

PM Modi launches Rs 13.000-crore 'PM Vishwakarma' scheme for traditional workers



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday launched the 'PM Vishwakarma' scheme on the occasion of 'Vishwakarma Jayanti', under which traditional craftsmen and artisans will be provided loan assistance at a minimal interest rate without the need for collateral. With a financial outlay

With a financial outlay of Rs 13,000 crore for a period of five years, the scheme will benefit about 30 lakh families of tradi-tional artisans and crafts-men, including weavers, goldsmiths, blacksmiths, laundry workers, and harbers barbers.

The goal of the scheme is to enhance the acces sibility and quality of CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 4

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The operation to flush out terrorists hiding in Gadole forest area in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag dis-trict entered the fifth day

on Sunday as security forces widened the area of

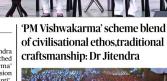
operation to neighbouring

villages and fired several

mortar shells towards the

forest, officials said. Security forces are using drones and helicop-ters for surveillance of the dense forest area where terrorists are believed to be holed up since Wednes-day after killing two Army officers and a deputy superintendent of police

forest, officials said.





Anantnag operation enters fifth day

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civilisational ethos and traditional craftsmanship. The scheme offers the option of earning liveli-hood while at the same time sustaining India's age old Guru-Shishya Param-para, said the Minister. Dr. Jitendra Singh was speaking here today during the launch of 'PM Vishwakarma' scheme Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pen-sions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today said, 'PM Vishwakarma' scheme represents perfect blend of India's Vishwakarma' scheme CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 4

सितम्बर, 2023, न। I am confident PM Vishwakarma Scheme will bring revolutionary transformation in the lives of our Vishwakarmas: LG Sinha



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tools

1 Jawan killed, another injured in

An Army jawan was killed and another soldier injured when their colleague accidentally dis-charged his firearm in Jammu and Kashmir's Ban-

dipora district, police said on Sunday. According to a police statement, the accused army personnel been detained and an investigation launched

accidental firing in Bandipora

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into the incident

Jammu and Kashmir La Covernor Manoj Sinha will be the chief guest at the event, the official said, adding LED screens would be installed with live footage for the audi-ence

nice. Divisional Commis-sioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, on Saturday, reviewed the arrange-

ments, including security, parking facilities, and

seating arrangements,

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among others

hard work have not only preserved the priceless heritage, diverse culture and traditions but also Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha attended the kept the wheels of socio launch ceremony of 'PM economic growth moving. These hardworking hands Vishwakarma Scheme' by are the strength of the progressive society," the Lt Governor said. Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, virtually at the UTlevel function organized in Srinagar. The Lt Governor PM

The Lt Governor expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji for the transforma-tive initiative. He said the scheme will directly benefit thousands of artisans and crafts-people of J&K UT work-ing with their hands and tools.

"Our outstanding arti-

sans with creativity and

PM Vishwakarma Scheme honours tradi-tional skills of craftspeople and their exemplary com-mitment and dedication. It will ensure the Vishwa-karmas are provided with financial assistance, skill upgradation and they are integrated with national and global value chains, he added. Traditionally, Vishwakarmas are

Vishwakarma

Vishwakarmas are CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 4

Opposition alliance following disruptive and divisive agenda : Tarun Chugh

hational general secretary T a r u n C h u g h today said that the divisive and disruptive agenda on "ghamand" INDIA bloc has started coming into the open. First, they ran down Sanatan Dharma and gave a disruptive call to finish the age-old culture of the country, then they

of the country, then they announced to boycot

show, officials said. The Traffic Department was instructed to

ment was instructed to formulate a comprehen-sive traffic management plan and identify suit-able parking areas, the official said. The department will issue an advisory to avoid inconvenience to commuters, he added. The Tourism Depart-ment has been mandat-ed to carry out extensive

ed to carry out extensive publicity of the event as vell as printing invitation cards and making and Mi-17 medium-lift heli- aviation safety. AGENCIES

seating arrangements, However, they clarified that only invitees with passes would have access to the venue, while the general public and audi-ence members could enjoy the air show from desig-nated viewing locations. The spokesperson said the marquee event will showcase the scintillating and speculator display of precision flying and per-formance by nine aircraft teams, flying Hawk Mk-l32 and Mi-77 medium-lift heli-However, they clarified

Probity should become a way of life. More such alert citizens should come forward and make their important contribution in the fight against corrup-tion, he said. The Lt Governor made a special mention of Nation-al Award-Winning teacher Reyaz Ahmad Sheikh from Anantnag and National Anantnag and National Youth Brilliance Awardee Urfee Yousuf, a graduate student at S.P. College Sri nagar for their dedicated service and contribution in the field of education.

combat global challenges. With the successful con-duct of G20 Summit, UT of J&K has also entered a new era of opportunities to tap its true potential, he added. The L4 Governor appre-ciated Mukesh Kumar from Akhnoor and Ramban's Rakesh Kumar for sharing their valuable suggestions

their valuable suggestions

for useful improvements in Bhrashtachar-Mukt J&K

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Chinar Corp commander LG Ghai reviews Anti-Infiltration grid on LoC

lighted the significant role of Ian Bhagidari in creat-

ing a conducive environ-ment for a progressive

ment for a progressive society. "Amrit Kaal gives people a unique and his-toric opportunity to take a great leap forward and work with one resolve and one goal of building a strong, vibrant Jammu

a strong, vibrant Jammu Kashmir," the Lt Governor

India has emerged as a

leading voice of the world

and consensus on New

Delhi G20 Summit Dec

laration is a testimony of its vital role in bringing all the countries together to

said.

We have strict policy of zero tolerance against corruption: LG

A day after a major infiltration bid was foiled, Army's Chinar Corpe Command-er Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai visited the forward area along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu Kashnir's Baramulla to review the anti-infiltration and counter-terror-ist grid on Sunday. The Corps Commander Lt Gen Ghai visited the forward area in Uri Sector to review the anti-infiltration and Coun-ter Terrorism grid along the LoC, the Army said. The Corps commander commended troops for maintaining the A day after a major infiltration bid was

commended troops for maintaining the highest standards of combat readiness



Indian Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police

India's efforts to eradicate TB by 2025 role model for World: Dr Jitendra Singh

parliamentary constitu-ency Udhampur, with the slogan "Chalo Chale TB ko Harane" (let's defeat TB).

citizens need to work col-lectively towards TB elimination in the true spirit of 'Jan Bhagidari'," Singh said.

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Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT), Mi-17 heli-Team (SKAT), Mi-17 heli-copters and the IAF band. Sukhoi-30 fighter air-craft is also expected to showcase low-level aero-batics and manoeuvring during the grand and spectacular event, which is being jointly organ-ised by the IAF and civil administration to mark the 76 years of accession of Jammu and Kashmir into the Indian Union and the All necessary arrange All necessary arrange-ments, including a tight security cover, have been finalised for the first-of-tis-kind air show by the Indian Air Force here on September 21 and 22, off-cials said on Sunday. According to a defence spokesperson, the air

spokesperson, the air administration to mark show at Air Force Sta-the 76 years of accession of tion in Jammu will have Jammu and Kashmir into the world-renowned IAF the Indian Union and the Air Warrior Drill Team diamond jubilee of the Air (AWDT), the Akashganga Force Station Jammu, the smooth conduct of the air

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in the initial exchange of fire, the officials said. As the assault resumed on Sunday morning, the security forces fired sev-eral mortar shells towards the forest, they said. They said there were several cave-like hideousts in the forest area and drones were being used to pinpoint their locations to carry out attacks on them. said. carry out attacks on them.

Drone footage showed a terrorist running for cover after one such hideout was hit by shells fired by secuoperational situation

hit by shells hred by secu-rity forces on Friday. The security cordon has been extended to neigh-bouring Posh Kreeri area as a precautionary mea-sure to ensure that terroroperational situation. Lt Gen Dwivedi was briefed by the ground commanders on the high-intensity operations, in which hi-tech equipment is being used for surveil-

Daredevil Skydiving team, spokesperson said.

impact of precision fire being used by the forces.

the drone which has been used to survey the area and track the terrorists, the officials said. They said Lt Gen Dwive-di reviewed the operation with senior police CONTINUED ON **»** PAGE 4

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Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha during this month's Awaam Ki Awaae programme has expressed his gratitude to the citizens and civil society members of the UT for their over-whelming participation in Bhrashtachar-Mukt J&K Campaien

Campaign. "J&K Administration

has strict policy of zero tolerance against corrup-tion. It is heartening to see

tion. It is heartening to see collective efforts to get rid of scourge of corruption and integrated approach to strengthen transpar-ency and accountabil-ity in the system to build progressive, prosperous Jammu Kashmir," the Lt Governor said.

Governor said. He said the whole-of-

society approach adopted by the UT Administration

ering citizens, mobilising

is instrumental in empow

people against corrup

tion and reinforcing trust

between the public and the Government.

The Lt Governor high-





cessful conduct of Operation Khanda in which three terrorists were eliminated on September 16. In a Joint Operation launched by the

and Intelligence agencies an infiltration bid was foiled on Saturday in the mornand operational preparedness. He also ing hours along LoC in Uri Sector during complimented the troops for the suc- which three militants were eliminated.

The event coincided with the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "India's efforts to eradi-

cate TB by 2025 are a role model for the world. The

He said considering the deep societal and CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 4

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, SEP 17 A public-private partner-ship (PPP) with integrat-ed strategy is essential to achieve a "TB-mukt Bharat" (tuberculosis-free

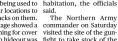
flagging off the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi (SMVD) Narayana healthcare "TB-Mukt Express", a mobile medical van that will visit different villages in his

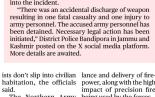
copters showcasing the slithering and small team insertion and extraction insertion and extraction techniques, free fall para jumpers and precision drill movements by AWDT. The display will show-case the operational capa-bility of the IAF with an aim to motivate youth to join the elite service, he said.

said. The spokesperson said

the event will also aim to sensitise the general public to the hazards of aviation and how they can assist in







The Northern Army

The Northern Army commander inspected the drone which has been

announced to boycot senior media persons. It was a clear indication that this bloc wants to muzzle the free voice of the media. Earlier, the Congress had done the same thing during the Emergency and now the entire "ghamandi" alli-ance was toeing the CONTINUED ON » PAGE4

Jitendra Singh has said. At an event on Sunday, Singh said India's efforts to eradicate tuberculosis by 2025 are a role model for the world. The minister of state in the Prime Minister's Office was speaking after

India). Union minister litendra Singh has said.

Arrangements finalised for IAF's maiden Air Show in Jammu next week officials said.

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Kallpoosh foundation opens 'GHARAPNAA', Brainstorming on forming an organization a model senior citizen care home

GHARAPNAA: Pioneering Senior Care Home in J&K



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JAMMU. SEPT 17: Kallpoosh Foundation has opened the first of its kind unique model senior citizen care home aptly named 'GHARAP NAA' Nardani-Raipur Bantalab, Jammu to provide a dignified alternative home to lonely and needy senior citizens who are searching for a home away from home where they can live happily with other inmates.

Kallpoosh Foundation, a National Level Socio-Cultural, Non-Profit, Eco-Friendly and Impact-Focused Organization which has been work-Organization which has been work-ing for social upliftment by improv-ing and empowering the lives of the economically or socially underprivi-leged besides the development of livelihoods for the weakest sections of society and welfare & developof society and welfare & develop-ment of marginalized communities for many years in J&K and other parts of the country came out with this novel idea after intensive research and feedback from elderly community who are alone in their homes due to the jobs and other engagements of their children out-side the state or abroad and at engagements of their children out-side the state or abroad and at many times are either unable to perform regular household jobs or feel lonely in their homes. 'GHARAPNAA' commenced opera-tions today after Greh Pravesh pooja

and prasad at its premise where a d plasad at its pleinse where a pss section of society, dignitaries d elders participated to know the cilities being offered at GHARAPnd elder NAA. 'GHARAPNAA' for Elder Care, is

comprehensive comprehensive, personalized, proactive and works in any manner ossible towards the noble cause for the deprived to bring succour and happiness in the lives of the aban-"At 'GHARAPNAA', nestled in the

picturesque surroundings of Nardani-Raipur, we have made it our mission to be the beacon of light our mission to be the beacon of light in the lives of our elderly residents. We have created a heaven where laughter echoes through the hall-ways, where stories of the past ways, where stories of the past blend with dreams of tomorrow, and where hearts find solace in the companionship of newfound friends. The smiles we witness and the tender bonds that form within our der bonds that form within our walls remind us daily of the trans-formative power of compassion" says Veena Wanchoo, brain behind 'GHARAPNAA', who is a well-known social activist and also Chairperson Verlue or broughting Kallpoosh Foundation.

Rajinder Wanchoo, Team Leader Rajinder Wanchoo, Team Leader Kallpoosh Foundation adds, "There are thousands of Sr. Citizens living alone in the city as their children have migrated, settled abroad, or are staying in other cities. A data-

base mentioning the names, addresses and mobile numbers of Sr. Citizens living all by themselves in the city is available with us. We reach out to them through phone reach out to them through phone calls or personal visits to inquire about their wellbeing and find out if they need help. This builds confi-dence, sense of security and they reach out to us in case of contingen-tic We they developed the head cies. We truly understand the hardships older people are facing and act to improve them. We must keep

act to improve them, we must keep resolving all these issues so that everyone has a smooth transition into retirement". The Pooja function which was attended by the senior citizens and dignitaries discussed and offered suggestions. suggestions alongwith other requirements at the Home and requirements at the Home and offered their help and support in making this endeavour a success. Sequel to the discussion prominent social activist(s) S/Sh. Murar ji Koul offered to sponsor for providing the CCTV while Kiran Wattal alongwith former Vice Chapaellor dablet Aima former Vice Chancellor Ashok Aima offered many constructive suggestions besides providing oxygen con-centrator and nursing accessories

centrator and nursing accessories for the inmates. The management thanked them for their support and other donors who have financially donated for this cause to enhance the facilities and safety at the home.

GHARAPNAA is now also wel-omes all social and cultural activicomes all social and cultural activi-ties to keep the elders well engaged with the community. The registration for the admission into 'GHARAPNA' is open. The man-agement committee which stays at

agement committee which stays at GHARAPNAA can be contacted 24X7 on Mob. Nos. 8527798798, 9312873670 towards completing the requisite formalities. The Foundation also seeks gener-ous donors for the noble cause and being a registered organization all

being a registered organisation, ions are tax exempted U/S 80 G of IT act.

Patiala District Civic bodies organize cleanliness awareness rallies JI NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, SEPT 17: Commi Sahni Deputy Sakshi and Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development) Gurpreet Singh Thind provided guidance today to the civic bodies of Patiala district to cleanliness promote awareness under the Indian Cleanliness Indian Cleanliness League. In response to their directions, aware-ness rallies were conduct-ed across various munici-pal councils in Patiala, with ordina networking institution with active participation from school students and

residents. Deputy Commissioner Sakshi Sahni emphasized the importance of every citizen's contribution to keeping the environment clean and encouraged



everyone to participate in cleanliness campaigns. In this effort, Patiala residents can register them selves with the Indian Cleanliness League by calling 82880-11145. Once registered, they will receive a message on

WhatsApp with instruc-tions to provide some information and upload a selfie. Outstanding per-formers will be awarded certificates for their efforts. The cleanliness awareness rallies commenced in

SSH protest against Pak for sponsoring terrorists in Kashmir

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JAMMU, SEPT 17: Shiv Sena activists under leadership of Pt Rajesh Kesri on Sunday held a protest at border village Triva in Arnia against Pakistan-backed in Arnia against Pakistan-backed terrorism. The protest comes in the wake of encounters in Rajouri and Anantnag over the past few days. SSH activists shouted slogans against Pakistan and torched its offer and decounced transform effigy and denounced terrorism

Speaking on the occasion, Kesri Speaking on the occasion, Kesri said Pakistan Army gave cover fire to infiltrating terrorists and targeted quadcopters of the Indian Army during a bid to cross the Line of Control in Baramulla district on Saturday that was foiled by our brombenetic Beliefsten bec carried bravehearts. Pakistan has carried out a despicable and dastardly terrorist attack and taken the lives of rorist attack and taken the lives of two senior officers of our brave army and a Deputy Superintendent of Jammu and Kashmir Police in this terrorist attack in Anantnag . Pakistan is not only a disgraceful ain on Islam but also at the height

of violence and madness. In the eco-nomic plight and misery that Pakistan is facing today, giving support to such a dastardly terrorist attack will only push Pakistan into the dark abyss, added Kesri. Kesri further said that Perhaps

Pakistan has still not understood Pakistan has still not understood that with India's growing reputation in the world and its strengthening economic conditions, no sensible country can think of having enmity with her. If all the prominent coun-tries of the world, including super-powers, are seeing their own benefit in striding along with India, then why has Pakistan resorted to fool-ishness?

why has Pakistan resorted to fool-ishness? The people of Pakistan also understand this very well, but its policymakers and rulers are not able to do so. Now the time has come that some more drastic me come that some more drastic meas-ures will have to be taken to teach Pakistan a befitting lesson, added Kesri, Kesri observed that certainly, the sacrifice of Army Colonel Manpreet Singh, Major Ashish Dhaunchak, and Jammu and

Kashmir Police DSP Humayun Butt while fighting terrorists in Anantnag is a big and irreparable loss to the country. All three officers known for their bravery and had successfully conducted many antiterrorist operations in the past Their sacrifice should not go in vain Their sacrifice should not go in vain, and along with selectively eliminat-ing the terrorists, Pakistan should be taught a fresh lesson because our brave officers were martyred in the ambush by Pakistani terrorists. India will definitely avenge the das tardly deaths of these brave martyrs, and this time such revenge will be taken that Pakistan will think a million times before making such a mistake in the future.

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Prominent among those present on the occasion include Balveer Kumar, Vijay Luthra, Rajkumar, Vishwanath, Sanjeev Sharma, Vishwanath, Sanjeev Sharma, Rajesh Kumar, Suresh Kumar, Balwant , Om Prakash, Captain Ghar Ram, Brahm Singh, Darshana Devi, Jyoti Devi , Poli Devi besides dozens of Shiv Sainiks were present on the occasion



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JAMMU, SEPT 17: A meeting was held in Dogra Sadar Sabha Jammu under the chairmanship of former MP Sheikh Abdul Rehman in which tributes were paid to the security personnel who sacrificed their lives in recent terrorism related incidents. After the tribute program, dents. After the tribute program, representatives of political and non-political organizations of Jammu division participated in the meeting. In this meeting, serious issues fac-ing the people of Jammu division men discussed in Jack Deckies were discussed in depth. Realizing the need to form a united front before the representatives present in the meeting, Dogra Sadar Sabha ent Gulchain Singh Charak oposed to name the organization, which all the representatives

present in the meeting agreed and jointly decided the name of the organization in the next meeting. organization in the next meeting. Name decided and announced. To fight. The representatives present in the meeting included former MP Sheikh Abdul Rehman, Dogra Sadar Sabha President Gulchain Sadar Sabha President Gulchain Singh Charak, Internationalist Democratic Platform President ID Khajuria, Shiv Sena (UBT) State President Manish Sahni, former Congress Assembly Council mem-ber Ved. Mahajan, Sainik Samaj Party President Colonel SS Pathania, Advocate Harichand Jalmeria, Akali Dal (A) State President Varinder Sinoh Khalsa President Narinder Singh Khalsa. Dogra Pakka Danga Cloth Merchants Association President Merchants Association Balwinder Singh, Anjuman Imamia

to fight decisively for the rights of Jammu

CPM Regional President Secretary Hari Singh, CITU Executive President Om Prakash and Deepak Sharma etc. were present. Brainstorming on various serious issues raised in the meeting, all the presentations unaring under deal

representatives unanimously decided to struggle in the interest of the people of Jammu and set the direc-tion for solving the public problems by putting pressure on the existing administrative system of the Union Territory to solve the problems. of., Armed to do so. ople of Jammu and set the direc

Agreed to do so. Many issues including making Jammu toll and smart meter free Jammu toll and smart meter iree, restoring the status of erstwhile state, restoring democratic system in the state, deployment of local bureaucrats, protecting the rights of Bhumiputras, protecting the interests of the people of Jammu were discussed in the meeting. The inter ests of farmers and rural adminis trative system were discussed in the trative system were discussed in the meeting. Strengthening was dis-cussed. After a thorough discussion on all the issues related to this, it was agreed to fight against them. All the representatives present in the meeting appealed to the people

the meeting appealed to the people and organizations of Jammu unite to protect the interests of Jammu and strengthen the hards of the newly formed organization and become the voice of Jammu and stand decisively for its rights.

