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Unidentified militant killed in Kupwara

Srinagar, Sept. 30: An unidentified militant was today killed in an encounter with security forces in Kupwara district of north Kashmir. Acting on specific information about presence of militants, security forces launched a search operation in Warnav village of Lolab area in Kupwara this morning, a police officer said. He said as the security forces were closing in on the positions of the ultras, they opened firing, which was retaliated.

Kem cho, Obama greets Modi

WASHINGTON: "Kem Cho," said US President Barack Obama as he greeted Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "The 'Kem cho' moment, Barack Obama greeted Prime Minister at doorstep of the White House," tweeted Indian external affairs ministry spokesperson Syed Akbaruddin on Tuesday. 'Kem cho' in Gujarati means how are you?

Bihar temple cleaning 'shocking, shameful': CPI

New Delhi: CPI today termed as shocking and shameful the cleaning of a temple in Bihar after Chief Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi visited there for paying obeisance.

Modi to felicitate winners of Swachh Bharat logo contest

New Delhi: Winners of the logo and tagline contests for "Swachh Bharat Mission" will be felicitated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 2, on the occasion of the launching of the Mission.

"67 deaths, over 42 L hit in floods in Assam this yr"

Guwahati: At least 67 people have lost their lives and over 42 lakh people across Assam were affected in three waves of floods this year, the government said today.

Voting with paper ballot a possibility in 3 seats: CEC

Mumbai: Three constituencies in Maharashtra could see voting through paper ballot instead of the Electronic Voting Machines on October 15 Maharashtra assembly polls if the total number of candidates in each of them exceeds 63.

Vaccine for cervical cancer to cost about Rs 100: Kalam

Chandigarh: Work is on to develop a vaccine to contain prevalence of cervical cancer among women, especially in rural and tribal areas, former President APJ Abdul Kalam said today.

India-US write new chapter

Modi, Obama discuss WTO, Climate, ISIS

Agencies Washington | Sept. | 30

In their first summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Barack Obama on Tuesday pledged to push the bilateral relationship to "new levels", resolve issues blocking implementation of the civil nuclear deal and cooperate in counter terrorism.

During their hour-long discussions, which covered a broad range of issues including economic cooperation, trade and investment, Modi raised the demand for easier access to Indian services in the US.

After the two countries reached an agreement on extending their defence cooperation for ten more years, the Prime Minister invited

American companies to participate in Indian defence manufacturing sector.

The discussions, the first formal meeting between the two leaders spread over delegation and restricted levels, covered terrorism in South Asia and emerging threats in West Asia.

At a joint media appearance with Obama, Modi expressed the hope that India-US relations will make fast progress.

"Both of us are committed taking forward the civil nuclear partnership agreement. We are serious about resolving at the earliest issues relating to civil nuclear energy cooperation. This is important for India for meeting energy security needs," he said.

The Indo-US nuclear deal concluded between the previous

Manmohan Singh government and the Bush administration has been stalled because of issues relating to liability laws.

At the same time, Modi said that he had requested Obama to "take such steps which would ensure easier access to Indian companies in the service sector in the US market".

In the defence sector, the Prime Minister said both the sides decided to take forward the dialogue in security and defence.

He invited the US defence companies to participate in Indian defence manufacturing sector to help in its development.

India has recently raised the foreign investment cap in the defence sector from 26 to 49 per cent.

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Ladakh standoff ends; Chinese-Indians return

Agencies Beijing | Sept. | 30

China on Tuesday said the standoff with India at the Ladakh region has been resolved as both sides completed simultaneous withdrawal of troops, and underlined that the two nations have the "determination and capability" to maintain peace and stability at the border areas.

"On September 30, the frontier defence troops of the two countries completed simultaneous withdrawal according to the steps formulated by the two sides and restored peace and tranquillity in the area," the Chinese Foreign Ministry said in a press release. "The two sides reached a consensus on properly resolving the recent standoff

between the frontier defence troops at the border between the two countries," state-run Xinhua news agency quoted the press statement as saying.

The Foreign Ministry said the two sides will continue to communicate on issues relating to maintaining peace and tranquillity at the border areas through the China-India border consultation and coordination mechanism, a body established by both sides to resolve such issues.

"Both sides understand that friendly cooperation conforms with their common interests and peaceful and tranquil borders are important for the growth of bilateral relations," it said.

