



Army Colonel, Major, police officer killed in Anantnag encounter

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ANANTNAG, SEP 13: In a major encounter, two army officers and a police officer were killed at Hallora area of Gadool hamlet in South Kashmir's Anantnag district on Wednesday.

An official told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), that acting on a specific input about the presence of terrorists in Haloor area of Gadool hamlet of Anantnag, joint teams of army and police launched a cordon and search operation in the area in the afternoon.

"When the joint teams zeroed in on the suspected spot, the hiding terrorists opened a heavy volume of fire resulting in the fatal injuries to two army officers and the police officer," they said.

Two army officers and the police officer of the DySP rank succumbed to injuries who were identified as Colonel Manpreet Singh, who was the commanding officer of 19 RR, Major Aashish Dhon-



chak and DySP Humayun Bhat, the son of former DIG Kashmir Ghulam Muhammad Bhat, originally from Tral, presently living at Humhama, Budgam.

General officer Commanding of Srinagar based 15 Corps Lt General Rajiv Ghai, DGP Dilbagh Singh, ADGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar and other officers reached the encounter

spot to assess the situation. Officials told KNO that additional troops were sent to the encounter

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My first duty and highest obligation is health of common man: LG Sinha

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GUJARAT/SRINAGAR, SEP 13: Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu today launched the 'Ayushman Bhav' Campaign and the 'Ayushman Bhav' portal. Lieuten-



ant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha attended the launch ceremony, virtually, from Raj Bhawan.

The event was followed by a UT-level programme organized by the J&K Administration. The Lt Governor expressed his gratitude to the Hon'ble President of India for the launch of the nationwide campaign which aims to saturate critical health care services in every village.

The guidance of the Hon'ble President will motivate stakeholders to achieve the target of Health for All, he added.

He said the three components of Ayushman Bhav campaign - Ayushman Apke Dwar, Ayushman Melas at Health & Wellness Centres, Community Health Centres and Ayushman Sabhas will enhance awareness and saturate health schemes in urban and rural areas.

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NEWS BRIEF

Khan's Pashmina shawls leave G20 delegates spellbound in New Delhi

SRINAGAR, SEP 13: As G20 summit in New Delhi was nearing its culmination, it was the Kashmir's Pashmina shawls, which brought cultural flavour to the historic meet.

Pashmina shawls of the valley's renowned artisan Padmashri Haji Gulam Rasool Khan were the limelight of the meet. His shawls were gifted to as well as purchased by delegates, who had attended the meet at New Delhi's Pragati Maidan.

"How can it be possible when we talk about art and not talk about the Pashmina shawls of Kashmir. The

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Artisan on a mission: Reviving Sozni art through his work

GANDERBAL, SEP 13: In the picturesque Batwina area of Ganderbal, a sozni artist named Showkat Ahmed Lone had breathed new life into the craft.

His extraordinary creations including portraits of influential persons has earned him widespread acclaim in the world of art. The personalities including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, former Prime Ministers AB Vajpayee and Dr Manmohan Singh have been intricately woven into Kashmiri shawls with magnificent craftsmanship.

"The craft was on the decline but I started doing portraits of eminent

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Rajouri Op: Two terrorists killed, jawan martyred, arms recovered

JAMMU, SEP 13: The joint team of security forces have eliminated two terrorists while one jawan was martyred and an Army dog sacrificed life while protecting her handler during two days long counter insurgency operation in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir.

A senior officer here on Wednesday said that on September 7, input was received about two unidentified persons with bags in general area Mathiyani Gala, Rajouri District.

"Based on this input domination

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AC gives nod to major tourist attraction at Jammu

■ HT News Network

SRINAGAR, SEP 13: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, accorded the administrative approval for Installation of vertical lift from Peerkho Station of Jammu Rope-way Project to Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex, at Jammu. The project shall be completed at an estimated cost of ₹ 27.00 crores

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Dr. Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, IAS

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National Award winner Teacher get his school in far-off village in national limelight

■ HT News Network

SRINAGAR, SEP 13: 38-year-old school teacher Riyaz Ahmad Sheikh, who was honoured with National Award last week, has set a clear goal - that is to serve poor and downtrodden children.

Sheikh, a resident of Chittergul village in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district received the National Teachers' Award from President Droupadi Murmu in New Delhi on September 5 for his persistent and strenuous efforts in the education



sector. 75 teachers from different states and union territories

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J&K Police SI Recruitment Scam

HC Again Rejects Bail Application Of Accused BSF Officer

■ HT News Network

JAMMU, SEP 13: The Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court has rejected a fresh bail application

of a BSF officer, who is alleged to be the main accused in a scam related to recruitment of police sub-inspectors, junior engineers and finance account assistants.

Fifty-eight-year-old Karnail Singh, Commandant (Medical) in the Border Security Force (BSF), was arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in October

last year. The alleged scam led to the cancellation of a list of candidates selected for the posts.

Singh, who was recently

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Amid heat wave, prolonged dry spell reduces water level in Jhelum, other tributaries

■ HT News Network

SRINAGAR, SEP 13: With prolonged dry spell and record-breaking heat wave in Jammu & Kashmir, the water flow at River Jhelum and other tributaries have reduced, causing worry among the people, especially farmers.

However, the government has admitted that at some of the places, things have got affected, but stated that it is a temporary impact and cannot sustain for a long time.

In Charge Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti department, Sanjeev Malhotra told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the prolonged dry spell has reduced the water flow in the river Jhelum, Doodh Ganga and other tributaries.

"It is obvious that the water can be supplied only when it is available. But at this juncture the absence of rainfall has reduced the water flow in rivers as well as the tributaries, thus simultaneously

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Pak Making Full Efforts To Infiltrate Foreign Terrorists Into J&K: Northern Army Commander

■ HT News Network

JAMMU, SEP 13: Pakistan is making full efforts to infiltrate foreign terrorists into Jammu and Kashmir to hinder the progress being made in internal security conditions in the region, Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi said on Wednesday.



He said that the army has tried to neutralise foreign terrorists along the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri and Poonch.

"The biggest thing is that Pakistan is trying to make efforts from its side to send foreign terrorists here, despite the better internal conditions (security situation), so that they can create some kind of obstacle.

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ACS Jal Shakti addresses press conference on implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in J&K

'During current FY J&K has spent Rs. 1447.06 Cr'

■ HT News Network

SRINAGAR, SEP 13: Additional Chief Secretary Jal Shakti Department, Shaleen Kabra today gave an overview of the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Jammu and Kashmir since the inception of the mission.

Addressing a press conference here at DIPR Auditorium, the ACS said that like all other States and UTs of the country Jal Jeevan Mission—a flagship program of Govt of India is being implemented in the UT of J&K with an aim to connect each and every rural household with Functional Household



Tap Connections (FHTC).

Flanked by Mission Director Jal Jeevan Mission, Dr GN Itoo; Director Information, Minga Sherpa and Chief Engineer Jal Shakti Kashmir,

the ACS said that the program shall be capable of providing drinking water at a minimum service level of 55 litres per person per day

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DC Ganderbal inspects developmental activities, availability of basic facilities at Anderwan area

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GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 13: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today conducted an extensive tour of Anderwan village in Kangan and took stock of ongoing developmental activities besides availability of basic facilities there.

Accompanied by SDM Kangan, Javaid Ahmad Rather, the DC on the occasion inspected various ongoing developmental activities in the village and gave on spot instruction to the concerned for timely completion of works.

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Block Diwas: Grievance redressal camps held at 3 blocks of Kulgam

■ Farooq Rather

KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 13: Under the ambitious weekly Block Diwas programme and with an aim to strengthen the grievance redressal mechanism in the district, the District Administration Kulgam today organized Mega Block Diwas in three blocks of the district viz. Devsar, Kulgam and D.H.Pora.

During the grievance redressal camps, all the concerned officers of different departments remained available for people at all the three venues and listened to their issues and grievances for early redressal.

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Public delegations from Chowgam, Santa's, Srandoo, Frisal and various other



areas participated in the grievance redressal camp and apprised the DC of their issues and grievances besides other developmental requirements of their areas.

All the issues were listened to by the chair and some of the issues were redressed on the spot.

On the occasion, Officers on the spot responded to the queries and demands of people pertaining to their departments.

Addressing the occasion,

the DC urged people to participate in upcoming Gram Sabhas to prioritize developmental requirements of their areas.