Serving the nation, leading the world is BJP's ideology: Rekha Mahajan

JAMMU, SEPT 17: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District Jammu (BJP) District Jammu South will organize a 16-day-long 'Seva Hi Sangathan' across the Jammu South to mark Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 73rd birthday on Soutcember 17. The pre-September 17. The pro-gram will conclude on gram will conclude on Gandhi Jayanti, October 2. Today is a special day, the birthday of a remark-able leader, our beloved Prime Minister (PM), Narendra Modi this was stated by BJP District President Jammu South Pekha Mohiam here at

Rekha Mahajan here at Bhatindi of Bahu kekha, added. During the beneficiary program, Rekha Mahajan accompa-nied by District Secretary Sadiq Ahmed, ST Morcha Bhatindi of Bahu Constituency in District Jammu South. BJP leader Rekha Mahajan addresses the gathering of beneficiaries in Bhatindi with hundreds District President Mohd. Rafiq, ST Morcha Mandal

President Liaqat Ali including BJP partymen were present on the occa-sion. Sport in Bhatindi with hundreds of beneficiaries from differ-ent segments of society, who are availing multiple schemes under the ban-ner of Modi-led govern-ment dilen Ausebrach Speaking on the occa-sion Rekha Mahajan said, "The BJP will run the 16ment like Ayushman, Ujjwala for women, foreign day 'Seva Hi Sangathan' policy with India First' at its core, besides the gov-ernment establishing a fine regional balance are program as part of the 'Seva Pakhwara' from the Prime Minister's birthday on September 17 to Gandhi Jayanti on

gional balance are irk achievements of Gandhi Jayanti on October 2." Rekha added that his journey in public the BJP Govt and keeping in view the good gover-World Ozone Day celebrated in Patiala



PATIALA, SEPT 17: The Ozone layer present in the Earth's Atmosphere serves as a protective LAITIN Attmosphere serves as a protective shield for life on our plan-et. It is the responsibility of every individual to pre-serve this shield. These thoughts were

thoughts were expressed by Dr. Gurnam Virk,

Department of Social Work, Punjabi University, Social College, Patiala. Principal Deputy Naib during the World Ozone Principal Deputy Naib Singh Randhawa presided over the event. Dr. Virk encouraged students to incorporate environmen-tal habits like planting mane theory theory. Day celebration organized Day celebration organized at Government High Smart School, Khedi Gandhian, Patiala. The event was conduct-ed under the guidance of Curindus Cherts Exerct

more trees into their lifestyles. He emphasized Surinder Sharma, Forest Range Officer (Patiala) the importance of taking

speeches, and es speecnes, and essay writ-ing. In the painting com-petition, Harshdeep Kaur secured the first position, while Rajni claimed the and coordinated by Aman Arora, Vidya Sagar Arya

second position. In the speech competition, Ramandeep Kaur stood first. Jasmine secured the second position. In the essay writing competition, Shahid bagged the first position, and Ruksana ecured the second posi-

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nance by it is bound to bear fruit with people bringing BJP to power for life has been marked by and issues but getting the same addressed at the an unwavering commit-ment to social service, earliest. On this auspicious day the third consecutive term national development, and Rekha, added. During the the welfare of the less for the wehate of the less for-tunate. Every moment of his life, every atom of his being, has been dedicated to these noble causes. She

world.

She said that the ideolo-

gy of BJP is the devoted service of the people there-fore the party leaders and

workers of all ranks are known for going from door

to door and not only tak

ing stock of their problems

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fore the party leaders workers of all ranks

On this auspicious day of Vishwakarma Jayanti, Rekha emphasized that Modi ji is launching the PM Vishwakarma Yojana, a scheme that promises special benefits to small warkars artisens and also highlighted the work also nigningneed the work done by the BJP govern-ment at the Centre in every sector and under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, India has become the fifth-largest economy in the world workers, artisans, and craftsmen engaged in 18 different trades, including goldsmiths, blacksmiths, potters, weavers, and sculptors.

These unsung heroes, who have long been on the fringes of the mainstream economy, will now receive the support they deserve. This visionary scheme is expected to positively impact around three million workers in the next five years Rekha, said.

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every possible measure to protect the ozone layer. During the event, Science Professor Ritu Mittal enlightened the students about the significance of the ozone layer the factors causing its depletion, and the impor-tance of ozone preserva-tion. Art Professor tion. Art Professor Harpreet Kaur conducted the stage management, and the students participated in various competi-

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Patiala takes the initiative to segregate waste & raise awareness with cleanliness rally



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PATIALA, SEPT 17: Under the ongoing Cleanliness League-2 cam-paign, which is set to run until October 2, the Patiala Municipal Corporation organized a cleanliness awareness rally encouraging residents to segregate waste at source and maintain a clean environment. The rally featured two essential theres: "Segregate Waste at Home" and "I Manage My Waste." The event saw active participation from varieduca tional institutions social organizations, highlighting the community's commitment to environmental cleanliness.

The rally commenced from the Municipal Corporation office under commenced from the the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Manisha Rana Deputy During the event, she stressed the importance of everyone's involve-ment in promoting a cleaner envi-ronment and encouraged citizens to segregate waste at home. She also emphasized the need for citize

Indian Cleanliness League. Deputy Commissioner Sakshi Sahni reiterated that every citizen's contribution in with to groating of contribution is vital to creating a clean and green Punjab. She encouraged residents to participate in this movement by calling

adhere to the guidelines of the

8288011145 and registering for the campaign. By joining hands, the ople of Patiala can contribute to making the city plastic-free and environmentally conscious.

During the rally, Deputy Commissioner Sakshi Sahni expressed her concerns about the adverse effects of single-use plastics on the environment and appealed to the public not to use such products. Sunil Mehta, Commissioner (Health) of the Patiala Municipal Corporation, provided extensive information about the objectives of Cleanliness League-2 and urged citizens to segregate wet and dry waste properly.

The successful execution of the rally was made possible by the joint efforts of the Municipal Corporation team, including Sanitary Inspectors Amandeep Sekhon, Jwala Singh (SF), and Mandeep Singh (SF). Additionally, brand ambassador of the Municipal Corporation, Rajdeep Singh, Director of Playway Senior Secondary School, and Captain Gurpratap Singh Jaggi Sweets, an ambassador for IISL-2, actively participated in the event.

Singh from Kalakote. Meanwhile, soon after being named as the member of BJP's Election Management Committee, Rakesh Mahajan along with his team of foot soldiers conducted an extensive tour of areas falling under the jurisdiction of three Municipal Councils to reach out to the people of this hilly region with tusch ter-

of this hilly region with tough ter-rain. He took stock of their prob-

lems and addressed many of their issues on the spot. During his inter

issues on the spot. During his inter-action with the people, he thanked the Prime Minister for announcing multiple schemes for the benefit of the labour class on the occasion of Vishwakarma Day today. Making them aware about it he said that the Prime Minister Nerendra Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi deserves full appreciation for rolling out a series of schemes one after the other covering each and every sec-tion of the society. He said that the

schemes announced today are going

labour class. Sanjay Baru while speaking on the occasion assured Rakesh Mahajan of repeating the victorious performance of BJP like last elec-tions quite efficiently managed by Sanjay Baru. He further asserted that the foot soldiers will leave no

stone unturned in ensuring that all

the seats yet again go into BJP's

other facilities available in

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Rakesh Mahajan asks Nowshera cadre to ensure party's victory in MCs Singh from Kalakote



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NOWSHERA, SEPT 17: Rakesh NOWSHERA, SEPT 17: Räkesh Mahajan, In-charge Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) All Cells, Jammu and Kashmir J&K and in-Charge Nowshera District of BJP asked party workers to work hard and ensure victory of party in the upcoming rolls. upcoming polls

While addressing party workers here today, Rakesh Mahajan asked here today, Rakesh Mahajan asked them especially the foot soldiers to win the people's trust and confi-dence like in the past. He asked them to reach out to the people at their doorsteps and highlight the works done by the party in the past and assuring them that their pard. and assuring them that their pending works will be done soon. He ed them to make them aware achievements of the PM Modi led BJP Govt. Pertinent to mention here that

kesh Mahajan, the Conv Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) All Cells in Jammu and Kashmir, has been named among the 21 senior BJP leaders included in the party's Election Management Committee as announced by the BJP today. Notably, Mahajan already leads all 21 Cells of the BJP, which have been performing admirably under his guidance. In this new role. Rakesh Mahajan

has been designated as the in-charge of Nowshera District within has been seed of Nowshera District within the BJP Organization, encompass-ing Kalakote, Nowshera, and Sunderbani. The Election Management Committee also as Nowshera Prabhari Saniay Baru District President Neena Sharma an Sunderbani Rajinde MC Chair Sharma, MC Chairman Nowshera Narender Sharma, and Th Randhir

Induction Programme for MBA, session 2023-25 in CUJ



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JAMMU, SEPT 17: The JAMMU, SEPT 17: The Induction Program for the MBA (Marketing Management) Batch of 2023-25of MSCM was held in the department of Marketing and SCM. The objective of the Induction objective of the Induction Program was to familiarize the newly admitted stu-dents with the University in general and the Department in particular.

Students were given usights about the insights Academic, Co-curricular and extracurricular enviand extracurricular envi-ronment of Central University of Jammu. The objective of this induction programme was not only to welcome the new batch but to create a sense of lize time, knowledge and camaraderie which would keep learning but simulkeep learning but simul-taneously balancing time by engaging in various activities. She was confi-dent that the cohort would sharpen their skills lead to inculcation of team spirit among them. The induction programme started with the lamp lighting ceremony by dignitaries. and become corporate Prof. Ajai Pal Sharma ready

Dr. Shahid Mushtaq Head of the Department welcomed the dignitaries introduced the statutor introduced the statutory officers / faculty members of the Department and apprised the learners about the Department and University. He highand emphasized on the importance of exploring, analyzing and attaining expertise in career. He explained the essence of organizing the induction lighted the academic, research and infrastrucprogramme with four words: socializing, associtural initiatives undertaken by Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, CUJ. Dr. Naresh Kumar elab-orated about University corporate life and various

words; socializing, associ-ating, governing and expe-riencing. Prof. Jaya Bhasin, Dean, SBS in her address urged the students to uti-

other lacilities available in the University Campus. Mr. Aman Talla, MD Talla Jewellers spoke on how successful professionals often attribute their achievements to their achievements to their practical qualities and positive traits. He empha-sized on the need for dis-cipline and integrity among the budding man-agers. Dr. Anju Thapa motivated all the students to rise to the occasion and excel in their academics excel in their academics and corporate career. All the faculty members interacted with the newly admitted students and addressed their queries. Mr. Viraj Mangotra, TPO interacted with the students and briefed them to choose how opportunities for profes Kumai

sional success. Mr. Dhruv apprised the new learners about SAMARTH portal and Moodle learning man and Moodle learning man-agement system. Dr. Anju Thapa conducted the pro-ceedings and Dr. Naresh Kumar proposed a formal vote of thanks to all the attendees

attendees. The programme ended with the National Anthem.

Khajuria leads Indian delegation of Exporters, WWEPC members to Italy JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 17: Romesh Khajuria, Chairman, Wool & Woollens Export Promotion Council (WWEPC) Ministry of Textiles, Government of India led a delegation of Indian manufactures, WWEPC members to Milan, Italy to participate in Indian Pavilion. More than 140 exporters from India are participating in Homi Fashion and Jewels international event in Milan. The participation serves as a vital platform for the SME Sector to tap platform for the SME Sector to tap the vast opportunities of export to this region and the adjoining European market. The Indian Pavilion inaugurated by Raj Kamal, Consult Consulate General of India, Milan in presence of Romesh Khajuria, Chairman, WWEPC, MOT. Govt of India. Rai Kamal along with Khajuria went around the booths and met the exporters from India and liked the quality of products products as displayed. He expressed his optimism that this displayed. participation will certainly go a long participation will certainly go a long way in boosting Indian Exports to this region. Romesh Khajuria while speaking with the press here told that Europe's apparel import mar-ket was valued at US\$ 155 billion ket was valued at USS 155 billion approximately. Italy imports textile and apparel worth USS 30.70 bil-lion. China is the largest supplier to Italy with 31% share in its imports and the top 5 exporters include China, France, Germany, Turkey and Spain which account for conserviewately. 53% of Italy's approximately 53% of Italy's imports. India is the tenth largest supplier of textile and apparel to Italy. Khajuria further said that India's export of textile products to



Italy reached US\$ 860 million dur Italy reached US\$ 000 minute du-ing 2022-23 surpassing the previ-ous year's export of US\$ 839 million and registering a growth of 2% However export of woollen products demonstrated remarkable growth demonstrated remarkable growth surging 61% during the same peri-od with exports totalling US\$57 mil-lion in 2022-23 compared to US\$ 35 million in 2021-22. Khajuria also informed that popular leader sh. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India places significant emphasis on our products in export market and believes that every Indian product should have a global presence, thereby encouraging manufacturers whether mises areally ac modium whether micro, small or medium sized to venture in to the export sec tor. Khajuria further told that Italy is among the most promising mar-kets in European countries. Brands here offer substantial orders, pre-senting a significant opportunity for Indian suppliers to expand their presence in the market, including woollen sector.

Apparel represents the largest are highly optimistic that with this participation, we can significantly

our share of wooller llen prod-WWEPC ucts in this market. remains dedicated to organising such events in future also enabling member-exporters to stay informed about trends in quality stands in various countries. Khajuria expressed confidence that this par Khajuria ticipation will lead to an increase in India's exports to Italy and the con tacts established during this exhibition will undoubtedly contribute to boosting India's export to this market. During the exhibition, the WWEPC also promoted the Mega Textile Show to be held in New Delhi during February 26-29, 2024 which will be the largest ever Textile Show of its kind ever. The participating exhibitors and visitors were informed about this exhibition and specifically designed information about the same was distributed among the stakeholders so that maximum foreign visitors visit the Mega Textile Show. Sanjay Chawla, additional executive director WWEPC & Richard from FIEO also

DC Office hosts meeting with Google Team to introduce innovative education initiative



PATIALA, SEPT 17: The Deputy Commissioner's Office Patiala, in a on forward-looking move to enhance forward-looking move to enhance educational opportunities, organ-ized a pivotal meeting where the Google team, represented by Abhinav Unni (Program Manager at Google), introduced the Google Read Along App. This groundbreaking

Along App. This groundbreaking application utilizes cutting-edge artificial intelligence through text-to-speech and voice recognition techniques to assist students in enhancing their reading skills. Divulging the details Deputy Commissioner Sakshi Sawhney

said that the meeting which was attend by key stakeholders in the

trative sectors, concluded with a unanimous de ision to collaborate Memorandum а of on a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Patiala administration and Google. This partnership aims to launch a pilot project that will evaluate the effectiveness of the Google Read Alorg Am is local exhects. Along App in local schools

The Google Read Along App, designed with the latest advancements in AI technology, presents an exciting opportunity to improve lit-eracy and reading skills among stu-dents. Its user-friendly interface and interactive features make learning engaging and accessible to stu-dents of all ages, Sakshi Sawhney

Deputy Commissioner said that the upcoming pilot project, a collab-orative effort between the Patiala administration and Google, repre sents a significant step toward inte grating modern technology into the ducation system. Through the MoU, both parties are committed to enhancing the learning experience for students in the region and ensuring that they have access to innovative educational tools.

She said that this initiative is expected to not only benefit the edu-cational community in Patiala but also serve as a model for similar partnership at the state and the nation level, with the potential to transform the future of education in India

Additional Deputy Commissione (Rurual Development) Anuprita Johal, Civil Surgeon Dr Raminder Kaur, District Education Officer (Secondary) Harinder Kaur, District Education Officer (Elementary) Archna Mahajan, Deputy District Education Officer Ravinder Pal Sir (Secondary) Singh District Development Fellow (DDF) Amar Bandopadhya, District Epidemiologist Dr Sumit Singh and Representative from the Agriculture Department were also present in the

Follow Baba Vishwakarma Ji's teachings diligently: MLA Dev Mann



JI NEWS SERVICE NABHA, SEPT 17: Today, on the occasion of Baba Vishwakarma Ji's birth anniversary, a special

congregation was organ-ized at Vishwakarma who actively participated and extended his warm Mandir, Krishna Pur, Nabha. The event witwishes to the entire com-MLA Dev Mann emphanessed the presence of MLA Dev Mann (AAP),

upholding the teachings and guidance of Baba Ji. He stated that it is incum He stated that it is incum-bent upon us all to follow Baba Ji's teachings dili-gently. On this occasion, he exchanged pleas-antries and conveyed his best wishes to all those present present.

Charan Singh, Presi Imp. Nabha; M. Sharma Ten dent of Improvement Trust Surinderpal Sharma, Chairman, Improvement Trust, Nabha; Mr. Bhagwant Singh Ramgarhia; Mr. Avtar Singh Nannar; Mr. Tejinder Singh Khahira; Mr. Jora Singh; Mr. Mr. Jora Singh Khanna; Mr. Bhupinder Singh Kalra Majri; and Mr. Jaswir Singh Vajidpur, along with a large number of digni taries, graced the event with their presence

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Director Rural Sanitation, J&K Flags- Off 'Swachhata Bahu Fort residence Karwaan 2.0' to launch Indian Swachhata League 2.0 stage massive stage protest

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, SEPT 17

Director Rural Sanita-Director Rural Sanita-tion, J&K Mr. Charandeep Singh on Sunday launched Indian Swachhata League 2.0 (ISL 2.0) an inter-dis-trict competition led by youth towards building Garbage Free J&K by flag-ging off 'Swachhata Kar-waan 2.0' from Panchayat Kalvannur (Ihiri). Block Kalyanpur (Jhiri), Block Marh, District Jammu.

The Director himself led a team of youngsters to clean the solid waste from Tourist Park near from Tourist Park near Baba Jitto Dev Sthan Jhiri, under "Swachh Yodha Pratiyogita" (Cleanliness Warrior Competition), a unique initiative launched by the Directorate of Rural Sanittaion, J&K aimed at engaging and motivating individuals, particularly in rural areas, to actively in rural areas, to actively participate in the ongoing

in rural areas, to actively of J&K in which thousands residents of Jammu and waste were distributed to cleanlines drive. Around 500 people participated in bublic places. During the flag-off ceres to clean the public places. During the flag-off ceres to clean the public places. Sports enough the broader vision of the participated in swachhata Abliyan to ar the venue. Local leaders, community-driven efforts in achieving the goals of the swachh Bharat Abliyan to ar the venue. Coalleaders, community-driven efforts in achieving the goals of the swachh Bharat Abliyan to ar the venue. The venue students and healthy the swachh Bharat Abliyan to ar the venue. Local leaders, community-driven efforts in achieving the goals of the swachh Bharat Abliyan. The competition was not exceed to the swach Bharat Abliyan to art the venue. The venue students attended the firse apports fortight long sanitation drive. They highlighted the more sharing the student was to cleard in swachh Yodha Prati- "Swachh Yodha Prati- "Swach





yogita' competition seeks celebrate those who have taken it upon themselves to be the change-makers in their villages and towns." to recognize and reward individuals and teams who have made exceptional contributions to maintaining sanitation and hygie standards within the their

their villages and towns." Director further said that the "Swachh Yodha Pratiyogita' is expected to not only encourage more active participation in san-itation initiatives but also foster a sense of pride and responsibility among the residents of Jammu and Kashmir. It aligns with the broader vision of the standards within their communities. Immediately after the flagging off ceremony, sanitation drives were also launched in all the districts of J&K in which thousands



and awarded the winning team

Prizes and certificates Prizes and certificates were awarded to indi-viduals, who bagged first, second and third positions in different sports activi-ties organised during the day. Exam Pad and flower

vases made of recycled waste were distributed among the students who

cials assessed the entries hygiene in the country Director also added that as the competition gains mon entu

gains momentum, it is hoped that it will inspire individuals and commu-nities to take proactive steps towards a cleaner, healthier, and more sus-tainable future for Jammu and Kashmir

and Kashmir. For more updates on the "Swachh Yodha Pratiyogita" and its impact on rural sanitation efforts in Jammu and Kashmir, stay tuned to official social media pages of Directorate of Rural Sanitation, J&K for

regular updates and cover Present on the occa-sion were Deputy Direc-tor Rural Sanitation, J&K Sanna Khan, ACD Jammu Ms. Preeti Sharma and BDOS.



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Residents of Jammu city's Bahu Fort on Sunday staged a massive protest against installation of Smart Meters and irri-tant water supply in the area. Chanting slogans against PDD and Jal Shakti Department, tybe protest-The protesters shouted slogans against PDD and Jal Shaki department. Addressing the protesters Parshotam Lal president Saryara Sabha, Bahu Fort said that the residents in Bahu Fort were facing low water supply from past some time. He said that neither there was a regu-lar water sumby roster nor Department, tyhe protest-ers led by Parshotam Lal president Saryara Sabha, Bahu Fort and its youth wing presidn et Kamaljeet Saryara took massive large number of residents large number of residents take care of the issue. "We assembled at Kaccha Talab are residing on the bank of area and hold demonstra-our River Tawi from where tion in shape of big rally. most of the water supply After passing through schemes housed but various localities and unfortunately a large por-rally culminated at Main thowk, Bawe. Soon scores to other non -regularized of locals, mostly women

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Of Harduaboora.

assembled on road and establishments by passing demonstrations the native Bahu Fort," he against the move. said.

"The department pri-"The department pri-oritized illegal colonies ignoring the residence of Bahu Fort, which is unac-ceptable at any cost," he said. Residents have also complained that due to low pressure water is not complained that due to low pressure, water is not going to the first or second floor of the house. He said this protester is just a warning and if matters no resolve. The entire Bahu Fort will come on roads and administration is resp and administration is resp-oncible for that. Others who presented on the occasion, Pritam Chand Chairman, Mahatma Atma Ram Sidh Ji Trust, Romesh Lal Sagotra, Terseem Lal, Neeraj Shabotra, Jagdev Dalotra.