The Foreign Ministry said the "two sides have the determination, wisdom and

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India to join US-led anti-ISIS war?

Agencies New Delhi | Sept. | 30

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has committed to US President Obama that India would join the United States of America-led international coalition against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) or the Islamic State (IS), claimed BJP leader Subramanian Swamy on Tuesday.

Expressing happiness over the development, the BJP leader said the development would help the ties between India and the US reach new heights.

On microblogging website Twitter, Swamy tweeted:

"Happy that Modi committed to Obama that India would join the anti-ISIS war. Now Indo-US good relations will reach new unprecedented heights."

US President Barack Obama hosted a private dinner for Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the White House on Monday night.

However, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Syed Akbaruddin rejected Swamy's claim, saying Obama and Modi did not discuss ISIS issue on Monday night but will do so on Tuesday.

Forty Indians are still in captivity in Iraq. So far, more than 40 countries have joined

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J&K floods Centre, J&K Govt work jointly to rehabilitate victims

NL Correspondent Jammu | Sept. | 30

Congress president Sonia Gandhi today said both the Centre and the Jammu and Kashmir Government should work jointly to rehabilitate people affected due to flash floods that hit the state.

"Presently, the larger question is how to rehabilitate the flood affected people and how to provide space to them to re-build their houses," Ms Gandhi told reporters here this afternoon.

Ms Gandhi along with

Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi was on a two-day visit to the state to assess the flood situation on ground.

She said the state and the Centre need to work together in the welfare and rehabilitation of flood victims. She added that immediate relief was being done, adding, "The party workers, Congress leaders and NGOs have been very active in distributing relief."

Ms Gandhi added that she had met Chief Minister Omar Abdullah who had said a detailed report has been

prepared on flood situation, damage, relief and other requirements, which will soon be submitted to the Centre. Earlier on a question regarding satisfaction over relief process in flood-hit state, she said, "I do not want to play politics on this issue."

However, on NCP leader Sharad Pawar's allegations that NCP-Congress alliance break down was due to Mr Gandhi, she said, "Neither because of me, Rahul and Congress, the alliance has ended."

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Sonia, Rahul conclude 2-day hectic tour of J&K



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They visited Mantapora, Dooru (Anantnag), Beeru and Budgam and also held review meeting with Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and other ministers belonging to National Conference and Indian National Congress at

Cheshmashahi-Srinagar, Saifuddin Soz.

They got details of death and destruction due to unprecedented floods in Srinagar city, and other parts of Kashmir valley and 'elsewhere'. In the review meeting at Srinagar the visiting leaders were told that while the death toll in Kashmir was 84 and a

divorce she has to approach a court but a husband can get it by only saying 'talaq' thrice," he said. "Every modern country has one single law for everybody, it is only here because vote banks are needed," Katju, who was speaking at an interaction organized by Indian Women's Press Corps (IWPC), said. Asked specifically if he favoured a uniform civil law, he replied saying, "Yes, absolutely."

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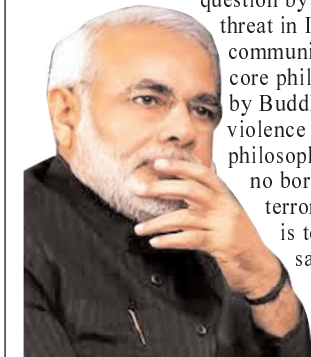
Terrorism in India exported, not home-grown: Modi

Agencies New York | Sept. | 30

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that all terrorism in India is "exported" and are not "home-grown", asserting it has "no borders". Modi said this even as he rejected any distinction between good and bad terrorism and called for a collective fight to effectively tackle the global challenge.

The Prime Minister dwelt at length on the challenges posed by terrorism while addressing the Council for Foreign Relations here on Monday on the fourth day of his five-day visit to the US. Asked by a questioner about the rise of Islamic State (IS) militants in west Asia and whether there was any danger that such unrest might spread to India, the Prime Minister ruled that out and said that all terrorism activities in our country "are exported and are not home-grown."