Earlier, ACD gave a detailed brief on action taken on grievances and issues raised during previous block diwas. Under the ambitious weekly Block Diwas programme and with an aim to strengthen the grievance redressal mechanism in the district, the District Administration Kulgam today organized

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Ayush Deptt organises Poshan Maah camp at Budgam

■ HT News Network

BUDGAM, SEPTEMBER 13: Ayush Health and Wellness Center (AHWC), Kenihama today organised a health camp under Poshan Maah on the theme 'Suposhit Bharat, Sakshar Bharat and Sashakt Bharat' here.

The camp was attended by number of locals who actively participated in the camp.

During the camp, Medical Officer, AWHC Kenihama, Dr. Nusrat Bashir informed the gathering about the importance of a balanced diet and making of healthier food choices. She also informed the participants especially women about the importance of nutrition during pregnancy, breastfeeding, and early childhood.

During the camp, the participants were also briefed about the preparation of nutritious and delicious recipes that are easy to prepare at home, emphasizing the use of local and seasonal ingredients.

CUK's SLS holds legal awareness prog

■ HT News Network

Ganderbal, Sept 13: Department of Law, School of Legal Studies, Central University of Kashmir (CUK) organised a Legal Awareness Programme through Legal Aid Clinic at Boys Higher Secondary School (BHSS), Manigam and Girls Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Kangan here. At BHSS, a team of students, including Tarun Kumar, Matiha Khan, Bisma Muzaffer, and Nazakat Ali Khan, conducted comprehensive sessions and enlightened the students about various legal issues. The topics covered included Consumer Rights, Elder Abuse, Environmental Issues.

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DDC Chairman Budgam, Delegation of Apple Farmers' Federation call on Lt Governor

■ HT News Network

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 13: Sh Nazir Ahmad Khan, Chairman, District Development Council, Budgam called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan today.

The DDC Chairman expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor for the comprehensive development initiatives being undertaken in Budgam District.

Sh Rafi Ahmad Mir, former legislator from Pahalgam also met the Lt Governor and discussed various developmental issues of the area.

A delegation led by Sh Zahoor Ahmad Rather, President, J&K Committee, Apple Farmers' Federation of India called on the Lt Governor and apprised their concerning issues.

A delegation of National Awardee Teachers of J&K led by Sh Wali Mohammad Bhat met the Lt Governor and put forth issues of the National Awardee teachers.

Later, Dr. Farida Khan, BDC Chairperson Sopore also called on the Lt Governor and discussed public importance issues of her area.

While interacting with the public representatives and the members of the delegations, the Lt Governor assured them of appropriate action on all the genuine issues and demands presented during the meetings. A delegation of National Awardee Teachers of J&K led by Sh Wali Mohammad Bhat met the Lt Governor and put forth issues of the National Awardee teachers. Later, Dr. Farida Khan, BDC Chairperson Sopore also called on the Lt Governor and discussed public importance issues of her area. While interacting with the public representatives and the members of the delegations, the Lt Governor assured them of appropriate action on all the genuine issues and demands presented during the meetings.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed that my name is wrongly mentioned as Bilal Ahmad Sheikh on passport instead of Bilal Ahmad and parentage wrongly spelled as Bashir Ahmad Sheikh instead of Bashir Ahmad Sheikh. I have now applied for name change from Bilal Ahmad Sheikh to Bilal Ahmad and my parentage as Bashir Ahmad Sheikh to Bashir Ah Sheikh. Anyone having any objection in this regard should contact the concerned authorities within 7 seven days following which no objection shall be entertained.

Name Bilal Ahmad S/o Bashir Ah Sheikh
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DC launches 'Ayushman Bhava' campaign at Bandipora

■ HT News Network

BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 13: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad in presence of Chairperson, District Development Council (DDC) Bandipora, Ab Gani Bhat Wednesday launched the 'Ayushman Bhava' campaign across the district to promote health target services and spread awareness about all health schemes.

The campaign was today launched across the nation by the Hon'ble President of India, Shri Droupadi Murmu.

The DC, on the occasion, informed that 'Ayushman Bhava' is a public health campaign launched for people belonging to economically weaker sections. The program will enhance healthcare accessibility and raise health awareness across the nation.

Dr Owais said that aware-



ness cum screening camps shall be conducted by the health department across the district to curb the further growth of unnoticed underlying diseases including Non Communicable

Diseases (NCDs) besides Tuberculosis, Hepatitis etc.

The DC further said that under the campaign, administration will promote health target services and raise awareness among

people to ensure optimum delivery of all health schemes run by the Government of India to every intended beneficiary.

On the occasion, ADDC Bandipora, Ali Afsar Khan; District Nodal Officer Coordination, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak; JD Planning, Imtiyaz Ahmad; CMO Bandipora, Dr Rafi Ahmad Salati besides officials from health and other departments were present. The DC, on the occasion, informed that 'Ayushman Bhava' is a public health campaign launched for people belonging to economically weaker sections. The program will enhance healthcare accessibility and raise health awareness across the nation. Dr Owais said that awareness cum screening camps shall be conducted by the health department across the district to curb the further growth of unnoticed underlying diseases.

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SG. Constable Bashir Ahmad Dar
Belt No. 0465/S EXK973086
S/O Shri Gh. Ahmad Dar
R/O Bagyas Chatabal Srinagar

Subject: Final Notice.

Whereas you Sg. Constable Bashir Ahmad Dar Belt No. 0465/S EXK973086 while was transferred from DPL Srinagar to Police Post Khimber vide this office Order No. 261/2022 dated 26/02/2022 and was relieved from DPL Srinagar on 27/02/2022 with the direction to report new place of Posting i.e. Police Post Khimber as communicated by Lines Officer DPL Srinagar vide his signal No.1673/21/DPLS dated 06/08/2023.

Whereas incharge Police Post Khimber vide his signal No. 150/5A/PPK/23 dated 06/08/2023 communicated that you have failed to report new place of posting till date and is running absent w.e.f the date you were relieved from DPL Srinagar i.e. 27/02/2022.

Whereas, a Departmental Enquiry has been initiated against you vide this office order No. 601/2023 dated 21/08/2023 which has been entrusted to SP East Zone Srinagar.

Whereas, a notice issued vide this office endst. No. Estt/CRC_I/2023/23957- 61 dated 14/08/2023 has been served upon you through DySP DAR Srinagar, who inturn vide his office letter No. DAR/2023/A-2/13441 dated 25/08/2023 communicated that the notice in question has been served upon you on proper receipt even though you have failed to resume your duty till date.

Whereas, your service record also reveals that huge period of absence has been treated as Diesnon, for which necessary entries of (1907) days has been recorded in your service records from time to time besides, 4 Major and 2 Minor Punishments were given to you for remaining absent from duty, which clearly indicates that you are not interesting to serve the Department any more and warrants action under rules.

Therefore I, Rakesh Balwal-IPS, Sr. Superintendent of Police District Srinagar again call upon you Sg. Constable Bashir Ahmad Dar Belt No. 0465/S EXK973086 S/O Shri Gh. Ahmad Dar R/O Bagyas Chatabal Srinagar to Show Cause as to why you should not be removed from service. Your reply should reach this office within a period of seven days from the date of issuance of this Final Notice, falling which it shall be presumed that you have nothing to say in your defense and action as warranted under rules shall be taken accordingly.

DIPK-8747/23
Date: Sep 13 2023

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Subject: Remodeling and Repair of wool mandi at Nowshera.

Reference:- This office NIT No.100/R&B/CDII/ of 2023-24 issued under endorsement No.9057-67 dated 10-08-2023.

Whereas, the work "Remodeling and Repair of Wool Mandi at Nowshera" sanctioned for the division under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) 2023-24 was floated for tenders vide this office NIT No. referred to above for an amount of Rs.78.20 Lacs..

Whereas, the tenders scheduled to be opened on 18-08-2023 and opened on due date and as per the details obtained from the internet portal five (05) No.'s bidders have participated in the tendering process.

Whereas, it was found that there is difference in the advertised cost and BOQ cost was Rs.64.48 lacs which has caused due to technical error on the internet portal.

Whereas, in the meanwhile Reorganization/Reconstruction of PW(R&B) Department vide Govt. order No. No:22 JK(GAD) of 2023 Dated:06.01.2023 issued endorsement No: GAD-ADM/258/2021-09-GAD-Part(2) Dated:06.01.2023 and consequent upon posting of Executive Engineer's vide Govt order No: 345-PW(R&B) of 2023 Dated: 18.08.2023 issued under endorsement No. PWD-HRM1/22/2023-01-PWD R&B Department (7148608) Dated: 18.08.2023 by virtue of which the supra work falls within the jurisdiction of R&B Division Srinagar Core (Newly Created Unit).