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tigations have been initiat-ed. Persons found indulging

ed. Persons found indulging in illegal extraction activi-ties shall be dealt with as per law. Community mem-bers are requested to share information regarding the crimes in their neighbour-hood with their concerned nolice units.

police units

Illegal extraction and transportation of minerals; Police seizes 13 vehicles, arrests 12 persons in Baramulla

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 Acting tough against the persons involved in illegal tractors) and arrested 7 extraction and transpor-tation of minerals, police ment in illegal extraction and transportation of min-and arrested 12 persons in Baramulla. A police party Ghat. They have been iden-under the supervision of

DvSP Hors Baramulla assist-Dar resident of Ijara Pehli-pora, Nisar Ahmad Bhat son of Gh Ahmad Bhat resident of Gh Ahmad Bhat resident of Gosia Colony Azad Gunj Baramulla, Parvaiz Ahmad Dar son of Ab Gani Dar resi-dent of Juhama Baramulla, Sajad Ahmad Sheikh son of Ab Hamid Sheikh resident of Sumbal Shilwath, Mohd

Mir resident of Nihalpora Pattan, Parvaiz Ahmad Bhat son of Mohd Abdullah Bhat son of Mohd Abdullah Bhat resident of Wanigam Kreeri & Imtiyaz Ahmad Miyan son of Mohd Afzal Miyan resi-dent of Burran Pattan. Similarly, a police party under the supervision of SDPO Tangmarg assisted

Of Harduaboora. Moreover, a police party under the supervision of SDPO Pattan assisted by Incharge PP Kungamdara seized 2 vehicles (1 tipper & 1 excavator) and arrested 2 drivers for their involve-ment in illegal extraction involvement in illegal extraction and transporta-tion of minerals at Bongam Kunzer. They have been identified as Mohd Rafeeq Khanday son of Gh Mohd Khanday, Irshad Ahmad Mir son of Gh Hassan Mir &

Vishwakarma ID Card and Certificate from Hon'ble India's efforts to... Prime Minister in Delhi. He is an expert in traditional Pheran. He has been working since last 40 years with single-minded pursuit of excellence in this traditional

PM Vishwakarma will be fully funded by the Union

PM Vishwakarma will be fully funded by the Union Government with an outlay of Ks 13,000 crore. Under the scheme, the Vishwakarmas will be regis-tered free of charge through Common Services Centres using biometric based PM Vishwakarma portal. They will be provided recognition through PM Vishwakar-ma certificate and ID card, skill upgradation involving basic and advanced training, toolkit incentive of Rs 15,000, collateral-free credit support up to Rs 1 lakh (first tranche) and Rs 2 lakh (second tranche) at a con-cessional interest rate of 5% (incentive for divid transcessional interest rate of 5%, incentive for digital trans

cessional interest rate of 5%, incentive for digital trans-actions and marketing support. The Scheme aims to strengthen and nurture the Guru-Shishya parampara or family-based practice and cover the eighteen traditional crafts including Carpen-ter, Boat Maker, Armourer, Blacksmith, Hammer and Tool Kit Maker, Locksmith, Goldsmith, Potetr, Sculp-tor, Stonebreaker, Cobbler (Shoesmith/ Footwear arti-san), Mason (Rajmistri), Basket/Mat/Broom Maker/Coir Weaver, Dolk Toy Maker (Traditiona), Barber, Garland maker, Washerman, Tailor and Fishing Net Maker. Aftab Malik, Chairman, District Development Council Srinagar; Saurabh Bhagat, Commissioner/Secretary Science & Fechnology; Vitramjit Singh, Commission er Secretary Industries & Commerce; R K Dhiman, ADG,CPWD, HODS, Political leaders, officers of UT administration, large number of craftspeeple and arti

administration, large number of craftspeople and arti-sans were present at the UT level function.

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Antantitudg Oper AttOIL... and Army officers.He also interacted with troops deployed in the operation, they added. The police believe two to three terrorists are trapped in the forest area as the forces maintained a tight cordon. Additional Director General of Police (Kashmir) Vijay Kumar late Friday night said the operation was launched on the basis of specific input and claimed "two to three trapped terrorists will be neutralised." Colonel Manreet Sime, Commanding Officer. 19

Colonel Manpreet Singh, Commanding Officer, 19 Rashtriya Rifles, Major Ashish Dhonchak, Deputy Superintendent of Jammu and Kashmir Police Humayun Bhat and a soldier were killed by the terrorists on Wednesday. (Agencies)

Opposition alliance...

same line. Chugh said it was a matter of shame that the alli-

Chugh said it was a matter of shame that the alli-ance had nothing positive to contribute as its plans and designs are meant only to capture the chair of the prime minister for which there are over a dozen claimants. The silence of Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi over all such disruptive issues shows that the Congress has given its consent to the policy of appeasement and social disruption.

erals at Tapper. They have been identified as Khurshed

Ahmad Wani son of Ab Ahad

Ahmad Wani son of Ab Ahad Wani resident of Tapper Payeen & Dilshaan Ahmad Khan son of Shams Din Khan resident of Ramban. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respec-

economic impact caused by tuberculosis, the BJP-led Centre has placed high priority for a "TB-mukt Bharat"

by 2025

by 2025. "Biotechnology is going to play a huge part in the integrated holistic healthcare approach towards the elimination of tuberculosis," the minister added. He said strategies, such as engaging the private sector, active case finding, decentralisation of services through health and wellness centres, community engagement and the Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana, have transformed India's tuberculosis manasement efforts and made it India's tuberculosis management efforts and made it patient centric.

At the event, Singh distributed kits among the TB patients adopted by him in his constituency to take care of their daily needs in order to accomplish the prime minister's vision of a tuberculosis-free India. (AGENCIES)

We have strict policy...

He lauded the endeavors of Retired School Teacher Reva Raina of Bhaderwah and Retired Bank employee Uma Sharma of Jammu for creating the right environ-ment of learning for out-of school children. The Lt Governor also congratulated the innovative farmers including Baldev Raj, Manzoor Ahmed and Masrat Jan for their unwavering determination and continued pursuit of excellence in agriculture and allied sector. During this month's edition, the Lt Governor shared

During this incluse control, the terestron control the inspirational success stories of the women and young entrepreneurs of the UT. New-Age women entrepreneurs like Reetika Mahajan from Udhampur are leading the socio-economic growth

from Udhampur are leading the socio-economic growth of J&K UT, the Lt Governor said. Gulshan Banoo of Hidyal village in Kishtwar has become a beacon of change in her district. Her entre-preneurial venture is a testament to talent, passion, and sheer determination, he added. The LI Governor also appreciated the efforts of Aamir Lone of Khadinayer, Baramulla and Basit Hussain of Srinagar for venturing into developing greenhouse proj-ects and beekeeping and establishing a Spice unit. Youth have instinctive attraction to big dreams and determination to build a brighter future. the LI Govern

determination to build a brighter future, the Lt Governor said. He mentioned about Bandipora's Mohammad Hussain who quit his MNC job in the quest for new discovery and dreams and started his own business venture in Sheep Farming. The Lt Governor voiced the suggestions received

The Lt Governor voiced the suggestions received from Som Datt Sharma from Jammu, Doda's Rozy Bano, Faizan UI Shafi regarding promotion of regional languages in the UT, scaling up business units under self-helg groups run by Rural Livelihood Mission and promotion of Agri-Tourism for ofbeat destinations. He also shared the inputs from Afzal Siddiqui from Srinagar, Jammu's Danish Samnotra and Suheeb Ahmed from Shopian on promotion of tourism as a career ontion for youth.

option for youth

FROM THE FRONT PAGE... PM Modi launches... cts and services offered by traditional artisans and craftsmen. The scheme offers collateral-free enterprise devel-opment loans of Rs 1 lakh (first tranche for 18 months

opment loans of Rs 1 lakh (first tranche for 18 months repayment) and Rs 2 lakh (second tranche for 30 months repayment). A concessional rate of interest of 5 per cent will be charged from the beneficiary with interest subvention cap of 8 per cent to be paid by the Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises. The credit guarantee fees will be borne by the central government. The scheme also entails benefits such as recognition as a Vishwakarma through a certificate and 10 card

as a Vishwakarma through a certificate and ID card and skill verification followed by 5-7 days (40 hours) of basic training. Interested candidates can also enrol for 15 days (120 hours) of advanced training and a stipend

Is days (120 hours) of advanced training and a stipend of Rs 500 per day will be provided. Besides, a Rs 15,000 grant will be provided as a toolkit incentive and an incentive for digital transaction of Rs I per transaction for up to 100 transactions monthly. A National Committee for Marketing (NCM) will pro-vide services such as Quality Certification, Branding & Promotion, E-commerce linkage, Trade Fairs advertis-ing, publicity and other marketing activities. An artisan or craftsperson working with hands and tools and engaged in one of the 18 family-based tradi-tional trades mentioned in the scheme, in the unorgan-ised sector on a self-employment basis, shall be eligible for registration under PM Vishwakarma. The minimum age of the beneficiary should be 18

The minimum age of the beneficiary should be 18 years on the date of registration. Prime Minister Narendra Modi turned 73 on Sunday. (Agencies)

'PM Vishwakarma' scheme...

by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Dr Jitendra Singh said, PM Modi has introduced a culture of combining India's traditional knowledge with modern technology and Chandrayaan is the most strik-ing example of this. The Union Minister said, by naming Moon Mission as (Chandrayam) its lander as 'Vitram' and its landing

as 'Chandrayan', its lander as 'Vikram' and its landing site on Moon's South Pole as 'Shiv Shakti' is the best example of preservation of the civilizational ethos of India. And, inputs sent from lunar South Pole connects it with the state of the art technologies and proves that India is ahead of the so-called developed nations who

India is ahead of the so-called developed nations who now want to led by us, Dr., Tliendra Singh added. Dr., Jitendra Singh said, this is a historic day in the development journey of India when the exclusive asset of India, the traditional artisans and craftsmen are being brought into the mainstream with the launch of 'PM Vishwakarma' by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Dr., Jitendra Singh said, the traditional artisans and craftsmen are as integral as anything in the society who have kept alive the centuries old traditions and crafts of India but were never taken care of since independence. It was only possible under PM Narendra Modi that this integral part of the society is supported and skilled now integral part of the society is supported and skilled now with the launch of 'PM Vishwakarma' scheme today.

tions, 12 crore toilets under Swachh Bharat Mission, 13 core connections under Jal Jeevan Mission, 18 crore health cards under Jal Jeevan Mission, 18 crore health cards under Ayushman Bharat, Mudra Loans, PM Kisan Nidhi etc. is a proof that this government is dedicated to those left out from mainstream by the

Dr. litendra Singh said, the 10 crore Ujiwala connec-

I am confident...

considered as the drivers of growth. They are the personification of artistic power, lord of the arts, creator of diverse crafts and builders of enterprises. Unfortunately, the discriminatory system in J&K existed here for decades has imprisoned the aspirations of communities engaged in traditional skills, the Lt Governor said

Under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister, we are working with the vision of "Sabka Saah, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas & Sabka Prayas" to empower poor, deprived sections of society. I am confident 'PM Vishwa-karma Scheme' will bring revolutionary transformation in the lives of our Vishwakarmas," the LI Governor said. The LI Governor highlighted the key initiatives taken by the UT Administration for the socio-economic devel-opment of the familise engaged in traditional skills and handicrafts and handloom sectors. Handloom and Handicrafts are emerging as two very important pillars of our economy. The Government has recognized more than 29 other crafts and brought them under the ambit of handicrafts and handloom sector. With the continuous support and guidance from the Hon'ble Prime Minister, we have been successful in dour Under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister, we

Hon'ble Prime Minister, we have been successful in dou-bling the exports of handicrafts and handloom, he said. The Lt Governor also called upon all the sections of society to identify and isolate the elements trying to

society to identify and isolate the elements trying to disrupt peace and development. Conflict profiteers have constructed their houses in foreign countries, sent their children abroad for stud-ies and made the poor suffer. We have decimated that ecosystem and dismantled the network of such conflict profiteers. We have overcome many challenges in the last three years to bring peace and prosperity in the life of the common man, the Lf Governor said. The LG Governor also highlighted the efforts to bring transparency and accountability in the governance process.

process.

Those who never allowed talent, merit and hard work Those who never allowed talent, merit and hard work to flourish, now have problem with the transparent, homest and accountable system. I want to tell them that under the leadership of Horbile Prime Minister, rights of people will always be safeguarded, only merit will be promoted and ecosystem of good governance and transparency will be further strengthened, he said. Kaushal Kishore, Union Minister of State for Hous-ing & Urban Affairs called for connecting maximum traditional artists and craftspeople with the PM Vish-wakarma Scheme. The Union MoS commended the progress registered by Jammu Kashmir under various schemes and also

by Jammu Kashmir under various schemes and also assured all support and assistance to the women folks in establishing industrial units. Fayaz Ahmad Bhat, a tailor from Srinagar received

Dar son of Gh Mohammad Shafi Mir son of Gh Ahmad by SHO PS Kunzer seized 3 vehicles (tractors) and arrested 3 drivers for their involvement in illegal

Pradesh Vishwakarma Sabha honours meritorious students



JAMMU, SEPT 17: On the day of "Vishwakarma Pooja Diwas", Pradesh Vishwakarma Shaba (PVS) J&K organised a function to honour the meritorious Students and oth ers achievers in different fields at its ers achievers in dilferent fields at its H.O. Gurha Bakshi Nagar Jammu today on 17-9-2023 (Sunday) in the chairmanship of Lakhpat Rai (DC Retd), in which Harbans Lal & YP Baurney (both Distt Judges), Rashpal Verma & Kuldeep Raj Verma (both Former VC OBC Verma (both Former VC OBC Verma (both Former VC OBC Board), Labha Ram Gandhi (West Pak Refugees Leader) and, RL Chargotra. Vice President Akhil Bhartya Vishwakarma Mahasabha were present as guests of honour. Total 77 students were honoured The program started with lichting The program started with lighting of traditional lamp before the por-trait of Lord Vishwakarma. The welcome address was given by Jagdish Kargotra. Some of those who excelled in 10th Class include: Adiya Barna for 90.6%, Akul Verma for 94.6%, komal verma from Khour for 95.8%, Manik Engotra for 91.0%, Nancy verma for 97.8%, Pomit Verma for 93.7%, Prinkya Verma from Khour for 96.6%, Saksham Vishwakarma for 94% Shivam Salaria for 92%, Siva Verm for 98%, Sparsh Verma for 93% and Manisha Verma from Chouki Choura for 90%.

Some of those who excelled 12th Class include Jatin Verma for 88.4%. Mannat verma for 86%. Manshu Kataria for 92.3% Pooia Manshu katana tor 92.3%, Pooja devi for 95%. Raghav Mahotra for 94.6%, Sheetal Verma for 87.4%, Raghav Verma for 85.6%, Nakul Salgotra for 83.4%, Vanshika Verma for 83%, Sayam 84%, Ayush Malhotra for 82.4%, and Vidisha for 90.6%. Those who cracked JKAS 80.8% include Pallavi Verma and Varun also honoured Other

Priyanshu Verma for admission in IIT Indore, Ritashi Rana and Ritesh Raina for their B.As with distinction. Vanshika Dewan for her Gold Medal in Bushu. Rohini for her 2nd

Medal in Bushu. Rohini for her 2nd position in dance and sports cham-pionship, Poonam Kargotra for her B.Tech with distinction. Each of the honours was issued a "Certificate of Excellence" along with a Momento. The guests of honour congratulated the honoured stucongratulated the honoured stu-dents and appreciated their hard work and appealed to the communi-ty members to support the Sabha by all possible means. A large num-ber of Vishwakarma people includ-ing women and children from all over the lammu provinge attended er the Jammu province attended over the Jammu province attended the programme.Shashi Verma con-ducted the proceedings of the event. Organisers team included Joginder Angotra, Balwant Kataria, Jagdish Kargotra, Subhash Chander, Rajinder Kumar Verma, Joginder Paul (Distt Prez), Pawan Kumar (Pummy) & Vinod Jaral. Prominent among others were pres-Prominent among others were pres Prominent among others were pres-ent included Vijay Kumar (Gen Secy), Satpal from Bhagwati Nagar, Gurmukh Singh Pathania from Digiana, Jitender Salgotra from Akhnoor, Members of Mahila Wing Shelti, Nagar, Palrash, Chelster Shakti Nagar, Rakesh Chalotra (President of Shakti Nagar Sabha), (President of Snakti Nagar Sabha), Vandana Sagar (Women wing Prez), Master Jaswant & Kartar Nath Verma from Kathua, Ramesh Angotra (Convener Vishwakarma Library), Puran Chargotra, Sham Chargotra, Hans Raj Chargotra, RK Chalero et al.

Kavi sammelan marks PM Narendra Modi's birthday with poetry and patriotism

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JAMMU, SEPT 17: On the occasion Minister Narendra Modi's birthday, the Dogra Sewa Sambhal Trust (Registered) in Jammu organized a "Kavi Sammelan," which is a gathering of poets and artists. The event aimed to pay tribute to the soldiers safeguard the who safeguard the nation's borders and remember the brave sol-diers who have sacrificed their lives. Deputy Mayor of Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria, and Mahant Paiseb Bittu ware among

Rajesh Bittu were among the prominent figures attending the event. Deputy Mayor Billawaria spoke about the continu-ous progress of India under Prime Minister Modi's efforts have gar-nered global recognition, including at the G-20 Summit, where India's strength was acknowl-edged. Deputy Mayor Rajesh Bittu were among made for the Vishwakarma Scheme, aiming to empower Indian Deputy Mayor edged.

Bill:



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aria aiso Pradhan Man Trarma Yojana, India to become the world's third-largest econ-Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana, a scheme launched on PM omy. The Modi's birthday. He drew a parallel between Lord Vishwakarma, the divine architect in Hindu stressed the importance of educating today's youth about India's history and architect in Hindu mythology, who created the world, and Prime Minister Modi's vision of building a new India through initiatives like "Make in India." He emphasized the signifi-met for evidence with consider about India's history and the objective of creating awareness among them through the Kavi Sammelan, where poets used their creations to instill a sense of patriotcant financial provision Mahant Rajesh Bittu swanani kajesh Bittu commended the Dogra Sewa Sambhal Trust for its social work and assis-

He praised leged. th Trust's init Trust's initiative to organ-ize an event on PM Modi's birthday, acknowledging the Prime Minister's dedi the Prime Minister's dedi-cation to serving the nation. The poets who participated in the Kavi Sammelan were honored by the Dogra Sewa Sambhal Trust, and the

event was conducted by poet Star Singh. Several other poets presented their performances, mak-ing the event an entertain-ing and enlightening expe-

Bali Bhagat slams Dr. Farooq Abdullah's advocacy for talks with Pakistan

SEPT his strong disapproval of Dr. Farooq Abdullah's recent statement advo-cating talks with cating Pakistan In a statement issued

here today, the former minister underscored that the leaders of the sothat the leaders of the so-called Gupkar gang con-sistently appear eager to exploit any unfortunate event involving Indian security forces to criticize the Modi government. "They seem content to wait for the martyrdom of

our brave soldiers to furvears. ther their political agen-da. They fail to acknowl-edge the significant improvements in the sit-He ion in Kashmir, such markets remaining open till late night, end-

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Kashmiris for their own gain. Furthermore, he raised concern over Farooq's recent remarks, in which he seemed to exonerate Pakistan from sandns and stone peiting culture after 33 years. Such improvements are a testament to the government's commitment to peace and development in the region," he assert-ed. "Dr. Farooq Abdullah involvement in recent terrorist attacks in Kulgam. ed. 'Dr. Farooq Abdullah and his ilk do not appre-ciate these positive changes," he said, adding that they are, in fact, ene-mies of peace and appear ronst attacks in Kulgam. He reminded the NC leader of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's efforts to extend a hand of friendto have a disturbing fondship to Pakistan, includness for bloodshed. He asserted that Dr. Abdullah and his associ-Dr.

ing a historic bus journey to promote peace, despite Pakistan's subsequent betrayal in the form of Abduilah and his associ-ates have consistently failed to condemn Pakistan, which bears significant responsibility for the deaths of 42,000 betrayal in the form of the Kargil conflict. He also questioned Farooq's track record, asking what he and his family have done to address the complex

people in Jammu and Kashmir over the last 30 issues faced by Jammu questioned Dr

and Kashmir during their He questioned Dr. Abdullah's apparent lack of sorrow for the killings of innocent Kashmiris and Kashmir during their long tenures in power. He emphasized that the solution to terrorism in and accused him of politthe region lies not in talkical opportunism, sug-gesting that they have exploited the suffering of ing to Pakistan but in addressing the problems of Islamic fundamental-

Bali Bhagat further Abdullah's track record, asking about his tenure as Chief Minister of the erstwhile state and his son Omar Abdullah's role External Affairs Minister in the Centre.

"Your son Omar Abdullah was made External Affairs Minister in the Centre what he did. You remained the Chief Minister for so many years in the erst-while state what was your while state what was your contribution in eradicat-ing the terrorism. Are not you responsible for killing of 42,000 innocent people of J&K," he asked.

The senior BJP leader The senior BJP leader reiterated his strong dis-approval of Dr. Farooq Abdullah's advocacy for talks with Pakistan, emphasizing that the Modi government is fully capable of dealing with the abellurese need hu the challenges posed by terrorism in the region

Do Kalakaar, Hindi play stages at Natrang Studio in its weekly Sunday Theatre series

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ing an era of strikes.