The Prime Minister also told the audience about his response that "Muslims of India will fall al-Qaida" to a question by CNN about the al-Qaida threat in India. "People of all communities in India are driven by a core philosophy. That is symbolized by Buddha, Mahatma Gandhi. Non-violence is at the core of our philosophy..." he said. "Terrorism has no borders... There is no good terrorist or bad terrorist. Terrorism is terrorism," the Prime Minister said.



"There is a need to take the challenge of terrorism

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Muslim personal law 'unjust, barbaric, outdated', Markandey Katju says

Agencies New Delhi | Sept. | 30

Press Council of India chairman Markandey Katju on Tuesday favoured a uniform civil law in the country, saying the Muslim personal law is "unjust" as it treats women as "inferior".

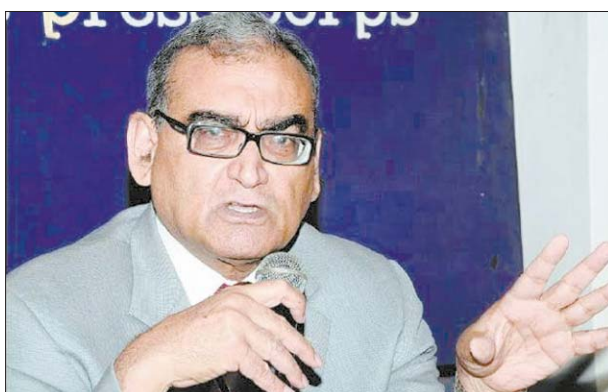
"Muslim personal law is an unjust law, it is a barbaric, outdated law because it treats women as inferior. Oral talaq is permitted only to men," he said.

He claimed that even Hindu law was similarly feudal in nature but changes were made in it after "tremendous efforts" by Jawaharlal Nehru.

There was a time when a Hindu man could marry as many wives and property was inherited only by the son, he claimed.

According to Katju, in the age of equality the same law should be applicable to both men and women.

"If a Muslim woman wants



notification appointing him as the SPP for the criminal appeal filed in the High Court.

Singh sought more time, at which point vacation bench judge Justice Rathnakala posted the matter for hearing on October 6.

In her petitions seeking immediate bail and challenging her sentence, Jayalalitha has maintained that the charges of amassing wealth against her were false and that she had acquired property through legal means.

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It is time to set a new agenda: Modi and Obama

Agencies Washington | Sept. | 30

Calling for a new agenda in a novel joint editorial, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Barack Obama today pledged themselves as global partners to enhancing homeland security by sharing intelligence through counter-terrorism and law enforcement cooperation.

Writing in the Washington Post, the two leaders also said India and the US will work jointly to maintain freedom of navigation to lawful commerce across the seas, in significant comments against the backdrop China flexing its muscle over disputes with its neighbours in East and South China seas.

"As global partners, we are committed to enhancing our homeland security by sharing intelligence, through counter-terrorism and law-enforcement cooperation, while we jointly

work to maintain freedom of navigation and lawful commerce across the seas," they said.

Referring to the relationship, Modi and Obama said though the it was robust, reliable, enduring and expanding, the true potential of the ties was yet to be fully realised and the advent of a new government in India was a natural opportunity to broaden and deepen the engagement.

"Still, the true potential of our relationship has yet to be fully realised. The advent of a new government in India is a natural opportunity to broaden and deepen our relationship."

"With a reinvigorated level of ambition and greater confidence, we can go beyond modest and conventional goals. It is time to set a new agenda, one that realizes concrete benefits for our citizens," Modi and Obama said, hours before

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Vigilance Commissioner Rajiv to act as CVC chief

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Vigilance Commissioner, Rajiv has been authorised to act as the chief of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).

According to a notification issued by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), the President has authorized Rajiv, a Vigilance Commissioner in CVC, to act as the Central Vigilance Commissioner with effect from Sept. 29, 2014, until the appointment of the Central Vigilance Commissioner.

The vacancy had occurred after Central Vigilance Commissioner Pradeep Kumar completed his tenure on Sunday. Kumar, a former

Defence Secretary, had taken oath as the chief of the probity watchdog on July 14, 2011.

The CVC is headed by a Central Vigilance Commissioner and has two Vigilance Commissioners.

The other Vigilance Commissioner, JM Garg, completed his tenure on Sept. 7, following which Rajiv, a former Director General of the Central Industrial Security Force, was left as the lone commissioner in CVC.