Now, therefore in the above back drop the work floated for tenders vide this office Supra NIT No. is hereby cancelled & the tender bids received on this account are confined to records.

DIPK-8763/23
Date:22-08-2023

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
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Srinagar

EDITORIAL

Jhelum's Waning Waters: A Looming Crisis in Kashmir

The enchanting valley of Kashmir has long been celebrated for its pristine rivers, lush green landscapes, and the iconic houseboats that glide gracefully upon the serene waters of the Jhelum River. However, this picturesque scene is gradually fading as the river's water levels steadily decline, leaving these houseboats stranded on parched riverbeds. This dire situation is the outcome of a prolonged dry spell, and it demands our immediate attention and action.

The Jhelum River, a lifeline for the people of Kashmir, has been experiencing a disturbing reduction in water volume due to erratic weather patterns and changing climatic conditions. The consequences are devastating. Houseboat owners, whose livelihoods depend on the river's bounty, now find their charming vessels stranded, deprived of the lifeblood that sustains them.

The dwindling water levels in the Jhelum River are not just an economic crisis; they are a threat to the cultural and environmental fabric of Kashmir. The iconic houseboats are not mere tourist attractions; they are a symbol of Kashmir's rich heritage and hospitality.

It is imperative that we take immediate measures to address this issue. Climate-resilient policies, improved water management, and heightened awareness about water conservation must become a priority. Local communities, the government, and environmental organizations must collaborate to find sustainable solutions to ensure that the Jhelum River flows with the vitality it deserves.

Let the decreasing waters of the Jhelum be a stark reminder of the urgent need to protect and preserve our natural resources. The time to act is now, lest we lose not only the houseboats but also the very essence of Kashmir's soul.



JASWINDER PAL



In a world that often seems divided and chaotic, there is a simple yet profound principle that has endured throughout time: "Treat others the way you wish to be treated." This age-old maxim, known as the Golden Rule, encapsulates a fundamental aspect of human interaction and morality. Its essence lies in cultivating empathy, compassion, and respect for others, serving as a guiding principle for building harmonious relationships and fostering a more compassionate society. In this article, we will delve into the significance of the Golden Rule and explore how practicing it can positively impact our lives and the world around us.

Understanding the Golden Rule

The Golden Rule can be traced back to ancient times and is found in various forms across different cultures and religions. In Christianity, it is phrased as, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Similar sentiments are echoed in other faiths, such as Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Judaism. This universality highlights its timeless relevance and the universal human desire for fairness and kindness.

Essentially, the Golden Rule encourages us to consider the feelings, needs, and well-being of others just as we would for ourselves. It calls for empathy, placing ourselves in another person's shoes and treating them with the same dignity and respect we would expect for ourselves.

Building Empathy and Compassion

Practicing the Golden Rule fosters empathy and compassion within us. When we consciously strive to understand the perspectives and emotions of others, we create a foundation for meaningful connections. Empathy enables us to break down barriers and bridge the gaps that often divide us, fostering a sense of shared humanity. It allows us to respond to others with kindness, support, and understanding, even in challenging situations.

Promoting Respect and Dignity

Respecting the inherent worth and dignity of every individual is a fundamental aspect of the Golden Rule. By treating others with kindness, respect, and fairness, we affirm their value and contribute to a more inclusive and harmonious society. It requires us to embrace diversity, celebrate differences, and challenge prejudice and discrimination. When we embody respect in our interactions, we inspire others to do the same, creating a positive ripple effect that can bring about transformative change.

Creating Positive Relationships

The Golden Rule serves as a guiding

Beyond individual relationships, the Golden Rule has the power to drive meaningful social change. By extending its principles to our interactions on a larger scale, we can challenge injustice, inequality, and systemic issues. When we treat others as equals and advocate for fairness and justice, we become catalysts for a more compassionate and equitable society. The collective effort of individuals who embody the Golden Rule can create a powerful force capable of transforming

principle for building healthy and positive relationships. When we treat others with kindness, honesty, and integrity, we cultivate trust and strengthen the bonds we share. By practicing active listening and being attentive to the needs of others, we foster open communication and nurture understanding. Moreover, when conflicts arise, the Golden Rule encourages us to

seek peaceful resolutions, emphasizing reconciliation rather than animosity.

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Conclusion

The Golden Rule, "Treat others the way you wish to be treated," is a timeless principle that holds immense value in our daily lives. By embodying empathy, compassion, and respect, we can build stronger connections, foster positive relationships, and contribute to a more harmonious world. As we embrace the Golden Rule, let us recognize the power we possess to make a difference and inspire others to do the same. In doing so, we can create a society where empathy and kindness are the bedrock of our interactions, leading to a more fulfilling and inclusive human experience.

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The importance of Guidance and Counselling in adolescents' life



VIJAY GARG



Guidance is a broader term which includes counselling as one of its services. It means help or advice to deal with the complex problems linked with your work, education, personal relationship and making into easier ones. Guidance is regarded as a conceptualized programme of activities that offers a gateway out to the existing problems in the present era of complex scientific and technological developments. The aim of guidance and counselling is to assist behaviour change, enhance coping skills, promote decision making, improve the relationship and to facilitate users' potential.

Guidance and counselling help to recognize and understand about one's talents and abilities, help to develop an optimistic outlook for removal of undesirable traits, it aids to develop resourcefulness and self-direction in adapting to changes in society. Guidance and counselling earn recognition through their services rendered in enhancing human happiness by being healthier, more productive, attain valuable lesson and also eliminate later stage problems. The major aim of guidance and counselling services is to encourage students' academic, social, emotional and personal development. These are thus, an integral component of education as well. Guidance and counselling have become very imperative for young children and schools have a massive role in fetching out the best in children, as at today's time young minds need guidance to polish their personality and also help to attend to the physical, social, psychological, educational and vocational needs of the school students who go a long way to remove impediments of learning.

Adolescence is generally considered as a turbulent period and is often portrayed as a negative phase of life—a phase of storm and stress to be survived or endured. This stage is best defined as a critical period in relation to puberty and also considered as a revolution of a person's life which starts with biological transformation and finished in adjusting with those challenges in the society. Adolescence means 'to emerge' to attain 'identity' and this way of attaining identity has to go long facing up with challenges as well as changes. During this period a variety of physiological, cognitive, emotional and social changes take place. Adolescence emerges from later childhood and merges into adulthood with sexual maturity, increased hormone levels, desire for more independence, the capacity to think abstractly, escalating interest in peers, distancing from parents due to relationship with peers or outside and the inauguration of a romantic relationship are characteristics

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of adolescence. These characteristics are like shifting from a child like to be adult-like. The tendency to make innovative discoveries is more frequent in adolescence as compare to childhood because in childhood scope of activity is restricted as a child has fear of guardians or afraid of going far whereas in adolescence they discover superior freedom. Additionally, there is a diverse number of conflicts that adolescents are faced with, such as making decisions about future adult role, identity formation and separating themselves from caregivers.

Adolescents require explicit attention. Today, millions of children are addicted to drugs, engaged in various crimes, school dropout, delinquency, attempt suicide, suffer from anxieties and depressions. In spite of rising in literacy rates, the trend of opting the wrong decision or confusing is continuously increasing in children because of the lack of guidance services. At this stage of life, adolescents are packed with multifarious challenges and if these challenges are not resolved, they may go on to become a social misfit in later life. An adolescent on his own may also make use of trial-and-error approach and master the developmental tasks vital for the switch to ideal adulthood but in the practice, they used to waste their precious time that they might spend in learning and knowing further constructive activities and also it would deteriorate their self-confidence and motivation to acquire up tasks that have proved to be hard in doing it. They are not mature enough to critically evaluate baffling situation arising due to these changes around them. Many of these problems not only require remedial treatment but also prominently help from guidance and counselling profession to take preventive efforts. Thus, adolescence becomes challenging as well as a puzzling chapter of lifespan development for those who are facing and also for the parents and adults who are raising and nurturing their children. So to survive this period and get the direction of fulfilling their potential, adolescents require guidance and honest support.

Adolescents confront problems which they cannot readily cope with the absence of assistance from their parents, teachers or professionals such as school counsellors. The academic achievement may be one of the determinants of adolescent mental health and as a result, can be associated with the adolescents' need for guidance and counselling. A school counsellor's role also becomes sensitive when the ultimate aim is students academic achievement.

