



POLITICAL TEMPEST IN J&K!

NC Sweeps RS Polls, But Omar Abdullah Questions BJP's 'Four Extra Votes' Amid Allegations of Cross-Voting

RC SHARMA CHANAKYA

Srinagar, Oct 24: In a dramatic turn of political events, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has raised serious questions over the integrity of the recently concluded Rajya Sabha elections, where the National Conference (NC) secured three of the four seats, while the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) managed to wrest one seat in a closely contested and controversial finish.



This was the first Rajya Sabha election in Jammu and Kashmir since the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 2

SUNIL SHARMA - BJP's Chanakya Orchestrates Rajya Sabha Triumph in J&K

Srinagar, Oct 24: In a stunning display of political strategy and precision, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) secured a remarkable victory in the Rajya Sabha elections from Jammu and Kashmir, with senior leader Mr Sat Sharma emerging triumphant. The victory, achieved against all odds, bears the unmistakable imprint of Leader of Opposition Mr Sunil Sharma, who has once again proven his reputation as the "Chanakya of J&K BJP."

Through meticulous planning, flawless coordination, and an astute grasp of legislative dynamics, Mr. Sharma steered the BJP to a win that went far beyond numerical predictions. The BJP candidate secured four votes above the party's official strength, ■ CONTD ON PAGE 2

ARMY COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE

Post-370, J&K streets filled with hope: Rajnath

JJ CORRESPONDENT

Srinagar, Oct 24: Stating that post abrogation of Article 370 the streets of Jammu and Kashmir are filled with hope instead of unrest, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday lauded the army for playing a pivotal role in establishing peace in the Union Territory.

Speaking at the ongoing Army Commanders' Conference in Jaisalmer, Rajnath Singh said, "PM Modi's historical move to abrogate Article 370 integrated J&K with the rest of the country. Post-abrogation, the streets of the region are now filled with hope instead of unrest."

He said that people of J&K are confident about their future being secure. "They have become the masters of their own destiny as the decision-making lies in their own hands," Singh said.

The Defence Minister said that Army has been a pillar of



peace in Jammu and Kashmir and has played a crucial role in establishing peace in the region.

Describing Operation Sindoor as an embodiment of India's military prowess and national character, Singh said that it was a demonstration by the soldiers that their strength lies not only in weapons, but also in their ethical discipline and strategic clarity. "Operation Sindoor will go down in history as not just a military operation, but also a

symbol of the nation's courage and restraint. The action taken by our forces against terrorists was in keeping with both policy precision and human dignity. The operation isn't over. Our mission for peace will continue as long as even a single terrorist mindset remains alive," he said.

The Minister also noted that the action taken by the Indian Armed Forces against terrorists during Operation Sindoor reflected both policy ■ CONTD ON PAGE 2

NEP Conclave 2025: 'Design Your Degree' future of education, students: LG Sinha

JJ CORRESPONDENT

Srinagar, Oct 24: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Friday said that "Design Your Degree" programme, in line with National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, is the future of education and students.

Addressing the inaugural session of NEP Conclave



2025 at Amar Singh College here, LG Sinha said that the programme should be implemented in all colleges and universities of Jammu and Kashmir. "I believe that DYD program is the future of education and students. It is beneficial at levels - be it school, college or university level," LG Sinha said. ■ CONTD ON PAGE 2

Vande Bharat Express to halt at Reasi Rly Station from Oct 29

JJ CORRESPONDENT

Jammu, Oct 24: The Northern Railway has decided to introduce a new halt for the Srinagar-Katra Vande Bharat Express at Reasi railway station from October 29, 2025, in a move aimed at improving passenger convenience and responding to local demand.

Officials said that the train, numbered 26401-26402, will stop for two minutes at Reasi in both directions.

Until now, the semi-high-speed train only had a single stop between Katra and Srinagar - at Banihal.

The Katra-Srinagar Vande Bharat Express, flagged off by Prime ■ CONTD ON PAGE 2

NEWS BRIEF

8 cops suspended after video of attack on preachers in Kathua goes viral

JJ CORRESPONDENT

Jammu, Oct 24 : A purported video of an attack on a vehicle carrying religious preachers in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district went viral on social media, prompting police to suspend a sub-inspector and seven special police officers (SPOs), an official said on Friday. The police have also arrested an accused in ■ CONTD ON PAGE 2

Man sentenced to life imprisonment for raping minor daughter

JJ CORRESPONDENT

Srinagar, Oct 24 : A sessions court in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir on Friday sentenced a man to life imprisonment for raping his minor daughter. Principal District and Sessions Judge, Anantnag, Tahir ■ CONTD ON PAGE 2

BOSE to distribute free textbooks by November-End

JJ CORRESPONDENT

Srinagar, Oct 24: The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (BOSE) announced on Friday that it will begin distributing free textbooks up to 8th standard by the end of November, ensuring all deserving students receive them by the first week of December. Addressing a press conference, BOSE Secretary Ghulam Hassan Sheikh acknowledged delays

last year, citing shifting academic sessions and factors beyond the board's control. "This year, we will ensure timely delivery across Kashmir," he said. On the proposal to abolish 11th class board exams, Sheikh said BOSE has formed a committee to examine the academic implications. "If it benefits students, the change will be implemented; otherwise, it may not be pursued," he added. ■ CONTD ON PAGE 2

Judicial probe into Sept 24 Leh violence to begin from Saturday

JJ CORRESPONDENT

Leh/Jammu, Oct 24 : The judicial inquiry into the violent clashes of September 24 in Leh will begin on Saturday, inviting aggrieved persons to record their testimonies before members of the probe panel.

The Centre on October 17 moved to address a key demand of protesting Ladakh groups by announcing a judi-

cial inquiry headed by a retired Supreme Court judge into the Leh clashes, which claimed the lives of four people, including a 1999 Kargil war veteran.

"The judicial inquiry regarding the September 24 incident in Leh town shall be held at the Alternate Dispute Redressal Centre at Melongthang in Leh from October 25 to October 28," an ■ CONTD ON PAGE 2

Modi Govt transformed J&K's destiny after Art 370 abrogation: Rijiju

JJ CORRESPONDENT

Jammu, Oct 24: Union Minister Kiren Rijiju on Friday said the development witnessed in Jammu Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370 was unprecedented and marked a turning point in the region's governance and infrastructure.

Speaking at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University during an event where Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually addressed newly recruited candidates under the Rozgar Mela, Rijiju said that Jammu and Kashmir's "fate turned around" after the Modi government came to power and Article 370 was removed. "I have been coming to



Kashmir since my childhood. I came here in the 70s, 80s, 90s, and even after 2000. The development that has taken place in J&K after 2014 has never been seen before," Rijiju said.

He said that Jammu and Kashmir now has sports facilities, auditoriums, and

training centres in every district. "When I was the Law Minister, court buildings and the foundation of the High Court complex were built. I have worked in different departments and seen this transformation closely," he said.

The Union Minister

added that after the removal of Article 370, the region's "destiny has opened up". He said the government's focus is now on sustaining peace and ensuring growth across all sectors. "J&K has to move forward with peace, and the world wants to see it. It is a beautiful place, and if there is peace and development, it will progress even more," he added.

Responding to a question about Bihar, Rijiju said that PM Modi's visit to the state marks the beginning of a significant campaign. "The Prime Minister is starting his campaign from the birthplace of Karpoori Thakur, which will send a big message. The people of Bihar ■ CONTD ON PAGE 2



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- Empty water coolers once in a week.

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Symptoms

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abrogation of Article 370 in 2019, marking a historic yet turbulent return of parliamentary representation from the Union Territory to the Upper House.

Omar Abdullah Questions 'Four Extra Votes' of BJP:

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has publicly questioned how the BJP managed to obtain four votes beyond its official strength, despite what he described as "complete cohesion" among NC legislators. Taking to social media, Abdullah alleged deliberate malpractice and moral compromise by certain MLAs.

"All of @JKNC_ votes remained intact across the four elections, as witnessed by our election agent who saw each polling slip," Abdullah wrote. "There was no cross-voting from any of our MLAs. So the questions arise - where did the four extra votes of the BJP come from? Who were the MLAs who deliberately invalidated their votes by marking a wrong preference number? Do they have the courage to admit they helped the BJP after promising us their support? What pressure or inducement made them betray their word?"

The Chief Minister's remarks have triggered a wave of political debate across the region, with opposition parties and independents now demanding transparency in the voting process.

NC Dominates Rajya Sabha Polls:

The NC's Choudhary Muhammad Ramzan, Sajjad Ahmad Kichloo, and Gurwinder Singh Oberoi emerged victorious with comfortable margins, reaffirming the party's parliamentary strength within the Assembly. However, it was the fourth seat, contested between BJP's Sat Sharma and NC-backed independent candidate Imran Ansari that became the focal point of high-stakes political drama.

Sat Sharma secured 32 votes, four more than the BJP's numerical strength in the House, while Ansari managed 22 votes, despite strong backing from the NC-led alliance.

The outcome, while legally valid, has politically jolted the ruling alliance. The NC leadership maintains that its voting blocs remained disciplined and unified, and has hinted that external inducements and internal sabotage tilted the balance in BJP's favour.

Unprecedented Cross-Voting Rocks Political Circles:

According to insider reports, the BJP's unexpected victory was facilitated by cross-voting, deliberate vote cancellations, and even an "extra" vote that mysteriously found its way into the ballot.

At least seven MLAs, belonging to either the ruling alliance or independents aligned with it, are now under scrutiny.

Sources revealed that four MLAs from the alliance voted in favour of the BJP, two votes were deliberately invalidated, and one ballot carried an intentional second preference favouring the BJP's candidate.

NC's second candidate, Imran Nabi Dar, who had the assured support of nearly 29 MLAs, ended up with only 21 votes - a shortfall that clearly reflected internal dissent. The party's leadership, which claimed a total support base of 58 MLAs (including Congress, PDP, CPI-M, and independents), managed to muster only 51 votes, confirming that some of its allies defected during polling.

Polling Agents and Procedural Loopholes Under Lens:

The controversy deepened after reports emerged that no authorized polling agents were present for PDP MLAs during the voting process. Moreover, Congress MLA Nizamuddin Bhat, who was serving as his own party's polling agent, cast his own vote without a substitute agent. When questioned, Bhat stated, "I was the chief polling agent - I showed my vote to myself."

These irregularities have raised fresh questions about procedural oversight and the transparency of the polling mechanism in the Rajya Sabha elections.

Political Fallout and Future Implications:

The NC leadership has accused a "small but corrupt" section of legislators of betraying the alliance's trust and selling their conscience for personal gain. Party insiders hinted that the leadership may soon push for internal investigations to identify those responsible.

Political observers believe that this incident could reshape the contours of alliance politics in Jammu and Kashmir, potentially straining ties among NC, Congress, PDP, and independent blocs.

For the BJP, however, the victory has been projected as a moral and political triumph, symbolizing the party's growing influence in the region despite limited numerical strength.

As tempers flare and accusations mount, the Rajya Sabha elections - once expected to be a routine political exercise - have instead evolved into a full-fledged political storm, exposing deep fissures, fragile loyalties, and the relentless undercurrents of power that continue to define Jammu and Kashmir's complex political landscape.

Sunil Sharma - BJP's Chanakya

even as three votes were declared invalid during counting - a testament to the subtle yet decisive cross-party backing the BJP managed to garner.

The result reflects not only the BJP's growing political traction in Jammu and Kashmir but also Mr. Sunil Sharma's strategic brilliance - a rare blend of patience, persuasion, and political foresight. Party insiders credited him for crafting alliances, negotiating discreetly, and ensuring unity of purpose within the ranks at a time of intense political rivalry.

Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and the tactical guidance of Mr. Sharma on the ground, the BJP transformed its limited legislative presence into an emphatic moral and political triumph.

Senior BJP leaders described the victory as "a master-stroke of political management," applauding Mr. Sharma's unwavering commitment and tactical genius. "This is not just an electoral win; it is the triumph of discipline, foresight, and the power of conviction," one senior leader remarked.

Expressing gratitude after the announcement of results, Mr Sunil Sharma said,

"This victory represents the trust of the people's representatives in the BJP's vision of peace, progress, and prosperity. I dedicate this success to our national leadership and every karyakarta whose tireless efforts made this possible."

The win marks a defining moment for the BJP in Jammu and Kashmir - reinforcing the party's growing influence, organizational depth, and strategic adaptability in a region long considered politically complex.

With this achievement, Sunil Sharma has once again solidified his place as one of the most strategically gifted leaders in the Union Territory - a tactician whose quiet confidence and razor-sharp intellect continue to redefine the con-

tours of political strategy in Jammu and Kashmir.

Post-370, J&K streets filled

precision and respect for human dignity.

He stated that the action has given rise to a new strategic thinking that India responds to any terrorist activity on its own terms. "This is New India's Defence Doctrine, which embodies both resolve and courage," he said.

Referring to the recent de-escalation process in the eastern Ladakh areas of Demchok and Depsang following a series of talks between India and China on October 24, the Defence Minister said that the ongoing dialogue and de-escalation steps have demonstrated India's balanced and firm foreign policy. "Our policy is clear that there will be dialogue and our readiness on the border will remain intact," he said.

BioNEST Incubator to be launched

early-stage entrepreneurs, industry representatives, and members of civil society have been invited to participate in the event, he added.

Giving details about the event and the main objectives of the BioNEST Incubation Centre, Ahmed said the centre at Biotech Park will serve as a platform to provide incubation and skill support to innovators, youth, agri-entrepreneurs, startups, progressive farmers, and scholars not only from Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, but also from neighbouring states like Punjab, Haryana, and Himachal Pradesh.

"The incubator will focus on thematic areas, including agri-roma products, phytopharmaceuticals, natural products, and similar bio-based innovations, along with job-oriented skill development courses," he said.

The event is being organised by CSIR-IIIM and IIIM-TBI, in association with the Science, Technology & Innovation Council, J&K.

It will feature a startup meet, skill development initiatives, and expert talks on the BioE3 Policy and entrepreneurship development in J&K.

The Industrial Biotech Park (IBTP) at Ghatti, Kathua, is North India's first biotech park and a flagship programme of the Union Ministry of Science & Technology, which was closely mentored by Singh, who is also the Vice President of CSIR-IIIM.

"It is aimed at nurturing bioinnovation and entrepreneurship development in the region," Ahmed said.

Vande Bharat

Minister Narendra Modi on June 6, 2025, became the first rail service to directly connect the Jammu region with the Kashmir Valley.

Since its launch, it has been widely appreciated for its comfort, speed, and reliability.

Uchit Singhal, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager of Northern Railway, said the decision was taken to cater to the growing number of passengers from Reasi district, which attracts thousands of devotees visiting the Vaishno Devi shrine and tourists coming to see the Chenab Bridge, the world's highest railway bridge.