In the event of any vacancy in the office of the Central Vigilance Commissioner by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, the President may authorise one of the Vigilance Commissioners to act as the

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Jaya to remain in Jail at least upto Oct 6

Agencies Bangalore | Sept. | 30

AIADMK supremo J Jayalalitha will have to remain in jail till October 6 with the Karnataka High Court adjourning her plea seeking bail and challenging her conviction in the disproportionate assets case.

As the matter came up, G Bhavani Singh, who was the Special Public Prosecutor in the Special Court on the disproportionate assets case, told the judge that he had not yet received any official

notification appointing him as the SPP for the criminal appeal filed in the High Court.

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Jayalalitha has also

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India-US

cent. Sharing concerns over the threat of terrorism in South Asia and emerging challenges in West Asia, where Islamist group ISIS has been on the rampage, Modi said the two countries agreed to intensify cooperation in counter terrorism and intelligence sharing.

Obama said India was emerging as a major power for peace and security in the region.

Both of them had a candid discussion about WTO issues. "India supports trade facilitation but it is my wish that a solution should take care of our food security concerns. I am sure that it is possible to do that early."

"I am looking forward to building up on relationship and make more progress," he said.

The President said the two leaders discussed various issues including trade and economic cooperation, cooperate in exploration of space and scientific developments especially to deal with challenges like Ebola.

Ladakh standoff

capability to jointly maintain peace and stability at the border areas to create a sound environment for the expansion of bilateral relations."

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Chinese Foreign Affairs Minister Wang Yi had met on September 25 at the United Nations and discussed the border stand-off issue.

The two armies were engaged in a stand-off at Chumar region in Ladakh, coinciding with the first visit of the Chinese President Xi Jinping to India.

Tension in the area erupted on September 21 when some Chinese workers, who were constructing a road on their side, crossed into the Indian side and also claimed that they had orders to build a road up to Tible, 5-km deep inside Indian territory.

India to

the all-out efforts of the United States of America in creating a global coalition against the Islamic State terror group.

While India was able to secure the release of 46 nurses held captive, another 40 nationals, working on projects near Mosul in Iraq, were kidnapped by ISIS militants in early June.

ISIL militants have executed two American journalists and a British aid worker in Syria, prompting the West to join hands to combat the terror group.

Centre, J&K

Ms Gandhi, who was flanked by leader of the opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad, JKPC chief Saif-ud-Din Soz, Congress general secretary Ambika Soni, met the flood-affected people and interacted with them.

She assured all help to them from her party. Earlier in Poonch while interacting with the victims, Mr Gandhi

demanding that the relief pattern to the flood affected should be on the pattern of 2013 Uttarakhand disaster in which thousands of people died and hoped that the Centre would soon consider it.

Tight security arrangements were also in place for their Jammu visit. During the period, they visited Kashmir, Poonch and Jammu.

It is time

their summit meeting at the White House. They said the it will be an agenda which will enable both the countries to find mutually rewarding ways to expand collaboration in trade, investment and technology that harmonise with India's ambitious development agenda, while sustaining the US as the global engine of growth.

Modi and Obama said "Today our relationship involves more bilateral collaboration than ever before - not just at the federal level but also at the state and local levels, between our two militaries, private sectors and civil society."

"Indeed, so much has happened that, in 2000, then-Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee could declare that we are natural allies."

Modi and Obama said they will aim for the strategic partnership to be "larger" than merely the sum of its parts to ensure a better future for the citizens of the two countries as well as to the world at large.

"While India benefits from the growth generated by U S investment and technical partnerships, the United States benefits from a stronger, more prosperous India. In turn, the region and the world benefit from the greater stability and security that our friendship creates."

They lauded the role being played by the "vibrant" Indian American community saying it has been a living bridge between the two nations.

Both the leaders said they will discuss ways to enhance cooperation in trade, science and technology and government-to-government level to help improve the quality, reliability and availability of basic services in India.

"In this, the United States stands ready to assist. An immediate area of concrete support is the "Clean India" campaign, where we will leverage private and civil society innovation, expertise and technology to improve sanitation and hygiene throughout India," they said.

Referring to areas of deeper cooperation, Modi and Obama said collaboration in health sector will help tackling the "toughest of challenges" like combating the spread of Ebola, researching cancer cures or conquering diseases such as tuberculosis, malaria and dengue.