Teenagers have an important role in society. Today's young people are the hope, future citizens and leaders of tomorrow; therefore it is necessary to develop aptitude, behaviour and action according to democratic ideals. In India adolescence has a good hold on the population. They will be controlling and running the world someday. Clearly, we need to better understand these challenges and find appropriate solutions. The principle of guidance and counselling in schools is to make progress in academic achievement, increase acquisitions and application of conflict resolution, promote affirmative study attitudes and behaviour and reduce school dropouts of the children. Even at institutions, adolescents have the stress of academic performance, selecting fields of specialization and career as well. Teachers as well as parents choose academic achievement as sole criteria to judge students' performance. However, it can be a very hard period during which a great deal of understanding, patience and support is required. Modernization has given many positive effects as it is providing so many opportunities, but at the same time, it has remitted into multiple stressors in adolescents' life. This stress leads to massive mental health problems. It is, therefore, very pertinent that students' guidance and counselling needs must be known, so that, steps can be taken to make available required support services in this regard to them at an adequate level.

Vijay GarG Retired Principal Educational Columnist Malout Punjab

Block Diwas, DM Jammu meets public at Miran Sahib

Welcomes constructive criticism, prioritises effective garbage disposal

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JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 13: The weekly Block Diwas programme was held today at BDO Office Miran Sahib and was chaired by District Magistrate, Sachin Kumar Vaishya.

DDC Member Miran Sahib, Vidya Mottan; DDC Member Suchetgarh, Taranjit Singh Tony and BDC Chairman Miran Sahib, Dalip Kumar, besides sarpanches and panches attended the event prominently.

In candid talks with the officers, the District Magistrate emphasised the paramount importance of effective garbage disposal. He insisted on streamlining garbage collection and disposal mechanisms. Strict actions were mandated against improper garbage disposal, underlining that cleanliness is a collective responsibility. He also urged the public to active-

ly participate in these endeavours.

In his address, the DM highlighted the need for a delicate balance between enforcing rules and meeting the genuine demands and needs of the public. He encouraged officers to view criticism as constructive feedback and commit to earning the trust of the public, thereby elevating the reputation of government offices.

During the interactive session, several pressing issues were raised by the public. These included unresolved pension matters, the lack of a proper sports stadium, staff shortages in the Revenue Department and concerns related to the upkeep and cleanliness of irrigation canals. Other grievances encompassed compensation issues linked to damaged infrastructure, erratic power supply and the state of health facilities.

In response, the DM assured the public of swift appropriate action



while announcing a special pension camp to address pending pension issues at the Miran Sahib BDO office on September 15. Turning his attention to the menacing issue of drug abuse, the DM urged parents and families to engage in open dialogues with their children and youth to combat the menace effectively. He emphasised that such proactive conversations are essential to eradicating drug abuse from society. SDPO R.S Pura, Nikhil Gogna, updated the DM on the ongoing actions under the NDPS Act and underscored the need for public support in this fight. The public meeting drew participation from a large number of locals and PRI members. Officers present at the occasion also included SDM Miran Sahib, ACD Jammu, Priti Sharma; BDO Miran Sahib, Gurjeet Singh and other officers. In candid talks with the officers, the District Magistrate emphasised the para-

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GDC Ramgarh organises seminar on "Entrepreneurship and Startup"

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SAMBA, SEPTEMBER 13: Government Degree College Ramgarh, in collaboration with JK Entrepreneurship Development Institute Samba, today organised a one day seminar on "Entrepreneurship and Start-Up".

The programme was organised under the guidance of Principal of the College, Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra. At the outset, a welcome address was delivered by Prof. Seema Sharma, convener of the event. She said that in an age defined by dynamic market shifts and technological revolutions, the spirit of entrepreneurship continues to be a beacon of hope and innovation.

Vishal Ray, Incharge Start-Up and incubation Centre, and Divisional Officer Jammu and Virpartap Singh Slathia, District Nodal Officer, Samba were the resource persons.

Vishal Ray, in his presentation, shed light on the importance of innovation in education. He said that as he looks to the future, it is clear that entrepreneurship and start-ups will remain at the forefront of progress. They hold the promise of a brighter, more innovative future for all. Virpartap Singh Slathia, also said that start-up are not just business ventures, they are the vanguards of innovation and proponents of visionary ideas.

Dr. Aditi Khajuria, convener of IQAC cell said "We are dedicated to forcing innovation, in empowering entrepreneurship and driving positive change in our community."

GDC Ramgarh organises series of activities on "Truth and Non-violence"

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SAMBA, SEPTEMBER 13: Government Degree College Ramgarh has started a special series of activities on the theme of 'Truth and Non-Violence' to commemorate Gandhi Jayanti 2023 under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

All the activities are being carried out under the guidance and supervision of Principal of the College, Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra.

The National Service Scheme unit 'Prabha' of the college today took out a rally around the college premises and in the nearby area to promote the theme.

Dr. Aditi Khajuria, Convener IQAC, addressed the participating students of the rally about the importance of 'Truth' and 'Non-Violence'. Dr. Shamsher Lal, Programme Officer said that whenever we think of Mahatma Gandhi, two words come to our mind - truth and non-violence as he was a staunch believer in these two ideals. A large number of the students participated in the rally. They held placards displaying various quotes and messages given by Mahatma Gandhi.

SMVD Superspeciality Hospital hosts free medical camp for locals

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JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 13: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital Katra, in collaboration with SMVD Press Club Katra (Shri Mata Vaishno Devi), has organized a free medical camp to provide consultations and screenings to the locals of Katra. The event, which saw participation from doctors specializing in Internal Medicine, Ophthalmology, Gynecology, Orthopedics, and Pediatrics, was inaugurated by SDM Katra, Deepak Dubey, and special guest SP Katra, Vipran Chandaran.

The medical camp was a big success, with more than 400 patients screening for various ailments free of cost. The doctors provided consultations on the spot and also conducted free X-rays, blood tests, mammography,

ECG, and primary screening. The patients who needed medicines were also provided with them free of charge. The event was attended by several prominent personalities, including Rakesh Wazir President Restaurant & Hotel Association Katra, Virinder Kesar Vice President Hotel & Restaurant Association Katra, and Arun Sharma President SMVD Press Club Katra. The doctors who participated in the event included Dr. Bhanu Pratap from Internal Medicine, Dr. Imran Ganai from Orthopedics, Dr. Arunima Rathore from Gynecology, Dr. Anand Yelne from Pediatrics, and Dr. Swati Sharma from Ophthalmology. Speaking on the occasion, SDM Katra Deepak Dubey said, "Ensuring access to quality healthcare services is crucial for the well-being.

Doda Admin hosts Weekly Block Diwas at multiple locations to address public grievances

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DODA, SEPTEMBER 13: The District Administration Doda, led by Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan, is actively working to address public grievances and meet the expectations of the people effectively. To achieve this, regular Block Diwas programs are being organized in different locations, particularly in remote areas, as per the directives of the LG administration.

This week Block Diwas events were conducted at Block Headquarter Bhalla, Sub District Bhaderwah; PWD Guest House Jakyas in the Gandoh sub-division; Panchayat Ghar Kuthyara in the Assar sub-division; and GPS Honda in Gaillu village of Panchayat Halaran in the Thathri sub-division.



During the events, government officers actively engaged with the local community and listened to their grievances and demands. Many issues were resolved on the spot by the respective line departments present at the scene. Additionally, certain issues were marked for immediate resolution, demonstrating

the administration's commitment to addressing public concerns quickly.

The Block Diwas program at Block Headquarter Bhalla was presided over by ADC Bhaderwah, Dilmir Choudhary, along with Tehsildar Bhalla. A large gathering of local people raised a range of issues related to roads, electricity, water, health,

distribution of health cards, and education. The projected demands were directed to the appropriate authorities for a speedy resolution. The Block Diwas program at Panchayat Ghar Kuthyara in the Assar sub-division was presided over by SDM Lekh Raj. He attentively listened to the public and directed concerned officers to resolve issues on the spot. The Tehsildar Assar also attended the program and played a crucial role in addressing different issues in real-time. Similar event was held at PWD Guest House Jakyas in the Gandoh sub-division where SDM, Ashraf Parvaz chaired the public meet and listened to the public issues. He directed the concerned officers and officials to dispose of the raised issues and grievances at the earliest.

Live streaming of 'Ayushman Bhava' campaign launch ceremony organized across Ramban district

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RAMBAN, SEPTEMBER 13: District Administration, Ramban today organized the live streaming of the launch of 'Ayushman Bhava' campaign President, Droupadi Murmu at District headquarters, Block headquarters and Health and Wellness Centers across the district. A large number of officers, public representatives, beneficiaries and participants attended the inaugural function.

