against GlaxoSmithKline pharma for deficiency in service

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has dismissed a plea by a man against an order of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC) which held that he has miserably failed to establish deficiency in service on the part of GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Ltd in relation to the administration of a hepatitis vaccine.

According to the case, the man in order to achieve immunity against contracting Hepatitis B approached his family physician to administer the repeat dose of the vaccine Engerix-B, along with his family members.

The family members of the appellant had no adverse reaction to the said drug but, after four days of being vaccinated, the appellant felt severe pain in his left shoulder at

the site of the injection and he suffered pain while moving his shoulder and developed myositis.

The appellant contended that he developed a sudden permanent disability in his shoulder which according to him was caused due to adverse reaction of the vaccine Engerix-B manufactured by Glaxo.

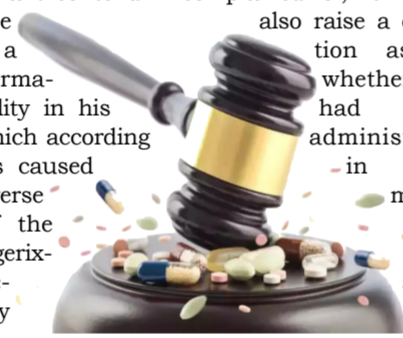
A bench of Justices A S Bopanna and Prashant Kumar Mishra said the drug is made available in the market after certification and nothing has been placed on record to indicate that this is a drug which was available "of the shelf", without prescription. "If the same drug was administered to all the family members

and after the third dose was administered to the appellant he had suffered the present discomfort complained of, it would also raise a question as to whether it had been administered in a manner and at this spot

where it ought to be administered. "If these aspects of the matter are kept in view, in fact, the allegations as made by the appellant would also make the said family doctor responsible and ideally he ought to have been a party respondent to the proceedings rather than filing his affidavit," the bench said. The apex

court said that non-mentioning of myositis as an adverse reaction in the literature accompanying the injection or on the vial, did not amount to "deficiency of service" on the part of the pharma company.

"Therefore in the facts on hand, if the matter is looked at from its correct perspective it is seen that except for the appellant assuming that he has suffered myositis and the cause for the same was the Engerix-B vaccine being administered, the same has not been established with the minimal required evidence to conclude even on preponderance of probability," the bench said. The top court was hearing a plea by a man challenging an order of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission.



At 'Jan Milan Samaroh,' in Karnal, Hooda says people fed up of BJP, Cong will come to power in Haryana



NEW DELHI: Former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda has said ever since BJP came to power in Haryana, debt has increased five times, inflation four times, unemployment three times and crime has increased two times in the state.

Hooda said, the BJP and BJP-JJP government have always indulged in politics, in place of public welfare. He added that is why the people of the state want to oust this alliance from power and form the Congress government.

Hooda was addressing the 'Jan Milan Samaroh' as the chief guest organised by the former Assembly Speaker Kuldeep Sharma at Karnal.

On this occasion, Congress State President Chaudhary Udaibhan and

MP Deepender Hooda were also present with him.

Upon reaching the programme, the three leaders were warmly welcomed with flowers, drums, songs and dance and it appeared draped in Congress colours as if the entire city had turned out to welcome to the leaders.

The three leaders looked elated after seeing the zeal and enthusiasm of the thousands of people present. In the programme, he met all the prominent citizens of Karnal, senior party leaders, workers, delegations of various organizations, industrialists and social workers.

Hooda, Udaibhan and Deepender spent several hours with everyone. On this occasion, Hooda said the Congress is continuously communi-

cating with the public through programmes like Vipaksh Aapke Saamsh, Hath Se Hath Jodo campaign and Jan Milan Samaroh.

"Through such programmes, we get feedback from the people about the condition of the people, problems, desires and suggestions of the people. By making policies based on this dialogue, Congress will be able to provide a better government to Haryana in the future," he said.

"The people have made up their mind to bring in a Congress government and only election formalities. The huge turnout in Congress programmes and the public's love for the party's policies proves this," he said.

Addressing a press conference, Hooda said during the Congress tenure, Haryana was the number one state in the country in terms of per capita income, per capita investment, law & order and employment.

"The present government has made the state number one in terms of unemployment, crime and drug abuse. When the Congress government is formed in the state, Haryana will again be made number one in terms of development," he said. "Due to unemployment, the youth of Haryana are leaving the country and migrating to foreign countries.

Discussions on BJP-JD S LS poll understanding has not yet reached finality: Yediyurappa

BENGALURU: Days after stating that BJP will have an understanding with former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda-led JD(S) for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, veteran leader and former Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Sunday said discussions in this regard have not

reached finality yet. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amith Shah, who are busy with other responsibilities, may discuss and decide on the issue in a couple of days.

"As Modiji is busy with other issues, most probably there may be

discussion after a couple of days. Till now no discussions have taken place. We will have to wait and see," Yediyurappa said. Speaking to reporters here, he said, "When I spoke earlier, things had not come to any finality. Even now there is no finality.

SC junks PIL seeking cancellation of Centre's relief to stressed telcos from paying statutory dues

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has dismissed a PIL seeking cancellation of Centre's decision of September 15, 2021 to grant relief to the stressed telecom sector from paying statutory dues, saying these are all matters of policy and decision-making on the basis of experts' opinion.

In a breather to telecom service providers struggling to pay Rs 93,520 crore of Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) related dues, the top court on September 1, 2020 gave them a 10-year period to clear their outstanding amount to the government.

A bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan said that no doubt, the apex court by its judgment had issued certain directions with regard to the telecom sector but in the backdrop of the COVID-19 challenges, with huge surge in data consumption, online education, work

from home, etc., reform measures were found necessary to boost the proliferation and penetration of broadband and telecom connectivity.

"In our view, these are all matters of policy and decision-making which is on the basis of experts' opinion and on emerging situations and exigencies, to be made in the interest of the welfare of the people of India having serious technical and financial implications and, therefore, have to be in public interest.