JAMMU,SEPT 17: Do Kalakaar, a play in Hindi written by Bhagwati Charan Verma and directed by Neeraj Kant was staged here today at Natrang Studio in its weekly at Natrang Studio in its weekly Sunday Theatre series. Though coated with a thick layer of comedy, the play had a very relevant mes-sage to share with the audience which was revealed very artistically. In the play, 'Churamani' and 'Martand' are two friends, both are artists (one poet and another painter) they had once aspired to

painter) they had once aspired to rule the Bollywood with their respective creative strengths. The poet had dreamt of becoming the top Hindi Film lyricist and the painter had set a goal for himself to become the most equals force are become the most sought after art director of the tinsel town. But destiny lands them in a situation where both are forced to use their creativ energies in creating situations and cooking stories just to escape the harassment of their landlord who has not been paid the rentals of a dingy room for the last six months. The playwright has beautifully por-The playwright has beautifully por-trayed the tragic fate of the creative people who are expected to create magic and electrifying artistic expe-rience through their unlimited cre-ative energies are shown wasting their accritisity inst to ensure our their creativity just to ensure survival. The play opens at a situation where both the poet and the painter



have locked themselves in a room which is being visited by the land-lord to collect the rent from them. The landlord forcefully makes his entry despite all-out unsuccessful efforts to hold him back are made by them. When caught at the corner both take shelter of their creative mind and start cooking highly logical excuses to impress the landlord so he allows them to continue till they are able to realize their unful-filled dreams. Both sell him the dreams to the

extent that the room rented out to them will once become a museum which once hosted the great genius of the world of poetry and painting. Finding the distance beyond meas-urement between their dreams and reality, the landlord refuses to buy

their arguments and throws them out of the room to face further rejec-tion and dejection of the society Both the poet and the painter get this realization at this point of the time that despite having a civiliza-tion of thousand years at our back this world is not meant for creative people

Natrang artists who presented a wonderful performance included Sheryaar Salaria, Amit Brahmi, Vishal Bhat, Mehak Chib, Chaitanya Shekhar, Sumit Chaitanya Shekhar, Sumit Bandaral, Nikhil Sharma and Sonali Sharma. The lights of the sonau sharma. The lights of the play were executed by Neeraj Kant who also did the sound. The play was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen and the presentations were done by Kushal Bhat.

Arrogant political alliance opposing Sanatan Dharma should prepare for Failure in 2024, Modi Govt will come again: Chandel

JAMMU, SEPT 17: Hindu national ist leader Guruji Raju Chandel expressed his heartfelt birthday wishes to the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, on the

occasion of his birth anniversary. During a conversation with jour-nalists, Chandel stated that the ancient Vedic culture and traditions of Sanatan Dharma have been scientifically proven as the most ancient. This fact has even been acknowledged by the American acknowledged by the American space agency, NASA. NASA has dis-covered symbols of Sanatan Dharma and the authenticity of Lord Shiva in space, attesting to the existence of the universe's structure and the presence of Hindu Sanatan Dharma's essence

Dharma's essence. Over the past 2500 years, follow-ers of the Christian faith have established nearly 70 countries through greed or force, with Christianity being the proclaimed national religion. In a similar man-ner. Islam was, initiated by ner, Islam was initiated by Muhammad 1400 years ago, while our Sanatan Dharma is eternal and without a beginning. It is through the divine deities of Sanatan Dharma that the entire universe and all living beings were created.

History bears witness that the creation of 60 countries came at the cost of forcibly killing non-Muslims and followers of Sanatan Dharma, and ionovers of determined national reli-gion being Islam, where it is consid-ered obligatory and acceptable to kill non-Muslims.

Chandel emphasized that until 2014, the essence of Sanatan culand religion seemed to be diminishing worldwide. However, ever since the glorious Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi took charge, the flame of Sanatan charge, the name of the Dharma has been spreading across

the globe. Even Islamic countries are now walking shoulder to shoul-der with Sanatan Dharma, as tem-ples and shrines dedicated to Lord pies and similar uncluded to Lord Shiva are being built in their nations. The praises of Sanatan Dharma are being sung even in Christian-majority countries, where people are returning to their roots and embracing the Sanatan way of life. They are even changing their coster to a diem with Sonatan castes to align with Sanatan Dharma, which has now risen to the

third position globally. third position globally. Guruji Raju Chandel strongly believes that the eternal principles of Sanatan Dharma possess the power to bring harmony and enlightenment to the entire world. He encourages everyone to embrace the culture and values of Sanatan Dharma, as it holds the key to a Dnarma, as it noiss the key to a prosperous and peaceful future.He called upon the countrymen that if the children of Mughals, fundamen-talist Muslims and Christians do not have to become slaves of the British again, then there is a need to upits and work in a clanaed man. unite and work in a planned manner for the protection of world humanity and our own security. If humanity and our own security. If you have true devotion towards the nation then propagate Sanatan, otherwise for the sake of Ghazwa-e-Hind, we have to save Sanatan Hindus from the Mughals who are market kill the Sanatan Under a ready to kill the Sanatani Hindus of India not only from the children of the country but also from the for-eign Mughals.

rign Mughais. They will have to stop the ongoing religious conversions by luring Islamic fundamentalists, children of Mughals and Christians. Taking Sanatan forward is true Sanatan service to religion and servservice. ice to the nation

Gurujji Shri Chandel said that my claim is that all the religions in the world, whatever paths or beliefs they have, have originated from

Sanatan (eternal) religion. The end of all the different sects or castes on Earth is certain, but Sanatan never gets erased nor ever will, because Sanatan dharma is the biggest religion that encompasses the people of all caste and creed and perceives

all caste and creed and perceives them as one family. Gurujji Shri Chandel said that all the politicians who insult Sanatan religion should get ready to be defeated in 2024, and all the guarantees of these political parties will be confiscated.

be confiscated. Chandel congratulated the honor-able Prime Minister of the country, Narendra Modi, on his birthday and said that in today's era, I believe that the glorious Prime Minister of the court is a control Lord Otto. the country is a part of Lord Shri Ram and the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath, appears as Laxman, and the Central Home Minister, who is referred to as Chanakya of the nation, Amit Shah, appears as an incarnation of Hanuman.

He said that it is written in our scriptures that humans possess a part of God within them, and when ever evil increases on Earth, God takes birth in the form of humans. takes birth in the form of humans. Just like in the Treta Yuga, Lord Shri Ram, Shri Laxman, and Hanuman took birth, and in the Dwapara Yuga, Lord Krishna, an incarnation of Lord Vishnu, was born, and Sheshnag took birth as Balarama

Chandel said that I am stating change said that I am stating this according to the writings in our scriptures and texts. Every time evil prevails on Earth, the opponents of Sanatan religion become active. At that time, Lord Vishnu and other deities take birth in the form of

deities take birth in the form of some human beings. However, please note that the translation may not capture the full cultural or religious significance conveyed in the original text.

First Swayam Home Decor Store opens in Jammu

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JAMMU, SEPT 17: Swavam opened its first Home Decor and Furnishing Store here today at Gandhi Nagar near Apsara Road

extension, Jammu, Mrs. Pushpa Anand was the chief guest on the occasion and inaug rated the

While addressing media on the occasion, Mr. Ashwani Bhardwaj,

Head- Franchise said, Swayam is one of the leading home decor brands in India which provides a wide variety of products related to home decoration across 400+ counters in 40+ cities in India.

ters in 40⁴ cities in India. We are offering a one point shop solution with a variety of products like Bedsheets, Curtains, Quilts, Comforter Sets, Table Linen, Kitchen Linen, Kids Linen, Hotel Linen, Wedding Trousseau Collection and a lot more' said Swawam officiale Swavam officials

Swayam onicians. Swayam management was alsa present on the occasion, and in their address, they said,"Come, experience and shop with a variety of colours, patterns and textures."

Holds Farooq, Omar responsible for present situation of J&K IAMMII Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former Minister, Bali Bhagat, has expressed

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

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Water crisis looms in Ladakh

ecently, Lieutenant Governor of Readakh Union Territory Lung, B.D. Mishra (retd) expressed con-Ladakh Union Territory Brig (Dr) cern over the growing water crisis in the arid region which is also known as the land of high passes. The veteran retired army officer shared his concern, saying the biggest worry of the UT administration is to ensure that the next generation should get drinking water. 'Our biggest worry is that in the coming days, the next generation should get drinking and potable water. Because we live on hills, water (is available) down below... I want to make sure that Ladakh never faces water problems'. Temperature is rising and glaciers are melting. This is really a matter of cause for us,' was his response after he was asked to spell out his priorities. It has given an impression to the people to understand whether Ladakh is seriously staring at the water scarcity. The government appears to have no concrete policy to preserve fast receding glaciers and the possibility of a prolonged water crisis has started casting its shadow on Ladakh's present and future. The situation seems to be alarming and it is quite evident from the statements coming from the top level in the UT administration. About 15 major Himalayan glaciers in the Union Territory of Ladakh have retreated significantly due to climate change during the last five decades. A new study by scientists of Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology had observed that three glacial lakes are likely to form around Parkachik Glacier in Ladakh due to rapid ice melt, The glacial melt is worrving as it not only increases chances of glacial lake outbursts but can also lead to paucity of water, glaciers being the region's primary source of water. The rising global temperatures have threatened Himalayan glaciers which are shrinking more quickly than any on earth. Less water is reaching Ladakh's farms and villages, and when it does, the volume of water from the faster-melting glaciers can break the banks of streams, causing floods. The Magsaysay Award recipient and engineer-turned-educational reformer, Sonam Wangchuk has quite frequently raised concerns over water crisis in the arid region and it was growing concern of water crisis that gave him ingenious idea to build artificial glaciers at lower altitudes using pipes, gravity and night temperatures to solve water crisis faced by the residents in Ladakh. The official statistics reveal that Ladakh has, although, managed to ensure coverage of 84 percent of households with tap water connections under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) launched by the Government of India but the villages still face water crisis. The total number of identified households in Ladakh was 42,405 out of which authorities have covered 35,631 house holds with tap water connections under JJM since the launch of the Mission. As many as 112 villages out of the total 250 have 100 percent households with tap water connections while water supply work is in progress in the remaining 138 villages. The UT administration of Ladakh should initiate some significant and harsh measures to address the problem of water crisis in the region. Besides, all possible measures should be put in place to bring down the pace of the fast retreating glaciers.

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this is all supposed to be terribly cute. If I have to explain why this is so many kinds of wrong, then I guess this piece, too, is going to be as pointless as most of A san horrary Tamilian, to A may cultural obligation to if slightly more famous, Tamilian – 1 watched Jailer the other day at home. I didn't last long, While I could write a piece listing out the many reasons for my premature exit, I'll stick to the one that's germane to this one: the kid. One of the characters in the film is a boy of six or so, who plays Rajinikanth's grandson. Due to no fault of his, I found the little guy uterly unbearable. He was my others. The show I came to after abandoning

Jailer was Who is Erin Carter? What Jailer was Who is Erin Carter? What stunned me in this otherwise mediocre show was the performance of the child actor, Indica Watson, who plays Harper, the pre-teen daughter of the protagonist. In this by-the-numbers show, Watson's depiction of trauma induced by her disdepiction of trauma induced by ner dis-turbing if hazy past, and uncertainty that stems from being in the care of an unreliable parent, is something to behold. Buddha-like one minute, inex-plicably immature the next, an equal-parts mixture of vulnerability, strength and utter believability as the is all things and utter believability, she is all things children are. And for this we have to give the writer almost as much credit as young Ms Watson's formidable thespian young Ms Watson's formidable thespian abilities. As luck would have it, soon after, I watched a film called Are you there God? It's me, Margaret, based on Judy Blume's landmark 1970 middle-grade novel of the same name. It was filled with flawless performances by a hear of child actors playing can you hiled with flawless performances by a host of child actors playing, can you believe it, very convincing children. In contrast to Indica Watson's moving per-formance as a child grappling with trau-ma, Abby Ryder Fortson plays the eponymous Margaret, a child in a normal-ish family going through normal-ish growing pains, with charm and under-standing. One would think the latter is an easier character to essay. It isn't, actually. Both are hard. Because the very act of being a child is hard. Period. very act of being a child is hard. Penod. And we, who were all once children, seem to have forgotten this if our popu-lar culture is anything to go by. That a movie in which a primary school student is not just allowed to run his own YouTube channel but encour-ead by his correstrem here mode but

aged by his caregivers has made hundreds of crores without a single person caring tells us more than a little about

our great culture. Jailer's depiction of children, unfortu-nately, isn't an anomaly. Has anyone seen a mainstream Indian film or show in which they have believable characters who happen to be children? How often do we get to watch a film in which a to we get to watch a limit in which a child has been written with sensitivity without the sentimentality, with humour without the inappropriateness, with empathy without the pateopizing? child h (You can't say the Apu Trilogy or Malgudi Days. How long can we rest on those wonderful depictions of childhood?) Let's be honest. If we must rack our brains to come up with ten films in our orants to come up with ten infins in a country that makes thousands every year, I rest my case. Of late, we've made it a habit to come at the bottom of several indexes. Yes,

yes, there isn't a shred of truth in them and they are all the work of vested inter-ests who want to undermine our great-ness. But if there was such a thing as an Understanding Children Index, I think Understanding Children index, I think we Indians (or is it Bharatvasis?) would come pretty much at the bottom of that one, too. As parents, caretakers and adults, we veer between allowing chil-dren to think they are superhuman, and cater to their every whim, or see them as subhuman and send them to Kota subhuman and send them to Kota knowing full well they could become a statistic

Why is that we don't seem to get chil-dren? In art, literature, popular culture, and, most importantly, in real life, why do I keep getting the feeling we are miss-ing the point? Is it because most of our ancient literature – our current yard-stick for everything – was centred around the sacrifice of young ones to maintain the status quo of brittle old men? And how that was seen as noble. I wonder what it would be like to be a child in our wonderful land today. Are they all desperately searching for that elusive being they have heard of, read about, and referred to every now and then as the one who is going to make Why is that we don't seem to get chil-

then as the one who is going to make sure everything is okay, but never seen:

e grown-up? (Krishna Shastri Devulapalli is a humour writer, novelist, columnist and screenwriter)

The evolution of India to Bharat

BY KS RADHAKRIS

BY KRISHNA SHASTRI DEVULAPALLI

the little guy utterly unbearable. He was obviously written by someone who miraculously attained adulthood by

never having gone through childhood himself. In the name of humour and quirkiness, the child is made to say things that don't sound anything like a

kid, even a highly precocious one, would

or could say in real life without getting

his ears boxed. (Go ahead, Society for

his ears boxed. (Go ahead, Society for Prevention of Imagined Cruelty to Fictitious Children, cancel me.) The kid, we are told, has a YouTube channel of his own, and posts videos on it every day. And his able assistant/cameraman in this endeavour is bis inducant grandfather. The childre

is his indulgent grandfather. The child's

mother and grandmother are not just okay with this but are passive enablers

whose main job seems to be tolerating the boy's patently unfunny quips. And

he decision to potentially rename India as Bharat has ignited a spirited discourse about identity history and culture. This proposed alteration transcends a mere linguistic shift; it holds profound implications for smit, it holds prototing implications for the nation's collective consciousness. During his Independence Day address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi empha-sised the imperative to liberate the nation from a subservient mindset highlighting the need to discard colo highlighting the need to discard colo-nial vestiges. What may elude many is that 'Bharat' is the ancient nomencla-ture for India, rooted in Sanskrit antiq-uity, symbolising a cultural continuum and national identity antedating the elucitation of the transition form colonial era. The transition from 'Bharat' to 'India' marks a profound journey of cultural, political and linistic evolution

guistic evolution. **Historical Origins** Both "India" and "Bharat" possess deep historical roots in the nation's annals. The term "India" finds its gene-sis in the Indus Valley Civilisation, a sophisticated society dating back to 2200 PCC Coursendy: "Uppert" finder 3300 BCE. Conversely, "Bharat" finds its roots in the legendary king, Bharata, a forefather of the esteemed Kuru Dynasty, from whom the name is believed to have emanated. His reign epitomised prosperity, unity and a fervent adherence to dharma. The characterisation of India as the

"land of the Hindus" had not solely a religious connotation; it was also linked to the Indus. The term 'India'

research from the Pune-based Bhandarkar Oriental Institute, the earliest documented mention of the term 'Bharat' can be traced to the Rig Veda Bharat' can be traced to the Rig Veda and the pivotal Dasarajna war, in which Sudas of the Bharata clan emerged victorious. The legitimacy of 'Bharat' as a descriptor is widely acknowledged, and its adoption might very well become customary in official protocols and foreign affairs communirations

similar origin story. As per

Colonial Influence

In the epoch of Mughal dominion, Hindustan' was commonly employed to denote the subcontinent. Nevertheless, with the advent of British colonisation, 'India' gained ascendancy due to its derivation from the river due to its derivation from the nver Indus, a pivotal geographical feature of the region. The linguistic and adminis-trative sway of the British gradually propelled the widespread adoption of 'India' in official documentation, albeit never entirely erasing 'Bharat' from the collective memory of the Indian popu-

Significance of Name Change

"India" to "Bharat" transcends a mere semantic alteration. For many, it embodies a profound immersion into India's opulent cultural and historical essence. Advocates contend that this change could galvanise national unity. fostering a renewed sense of pride in India's rich heritage. It emphasises the diversity that is India, unifying under a shared, indigenous term. "Bharat" har-

monises intimately with Hindi, projecting a more authentic representation of the nation's diverse culture. Advocates posit that this renaming could poten tially galvanise national unity rekindle pride in Indian heritage. and

Official Recognition In 2016, an appeal was presented in the Supreme Court of India to amend Article 1 of the Constitution, officially acknowledging 'Bharat' alongside 'India'. The plea contended that employing 'Bharat' would evoke a sense of pride in the nation's culturally rich heritage. Although the plea was not granted, it ignited a nationwide dis-course on the relevance of 'Bharat' in contemporary times. Advocates argue that using a term from vernacular languages preserves linguistic diversity and bolsters the nation's cultural tapestry. The name 'Bharat' encapsulates a profound affinity for the land, culture and traditions of the Indian subcontinent. It serves as a poignant reminde of the age-old wisdom and philosophies that have sculpted the nation over millennia. By embracing 'Bharat' as a concurrent identity, India pays homage to its roots and exalts the diversity that defines its character. The Constituent Assembly, convened in 1946, engaged in extensive discussions regarding the country's nomenclature. The majority advocated for the original name, Bharat.

Dr Ambedkar agreed that there was a long historical tradition that alluded to the entire land by the name 'Bharat'. But he also said that there was no rea-

son to go so much into history to justify the name since the name Bharat was quite commonly used by people. Dr Ambedkar suggested that a way out Ambedkar suggested that a way out could be to have the phrase "India, that is Bharat...' in the Constitution. The National Anthem has a verse "Bharat BhagyaVidhata", where again we find the mention of Bharat. The ancient Sangam Tamil literature has also meetinged the tore. Benset is

has also mentioned the term Bharat in has also mentioned the term isnart in its verses. The Sangam literature his-torically is known as 'the poetry of the noble ones that connotes the ancient Tamil literature and is the earliest known literature of South India. The Modi government's recent decision to extend invitations to G20 sum-mit delorates in the nome of "Bheridand

mit delegates in the name of "President of Bharat" and "Prime Minister of Rharat" underscores a deliberate choice. While not negating 'India', the emphasis on 'Bharat' aligns with the BJP's de-colonisation endeavour, seek-ing to reassert India's Hindu heritage and sever ties with a colonial past.

Should "Bharat" assume a more Should "Bharat" assume a more prominent role in official parlance, it would signify a significant shift in India's self-perception and internation-al representation. This change would resonate not only with a deep-rooted historical narrative but also evoke a sense of pride in the nation's rich her-itage. Ultimately, it encapsulates India's ongoing journey of self-defini-tion in a global context.

(The writer is a political activist and an advocate; the views are per-sonal)

Why stoop to sterile jokes on successful G-20 summit? BY PAVAM K VARMA thas good relations with almost every there is a warrant of arrest against him that no two through the creation

Astrong Opposition is good for a democracy. It is required to question, interrogate, critique and where necessary, robustly oppose the government. But it must choose issues carefully, and not reflexively criticise carefully, and not reflexively criticise anything and everything the government does. This is essential for the Opposition's own credibility. When the Opposition's attack is unwarranted, and lacks democratic generosity, even its valid criticisms get devalued.

I say this in the context of the recent G-20 Summit in New Delhi, Without G-20 Summit in New Delhi. Without doubt it was the most successful such summit ever held. The meticulous plan-ning that preceded it, the elaborate architecture leading up to it, including over 200 meetings in all parts of the country, and its culmination in a New Delhi dealerstice mbrase in parts of such Delhi declaration where, in spite of man ifest differences within members, a conilest dillerences within members, a con-sensus document was accepted without a single reservation, are a tribute to India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and his dedicated team of foreign minis-ter Dr S. Jaishankar, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, sherpa Amitabh Kant, chief coordinator Harsha Sringla.