Chairperson District Development Council, Dr. Shamshad Shan, Deputy Commissioner, Mussarat Islam, ADC, Harbans Shar-



ma, CPO, Dr. Kasturi Lal, Medical Superintendent DH, Vrinder Trisal, Dr. Mohammad Rafi, other officers, doctors and staff attended the virtual programme at District Hospital Ramban. After listening to the address of the Lieutenant Governor, the District Administration passed directions to all stakeholders to participate in the

campaign to sensitize people about all schemes and programmes of the health sector. Urging the PRIs and people, the Chairperson said that Ayushman Bhava campaign is a collaborative effort spearheaded by Gram Panchayats in coordination with the Department of Health, other government departments, and local elected bodies.

Chairperson DDC, DC conduct inspection of ongoing projects at District Hospital Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 13: Chairperson District Development Council (DDC), Lal Chand, and Deputy Commissioner (DC), Saloni Rai, today inspected the progress of work on the New Government Medical College during a visit to District Hospital Udhampur.

During the inspection, the Chairperson DDC and DC evaluated several construction sites, such as the 200-bed teaching district hospital, the makeshift GMC Udhampur building, and ongoing library renovation work.

They issued crucial directives to expedite project completion, emphasizing



to bring in additional manpower and extended work shifts. The GMC Principal was entrusted with close monitoring to ensure timely completion, especially for the makeshift college building.

Accompanied by the DC, the DDC Chairperson

inspected each section of the hospital, interacting with medical staff and patients to assess health-care services. They stressed hygiene standards and medical care enhancements within the facility.

Furthermore, the visit included a warm welcome to the inaugural MBBS batch at GMC Udhampur, with encouragement for high academic standards and dedication to humanity. The day culminated with the launch of the 'Ayushman Bhava' campaign at GMC Udhampur. Furthermore, the visit included a warm welcome to the inaugural MBBS batch at GMC Udhampur, with encouragement for high academic standards and dedication to humanity.

Weekly Block Diwas: DC Rajouri presides over public outreach camp at Panchayat Maira Nagrota

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RAJOURI, SEPTEMBER 13: In an earnest endeavor to address public concerns, Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal today led a highly successful public outreach event as part of the Weekly Block Diwas initiative here at Panchayat Maira (Nagrota) of Rajouri block.

The event served as a vital platform for local residents and their representatives to voice their concerns and demands as they sought maintenance of roads, adequate staff in government

institutions, addressing the problem of water scarcity and enhancement of the healthcare infrastructure.

Specific demands highlighted during the event were provision of electricity poles, repair of road from Nagrota to Panjadhara, bringing AWC Panchayat Maira under the ICDS department, realignment of road from Nagrota main market to Chowkian Bridge, check on unscheduled power cuts and many more.

During the proceedings, government officials used the opportunity to inform attendees about ongoing



schemes, encouraging community engagement and urging residents to take advantage of these initiatives. In his address, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal emphasized the commit-

ment of the administration to deliver essential services to the public in a seamless manner. Furthermore, the Deputy Commissioner assured citizens that their grievances have been duly

noted, and concerned departments would take incremental action to address legitimate concerns. Instant directives were issued to prioritize and resolve the issues projected on the occasion leading to redressal of many issues on-the-spot. In a significant step towards addressing water scarcity, the Deputy Commissioner pledged to ensure functional tap water connections for every household in the district. This ambitious target will be met through the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission, a comprehensive initiative

aimed at providing sustainable water supply. Addressing the issue of shortage of electricity poles, he assured that an adequate number of poles would be provided under the RDSS scheme of the PDD Sector. He further assured to issue instructions for the renovation of Nagrota to Panjadhara road within a strict time frame of fifteen days. Furthermore, recognizing the need for a change in the alignment of the road from Nagrota main market to the Chowkian Bridge, he asked the XEN of the Public Works Department (PWD).

Ayushman Bhava campaign Samba admin organises live streaming of launch event

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SAMBA, SEPTEMBER 13: The live streaming of the launch event of Ayushman Bhava campaign by President of India Droupadi Murmu at National level and subsequent launch by Lieutenant Governor at UT level was organized here today. The event was attended by District Development Council Chairman Keshav Dutt Sharma, DC Samba, Abhishek Sharma, ADDC Samba Rajinder Singh, PRI members, ACD Siddhartha, Chief Medical Officer Samba Dr Vidhi Bhatial, PO ICDS Dr Subhash, District Officers and other stakeholders. At the outset, the CMO welcomed the Chief Guest DDC Chairman and DC Samba. After the virtual launch, the CMO presented an overview of the approach with which the Ayushman Bhava campaign would be implemented in District Samba from Today till December 31, 2023. She urged the Chair and dignitaries to provide the health department with a support in the form of mobilisation.

DDC Kupwara presides over Mega Block Divas at far-flung Moori Kalaroos

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KUPWARA, SEPTEMBER 13 : The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kupwara, Ms. Ayushi Sudan (IAS) today presided over proceedings of Mega Block Divas programme at Far-flung Moori Panchayat of Block Kalaroos.

During the Block Divas programme, local residents and PRIs thanked Deputy Commissioner for visiting Moori Panchayat and said that Ms. Ayushi Sudan is first DC to visit Moori and chair Block Divas proceedings. They apprised the DDC

about various issues related to augmentation of water supply schemes and electricity, construction of Moori road, grid station in Kalaroos, Patwar-khana, bank counter in Moori and Nagsari, Mobile network, Animal and Sheep Husbandry centres at Moori and other demands of public importance.

The DDC patiently listened to all the issues and demands put forth by the public and PRIs and directed the concerned officers to prioritise the basic issues of the people.

DDC while presiding over the proceedings said that people here



have grievances regarding basic amenities and Government is committed to provide these basic facilities.

DDC said that the demands of locals regarding construction of road under PMGSY and mobile network connectivity will be taken up with government.

DDC thanked locals for warmly welcoming her and said that Moori is a beautiful village but with a tough terrain.

Ayushi Sudan urged people to come forward and take benefit under different centrally sponsored schemes and programmes and support and

Co-operate government.

Member, District Development Council Kalaroos, Ch. Mustaffa Rahi thanked District Development Commissioner Kupwara for presiding over Mega Block Divas at Moori and listening to demands and grievances of public. He appreciated all departments for reaching out to the people on their door steps.

Earlier, officers of different departments disseminated information to the audience about different centrally sponsored schemes and programmes.

Div Com Jammu reviews land issues of Industries Department DCs asked to resolve bottlenecks, facilitate development of Industrial Estates

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JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 13: Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar today reviewed the establishment of Industrial Estates in the Districts and the land related issues of the Industries & Commerce Department.

The Div Com reviewed in detail the land acquisition for industrial Estates in Kathua, Samba, Jammu and Udhampur districts and bottlenecks being confronted by the stakeholder Departments.

The meeting was attended



by MD SIDCO/SICOP, Inderjeet; MD JPDCL, Shivanant Tayal; Chief Conservator of Forest, B Mohan Dass; Regional Director Pollution Control Board, Sat Paul; besides

Chief Engineers of JPDCL, Assistant Commissioner central, Angrej Singh; while Director Industries, Deputy Commissioners of Kathua, Samba, Jammu and

Udhampur along with other concerned officers attended the meeting through video conferencing. Thorough discussions were held regarding augmentation of existing and development of new Estates, besides the progress made in resolving the land related issues of the Industries Department pending in the districts. The concerned Deputy Commissioner apprised the Div Com about the current status of each case. It was informed that most of the issues have been resolved and those pending would be resolved soon.

The Div Com instructed DCs to cooperate with the Indus-

tries Department in sorting out the pending land issues. The functionaries of the Industries Department were also asked to stay in touch with DCs and revenue officers to seek coordination for resolving the issues on time.

The Div Com instructed DC Samba, Kathua, Jammu and Udhampur DCs to demarcate the identified land and hand over the same to the Industries and Commerce Department for establishment of Industrial Estates. The DCs were also instructed to resolve the land issues for approach roads to the sites.

Rotary Health Camp concludes at Kulgam

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KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 13: Rotary Health Camp organised by Rotary International in collaboration with Health & Medical Education Department Government of Jammu and Kashmir concluded today at Kulgam.

During the camp, a total of 271 Surgeries in varied branches like General Surgery, Ophthalmology and Orthopaedics were conducted at District Hospital Kulgam.

A large number of people were benefited in the camp.