"Hence, we do not think such Cabinet decisions could be lightly interfered with by a Court of law in the absence of there being any particulars or materials brought to the notice of the Court assailing the Cabinet decisions, as being unconstitutional or arbitrary in nature or contrary to law," the bench said.

Contending that the writ petition filed by petitioner Anshul Gupta was without



merit, the top court said any interference at this stage would not only create uncertainty in the implementation of the policy but also jeopardise the policy itself.

"Moreover, the other stakeholders, namely, the telecom service providers are not arraigned as parties to this petition. Therefore, at this stage, we do not think it proper to entertain this petition," it said.

The apex court said it may appear in a first blush that the Cabinet decision to initiate structural and procedural reforms and provide relief measures for the telecom service providers are contrary to its earlier directions.

"It would have been more appropriate for the central government to have filed an application in this regard.

"But what is to be borne in mind is emerging situations in light of the COVID-19 pandemic that engulfed the world, including India, in the years 2020-2021 and the lifestyle of the people drastically changing on account of the precau-

tions and preventive measures that had to be taken in order to save themselves from being afflicted by the pandemic which resulted not only in deaths but also post COVID-19 disabilities and ill health," the bench said.

As a result, the people depended heavily on the telecom sector and particularly on the telecom service providers in order to keep in touch with one another as there were lockdowns declared in the country in March 2020, it said. "In schools and educational institutions, and offices there was virtual study and work from home respectively. Offices were shut and classrooms were being conducted virtually. Even the governments were run on virtual mode and we could emphasise that video conferencing facility and virtual mode was adapted quickly not only by various stakeholders such as government offices, schools, other

private organisations but most significantly by law courts which did not cease to function during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Huge investments were made for establishment and expansion of the infrastructure as there was need for online education, work from home, inter-personal connect, virtual meetings and virtual courts. Since there was a heavy surge of online facilities being put to use and data consumption, the Governments, Courts, education system and corporate sector in the country depended heavily on the telecom sector and TSPs, in particular, for their various activities and for keeping their systems intact," the bench said. The apex court said that despite the order passed in 2020, the need was felt by the central government to bring measures and reforms in the telecom sector and in order to make available pertinent

reliefs for the sector, the impugned cabinet decision was taken.

"Therefore, taking an overall view of the matter, we feel that it would not be justified on our part to interfere with a well-calibrated decision of the Cabinet solely on the ground that this Court had earlier passed certain orders on September 1, 2020," it said.

The Union Cabinet in 2021 had approved a big-bang relief package for the stressed telecom sector that includes a four-year break for companies from paying statutory dues, permission to share scarce airwaves, a change in the definition of revenue on which levies are paid and 100 per cent foreign investment through the automatic route.

The measure was aimed at providing relief to companies such as Vodafone Idea that have to pay thousands of crores in unprovisioned past statutory dues.

SAFF U-16 Championship: Holders India overcome Bangladesh 2-0 to claim fifth title



In the final, Bharat Lairenjam gave the Indian boys an early lead in the 8th minute and then Levis Zangminlun sealed victory in the 74th minute at the Changlimithang Stadium in the Bhutan capital.

Guided by head coach Ishfaq Ahmed, the Blue Colts had a sparkling run throughout the championship. They exhibited a mesmerising brand of free-flowing, attacking football that left opponents struggling.

India topped Group A after edging out Bangladesh and Nepal with 1-0 victories in both instances. Their semifinal clash with the Maldives was a masterclass in offence, resulting in an 8-0 triumph. Remarkably, the team accomplished all of this without conceding a single goal throughout the tournament.

In the final against Bangladesh, Ishfaq Ahmed's team displayed tactical prowess and control. With adept ball distribution and intelligent utilisation of available space, they effectively countered Bangladesh's more physical style of play.

Key contributors like Mohammad Arbash, Vishal Yadav, and Levis Zangminlun penetrated the Bangladeshi defence with fluid runs and skilful dribbling, making it easier for India to dictate the tempo from start to finish.

India dominated the proceedings in the gripping contest while

Bangladesh too made some good attacks as the game ebbed and flowed between the two ends of the pitch.

At the heart of India's defence was the indomitable Karish Soram. Always alert, he fearlessly placed his body in the line of fire whenever the situation demanded. And when Bangladesh found a way past him, India goalkeeper Aheibam Suraj Singh stood like a rock, unyielding and resolute.

After a good start, Bharat Lairenjam went through into the Bangladesh box in the 8th minute and poked it home to give the defending champions the lead.

Bangladesh responded to India's goal and got a chance to equalise but Mohammed Mursed Ali fluffed his lines. The forward beat the off-side trap and took control of a through ball from Bangladesh captain Nazmul Huda Faysal. However, India goalkeeper Suraj Singh swiftly charged forward to cut down the angle, causing Ali to miss the target.

Throughout the first half, Lairenjam and India's captain, Mate Ngamgouhou, consistently pressured the Bangladeshi defence, creating multiple scoring opportunities.

In the 34th minute, India earned a particularly promising chance. A long ball was lofted towards the Bangladesh penalty area, prompting Indian forward Mohammad

Arbash to give chase. Recognising that Bangladeshi goalkeeper Nahidul Islam had ventured off his line to attempt a clearance, Arbash seized the moment. He skilfully attempted to head the ball over the onrushing keeper. However, Islam was quick to react, successfully punching the ball out of harm's way.

India had another chance in the 36th minute when Yaipharemba Chingkhram sent in a low cross from the left and Bharat shot at the bottom corner, but his attempt was blocked in a melee of Bangladesh legs.

India started the second half with the same intensity.

In the 52nd minute, a foul against Mohammad Arbash got India a free kick outside the box. Mate Ngamgouhou took it but Bangladesh's defence managed to clear the danger.