Kant, chier coordinator Harsna Sringa, and the brilliant back-up officers from the ministry of external affairs. Beyond the organisational excellence, there were significant geo-political rea-sons why the summit was a success. India is today in a unique position where

established its credentials with many developing countries. The fact that the very first decision at the summit was to admit the African Union as a permanent member was a masterstroke, which also finessed China's competitive presence in Africa to contain India's historical, cultural and economic ties with the continent. The calibrated stand we took on the Russia-Ukraine war has allowed us the Russia-Ukrame war has allowed us to have continuing cordial relations with Russia, without alienating the US and the West. The revitalisation of Quad, the grouping of India, America, Australia and Japan, has given a clear signal to China that its aggression against India, and heavenoistic stapse in the artire and hegemonistic stance in the entire Indo-Pacific region, has been appreciat ed by Asean and other southeast Asian ed by Asean and other southeast Asian countries. Our economy, which is today the fastest growing in the world, has created a vested interest globally in good relations with us. We are major buyers, especially of cutting-edge technology, and our economic and numerical size constitutes a significant market The India-Middle East-Europe economic corridor, announced at the summit will further contribute to the global integra-tion of our economy. The absence of Chinese President Xi Jinping turned out to be a blessing in disguise. If he had come it may have diluted some of the limelight on India. Of course, it was

issued by the International Criminal Court, but foreign minister Sergey Lavrov, an old friend of India, did. The Lavrov, an old friend of India, did. The great divide between the US-West and Russia-China over Ukraine was also skillfully overarched through adroit drafting. India's stock in the world is at a new high. To attack the visible success of the G-20 summit did the Opposition little credit. Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's Intie credit. Pryanka Gandhi Vadra's comment describing the summit as "Inka G-20: their Summit", was unfortu-nate, since there are some events which belong to the country as a whole, and not just to one party. There were other Opposition leaders who said that the G-Ou was a wrate of money: and did noth 20 was a waste of money, and did nothing for the common person. But have such summits not taken place when such summits not taken place when some of these very parties were in power? I still recall that in 1983, when India's economy was far more fragile, PM Indira Gandhi hosted both the Non-Aligned Summit and the Commonwealth Summit. Both brought prestige and respect for India. Others have accused respect for India. Others have accused PM Modi of hogging the limelight and using the summit to primarily project himself and his party. Perhaps yes, but which PM would not? The question is of degree, but the very nature of politics is such that the incumbent PM does get rough of the credit much of the credit.

defeated Pakistan in the war of 1971 and successfully contributed in splitting it into two through the creation of Bangladesh, it was her decisive leadership that was rightfully hailed, including sinp that was rightfully halled, including by Atal Behari Vajapave the leader of the Jan Sangh (precursor of the BJP), although it was our brave soldiers on the battlefield who actually fought — and sacrificed their lives — in the war. Even today, the Congress gives the entire credit for this momentous occa-tions to heli occathic actual of Construsion to Indira Gandhi and the Congress sion to indura Gandhi and the Congress Party. I do agree that more MPs from the Opposition could have been invited for some of the functions and, especial-ly, the absence for lack of an invitation of Mallikarjun Kharge, leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, was con-science. The cruy of the problem is the spicuous. The crux of the problem is the complete breakdown of trust between the ruling party and the Opposition. In the ruling party and the Opposition. In this process all that exists is unending acrimony, accusations, and a coarse-ness of debate, in the proliferation of which the BJP is also guilty. But foreign policy is an arena where all political par-ties should behave with greater respon-ability, and either great there is in dress it is dress within and the state of the state state of the state of the state of the state of the state state of the state of the state of the state of the state state of the state state of the state state of the state of t sibility, and give credit where it is due Some Opposition chief ministers were Some Opposition chief ministers were invited, but in spite of the INDA politi-cal alliance, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, leader of the Congress in the Lok Sabha, publicly criticised a co-member, chief minister of West Bengal Mamata Darsie for event director. Banerjee, for attending the banquet When under Indira Gandhi, India hosted by the Hon'ble Rashtrapatiji



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Preity Zinta channels her inner Barbie in photoshoot after watching **Margot Robbie film**

A ctor Preity Zinta has shared a video from her recent photoshoot in which she channelled her inner Barbie. Taking to Instagram on Monday night, Preity posted the clip in which she gave different poses and expressions for the camera. Preity

expressions for the camera. Preity turns Barbie in new clip The video started with Preity sitting on a bed in a pink theme room. It had everything coloured in pink from walls, bed sheets, table lamps, rugs, phone, and curtains. She held a pink phone with writing and pavie for the proand curtains. She neid a prink prome while smiling and posing for the cam-era. In the clip, she also jumped and fell on the bed. Preity wore a pink dress with frills and silver heels. Preity added

the song Barbie Girl by Aqua as the background track. Preity pens note

Sharing the clip, Preity said, Sharing the cip, Freity said, "Channeling my inner Barbie (sparkling heart emoji) Did this fun shoot some time ago & couldn't resist posting it after seeing #Barbie this weekend. LOVED the movie & the fact that the theatre was mostly Pink (sparkling heart emoji). So much fun watching, a mysie after so, long (sparking heart eno)). So much tun watching a movie after so long. #Barbiethemovie #Movieweekend #Ting.* Reacting to the post, lulia Vantur said, "@realpz u are the perfect Barbie: cute, playful, beautiful, amaz-ing smile and those dimples."

Fans react to Preity as Barbie A fan wrote, "Now we need an Indian starring and vou @hrithikroshan could be Ken." A per-

son commented, "You look like Katy Perry." A comment read, "Let's go for a Bollywood version of Barbie." An Instagram user said, "The real Barbie

Vijay Varma told Tamannaah Bhatia that news about her ' ?2 crore diamond ring' upset him: 'I messaged her...'

Barbie

ctor Vijay Varma shared his Areaction to the news about Tamannaah Bhatia's ' 2 crore A Tamannaah Bhatia's ' 2 crore diamond ring'. In a recent interview with Siddharth Kannan, Vijay took a dig media for reporting the 'fake news', and claiming that the ring was the 'fithh largest in the world' and was gifted to Tamannaah by actor Ram Charan's wife Upasana. Also read: Vijay Varma, Tamannaah Bhatia hold hands in unseen old nic.

Tamannaan Bhatia noid nands in unseen old pic Vijay Varma also revealed what he messaged Tamannaah after her 'fake' diamond ring made news. He joked he was upset that his name was not attached to her ring. Tamannaah and Vijay have been dating for some time now, after meeting on the sets of Lust



Stories 2 Vijav Varma What messaged Tamannaah Bhatia When asked how will he match 'the

Siddharth Kannan, "Acha aapko pata hai na woh kya hai? Woh bottle ka dhakkan hai! Woh mazak kar rahi hai. world's fifth most expensive ring that aur media carry kar rahi hai stories ki was rumoured to be gifted to her by it is fifth largest with ?2 crore price. ?2

Fatima Sana Shaikh savs she is a Shah Rukh

Khan, 'but Aamir Khan makes different films'

milta hai? Ioh maine usko message kiya ki yeh sab fake news aa rahi hai, mujhe acha nahi lag raha, aur mera naam kyun nahi likha hai (You know that was not a diamond ring but a bot-tle's cap, right? She was joking with the photo and the media carried fake news about her 'ring' being the fifth largest and costing ?2 crore. I messaged her that I felt bad that my name was not that I feit bad that my name was not linked to her ring)." One aspect Vijay really admires about Tamannaah

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milta hai? Toh maine usko message

In the same interview, he said, "I think she knows what to tell me at the right time. Sometimes she'll give me a reality check, and sometimes she'll give me a word of advice.

Anupam Kher announces wrap of shooting for new film 'Calorie'

eteran actor Anupam Kher on Saturday announced the wrap up of shooting for 'Calorie', a film directed by Canadian director Eisha Marjara.

Attired in a turban and sporting the character of an elderly Sikh gentleman, Kher posted a picture of his new avatar with the holy Golden Temple of

his new avatar with the holy Golden Temple of Amritsar in the backdrop. "And it is #Wrap for me for #CalorieFilm! Thank you to the wonderful crew from #Canada and #India for your lowe, warmth, patience and appreci-ation! It has been a great learning experience to be a part of this wonderful gem of a film! Till we meet again! Jai Ho! #540th #GoldenTemple #JoyOfMovies #Cinema."

This film is Kher's 540th venture, and the shoot-ing took place in Amritsar and Montreal. He had announced the film in an Instagram post on September 6. The story is of a human tragedy,

which "tugged" at his heart deeply, Kher said. "ANNOUNCEMENT: Happy to share that I have started the shoot of my 540th project! #Calorie is an Canadian film directed by critically acclaimed Canadian din ctor #EishaMarjara and produced by

#JoeBalass. "The film is shot in Amritsar and Montreal! The script of this human tragedy tugged at my heart deeply. Some stories need to be told! #Caloriefilm #MagicOfCinema #CompassProductions," he added at the time.

Kher is also set to star in director Vivek Agnihotri's bio-science film The Vaccine War', with some other projects in the bag, including Ravi Teja's Tiger Nageswara Rao', and 'Emergency'.

atima Sana Shaikh has praised actors Shah Rukh Khan and Aamir Khan. She said that she is a fan of Shah also said that she is a fan of Shah Rukh Khan but Aamir Khan has given very different kind of films during an interview Humans of Cinema. with

Humans of Cinema. Fatima is an SRK fan "I am a Shah Rukh Khan fan, but I feel Aamir Khan has given us a lot of films like Rang De Basanti, PK, Peepli Live. All of

these films are so different," she said in the interview. Fatima was asked about the films that have influenced her

films that have influenced her and she named Kuch Kuch Hota Hai. 'I really like Kuch Kuch Hota Hai. I love Shah Rukh Khan, the kind of romance...What is romance, how I would like... See a lot of our idea of romance or revenge comes from what we consume. Like somebody to be like

sume. Like somebody to be like that like somebody to look out for me like that... I don't know." Breaking Bad helped Fatima She also said she watched Breaking Bad when she had just had a break up. The actor added

that the popular series helped her get through the really bad



During her interview, Fatima also mentioned that she hails also mentioned that she hails from a lower middle class back-ground and added that she once lived in a one-room kitchen set up which was actually a parking basement room turned into a house.

"When you have luxury, enough financial safety, only

Vicky plays the titular role of

that make you happy as an actor that make you happy as an actor. But sometimes you don't have that choice," she added. Fatima's new films Fatima is now gearing up for her next film with Vicky Kaushal, Meghna Gulzar's Sam Bahadur.

Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw in the film.

shows on OTT. The Prime Video show

is an anthology series headlined by Arjun Mathur (Karan Mehra) and

Sobhita Dhulipala (Tara Khanna), who Sobhita Dhulipala (Iara Khanna), who play wedding planners. Made In Heaven portrays today's India as a blend of old and new, where tradition and modern aspirations are at loggerheads. The show and protag-oniste' paretimes play out accinet the

onists' narratives play out against the

backdrop of lavish and expensive wed

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Sunny Deol gave the clap for son Raiveer's first shot in 'Dono'. film releases on Oct 5

A ctor Rajveer Deol, who is making his Bollywood debut along with actress Paloma in their forth-coming film Dono', revealed how Sunny Deol and Dharmendra's presence gave him confidence. Rajveer revealed that his father Sunny Deol, who is basking in the success of his latest movie 'Gadar 2', gave the clap for his first shot in 'Dono'

for his first shot in 'Dono'. Apart from Rayveer and Paloma, 'Dono' also marks the debut of director Avnish Barjatya, who is famous film maker Sooraj Barjatya's son. Paloma Thakera is the daughter of Poonam Dhilon. The young guns shared how their respective families visited the sets during the film's shooting, often on the most challenging of days and became the ultimate support system

ing of days and became the ultimate support system. Talking about Sunny Deol's presence on the set, Rajveer said: "Papa was on set with the family on the first day of the shoot. In fact, what made my first day on Dono's set so special was the fact that he gave the clap for my very first shot. That will be my most cher-ished memory from this film". "Bade Papa (Pajveer's grandfather Dharmendra) also reined the set and he ormon an oder when I was yours

base raps (requeer s granulatier) marineiting also wisted the set, and he came on a day when I was very nervous. I was shooting my most difficult scene that comes just before the interval, and he gave me a sur-prise when he walked in on the set unannounced. Bade Papa's presence gave me great confidence.⁴ Sharing his experience during the filming of the movie and the support he got from Sooraj Barjatya.

Avnish said, "Just dad being there was a great source Avnish said, "Just dad being there was a great source of strength for everyone, especially for me. Especially during stressful shoots, his reassuring presence meant the world to us. His advice on the smallest of things can make the biggest difference. He's also the greatest per-son to bounce ideas off. I was so lucky to have him there as a pillar of support throughout the shooting of the film."

Cardi B could face battery charges for hurling mic at fan during Las Vegas show

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woman, threw liquid from her cup in the rapper's direc-tion. Visibly shocked but only for a second, Cardi B tion. Visibly shocked but only for a second, Cardi B hurled her microphone at the person while mouthing cuss words. Members of her security team jumped into the audience to intervene. Some videos also appear to show the mic making contact with a different member of the audience as per a report. What the police has said Amendian police has said

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According to news agency AFP, Las Vegas

According to news agency AFP, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department on Monday said that a woman had contacted them to report a battery. "According to the victim, she was attending an event on July 29, 2023, at a property located in the 3500 block of Las Vegas Boulevard. During a concert, she was struck by an item that was thrown from the stage." The police statement did not mention Cardi B by name, but the dott and lowering negreed with hen acheed with the date and location accord with her show

Artists getting stuff thrown at them This isn't the first time that members of the audience

This isn't the first time that members of the audience threw stuff at artists performing on stage. In June a man threw a phone at Bebe Rexha during a concert in New York, landing the singer in hospital. The same month an audience member threw a bag purportedly containing the ashes of their mother at the stage while three New tensor for three is burden.

singer Pink was performing in London. Singer Kelsea Ballerini was hit in the eve by a bracelet thrown at her by a fan. A phone was also flung

at Drake's arm during the opening night of his It's All a Blur Tou

Lil Nas X had sex toys thrown at him during a show. In June, Ava Max was hit in the eye by a concert attendee after they rushed onto the stage. Last year Harry Styles good-naturedly paused a New

York concert after someone threw a chicken nugget in his direction In December last year, Guns N' Roses frontman Avi

In December last year, Guns N Koses frontman Axi Rose pledged to stop throwing his microphone into the audience at the end of a show after a fan was reported-ly hurt in Australia.

Made In Heaven 2 trailer: Sobhita Dhulipala, Arjun Mathur fight for love and money as they plan grander weddings

Made In Heaven 2 trailer is finally here. Sobhita Dhulipala and Arjun Mathur, along with their team of wedding plan-ners, are ready to enter the shaadi (wedding) business again. On Tuesday, the trailer was unweiled by the cast and makers. Made in Heaven 2 will premiere on August 10. Made in Heaven 2 trailer

Made In Heaven Season 2 trailer once again promises a deeper exploration of complex relationships, persanal struggles and moral dilemmas. Made In Heaven 2 features the same cast as season 1- Sobhita Dhulipala, Arjun Mathur, Kalki Koechlin, Jim

Sarbh, Shashank Arora and Shivangi Rastogi - and some new faces, such as Mona Singh, Ishwak Singh and Trinetra. Mrunal Thakur, Radhika Apte, Shibani Dandekar and Sarah

Apte, Shibani Dandekar and Sarah Jane Dias, among others, will be seen as the brides in the second season. While Sobhita Dhulipala and Arjun Mathur struggle with their relation-ships and finances - think debts, busi-ness expansion and divorces - the rest of the intervention. of their team as well as their prospective clients also do not have it easy From abusive relationships and secret affairs to commitment issues, Made In Heaven 2 trailer teases what all will come, when the series drops next

week. Produced by Excel Media and Entertainment and Tiger Baby, the International Emmy nominated series is directed by Alankrita Shrivastava, Neerai Ghaywan, Nitya Mehra, Reema Neeraj Ghaywan, Nitya Mehra, Reema Kagti and Zoya Akhtar. Sharing the trailer on Instagram, filmmaker-pro-ducer Farhan Akhtar wrote on Instagram, 'The wedding season has officially begun. Watch your favourite wedding planners back into action in Media la Juang Scarge of Taciler and Made In Heaven Season 2. Trailer out

breakup

dings. For the last couple of weeks Zova and team Made In Heaven have About Made In Heaven Made In Heaven, created by Zoya Akhtar and Reema Kagti, is regarded as one of the most Indian popular been sharing old clips from season one of the show to keep the viewers engaged, and also addressed the delay in the release of season 2.



DIG INTO THE SWEET COMFORT OF MIDDLE EASTERN TREATS THE TRINITY OF PASTRY DOUGH. SUGAR SYRUP AND SPICED NUTS IN

BAKLAVA AND 'KNAFEH' MAKE IT WORTH THE INDULGENCE

Baklava and knafeh, decadent Middle Eastern desserts, are finding a sweet spot in homes through handcrafted batches and luxe festive gifting. Brands es and luxe festive gitting, Brands have begun getting orders for Christmas parties and corporate gifting, Last month, just ahead of Diwali, Medha Inamdar, a home baker from Navi Mumbai, notched up orders for 38kg of her special belause

baklavas. The "sultan of sweets", bakla-The "sultan of sweets", bakla-va-flaky, paper-thin sheets of phyllo dough doused in scented syrup and encased with the choic-est of nuts-is known for its rich legacy and complex history. While many claim its origins can be traced to the Ottoman empire, some believe it originated in ancient Assvira (modern-dav Iraa. ancient Assyria (modern-day Iraq, parts of Turkey and Syria) as early parts of Turkey and Syria) as early as eighth century BCE. The beauty of baklava lies in the shared her-itage of the Greeks, Turks, Egyptians, Lebanese, Armenians, Jews and Arabs, who developed their own classic versions influ-enced by local flavours. Making the aperfect baklava is a

Making the perfect baklava is a labour-intensive process. It starts with a sugar syrup that is infused with a sugar syrup that is infused with fresh orange, lime juice or rosewater. Once it acquires the desired consistency, it is left to cool. Phyllo sheets are then spread on a large baking tray. Nuts like pistachios, walnuts or hazelnuts are blitzed and combined with meund cinnamon putnear clause. ground cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves The mixture is cardamom spread on the phyllo sheets, layer



upon layer, with brushings of melted butter in between, and then baked until the crust is golden. The buttery sugar bombs are cut into square or diamond shapes. Premium dessert stores and

brands are trying to showcase its

exclusivity. Shazia Ahmed and Raies Sheikh launched Mezaya in 2018 to offer Mumbaikars freshly-baked baklavas in a delivery-only format. Currently operating as a cloud kitchen with 12 outlets, Mezaya hopes to reach a total of 25 outlets hopes to reach a total of 25 outlets in the city by next year, before expanding to other metros. They source the rosewater from Iran, orange blossom from Lebanon and flour for the phyllo dough from Touchar Turkey. In 2019, Jameela Ruhi and her

husband, Zamzeer Ahamed, transformed their home baking venture into a OSR, Kunafa World, in

Bengaluru. Knafeh, also known as kunafe or kunafa and usually asso-ciated with Palestinian cuisine, is made of kadavif, a noodle-like shredded phyllo dough, layered with soft cheese and rich nuts and with solt cheese and rich nuts and soaked in warm sugar syrup. Since the challenge was to get sweet lovers to own a foreign dessert, they introduced common flavour combinations such as Kitkat, Oreo, Nutella, Lotus Biscoff, Snickers, Bounty and Ferrero Rocher. The chease is imported from Creases cheese is imported from Greece and the kadayif and cream blend and the kadayit and cream blend are made in-house. With over nine outlets in Bengaluru, Vijayawada, Mysuru, Kochi and Mumbai, the couple hopes to expand to 15 more cities in 2022. Kolkata-based Vatsal Agarwal, 22, who started The Baklava Box in 2019. expanded to a nap.Iodia

2019, expanded to a pan-India delivery model and an offline collaboration with Nature's Basket in October last year. Today, he gets an average of 500 orders a day, which peak during weddings and occasions like Diwali, Christmas and New Year. "We shipped around 40,000 boxes on Diwali

around 40,000 boxes on Diwali alone," he says. Brands such as Hurrem's, a bou-tique store in Mumbai launched a few months before the pandemic, are focused on the luxe gifting space. The opulent store-cum-café boasts of a selection of handcrafted baklavas, mastered by chefs from Gaziantep, Turkey's baklava capi-

tal. Businesses believe acceptance of this dessert could be due to its multidimensional flavour, familiar to the Indian palate. That hint of cardamom or whiff of rose is a human writed for the familiar huge comfort factor for the consumer "It was encouraging to find sumer. "It was encouraging to find people switching from traditional mithai to our bakkavas as gifts to family and friends during Gampati," says Sheikh. The retail grocery segment was quick to latch on to the trend. Avinash Tripathi, concept head at Freeh Pik a premium grocery user.