After concluding the camp, Medical Superintendent District Hospital Kulgam thanked the entire team of Doctors and other staff from different states of India and team of doctors and paramedics of District Hospital Kulgam who made this camp a big success.

He also extended his gratitude to Administrative Secretary Health & Medical Education Department, District Development Commissioner Kulgam, Director Health Services Kashmir and Chief Medical Officer Kulgam for providing support and guidance in making this surgical camp a successful event.

Director Horticulture conducts extensive visit of Anantnag; participates in awareness programmes

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ANANTNAG, SEPTEMBER 13: The Director Horticulture Kashmir, G R Mir today conducted an extensive visit of District Anantnag and participated in two awareness programmes held at departmental nursery Bijbehara and Sirhama in Srigufwara zone.

The twin programmes were attended by a large number of growers. Director Horticulture in his address emphasized upon growers to come forward to avail the benefits available with the department under various schemes. Scientists of SKAUST-K gave a detailed account on management of different diseases, pests, leaf minor etc. Suggestions from farmers were encouraged for redressal of various issues regarding implementation of different schemes prevalent in the department.

During the visit, Director was accompanied by Joint Director Horticulture Kashmir, Zahoor Ahmad Bhat, a team of scientists of SKAUST-K, Chief Horticulture Officer Anantnag, senior technical officer, DLSMS Anantnag, DLSMS Pulwama, Horticulture Development Officers and officials of the department.

JKTJAC Wagoora Condoles demise of Adil Ramzan Daulatpori's mother

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Wagoora :- Jammu Kashmir Teachers Joint Committee Wagoora I/c. Mohammed Akbar Mir along other associates have expressed profound grief over the demise of the mother of great teacher and poet from Zone Wagoora Adil Ramzan Daulatpori. In the Condolence message the JKTJAC Wagoora leadership expressed their sincere Condolences to Adil Ramzan Daulatpori and the entire bereaved household and prayed for peace to the departed soul in the highest echelons of Jannat and much needed strength to the grief-stricken family to bear the irreparable loss.

IUST organizes workshop on "Revisiting Srinagar – A Critical Approach to Smart City"

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Awantipora September 13h: The Department of Architecture in collaboration with the Dean of Students, IUST organized a workshop focusing on Sustainable Goal -11 concerning Sustainable Cities and Communities. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Mr. Iftikhar Ahmad Kakroo, Chief Engineer, Srinagar Smart City Ltd. Addressing the inaugural function, Vice Chancellor IUST, Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo emphasized the importance of constructing cities that are resilient, sustainable, and dedicated to preserving their cultural heritage, as these aspects are crucial for achieving inclusive development. Professor Romshoo also stressed that educational.

ULB Elections 2023: Training Session under SVEEP for Micro Observers conducted at various places of B'la

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BARAMULLA, SEPTEMBER 13: The District Election Office Baramulla today conducted a day long training session for micro observers to be deployed for Urban Local Bodies (ULB) Election 2023.

The training session was held under the supervision of Deputy District Election Officer Baramulla and Nodal Officer SVEEP.

The one-day training session which was conducted at various locations of Baramulla including Government Degree College Boys, Government Higher Secondary School and Government Boys Higher Secondary School Baramulla was led by District-Level Master Trainers (DLMT) to impart training on the occasion.

During the training programme, the District Level Master Trainers presented detailed information regarding the preparation and conduct of the upcoming Urban Local Bodies (ULB) election 2023. The Nodal Officer Election Monitoring urged ROs and AROs to adhere to the rules and regulations and go through the ROs handbook.

On the occasion, a question-and-answer session to address the doubts about the election procedures and rules were held, ensuring that the ULB Elections in the district are conducted in a free, fair and transparent manner.

With regard to the elections, many participants raised several queries to which the Master Trainers gave satisfactory answers, clearing all the doubts regarding the EVM and other necessary procedures.

CoF, SFC reviews working of Forest Department in Shopian Forest Division

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SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 13: The Conservator of Forests (CoF) South Forest Circle (SFC), Irfan Ali Shah reviewed working of Forest Department in Shopian Forest Division, deliverance of Government work and the targets set for the current financial year in a meeting held at Padpawan Forest Complex.

The CoF interacted at length with the Forest Officers and Forest frontline staff, on various Deliverables, schemes and Government programs in forestry sector including Green J&K Drive, Green India Mission, Har Gaon Hariyali, Non Timber Forest Products policy implementation, Forests for recreation, fodder, livelihood, development of eco-tourism etc.

The CoF said "Green India mission is one of the missions that come under the umbrella of the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC). Every country has an obligation to arrest the downward spiral of climate change. Hence, India as a responsible growing global power took up the responsibility of reducing the deleterious effects of climate change by launching different missions under NAPCC. Accordingly Green India Mis-



sion was launched in Shopian in the year 2021 to protect, restore and enhance forest cover".

He said our focus in Shopian is to increase the quality of degraded moderately dense forests and to ecologically restore open forests which have suffered degradation here due to different reasons. He added that Grasslands and wetlands revival are other focus areas under this mission.

The CoF informed that during the year 2022-23, 39350 numbers of plants were planted in the already fenced up areas with financial implication of Rs 6.786 lacs.

He said in tune with Government

initiatives on generation of livelihoods, the Forest Department in the last two years is also focusing on an increase in forest-based livelihood incomes for hundreds of households in and around the forest areas. He said the Green India Mission implementation mechanism in Shopian is quite robust and largely democratic in nature. At the district level, the implementation is being done by the Forest Development Agency. The Gram Sabha and various committees are the key institutions for planning and implementation at the village level and works are being done through Village Forest Committees here.

Weekly Block Diwas held at Gutlibagh

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GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 13: To take first-hand appraisal of public grievances, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Ganderbal, Mehraj-u-din Shah today held public darbar as part of weekly Block Diwas at Gutlibagh Ganderbal.

The program witnessed immense participation of locals and PRIs who apprised the ADC about grievances and developmental needs in their respective areas. Locals put forth their issues relating to problems particularly development of existing roads, augmentation of drinking water supply, better health care facilities and other issues of public importance.

The Officers and offi-



cials of all line departments were present on the occasion who remained busy in registering the demands and grievances of the locals with an aim to ensure redressal of grievances in minimum possible time.

The ADC gave patient hearing to the grievances raised and assured quality disposal of genuine issues

in a time bound manner. He also gave on spot directions for redressal of many issues of urgent category as per the competence of concerned departments.

Amongst others, the program was attended by District Youth Services and Sports officer, District Lead Bank Manager and other officials of line departments.

Secretary RD&PR visits Kupwara, inspects SBM initiatives, Amritsarovars, interacts with PRIs

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Kupwara, Sep 13: Secretary, Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Department (RD&PR Department), Tariq Ahmad Zargar today undertook visit of Kupwara district where he inspected Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) works and Amritsarovars.

This exercise is part of the innovative mechanism introduced by the Commissioner/Secretary, Department Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, wherein all the Heads of the Department of Rural Development have been tasked to visit the Blocks of allotted districts and inspect the works executed under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen). The Secretary RD & PR Department Nutnoosa and Hiri Qadriabad Blocks of Kupwara district. In Nutnoosa block he paid a visit in Kandi A and Kandi B Panchayats where he inspected SBM assets and other initiatives including Segregation Sheds, community and individual compost pits, community and individual soakage pits, Community Sanitary complexes.



Secretary checked Waste Management MOU, forward linkages, and interacted with Recycle Heroes.

He also visited Amritsarovar at Kandi and checked inlets, outlets and beautification of Amritsarovar.

Later Tariq Zargar visited Hiri Qadriabad Block and inspected SBM projects at Hiri A and Hiri B. He visited Amritsarovar at Gulgam. Secretary was accompanied by Assistant Commissioner Development Kupwara, Hilal Ahmad Mir, EXEN REW Shafat Hussan, BDC chairperson Nutnoosa, Miss. Asifa, BDO Nutnoosa, Dr. Tariq Ahmad and other officers PRIs and officials.

"India Will Become Global Aviation Hub, Like Dubai, In 5 Years": J Scindia

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New Delhi: Aviation has really started on its growth curve in India now and the Delhi airport will become the world's second-largest airport by the end of the year, Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has said.

In an exclusive interview with NDTV on Wednesday, Mr Scindia said civil aviation infrastructure in the country has expanded at a "scorching" pace under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "Delhi airport has a throughput capability of 70 million, which will go up to 109 million come December. That means that Delhi is going to become one of the largest airports in the world. We are going to be second, if at all, only to Atlanta. So that's the scale that you are looking at."

Throughput capacity, in this case, refers to the number of passengers that an airport can handle in a year.