In the 56th minute, Bharat Lairenjam seized the moment with a follow-up shot from the rebound, but it narrowly missed the target.

Six minutes later, Vishal Yadav unleashed a powerful shot from just outside the box but it sailed over the bar.

Their relentless search for another goal bore fruit in the 74th minute with a sublime strike.

Samson Ahongshangbam initiated a promising move down the left wing before expertly switching play to send the ball to Levis Zangminlun on the opposite flank. Engaging in a swift one-two pass with Vishal Yadav, Zangminlun out-manoeuvred his defender to find himself in open space. Taking a moment to set himself, he then unleashed a devastating left-footed strike that sailed into the back of the net, doubling India's advantage.

In the 85th minute, Bangladesh came close with multiple attempts but India's defence stayed strong and thwarted them and eventually won the match 2-0.

Asia Cup 2023, IND vs PAK: Rain activates Reserve Day after Shubman-Rohit show

Rain played spoilsport as the highly anticipated Asia Cup 2023 Super Four encounter between India and Pakistan at R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo was called off on Sunday. The match will now resume on Monday since the Asian Cricket Council has allocated a Reserve Day for the marquee clash.

Earlier, India opener Shubman Gill utilized the five-day break at the ongoing Asia Cup 2023 sharpening his skills against left-arm pace, and worked closely with Nuwan Senewiratne, India's left-arm throw down specialist, in anticipation of the face-off with a top quality Pakistani bowling attack.

Put in to bat by Pakistan captain Babar Azam under clear skies, Gill had the conditions in his favour and started off with four boundaries off Shaheen Shah Afridi to pass the first test (his weakness against quality left-arm pace) with flying colours. He repeated the show with three more boundaries against the left-arm quick in the next over to give India a flying start.

In fact, in the pre-match presser, Gill had said that not facing Pakistani bowlers enough makes a bit of difference at big events. "We don't play against Pakistan as often as we do against some other teams. We all know that their bowling attack is quite good and when you don't play against such attacks often it makes a bit of difference in main tournaments."

Having already done his homework against the hard lengths, the young Punjab right-hander was in no mood to let the other quicks dominate, and slammed Naseem Shah for a couple of boundaries before hitting Faheem Ashraf for another to help India reach 50 in



mere six overs.

Indian cricketers during the rain break. (Photo Courtesy: ICC)

India skipper Rohit Sharma, who reached 24 off 10 balls by then, was happy to be a spectator at the other end with Gill taking charge and getting to a well-deserved fifty off 37 deliveries but changed gears once leg-spinner Shadab Khan was introduced into the attack. The Mumbai batter took Shadab to the cleaners on consecutive occasions to raise the tempo from the other end as India inched closer to the three-figure mark.

The carnage started on the fourth delivery of the 13th over when Rohit rocked back and pulled a short-pitched delivery over midwicket for a six and the very next ball the right-hander dispatched Shadab for another muscular shot over the midwicket region. Rohit then ended the over by guiding Shadab's wrong'un crisply to the right of backward point to reach 44 off 41 deliveries. In no time, the India skipper brought up his 50th fifty in ODIs with another six, this time off a juicy full toss from the leggie depositing him over deep midwicket

and celebrated in style with a cracking boundary off the next delivery before the drinks break helped Pakistan get back into the game.

Shadab responded to the faith shown on him even after being hammered for 31 from his two overs with the wicket of Rohit off a flighted ball outside off, which the Indian wanted to chip in over wide long off but Faheem Ashraf made good ground towards his left to give Pakistan a much-needed breakthrough.

Gill too succumbed in the very next over after scoring a handsome 58 off 52 balls, with Shaheen Shah Afridi avenging his humiliation from the Indian opener with a leg cutter that Gill tried to drive but all he could manage was a top edge that flew to Agha Salman's hands at cover, to get comeback man KL Rahul on the crease with Virat Kohli in company. The new pair looked good to capitalize on the formidable century opening stand from Gill and Sharma, but as India reached 147 for 2 in 24.1 overs, a storm halted play at the R Premadasa Stadium, leaving the handful of spectators that gathered on Sunday frustrated.

U23 Asian Cup Qualifiers: Last-minute goal helps China overcome courageous India 2-1

Despite a courageous display, India fell short in the crucial league match against China in the AFC U23 Asian Cup Qualifiers, succumbing to a 96th-minute goal by Naibijiang Mohemati here on Saturday.

In a game of fine margins, India had fought back from a goal deficit due to an own goal by Hu Hetao as they lost 1-2 to the hosts at Dalian Suoyuwuan Stadium on Saturday.

The India U-23 team learned the hard way that football is a game of fine margins, in their Group G match against hosts China as they fell short in the match.

Clifford Miranda's determined Indian U23 team put up a valiant effort but that didn't prove to be enough as they found themselves on the wrong side of a 2-1 scoreline due to a few momentary lapses at the back.

After a neck-to-neck battle for more than an hour, in which the Indians did a commendable job, the deadlock was broken in the 68th minute when Vibin Mohanan conceded a penalty off a sliding tackle, easily converted by China's captain Tao Qianglong.

However, India managed to level the score in the 92nd minute thanks to an own goal by China. Narender Gehlot took a smart low drive from a melee and the ball hit China's Hu Hetao before rolling into the net.

Just when it seemed the match was heading for a draw, China's



Naibijiang Mohemati struck the winning goal in the 96th minute, leaving India a dejected lot.

This defeat was particularly significant after India's opening match was cancelled due to The Maldives' last-minute withdrawal from the tournament.

As a result, Group G featured only three teams, India, UAE, and hosts China PR. With this loss, India now face a tough challenge to qualify for the group.

China's victory propelled them to the top of the group with four points, while India are yet to earn a point. To have any hope of qualifying, India must secure a substantial win against the UAE on September 12 and rely on favourable results in other matches.