Fresh Pik, a premium grocery ver-tical from Reliance Retail, says tical from Reliance Retail, says they are planning a premium in-store experience with a shop-in-shop concept exclusively for Middle Eastern sweets. Inamdar is now looking forward to making a batch of ti gul bakla-va – a bittersweet concoction of pennuts sweme seeds cordamon

peanuts, sesame seeds, cardamon and jaggery-for Makar Sankranti in January. All you have to do is keep up with Instagram.

molten grilled cheese sandwich A BELOVED SANDWICH FROM HAWAII PILED WITH CHEESE, CREAMY MUSHROOM AND GROUND MEAT

This weekend, try a recipe for



(Clarkson Potter; \$35). The book is a gorgeous trip all around the archilose your eyes and imagine you're in Maui. Maybe you conjure up a beach with pelago, making for great turquoise waters and a surfboard; or some badly armchair travel if aren't on the move these behaved people from this year's hit HBO series White Lotus. If you're thinking food, you might cast your mind to fresh poke, or a plate lunch.

aren't on use days. Simeon, a Top Chef finalist and owner of the outrageously good lunch food spot Tin Roof Maui, combines diverse influ-What you probably do not think of is a molten ences from Chinese and Filipino to Portuguese in rimpino to Fortuguese in his cooking. Recipes tell stories of Hawaiian clas-sics including spam musubi and the classic noodle dish saimin as well as shoyu sugar steak which has its roots in the staple sugarcane crops grilled cheese stuffed with meaty sloppy joe. But the over-the-top staple sugarcane crops. Flying saucers are a less

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with meaty sloppy joe. But the over-the-top sandwich, known as a fly-ing saucer because of its round shape, is beloved by locals on on Maui and also Kauai. Flying saucers are such a local specialty that Sheldon Simeon had never heard of them growing up on the Big Flying saucers are a less expected entry. "Very few local dishes involve American cheese, which is somewhat surprising given our affection for canned meats and picnic condiments," writes Simeon in the book. The sandwich is an excertion. growing up on the Big Island. It wasn't until he hopped islands that he discovered the sandwich. Now they're featured in his cookbook Cook Real sandwich is an exception. He describes it "as the glorious love child of a Hawai'i that he wrote with Garrett Snyder

sloppy Joe and a grilled cheese: tomatoey beef goulash and Kraft Singles squished between two slices of white bread, then grill-pressed over an open fire until melty and toasty.

asty. There's an inter-island rivalry between owner-ship of the sandwich. "It ship of the sandwich. "It is from Kauai, but Maui has taken it over, it's our pride and joy" says Simeon. He got his first taste of one at the Maui Country Fair, where peo-la lined up, before the

Country Fair, where peo-ple lined up before the stand even opened. "It's crazy," he says. "They're delicious, but really it's about the nos-talgia. Your grandparents have stories about stand-ing in line. Some aren't perfect, they still have crust on it. Each one is dif-ferent. but you love it." crust on it. Each one is dif-ferent, but you love it." And they are delicious. The filling is simple, as a sloppy Joe-style filling should be: ground meat mixed with sautéed onions and garlic and a few other vegetables few other vegetables, cooked in a chile-spiced oil that adds a layer of heat. Tomato paste and can-ned cream of mushcan-ned cream of mush-room soup—yes, it's still around—add to the good natured gloppiness of it. That filling is piled into American cheese covered bread rounds and feiod bread rounds and fried until golden so the cheesy is a melty salty contrast to the saucy meat. Eat it as hot as you can stand it.

Why Snacking on Hemp Seeds Can Help You Sleep More Soundly

Hemp seeds pack a pow-erful nutrient-rich punch. "First of all, hemp protein is considered to be complete, meaning it contains all essential amino acids," says Sheri Vettel, MPH, RD, LDN, an Vettel, MPH, RD, LDN, an Integrative Nutrition health coach. "For individuals following a primarily or entirely plant-based diet, this is incredibly important." In addition, Vettel explains that compared to other sources of protein, hemp is partic-ularly high in one amino acid known as arginine. Arginine is a precursor to nitric oxide, which

supports healthy blood pressure. Hemp seeds are also rich in heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids, as well as nutrients that support overall health, including vitamin E, potassium, magnesium, phos-phorus, calcium, iron, and zinc. Plus, Vettel points out that they're w-allergen risk and are fairly to digest. ut here's a little known fact one more reason to start

But here's a little known fact and one more reason to start snacking on help seeds: Hemp



seeds can help ensure you get bet-ter sleep. Why snacking on hemp seeds for sleep is so effective "Hemp's nutrient profile is incredibly useful when it comes to supporting quality sleep because the combination of the amino acid tryptophan and vita-min B6 serve as procursors for min B6 serve as precursors for melatonin, a hormone that regulates the sleep-wake cycle," says Kylene Bogden, MS, RDN, CSSD, LDN, CLT, a wellness advisor for

Love Wellness. "When eating hemp seeds, the their vitamin B6 content will trigger the conver-sion of tryptophan into serotonin, which your body can then con-vert into melatonin." Bogden strongly emphasizes that, when possible, it is always

better to eat in a way that supports your body's natural physio-logical reaction (i.e. hemp seeds!) versus relying on a supplement like melatonin. Moreover, one

ounce of hemp seeds provides approximately 45 percent of the RDI for magnesium. "Magnesium is a mineral that plays a role in regulating levels of the calming neurotransmitter gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA), aminobutyric acid (GABA), which promotes restorative sleep," says Vettel. "Unfortunately, magnesium defi-ciencies are quite common for several reasons. This includes the declining nutritive value of crops, node or small diabate commonching

declining nutritive value of crops, one's overall dietary composition, and even gut-health issues that can lead to malabsorption of mag-nesium. This makes it so impor-tant to include several quality sources of magnesium in the diet, such as hemp seeds, as we do know that magnesium deficiency is linked to insomnia and overall is linked to insomnia and overall poor-quality sleep.

How to best utilize hemp seeds How to best utilize hemp seeds for sleep (and overall health) It's important to note that while hemp seeds are fantastic nutri-tionally, eating them before bed won't necessarily induce sleepi-ness right away.

Genes may play role in tooth decay, gum disease: Study

Hereditary traits and factors such as obesity, education and personality may play a role in tooth decay and gum disease, according to a study.

Tooth decay and periodontitis, also nown as gum disease, are among the nost common diseases around the world most com

known as gum disease, are among the most common diseases around the world but unlike many other well-known dis-eases knowledge of how genes affect the risk of developing these dental diseases is still limited, said researchers at the University of Bristol in the UK. Two people who eat the same things and take care of their mouth the same way may end up with a different number of cavities but researchers have not been able to explain why until now, they said. "The study makes it clear that teeth are part of the body. Among other things, we can see that there seems to be a causal link between risk factors for cardiovascular dis-ease and tooth decay," said Ingegerd Johansson, from the Institute of Odontology at Umea University, Sweden. Previous research has suggested several

genes may be involved but none had been confirmed. This is partly because complex diseases, such as tooth decay and periodontitis, require large studies to draw firm conclusions.

Tim conclusions. The number better to their firm conclusions. The study, published in the journal Nature Communications, combined data from nine international clinical studies with 62,000 participants together with data on self-reported dental health from the UK Biobank including 461,000 participants, biobank including 461,000 participants, raking it the largest study of its kind. The analysis involved scanning millions of strategic points in the genome to find genes with links to dental diseases. The researchers were able to identify 47

The researchers were able to identify 47 The researchers were able to identify 47 new genes with connections to tooth decay. The study also confirmed a previ-ously known immune-related gene is linked to periodontiis. Among the genes that could be linked to tooth decay are those that help form teeth and the jaw-bone, those with protective functions in saliva and those which affect the bacteria found on the teeth.

E-visagi-g tech-e-abled smart cardiac care

Technologies such as artificial intelligence and machine learning should play a critical role in identifying and treating cardiovascular diseases at an early stage, writes Dr Prathap C. Reddy. required to improve cardiovascu

s we mark World Heart lar disease care

s we mark World Heart Day this year, I wonder bearts just one day of the year. The heart is the first organ to form dur-ing the development of the body and it begins beating not from birth, but from the fifth to sixth week of pregnancy with the foetal heart fully developing at ten weeks, and once it starts beating, this vital organ does not stop.

However, the heart is susceptible to disease and cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death worldwide. The positive aspect is that many forms of heart aspect is that many forms of neart disease can be prevented or treat-ed with healthy lifestyle choices, early diagnosis through regular health checks and timely treat-ment and management. It is for this that we much assembly our this that we must remember our has that we must remember our heart every moment, every day and work to keep it healthy and strong. We are fortunate that today, technology has armed us with the digital health innovations

lar disease care. This is in line with World Heart Day's focus on harnessing the power of digital healthcare to improve awareness, prevention and management of cardiovascular diseases that encompa wide range of diseases. Digital is definitely a powerful solution to improve efficiencies in healthcare. Innovative digital health technolo innovative digital nearth echnolo-gies are leading to good healthcare by facilitating disease prevention, diagnosis and management. Technology empowers patients and healthcare professionals and delivers better health outcomes. While behavioural and metabol-While behavioural and metabol-ic factors are important contributo-ry risks, some such as smoking, physical inactivity and unhealthy diet can be addressed through appropriate lifestyle modifica-tions. In addition, technology with smartphone apps and smart wear-ables can help in addressing the effect of risk factors such as hyper-

tension, diabetes, dyslipidaemia and obesity. Today technology is powering

CVD management and prevention with timely interventions that lead to and provide motivation for lifestyle modification and adher-



ence to treatment regimens Patients also play a critical role in the management of their own health with patient-facing interfaces on smartphone apps. The data from smartphone apps and smart wearables is also leading to

the development of strategies to increase physical activity levels and motivate individuals to follow a healthy diet with consequent improvements in morbidity and reductions in mortality World Heart Day this year also

world Heart Day this year also envisages a huge role to be played by Telehealth in beating CVD. Digital technology also powers virtual consultations, with patients able to consult a doctor anywhere and anytime at their convenience and avail instant consultation diet and avail instant consultation, diet and nutrition-related advice, and consultation with a specialist based on the criticality of the ail-ment. With telehealth services ment. With telehealth services now available 24x7, video consults are becoming the new norm, increasing ease of availability and access to healthcare. The healthcare industry needs to

Ine nearthcare industry needs to use the power of technology and focus on early detection. Preventive health checks and new technologies like AL robotics, and data analytics need to be har-

nessed to provide high-quality health care for India's vast popula-

health care for India's vast popula-tion of 1.3 billion. AI and ML should be leveraged for technology-based solutions to tackle the menace of CVD. AI-powered CVD risk scores will powered CVD risk scores will enable physicians to predict the risk of heart disease years in advance of onset. A National Cardiac Registry will help collect data to enable researchers to better understand the causes of CVD.

understand the causes of CVD. The future will continue to see digital health as a critical success factor that supports healthcare delivery. An ASSOCHAM study predicts the number of smartphone users in India to rise to 859 million by 2022.

One can only imagine the vast benefits of digital health to these users with the accelerated adoption of a digital approach to car-diovascular disease management leading to personalized treatment with better health outcomes at a lower cost.

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Vivek Ramaswamy wants to end H-1B visa programme, calls it 'indentured servitude'



WASHINGTON: Calling the H-1B visa programme "indentured servi-tude", Indian-American Republican presidential aspirant Vivek Ramaswamy has vowed to "gut" the lottery-based system and replace it with meritocratic admission if he wins the race to the White House in 2024

The H-1B visa, the much-sought-after among Indian IT professionals, is a non-immigrant visa that allows companies to employ foreign workers in speciality occupations that require theoretical or technical that require theoretical or technical expertise. Technology companies depend on it to hire tens of thou-sands of employees each year from countries like India and China. Ramaswamy himself has used the visa programme 29 times. From 2018 through 2023, US Citizanebin and Impringring

From 2018 through 2023, US Citizenship and Immigration Services approved 29 applications for Ramaswamy's former company, Roivant Sciences, to hire employees under H-1B visas. Yet, the H-1B system is "bad for everyone involved," Ramaswamy was quoted as eaving by Volitico.

was quoted as saying by Politico.

that the US needs to eliminate chain-based migration. "The people who come as family members are not the meritocratic immigrants who make skills-based contributions to this country

Ramaswamy stepped down as chief executive officer of Roivant in February 2021, but remained the chair of the company's board of directors until February this year when he announced his presidential campaign

As of March 31, the company and its subsidiaries had 904 full-time its subsidiaries had 904 full-time employees, including 825 in the U.S., according to its Securities and Exchange Commission filings. When asked about the mismatch in the Republican presidential hopeful's policy stance and his past business practices press secretary.

business practices, press secretary Tricia McLaughlin said the role of a Tricia McLaughlin said the role of a policymaker "is to do what's right for a country overall: the system is broken and needs to be fixed." "Virek believes that regulations overseeing the U.S. energy sector are badly broken, but he still uses water and electricity," she said in a statement. This is the same." Ramaswamy, who is himself the child of impirement hes captured

he would deport US-born children of undocumented immigrants. H-1B visas are highly sought after, and the demand for these workers continues to increase. For workers continues to increase. For fiscal year 2021, US businesses submitted 780,884 applications for just 85,000 available slots, jumping by more than 60 per cent. Ramaswamy acknowledged his own experience with immigration during his opening remarks at the

during his opening remarks at the first Republican debate in Milwaukee

"My parents came to this country "My parents came to this country with no money 40 years ago," he said. "I have gone on to found multi-billion-dollar companies." Ramaswamy's stance on H-1B visas is reminiscent of the 2016 Trump campaign, when then-candidate Dendel Thrump who have also hird Donald Trump, which there also hired a number of foreign workers under H-1B visas for his businesses, took a hardline stance on these foreign workers before later softening his rhetoric.

As president, Trump temporarily suspended new work visas and blocked hundreds of thousands of

blocked hundreds of thousands of foreign workers from US employ-ment, as part of his sweeping effort to limit the number of immigrants coming into the US. Every year, the US gives 65,000 H-1B visas which are open to all and 20,000 to those with advanced US degrees. In July, Indian-American Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi introduced a bill proposing to double the annual roposing to double the annual take of highly skilled foreign orkers on H-1B work visas coveted

by Indian professionals. The bill also seeks to double the number of H-1B visas available annually from 65,000 to 130,000 to annually from 65,000 to 130,000 to allow American employers, includ-ing in critical technology sectors, to draw the best talent from around the world. Currently, nearly three-fourths of H-1B visas go to Indian

Elections won't be delayed due to situation at borders: Caretaker Pak PM

Pakistan's caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar ul Haq Kakar vowed on Saturday that the general elections will not be delayed due to the situa-tion at the western and eastern borders of the country, media reports said.

in a bid to end the uncertainty surrounding the general elections, the interim premier said that the government will not make any excuse for delay in polls, The News report-

During an interview with the Voice of America ahead of his departure for

the United Nations smoothly without disrup-General Assembly meettions and emphasised upon the commitment to upholding the democratic process in the country. "Elections will not be delayed due to the situa-

was no immediate comment from Kyiv.

Saturday, Oleksiv Danilov, the sec

Saturday, Oleksiy Danlov, the sec-retary of Ukraine's Security Council, urged Kyiv's allies to speed up the delivery of weapons, saying this was the only way to end the war. "For example, the complete or par-tial elimination of the Russian Black Sea Eliset which is a double task

tial elimination of the Russian Black Sea Fleet, which is a doable task, should significantly accelerate the process of Russia's search for a way out of the ongoing war," Danilov wrote on the Ukrainska Pravda news site. Russian air defence systems destroyed at least six drones target-ing Crimea from different directions

ing Crimea from different directions,

Russia's defence ministry said on Sunday. The report on the Telegram

In an opinion piece late on

General Assembly meet-ing in New York, the care-taker premier affirmed that measures would be taken to ensure that the election process proceeds

order issue," Kakar said. He also expressed confi-dence to overcome securi-ty threats at the country's borders and complete the electoral process, The News reported.

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News reported. The premier reiterated that it was the prerogative of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) to announce a date for the general elections in the general elections in the country and expressed the hope that the electoral watchdog would complete process honestly as it had already initiated certain

US imposes more sanctions on Iran on Mahsa Amini's death anniversary

WASHINGTON: More than 20 acts targeting peaceful protestors," Iranian individuals and entities CNN quoted Blinken as saying. ed to the harsh re of protests after Mahsa Amin's death one year ago were subject to penalties by the Joe Biden adminis-tration on Friday, reported CNN. The newest round of sanctions is

in retaliation for Tehran's ruthless in retaination for lenran's rutiness crackdown on the demonstrators who took to the streets after Amini passed away while in the care of Iran's purported morality police. The morality police, against whom the US levied penalties last user use allowed to arrested by the

year was allegedly arrested by the morality police for wearing her hijab improperly'. The sanctions targeted. "18 key

members of the regime's security forces, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and the Law Enforcement Forces (LEF); the head of Iran's Prisons Organization; three individuals and one company in connection with the regime's sys-tematic censorship and blocking of access to the internet; and three IRGC and regime-controlled media outlets—Fars News, Tasnim News and Press TV—and three senior officials," a news release from the UIS Treasury: Department said of Iran's Prisons Organization; three

US Treasury Department said. US Treasury Department said. According to the Treasury Department, the US sanctions were implemented in collaboration with allies such as the United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia. The US Secretary of State Antony Biolecen evented in e. concerts

The US Secretary of State Antony Blinken revealed in a separate statement that the US State Department is taking steps "to impose visa restrictions on 13 Iranian officials and other individu-als for their involvement in the detention or killing of peaceful pro-testors or the inhibition of their rights to freedom of expression or assemble" reported CNN assembly," reported CNN.

"Since Mahsa Amini's death and the protests that followed, we have pursued visa restrictions on 40 Iranian officials and other individu-als for their involvement in these

CNN quoted Blinken as saying. Meanwhile, according to CNN, US President Joe Biden said in a state-ment on Friday that he and First Lady Jill "join people around the world in remembering her—and every brave Iranian citizen who has been killed, wounded or imprisoned

Deen killed, wounded or imprisoned by the Iranian regime for peacefully demanding democracy and their basic human dignity." "As we have seen over the last year, Mahsa's story did not end with her brutal death. She inspired a historic movement—Woman, Life, Beardem Arth has impredied Iran Freedom—that has impacted Iran and influenced people across the globe who are tirelessly advocating

and imfluenced people across the globe who are tirelessly advocating for gender equality and respect for their human rights," US President Joe Biden said. The US looks to be nearing an agreement with Tehran to secure the release of five Americans who have been classified as being unfair-ly detained in Iran when the latest round of sanctions was announced on the night of the anniversary of Amini's death. Just weeks before the one-year anniversary of the major protests caused by Mahsa Amini's death, Iranian authorities are prepared a new Bill on high-wearing that experts fear would put unprece-dentedly harsh punitive measures into law, according to CNN. The 70-article draft law sets out a range of proposals, including much

range of proposals, including much longer prison terms for women who refuse to wear the veil, stiff new penalties for celebrities and busipenalties for celebrities and busi-nesses who flout the rules, and the use of artificial intelligence to iden-tify women in breach of the dress code. Experts said the Bill, which has yet to be passed, was a reminder to Iranians that the regime will not back down from its stance on the hijab despite the country's enormous protests last year, according to CNN. Notably, many Iranian women have chosen

to start showing their hair since the death of Mahsa Amini in September death of Mahsa Ammin in September 2022 after being detained by Iran's morality police for "improperly" wearing her headscarf. Iranian celebrities, athletes and actresses have followed suit in solidarity.

Amini, a 22-year-old Kurdish Iranian woman, died last September after being detained by the regime's after being detained by the regime's infamous morality police and taken to a "re-education centre," allegedly for not abiding by the country's con-servative dress code. While not officially disbanded, the

while not once had largely pulled back following last year's protests, which have gradually waned. But earlier this month, police spokesman General Saeed

spokesman General Saeed Montazerolmahdi said the morality police would resume notifying and then detaining women who are caught without the Islamic headscarf in public.

The hijab has long been a point of The hijab has long been a point of contention in Iran. It was barred in 1936 during leader Reza Shah's emancipation of women until his successor lifted the ban in 1941. In 1983 the hijab became mandatory after the last shah was overthrown in the leamic Bawahiton of 1970. in the Islamic Revolution of 1979.

in the Islamic Revolution of 1979, CNN reported. Iran has traditionally considered Article 368 of its Islamic penal code as the hijab law, which states that those in breach of the dress code face between 10 days to two months in prison, or a fine between 50,000 to 500,000 Iranian rials, what is today between USD 1.18 to USD 11.82. Another section states that in order to enforce the new law, Iranian police must "create and strengthen AI systems to identify perpetrators of illegal behaviour using tools such as fixed and mobile cameras.'

Earlier this year, state media reported that cameras would be installed in public places to identify women who violate the country's

Community members in Seattle hold rally, demand justice for Jaahnavi Kandula

NEW YORK: Demanding sensitivi-NEW YORK: Demanding sensitivi-ty, respect and jail for killer police officers who were responsible for the killing of Indian student Jaahnavi Kandula, more than 100 members of the South Asian community held a rally on the site where she was struck and killed by a speeding police ordrol as

struck and kneet by a specung police patrol car. Kandula, 23, was struck by a police vehicle driven by Officer Kevin Dave when she was crossing a street on January 23. He was driv-ing 74 mph (more than 119 kmh) on the way to a report of a drug over-dose call in bodycam footase the way to a report of a drug over-dose call. In bodycam footage released on Monday by the Seattle Police Department, Officer Daniel Auderer laughed about the deadly crash and dismissed any implica-tion Dave might be at fault or that a criminal investigation was neces-sary. Over 100 members of the Seattle area's South Asian commut-Seattle area's South Asian commu-

nity gathered at Denny Park on Saturday and made their way to the intersection where Kandula was hit. They held signs saying "Jaahnavi

had more value than Seattle Police unbelievable, not shocking, but just Department" and "Justice for for [him] to value somebody's life as had more value than Seattle Police Department" and "Justice for Jaahnavi, jail killer cops." The rally was put together by UTSAV, which means festival or celebration, an organisation based in Bothell that helps connect South Asians with their communities their communities. "We're not a monolith, the Indian

community," Rep. Vandana Slatter, D-Bellevue, said to the crowd.