He said the new halt will boost connectivity and promote tourism in the region. Passengers have been advised to check the latest train schedule on the official railway website, 139, or through the N'TES app before travelling.

NEP Conclave 2025: 'Design

NOTICE

I PAWAN KUMAR S/O MELA RAM, Nowshera,Hunjana khanka, Rajouri, Jammu and Kashmir 185151, IAm applying for PwD,R&B 'D' class contractor Card. If anyone have any objection please contact to concerning authority within 7 days to publish this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to public at large

I, Sunil Singh S/o Prem Singh R/o Pora Paine Tehsil Gandoh Bhalessa District Doda, Jammu and Kashmir UT, hereby issue this public notice,

That my Sons name as per my service record is Tavish Singh but my son's name is written clerically wrong as Tavish Surmal in my sons documents.

That I am giving this notice to public at large that my son's name as per my service record/documents is Tavish Singh.

That Tavish Singh is real name and Tavish Surmal is wrong name.

If anyone has any objections to this name , they are requested to file their objections with supporting documents in the offices of:

- Tehsildar Gandoh Bhalessa .
- Police Station Gandoh.
- BDO office Changa.
- within Seven days from the date of this notice.

**IN THE COURT OF TEHSILDAR EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS
GANDOH (BHALESSA)**

Noor Hussain S/o Mohd Ibraheem R/o Village Chilly Bala Tehsil Gandoh (Bhalessa) District Doda	Vs	Present: Muneeb Umar (JKAS) Block Development Officer Chilly (Non-applicant)
(Applicant)		

In the matter of:-

Application for seeking direction upon the non-applicant to enter/register the birth particulars of the applicant's Children/Child in the Birth and Death Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC AT LARGE

Whereas, the applicant named above has filed an application seeking direction to the non-applicant to register the date of Birth particulars of applicant's child as mentioned below in the concerned register.

S. N	Name	Sex	Father's Name	Mother's Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth
01	HUSSAN BANOO	F	NOOR HUSSAIN	JAMEELA BEGUM	17/10/2001	HOME
02	MOHD IRSHAD	M	NOOR HUSSAIN	JAMEELA BEGUM	30/11/2006	HOME
03	MUZZAFER HUSSAIN	M	NOOR HUSSAIN	JAMEELA BEGUM	10/03/2011	HOME

Therefore by virtue of this notice public at large is informed that if any person has/ have any objection in respect to the above mentioned application, he/she shall file his/her objection in this office within 07 days from the issuance of this notice failing which said application shall be dealt into in accordance with law.

Dated: 24/10/2025.

Tehsildar
Executive Magistrate 1st Class
Gandoh (Bhalessa)

He said that the issues faced by the colleges in Jammu and Kashmir should also be discussed during the 2-day NEP conclave.

He said that there is a need to strengthen the teaching faculty at higher education level. "The teaching faculty in colleges has to be strong and courageous. We need to support them in sync with the goal and missions of NEP 2020."

Speaking about the implementation of NEP 2020, LG Sinha also said that the schools, colleges and universities have done tremendous work so far in implementing it.

"The journey is still long and we have to make sure that we keep on working and implementing the holistic transformation of NEP 2020", he said.

The Lieutenant Governor applauded the efforts of all the stakeholders for speedy implementation of National Education Policy. "Universities and Colleges in Jammu Kashmir are building an ecosystem that will be a catalyst for innovation and ground breaking research," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Jammu Kashmir is building the movement around the vision of reforming and strengthening the higher education landscape for an uncertain world. "The Artificial Intelligence Age and traditional Indian ideals will make developed India's dream come true," he added.

"Amalgamation of technological advancement and Indian ethos in higher educational institutions will address the future challenges and spur strong economic growth," the Lieutenant Governor said. He also mentioned that the National Education Policy aims to reduce inequality and expand opportunity in the higher educational institutions with the focus on a future-focused approach to equip youth with the capability of critical thinking and lifelong learning.

BOSE to distribute free text

Sheikh noted that the academic calendar had been disrupted by adverse weather conditions. In response, the board received multiple representations requesting syllabus relaxation, leading to a 15 percent reduction in exam content for annual regular board exams, primarily affecting Kashmir and the winter zones of Jammu. He explained the relaxation in marks: for subjects with 100 marks, students need to attempt only 85 percent of questions; for 80-mark papers, 68 percent; for 70-mark papers, 60 percent; and for 50-mark papers, 43 percent.

Judicial probe into Sept 24 Leh

order issued by Consultant, Law and Justice Department, Qureshi Tariq Mehmood, said on Friday.

He further stated that necessary arrangements for conducting the inquiry are to be made on a priority basis.

The order also requested interested and aggrieved persons, if any, to record their testimonies before the members of the judicial panel.

NOTICE

I Anwar Hussain S/o John Mohd residing at Ward no 3 , vill. Jannu teh. Basholi , dist. Kathua , State j&k. would like to inform that the number plate of my vehicle (Vehicle Type -Bike) bearing Registration No. JK08M9277 has been IOST' on 06-07-2023 at Basholi

I have lodged a Police Report that is 49/PCB at Basholi Police Station

Dated : 06-07-2023

I am publishing this notice to inform the RTO and the general public that if the said number plate is found or misused, I will not be held responsible.

Owner Name: ANWAR HUSSAIN

Address: WARD NO -03 , TEH. BASHOLI , DIST. KATHUA, STATE - J&K

Contact No : 6006631921

Date: 24-10-2025

IN THE COURT 2ND CIVIL SUBORDINATE JUDGE OF PASSANGER TAX COURT JAMMU

Present Jyoti Bhagat

Vidya Devi, W/o Late Sh. Bihari Lal, R/o Khanpur Nagrota, Tehsil Nagrota District Jammu. PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

Sohan Lal, S/o Late Sh. Bihari Lal and Smt. Vidya Devi, R/o Khanpur Nagrota, Tehsil Nagrota District Jammu. DEFENDANT

IN THE MATTER OF:-

Suit for declaration declaring the Disinheritance Deed registered by the Court of Learned Sub-Registrar-IV, 2nd Additional Munsiff, Jammu on 26th day of May, 2011 as null and void.

Value for the purpose of court fee and jurisdiction is fixed at Rs.300/-.

NOTICE TO GENERAL public

Whereas the above title suit filled by the plaintiff(s) against the defendant is pending adjudication in this court .Public at large,through the medium of this publication is hereby informed that if anybody having objections to the passing of the relief regarding the subject matter cited above ,may appear before this court either in person or through counsel and file his/her /their objections by or below the next date which is fixed for 11/12/2025 failing which appropriate order will be passed under the law .The date fixed happens to be a public holiday ,the matter will be taken on the next working day.Given under my hand and seal today of this court on 24-10-2025

Sd/-

2nd civil subordinate judge of Passanger tax court jammu

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all that I Shukar Din S/o Late Noor Ahmed R/o Village Ranjan Kaley Jammu has executed my last will out of my own free will, without any influence, pressure of coercion from any persons while being in sound disposing state of mind, where by I bequeath that after my demise, my sons 1. Mohd. Aslam, 2. Mohd. Ashraf and 3. Mohd. Akram Shall became the absolute owners on equal shares of my an immoveable property ie land measuring 79 kanals and 19 marlas, falling in Khasha nos. 103: 1316/22; 1318/50; 97 and khasra No. 100, situated at chinore, Jammu over which my farin house exists and has been temporarily given to managing Committee of Farm House Chinore temporary.

It is further averted in the said will executed on 15th day of Oct 2025 That my said sons are fully authorized to get compensation of above said immoveable property. Look after and manage and to do every act which is necessary for the protection of the said property as owners.

Testator
Shukar Din

Modi Govt transformed J&K's destiny

know that only under Modi ji's leadership can Bihar move to new heights," he said.

Regarding Tejashwi Yadav's political prospects, Rijiju said that democracy depends on public choice. "What will happen by making a face? The public has to accept it. This is democracy," he said. He said the "mood of Bihar is visible across India" and that people across the country see the future under Modi's leadership. "India is a union, and we are all part of it," he added.

8 cops suspended after

connection with the incident, he added.

"In the Juthana area under the Rajbagh police station of Kathua district, preachers were attacked by a group of youths wielding sticks while they were travelling in a vehicle. The video circulating on social media shows police present at the scene, but unable to immediately stop the attackers," the official said. The main accused, Ravindra Singh Thela, and his associates have several prior criminal cases against them, the official added. Following the incident, Senior Superintendent of Police, Kathua, Mohita Sharma ordered the suspension of a sub-inspector and seven SPOs for negligence.

An FIR has been registered, and one accused has been arrested, while efforts are underway to nab the remaining suspects, they said.

Man sentenced to life

Khurshid Raina sentenced the convict after hearing arguments on the quantum of sentence, officials said.

He was convicted by the court on October 15. Officials said the identity of the accused has not been revealed to protect the identity of the survivor as the perpetrator was her father. The case was registered in 2022 at Women's Police Station, Anantnag, under various sections of the Indian Penal Code and sections 3/4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

IN THE COURT OF LEARNED FIRST ADDITIONAL MUNSIFF (FOREST MAGISTRATE) JAMMU

Present Rohit Sharma

Vikas Sharma age 31 years, S/o Late Sham Lal Sharma, R/o Village Chaprial, Pallanwala, Jammu. Plaintiff

VERSUS

1. Gayatri Devi age 53 years, W/o Late Sham Lal Sharma, R/o Village Chaprial, Pallanwala, Jammu.

2. Lakshmi Sharma age 26 years, D/o Late Sham Lal Sharma, W/O Sahil Malhotra, Rio Village Chaprial, Pallanwala, Jammu. Defendants

IN THE MATTER OF:-

Suit for declaration declaring the plaintiff to be the legal heir of the deceased father namely LATE SHAM LAL SHARMA S/O LATE KASTURI LAL SHARMA, who died on 30-09-2025 and further the plaintiff who is son and is entitled to get service benefits on compassionate grounds i.e. appointment under relevant SO 429 including all other service benefits whatsoever etc at present and in future also.

With Further prayed that the plaintiff is declare as legal heir of his deceased father namely LATE SHAM LAL SHARMA and is entitled to inherit/transfer the vehicles i.e. Two vehicles i.e. Maruti IGNIS Delta Car bearing regd. no. JK02CM-3578 and Motor Cycle Super Splender bearing regd no. JK02BH-3558 Owned and possessed by deceased; and further the plaintiff is entitled to get transfer the aforesaid vehicles in his name from the concerned Regional Transport Officer i.e. RTO;

With consequential relief of Permanent Prohibitory Injunction restraining the defendants from causing any hindrance and interfering in the release of the said benefits in favour of the plaintiff.

Any other relief which this hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper may kindly be passed in favour of the plaintiff and against the defendants

NOTICE TO GENERAL public

Whereas the above title suit filled by the plaintiff(s) against the defendant is pending adjudication in this court .Public at large,through the medium of this publication is hereby informed that if anybody having objections to the passing of the relief regarding the subject matter cited above ,may appear before this court either in person or through counsel and file his/her /their objections by or below the next date which is fixed for 10/11 2025 failing which appropriate order will be passed under the law .The date fixed happens to be a public holiday ,the matter will be taken on the next working day.Given under my hand and seal today of this court on 24-10-2025

Sd/-

AAK-NAMMA/FARGATI

I, Chura Ram S/o Late Ranja Ram, R/o Village Nandpur Camp (Khour Salarian), Tehsil Ramgarh District Samba, U.T of J&K, declare through this document of Deed of Disinheritance (AAK NAMA/FARGATI/DISINHERTANCE) which is executed & registered before the Sub Registrar, Vijaypur on 15th day of September 2025, that the behavior of my son namely Kuldip Raj & daughter-in-law namely Isha Dogra W/o Kuldip Raj is not good towards me & my family and they are fallen in bad society, not in my control and harassing, beaten, mentally torture & threaten me and my family members and they will do any such illegal act which will create problems for the executor and his family members, also neither they look after nor providing any maintenance to me. Now, I declare that Kuldip Raj has no relation of son and father, and Isha Dogra has no relation of daughter-in-law and father-in-law with me and my family and not be entitled to inherit or succeed to my immoveable and moveable property and cash amount lying in my bank accounts. If anybody dealing with Kuldip Raj & Isha Dogra shall do so at his/her/their own risk and responsibility.

NOTICE

I satvir sahni s/o sukhdev raj (2.)Anita Sawhney w/o satvir Sawhney both residents of house no. 89 rehari colony jammu have disinherited my son and daughter in law namely karan Sawhney our daughter in law rutika verma d/o pushkar kumar R/o house no .90 JANIPUR colony jammu from all movable/immovable property as he has fallen in bad society and gone out of our control. He/she mis-behaves with me and my other family members thus causes mental frustration, embarrassment and humiliation all of us. Therefore any person dealing with above said in any case here-after, shall be doing so at her own risk and responsibility.

 Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir
Jal Shakti (Irrigation & Flood Control) Department
Office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division No.I, Jammu

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT No.: 16 of 10/2025-26
Dated : 24.10.2025.

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

S.No	Name of the work	Amount of Work (In lacs)	Earnest Money Deposit (In Rupees)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender Documents (Rs.)
1.	Improvement of Burj Feeder Channel between RD 250 to 350M under UT Capex Budget 2025-26.	5.00	2% of the Advertised Cost of the	20 days	ABCD	200.00
2.	Improvement of Bhulley chak Khul near Army ditch between RD 200 to 450M under UT Capex Budget 2025-26...	12.47	2% of the Advertised Cost of the	30days	ABCD	600.00

a) Position of A.A. A : **Accorded**
 b) Position of T. S : **Accorded**
 c) Position of Funds : **Partially Available (Under the Budgetary Provision of UT Capex).**

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i) Date of Publishing from	: 24.10.2025	(01.00PM)
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v) Uploading stops on	: 31.10.2025	(06:00 PM)
vi) Tender opens on	: 01.11.2025	(12:00 Noon or Subjective)

- The bidding documents can be downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.inn> w.e.f. 24.10.2025 from 18:00 PM onwards.
- The bids shall be uploaded/ submitted in electronic format on the website <http://jktendersgov.in> w.e.f 24.10.2025 from 18:00 PM onwards.
- The complete bidding process will be **ONLINE**.
- The tender uploaded on the website up to due date will be opened on **01.11.2025 (12:00 Noon or Subjective)** in the office of the **Executive Engineer Irrigation Division No-I Canal road, Jammu** in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- Bidding documents can be seen and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> Bidding documents contain qualifying criteria for bidders and other details such as terms and conditions etc.