Talking about the existing cooperation, they said "our militaries conduct joint exercises in air, on land and at sea, and our space programmes engage in unprecedented areas of cooperation, leading us from Earth to Mars."

"The exploration of space will continue to fire our imaginations and challenge us to raise our ambitions. That we both have satellites orbiting Mars tells its own story. The promise of a better tomorrow is not solely for Indians and Americans; It also beckons us to move forward together for a better world."

"This is the central premise of our defining partnership for the 21st century. Forward together we go - chalein saath saath," the two leaders said.

They said natural and unique partnership between India and the US can help shape international security and peace.

"Ties between the United States and India are rooted in the shared desire of our citizens for justice and equality. When Swami Vivekananda presented Hinduism as a world religion, he did so at the 1893 World's Parliament of Religions in Chicago."

"When Martin Luther King Jr. Sought to end discrimination and prejudice against African Americans, he was inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's nonviolent teachings. Gandhiji himself drew upon the writings of Henry David Thoreau," they said.

Terrorism

seriously. It's sad that many countries could not earlier understand the ugly face of terrorism which is enemy of humanity," he said. The Prime Minister said it cannot be measured on the scale of political plus and minus.

"The world will have to speak in one voice against terrorism," he stressed. Making a reference to the ISIS assassination of hostages, Modi said, "when I saw it on television that a man has been beheaded it's such a challenge in the 21st century for the mankind, a challenge that can shake up anyone... Terrorism is mankind's enemy".

Sonia, Rahul

colossal loss of one hundred thousand crores was caused by these floods.

They met the flood victims at Poonch and Surankote.

In the review meeting at Jammu the leaders were told that the heavy rains and floods have caused death of 184 persons in Jammu province, while property worth thousands of crores were lost. The leaders were also given detail of the rehabilitation plan.

Smt. Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi expressed anguish on the situation of death and destruction in the state and expressed urgency for the rehabilitation in view of the fast approaching winter season.

They met flood affected people of different parts of Jammu district at Jammu and distributed some relief amongst them. They also met the representatives of Sikh Community of Nowshera whose nears and dears one lost their precious lives during the floods and conveyed their heartfelt sympathies with them.

Vigilance

Central Vigilance Commissioner until the appointment of a new incumbent, according to the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003.

Supreme Court is hearing a case related to the lack of transparency in the appointment of the Central Vigilance Commissioner and Vigilance Commissioners.

Attorney General Mukul Rohatgi had on Sept. 18 assured the apex court that no final decision would be taken on the appointment of the CVC chief and vigilance commissioners during pendency of the case.

Supreme Court has fixed Oct. 14 as the date for the final hearing in the matter.

Muslim personal

Speaking about corruption in judiciary, he said it was not there when he had joined but the situation has changed gradually.

Katju said that there is a view that the image of judiciary should not be defamed but added that those indulging in corruption were the ones who were defaming it.

He said whenever something came to his knowledge when he was in office, he would inform authorities concerned like in certain matters the Chief Justice of India so that proper action could be taken.

On a question related to National Judicial Commission, he said that if the people manning a system are right, it will function well.

Speaking further he said that there is no mention of any collegium system in the Constitution.

Asked whether he favoured a cooling period for judges before they take up important positions, Katju said that he did not think there is anything wrong in a retired judge being appointed to a position by the government.

He, however, added that if somebody does something wrong after being appointed he should be criticised.

He also said that evils like honour killings and dowry deaths related offences prevail in the society and added that he was in favour of strict punishment being meted out to perpetrators of such crimes.

Asked whether a separate law is needed to address so-called 'honour crimes', Katju claimed the reality was sometimes some chief ministers do not want to antagonize certain caste groups because of which the administration turns a blind eye to some of the wrongdoings.

On whether he was disappointed that his demand to include electronic media and rename press council has not been accepted by the government, he replied in the affirmative. (PTI)

Jaya to

contended that the trial court has overlooked several judgements and has not considered the binding nature of various income tax orders and decisions of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, which had accepted the income and the level of expenditure pleaded by her.

The former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's aide Sasikala, her relatives V N Sudhakaran, disowned son of the former Chief Minister, and Ilavarasi have also moved the High Court seeking bail and challenging their conviction.