"There's diaspora in the commu-nity, but we are all united today." Video from the night of the crash has sparked international outrage over the officer's comments. On Saturday, rally attendees pointed Saturday, rally attendees pointed out that Kandula's life did have value. Shifali Jamwal, who brought her 3-year-old son, said Kandula was a master's student and moved to America for her education so "her life would have more value." I can only imagine what Jaahnavi's mom in griege diverstor "I america and and the source of the source o is going through," Jamwal said. Another attendee, Kyla Carrillo, 25, pletely disrespectful. "Not even

unbelievable, not shocking, but just for [him] to value somebody's life as such was disrespectful," she said. As people marched through the Dexter and Thomas crosswalk, one car continued moving forward, honking at protesters, despite sev-eral yield for pedestrian signs. Between lanes at the intersection, marchers it tae lichts enabling out Between lanes at the intersection, marchers it tea lights spelling out "Jaahnavi" and laid bouquets underneath a sign. Kandula was set to graduate this coming December with a master's degree in informa-tion systems from the Seattle cam-pus of Northeastern University. Here pus of Northeastern University. Her family said she was working toward family said she was working toward supporting her mother in India. Saddened by Kandula's death, Kenneth W. Henderson, Chancellor of Northeastern University in a statement issued on the varsity's official Facebook page on Friday said that." Her loss will be felt deneh metvdente atff and ford. deeply by students, staff, and faculty. The university plans to award Jaahnavi her degree posth and present it to her family



MOSCOW: Russia said it had thwarted a coordinated Ukrainian attack on Crimea early on Sunday, while drones also targeted Moscow

while arones also targeted Moscow, disrupting air traffic in the capital, and caused a fire at an oil depot in the southwest of the country. Ukraine in recent days has launched a series of strikes on Russian military targets in occupied Crimes including the Russian Naw. Crimea, including the Russian Navy Black Sea Fleet's facilities, seeking to undermine Moscow's war efforts

Attacks deep inside Russia, far from the front lines, have also increased, with Moscow's mayor saying at least two drones were shot down in the region of the capital early on Sunday messaging app did not say whether any damage or casualties had been

Reuters could not independently erify Sunday's reports and there verify Sunday's rep

destroyed over the Istra district and another over the Ramensky district, Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin said on Telegram, adding there were no casualties or damage from drone

airports. Russian state news agen cies said - a frequent move by avia-tion authorities during drone

tion authorities during drone strikes. In southwestern Russia, a Ukrainian drone damaged an oil depot early on Sunday, sparking a fire at a fuel tank that was later

Russia's Voronezh region, local governor Aleksandr Gusev and the ministry of defence said. According to Gusev, there were no casualties or

Nepal PM leaves for US for attend UNGA session, will fly to China on Sept 21 KATMANDU: Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda on Saturday left for the US from where Saturday left for the US from where he will fly to China amid speculation that its northern neighbour is not comfortable with Nepal formally wel-coming a \$500 million grant from the United States.

PM Prachanda will participate in the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly. He is

scheduled to address the UNGA on scheduled to address the UNGA on September 21. While in New York, Prachanda is also scheduled to address the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Summit among others, on the side-lines of the UNGA, PM Prachanda will due to Review on Schemener 21. will fly to Beijing on September 21 on a four-day official trip, four and a half months after his visit to Delhi.

half months after his visit to Delhi. The reason for China's "trust deficit" towards the Nepal govern-ment is being said to be the Millennium Challenge Corporation Nepal Compact, the \$500 million



grant from the US to build power and road infrastructure projects which was endorsed by the Nepal Parliament on February 27 last year Parliament on February 27 last year with the active support of the Nepali Congress and Prachanda-led Maoist Center, overruling China's objec-tions. The MCC Nepal compact entered the execution phase last month, setting a five-year target to complete 315-km 400 KV transmis-sion project. The MCC endorsement is not the only setback that China-Nepal diplomacy has suffered recently. Nepal has shown clear



Loans under BRI. As per available indications, China's mega railway project pass-ing through the Himalayas and con-necting Tible with Nepal may take a back seat, especially in the context of Nepal seeking grants and avoiding the loan. Prachanda is scheduled to meet president Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Li Qiang during his stay here. "Our challense lies in conthere. "Our challenge lies in con-vincing China that we are committed to our friendship with our neigh-bours and that the MCC is only a developmental project with no strategic or security significance," a senior diplomat involved in finalising the agenda told agencies.



used on the Crimea peninsula caused on the Crimea peninsula, which Moscow annexed from Kyiv in a widely condemned move in 2014, eight years before Russia's full-fledged invasion. In the Moscow region, a drone was

debris. At least 30 flights were delayed and six cancelled at Moscow's major

extinguished, the regional governor "There are no casualties, all emer-

"There are no casualties, all emer-gency services are working on the territory of the facility," the governor of the Oryol region, Andrei Klychkov, said on Telegram. Another drone was downed in Preside Versensch weige level emerging

damage

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Indian Swachhata League 2.0 commences in Kishtwar Cleanliness. plantation, awareness drives held at Prestigious Chowgan Ground JI NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 17: The Municipal Council (MC) Kishtwar, under the chairmanship of President Sajjad Ahmed Najjar, and under the close management of EO Municipal Council Ninad Municipal Council Ninad Sen, today collaborated the with District Administration Kishtwar Police Administrati Forest Departme inistration Sports Department, GDC . Kishtwar, and the Education Department to organize a series of events at the prestigious Chowgan Ground as part of Indian Swachhata League 2.0.

The main event had Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr. Devansh Yadav as the chief guest, while SSP. Khalil Ahmed Poswal- was the Guest of Honour. Other notable attendees included ADC, Inderjeet Singh Parihar; ASP, Rajinder Singh; Tehsildar, Muneeb Umar; DvSP, Vishal Sharma Councillors, CEO, Prehlad Councillors, CEO, Prehlad Bhagat, DYSSO, Kharati Lal Sharma, and repre-sentatives from the Forest Department and GDC Kishtwar, who enthusias tically participated in the events. Awareness pro-gram engaged youth gram engaged youth groups, NSS Cadets from GDC Kishtwar, school going students and staff



ments. The waste collec tion and cleanliness driv in the Chowgan ground was led by the senior offi-cers of District and police administration.

The events were aimed stressing its historical and The events were aimed to foster a positive change in public attitudes toward cleanliness, with the goal of achieving a garbage-free nation, UT, and dis-trict. Active community participation was evident throughout the events, promotions the use of dust public significance to the entire district. The entire district. The league's primary aim is to engage residents, espe-cially the youth, in build-ing a garbage-free town,he added. He urged them to celleberate with MC collaborate with MC Kishtwar and the District promoting the use of dust bins, efficient greywater Administration to realize Administration to realize the vision of a Clean and Green District, besides encouraging maximum participation in the ongomanagement and biodegradable materials. During his speech, Deputy Commissioner

MC Ganderbal organizes Swachhta League 2.0 at

Qamaria Park under Swachhta Hi Seva campaign

Kishtwar emphasized that ing Sunday for Chowgan the Municipal Council Campaign, which is the Kishtwar had scheduled regular feature in the disvarious activities under various activities under this initiative, including cleanliness drives, aware-ness rallies, and planta-tion efforts, with a special focus on cleaning the his-

Furthermore, Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar encouraged Kishtwar's residents and visitors to uphold cleanliness in the

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campaign.

wards by responsi bly utilizing dustbins and availing the services of MC's Garbage Collecting Vehicles for door-to-door r. He highlig ed the deployment of area specific dedicated sani-tary workers to maintain the ground's cleanliness, waste collection.

waste collection. SSP Kishtwar also addressed the audience, emphasizing that cleanli-ness is a civic responsibil-ity, and those who misuse the Chowgan Ground by littering or discarding glass bottles will face strict penalties including fine fine Chairman MC high-

lighted the civic body's initiatives aimed at mak-ing Kishtwar cleaner and greener.

As part of the event, a plantation drive and an awareness rally were organized at various locations within Chowgan Ground by MC Kishtwar and its stakeholders under the aegis of Indian Swachhta league 2.0

Council Ganderbal, Altaf Ahmad and EO Municipal Council Ganderbal. The event witnessed overwhelm-

ing participation of Govt officials

who carried out a mega sanitation and cleanliness drive in and around

and cleanliness drive in and around the Qamaria Park. On the occasion, the ADC high-lighted the purpose of the Swachhta Hi Seva campaign and urged all stakeholders to participate actively in cleanliness drives during the comparison

campaign. During the day, a series of lively rallies, Sanitation drives and aware-ness sessions were held in the town with the commitment to a cleaner

and greener Ganderbal.

and greener Ganderbal. Swachhta pledge was also taken on the occasion by the participants who pledged to serve mother India by keeping the country neat and clean and committed towards clean-liness and devote time for this.

ncilors, locals and students

Director RDD Jammu conducts two day tour of District Kishtwar

Inspects assets, reviews implementation of schemes

JI NEWS SERVICE KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 17: To assess the ongoing developmental activities being conducted under different schemes of RDD, Director RDD Jammu Mohammad Mumtaz

RDD Jammu Mohammad Mumtaz Ali conducted a two day tour of the rural areas of Kishtwar District. During the tour of the District, he visited various Panchayats of Blocks Paddar and Dachhan, wherein he inspected Amrit Sarovars, and other numerous assets created under SBM(G) like assets created under SBM(G) like Segregation Sheds, Soakage Pits, Community Compost Pits, CSCs, Installation of Dustbins at various places in different Panchayats, Panchayat Ghars under RGSA, etc.

While laying special focus on Swacchta, he directed the BDOs and other field functionaries of the RDD to sustain the cleanlines of the RDD to sustain the cleanliness and other assets of SBM throughout the calendar w.e.f 15-09-2023 to 02-10-2023 on priority, besides directing the BDOs to keep monitoring the implementation of all the schemes



in their blocks so that their aim and objectives shall be adhered in letter

Door to Door collection of waste was also monitored by the Director and onspot directions were given at few places to clear the legacy waste and plastic waste. The Director interacted with

PRI's and other line departments during the tour in which the demand of providing Vehicles for garbage collections was also raised

by them. Director gave a patient hearing to all the deputations and assured them that the genuine demands shall be shared with the Administrative Department for neo

sary action. The Director instructed the field functionaries in these blocks to bet-ter their respective key indicators of various schemes especially in SBM and MGNREGA.

Director was also accompanied by Zakir Hussain Wani Assista Zakir Hussain Wani Assistant Commissioner Panchayat Kishtwar, Manoj Kumar Assistant Commissioner Development Kishtwar, Mulakh Raj Executive Engineer REW Kishtwar, Block Development Officer Dachhan and Block Development Officer Paddar and other officers/official of RDD Kishtwar

Baramulla shines Victorious in the Inter-District **Provincial Level Girls Handball Competition**



JI NEWS SERVICE

BARAMULLA, SEPTEMBER 17: In an exhilarating display of talent and an exhilarating display of talent and sportsmanship, the ongoing week-long Inter-District Provincial Level Handball Competition for Under-14 girls reached its climax today with Baramulla emerging victorious against Bandhora at the indoor sta-dium Khawaja Bagh, Baramulla, The under-14 girls' competition The under-14 girls' competition

took center stage, captivating the audience with thrilling matchups and the first semifinal witnessed an intense battle between Baramulla and Kupwara, and Baramulla emerging triumphant, securing their place in the final.

their place in the final. Meanwhile, the second semifinal featured an exciting clash between Bandipora and Budgam, ultimately leading to Bandipora's victory and qualification for the final show-

After a gripping display of athleti cism and skill in both semifinal matches, the stage was set for the ultimate face-off between District Baramulla and District Bandipora. In a thrilling showdown, Baramulla emerged as the undisputed champions, claiming the top spot on the podium.

The final ceremony was graced by The hnal ceremony was graced by Jatinder Singh, the District Youth Services & Sports Officer Baramulla. along with other digni-taries of the department. He commended both teams for their definition and contrabulity.

their dedication and outstanding performance throughout the competition. He presented the trophies and certificates to both the deserving teams, celebrating their remark-

As the competition progresses, excitement continues to build. Tomorrow, the spotlight shifts to the under-17 girls' category, promising another day filled with spirited com petition and athletic prowess at the

Historic Three-Day Sankri Devta Mela concludes

JI NEWS SERVICE UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 17: The three-day Historic Sankri Devta Mela, which commenced on September 15, 2023, in Block

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Chand; Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai; SSP Samba, Benam Tosh; BDC Chairman, Jeevan Sharma; DDC Councillor,

sage of brotherhood, peace, and prosperity. They stressed the impor-tance of preserving the rich culture and traditional values of the area, highlighting that these melas are an

highlighting that these melas are an indispensable part of our culture. The mela was organized under the overall supervision of Deputy Commissioner, Saloni Rai. The dis-trict administration had made elab-orate arrangements for security, drinking water, power supply. drinking water, power supply Medicare, traffic regulation, and more to ensure the successful culmination of the three-day mela

INDIA-GARBAGE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL GAN Swachhta League from Qamaria

JI NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL SEPTEMBER 17: In view of ongoing Swachhta Hi Sewa Campaign, the Municipal Council Ganderbal today organized

Park Ganderbal.

Swachhta League was launched by Additional Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah along with President Municipal

ADDC Kulgam reviews status of RDD sector works

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KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 17: The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kulgam, Showkat Ahmad Rather today chaired a meeting to review the implementation status and progress achieved under the Rural Development sector schemes in the district.

During the meeting, Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) briefed the chair about the status of works of RDD across all blocks He informed that under MG-NREGA, wage distribution to the tune of Rs. 24 crore has been

accomplished. The ADDC instructed the concerned for regular review of works undertaken by BDOs so as to keep a check on the pace of progress, and necessary directions may be given to expedite the work completion.



While reviewing the scheme wise works taken up by RDD, the ADDC laid thrust on early completion of already tendered works to achieve set targets within given timelines. He was also instructed to utilize

the working season properly an expedite the pace of work especial in snowbound areas. The meeting was att

ACD Mohammad Imran, BDOs and other officers

Udhampur Forest Team seizes huge quantity of MFP Guchhi along with the vehicle by the depart-

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UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 17: Acting on specific information, a forest depart ent team with the assistance of Police seized a huge quan-tity of MFP Guchhi (Morchella escu-lenta) from a vehicle bearing registration 8157/JK02C. During the preliminary inspec-tion, it was discovered that one per-son namely Ramjeet of Thana Desa is transporting 307.00 Kgs. (approx.) of MFP Guchhi from District Doda without any valid doc-uments, which was later on seized

ment. The operation was conducted under the supervision of Divisional Forest Officer Udhampur, Rushal Garg and the team was led by Range Officer Udhampur, Mahesh Abrol.

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JAMMU. SEPTEMBER 17 Seven days Divisional level training Seven days Divisional level training programme on "Scientific Beekeeping' under NBHM w.ef.11-09-2023 to 17-09-2023 organized by Apiculture Development Scheme concluded at Kissan Kendra, Jammu, here today. Director Agriculture Jammu, K. K Sharma said that Denattment is

K. Sharma said that Department is making all out efforts to strengthen the apiculture sector adding that Bees and other pollinators are cru-

cial for the health of ecosystem and food security as they help maintain biodiversity and ensure production of healthy food crops. The Director further said that

Jammu region possesses huge potential for development of Bee

potential for development of Bee Keeping on commercial scale as additional source of income for the farming community. Concluding session was presided over by Joint Director Extension, R. K. Hataishi who handed over the certificates to 38 trainees from Jammu and Samba. It was

informed that five similar pro informed that five similar pro-grammes will be held in near future. Technical session was conduct-ed by experts including Dr. Ashwini Sharma, Liaison Officer Mushroom & Apiculture Jammu, A. K. Melkatza (forma Diracter A.K Malhotra, (former Director Agriculture), Arun Makhnotra Agriculture), Arun Makhnotra (Former. Deputy Director), Dr. D. P Abrol (Retd. Dean SKUAST-J), Bhupinder Gupta (Asstt. Entomologist Jammu) Raj Kumar, ADA, Jammu, Dr. Vishal Raina, Dr. Davinder Kumar (AP SKUAST-J).

During the programme different topics covered including Seasonal Management, Disease Management & Marketing linkage of Bee prod

A minimum mage of bee pro-ucts. Participants also visited the Apiary at Krishi Bhawan and SKUAST-J for practical knowhow. The trainees were also apprised

about the Departmental schem about the Departmental schemes and other benefits for their overall development with special emphasis to make them entrepreneurs.

Mela, winch comment September 15, 2023, in Block Panchari of District Udhampur, cul-minated with an overwhelming par-ticipation of over 90,000 visitors and devotes. People from different area of the 117 flocked to the mela areas of the UT flocked to the mela site to pay obeisance at the temple and seek the blessings of the Devta. District Development Council

Udhampur,

Jasvir Singh; and other prominent Jasvir Singh; and other prominent persons, along with officers and local residents, visited the Sankri Mela and paid their respects at the Sankri Devta temple. While addressing the gathering, the DDC Chairperson and DC con-gratulated the people and empha-

gratulated the people and empha-sized that such melas play a crucial role in exchanging cultural and traditional values, spreading the mes-

Seven days divisional level training programme on "Scientific Beekeeping" concludes at Kisan Kendra



Director Rural Sanitation flags off 'Swachhata Karwaan 2.0' to launch Indian Swachhata League 2.0 the winning team. Prizes and certificateswereaward-ed to individuals, who bagged first, second and third positions in dif-

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JAMMU, SEPT 17: Director Rural Sanitation, J&K Charandeep Singh on Sunday launched Indian Singh on Sunday launched Indian Swachhata League 2.0 (ISL 2.0) an inter-district competition of youth towards building Garbage Free J&K by flagging off 'SwachhataKarwaan 2.0' from Panchayat Kalyanpur (Jhiri), Block Mach Marh

The Director led a team of young-Sters to clean the solid waste from Tourist Park near Baba Jitto Dev SthanJhiri, under "Swachh Yodha Pratiyogita" (Cleanliness Warrior Correction) Competition), a unique initiative launched by the Directorate of Rural Sanitation, J&Kaimed at engaging and motivating individu-als, particularly in rural areas, to

als, particularly in rural areas, to actively participate in the ongoing cleanliness drive. Around 500 people including students, sports persons, PRIs, prominent people of adjoining vil-lages, officials and shopkeepers participated in the cleanliness drive. One ton of garbage was col-lected in and around the public park during a two-hour long sani-tation drive. Swachh Yodha Pratiyogita' seeks o recognize and reward individuals

to recognize and reward individuals and teams who have made exceptional contributions towards maintaining sanitation and hygiene ds within their communi-

Immediately after the flagging off ceremony, sanitation drives were also launched in all the districts of J&K in which thousands of people ferent sports activities organised during the day. participated to clean the public places Exam Pad and flower vases made of recycled waste were distributed among the students who partici-pated in swachhata themed paint-ing competition at the venue. Local leaders, community repre-sentatives, and students attended the flag-off event, showcasing their unner of the individue. There

During the flag-off ceremony, the During the flag-off ceremony, the Director emphasized the impor-tance of community-driven efforts in achieving the goals of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. He stat-ed, "Cleanliness is not just a government initiative; it is a collective ernment initiative; it is a collective responsibility of every citizen. The 'Swachh Yodha Pratiyogita' is designed to celebrate those who have taken it upon themselves to be the change-makers in their vil-loage and towns."

be the change-makers in their vil-lages and towns." Director further said that the "Swachh Yodha Pratiyogita" is expected to not only encourage more active participation in sanita-tion initiatives but also foster a sense of pride and responsibility among the residents of Jammu and Kashmir. It aligns with the broader vision of the Swachh Bharat Abhivan to create a clean and Director also added that as the competition gains momentum, it is hoped that it will inspire individu-als and communities to take proac-tive steps towards a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable future for Jammu and Kashmir. For more updates on the "Swachh Yodha Prativogita" and its immact on ruel sanitation efforts in

Abhiyan to create a clean and healthy India. The competition was held under

Jammu and Kashmir, stay tuned to official social media pages of Directorate of Rural Sanitation, 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign- a fortnight long sanitation drives across India. The collection of garbage during Din J&K for regular updates and cover age

Present on the occasion were Deputy Director Rural Sanitation, J&K, Sanna Khan, ACD Jammu, Preeti Sharma and BDOs

impact on rural sanitation efforts in

Exam Pad and flower vases made

support for the initiative. They highlighted the need for sustained efforts to ensure that Jammu and Kashmir remains a shining exam-ple of cleanliness and hygiene in

the country. Director also added that as the

Premier League: Wolves shock Manchester United 3-1; City beat West Ham, go top

the drive was evaluated based on

quantity and a panel of officials

assessed the entries and awarded

MANCHESTER: United's 2023-24 season went from United s 2023-24 season went from bad to worse as they slumped to their third defeat of the season in the Premier League as a doughty Brighton & Holves Albion beat them 3-1 in Manchester on Saturday

Manchester United started with a formidable attack and saw some formidable attack and saw some close shots at the start of the game, but failed to score at the Old Trafford. They then conceded the opening goal in the 20th minute of the game ex-United striker Danny Welbeck rattled the defense and went through the back of the net to went through the back of the net to

score the first goal of the game. However, it was not too late for United as Ramsuj Hojlund, playing his first game for the club, could have equalised but the referee disal-

Manchester son went from y slumped to as a doughty strikes early in the second half. completely with a solid position forward and launched two as a doughty strikes early in the second half. ion beat them Saturday spectacular goals that gave Brighton a 3-0 lead, adding dismay to the United crowd.