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High School Shahdara Sharief Hosts "Drug-Free Society" Programme

JJ CORRESPONDENT

SHAHDARA SHARIEF, OCT 24: Government High School Shahdara Sharief today organized an impactful awareness programme on the theme "Drug-Free Society" under the dynamic supervision of Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Thannamandi, Abid Hussain Shah.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from officers of all concerned departments, along with the teaching and non-teaching staff and students of the host school. The atmosphere was charged with zeal and determination as the participants pledged to contribute towards eradicating the menace of drug abuse from

society.

The programme aimed to spread awareness among youth about the grave consequences of drug addiction and to encourage the collective responsibility of the community in nurturing a healthy, educated, and drug-free generation.

The event was further highlighted by the outstanding anchoring of Dr. Layaqat Ali, whose engaging style and lively presence added great charm to the proceedings.

The Department of Youth Services and Sports, Zone Thannamandi, played a key role in organizing and supporting the programme, ensuring smooth coordination and active participation of all stakeholders.



Expressing his views on the occasion, Headmaster, Government High School Shahdara Sharief, Mushtaq Ahmed said that creating awareness among students is the most powerful step toward building a strong and drug-free society. He appreciated the collabora-

tive efforts of all departments and emphasized the role of educational institutions in shaping the moral and social values of the young generation. He also thanked the SDM Thannamandi, the Department of Youth Services and Sports, and all

dignitaries for their encouragement and support. The programme concluded with a collective pledge to continue spreading awareness and strengthening the fight against drug addiction through education, vigilance, and community participation.

Train No. 26401-26402 Srinagar-Katra Vande Bharat Express to get a new stop at Reasi from October 29

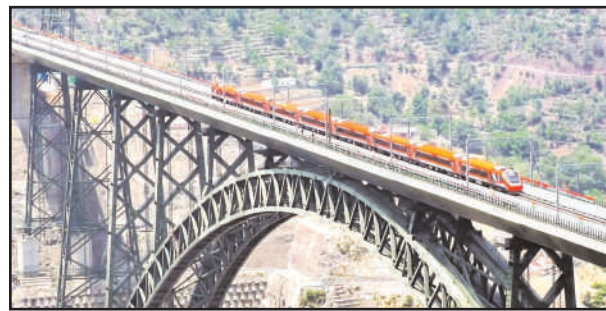
JJ CORRESPONDENT

JAMMU: To enhance the convenience of passengers in Jammu Division and to meet local demand, Train No. 26401-26402 Srinagar-Katra Vande Bharat Express will stop at Reasi Railway Station from October 29, 2025.

Currently, this Vande Bharat semi-high-speed train stops only once between Katra and Srinagar - at Banihal.

To provide convenience to passengers, the Vande Bharat Express will stop at Reasi for two minutes in both directions.

The Katra-Srinagar Vande Bharat Express, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on



June 6, 2025, marked a historic milestone as the first rail service connecting the Kashmir Valley with the Jammu region.

Since its launch, the service has received widespread praise for its speed, comfort, and reliability. The introduction of a stop at Reasi is seen as a response to the persistent calls from locals for improved regional connec-

tivity. Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Railways, Mr. Uchit Singhal, said, "The new stoppage aims to meet the growing passenger demand from Reasi district, which is a major religious and tourist destination due to its proximity to the Vaishno Devi shrine and the world's highest railway bridge, the Chenab Bridge."

Nagrota's public will reaffirm its growth story: Devyani Rana

JJ CORRESPONDENT

AMB GHAROTA OCT 24: Bharatiya Janata Party candidate for bye-election to Nagrota Assembly Constituency Ms Devyani Rana today called upon the people to come forward in large numbers to exercise their franchise, saying their vote for BJP would be reaffirmation of their faith in progress and development.

"Nagrota's growth story has to be carried forward. Together, we can continue the journey of transforming our constituency into a vibrant centre of economic activity keeping in view its potential as an educational and pilgrim tourism hub", Ms Rana said while addressing Nukad meetings at Kangrail, Barn, Seri Panditan, Ghaink in Amb Gharota Mandal.

Recalling the visionary



legacy of her late father, Shri Devender Singh Rana, whose tireless efforts as the MLA of Nagrota laid a strong foundation for the constituency's comprehensive development. Ms. Devyani Rana said that the people's overwhelming support will be pivotal in further advancing his vision. She also emphasized that the BJP's commitment to development is about enhancing and improving every facet of people's lives.

Ms Devyani Rana exuded confidence that with people's support, Nagrota will continue to witness accelerated development under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, whose focus on equitable growth and empowerment has transformed lives across Jammu and Kashmir.

"BJP's philosophy is clear that growth must reach everyone, and every citizen should have the opportunity to progress with dignity,"

she told the enthusiastic crowds assembled for the roadside interactions.

Addressing the Nukad meetings, BJP leader Mr Bharat Bhushan, DDC Chairman Jammu appealed to the people of Nagrota to give a massive mandate to Ms. Devyani Rana, enabling her to carry forward the unfinished mission of holistic development envisioned by her late father. He said the party stands united behind her to take Nagrota to new heights of progress.

AIIMS Jammu Celebrated CPR Awareness Week Through Multi-Pronged Activities

JJ CORRESPONDENT

JAMMU, OCT 24: As per the directives of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, the Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Awareness Week was observed at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Vijaypur, Jammu from 13th to 17th October 2025. The objective of the week was to enhance awareness and skills of this essential life-saving intervention among healthcare professionals, students, and the general public, thereby strengthening the chain of survival within the institution and community settings.

The week commenced with a CPR Pledge on 13th October 2025 at 10:30 AM, led virtually by the Hon'ble Health Secretary. The event was attended by



the Medical Superintendent, nursing officers, faculty members, and staff of AIIMS Jammu. Following the inaugural session, a training program on Basic Life Support (BLS) and Hands-Only CPR was conducted for all nursing students of AIIMS Jammu. Subsequently, separate training sessions were organized for MBA students, security personnel, housekeeping staff, and

hospital attendants, where they were demonstrated and trained on Hands-Only CPR. More than 1,000 people (students and staff combined) were trained during this week.

Two CPR Awareness Booths were established in the OPD Registration Area and Emergency Department of AIIMS Jammu. The booths operated throughout the week and were dedicated to promoting awareness of

CPR among patients, their attendants, and hospital visitors. Demonstrations of CPR techniques were also carried out at the booths. Other activities included quizzes and poster competitions on "CPR Awareness" for nursing officers. Videos demonstrating CPR techniques were displayed at three prominent locations within the institute.

The event was successfully implemented under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Shakti Kumar Gupta, ED & CEO. The program significantly enhanced awareness, preparedness, and skill competency related to cardiac arrest management among healthcare professionals and community members. This initiative contributed meaningfully toward strengthening the Chain of Survival within and beyond institutional boundaries.

LG Kavinder flags off solo motorbike expedition 'Mission Bharat' from Kargil

JJ CORRESPONDENT

KARGIL, OCT 24: The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta, today flagged off the solo motorbike expedition titled 'Mission Bharat' from Raj Niwas, Kargil. The expedition is being undertaken by noted biker and social entrepreneur Deepak Bharadia from Pune, Maharashtra.

The 7,500-km journey, beginning from Kargil, will traverse some of the most challenging terrains of the country-stretching from the icy heights of Ladakh to the southern tip of India at

Kanyakumari, and finally concluding at Pune via the scenic western coast. The expedition aims to empower local communities, raise awareness on sustainable development, and promote national integration through citizen participation.

While flagging off the expedition, the Lt Governor lauded biker and social entrepreneur's spirit of adventure and commitment to social causes. He said that initiatives like Mission Bharat exemplify the true essence of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat" and help bring together people from diverse regions and



backgrounds.

Highlighting Ladakh's growing role in promoting adventure tourism, environmental

stewardship, and youth engagement, LG Kavinder said that the UT Administration is committed to making

Ladakh a hub of adventure, education, and culture. He emphasised that such initiatives not only showcase Ladakh's

unique geography and resilience but also inspire the youth of India to pursue meaningful and responsible travel.

"Ladakh has always been a land of inspiration and courage. From this frontier region, messages of peace, unity, and sustainability should resonate across the country," he remarked. He added that the administration is working to enhance eco-tourism, strengthen road infrastructure, and provide greater support to youth-led initiatives that align with national goals of Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat 2047.



Law enforcement wing inspects Agri-input Centres across Jammu, Samba Districts

JJ CORRESPONDENT

JAMMU: The Law Enforcement Wing of the Department of Agriculture, Jammu & Kashmir, today carried out rigorous inspections and checking at the Agri-input distribution centres across Jammu and Samba districts.

The inspection was conducted under the direction and supervision of Assistant Director Law Enforcement (ADLE) Jammu Kuldeep Singh.

Enforcement Inspector Jammu Nazish Altaf led detailed inspections in different areas of Jammu district, particularly in R.S. Pura and Marh blocks, while Enforcement Inspector Samba, Yog Raj Sharma conducted inspections in the Ramgarh area of Samba district. In addition, inspections were also carried out in the Ramgarh area of Samba district.

The primary objective of the exercise was to enforce adherence to the Seed Act, 1966, Insecticides (Pesticides) Act, 1968 and Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985 (FCO 1985) aimed to maintain quality standards of agricultural inputs, prevent malpractices and safeguard the interests of the farming community.

During the inspections, samples of pesticides, seeds, and fertilizers were lifted for laboratory analysis. In addition, all relevant documents including licenses, sale and purchase bills, stock registers and fertilizer sale records through POS machines were thoroughly scrutinized to verify compliance with the statutory provisions.

Certain irregularities were detected during the inspection process, following which necessary actions were initiated against the erring dealers. The defaulters were cautioned and warned of stringent measures in case of any further violations of the laid-down norms.

Agriculture Department gears up for Jhiri Mela-2025

JJ CORRESPONDENT

JAMMU, OCT 24: The Department of Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Jammu has started preparations for Jhiri Mela 2025- an annual event held to commemorate the sacrifice of the 16th-century farmer saint, Baba Jitto who laid down his life fighting against injustice and feudalism. In this regard, Director Agriculture Jammu Anil Gupta today chaired a meeting to review the preparedness of the department for the upcoming fair. The Director said that the Agriculture Department's participation in the mela should be centered on farmers' welfare and awareness, in keeping with the spirit of the event, which commemo-



rates the sacrifice of Baba Jitto, a symbol of farmers' rights and dignity.

The Director Agriculture instructed all sectoral heads to ensure that departmental stalls are set up with the high standards of presentation, cleanliness and innovation. He stressed that the department, which has consistently secured top honours in previous exhibitions, should strive to achieve the top ranking this year as well.

It was informed that the departmental exhibition will feature display of modern agricultural techniques, machinery, tools and equipment from both the Government Agriculture Workshop and private firms, besides live demonstrations of mushroom cultivation, soil sampling, Kisan Khidmat Ghar (KKG) operations and apiculture listing diverse honey varieties. The stalls will also highlight flag-

ship schemes such as HADP, Centrally Sponsored Schemes and state-run programs, supported by high-quality literature in farmer-friendly language.

Displays of improved seed varieties, cereals, vegetables, niche crops, medicinal and aromatic plants (MAP) from the Jammu region will form another major attraction.

In addition, LED screens would be installed to disseminate information about flagship programs, innovations and success stories aimed at promoting advanced practices in agriculture and allied activities.

Director Anil Gupta constituted several committees to manage the department's activities during the mela, including Registration, Stall

Setup, Reception, Refreshment, Stage Management, Transport, Media and Reserve Committees. These will function under the overall supervision of Joint Director Agriculture (Extension) Jammu, Sanjay Anand, who will coordinate all departmental arrangements. The Chief Agriculture Officer (CAO) Jammu will lead the organizing Committee along with his district team and will closely coordinate with Joint Director (Extension) for smooth execution of departmental activities.

Joint Director Sanjay Anand stressed that the overall display and presentation of the departmental exhibits should reflect innovation and uniformity with standardized display ban-

ners and identification plates. Joint Director Agriculture (SLUB/Farms) Aman Jyoti Sharma emphasized the importance of a well-planned layout and a smooth registration process to ensure an impactful presentation.

The Jhiri Mela 2025, scheduled from November 4 to 13, 2025, with Kartik Purnima on November 5 as the main day is expected to witness participation from a large number of farmers from Jammu & Kashmir and other states. The Agriculture Department's participation will serve as a vital platform to enhance farmers' knowledge, exposure and engagement with new technologies and government schemes, while paying tribute to Baba Jitto's enduring legacy.

Kulgam Police Attaches Property of Detained Drug Peddler under NDPS Act

JJ CORRESPONDENT

KULGAM, OCT 24: In a continuing drive to curb the menace of drug trafficking, Kulgam Police has attached another property belonging to a notorious drug peddler, Shahzad Ahmad Dar S/O Late Mohd. Rajab Dar R/O Vedow Mishipora, under Section 68-F of the NDPS Act, 1985.

The accused was involved in FIR No. 62/2021 U/S 8/15-29 NDPS Act of Police Station Qaimoh, wherein around 520 kilograms of poppy straw were recovered from a load carrier. He was later detained under the PIT NDPS Act and is presently lodged at Kot Bhalwal Jail, Jammu.

During investigation, it



was found that the accused had raised assets worth approximately ₹36 lakh from the proceeds of drug trafficking. Accordingly, a single-storey residential house at Vedow Mishipora was attached by a police team in the presence of the Executive Magistrate and local citizens.

This action forms part

of the ongoing efforts of Kulgam Police to dismantle the financial networks of drug traffickers and eliminate the narcotics economy from the district. The move has been widely appreciated by local residents, who hailed the police's firm stance against drug peddlers and its commitment to safeguarding

the youth.

SSP Kulgam Shri Anayat Ali Choudhary (IPS) reaffirmed that such actions will continue with full intensity, ensuring that no one benefits from the proceeds of crime. He reiterated that Kulgam Police is determined to make the district drug-free through consistent and decisive enforcement.

Kulgam Police has urged the general public to share any information regarding drug peddlers or trafficking activities in their areas. Citizens can report such information confidentially at the nearest Police Station or through official helplines. The police have stressed that community cooperation is vital to achieving a drug-free society.

DC inaugurates 3-day Mobile Passport Van Service Camp at Ramban

JJ CORRESPONDENT

RAMBAN, OCT 24: As part of the Public Outreach Programme aimed at improving citizen services, the Regional Passport Office (RPO) Jammu, under the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, today launched a three-day Mobile Passport Van Service Camp in the premises of the District Administrative Complex, Ramban.

Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan formally inaugurated the camp in the presence of Tehsildar Deep Kumar and Section Officer Sunil Kher and other officers.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said that residents of Ramban district can avail of this facil-



ity by booking an appointment.

The Deputy Commissioner advised the residents of the district to take full advantage of this unique opportunity to apply for their passports at their doorsteps. He said that such initiatives bring government services closer to the people especially

those living in hilly and remote areas.