In the context of the AFC U23

Asian Cup, only the group winners and the four best second-placed teams overall will advance to the Finals. Hosts Qatar are automatically qualified. The Finals are scheduled to be held from April 15 to May 3, 2024.

The match saw India taking the initiative with Rohit Danu's early attempt on goal, which was comfortably saved by China's goalkeeper, Jian Tao.

China faced a setback when midfielder Mutalifu Yimingkari had to be substituted in the ninth minute due to injury. Xie Wenneng replaced him and later played a pivotal role in earning the decisive penalty for China.

India's final group match will be against the UAE on Tuesday, September 12.

Kiran George clinches Indonesian Masters title in two straight games

TOKYO: The young Indian shuttler, Kiran George won the Indonesia Masters Super 100 men's singles title on Sunday, defeating Japan's Koo Takahashi in two straight games, here.

Ranked No. 50, the Indian shuttler defeated Takahashi ranked 82, with a scoreline of 21-19, 22-20. Earlier, Kiran also won the Odisha Open in 2022 for his maiden Super 100 title.

The 23-year-old Indian shuttler has proven to have excellent technique and outstanding fitness throughout the competition. In the semifinals, Tommy Sugiarto of Indonesia was upset in a three-setter game by Kiran, who has established himself as a big stage



performer on the BWF World Tour.

In the final match of the tournament, both the players showed an exorbitant display of rallies and played at their nerve. In the first game, Kiran, who is quick on the feet, mostly played dribble on the

net and a criss-crossing game to take the lead.

In the second game, Takahashi took the initial lead of 2-0, but the Indian was quick to turn the table as he played a crosscourt smash and took the lead of 4-2 before taking the lead to 11-9 at the interval. However, the Japanese held his nerve firmly and managed to level the game at 20-20.

Kiran, yet again with two cross-court smashes, wrapped up the game early and won the Super 100 Major Title.

Earlier this year, Kiran, who trains at Prakash Padukone Academy in Bengaluru, defeated Chinese star Shi Yuqi and Weng Hong Yang at the Thailand Open.

MASOOD'S UNBEATEN CENTURY HAS YORKSHIRE IN CONTROL

Calls upon officers for intervention of latest technology in fish farming to create employment avenues for youth

Glamorgan's slim promotion hopes were further diminished as Yorkshire took control on day one of their LV= Division 2 County Championship clash at Sophia Gardens.

After defeat at Worcester last week, the Welsh county have to win their penultimate match with a full set of bonus points and hope that other results go their way if they are to remain in the promotion picture.

But that looks unlikely after Yorkshire closed on 330 for 3 at stumps with captain Shan Masood unbeaten on 113 and Finlay Bean hitting 11 fours on his way to 93 on a slow pitch that offered little assistance for the bowling side.

The White Rose county, who beat Derbyshire at Scarborough last time out, are aiming for a second successive victory as they look to climb off the bottom of the table.

The two sides drew at Headingley in May, with Yorkshire clinging on at nine down to frustrate the Welsh county.

Adam Lyth hit 174 in that second innings, and, after a delayed start in Cardiff due to rain, he put on 98 for the opening wicket with Bean after Yorkshire won the toss and elected



to bat first.

Bean survived an lbw appeal from James Harris on 21, but there were few other scares for the visiting side as they made fairly rapid progress in the curtailed first session to walk off on 86 for 0 after 22 overs at lunch with Lyth on 45 and Bean 37.

It was a seventh successive half-century stand for the opening pair in Division Two, but the partnership didn't last long after the interval. Jamie McLroy was unsuccessful in his appeal for lbw against Lyth in the first over after lunch, but he didn't have to wait long for the breakthrough as Lyth chopped on and departed after hitting six fours in his 49 to leave Yorkshire on 98 for 1 in the 25th over.

Yorkshire didn't let that unfortunate dismissal disrupt their flow as Masood joined Bean in the middle and he picked up the baton from Lyth in fine style as he raced to his

half-century in just 58 balls.

Bean proceeded in a slightly more sedate fashion. He brought up the 200 in the 45th over and progressed to 88 from 117 balls as Yorkshire cruised to 217 for 1 at tea.

The 21-year-old was denied a century as he was caught at slip by Colin Ingram off the bowling of Glamorgan skipper Kiran Carlson on 93 in the third over after tea, ending a stand of 127 with Masood.

James Wharton didn't last long as he was given out lbw for 3, with McLroy picking up his second wicket of a frustrating day and earning his side their first bowling point.

George Hill came in at No. 5 and played a supporting role as Masood closed in on his first century for Yorkshire. The pair secured a first batting point at 253 for 3 in the 59th over, before Masood made it to three figures off 132 balls in the 69th over.

US Open: Anna Danilina and Harri Heliovaara win mixed doubles title

NEW YORK: Anna Danilina of Kazakhstan and Harri Heliovaara, her partner from Finland, finished a fairytale run to their first Grand Slam title by beating the No. 1 seeds Jessica Pegula and Austin Krajicek to claim the mixed doubles title at the US Open here on Saturday.

Anna Danilina and Harri Heliovaara won the final 6-3, 6-4 inside Arthur Ashe Stadium to claim the title in their maiden Grand Slam competition as a team.

Heliovaara thus became the first Finnish man in the Open Era to win a mixed doubles title at the US Open, and Danilina, the first Kazakh. Heliovaara is the second Finn to win a mixed doubles title after Henri Kontinen won the mixed doubles title at Wimbledon in 2016. Danilina is the first Kazakh to win any major in mixed doubles.

The pair had teamed up at the sign-in deadline in the referee's office before the mixed tournament

began. However, their experience individually as doubles players — both are ranked in the Top 30 on their respective tours — certainly helped their partnership gel from the opening round.

And continued to build on the partnership, eventually reaching the final. In the first set in the final, it was all the Kazakh/Finnish duo after they broke in Krajicek's opening service game to go up 2-0 and for them.