With only 18 minutes left. With only 18 minutes left, Hannibal Mejbri, a United replace-ment, managed to score a consola-tion goal, but it was already too late. With assurance, Brighton suc-cessfully finished the game and

earned a victory. Brighton now have earned a victory. Brighton now have 12 points from five games and is in third place in the Premier League standings. United, however, contin-ued to struggle, languishing in the 12th position with just six points

following a dismal start to the sea-son. Brighton also put an end to Manchester United's home winning streak that had dated back to the first game of the previous campaign against Brighton. Earlier in the day, defending champion Manchester City took on West Ham United and showed their resilient fight, beating the Hammers 3-1 and overtaking the Hammers 3-1 and overtaking Liverpool to propel to the top spot after their fifth consecutive win. Liverpool started the Premier League with a weekend's impressive comeback to defeat Wolverhampton Word owns 2-1 in recurrent the Wanderers 3-1 in an away match Manchester City is in the top spot with five wins in 5 games Totter m is in the and Liverpool placed third with four wins

Bopanna bids adieu in style as India thrash Morocco 4-1 in Devis Cup

LUCKNOW: Rohan Boppana bid farewell to Davis Cup on a winning farewell to Davis Cup on a winning note when he paired up with Yuki Bhambri to decimate the Moroccan pair of Elliot Benchetrit-Younes Lalami Laaroussi 6-2, 6-1 in the World Group II doubles match at the View Cherd Mice Station is the View of the Stations of the Vijayant Khand Mini Stadium in Gomti Nagar on Sunday.

Meanwhile, Sumit Nagal got the better of Yassine Dlimi 6-3, 6-3 as petter ot Yassine Dlimi 6-3, 6-3 as India took an unassailable 4-1 lead. Digvijay Pratap Singh won the dead fifth rubber 6-1, 5-7, 10-6 against Walid Ahouda.

against Walid Ahouda. With this victory, India will now play World Group I play-off in 2024. The day, however, belonged to Bopanna. A cross-court drop brought an end to his illustrious 21-

year long Davis Cup career. Bopanna-Bhambri coordination was seen at its best. They outplayed the Moroccan pair. Bopanna's powerful forehands had no answer from the other camp. After claiming the first set 6-2.

the Indian pair knew they had the rubber in their grip. Benchetrit and Laaroussi were able to bag only the



first game in the second set. Bopanna picked up the volleys well while Bhambri too served well, leav-ing little option for the opposition to counter. Bopanna waved to the crowd.

shook hands with every member of the Indian team. He walked around

the Indian team. He walked around the court wrapped in an Indian flag, waving his hands, blowing kisses at fans in every stand. Nagal, on the other hand, contin-ued his winning form to beat Dlimi 6-3, 6-3. Nagal was serving big, and way better than he served on Saurdow I tha first set after winway better than he served on Saturday. In the first set, after win-

ened with a comeoack despite ragai leading 40-0. The game extended into deuce, but the Indian managed to wriggle out of the situation levelling the scores at 1-1

Nagal broke Dlimi's serve in the Nagal broke Dimits serve in the third game to take 2-1 lead. It was in the ninth game that he broke Dimityet again to seal the set 6-3. Nagal once again broke him in the second game of the second set to go 2-0 up. But that one break by Nagal in the second set was expouch for

in the second set was enough fo him to sail through to a comfortable victory.

Asian Games: Don't be surprised if I leave out Sunil and Jhingan against China, says Stimac

NEW DELHI: Left with hardly any time for training ahead of their Asian Games opener against hosts China, Indian men's football team head

Indian mens football team head coach expects his side to open the tournament with a good fight. At the same time, the Croatian also indicated that the two senior-most players of the squad — Sunil Chhetri and Sandesh Jhingan – may pot he in the starting VL on guery. not be in the starting XI on every occasion in Hangzhou. In the build-

have been caught in the middle of a tug-of-war between the All India Football Federation and the Indian Football Federation and the Indian Super League (ISL) clubs, with the latter refusing to let their acquisi-tions take part in the Asian Games. The ISL starts September 21, and quite understandably most clubs are

in the process of giving final touches

up to the continental meet, officially starting September 23, the Indian men's football team's preparations to their preparation. However, after much back-and-forth, the clubs decided to let some of their players travel to China. While the new squad is vastly dif-

While the new squad is vasity dif-ferent from the originally named last month, the last-minute agreements for Jhingan to travel, and for Chinglensana Singh and Lakchungnunga to be added to the squad, has added balance to the

Mega Swachhata Rally marks grand cleanup effort in Doda

JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, SEPT 17: In a resounding tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and as part of the Swachh Bharat Abhayan, the District Administration Doda orchestrated a monumental Swachhata rally, aptly named "Swachhata Hi Sewa" Cleanliness is Service.

 Cleanliness is Service.
 The rally, which commenced from the DC office complex in Doda, saw the enthusiastic partici-pation of various government and private schools in the district, along with law encommend enumits. with law enforcement and municipal workers who marched together.

pal workers who marched together, carrying dustibins and brooms to exemplify their commitment to cleanliness. The raily, spearheaded by the Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Mahajan, and the Senior Superintendent of Police, Abdul Qayoom, embarked on a journey through the heart of Doda town, eventually culminating at the

Government Higher Secondary School Boys in Doda. Throughout this impressive rally, students raised banners adorned with Swachh Bharat Abhayan slogans and chanted fervently, emphasizing slogans like "Swachhata Hi Sewa Hai" (Cleanliness is Service). "Clean India Green India," and "Say No to Plastic." Dynme this rally CD Coda Plastic." During this rally, DC Doda Prastic: During inits raily, DC bota actively participated in a cleanli-ness drive, working alongside municipal workers to clean various prominent locations, including the clock tower area, and encouraged shopkeepers to place dustins in their shops to deter littering. The participante of the raily use under. participants of the rally also underparticipants of the rally also under-took cleaning efforts, addressing blocked drains and clearing garbage piles, showcasing their dedication to making Doda cleaner and greener. At the conclusion eer-emony held at Government Higher Secondary School for boys in Doda, DC Doda encouraged students to become cleanliness ambassadors.

and extended well wishes for the good health of the honorable Prime Minister of India, who initiated the remarkable Swachhata Bharat Abhiyan. He also noted that this Abhiyan. He also noted that this rally was chosen to celebrate the Prime Minister's birthday, reinforc-ing the commitment to cleanliness. Speaking to the media, DC Doda emphasized that Swachhata pakhwada, a fortnight-long cleanlipakrowana, a tortmigni-iong cleanni-ness drive, is being celebrated throughout the district, highlight-ing the collective responsibility of keeping the town clean. He advo-cated for the reduced use of plastic, suggesting the use of cloth bags for both commercial and personal pur-seen. Additionally. Les monitored both commercial and personal pur-poses. Additionally, he mentioned that various events, debates, and cultural programs would be held across the district to raise aware-ness and promote the cause of cleanliness during the Swachh Bharat Abhayan celebration, which spang. from Sentember. 15th to spans from September 15th to Gandhi Jayanti on October 2nd. become cleanliness ambassadors

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NOTICE INVITING E- TENDERS E-NIT No.: 17 of 09/2023-24

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Executive Engineer Irrigation Division No-II, Jammu invites e-tenders in two cover system Cover 1^{st} containing prequalification documents and Cover 2^{nd} containing Price Bid from registered contractors of appropriate Class for the below mentioned work:

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2.	Reconstruction of breached portion of D-14 of MRC from RD 640 to 650 Mtr including raising of side walls from RD 2500 to 3500 Mtr and Construction of 01 No. T-Xing at Rd 7500 Mtr under UT Sector Capex Budget.	19.47	-do-	45 Days	A, B & C	1000
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Swachhata Hi Seva launched in Bhaderwah Township by Municipal Committee

BHADERWAH, SEPT 17: Committee (MCB) today Municipal Bhaderwah Swachhata launched Pakhwada & Swachhata Hi Seva here at New Bus Stand, Seva here at New Bus Stand, Government Higher Secondary School Boys, Seri Bazar and at Mohalla Masjid. Delivering the keynote address, MCB Executive

Officer, Sanjay Kumar Sharma, explained that Swachhata Pakhwada & Swachhata Hi Seva, a fortnight drive under swacch Bharat mission 2.0 has been launched to carry out a series of cleanliness operations from September 16 to October 2 2023 In Bhaderwah, the event has

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RAMBAN, SEPT 17: Additional

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September 15 at 6 a.m. with youth including students, the participation in the Indian activists, Social Organizations activists, Social Organizations and civil society members to carry out cleanliness drives across the Town. He appealed to all to encourage the youth of the colonies to participate in the event. The event was flagged off by Vice President Municipal Committee Swachhata League 2.0. The launch programme was joint collaboration for the SBM urban with educational institutions. various activities and programmes. The EO said that the main

organized by the Youth of healthy and happy life besides con-Chanderkote, led by Ex Serviceman Surjeet Kumar under the promo-tion of a drug free society. Total 48 teams from different

Bhaderwah. It was mentioned that along with the launch of the pro-gramme, "Safai Mitra" would be provided opportunity for health check-up, as well as avail the insurance scheme provided by the neuronation the government.

the government. While reiterating MC's com-mitment to weed out the men-ace of single use plastic, he appealed to people to cooperate with the civic authorities by opting environment friendly alternatives for the banned metroical material.

"Although a series of aware-'Although a series of aware-ness campaigns have been car-ried out, yet the use of single-use plastic continues, especial-ly for commercial purposes," he said and suggested remediate action to control the menace. He hoped that the communi-

by willingly stopping the plastic use to keep the town clean henceforth.Earlier, the Municipal Committee successfully organized the Swachhta

Pakhwada and Inuma. Swachhta League 2.0, along with the Safari Mitra Survekshan Shivir event, under Survekshan Shivir event, under the aegis of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India. During the event, speeches on Swachta Pakhwada were

delivered by a student and a teacher from the school and the

teacher from the school and the officials of municipality. The program featured vari-ous activities including a theme song presentation, the admin-istration of the Swachh Pledge, and community services.

DC Rajouri inaugurates Jan Aushadi Kendras

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RAJOURI, SEPT 17: In a significant step towards RAJOURI, SEPT 17: In a significant step towards providing affordable and quality healthcare to the residents of Rajouri, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal, inaugurated the Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra at Old Bus Stand today. The Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra will

serve as a reliable source of generic medicines and healthcare items, contributing to the overall well-

being of the community. Speaking on the occasion, the DC Rajouri accen-tuated the commitment of the Government to make quality healthcare affordable and accessible to common man.

"The Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra will play a pivotal role in ensuring that essential mediplay a provtal role in ensuring that essential medi-cines are available to everyone at highly alfordable prices. This initiative aligns with the vision of Health for All, and it is a significant step towards achieving this goal," he said. The Kendra will offer a wide range of generic medicines, including those for chronic illnesses, at a fraction of the cost their hexanded accustorester. Additional the cost of their branded counterparts. Additionally, essential healthcare products and sanitary items will also be available, catering to the diverse needs of the co munity

The Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra i expected to benefit a vast population in and around Rajouri, especially those who may have previously faced financial constraints in accessing necessary medications. This initiative reflects the commitment of the

Government to ensuring that quality healthcare is Within the reach of every citizen, irrespective of their economic background. It is anticipated that the Kendra will have a positive and lasting impact on the health and well-being of the people of Rajouri.



SRINAGAR, SEPT 17: A delegation of PM package employees called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha here at Raj Bhawan today

The delegation expressed their gratitude to the Lt Governor for the various welfare initiatives taken by UT administration for the employees of minority communi-ties working in the valley.

Samba strives towards a Cleaner Future JI NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, SEPT 17: Samba witnessed a remarkable event

SAMBA, SEPT 17: Samba witnessed a remarkable event organized by the Municipal Council, under the banner of Indian Swachhta League 2.0. Hosted by the MC Samba, the event drew active par-ticipation from different segments of the community, including local citizens, school students, ward members, and key figures such as DC Samba, EO Samba, and *Chaingers MC Semba*. Chairman MC Samba.

The event began with a ploging drive and marathon The event began with a program give and marinton, spanning from the historic Samba Fort to the Veer Bhumi Park. Beyond being a fitness endeavor, this activity emphasized the importance of a clean environ-ment by encouraging participants to pick up litter along the second se the way.

Upon reaching Veer Bhumi Park, the focus shifted to a sanitation drive. Volunteers from all walks of life, including the IEC team, joined hands to clean and enhance the park's aesthetics, making it a more inviting

Speaking on the Occasion, DC Samba urged the citizens to segregate waste, avoid open dumping, and actively cooperate with the Municipal Council Samba in their cleanliness initiatives.

The event continued with cultural performances The event continued with cultural performances, including a Nukkad Natak, all centered around the theme of Swachhta (cleanliness) and the importance of reducing single-use plastics. These performances con-veyed a powerful message about maintaining clean sur-roundings.

DC Rajouri visits Parisha, reviews its functioning celebrates birthday of PM with children JI NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, SEPT 17: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, visited Nari Niketan shelter home for women in need. During his visit, he interacted with the inmates, inquired about their well-being, and shared a heartfelt moment by celebrating Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday with them.

Narendra Modi's burthday with them. The visit to Nari Nikatan was marked by an atmos-phere of happiness and sharing. The Deputy Commissioner engaged with the residents, listened to their concerns, and reassured them of the support of the administration in their journey towards rehabilitation order of with the support of the support of the support of the descent of the support of the supp and self-reliance. The presence of the Deputy Commissioner was a

source of comfort and encouragement for the inmates, who expressed their gratitude for his visit. The celebration of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's

The celebration of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday added a special and joyous dimension to the interaction, fostering a sense of togetherness among all present. This visit to Nari Niketan exemplified the values of compassion and inclusivity, which are at the core of efforts of the Government to uplift marginalized sections of society. It served as a poignant reminder of the importance of connecting with and supporting those who require assistance within our community

RAMBAN, SEPI 17: Additional Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Harbans Lal Sharma inaugurated the cricket tournament in the memory of Late Sarwar Ali, Legendary fast bowler at Chanderkote Ground, here today. Dr. SP. Headquarters Om Appreciating the local youth for organizing such well organized sports events, the ADC assured full cooperation from district adminis-tration for organizing tournaments for local youth. Interacting with the youth, the ADC adviced them to keen paraw audience in person which encour-aged the youth to participate in the sports events for their overall devel-opment. Later, the ADC alongwith Dy. SP Headquarters, Om Parkash; PRIs, besides other offi-ADC advised them to keep away from the means of drugs for living a cers were present on the occasion. officers, PRIs and locals paying homage to martyrs of Kokernag. The cricket tournament was Poonch emerges Victorious in U-17

focus would be to mobilize

ADC Ramban inaugurates cricket

tournament at Chanderkote

Appreciating the local youth for

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DODA, SEPT 17: Department of Youth Services and Sports in Doda organized a well-executed U-17 Girls Volleyball Divisional Level Inter-District Tournament at the Doda Sports Stadium.

Doda Sports Stadium. The exciting event featured around 100 talented student play-ers who showcased their skills and endurance on the volleyball court. Throughout the tournament, these participants displayed incredible determination and a strong competitive spirit

Girls Volleyball tournament finals This tournament served as a valuable platform for young players to demonstrate their abilities, encouraging a sense of healthy competition among them and pro-moting physical fitness. In the battle for the third-place title, Udhampur triumphed over Reasi, securing the third spot in the competition

However the most thrilling moment came during the finals when Poonch faced off against Kathua. Poonch displayed remark-able skills and determination, ultimately emerging as the winners and lifting the coveted trophy. and lifting the coveted trophy. The District Youth Services and Sports Officer (DYSSO) of Doda proudly presented trophies and certificates to the deserving win-ners, extending his heartfelt con-gratulations to the triumphant teams teams.

Total 48 teams from different

areas are participating in the tour-nament. The event was wit-nessed by the thousands of local

In his closing remarks, the In his closing remarks, the DYSSO Doda expressed his grati-tude and appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the Youth Services department staff, coaches, and team managers, highlighting the crucial role they played in mak-ing the transmented expression ing the tournament a success

measures to deter individuals involved in illegal activities related to minor minin illegal activities related to minor min-erals. He urged the public to report any suspicious activities to the authorities, ensuring the protection of the environ-ment,save loss to the precious lives , request to vehicles owners to take mate-rial from from legal Mining blocks and the autorizable utilisation of minoral the sustainable utilization of mineral resources .

20 vehicles involved in illegal transportation of Minor Minerals seized in Poonch

POONCH, SEPT 17: In a successful

POUNCH, SEPT 17: In a successful joint operation conducted by the Police and Mining Department, 20 vehicles involved in the illegal transportation and extraction of minor minerals were seized/fined in Poonch District. The operation, carried out under the direction of Departure Compusiciones

direction of Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary and in the presence of DMO Poonch, Javed Iqbal, ed to curb the unlawful extraction and transportation of minor minerals,

which poses a threat to the environ-ment and results in revenue loss for the government. One heavy excavator was seized at

One heavy excavator was seized at Dingla and handed over to Local public representative till higher authorities impose fine, while Two paths used for illegal mining were dismantled in Poonch. In addition to this, the joint operation, led by the police party and Mining Department, resulted in the seizure of one. (CB and there tractors at, Junlass

one JCB and three tractors at Jhullass and one JCB ,one Dumper and three

come

tractors at Khari ,two tractors at seri khawaja ,one dumper , five Tippers and two tractors at surankote . The coordinated efforts of the teams

ensured the effective enforcement of the law and sent a strong message against illegal activities related to minor miner-

substantial revenue loss for the govern-

ment, hampering development initia-tives and public welfare programes. DMO Poonch, Javed Iqbal, highlight-ed the significance of strict enforcement

DDC Poonch inaugurates seminar on National Beekeeping and Honey Mission training to new farmers inter-JI NEWS SERVICE

POONCH SEPT 17: Under the banner of the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, the Agriculture and FW Department Poonch organized

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Department Poolch organized a two-day seminar cum awareness program on the 'National Beekeeping and Honey Mission' (NBHM) with the central agenda of promot-ing the 'Sweet Revolution' in the District. The sevent aimed to promote The event aimed to promote

Honey production, Bee theraedicinal value of honey py, m py, medicinal value of honey viz a viz empowering farmers, particularly women self-help groups, boost rural economy, skill development, employ-ment generation, enhancing fordersite architettion schilt foodgrains production while promoting the holistic development of the beekeeping industry.

The seminar garnered traise and commendation praise from the District Development Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary who inaugurat-ed the seminar and graced the occasion as the chief guest.

His presence underscored the importance of the initiative

the importance of the initiative and its potential to uplift the farming community. The DDC, while speaking on the occasion, set target of reg-istering atleast 100 bee keep-ers on Madhu Kranti Portal. Ha presented memory as He presented mementos as mark of appreciation to 23 farmers of district who have larmers of district who have made significant strides in the practice of Bee keeping in the District. He further asked farmers to put in efforts for cultivating good quality honey, on a massive scale so Agriculture Officer Poonch, Rakesh Kumar Sharma shed light on the success stories of beekeepers within the district. He apprised the guests and participating farmers that currently the region boasts 23 active beekeepers who were as to capitalize the rising



only 7 till last year, have flour-ished thanks to the unwaver-ing support and benefits demand and also take advan-tage of seminars/training pro-grammes and awareness proing support and benefits extended by the Agriculture gramme being conducted by the department for farming Department. ventures. Earlier, in his well Notably, the department come address, Chie Agriculture Officer Poonch Chief

Notabiy, the department has received ten fresh applica-tions on the HADP portal sig-nifying enthusiasm for avail-ing the proposed 80% subsidy on Apiculture Units under HADP. In a bid to democratize

knowledge, the Agriculture Department has also taken

strides in offering online bee keeping training through the DAKSH Portal, available in DAKSH Portal, available in Hindi, Urdu, and English. The portal offers online training programs for all the projects under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP). Furthermore, he also (HADP). Furthermore, he also apprised the participating farmers that the department, besides backing private bee-keepers, also runs its own Apiculture Centre and encouraged the farmers to get training and awareness of dif-ferent Gevernment cohemes to ferent Government schemes to establish their income-generating units under the

Apiculture sector. On the sec-Apiculture sector. On the sec-ond day of the seminar, a practical demonstration camp on scientific lines was announced by Chief Agriculture Officer Poonch.

This camp will provide

training to new larmers inter-ested in starting beckeeping interventions. Adding depth to the seminar proceedings, Head of KVK Rajouri, Dr. Arvind Ishrar and a specialist in Apiculture techniques, graced the occasion as a guest between exactly initiation lecturer on special invitation from Chief Agriculture Officer from Chief Agriculture Officer Poonch. The seminar attract-ed a diverse audience of over 200 farmers on first day of the Seminar and over 260 farmers on second day including farm-ers, Women self help groups, students from Derge college students from Degree college Poonch with the participation roonch with the participation of distinguished guests, including Principal Govt. Degree College Poonch, Prof S Jasvir Singh , Prof Owaisi Professor and Head of GDC Poonch, Deputy Director Employment and Counselling Contro. Powersh Medid Refe Centre Poonch, Mohd Rafig.

Chief Horticulture Officer Poonch, Sanjeev Kumar, District Officer National Rural Livelihood Mission Mohammad Owais, AGMO, CDPO Tajunnissa, Charan-Kamal Singh, District Agriculture Officer, Munshi Ram, Agronomy Specialist, Harvinder Singh, SDAO Poonch, Neeraj Sharma, Sub-Poonch, Neeraj Sharma, Sub-Divisional Officers of Mendhar and Surankote, ADA Poonch, Jasbir Singh, and the entire field staff of the Agriculture Department Poonch. The sem-inar concluded on an opti-mistic note with District mistic note with District Development Commissioner Development Commissioner commending the Agriculture Department for its releatless efforts in raising awareness among farmers regarding innovative practices and the adoption of new agricultural methodologica methodologies

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