The Deputy Commissioner expressed gratitude to the Regional Passport Office Jammu and the Ministry of External Affairs for organizing the Mobile Passport Van Service Camp in Ramban and appreciated their efforts in promoting citizen-

friendly governance and doorstep service delivery.

The DC said that the District Administration will extend full cooperation to ensure smooth conduct of the camp and facilitate maximum public participation. He said that such events are making public services more accessible, transparent and citizen-centric particularly benefiting people residing in far-flung and mountainous regions.

The Mobile Passport Van is fully equipped for biometric enrolment and on-site document verification, ensuring convenience and efficiency for applicants.

This citizen-friendly initiative is expected to enhance accessibility, save time and make passport services more efficient for residents of remote areas.

Manzoor Naik Renews Demand for Creation of New Education Zone at Rajnagar-Budhal

JJ SHYAM SOOD

RAJOURI-BUDHAL, OCT 24: Citing mounting administrative challenges and educational hardships faced by students and teachers in the Budhal region of Rajouri district, senior BJP leader Manzoor Naik has reiterated his demand for the creation of a new Education Zone at Rajnagar-Budhal.

Naik emphasized that the existing Education Zone Koteranka is excessively large and overstretched, extending from Mandir Gala up to Khania Dandote.

"Koteranka Zone comprises 173 schools, including 19 private institutions, with a cumulative student enrolment of approximately 12,500 — the highest in Rajouri district. In comparison, other zones such

as Sunderbani, Lower Hathal, and Baljaralan have enrolments ranging between 6,000 and 6,500," said Naik.

He said that during his visits to several remote pockets of the Koteranka-Budhal region over the past six years, he found that many schools are located at a four to five-hour walking distance from the nearest motorable road. Due to the treacherous terrain and poor connectivity, academic inspections have reportedly not taken place for over a decade in several institutions, as Zonal Education Officers struggle to manage such a vast jurisdiction.

Highlighting the geographical challenges, Naik noted that teachers and local residents often have to travel over 20 kilometers from Budhal to Koteranka



for routine administrative procedures such as result approval, fee submission, certificate verification, and leave sanctioning. This distance, he said, is proving counterproductive to academic efficiency.

"Many schools in Budhal operate with only a single teacher, who is frequently compelled to shut the school to complete official work at Koteranka, causing direct academic loss to students," he added.

Reasserting his long-standing demand, Naik

said that establishing a new Education Zone in Budhal would decentralize administrative responsibilities, enhance monitoring, ease service delivery, and strengthen educational governance.

He added that such a move would also help address persistent issues, including infrastructure maintenance, teacher deployment, absenteeism, and building repairs.

Naik informed that he had already submitted a formal resolution in 2022

requesting the creation of a separate Education Zone for Rajnagar-Budhal but lamented the continued inaction on this pressing issue. "The establishment of a new Education Zone at Rajnagar-Budhal would

bring transformational improvements to the region's educational ecosystem and uplift thousands of students in far-flung areas," Manzoor Naik urged the J&K Government.

Condolence Message from J&K BJP Legislative group

JAMMU: The Legislative Group of the Bharatiya Janata Party, Jammu & Kashmir, expressed its profound grief and sorrow on the sad demise of Smt. Sushma Sharma, beloved wife of Sh. Chander Prakash Ganga Ji, Hon'ble MLA, on 24-10-2025.

The Legislators said, "In her passing, we have lost a noble soul known for her simplicity, kindness, and commitment to family and community values. The entire BJP Legislative family stands in solidarity with Chander Prakash Ganga Ji and his family in this hour of deep sorrow."

We pray to the God to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and strength to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss, they said.



SMVDU NCC Cadet Selected for Prestigious Pre-RDC Camp at NCC Academy, Nagrota

KATRA: NCC cadet Dhruv Gera from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra, has been selected to attend the Pre-Republic Day Camp (Pre-RDC) at the NCC Academy, Nagrota. The selection marks a significant achievement, as the Pre-RDC is one of the most prestigious and competitive training camps organized under the National Cadet Corps, aimed at identifying and grooming cadets for participation in the Republic Day Camp - 2026, in New Delhi. During the Pre-RDC camp, Cadet Dhruv Gera will undergo rigorous training sessions in drill, cultural activities, personality development, leadership skills, and national integration programs. The camp serves as a preparatory platform for cadets to qualify for the final Republic Day Camp (RDC), where selected cadets from across the country represent their respective Directorates at the national level. Dr. Varun Dutta, Associate NCC Officer (ANO), SMVDU, congratulated Cadet Dhruv Gera on his selection and expressed confidence that he will perform exceptionally well at the camp. He also acknowledged the consistent support and guidance provided by the Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh NCC Directorate in motivating cadets to excel. Prof. Pragati Kumar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, and Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Registrar, SMVDU, extended their best wishes to Cadet Dhruv Gera for his upcoming training and appreciated the efforts of the NCC Unit of SMVDU for its continued commitment to discipline, leadership, and national service.

Power Shutdown by KPDCL

SRINAGAR: According to the Chief Engineer, Distribution KPDCL, power shutdown of 33 KV KP Bagh line (Tapline to Modern Hospital) will be observed due to which power supply to Watali point and Dewatering Station (Rajbagh) will be affected from 10.00 AM to 03.00 PM on 25 October, 2025. Similarly, shutdown of 33 KV Sharifabad-Narbal line will be observed due to which Narbal and Sanoor receiving stations shall remain off while power supply to Narbal, Kawoosa, Mazhama, Sozeith, Lawaypora, Malpora, Radbugh, Railway Station Mazhama and adjoining areas will be affected from 10.00 AM to 03.30 PM on 28 October, 2025. Likewise, shutdown of 33 KV GIS Tengpora Exhibition Line (Cargo Portion) will be observed due to which Batamaloo & Exhibition receiving stations shall remain off while power supply to Batamaloo, Firdousabad, Magermal Bagh, DC office, Chief Office, Baranpathar and adjoining areas will be affected from 10.00 AM to 03.30 PM on 26 October, 2025. Similarly, shutdown of 33 KV Machil Tapline will be observed due to which Machil receiving stations shall remain off while power supply to Machil, Chountiwari, Dudi, Rig Bala/Payeen and adjoining areas will be affected from 09.30 AM to 03.30 PM on 27 October, 2025. Furthermore, shutdown of 33 KV Khumriyal line will be observed due to which Sogam, Krusen and Diver receiving stations shall remain off while power supply to Krusen, Sogam, Lalpora, Diver and adjoining areas will be affected from 09.30 AM to 03.30 PM on 29 October, 2025. Similarly, shutdown of 33 KV Tangmarg Gulmarg line will be observed due to which Gulmarg, Base Station and Khyber Resort receiving stations shall remain off while power supply to Cable Car, Khyber Resorts, Gulmarg, Babareshi, Chunthpathri, Warapora and adjoining areas will be affected from 09.30 AM to 03.30 PM on 27 & 29 October, 2025.

Indian Army Organises Medical Camp in Punara Village, Udhampur Under Operation Sadbhavana

UDHAMPUR: Reflecting its unwavering spirit of Sadbhavana (Goodwill), the Indian Army organised a medical camp at Punara village in Basantgarh, Udhampur district. The initiative, conducted by the troops of the Indian Army under Operation Sadbhavana, aimed to provide essential healthcare services to residents of this remote and rain-affected area. Following heavy rains and road blockages that disrupted access to medical facilities, Army doctors and medical staff reached the village to deliver vital care at the doorstep of the local community. The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation from villagers, who received free consultations, medicines and health awareness guidance.



Shiv Sena demands "strict action" against illegal Rohingya infiltrators

JAMMU: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit chief Manish Sahni has demanded "strict action", like deport, Rohingyas who have infiltrated and are illegally camping in various areas of the strategically sensitive Jammu division. At a press conference held at the party's state headquarters today, state president Manish Sahni praised the administrative orders to cut off electricity and water connections to Rohingyas illegally camping in an area of Jammu following complaints from local residents. Sahni said that the Rohingyas are treating Jammu and Kashmir as a safe haven and are usurping our resources, which is completely unacceptable. Rohingyas illegally camping in various areas of Jammu division are posing a threat to internal security not only by occupying resources but also by being involved in increasing criminal cases in Jammu division. He said that the process of harboring and illegally settling them began nearly a decade ago, driven by vote bank politics and the lure of power, and has now become a serious problem. Sahni urged the administration to take strict action to expel the Rohingyas and urged the public to take a cue from the people of the Chhanni Rama area and speak out against the Rohingyas and support the Shiv Sena in driving them out.

Activist Slams 'Betrayal of Democracy' in J&K Rajya Sabha Polling

JJ ABID PAMPORI

DODA: Prominent social activist Raja Shakeel on Friday condemned the outcome of the recent Rajya Sabha elections in Jammu and Kashmir, describing the cross-voting by four Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) in favour of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) as a "dark day for political ethics" in the region. The elections, held earlier this week, saw unexpected defections that tilted the balance towards the BJP candidate, raising questions about the integrity of the electoral process in the Union Territory. Mr. Shakeel, known for his advocacy on issues of governance and human rights, accused the defecting legislators of hypocrisy, pointing to their public rhetoric against the BJP. "Those who used to preach about saving democracy have themselves betrayed it," Mr. Shakeel said in a strongly worded statement issued.

RDD&PR conducts one-day training workshop on Model Women-Friendly Panchayats across J&K

JJ CORRESPONDENT

SRINAGAR/JAMMU, OCT 24: Director Panchayati Raj, J&K, Sham Lal, and Director Rural Development Department (RDD) Kashmir, Shabir Hussain on Friday jointly inaugurated one-day training programme on Women-Friendly Panchayats (Model Women-Friendly Panchayats).

The workshop was held simultaneously in Srinagar and Jammu for which the department has finalized 20 Model Women-Friendly Gram Panchayats (MWFGPs) across both the Kashmir and Jammu Divisions.

The initiative aims to encourage Panchayats to adopt women-centric planning, infrastructure, and governance practices, ensuring that women's participation, safety, and empowerment remain central to local decision-making and development.

The training was designed to sensitize and build the capacity of grassroots stakeholders, including Block Development Officers (BDOs), Panchayat Secretaries, Anganwadi Workers, ASHA Workers, Block Coordinators, Self-Help Groups (SHGs), and Block Programme Managers (BPMs) on developing Panchayats that are responsive to the needs of women and children.

While addressing the participants in Srinagar, Director Panchayati Raj, Sham Lal, underscored the importance of the ini-



tiative, stating that the selected panchayats must serve as models for women- and child-friendly governance.

He urged the participants to align upcoming Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDPs) with key Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) related to health, education, social welfare, and women's empowerment.

"Your panchayat has been selected as a model, and we must ensure it truly reflects that. The focus should be on making it women- and child-friendly, aligning the GPDP with SDGs such as quality education, health, and social welfare," Sham Lal said.

He emphasized that panchayats should deliver both tangible and intangible outcomes—from improved infrastructure to inclusive community

spaces. "We must see visible changes in facilities such as schools, Anganwadi centres, and healthcare institutions. Ensuring separate washrooms for girls, promoting the pink toilet concept, institutional deliveries, and universal school enrollment for girls should be part of the agenda," he added.

Director RDD Kashmir, Shabir Hussain Bhat, in his address, said that creating Women-Friendly Panchayats is not limited to schemes or infrastructure but involves transforming social attitudes and empowering women through education and opportunity.

He highlighted that women-friendly panchayats integrate several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to build communities that are inclusive, equitable, and

responsive to the needs of women and children.

"Education is the foundation of empowerment. When a woman learns, she gains the strength to progress and contribute meaningfully to her community," Bhat said.

During the sessions, Thematic Experts from the State Panchayat Resource Centre (SPRC) and District Panchayat Resource Centre (DPRC) led detailed discussions on the concept of Model Women-Friendly Panchayats and the localization of SDGs at the grassroots level.

They explained how the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development offers a practical framework to link women's empowerment with key SDGs such as Gender Equality (SDG 5), Quality Education (SDG 4), Good Health and Well-being (SDG 3), and No Poverty (SDG 1).

The experts emphasized the importance of conducting Mahila Sabhas, implementing gender-responsive budgeting, and appointing Gender Nodal Officers at the panchayat level to institutionalize gender equity in governance.

They also outlined features of a Model Women-Friendly Panchayat, including safe public infrastructure, skill development initiatives for women, effective grievance redressal mechanisms, and community awareness programs aimed at challenging gender stereotypes.

Impact Of Dehydration On Menstrual Health

Staying hydrated is essential for overall health, especially for women during their menstrual cycle. Water supports many important functions in the body, including temperature control, circulation, digestion, and hormonal balance. During menstruation, the body goes through various changes that make it even more important to maintain proper water intake. Without enough water, these natural processes can become more difficult, leading to increased discomfort and a range of symptoms that affect daily life.

Dr. Deepika Alva, Consultant-Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at Motherhood Hospitals, HRBR Layout, Bangalore shares how dehydrations impacts menstrual health.

One common issue during menstruation is cramps. These are caused by the uterus contracting to help shed its lining. When the body is dehydrated, muscles tend to contract more forcefully, and the uterus is no exception. This can lead to more intense and painful cramps. Drinking enough water helps muscles stay relaxed and

reduces the likelihood of severe cramping, making periods more manageable.

Dehydration can also makes you feel more tired. Many women already experience fatigue during their period, and a lack of fluids can worsen this. When you're dehydrated, your blood vol-

ume decreases, which



means your heart has to work harder to pump oxygen and nutrients throughout the body. This can result in low energy levels, dizziness, and a general feeling of weakness. Staying well-hydrated supports better circulation and helps

ance, possibly leading to irregular menstrual cycles or changes in flow. While many factors influence hormonal health, drinking enough water is a simple step that supports normal function.

Digestive issues like bloating and constipation are also more

common during menstruation and can be made worse by dehydration. Without enough fluids, digestion slows down. This can cause your stomach to feel heavy or swollen and make it harder to pass stools. Drinking water regularly helps keep the digestive system moving and can ease these uncomfortable symptoms.

Hormonal changes during menstruation often cause headaches and mood shifts. When the body is not properly hydrated, these issues can become more intense, as well. Dehydration limits oxygen flow to the brain, which may lead to sharper or more frequent headaches. It can also lower emotional stability, making women feel more easily upset, anxious, or down during their period.

To support your body during menstruation, aim to drink water throughout the day. Carry a full water bottle with you on the go. Try to include water-rich foods like cucumbers, oranges, and melons in your diet, and avoid too much caffeine, which can dehydrate you further. Listen to your body; thirst is a sign you're already running low on fluids.

Want To Keep Your Liver Healthy? Expert Reveals How Sleep And Avoiding Junk Food Can Help

HAVING a good night's sleep and avoiding junk food is essential to keep the liver healthy, said Dr. S.K. Sarin, Director of the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS) on Friday.