'Jago Grahak Jago' awareness camp held at Tangmarg

JI NEWS SERVICE

BARAMULLA, SEPTEMBER 10: In order to create awareness among general public with regard to their rights and responsibilities as a consumer, District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission Baramulla in collaboration with Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department Baramulla yesterday organised an introductory cum awareness meeting at Town Hall Tangmarg. The camp was presided over by the President Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission Baramulla, and attend by the Assistant Director Food besides other concerned.

The President while speaking on

the occasion said that the interest of the general consumers stands our first and foremost priority and emphasised that the objective of this meeting is to Create awareness among the officials in particular and the Public in general regarding their rights and responsibilities as a consumer.

While highlighting the importance of consumer rights, President DCDRC said the empowerment of the consumers has been accorded the highest priority by the government by enacting the Consumer Protection Act 2019, to protect against the marketing of products that are hazardous to life and property.

AD Food during the introductory meeting pointed out some major

issues and problems faced by the consumers, while reiterating the rights as responsibilities of the consumers, emphasised that in case any of the consumer feels dissatisfaction about the purchase of any of the products or notices any unfair trade practices, they should approach the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission Baramulla for redressal of these grievances, as not to have accept subtend quality of products.

Other speakers also deliberated on the subject and said that the consumer needs to be informed about the quality, quantity, standard, purity and price of goods, so as to safeguard his interests against the unfair trade practices and services.

Vice Chairperson DDC Udhampur holds Janta Darbar

JI NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 10: Vice Chairperson DDC Udhampur, Juhi Manhas Pathania, today called for time bound and qualitative completion of public projects. She was addressing a largely attended Janta Darbar at newly constructed Community Hall in Dhema, Bilaspur of Block Khoon.

She also inaugurated a newly constructed Community Hall at Dhema Bilaspur. The Asset has been constructed under DDC Capex at the cost of Rs 22 lakh.

She announced funds for further transformation of the Panchayat Dehma, setting up of a CSC over there and a conference room too. During the inauguration, the Vice Chairperson emphasized the importance of community spaces in promoting social cohesion and community development.

The Community Hall will be a valuable asset and residents of the area can organize social gatherings, festivals and meetings over there. She was optimistic that the Hall will be used for various activities that will help to bring the community together and foster a sense of unity.

While addressing people at public darbar, she had a detailed overview of public grievances of the people of the areas.

The Darbar witnessed an overwhelming response wherein a large number of people apprised the Vice Chairperson with their grievances, demands and issues of public importance.

Detailed discussions were held on various issues like AWAS+ survey, blacktopping and maintenance of roads removal of encroachment, augmentation of Water Supply, tube well/ bore well for irrigation facility, PM-KISAN installments

Inaugurates newly completed projects
Vows Quality, time bound completion of projects



related problems faced by people, and other public importance issues were discussed in brief. While interacting with the general public, the Vice Chairperson said that UT dispensation is over anxious regarding public outreach programmes. She added that the Sarkar is committed towards good governance and easy and ready access to public services.

She underlined the role of Panches/Sarpanches in ensuring a proactive and participative administration, and sought their cooperation in dealing with vital issues of public importance. She assured them all administrative support to ensure implementation of developmental projects in their respective wards besides all the development issues raised during the meeting would be addressed at the earliest.

While addressing the meeting, urged PRIs to come up with suggestions to improve the development scenario in their respective wards to maintain a good rapport between the administration and the public and urged them to work with dedication to improve the living standards of the people living in rural

areas. She called the Department of Rural Development to ensure that all the deserving beneficiaries including those who are landless should be included in the survey for benefits under the AWAS plus scheme.

She took up the issue of non-starting of most of the works under Capex Budget 2023-24 by the contractors even after the lapse of more than one month of allotments, with the Executive Engineer REW and called for prompt action into the matter. She emphasised on the time bound completion of various ongoing and sanction projects in the area.

Along with the officials of various departments, the prominent amongst those who were present included Manoj Verma Sarpanch Bilaspur, Mohan Lal Sharma Sarpanch S.K.Bair, Ramesh Chander Gupta Sarpanch Khoon, Smt. Nimrata Bali Naib Sarpanch Khoon, Tirth Ram Naib Sarpanch Babey, Sham Lal, Renu Sharma, Kuldeep Singh, Ved Sharma, Surinder Mankotia, Shiv Ram and other PRIs of Block Khoon.

DM Jammu sets concise deadlines for JJM works



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 10: District Magistrate Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya chaired a meeting to evaluate the progress of the Jal Jeevan Mission works in the district today.

During the meeting, the District Magistrate received comprehensive updates on the status of tender issuance and work allocations under the Jal Jeevan Mission. In a bid to expedite project commencement and completion, the District

Magistrate set concise deadlines for the assigned tasks.

The meeting saw participation of officials, including Superintendent Engineers and Executive Engineers from the Jal Shakti Department and the Irrigation & Flood Control Departments.

To ensure seamless execution and the removal of any potential impediments, the District Magistrate directed the respective Sub-Divisional Magistrates to oversee the works within their respec-

tive territorial jurisdictions. They were specifically instructed to compile lists and mobilise necessary resources to streamline JJM initiatives.

The SDMs were told to employ all available means within their capacity to guarantee adherence to pre-determined timelines.

In addition to fostering cooperation among all stakeholders, the District Magistrate emphasised the need for maintaining work quality while expediting project execution. As per his directives, weekly progress reports are to be submitted to ensure transparency and accountability.

Acknowledging the importance of community engagement, District Magistrate Vaishya urged officials to address the genuine concerns of local residents during the course of project implementation.

The meeting's attendees also included the Chief Planning Officer, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, District Forest Officer besides other officers.

Bicycle Rally conducted to Honour 1965 Indo Pak War Heroes

JI NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, SEPTEMBER 10: A Bicycle Rally was conducted from Jammu to Samba by National Corruption Control & Human Welfare Organization (NCCHWO).