In the verdict that cost Jayalalitha the Chief Minister's job and disqualified her from being an MLA, the judge had also slapped a staggering fine of Rs 100 crore on her and Rs 10 crore each on the three other accused persons.

In her appeal, Jayalalitha pleaded for suspension of the conviction and the sentence and also refused to pay the Rs 100 crore fine imposed on her.

The hearing came up before the vacation bench as the High Court is on Dasara holidays from September 29 to October 6.

NC condoles demise of Moulvi Ansari

SRINAGAR, SEPT. 30: National Conference has condoled the untimely demise of Moulvi Iftikhar Hussain Ansari and has said that his death has left a void that will be long felt in the religious and political arena of the State. In a condolence message, National Conference President Dr. Farooq Abdullah has extended heartfelt condolences to the family and followers of Moulvi Iftikhar Hussain Ansari and prayed for peace to the departed soul. Terming Moulvi Sahab's contributions as a religious scholar and public representative as historic and commendable, Dr. Farooq Abdullah has said that he was personally grieved at this loss.

expressed his heartfelt condolences to the family and followers of Moulvi Iftikhar Hussain Ansari and said that his work as a religious leader and political figure would be remembered for a long time to come. National Conference General Secretary Ali Mohammad Sagar has also condoled the demise of Moulvi Iftikhar Hussain Ansari and said that this was a great loss to the followers of the religious leader and had created a vacuum in the State that would take a long time to fill.

NC Additional General Secretary Dr. Sheikh Mustafa Kamal, Provincial President Nasir Aslam Wani and Spokesperson Junaid Azim Mattu have also expressed grief and sorrow over the untimely demise of Moulvi

Iftikhar Hussain Ansari and extended heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. Senior National Conference Leaders, including Ministers, Members of Parliament, Legislators and Office Bearers of the party have condoled Moulvi Iftikhar's demise. Various Senior National Conference leaders participated in the Nimaaz-e-Jinaaza of Moulvi Iftikhar Hussain Ansari at Zardibal and visited the late cleric's residence at Qamarwari to express their condolences.

Circular for issuance of certificates, documents issued

SRINAGAR, SEPT. 30: The Government has decided to organize mobile camps in the affected areas for facilitating issuance of duplicate PRC, Ration Cards, Power/LPG connection, Voter Identity Cards, death certificates, driving licenses, registration and qualification certificates to those whose documents/certificates have been damaged in the recent floods.

Accordingly, the Deputy

Commissioners have been asked to organize mobile camps comprising officers/officials of the respective departments at conspicuous places to facilitate issuance of duplicate certificates/documents after proper verification/authentication.

The Deputy Commissioners have been asked to submit progress report on this account on weekly basis to the General Administration Department.

GCW Gandhi Nagar organizes Blood Donation Camp



JAMMU, SEPT. 30: The Red Cross and NSS Units along with Red Ribbon Club of Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, in collaboration with Regional Red Cross Society, Jammu and Blood Transfusion Department, GMC Jammu organized a Blood Donation Camp to mark National Voluntary Blood Donation Day here today. Principal of College, Dr. Kiran Bakshi along with R.C. Puri, Hony Secretary, Regional Red Cross Society, Jammu who was Chief Guest and Dr. Vijay Sawhney, Head, Blood Transfusion & Medicine Department, GMC, Jammu, who was Guest of Honour on occasion, inaugurated the Blood Donation Camp. Dr. Bakshi appreciated the overwhelming response of female students to donate blood so voluntarily and enthusiastically for the cause of humanity. While interacting with blood donors, Sh. Puri and Dr. Sawhney also lauded volunteerism among students towards blood donation and the college at large for organizing this event. More than 60 units of blood were voluntarily donated by students including NSS and Red Cross volunteers, PG students of

Food Science and others as well as staff members of college welcomed the guests. NSS Programme Officer, Prof. Shrotika Rajput and Red Ribbon Co-ordinator Prof. Manisha Kohli also played important role in coordinating the event. Navneet Kour, Chairperson NGO Support and Staff Members of Red Cross Jammu was also present on the occasion.

Hindi Fortnight at RKJ concludes



JAMMU, SEPT. 30: Aiming to promote the national language, a Hindi Fortnight, which was inaugurated on September 12, concluded here on Tuesday at Radio Kashmir Jammu (RKJ). Member Legislative Assembly (MLA), Ashwani Sharma was chief guest.