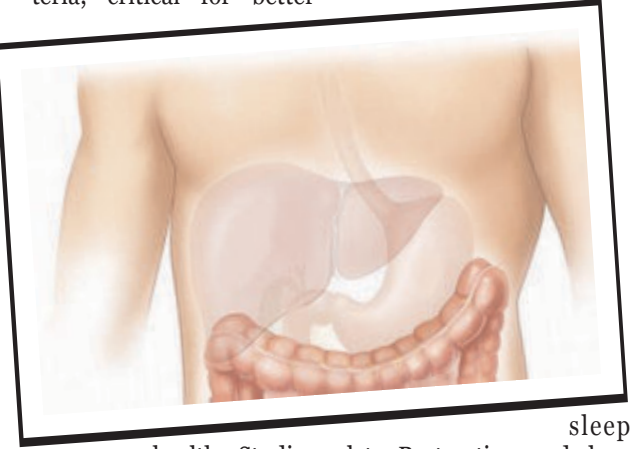
He said that junk food, as the name suggests, must be put in dustbins as its regular consumption can significantly affect liver health. "The word junk food means it is junk. It has to be put in the dustbin. But if you think your stomach and intestines are dustbins, put that food inside. Otherwise, avoid, don't use it," Sarin said, in a post on social media platform X.

Junk food which is rich in unhealthy fats, sugars, and processed ingredients increases the risk of obesity, high cholesterol, and type 2 diabetes. These diseases then raise the chances of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), and progress to more serious complica-

tions like cirrhosis and liver cancer.

Sarin also urged people to sleep well and not eat late as it may affect the gut bacteria, critical for better

"Sleeping late and eating late-night food is not a great idea, because the bacteria in your intestines which process the food, will also



sleep have shown that people with poor sleep are at increased risk of fatty liver disease.

Further, eating late at night has been linked to a higher risk of significant fibrosis -- a sign of liver damage. It is because the body is unable to process fat and carbohydrates during sleep, leading to their accumulation in the liver.

late. Restorative good sleep is the best thing," the leading hepatologist said.

Sarin advised people to not lose their health by running after "money, power and positions". Instead maintaining "a sound healthy body and good night's sleep" is essential as these are the "only two things which give happiness in life", the expert said.

3 ways not brushing your teeth can lead to heart attack explains Harvard doctor

WHAT is the first thing you do when you wake up? You brush your teeth, right? Well, brushing teeth is not a morning ritual, the way many believe it to be. One should always brush teeth twice a day: once after waking up and once after dinner and before going to bed.

Recently, Harvard doctor Saurabh Sethi took to Instagram to share the health benefits of brushing teeth twice a day, and most importantly before going to bed. "Research suggests that skipping it might do more than just risk cavities - it could also affect your heart health. Let me know if you're keeping up with your oral hygiene before bed!," he has captioned an informative video shared by him.

Research has shown a strong link between gum disease (periodontitis) and cardiovascular problems like heart attacks and strokes which is contrary to what most people assume that oral health is just about teeth and gums. A study published in July 2024 has shed light on how periodontitis

has "overall health consequences, specifically pertaining to CVD and associated diagnoses." A 2021 review study has concluded that "the prevalence of heart diseases is more common



in individuals with periodontitis." "Cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) are in charge of many deaths worldwide including myocardial infarction (MI), hypertension (HTN), coronary atherosclerosis (CAS), infective endocarditis (IE), heart failure (HF), arterial

fibrillation (AF), and peripheral artery disease (PAD). Besides, periodontitis is the sixth prevalent disease among humans and it seems that there



are common risk factors between these diseases which are creating communication between prevalence and treatment," the researchers have said.

When you have gum disease, bacteria from your mouth can enter the bloodstream through inflamed gums. These bacteria can

trigger inflammation in blood vessels, making it easier for cholesterol to build up and form plaques, leading to blockages. This increases the risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, and stroke.

Poor oral hygiene can also lead to a condition called infective endocarditis, where bacteria from the mouth infect the inner lining of the heart. This is especially dangerous for people with pre-existing heart conditions, as it can cause severe complications.

For those who already have heart disease, chronic gum infections can put additional strain on the heart. The persistent inflammation makes it harder for the cardiovascular system to function properly, potentially leading to worsening symptoms.

Maintaining good oral hygiene- brushing twice a day, flossing, and regular dental checkups- can help prevent gum disease and reduce the risk of heart-related complications. A healthy mouth leads to a healthier heart, so don't ignore those bleeding gums or bad breath!

How does chest pain from a heart attack differ from that caused by gastric issues?

Chest pain is scary. The moment you feel a sudden discomfort in your chest, the first thought that pops into your head is, "Am I having a heart attack?"

But wait-what if it's just gas?

Many people confuse heart attack symptoms with gastric pain, leading to either unnecessary panic or dangerous delays in getting medical help. So, let's break it down in simple terms: how do you differentiate between the two?

What does a heart attack chest pain feel like?

A heart attack (medically known as a myocardial infarction) happens when blood flow to the heart is blocked, depriving the heart muscle of oxygen. This damage leads to severe symptoms, including a very distinct type of chest pain.

Heart attack pain is typically a pressure, squeez-

ing, or feeling of heaviness in the chest. It is usually likened to the sensation of "an elephant sitting on the chest." It tends to begin in the middle or left side of

ing or position changes.

The pain is associated with shortness of breath, sweating, nausea, dizziness, extreme fatigue, or a



chest and can spread to the jaw, arms (the left arm most often), neck, shoulders, or back. The discomfort persists for longer than a few minutes, occasionally appearing and disappearing but never really going away. It may develop suddenly, usually after activity or even when not moving, and is not relieved by burp-

sense of impending doom often accompanying a heart attack.

What is gastric chest pain?

Gastric pain, however, is usually caused by acidity, bloating, or retained gas in the gastrointestinal tract. Gastric pain tends to be a sharp, burning, or stabbing pain and not pressure or squeezing.

This common health risk can increase the mortality rate by 50%: How to check

Fatty liver disease, also known as Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Steatotic Liver Disease (MASLD), is a silent but serious condition affecting millions worldwide. Research from the Karolinska Institutet has revealed that individuals with MASLD face almost twice the mortality rate of the general population. This disease, primarily linked to obesity and metabolic issues, does not just harm the liver-it significantly increases the risk of heart disease, cancer, and other major illnesses.

How fatty liver affects heart health

A healthy liver is essential for maintaining balanced cholesterol levels and preventing inflammation. However, when fat accumulates in the liver, it triggers chronic inflammation and insulin

resistance, both of which are major contributors to cardiovascular disease. According to a recent research, the risk of dying from heart disease in



MASLD patients is 54% higher than in the general population. This means that even if someone doesn't feel symptoms, their heart could be at serious risk.

Other dangerous risks of fatty liver

While heart disease is a major concern, MASLD is linked to several other life-threatening conditions:

Liver cancer and cirrhosis:

People with MASLD have a 35 times higher risk of dying from liver cancer and 27 times higher mortality from liver disease.

Non-liver cancers: A fatty liver can increase cancer risks in other parts of the

body, such as the colon and pancreas, by 47%.

Diabetes and metabolic disorders: The condition worsens insulin resistance, increasing the likelihood of developing type 2 diabetes.

Kidney disease: Fatty liver has been associated with declining kidney function, leading to chronic kidney disease.

Infections and respiratory issues: Weakened immunity from MASLD makes individuals more vulnerable to severe infections and respiratory diseases.

How to check if you have fatty liver

One of the biggest dangers of MASLD is that it often goes undetected in its early stages. Since it usually doesn't cause noticeable symptoms, here's how to check if you are at risk:

Brain Power: 6 tips to stay sharp and increase memory

To stay cognitively sharp and improve & enhance memory, important is a healthy lifestyle that includes regular exercise, a balanced diet, adequate 7-8 hours night sleep, reduce stress, and involvement in mentally stimulating activities. Try these tips to stay sharp and increase memory:

1. Physical activity Regular exercise increases blood flow to the brain, which is essential for cognitive functions and, more importantly, memory. The aim should be a combination of aerobic and strength-training exercises.

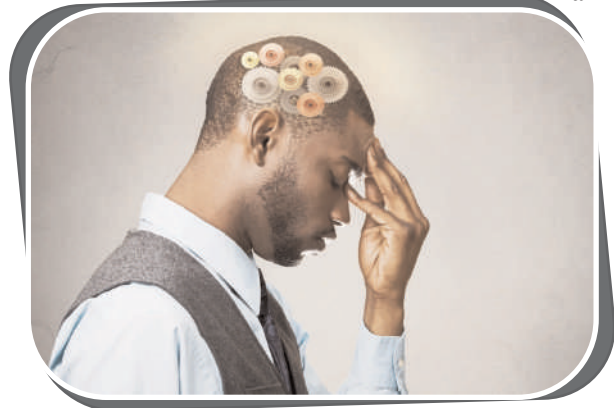
Remain active-Even short bursts of activity can make a huge difference.

2. Mental stimulation According to Dr.

Manish Chhabria, Senior Consultant, Neurology, Sir H.N. Reliance Foundation Hospital, "Challenge your brain: Engage in activities

Hobbies: Activities you enjoy can keep your mind sharp.

Listen to the radio, go to a lecture, play a game, visit a



that require focus and learning, such as reading, playing games, and learning a new skill always. Make a habit of continuous learning and exploration a lifelong process."

Always Pursue

museum, learn a second language.

3. Healthy lifestyle According to Dr. Rahul Sharma, neurosurgeon and brain and spine specialist, Ruby Hall Clinic, "Have a balanced diet: Focus on fruits, vegetables,

whole grains, and lean proteins.

Prioritize sleep: Aim for 7-8 hours of good quality sleep every night, as sleep is crucial for memory consolidation and "rebooting" the brain.

Manage stress: Practice stress-reducing methods like meditation, yoga, and deep breathing.

Maintaining social connections improves cognitive function."

4. Memory techniques Regularly try to recall information without looking at notes or hints; this strengthens memory pathways.

Break down large amounts of information into smaller, more manageable chunks.

Associate information with specific locations or images to aid recall.

Chhath Puja 2025 to generate Rs 38,000 crore trade across India: CAIT

New Delhi, Oct 24: The grand festival of Chhath Puja, dedicated to worshipping the Sun God, is set to give a major boost to the Indian economy, with trade worth around Rs 38,000 crore expected across the country, according to the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) on Friday.

This marks a sharp rise of 22.58 per cent from last year's Rs 31,000 crore and Rs 27,000 crore in 2023 -- reflecting the festival's growing cultural and economic significance.

The four-day festival, celebrated with devotion and grandeur, has not only become a symbol of faith and purity but also a driver of local trade and Swadeshi products.

CAIT said that around 150



million people are participating in Chhath Puja rituals this year, which include fasting, bathing, and offering prayers to both the setting and rising sun.

Once celebrated mainly in Bihar, the festival has now become a pan-Indian event, symbolising purity, disci-

pline, and the deep connection between nature and humanity.

In Delhi alone, Chhath-related trade is expected to cross Rs 6,000 crore this year. The city, which has a large Purvanchali population, has made elaborate arrangements for devotees,

setting up around 1,500 ghats for rituals.

Major ghats such as Yamuna Ghat, Kalindi Kunj, Wazirabad, and Geeta Colony have been beautifully decorated to welcome lakhs of worshippers.

The festival is celebrated with equal fervour in Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and other states.

Across India, markets are witnessing massive footfall as devotees purchase traditional Chhath essentials such as bamboo baskets (sup, daura, dalia), earthen lamps, sugarcane, fruits, sweets, sarees, utensils, and puja materials.

CAIT Secretary General and MP from Chandni

Chowk, Praveen Khandelwal, said Chhath Puja is not just a religious festival but also a reflection of India's social harmony and cultural unity.

He added that it supports local traders and small-scale industries, strengthening Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Vocal for Local" and "Aatmanirbhar Bharat."

Most of the products used during Chhath Puja are handmade by local artisans, boosting the cottage industry and creating employment opportunities.

Khandelwal emphasised that Chhath also promotes cleanliness, environmental awareness, and self-discipline -- making it one of India's most holistic and meaningful festivals.

PNB offers online PPF account opening through DIY

Jammu, Oct 24: Punjab National Bank (PNB), India's leading public sector bank, is offering online digital Public Provident Fund (PPF) account opening facility through its PNB-One Mobile Banking App, Internet banking and PNB website. This initiative enables both existing PNB customers and new-to-bank customers to open PPF accounts entirely online through a seamless Do-It-Yourself (DIY) journey.

The new digital PPF platform represents PNB's commitment to making long-term investment products accessible to every Indian. Available across multiple digital touchpoints including PNB One mobile application, Internet Banking Services (IBS), and PNB's corporate website, this facility eliminates the traditional barriers of branch visits and paperwork for PPF



account opening.

The digital PPF platform offers a range of sophisticated features designed to enhance customer experience including Built-in PPF Calculator; Interactive tool to calculate investment returns with adjustable duration and amount sliders; Video KYC Integration; Seamless video-based know-your-customer verification for new customers; Multi-Authentication

Options: Flexible login using Customer ID or Account Number for existing customers; Aadhaar Integration: Secure authentication through Aadhaar-based verification; Real-time Payment Processing; Instant payment through existing accounts or payment gateway; Branch Selection Facility: Comprehensive branch search by state, district, or branch name.

Manipal Hospitals launches Manipal Institute of Nephrology and Urology

Jammu, Oct 24: Manipal Hospitals Kolkata, one of India's leading and most trusted healthcare providers, has made a major advancement in the field of specialized patient care with the launch of the Manipal Institute of Nephrology and Urology (MINU) in Kolkata, joining its established network of centers in Bengaluru, Goa, Mangalore, Jaipur, Manipal, Delhi, Gurugram, Ghaziabad, and Vijayawada. Combining cutting-edge technology with expert, patient-centric medical care, the new institute will serve as a comprehensive one-stop destination for the diagnosis, treatment, and management of kidney and urinary tract disorders. The inauguration also featured a special health awareness session for senior citizens, focusing on kidney and urology health, preventive strategies, and lifestyle management reinforcing Manipal Hospitals' continued commitment to community well-being and preventive healthcare.

The launch programme saw the participation of leading nephrologists and urologists from the units of Manipal Hospitals Kolkata. Among those present were the chief guest Dr. H. Sudarshan Ballal, Chairman, Manipal Health Enterprise Pvt. Ltd. along with Dr. Upal Sengupta, Director – Team Nephrology and Clinical Lead Nephrology, Manipal Hospital Dhakuria and Senior Consultant – Nephrology Manipal Hospital Mukundapur, Broadway and Saltlake, Dr. Dilip Kumar Pahari, Director – Nephrology, Manipal Hospitals, EM Bypass; Dr. Arghya Majumdar, Senior Consultant and

Advisor - Nephrology, Manipal Hospital, Dhakuria; Dr. Abhay Kumar, Director – Urology and Uro-Oncology, Manipal Hospital EM Bypass and Senior Consultant – Urology, Manipal Hospital Mukundapur, Broadway and Salt Lake; and Dr. Ranjan Sarkar, Senior Consultant – Nephrology, Manipal Hospitals, Broadway.