The Jammu Hills Sports Club has imparted training to 28 Cyclists for the event. The Rally aims to exhibit solidarity with the brave soldiers of the Indian Army for their courage and Services.

To recognize Women Empowerment and to encourage youth, the honor to flag off the Rally from Balidan Stambh was given to a young National Level Gymnast, Simran Kaur, who was also selected for World School Games, France, May 2022. She qualified for the NDA 151 Course written examination as well.

The Rally consisting of Men/Women Cyclists, carried the Tricolour with pride. After Rally reached Samba, a ceremonial Wreath Laying Parade was conducted by the Army at the War Memorial, erected by 3 Madras Regiment, to pay respect to soldiers who laid down their lives in 1965 Indo Pak War. It was followed by offering of Floral Tributes by all



present to those, Who Gave Their Today for Our Tomorrow.

The gathering was given a glimpse of the 1965 War, with details of operations conducted in the Samba Sector. In a simple and impressive function, conducted by the Army, Brig Harcharan Singh emphasized that Freedom is not free, it costs soldiers.

The nation will remain the land of the Free, only as long as it is the home of the Braves. The stories of War recalled during such events, motivates our youth.

Commander Samba Garrison, the Chief Guest for the occasion, appreciated the efforts made by the Bicycle Riders, who have expressed

their gratitude towards soldiers in a unique manner.

All bicycle Riders were felicitated with Mementos/Certificates by the Chief Guest.

The mementos were specifically designed by 3 Madras Regiment, which participated in the 1965 War in Samba Sector.

Vote of Thanks was delivered by Parveen Raina, who thanked the Army for the support. The event was supported by NGOs like IWC Jammu Tawi, War Wounded Foundation, SS Jain Sabha Talab Tillo/ Trikuta Nagar and Jain Mahila Mandal Talab Tillo. The event culminated with a recital of the National Anthem.

India is important partner of Canada PM Justin Trudeau

New Delhi, Sep 10
India is an "extraordinarily important" economy and an "important partner" of Canada in a range of sectors including fighting climate change and creating economic growth, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said on Sunday.

His comments at a media briefing came shortly after he held talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the G20 Summit.

Asked about India's concerns over the increasing activities of the Khalistani elements in Canada,

Trudeau said his country will always defend freedom of peaceful protest but at the same time asserted that it will always prevent violence and push back against hatred. He also said that the actions of the few do not represent the entire community or Canada.

"India is an extraordinarily important economy in the world and an important partner to Canada on everything from fighting climate change to creating growth and prosperity for the citizens," he said.

The Canadian prime minister said

both sides will continue to look at expansion of existing cooperation.

In a post on 'X', Modi said he and Trudeau discussed the full range of India-Canada ties across different sectors. To a question on Khalistan extremism and "foreign interference", Trudeau said the issues figured in many conversations he and Prime Minister Modi had.

"Canada will always defend freedom of expression, freedom of conscience, and freedom of peaceful protest and it is extremely important to us," he said.

District level TOYOTATHON 2023 Competition organised by DIET Doda in hybrid model

JI NEWS SERVICE

DODA, SEPTEMBER 10: The District Institute of Education & Training (DIET) Doda hosted a highly anticipated District level Toyathon (DLC) competition in hybrid mode (online and offline mode) respectively after achieving the target of 3681 registration of students across the district under the banner of Toyathon 2023. The event was held under the esteemed leadership of Director SCERT (Prof) Dr. P. S. Manhas, Team Toyathon SCERT Jammu, Irvinder Kaur, Vivek Jandial, Monika Sharma, Yogesh Kumar and Supervision and able guidance of Principal DIET Doda Sandhra Malhotra and DNO, Toyathon Mussarat Jahan Mintoo, witnessed an overwhelming participation of ZNOs, HOIs, teachers, and students from across district Doda.



The event witnessed an enthusiastic response from Educational Institutions across the district in all three categories.

Students from different schools put forth their innovative ideas through toys/game designs. The event commenced with an opening ceremony by DNO, DIET Doda Mussarat Jahan, followed

by jury members Virender, HOD, DIET Doda, Dr. Abida Sr. Lect, Dimple Devi, Zakia Khanum (DIET Faculty members).

Principal DIET Doda, Sandhra Malhotra, expressed immense pleasure on successful completion of the grand event and appreciated the efforts of DNO, ZNOs and expressed gratitude to all

Respected HOIs (Govt/Pvt) HSS, HS, MS across the District Doda to achieve the desired target.

The DIET Faculty members highlighted the significance of promoting indigenous toys manufacturing and the role it plays in nurturing the creativity among children.

The success of DLC Category 1 (6th -8th), Category 2 (9th-10th), Category 3 (11th-12th) bears testimony to the hard work put in by DIET Faculty Raj Mohd, Sr. Lect, Zahid Ahmed, Kismat Singh, Basit Masood, the management Team Ajaz Ahmed, Irshad Ahmed, Sohail Wani, Farooq Ahmed, Chander Prakash, Mr Tanveer and ZNOs, HOIs, teachers participants.

Winners from all the three categories will now participate in Divisional level Competition at SCERT, Jammu on 18th September 2023.

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Sub:- Change in EMD Fee details of Notice inviting Tenders

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Advisor Bhatnagar visits Kokernag, inspects Fish Farming project

JKEDI, GDC Kishtwar organise Entrepreneurship awareness Programme

JI NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 10: To foster entrepreneurial spirit and promote start-ups in the region, the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) District Office Kishtwar, in partnership with Government Degree College Kishtwar, today organized an enlightening Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme on the College Campus.



The proceedings of the event centered around the crucial theme of "Entrepreneurship and Startup" and inspired and educated the budding entrepreneurs of Kishtwar district. The program witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and aspiring entrepreneurs.