Earlier, various competitions in different categories were organised during this Fortnight. The valedictory function started with lighting of traditional lamp followed by welcome address by Station Head, Shailesh Raina.

Speaking on the occasion, Ashwani Sharma appreciated the participants for their performance in the competitions which will greatly help in further promoting this national language. He said that such type of programmes boost the morale of participants besides encouraging others to use Hindi.

Earlier, a hindi magazine 'Tawashi' released by the MLA in the presence of other dignitaries. Poem recitation competition was also organized which was appreciated by the audience. Later, the chief guest distributed prizes among the winner of various competitions. The programme was conducted by Hindi Officer, Manisha Sharma while vote of thanks presented by Programme Officer, Ravi Magotra.

Mir condole demise of Moulana Iftikhar

SRINAGAR, SEPT. 30: Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Ghulam Hassan Mir has expressed grief and sorrow over the demise of the religious leader, former Minister and sitting MLA, Moulana Iftikhar Hussain Ansari, who passed away here today.

He described him a visionary, great religious and political leader who contributed a lot for the up-liftment and socio-economic development of downtrodden people.

While conveying the condolence, he extended sympathy to the bereaved family and prayed for the eternal peace to the departed soul.

Erring traders fined Rs. 18150

KUPWARA, SEPT. 30: A special squad comprising Municipality, Enforcement Inspector, Designated Officer, Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara conducted checking of different markets at district headquarter, Kupwara.

During the market checking, the team realized Rs.18150 as fine from erring traders who violated various Essential Commodities Acts. Besides, the team seized and destroyed 3 quintals of rotten vegetables, 40 kg of polythene and 40 kg of open spices on the spot.

Condolence meeting organized

JAMMU, SEPT. 30: A condolence meeting of Anjuman - e - Imamia Jammu was held today at Imam Bargah Sofi Shah peer mitha to condole the sad and unfortunate demise of Maulana Iftikhar Hussain Ansari a great and upposd leader of Shia community of jammu and kashmir. President Anjuma-e-Imamia Syed Amanat Ali Shah appreciated and lauded the efforts made by Maulana Iftikhar Hussain Ansari Sahib for the upliftment of the Shia community in j and k state. He also said that his death would be a great loss to community in general and particularly for the people of kashmir. He said that vacuum created by his death cannot be fulfilled. Prof. Shujat Khan Secretary Anjuman jammu in his address said that it is difficult to express our feelings for this loss. He said that community has lost a great visionary. It is his teachings that the youth of our community has excelled in every walk of life.

Kaluchack organizes cleanliness drive



JAMMU, SEPT. 30: Government High School Kaluchack today organized a cleanliness drive within the school premises under the chairmanship of Headmistress Kiran Rajput. The cleanliness drive has been organized in the school to honour the Prime

Minister Narendra Modi who is focusing on clean India from USA. Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday has been celebrated by following his principles especially his ideas on cleanliness.

Students of all the four houses of school participate in

the cleanliness. A debate competition on Gandhi Jayanti has also been organized in the Morning Assembly.

Songs and cultural activities highlighting the need and importance of cleanliness were also centre of attraction.

20,000 MTs garbage removed

SRINAGAR, SEPT. 30: About 20,000 Metric Tons of garbage were removed and disposed off from Srinagar city during the past 18 days. In a statement issued by the Srinagar Municipal Corporation, it was said that the sanitation drive was carried out throughout the city including hospitals, Government and private institutions and other areas.

The statement said that 1500 dead animal carcasses have been removed and disposed off scientifically while 72 dewatering stations have been made operational in the areas like Kursoo, Raghbagh, Jawahernagar, Bemina and Qamarwari besides putting into service mobile pumping stations.

Omar expresses grief over demise of Moulana Iftikhar

SRINAGAR, SEPT. 30: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has expressed deep grief over the sad demise of the religious leader, Former Minister and sitting Legislator, Moulana Iftikhar Hussain Ansari who passed away here this morning.

The Chief Minister visited the residence of the late leader expressed his solidarity with the bereaved family, conveyed his sympathy, offered Fateh and prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul.

Omar Abdullah also expressed solidarity with the devotees and followers of the late religious leader and conveyed his condolence to them on this hour of grief.