The experts shared valuable insights on maintaining kidney and urology health, highlighting the importance of early detection, regular screening, and lifestyle management. They also interacted with senior citizens, addressing common concerns, explaining preventive measures, and guiding them on managing chronic kidney and urinary conditions. The interactive session aimed to empower them with the knowledge needed to lead healthier, more active lives.

Dr. H. Sudarshan Ballal, Chairman, Manipal Health Enterprise Pvt. Ltd. shared, "The launch of the Manipal Institute of Nephrology and Urology (MINU) in Kolkata marks our 11th centre under this specialised vertical, following its remarkable success across South India and other regions. This institute has been a dream project for us since 1991, envisioned to provide comprehensive kidney and urinary care under one roof, from paediatric transplants to long-term treatments. We are delighted to bring this legacy of excellence to Kolkata, ensuring that people here receive the same world-class care that Manipal Hospitals is known for across the country. This milestone underscores our unwavering commitment to patient-centric

healthcare. By integrating advanced technology with a multi-disciplinary approach, we aim to deliver holistic and compassionate treatment for all kidney and urology conditions. At Manipal Hospitals, we believe that excellence is born of precision, collaboration, and innovation, and MINU stands as a true reflection of that ethos. Our expert teams continue to work tirelessly to ensure that every patient receives the highest standard of care."

Dr. Upal Sengupta, Director – Team Nephrology and Clinical Lead Nephrology, Manipal Hospital Dhakuria and Senior Consultant – Nephrology, Manipal Hospital Mukundapur, Broadway and Salt Lake, shared, "At the Manipal Institute of Nephrology and Urology, our focus is on providing holistic, patient-centric care for those dealing with advanced kidney conditions.

For patients requiring renal replacement therapy, be it dialysis or kidney transplantation, we ensure comprehensive management through a multidisciplinary approach. Our collaboration with the Manipal Organ Sharing & Transplant (MOST) program enables seamless coordination for transplant procedures, helping reduce delays, streamline logistics, and offer stronger emotional and clinical support to patients and their families.

While dialysis continues to serve as a crucial life-sustaining therapy, kidney transplantation often provides improved longevity, independence, and quality of life. By integrating advanced medical

expertise with the MOST initiative and other MINU centres across the country, we aim to make kidney care more accessible, efficient, and outcome driven."

Dr. Abhay Kumar, Director – Urology and Uro-Oncology, Manipal Hospital EM Bypass and Senior Consultant – Urology, Manipal Hospital Mukundapur, Broadway and Salt Lake, said, "With the launch of the Manipal Institute of Nephrology and Urology in Kolkata, we are now equipped to offer world-class urologic care across all our units. Our treatment protocols have been standardized to ensure that patients receive the same high-quality care, no matter which Manipal Hospital they visit. Robotic-assisted surgery has become one of the most transformative advancements in urology, accounting for nearly 60,000 procedures annually in India—making it one of the most common applications of robotic technology. Procedures such as radical prostatectomy, radical cystectomy, and partial nephrectomy are now routinely performed, with leading hospitals reporting hundreds of prostatectomies each year. At Manipal Hospitals, we are placing greater emphasis on these minimally invasive robotic techniques, as they not only reduce post-operative pain but also enable faster recovery and improved precision. Our vision is to make Kolkata a leading destination for advanced urology treatments, supported by expert teams available round the clock for continuous follow-up and patient care."

In his address, Dr. Dilip Kumar

Pahari, Senior Consultant and Head of Nephrology, Manipal Hospital, EM Bypass, stated, "The Manipal Institute of Nephrology and Urology marks a significant milestone in the advanced treatment of kidney and urinary disorders. With state-of-the-art technology and a team of highly skilled specialists, we are committed to providing comprehensive and continuous care to patients at every stage. Kidney diseases are becoming increasingly common in India, with cases rising steadily each year.

India witnesses nearly 2 lakh patients requiring kidney transplants annually, but only around 5,000–7,000 procedures are performed. Timely brain death declaration is crucial, as it enables transplant coordinators to engage with families and facilitate organ donation, an act that can save multiple lives.

This calls for greater awareness, early intervention, and a stronger focus on long-term kidney care. The launch of this institute will allow us to address these growing challenges more effectively, offering patients integrated treatment, intensive care, and lifelong support under one roof."

Dr. Arghya Majumdar, Director & Head – Nephrology, Manipal Hospital, Dhakuria, shared, "The launch of this institute is a major milestone in making advanced nephrology and urology care more accessible to the people of Eastern India.

The Manipal Institute of Nephrology and Urology brings together a multidisciplinary team of experts across all our units,

supported by a unified patient database and state-of-the-art diagnostic technology. This integrated model allows us to provide seamless, coordinated, and patient-centric care, from early detection to advanced treatment and long-term management. Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) is a silent epidemic, affecting nearly 10% of the global population. In India alone, over 7.8 million people live with CKD, often realizing it only when the kidneys are already severely affected. Through this institute, we aim to bridge that gap by promoting awareness, offering early screening, and ensuring timely intervention, especially for high-risk individuals such as diabetics and hypertensives.

Our goal is to empower patients with access to world-class care closer to home, enhance treatment outcomes, and improve their overall quality of life through prevention, precision, and compassion."

During the health awareness session, Dr. Ranjan Sarkar, Senior Consultant – Nephrology, Manipal Hospitals, Broadway Unit, shared, "Maintaining proper hydration, following a balanced diet, and limiting salt intake are fundamental steps in preventing kidney diseases. Yet, early diagnosis, regular monitoring, and timely intervention remain the cornerstones of preserving kidney function and avoiding long-term complications. With continuous medical advancements, minimally invasive and endoscopic surgeries now offer faster recovery, reduced discomfort, and improved patient

outcomes. Equally important is the need for awareness and education, particularly among the elderly. By encouraging preventive care and promoting lifestyle modifications—such as maintaining healthy blood sugar levels, staying active, and undergoing periodic tests—we can significantly reduce the burden of kidney and urinary disorders. Our collective goal is to empower individuals, especially the elderly, with the knowledge and resources to lead healthier, independent lives."

Dr. Ayanabh Debgupta, Regional Chief Operating Officer, Manipal Hospitals East, shared, "Our focus has always been on making quality healthcare accessible and timely for the communities we serve.

With the launch of Manipal Institute of Nephrology and Urology in Kolkata we aim to bring together all essential services under one roof, so that patients and their families do not have to navigate between different places for diagnosis, treatment, or follow-up.

Whether it is a minor issue or a long-term nephrology or urology condition, our team is equipped to respond with speed, clarity, and compassion. This is about building trust and ensuring people receive the right care at the right time."

Through this launch and the subsequent awareness session, Manipal Hospitals reiterates its philosophy of not just treating patients but also educating communities, especially senior citizens, about the significance of kidney and urology health.

Federal Bank board approves 9.99 pc stake sale to Blackstone for Rs 6,196.5 crore

Mumbai, Oct 24: Federal Bank on Friday announced that its Board has approved the sale of a 9.99 per cent stake to an affiliate of US-based private equity firm Blackstone.

The deal, valued at Rs 6,196.5 crore, will be carried out through the issue of preferential equity shares and warrants, the bank said in a statement.

Under the agreement, 25 per cent of the warrant issue price will be paid at the time of subscription, while the remaining 75 per cent will be payable when the warrants are converted into equity shares.

Once the transaction is completed, Asia II Topco XIII Pte. Ltd., a Blackstone affiliate, will hold a 9.99 per cent stake in Federal Bank.

The bank plans to issue over 27 crore warrants, each priced at Rs 227. Each warrant can



later be converted into one share of the bank, without any additional payment beyond the issue price unless otherwise specified.

As part of the deal, Federal Bank's Board has also approved granting a special right to the Blackstone affiliate to nominate one retiring non-

executive director to the Board once all the warrants are exercised.

Federal Bank will hold an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on November 19 to seek shareholders' approval for the proposed deal with Blackstone. The record date to determine eligible

shareholders has been set for November 12.

Blackstone's planned investment in Federal Bank is the latest in a series of major deals in India's fast-growing financial sector, which has been drawing strong interest from global investors.

Earlier this month, Emirates NBD -- the UAE's second-largest bank -- announced plans to acquire a majority stake in RBL Bank for \$3 billion.

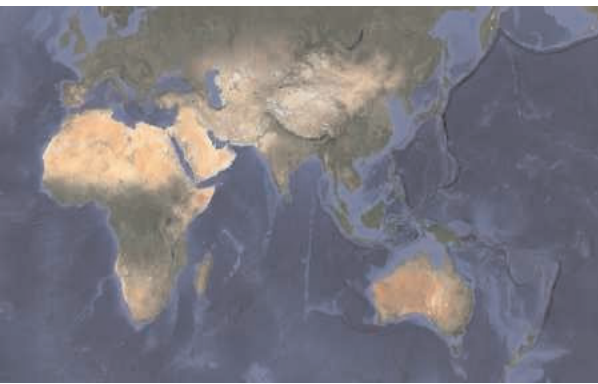
Meanwhile, IDFC FIRST Bank and Sammaan Capital have received investment commitments from Warburg Pincus and Abu Dhabi's International Holding Company (IHC).

Following the announcement, shares of Federal Bank were trading slightly higher at Rs 229.30 apiece, up 0.86 per cent, as of 11:30 a.m. on Friday.

New Delhi, Oct 24: US tech giant Google on Friday announced that it is expanding its Agricultural Landscape Understanding (ALU) API and Agricultural Monitoring and Event Detection (AMED) API, initially launched in India, to "trusted testers" in Malaysia, Vietnam, Indonesia, and Japan.

The ALU API, launched for Indian developers in October 2024, identifies fields, water bodies, and vegetation boundaries. The AMED API enhances ALU by providing field-level insights on the most cultivated crops and their sowing and harvest timelines at individual field levels, with data updates every 15 days helping detect agricultural events.

The freely available APIs leverage remote sensing and



machine learning to provide local ecosystems with insights that can help build cost-effective, simple, and targeted agricultural solutions, the statement said.

"These local use cases have delivered on our ambition for AI to assist targeted, data-driven action and solutions that benefit stakeholders across India's agriculture landscape," said Alok

Talekar, Lead, Agriculture and Sustainability Research, Google DeepMind.

Google highlighted Indian deployments as evidence for wider regional application, saying that the APIs have aided startups, government projects, and research institutions in enhancing sustainability and resilience in the country's agriculture sector.

Sagar Cements shares fall over 4.6 pc on weak Q2 quarterly performance

Mumbai, Oct 24: Shares of Telangana-based Sagar Cements fell nearly 4 per cent on Friday, hitting an intra-day low of Rs 232.9 on the NSE after the company reported its September 2025 quarter (Q2 FY26) results.

At 12:43 p.m., the stock was trading at Rs 230.83, down by Rs 11.37 or 4.69 per cent from the previous close of Rs 242.2.

The company's market capitalisation stood at Rs 3,084

crore, with a 52-week high of Rs 299.4 and a low of Rs 168. Sagar Cements posted weaker numbers on a sequential quarter-on-quarter (QoQ) basis.

Revenue fell around 10 per cent from Rs 670.66 crore in Q1 FY26, while operating EBITDA declined 58 per cent from Rs 121.45 crore.

The company had recorded a profit after tax of Rs 74.9 crore in the previous quarter, compared to Rs 44.17 crore

loss in the quarter under review.

The weaker sequential performance was mainly due to plant shutdowns and higher employee-related costs.

"During Q2 FY26, the kiln at the Dachepalli plant was shut down for the commissioning of a new preheater, while the kiln at the Mattampally plant underwent a maintenance shutdown in September 2025," the company said.

India's real estate sector records highest-ever deal volumes in Q3 2025: Report

New Delhi, Oct 24: India's real estate sector recorded 42 transactions totalling \$2.9 billion in Q3 2025, marking the highest quarterly volume to date, a report said on Friday.

According to a report from business advisory firm Grant Thornton Bharat, transactions included nine public market deals comprising of five IPOs and four QIPs.

Further, a significant increase in marquee M&A

and private equity investments was also noted, the release said. Excluding public market transactions, 33 private deals totalled \$1.8 billion, indicating a renewed investor interest in commercial and retail real estate segments, the statement said.

M&A activity reached 21 deals, totalling \$843 million, with 20 domestic transactions accounting for \$838 million.

"The surge in marquee

transactions, rising investor appetite for income-yielding, institutional-grade assets and sustained capital market engagement reflect growing institutional depth and strong confidence in the sector's resilience and growth potential," said Shabala Shinde, Partner and Real Estate Leader, Grant Thornton Bharat.

"With supportive policy measures and improved access to funding, India's

real estate market is evolving into a more professional, transparent, and governance-driven ecosystem," Shinde added.

Private equity (PE) saw a strong rebound with 12 deals totalling \$859 million, marking a 71 per cent increase in volume and a 48 per cent rise in value compared to the previous quarter.

Three transactions exceeding \$100 million accounted

for 81 per cent of the total PE deal value. Commercial assets and real estate technology attracted the bulk of investment, while other sectors remained largely steady, the advisory firm said.

Equity markets showed renewed activity this quarter, with five IPOs raising a total of \$805 million and four QIPs worth \$344 million, signalling a recovery following a subdued period.

JKNC Celebrated the clean sweep victory in Rajya Sabha election

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JAMMU, OCT 24: Rattan Lal Gupta and others Senior Leaders said victory would further strengthen party's voice at national level; reinforce its role in safeguarding interests and aspirations of people of J&K

Jammu, Oct 24: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (NC) leaders from the Jammu province have extended heartfelt greetings and congratulations to the party's victorious candidates Ch Ramzan, Sajjad Ahmad Kichloo and



Shami Oberio in the recently concluded Rajya Sabha elections.

In a joint statement issued here, the provincial leaders hailed the success of the NC candidates as a reflection of the people's faith in the party's vision, commitment, and long-standing struggle for the

political and economic empowerment of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

They said the victory would further strengthen the party's voice at the national level and reinforce its role in safeguarding the interests and aspirations of the people of J&K.

The leaders also expressed confidence that the newly elected representatives would continue to uphold the ideals and principles of the National Conference, working tirelessly for peace, progress, and equitable development across all regions of Jammu and Kashmir.

They congratulated the party leadership for its guidance and strategic vision, which played a key role in the electoral success, and called upon workers and supporters to continue their collective efforts toward strengthening the NC at the grassroots level.