In a gesture of gratitude, Dr. Madhu Bala, Head of Department (Commerce) at Government Degree College Kishtwar, delivered a heartfelt Vote of Thanks. Her words of appreciation extended to all participants, guests, and organizers for their contributions towards making the Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme a resounding success.

This collaborative effort between JKEDI and Government Degree College Kishtwar serves as a testament to the commitment of both institutions in promoting entrepreneurship and fostering innovation among the youth of Kishtwar district. It is expected that such initiatives will pave the way for a brighter and more entrepreneurial future in the region.

Prof. M. M Mattoo, Head of Department (Education) and Organiser of the event, spearheaded this valuable initiative, emphasizing the significance of entrepreneurship in today's dynamic business landscape. Prof. Mattoo's vision and leadership played a pivotal role in the event's success.

Dr. Jyoti Parihar, Principal of Government Degree College Kishtwar, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Her presence added prestige to the event and underscored the academic institution's commitment to nurturing entrepreneurial talent.

The highlight of the program featured resource persons and speakers from

Calls upon officers for intervention of latest technology in fish farming to create employment avenues for youth

JI NEWS SERVICE

ANANTNAG, SEPTEMBER 10: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar today visited Fish Farming Project Kokernag here and took stock of its functioning.

Director Fisheries J&K, Mohammad Farooq Dar; Chief Project Officer, Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Wani and other officers and officials of the department accompanied the Advisor.

During the visit, Advisor Bhatnagar inspected various divisions of the farm and took stock position of trout seed, feed and brood stock at the farm.

Interacting with the officers on the occasion, the Advisor stressed on creating more employment avenues for youth in Fisheries sector through intervention of latest technology in fish farming. He also called for post-harvest management to reduce losses. Advisor Bhatnagar further remarked that the fish farming has been a vital component of the government's initiatives to stimulate economic growth and create employment



opportunities for aspiring youth across Jammu and Kashmir.

He also encouraged the management of project to explore innovative technologies and practices of fish farming that could enhance productivity and profitability. The Advisor also emphasized on the importance of sustainable and environmentally responsible fish farming practices.

He stressed on the need for maintaining the ecological balance of the region while increasing fish

production to meet growing consumer demands. During the visit, Director Fisheries informed the Advisor that this project is the largest trout farm in Asia. He apprised the Advisor about various operations and functioning of the farm.

The Director informed that the trout seed production has increased by 36% to 14.05 lakhs fingerlings against the production of 10.32 lakhs recorded during the previous year.

He briefed the Advisor that the quality trout seed is being supplied to both government and private sector units across the UT of J&K and also to other States and UTs like Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh and Ladakh.

Director Fisheries also briefed the Advisor about the implementation of the HADP which is aimed to double the fish production of the UT by 2026-27 with creation of employment avenues for local youth.

DC Pulwama presides over Provincial Level Hockey tournament at Synthetic Turf

JI NEWS SERVICE

PULWAMA, SEPTEMBER 10: Deputy Commissioner Pulwama Dr. Basharat Qayoom presided over as Chief Guest on the inaugural ceremony of the first Hockey tournament of players U-17 organised by Youth Services and Sports department.

The tournament is being played on knock out basis and teams from all the Districts of the Kashmir division are participating in this event.

Addressing the occasion Deputy Commissioner Pulwama extended a warm welcome to all the players and expressing his pleasure on such participation of the students.

He urged them to make judicious use of the infrastructure put in place by District Administration.

Deputy Commissioner while addressing the players asked them to not only represent their Districts but to compete and represent the Nation at International levels. He appreciated Youth Service and Sports Department for organising such tournaments. At the onset of the tournament, an Anti Drug oath ceremony was also held to put in every effort in place to overcome the Drug menace and every participant and official was asked to return home as Ambassadors of the Anti-Drug campaign.

Bhrashtachar Mukat Week campaign ends in Kathua on spirited note

JI NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 10: The week long Bhrashtachar Mukat J&K campaign ended today here on a spirited note with all stakeholders vowing to eliminate corruption and promote transparent governance in Jammu and Kashmir UT.

Kathua Administration, under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Minhas, proactively organised 2024 activities from 4th to 10th of September with the active participation of PRIs to spread the message of observing zero tolerance against Corruption besides acquainting them about available legal framework and remedies to get rid of corrupt practices. The week-long campaign featured a series of awareness events across the district with a focus on the promotion of transparent and accountable governance.



Special Gram Sabhas, MC meetings and meetings with key stakeholders, including Self-Help Groups (SHGs), MGNREGA workers, farmers, students and citizens, were held to spread mass awareness about the significance of corruption free governance. These meetings also served as platforms to discuss and combat corruption at the grassroots level.

The quintessential aspect of the campaign was to raise awareness about IT-related initiatives, such as the

"Empowerment-Janbhagidari Portal." which is playing a pivotal role in establishing a transparent system of governance as complete description of constituent level planning and expenditure is readily available on the portal.

The Bhrashtachar Mukat J&K campaign along with "Digital Literacy Week" were celebrated which has also portrayed how digital initiatives in government processes hold great significance in lowering down corrupt practices. The campaign was

given widespread publicity through print, electronic, and social media.

Workshops and sensitization programs were conducted at the district level, Sub Divisional level, and Tehsil level to educate participants about anti-corruption policies and procedures.

To get a proper record of grievances and complaints, Feedback Forms were filled by the IT Department during the week-long campaign, a total of 645 such grievances and complaints were resolved on priority.

During the campaign, the educational institutions remained centre stage in bringing awareness on the menace of Corruption where-in activities like quizzes, debates, plays quiz, cartoon making, slogans, paintings, rangoli, and cultural events were held to engage the community in the fight against corruption.