The minister said the Jewar airport will be inaugurated in the next 12



months and its capacity will grow to 60 million by 2030. So, between Jewar and Delhi, there will be a throughput capacity of 160 million.

Airfare Pinch

On last-minute airfares going up massively in some sectors a couple of months ago, and the argument for government involvement in regulating fares, Mr Scindia said, "Civil aviation is a deregulated sector. What happened in June was an anomaly... That was a time of high prices and you had an airline with almost 30 aircraft being grounded. So, capacity got sucked out of

the system."

"You had a double whammy and therefore you had some cities - including Srinagar, Pune and Goa - which were primarily connected by GoFirst that had an abnormal rise in fares. We had a meeting with the airlines on June 5 and I said that this is not tenable and this is not right. We had a free and frank discussion, and soon after that you saw the normalisation of fares," he added.

Asked about when India can become an international aviation hub like Singapore, Dubai or Doha, Mr Scindia pointed out that,

since 2014, the number of airports has gone up from 74 to 149 - with the new Utkela airport in Odisha being inaugurated three days ago - the fleet size has risen from 400 to 700 and the number of passengers has increased from 6 crore to nearly 14.5 crore.

He said that, by 2030, the number of airports is projected to go up to 220 - an increase of nearly 50% - the number of planes will more than double to 1,500 and the passenger count will nearly triple and touch 42.5 crore. The minister said that must happen on the international side because, until now, Indian carriers have been "very concentrated" on growing capacity on the domestic side.

Pointing to the large orders for aircraft placed by Air India and IndiGo, he said, "India, for too long, has had its hub either on the eastern border or the western border. We are currently working with Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) to look at setting up a hub in Delhi to start with. In the next decade,

Supreme Court Cracks Down On 'Media Trials', Wants Guidelines In 3 Months

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court has taken strong exception to 'media trials' - referring to "biased reporting (that) gives rise to public suspicion the person has committed an offence" - and directed the Union Home Ministry to prepare guidelines for police to follow during press briefings in relation to criminal cases. The ministry has three months to prepare a detailed manual.

The top police officers of each state and the National Human Rights Commission have been directed to submit suggestions to the home ministry within a month and the next hearing will be in January, a bench led by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud said, underlining the need to sensitise police personnel.

"Administration of justice is affected by 'media trials'. Need to decide at which stage (of investigation) details should be disclosed. This is a very important issue because it involves interests of victim and accused. It also involves the interest of the public at large... media report on



crime-related matters involves many aspects of public interest," the court said. "At a basic level... fundamental right to speech and expression is directly involved in the context of both the media's right to portray and broadcast ideas and news... but we should not allow 'media trial'. People have the right to access information. But, if important evidence, is revealed during the investigation, the investigation can also be affected," the court argued.

The top court was hearing a petition relating to a 2017 instruction on the same subject; the court then had asked the government to frame rules for police briefings keeping in mind the rights of the accused and the victim, and

to ensure those of both sides are not prejudiced or violated in any way. The court had then given six weeks to produce a draft report.

"The accused, whose conduct is under investigation, is entitled to a fair and unbiased investigation... at every stage, every accused is entitled to presumption of innocence. Media reportage that implicates an accused is unfair," the court said today.

In March, the Chief Justice had urged journalists to "maintain standards of accuracy, impartiality and responsibility in reporting" and said, "...selective quoting of speeches and judgments has become a matter of concern. This practice has a tendency to distort public's understanding of

important legal issues. Judges' decisions are often complex and nuanced, and selective quoting can give the impression a judgment means something different from what the judge intended." On behalf of the government, Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati today assured the court the government will frame and release guidelines regarding media briefings by the police. "The government will inform the court about it..." she said. An annoyed Supreme Court emphasised the fact "media trials" violate the privacy of a victim or complainant, and that this is concerning if they are a minor. "Victim's privacy cannot be affected. We also have to take care of the rights of the accused."

"How should police be trained for media briefings? What steps has the Government of India taken (regarding) our 2014 instruction?" the court asked. Senior lawyer, Gopal Shankaranarayan, an amicus curiae, referred to salacious media reports surrounding the Aarushi case and agreed, "We cannot stop media from reporting."

Firing claims 5 lives in MP village

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Datia (MP), Sep 13 (UNI) Five persons were killed and three injured in firing between a couple of families on Wednesday at Renda village in this district of Madhya Pradesh's Gwalior division, police confirmed.

The deceased were identified as Surendra, Ramnaresh, Prakash Dangri, Rajendra and Raghvendra Pal. Those hurt have been admitted at the district hospital.

Three days back, a dispute ensued between the two sides over driving away of cattle from a farm. The members of both households were scheduled to sit together for arriving at an understanding, but the bloodbath occurred instead.

Rajasthan: 11 killed, 15 injured in road accident

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Bharatpur, Sep 13 (UNI) At least 11 people were killed and 15 injured early on Wednesday when a trailer rammmed into a parked bus in the Lakhampur police station area of Bharatpur district in Rajasthan, a police source said. According to the police control room, the accident took place on the Jaipur-Agra highway at around 4.30 am near Hantra in Bharatpur district, about 160 km east of Jaipur, the capital city of Rajasthan.

A trailer rammmed into it from behind, killing 11 people and injuring 15 others," a senior police official said. 11 people died on the spot in the accident. The deceased were identified as five men and six women, police officials added. Police said the ill-fated bus carrying pilgrims was travelling from Bhavnagar in Gujarat to Mathura in Uttar Pradesh when the accident occurred. The injured have been admitted to RBM Hospital in Bharatpur, police said.

After receiving information, the District Superintendent of Police, Mridul Kachhawa, arrived at the spot and inquired about the accident.

AP HC posts hearing of Naidu's petition for Sep 19

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Vijayawada, Spt 13 (UNI) The Andhra Pradesh High Court on Wednesday posted for September 19 the hearing of former Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu's plea requesting quashing the FIR against him in the Skill Development Corporation scam.

The High Court said it has to hear the arguments of both sides. At the same time, the High Court also gave time to the AP CID police to file a counter petition.

The AP high court directed the ACB not to take up hearing till September 18 on the petition filed by the AP CID on giving Chandrababu Naidu to police custody for further questioning. It may be mentioned here that the AP CID police filed a petition in the ACB court seeking five days custody of Chandrababu Naidu for questioning. The AP high court also postponed the hearing of Chandrababu Naidu's petition on anticipatory bail in the Inner Ring Road irregularities to September 19. It may be mentioned here that the CID police another case against Chandrababu Naidu on the alleged irregularities which took place in the construction of Inner Ring Road.

The lawyers of Naidu led by Sidharth Luthra urged that the FIR against Naidu should be quashed since Anti Corruption Section 13 IPC 409 would not be applicable.

Cabinet Approves Phase-III Of eCourts Project, Allocates Rs 7,210 Crore

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New Delhi: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the third phase of eCourts Project as a central sector scheme with a financial outlay of 7,210 crore to be implemented over four years.

Briefing media after a Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur said the eCourts Mission Mode Project is the prime mover for improving access to justice using technology in line with the PM's vision of "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas". As part of the National eGovernance Plan, the eCourts Project is under implementation since 2007 for ICT enablement of the Indian Judiciary. The Phase II of the project has concluded in 2023. The third phase is aimed at ushering in a regime of maximum ease of justice by moving towards digital, online and paperless courts through digitisation of the entire court records including legacy records and by bringing in universalisation of e-filing/e-payments through saturation of all court complexes with e-Sewa Kendras, he added.

It will put in place intelligent smart sys-



tems enabling data-based decision-making for judges and registries while scheduling or prioritising cases. The main objective of the Phase-III is to create a unified technology platform for the judiciary which will provide a seamless and paperless interface between the courts, the litigants and other stakeholders. Phase III of the e-Courts Project, beginning 2023, in India is rooted in the philosophy of "access and inclusion", the minister said. Citizens who do not have access to technology can access the judicial services from eSewa Kendras, thus bridging the digital divide, the government said.

"Congress Will Try To Raise Himachal Crisis In Special Session": Priyanka Gandhi

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Shimla: Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Wednesday said Mandi MP Pratibha Singh would raise in the special session of Parliament the demand for declaring the recent calamity in Himachal Pradesh a 'national disaster'.

However, Priyanka Gandhi said she was not sure if Ms Singh, who is also the Himachal Congress chief, would be allowed to raise the demand during the session. The special session of Parliament will be held from September 18 to 22.