BJP Mahila Morcha J&K Holds Meeting to Strengthen Grassroots Network in Srinagar

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JAMMU, OCT 24: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Mahila Morcha, Jammu & Kashmir UT, held an organizational meeting in Srinagar today under the leadership of State President Adv. Neha Mahajan.

The meeting, organised by Sunita Raina, witnessed the active participation of Urvashi Gupta along with several Mahila Morcha leaders - Haleema, Rashida Mir, Shaheena Akhter, Nazima Bakal, and Leena, who shared valuable insights during the discussions.

Addressing the gathering, Adv. Neha Mahajan



underscored the pivotal role of women in shaping the social and political framework of Jammu and Kashmir. She urged the karyakartas to strengthen the organizational base at the grassroots level and to take forward the vision of

'Seva, Sangathan aur Samarpan' as envisioned by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji.

She further highlighted that the true strength of the BJP lies in its disciplined cadre and the unwavering dedication of Mahila

Morcha members who are the torchbearers of progress, unity, and empowerment in society.

The session featured deliberations on booth-level mobilisation, leadership development, voter outreach, and inter-district coordination, aiming to enhance the efficiency and connectivity of the organization.

In her concluding remarks, Sunita Raina expressed heartfelt gratitude to all participants and reaffirmed the Mahila Morcha's commitment to expanding its organizational reach and empowering women to play a more active role in public life.



E-auction for allotment of Rail Coach Restaurant at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Railway Station successfully concluded

JAMMU: Northern Railway, Jammu Division successfully concluded another e-auction for the allotment of Rail Coach Restaurant at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Railway Station. This auction was successfully concluded with a contract for a total of ₹40 lakh per year for a period of five years, resulting in a total contract of ₹2.36 crore for the next five years. This successful bidding process is part of Indian Railways' continued commitment to promote transparency, efficiency, and ease of doing business through its e-auction platform. Following this e-auction, the Rail Coach Restaurant at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra will boost tourism. This coach restaurant will provide a new dining option for passengers and will also become a new attraction for the public. It will also be a major draw for devotees from other states visiting the Mata Mandir. Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Mr. Uchit Singhal, said at the e-auction, "This coach restaurant will enhance the passenger experience and highlight the Railways' commitment to creating a new attraction around the railway station." This will not only provide a new dining option for passengers but will also create employment opportunities in the area.

DC Udhampur reviews progress of developmental works taken up under District Capex Budget, SASCI, RDD sector

UDHAMPUR: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai today chaired a meeting here in the Conference Hall of DC Office Complex to review the physical and financial progress achieved under the District Capex Budget 2025-26, including the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment and RDD in the district. The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Jugal Kishore; Chief Planning Officer Uttam Singh; Assistant Commissioner Development Om Parkash and officers from across the line departments. Reviewing the progress under the District Capex budget, SASCI and RDD, the DC directed the concerned departments to expedite the pace of work and ensure completion of all projects as per the given timeline. The DC reviewed the status of ongoing work on the Government Medical College campus taken up at a project cost of Rs. 3.25 crore. She directed the XEN PWD to seek necessary approval for the construction of a multi-storey parking facility near Gole Market in the town. She further instructed the concerned officers to undertake drilling of borewells near the Old Age Home and Devika along with other allied works for augmentation of the water supply system. The DC also reviewed the progress of procurement of auxiliary components for the installation of smart meters and the construction of a new 3.15 MVA, 33/11 KV receiving station at Damnote in the Panchari area and Nallah Godian in Block Ghord. The DC further reviewed the progress achieved under DDC/BDC/PRI Grants, ADP, Untied grants and ABDP as well as labour budget performance under MGN-REGA. The Department-wise performance of sectors such as Irrigation, PHE, PWD, RDD, Health, Education and JPDCL was also assessed. Emphasizing timely execution and judicious fund utilization, the DC instructed all departments to achieve 100% allotment of works at the earliest and accelerate the utilization of released funds. She also directed the Block Development Officers to prioritize the completion of pending projects in mission mode and to initiate billing of completed works without delay.



Indian Hawks Sports Academy Makes a Mark at CBSE North Zone II Championship with 6 Medals

JJ CORRESPONDENT

GURUGRAM, OCT 24: In a stunning display of grit, talent, and determination, Indian Hawks Sports Academy (IHSA) has once again proved why it remains one of the premier institutions for developing young sporting talent in India. At the recently held CBSE North Zone II Championship in Gurugram, IHSA's skaters rose to the occasion, bringing home a total of six medals, and winning accolades not just for their performances, but also for their sportsmanship and discipline.

The championship witnessed participation from hundreds of athletes across various CBSE-affiliated schools and academies, making the competition fierce and the victories even more meaningful.

Leading the medal tally for the academy was Tamanna Saini, who delivered an exceptional performance to emerge as the undisputed champion in her age group. With unwavering focus and flawless technique, Tamanna secured two gold medals, standing out as a true star of the tournament.

Following closely was Saanvi Grover, another rising star of IHSA, who showcased versatility and poise by earning one gold and one silver

medal in her category. Her performance drew praise from judges and spectators alike, reinforcing her growing reputation on the skating circuit.

Adding further glory to the academy's achievements, Viraj Gandotra put in a strong performance and showed great character to win a silver medal, while Puneesh Puri displayed competitive spirit to clinch a bronze medal, rounding off a highly successful tournament for IHSA.

The six medals-3 gold, 2 silver, and 1 bronze-are not just symbols of individual excellence, but a testament to the academy's holistic approach to training and athlete development. IHSA has consistently focused on nurturing talent from a young age, combining rigorous physical training with mental conditioning, values-based education, and a culture of respect and teamwork.

Speaking on this remarkable achievement, Mr. Ashok Gandotra, Chief Patron of Indian Hawks Sports Academy and Retired Chief Engineer, expressed immense pride in the young athletes' performances.

"It is heartening to see our skaters achieving such success on a significant platform like the CBSE North Zone Championship. Their dedication, discipline, and determi-



nation have brought laurels not only to themselves but to the entire IHSA family. I congratulate every medal winner, and just as importantly, every participant who represented the academy with integrity and passion," said Mr. Gandotra.

He also acknowledged the tireless efforts of the coaching staff, trainers, and parents whose support continues to be a cornerstone of the academy's success. "Behind every medal is a team of committed coaches, supportive families, and a system that believes in the potential of each child," he added.

What set IHSA apart at the championship was not just the medal haul, but the spirit and character displayed by its athletes. Coaches and attendees noted the positive attitude, respect for competi-

tors, and humble demeanor of the IHSA skaters-qualities that reflect the core values of the academy.

With this performance, Indian Hawks Sports Academy has reaffirmed its position as a leading force in youth sports, particularly in roller skating. The academy has consistently delivered medal-winning athletes at regional and national levels, and the results at Gurugram are yet another milestone in its growing legacy.

As IHSA continues to build momentum, the focus now shifts to preparing for the upcoming national championships, where the academy aims to further elevate its standing. With a strong foundation, dedicated coaching, and a new wave of promising athletes, the future looks bright for the Indian Hawks.

Tarun Chugh pays rich tributes to Pt. Premnath Dogra in Srinagar; vows to uphold his unifying ideology

JJ CORRESPONDENT

SRINAGAR/JAMMU, OCT 24: On the birth anniversary of the revered nationalist leader Pandit Premnath Dogra, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) led by its National General Secretary and Prabhari of Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Tarun Chugh garlanded the portrait of Pt. Premnath Dogra, fondly remembered as Sher-e-Duggar at the party office in Srinagar.

Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Organization), J&K BJP, Dr. Shehnaz Ganai, Anwar Khan, and other senior party leaders also, also paid heartfelt tributes on the occasion.

Tarun Chugh said, "Pt. Premnath Dogra was an institution of national integration and selfless service. His unwavering struggle for 'Ek Vidhan, Ek Nishan, Ek Pradhan' (One Constitution, One Flag, One Head) became the moral compass of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh and continues to inspire the BJP today."

Chugh underlined that the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A by the Narendra Modi government was the realization of Pt. Dogra's life-long dream



and the ultimate tribute to his steadfast commitment to national unity. He said that Pt. Dogra's deep connect with the common people and his dedication to the upliftment of every section of society remain a guiding light for inclusive politics in Jammu & Kashmir.

"Pt. Premnath Dogra's legacy transcended regional divides and was rooted in the welfare of the last person in the queue. His vision remains the blueprint for the BJP's governance model in Jammu & Kashmir, a politics of unity, empowerment, and justice," Chugh added.

Sat Sharma, in his mes-

sage, described Pandit Prem Nath Dogra as a visionary leader who played a pivotal role in spearheading the Praja Parishad movement and the agitation for "Ek Pradhan, Ek Vidhan, Ek Nishan," which ultimately achieved success. He said that Pandit Ji devoted his entire life with sincerity and dedication toward the complete integration of Jammu and Kashmir with the rest of the nation. His long-cherished dream, Sharma said, has been realized under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Ashok Koul stated that Pandit Ji exemplified a life

of high moral values and strong conviction. He led the "Ek Vidhan, Ek Nishan, Ek Pradhan" movement with unwavering determination, resulting in the abolition of the separate post of Prime Minister in J&K.

In Jammu, MP (Lok Sabha) Jugal Kishore Sharma, along with J&K BJP General Secretaries Sanjita Dogra and Baldev Singh Billawaria and other senior party leaders, performed a Hawan and paid floral tributes to the statue of Pandit Prem Nath Dogra at Dogra Chowk.

Jugal Kishore Sharma highlighted the towering personality and accomplishments of Pandit Prem Nath Dogra, describing him as one of the greatest leaders of his era who led the historic Praja Parishad Movement for full integration of J&K with India.

Sanjita Dogra urged party workers to emulate the life and principles of Pandit Ji by serving the people and the nation with dedication and selflessness. Baldev Singh Billawaria emphasized the enduring significance of Pandit Ji's ideology, which laid the foundation for the complete unification of Jammu and Kashmir with the Indian Union.

DDC inaugurates Donli-Punyala Village Road in Doda

DODA: District Development Commissioner (DDC), Harvinder Singh today inaugurated the newly constructed Donli to Punyala Village Road in Tehsil Mohalla of Doda District. The inauguration ceremony marked a significant milestone in improving rural connectivity and infrastructure development in the region. The event was attended by DDC Member Gundana Asim Hashmi; Tehsildar Mohalla; functionaries from PWD (R&B), PMGSY and other officials from the district administration. DDC Harvinder Singh emphasized that the construction of the Donli-Punyala Road will greatly enhance connectivity, accessibility and overall development of the adjoining villages. He informed that the road project was proposed under NABARD and the DDC grant, ensuring adequate funding and efficient implementation. During his interaction with locals, several delegations from nearby villages put forth demands for the construction and improvement of the link roads in their respective areas.

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IN THE COURT OF LD. EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE, 1ST CLASS RS PURA

Ravinder Kour D/O Daulat Singh R/o Village Kirpind Tehsil RS PURA Distt Jammu (J&K).

(Applicant)

V/S

B.D.O Miran Sahib

(Non Applicant)

In the Matter of:- Seeking direction to the (Non Applicant) to enter the Date of birth the Applicant. Namely Ravinder Kour D/O Daulat Singh who was born on 01/11/1954 at Home I. E Village Kirpind Tehsil RS PURA Distt Jammu (J&K) to Maal Kour.

NOTICE TO GENERAL PUBLIC:- Whereas Public at large through the medium of this notification is hereby informed that if anybody have any objections to passing of the order regarding the subject matter above, may appear before this Court either in person or through counsel and file his/her/their objection's by or before 7day's from today. Failing which appropriate order will be passed under law. Given under my hand and seal of this Court today.

Sd/

Executive Magistrate
1st Class, RS PURA

IN THE COURT OF LD. EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE, 1ST CLASS RS PURA

Amit Kumar S/O Mela Ram R/o Village Gazipur(Kotli Shah Doula) Tehsil RS PURA Distt Jammu (J&K).

(Applicant)

V/S

B.D.O Miran Sahib

(Non Applicant)

In the Matter of:- Seeking direction to the (Non Applicant) to enter the Date of birth the Applicant. Namely Amit Kumar S/O Mela Ram who was born on 01/09/2018 at Home I. E Village Gazipur(Kotli Shah Doula) Tehsil RS PURA Distt Jammu (J&K) to Mukhta Devi.

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Executive Magistrate
1st Class, RS PURA

Meenal to make a come back soon in Chess

JJ CORRESPONDENT

Jammu, Oct 24: Commonwealth gold winner and top ranked chess player of J&K, Meenal Gupta shall make a comeback soon at the UT and National stage.

Meenal, who was out of active chess to prioritise her higher studies and also on focus on building career to settle in life, shall soon be playing with her youngsters, as an active player.

Having distinctive achievements of holding present women world champion, Divya Deshmukh to a draws in 2018 Commonwealth final to contain with a silver, Meenal has also played draw twice against Gukesh, another world champion. Meenal hints at her possible comeback during an



interaction with her coach, Vivek Gupta and young trainees at the Vivek Chess Academy, here.

Sharing her experience with young trainees at the Academy, Meenal, daughter of former J&K champion, Atul Gupta said, "Since everyone in my family play chess, I learned the basics of the game from within the family, however, it was my father, who instilled a pas-

sion in me and pursued me to achieve something in Chess."

She credited her lost list of achievements to her coach, Vivek Bharti and a former J&K champion. "No doubt, I learned Chess from within the family, but it was Vivek Bharti, my first coach out of the home, who taught me competitive chess and transformed my game to become National champi-

on," added Meenal.

Like most of the athletes, Meenal was once almost decided of quitting the Chess to focus on her studies, but, against her father encouraged her to maintain a balance to excel both in Academics and sports.

"Yes, like other athletes, deciding to quit the game happened to me many a times. As I have already told, it was my father, who this time was joined by my coach, Vivek Bharti, acted as an motivational factor. Both of them encouraged me and didn't let me quit chess until, I won the coveted Commonwealth gold and silver medals," explained the top J&K women player.

Since Meenal has not played competitive chess since long, she regretted her decision of staying away from something she loved

the most and now thinks of a possible come back soon.

"This time, no body has persuaded me. It is me alone, who thinks, I should return to the game to achieve the higher goals. Had I been stayed in the game, the results would have been different, considering the fact that I have played a draw against present world champions, Divya Deshmukh and Gukesh in the Commonwealth events as a young player," informed Meenal, who has a career highest ranking of 2068.

Important to mention here that Meenal learned the basics, middle as well as advance level of Chess like first International Master from J&K, Soham Kamotra from Vivek Bharti as a young seven years old trainee.