New MBBS Doda GMC batch visits SDH Baderwah as a part of foundational course

JI NEWS SERVICE

DODA, SEPTEMBER 10: The new batch of undergraduate MBBS students (2023-24) of Doda Government medical College today visited Sub District Hospital (SDH) Baderwah as a part of their foundational course under the Department of Community Medicine GMC Doda. The visit was conducted under the guidance of the Medical College principal (Dr.) Puja Vimesh and under overall supervision of HOD Community Medicines, Dr. Suresh K Kotwal. During the visit the students went round all sections of SDH Baderwah and were imparted orientation regarding the functioning of Community Health Centre by the staff. Earlier, Academic Registrar, Dr. Waliq K Balwan and junior Resident Dr Nayyar Sajjad sensitised the students regarding the purpose of the visit. He gave them initial orientation regarding the visit. The other staff of community medicines department whose active involvement made this event possible were Shahid Saleem (MSW), Shazad manhas (MSW), Shokit Ali (MSW), Sehrish Naseem (MSW), Charanjit Singh (HE), and Gohar Nazir (RC).

National Lok Adalat held at Kupwara

JI NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA, SEPTEMBER 10: The District Legal Services Authority Kupwara, on Saturday held 3rd National Lok Adalat in all courts of the District. To settle the 678 cases of different nature 06 benches were constituted by DLSA. At Headquarter Kupwara Bench No. 1 was presided over by Shazia Tabasum Pr. District & Sessions Judge/ Chairperson District Legal Services Authority, Kupwara along with Altaf Ahmad Mir Civil Judge/Munsiff JMJC Kupwara, who acted as a member of the said bench.

Bench No. 2 was comprised of Mr. Manzoor Ahmad Khan Sub-Judge/ Secretary DLSA, Kupwara (Presiding Officer) along with Bar President Kupwara (Mr. Shafeeq Ahmad Shah) as its member. Similar other benches were also constituted in the other courts of District Kupwara viz. Handwara, Tangdar and Sogam. 449 cases were finally disposed off and compromised between the parties. Further, also an amount of Rs. 87,00,000 was also settled/awarded to the parties through the intervention of these benches. General Public, Lawyers, Litigants and other

Government Officials participated in National Lok Adalat. The officials of different departments in particular different Banks and officers of BSNL extended their full cooperation and coordination for resolving the cases pertaining to their departments amicably and willfully with the parties to the case. The General Public, Lawyers and Litigants showed their massive response to the National Lok Adalat and also applauded the efforts of Chairperson District Legal Services Authority Kupwara, Shazia Tabasum for organizing a smooth and public friendly Lok Adalat.

Out Reach and Drop In Centre, Srinagar organizes Medical Camp on Drug Menace

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 10: An awareness programme on the menace of drug abuse, an impressive Medical Camp was organized by Out Reach and Drop in Centre Srinagar run by National Educational Society and Social Welfare Organization, Ministry of social justice and Empowerment Govt. Of India in collaboration with AYUSH staff Dr. Midhat Chisti and Team of AHWC Shalteng at

Usmanabad Shalteng Srinagar. The programme was attended by the community members of the locality, who pledged to fight against the drug menace.

Also, the camp was organized with the aim to provide free medical treatment and medicines to the people coming from the area to attend the camp.

A team of highly specialised Doctors and Paramedical Staff attended the Camp. Dr Gh Rasool Bilal from National Educational

Society and Social Welfare Organization and Dr. Midhat Chisti from AYUSH provided services during the camp.

More than 180 patients were given free consultation and medicines on spot. National Educational Society & Social Welfare Organization has played a vital role by extending awareness programmes and medical assistance in different areas of Srinagar with the full support of Department of AYUSH.

Advisor for CIPS visits several schools in Ganderbal

JI NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 10: Advisor for Centre for Innovations in Public Systems (CIPS) and professor NCERT, Dr. N. Upender Reddy today visited several schools for on-spot inspection of recently launched Mashal-e-Gaash Literacy Campaign by the district administration with the purpose to enlighten general masses who are illiterate about the importance "being literate".

Pertinently, Dr. N. Upender Reddy is on a three day visit to District Ganderbal with the purpose to assess the remarkable achievements of Mashal-e-Gaash, a campaign that has

TAKES ON-SPOT INSPECTION OF MASHAL-E-GAASH LITERACY CAMPAIGN



ignited the flame of knowledge and literacy in the district. Mashal-e-Gaash has not only provided education but also inculcated confidence, self-esteem, and a sense of

empowerment among those who have taken their first steps towards literacy.

On the second day, the Advisor for CIPS visited several schools of far-flung areas

like Kusturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya, Waliwar, Govt. Middle School Haripora and Govt. Middle School Bonipora Chatergul where he interacted with the beneficiaries of the

campaign and other stakeholders including PRIs, SHG, teachers, Aganwadi Workers and students.

While interacting with the beneficiaries who have been taught during the campaign shared their valuable views and experience gained during the programme.

They highlighted the importance of the campaign, driven by the relentless efforts of unsung heroes who said that the campaign has illuminated the path of learning for individuals of all ages who, for too long, were denied the opportunity to read and write.

On the occasion several

teachers also shared their experience and challenges faces on this path to enlightenment.

While interacting with the locals, the Advisor said that it gives immense pleasure to listen the incredible journey of Mashal-e-Gaash, a movement born out of collective determination to eradicate illiteracy from the midst.

He also interacted with the PRIs who highlighted their role for mobilization of community and motivating the illiterate people about the importance of literacy.

They said that people were made aware through Gram Sabhas about the campaign. Speaking on the occasion, Dr.

N. Upender Reddy while expressing his deepest appreciation to the District Administration for taking such unique initiative said that since 2006, no such program has been witnessed in any state of the country in which the district has got unprecedented progress which is development in real sense. He also urged the parents to focus on the education of children so that their future is bright. During his visit to education institutions the Advisor was accompanied with Chief Education Officer Ganderbal, Program Officer ICDS, Dy CEO and other officials of the education department.