"We do not know what the session is about and whether she (Pratibha Singh) would be allowed to raise the issue or not but even if this does not happen, we should make a strong representation to the Centre on it and the Congress would fully support it," the Congress general secretary told reporters during her visit to the Shiva temple site in Summer Hill. Twenty people were killed in the landslide at the Shiva tem-



ple on August 14.

Priyanka Gandhi also met the families affected by the landslide. Three landslides had claimed 27 lives in Shimla city with the Fagli and Krishnanagar killing five and two people respectively.

The Congress leader also visited the Krishnanagar landslide site and met the displaced families. She said there are several issues like restoration of national highways which can be fixed only by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and declaring the destruction following heavy rains a national disaster would facilitate restora-

tion works in the state.

"No one would like to do politics at this hour and everyone should come forward for help," she said and asked the Centre to rise above "party politics" and help Himachal Pradesh without taking into consideration whether there is a Congress or BJP government in the state.

Slamming the government's move to lower import duty on American apples, she said the Centre is not fully aware of the extent of the damage in the state and the move would encourage imports and hit the local apple growers who have already suffered due

to rains.

"The situation in Himachal Pradesh is very painful and the state has suffered huge losses. The Union government seems to be unable to understand the gravity of the situation in the state," she said, adding that big business houses were offering lower prices for the purchase of apple produce in Himachal.

In a statement issued on Wednesday, BJP state chief Rajiv Bindal said that Congress leaders are telling lies and asked where is the notification regarding a cut in import duty.

He said that the people of Himachal are still waiting for the guarantees announced by the Congress on the eve of 2022 assembly polls to be fulfilled. The women are asking for 1,500 per month while youngsters are waiting for five lakh jobs.

Priyanka Gandhi, who is on a two-day visit to the rain-affected areas of Kullu, Mandi, Shimla and Solan districts, had visited Mandi and Kullu on Tuesday.

Special Session's Agenda Unknown, Centre Calls All Party Meet Day Before

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The government will hold an all-party meeting Monday evening - hours before the start of a five-day special session of Parliament that was called for by Union Minister Pralhad Joshi earlier this month.

Mr Joshi posted on X (formerly Twitter), writing: "Ahead of the Parliament session from the 18th of this month, an all-party floor leaders meeting has been convened on the 17th at 4.30 PM. The invitation for the same has been sent to concerned leaders through email. Letter to follow." The post also included a Kannada translation of the statement. Mr Joshi is a Lok Sabha MP from Karnataka's Dharwad constituency. Monday's all-party meeting may discuss the agenda for next week's session, a lack of clarity over which has led to furious speculation, including buzz the government will move a resolution to change the country's official name from India to Bharat. The all-party meeting call has been played down by CPI leader D Raja, who told news agency ANI, "This is a routine meeting... but before calling the special session the government should have consulted leaders of the opposition."

"Nobody knows what is the agenda for



the special session. What are the issues that will be discussed?" Last week formal invitations to G20 leaders from President Droupadi Murmu's office described her as the "President of Bharat", triggering an outcry from the opposition. The government pointed to the relevant line in the Constitution, which says "India, that is, Bharat, shall be a Union of States..." There is also talk the special session has been called to formally move the Parliament from the old building to the new; sources had said this may take place on September 19. The government's special session announcement has been widely criticised by opposition leaders. Several hit out for choosing a date that clashes with "India's most important festival" - Ganesh Chaturthi will be celebrated on Tuesday.

Scientific coal mining to begin in Meghalaya soon: CM

■ HT News Network

Shillong, Sep 13 (UNI) Chief Minister Conrad Sangma said scientific coal mining will soon begin in Meghalaya, with the Centre having approved the leases of four miners.

"The final stage of the mining plan that was to be submitted is being vetted, and in a matter of weeks or a month or so, we will see this happening on the ground. The process is now at a very advanced stage," he said.

In April 2014, the National Green Tribunal imposed a blanket ban on coal mining and transportation in the state, following which the mining industry suffered negative growth, thereby affecting the GSDP as a whole.

Apart from the impact on the economy, the ban severely crippled the lives of thousands of people dependent on the mining sector, both directly and indirectly.

Sangma, who also holds the Mining and Geology portfolio, informed that there are a few pressure groups that have asked the government to review and reduce the required area of the mining plan from 100 hectares to a considerable size. "We were fighting in the Supreme Court against the NGT ban and then discussing it with the Government of India. All this matters because for us, we wanted the process to start, and that is what is important to us, and when the discussions took place, there were different factors that were put in such as area, technology, etc," he said. "While the negotiations were going on, the issue of the area came up. The Government of India was very particular that the number should not go down, and so we felt it was in the greater interest of at least setting the ball rolling and starting the whole thing for mining. Let us not stick to the issue of 100 hectares for now. Let it start, and once things start, in the next stage we can come and discuss the reduction of the area, as the Government of India was not comfortable at that time."

J&K shooter scripts history by making into Asian Shooting C'ship in Korea

JAMMU, SEP 13: Ace shooter from Jammu and Kashmir Aneesha Sharma has scripted history by making into the Asian Shooting Championship to be held from October 22 to November 2, 2023 in Changwon, Korea.

As per the communiqué issued here on Wednesday, Aneesha, a trainee of Mission Olympics Shooting Academy Jammu, has created history for J&K by becoming the first to earn her place to represent India in the highly anticipated Asian Shooting Championship.

The shooter with her exceptional shooting skills and unwavering dedication, has emerged as one of the most promising talents in the world of shooting sports and her selection for the Asian Shooting Championship is based on National ranking with an average score of 627.6 from past one year, read the handout.

It stated that the selection list is declared by the National Rifle Association of India.

She will represent India in the 10m air Rifle event in the Youth women category.



The Asian Shooting Championship is a prestigious event that attracts top shooters from across the Asian continent and Aneesha Sharma will compete with some of the finest world class shooters in the region, showcasing her prowess and striving for excellence.

She has been training under the guidance of coaches Vishal Mehra and Aman Singh and they have expressed full confidence that she will represent India with distinction and make the nation proud with her performance.

Aneesha Sharma has not only demonstrated remarkable talent but has also been an inspiration to aspiring shooters in our country.

Her story is a testament to the fact that with determination and hard work, dreams can be turned into reality, the handout stated.

President Jammu and Kashmir Rifle Association (JKRA), S S Sodhi along with Kuldeep Jamwal, Chairman JKRA and Sharat Chander Singh, CEO JKRA have extended best wishes to the shooter for the prestigious event. (UNI)

Supporting actor Hardik delivers a hit with his fire and intensity

NEW DELHI, SEP 13: It was one of those games where the scorecard may not entirely reveal the impact Hardik Pandya had with the ball on the overall result. His figures read 5-0-14-1, which while being very impressive were not quite the blockbuster of the kind you saw from 20-year-old left-arm spinner Dunith Wellalage (5-40) or Kuldeep Yadav (4-43).

Yet, they left an indelible mark on India's spirited defence of 214 on a surface where the ball was gripping, turning square, keeping a tad low at times, and, in general, playing up and down enough to have batters

between the devil and the deep blue sea. One moment they were thinking patience was the order of the day, and that you needed to tread with caution like KL Rahul and Ishan Kishan did in a superb exhibition of batting against spin during their 63-run stand that led India's revival after three quick strikes.

Next, when they were seeing spinners come on and challenge both edges of the bat, as Wellalage did by simply sticking to a wicket-to-wicket line and varying his flight and angles, you couldn't help but think it's best to try to play your shots before a ball has your name on it. How batters from both sides tackled this dilemma made for compelling viewing. And it's amid this that Hardik truly stood out with his fire and intensity, a compliment that has largely been reserved for his batting, and captaincy to a large extent, in the past.

It's no secret India have longed for Hardik to bowl in this manner for a while and have done everything possible, even hav-

ing him wrapped in cotton wool, precisely for this kind of impact. For starters, this certainly allows India dynamism in the selection, as you saw on Tuesday with them fielding a third specialist spinner in Axar Patel to support Kuldeep and Ravindra Jadeja. Sure, the conditions did help spin but even if they don't to the extent they did here, India are in a position to think flexibility and batting depth and have Hardik play the role of a third seamer, and not a bits-and-parts bowler who can merely hold an end up.

Hardik's intensity really helped India, especially when for a while it looked as if they were just running out of gas when Dhananjaya de Silva and Wellalage threatened a jailbreak. It's no rocket science, but on raging turners of the kind, invariably the ones that don't turn are more dangerous more often than not. But such pitches can over-excite spinners to some extent, and it seemed to be the case for a while with Jadeja and Axar.

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