Women's World Cup: Credit to Smriti and Pratika for converting starts, says skipper Harmanpreet as India reach semis

Navi Mumbai, Oct 24: India skipper Harmanpreet Kaur on Thursday gave credit to openers Smriti Mandhana and Pratika Rawal for converting their start into contrasting centuries that set up India's 53-run win via DLS Method over New Zealand, which sealed a place in the semifinals of the ICC Women's ODI World Cup.

Mandhana scored an aggressive 95-ball 109 while Rawal compiled 122 off 134 balls as they shared a massive 212-run partnership as India posted a massive 340/3 in 49 overs. Though New Zealand were set a revised target of 325 in 44 overs following another rain interruption, clinical bowling by the Indians restricted the White Ferns to 271/8 in 44 overs.

Harmanpreet said it was not as easy as it looked, and the team had to fight all the way.

"It was not easy. Credit goes to the entire team for the way we fought today. We knew how important this game was; the entire team was charged up and happy with how we played today.

"We were getting starts, but unfortunately, were unable to make it big. Credit goes to Smriti and Pratika for the way they took responsibility. We got a very good start," said Harmanpreet Kaur in the post-match presentation at the Dr DY Patil Stadium on Thursday.

The Indian team also came up with an inspired decision to promote Jemimah Rodrigues to No.3, and the Mumbai batter blazed to a 55-ball 76 to help India to a massive total.

"When they (Smriti and Pratika) both scored 200 runs on the board, that is when we decided if we can put Jemi (in at 3). The way she batted that is what the entire world was expecting from her," said Harman.

The India skipper acknowledged that it is not easy to play at home because of the huge expectations, but said the team has decided to enjoy the situation instead of considering it as pressure.

"Whenever you are playing at home, everyone expects a lot from you. As a team, we discuss that this is our home and the crowd is always cheering for us. This is a moment to enjoy rather than just putting pressure (on ourselves)," she added.

She was happy with the way her team handled the situation and executed their plans. "Really happy with the way we executed. It was not easy (after three defeats). But everyone in the team stood up. The way we lifted each other that shows how positive we were. We knew the last three games did not go well, but we knew we are going to change it. Today was the right time, and really happy (we could do it)," said the skipper.

Anand inaugurates Global Chess League experience center in Dallas

Plano, Oct 24: Tech Mahindra has launched the Global Chess League (GCL) Experience Center at its U.S. headquarters in Plano, Dallas. Five-time World Chess Champion Viswanathan Anand inaugurated the center, marking a significant milestone in Tech Mahindra's mission to combine technology, innovation, and the spirit of chess.

The GCL Experience Center serves as a unique hub for showcasing the intersection of technology, sports, and strategy, offering fans, players, and innovators an immersive environment

to explore how cutting-edge AI, analytics, and digital platforms are transforming the chess world. Located at Tech Mahindra's Dallas headquarters, the space offers a

panoramic view of Plano's skyline and features state-of-the-art facilities for tournaments, live analysis, digital chess innovations, and community engagement.

At the launch event Anand said "The Global Chess League has always stood for innovation and collaboration. This Experience Center represents the next step in making chess more engaging, interactive, and global. I'm proud to see how Tech Mahindra is leveraging technology to expand the reach of the game and inspire the next generation."

The Experience Center is designed to foster collaboration with universities, chess federations, and technology partners, promoting the study of AI in chess, digital coaching tools, fan engagement innovations, and

esports integration. It also serves as a base for Tech Mahindra's growing global chess initiatives, including Global Chess League Season 3, set to take place in Mumbai later this year.

Speaking about the vision behind the center, Peeyush Dubey, Chairperson, Tech Mahindra Global Chess League, said, "The Experience Center is more than just a space; it's a living ecosystem for the global chess community. Our goal is to bring together players, fans, clubs, universities, and partners to co-create the future of chess."

By combining the game's strategic depth with Tech Mahindra's expertise in AI and digital transformation, we're building an innovation hub that reflects the future of the sport."

Maxwell, Dwarshuis return to Australia's T20I squad for India series

Melbourne, Oct 24: Veteran all-rounder Glenn Maxwell and pacer Ben Dwarshuis have been returned to Australia's T20I squad for the upcoming five-match series against India.

Maxwell will return from a fractured wrist for the last three games of the series while Dwarshuis has been brought in to return for games four and five.

Cricknet Australia confirmed several changes to its white-ball squads on Friday, with multiple players set to return to domestic duties and a few fresh faces earning call-ups.

Marnus Labuschagne has been released from the ODI squad ahead of Saturday's final match in Sydney to prepare for Queensland's Sheffield Shield clash against New South Wales at the Gabba starting Tuesday.

Josh Hazlewood and Sean Abbott will miss the latter stages of the T20I series against India to play in NSW's round-four Shield match against



Victoria at the SCG from November 10. Hazlewood will feature only in the first two T20Is, while Abbott - recovering from split webbing in his hand - will depart after the third T20I in Hobart.

In the ODI squad, Matthew Kuhnemann and Jack Edwards have been recalled for the Sydney match.

Kuhnemann played the opening ODI in Perth before making way for Adam Zampa in Adelaide. Edwards earns his spot following standout performances for Australia A in India, where he scored 88 in the second four-day game in Lucknow, took 4 for 56, and hit 89 off 75 in the 50-over matches in Kanpur while captaining the side.

Edwards' inclusion gives Australia the flexibility to experiment with an allrounder-heavy line-up in the Sydney dead rubber and possibly rest one or both of Hazlewood and Mitchell Starc, given the short turnaround between matches.

Josh Philippe returns to the T20I squad as backup wicketkeeper amid ongoing fitness concerns over Josh Inglis, who is still recovering from a calf strain.

One of the most notable moves is the selection of Cooper Beardman, the 20-year-old Western Australia quick, for the final three T20Is. Beardman, a former Australia

Under-19 bowler, impressed during the 2024 white-ball tour of England as an injury replacement despite limited experience.

Returning from stress fractures, he has started the domestic season strongly for WA and the Perth Scorchers, taking 12 wickets at 17.75 with an economy rate of 5.75 in his first four List A matches.

The final ODI between Australia and India will be played in Sydney on Saturday, followed by the five-match T20I series beginning next week.

Australia T20I squad vs India: Mitchell Marsh (cap), Sean Abbott (first three matches only), Xavier Bartlett, Mahli Beardman (last three matches only), Tim David, Ben Dwarshuis (last two matches only), Nathan Ellis, Josh Hazlewood (first two matches only), Travis Head, Josh Inglis (wk), Matthew Kuhnemann, Mitchell Owen, Josh Philippe (wk), Matthew Short, Marcus Stoinis, Adam Zampa.

Hockey: India A men's team remains unbeaten, women's team displays fighting spirit in China tour

Hockey India names 39-member core group for Senior Women's National Camp

Bengaluru, Oct 24: Hockey India on Friday announced a 39-member core probable group for the Senior Women's National Coaching Camp, set to be held at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) Centre in Bengaluru from October 24 to December 7.

The camp builds on the Indian women's hockey team's strong performance at the Women's Asia Cup 2025 in Hangzhou, China, where they secured the silver medal, reinforcing their status as one of Asia's top teams.

The goalkeeping unit includes Bichu Devi Kharibam, Bansari Solanki, and Madhuri Kindo, along with the talented young player Samiksha Saxena from Assam Hockey, who caught the selectors' attention with her performances at the National Championships earlier this year.

The defensive lineup will be led by seasoned players Nikki Pradhan, Sushila



Chanu Pukhrambam, Uditia, and Mahima Chaudhary, complemented by up-and-coming talents Ishika Chaudhary, Jyoti Chhattri, Anjna Dungdung, Akshata Abaso Dhekale, and Suman Devi Thoudam, who bring energy and youth to the backline.

In midfield, the team combines skill and consistency, supported by the experience of Neha, Salima Tete, Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke, Manisha Chauhan, and Sharmila Devi, along with rising talents Sujata Kujur, Mahima Tete, Albela Rani

Toppo, and Pooja Yadav.

The forward line features an exciting blend of speed and scoring talent, including Navneet Kaur, Deepika Soreng, Sangita Kumari, Rutuja Dadaso Pisal, Mumtaz Khan, Beauty Dungdung, Annu, Hritika Singh, Dipimoniika Toppo, Chandana Jagadish, and Kajal Sadashiv Atpadkar.

Deepika, known for her drag-flicking skills and recently recovered from an injury, who missed the Women's Asia Cup 2025, is also part of the senior camp. Speaking about the camp,

Indian women's hockey team chief coach Harendra Singh said, "The team showed great resilience and character at the recent Women's Asia Cup, and this camp will give us the opportunity to build further on that momentum. Our focus will be on fine-tuning our structure, improving our conversion in key moments, and enhancing physical conditioning. "We also want to place greater emphasis on our defensive structure to enhance our freedom in attack and align more closely with our principles of play."

"We have a good mix of experienced players and promising young talent, and it will be exciting to see how they push each other to raise the overall standard of the group," he added.

This National Coaching Camp is a vital opportunity to select the final core team in preparation for the upcoming international schedule and future global tournaments.

Indian women's hockey team's new 39-member Senior Core Group:

Goalkeepers
Bichu Devi Kharibam, Bansari Solanki, Madhuri Kindo, Samiksha Saxena.

Defenders
Mahima Chaudhary, Nikki Pradhan, Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam, Uditia, Ishika Chaudhary, Jyoti Chhattri, Jyoti, Akshata Abaso Dhekale, Anjna Dungdung, Suman Devi Thoudam.

Midfielders
Sujata Kujur, Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke, Neha, Salima Tete, Manisha Chauhan, Ajmina Kujur, Sunelita Toppo, Lalremisami, Sharmila Devi, Baljeet Kaur, Mahima Tete, Albela Rani Toppo, Pooja Yadav.

Forwards
Dipimoniika Toppo, Hritika Singh, Deepika Soreng, Navneet Kaur, Sangita Kumari, Deepika, Rutuja Dadaso Pisal, Beauty Dungdung, Mumtaz Khan, Annu, Chandana Jagadish, Kajal Sadashiv Atpadkar.

Hazlewood unwilling to bring change to his bowling after 'bit unlucky' spell against India

Adelaide, Oct 24: Australia pacer Josh Hazlewood remained steadfast after his economical spell of 0-29 drew attention in the team's two-wicket victory over India in the second ODI at Adelaide Oval, stating that he had no regrets about his approach despite not taking any wickets.

Hazlewood's ten-over spell was characterised by relentless accuracy and control, supported by a damp surface that provided just enough movement for him to continually test the batters and apply pressure throughout the innings.

"A little bit unlucky, maybe a touch short early. But it was a good toss to win, there a little bit there all game, probably more so for us in those early stages. I thought we put the ball in the right areas and they actually toughed it out pretty well.

"I wouldn't change anything from the way I bowled. Put the ball in good areas. It's hard to



push it any fuller in white ball cricket - that was probably what was needed... It's not often you get a wicket like that in white-ball cricket," Hazlewood was quoted as saying by cricket.com.au on Friday.

With regular captain Pat Cummins likely to miss at least the first Ashes Test in Perth due to lumbar bone stress in his lower back, Hazlewood is poised to take on an elevated role in the upcoming five-game series. Hazlewood is expected to feature in Saturday's final ODI in Sydney, provided he

pulls up well from the opening two games.

He will also be available for the first two T20Is against India, scheduled in Canberra and Melbourne next week, before playing in the fourth round of the Sheffield Shield beginning on November 10 through the New South Wales clash against Victoria at the SCG.

"Three ODIs in a week, two in three days, leaves you in a pretty good place. It's obviously high-intensity cricket, we change in every ball. I find playing cricket is the best way to get ready to play (more) cricket."

"(Playing in the Shield against Victoria) is the plan at this stage.

Touch wood everything goes well for the next week. A couple of T20s in the first half of the series and then trying to get back to Sydney for the fourth Shield game and have another roll at the SCG," Hazlewood concluded.

Communication on availability still ongoing with New Zealand Cricket, says Williamson

Tauranga, Oct 24: Ahead of returning to international cricket through the upcoming ODIs against England, veteran New Zealand batter Kane Williamson said that the communication regarding his availability for the rest of the home summer is still ongoing.

At the same time, Williamson said he's excited to return to the national setup for the first time since the 2025 Champions Trophy. Williamson, who is currently on a casual contract with New Zealand Cricket (NZC), chose not to participate in the three-match T20I series against Australia and had previously missed the Zimbabwe tour to play county cricket and The Hundred.

"I mean it's just ongoing communication with New Zealand cricket, Rob (Walter, head coach) and I'm grateful for that. For me it's a lot about the balance with family etc and time away but also the delicate balance of being a part of this team that I've really loved and enjoyed for such a long period of time. So it's great to be back and amongst the one dayers and we'll just keep sort of assessing what's next as we go."

"As your life situation changes as



mine has and incredibly grateful as well for that with three young children and the balance between where you spend your time and give your attention is really, really important to me. So still being able to play for New Zealand and play the sport that I love at the highest level is great, but the balance is the most important thing for me," said Williamson in a video shared by New Zealand Cricket (NZC) on Friday.

He still insisted on his strong desire to keep playing cricket. "I still love the game, and have a strong desire to get better and train hard and offer whatever I can for the team and that's really important to me - as a young player or as a school kid that was always the thing was you just worked hard at your game, you always tried to get better and that's kind of not

changed."

"It's been a huge part of my life for 15 plus years and been through a lot as a group and certainly a number of transitions and I guess a new head coach and some new players that those are just they're always there and sort of the leadership roles within the team for a number of years as well so you kind of just go through that journey and all these different spaces."

"But I've just loved being a member of this group and playing with a bunch of people that are really sort of committed to each other and to the team. I'm looking forward to getting back with the group after what it's been since Champions Trophy and it's a special place and something that we want to certainly continue it to be - so with the environment etc. So nice to be back with a different group."

Although the 2027 ODI World Cup is approaching, Williamson emphasised the importance of taking things one step at a time. "Not (looking) too far ahead I mean I guess back in my mind is there's probably the ODI World Cup and there's always other things, Test cricket is pretty dear to me as well so really it's a little bit about what I want and a little bit more

about what the team wants and where it's going and what we're sort of buying into."

"Like I say just sort of keeping those lines of communication open to make sure that we're nice and focused and clear on what it looks like. But also being sort of really respectful of the fact that this is a team in a special place and they're always trying to build towards something. So for me in this phase of my career it's if I'm there and able to add to it, brilliant."

Asked about his time of playing in England, Williamson said, "The off-season was good. I was in England for most of the time and playing which was nice with the family and then nice to be back amongst the group and there's been quite a bit of change since the last time I was here. So nice to kind of meet the new coach and some new players as well and looking forward to the start of the series."

"It was just a bit of a process, something to work through and I was fortunate with the help I was getting over in the UK under Middlesex there. So nice to kind of get on top of those things and get up and running and get into a bit of training and prepare for the one dayers."