Bhim tours Srinagar

Jammu, Sept. 30: Prof. Bhim Singh, Chief Patron of National Panthers Party and Member of National Integration Council (NIC) accompanied by Masood Andrabi, Vice President of JKNPP and several senior Panthers Party leaders visited several flood-affected areas in the City of Srinagar.

narrated the horrors of floods from Sep 2 to Sep 9. Prof. Bhim said that Panthers Party team met hundreds of people affected by the floods who have not been provided any relief, no drinking water, no ration, no food and no shelter. He said that the entire city has gone out of gear and there is no governance. He expressed shock on the working of the governance

and said that no follow action has been taken to implement the directions of the Supreme Court. Prof. He said that the court has directed to form unified command of all the disciplines of administration. He said more than Rs.5000 crores have gone to J&K Relief Fund yet he did not find a single beneficiary affected by the floods.

PCS conducts "All India Painters" Camp for flood relief

Jammu, Sept. 30: "All India Painters" Camp was inaugurated at Govt. College for Women, Parade, Jammu today to pay homage to those lost their lives in devastating flood and landslides in Jammu and Kashmir provinces and to collect funds for Prime Ministers Relief Fund. The camp was inaugurated by Saujanya Sharma, Director J&K Tourism Department. Dr. Hemla Aggarwal, Principal Govt. College for Women, Parade, Jammu presided over whereas A S Gill, Assistant Commissioner, KVS, Jammu was the Guest of honor in the function. The camp has been organized by J&K Poshe Cultural Society, Jammu. O P Sharma, General Secretary of the Society said that society is working

for the promotion of art, culture and literature in the state and at national level. He said that the Society has invited artists from all over the country to contribute for the cause of help to the victims. He added that after knowing that the funds raised by selling the paintings of this camp are to be sent to the relief fund for flood victims of Jammu & Kashmir. A S Gill said this camp is important because of its approach and sensitivity shown by the artist community to come forward and raise relief fund through their art. Dr. Hemla Aggarwal said that such kind of activities give an exposure to the young generation. Some of the students having aptitude towards art may get motivated to acquire art as their profession.

NSS Volunteers distribute relief on NSS Day



Jammu, Sept. 30: The NSS Volunteers of Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar dedicated NSS Day to distribution of relief among the flood victims in Malika Chak village on the second consecutive day. While displaying the ideals of National Service Scheme (NSS) launched in 1969 to involve youth and students in community service, a group of about 50 NSS volunteers led by NSS Programme Officers Prof. Shrotika Rajput and Dr. Ashaq Malik visited

remote village Malika Chak ahead of Phalan Mandal distributed relief material among flood affected people. Principal of College, Dr. Kiran Bakshi, who flagged off the relief material, said that it is appreciable to give NSS Day celebration a healing touch. It is result of week-long efforts of NSS volunteers that we are able to contribute little towards restoring the lives of fellow humans, she said. More than 140 households were provided with new and

partially used cloths, blankets and variety of food items including oil, milk powder, tea, spices, sugar, pulses, biscuits and other essential commodities. The NSS Volunteers along with NCC Cadets distributed about 300 cloths in Surya Chak another flood affected area covering some 100 families on Tuesday. Others who played key role in collection and distribution of relief material include NSS Programme Officers Dr. Shiveta Gandotra and Prof Nazia Rasool.

Bhupinder demands package for livestock

Jammu, Sept. 30: Prominent Social worker and SSP (Retd.) Bhupinder Singh today visited Nai-Basti, Bhidipur, Hansu-chak, Khedepar, Agra-Chak, Badyal Bhramana and Fatehpur Bhramana villages of Suchetgarh and interacted with people on the issue of feed and fodder for livestock development in the flood hit areas of Jammu region. The locals said that state government has formulated Rs 300 crores plan for making feed and fodder available for the livestock in the flood hit areas of Kashmir valley. As such, the people asked for a similar package for the Jammu region.

He appealed to the State Government to formulate a similar plan for the flood affected people of Jammu region as well. He asked the government to immediately provide funds for setting up fodder banks in the rural areas to store fodder for future eventualities. "The poor people have been left at the mercy of almighty with no arrangement of feed and fodder," he said, adding the government should immediately compensate the farmers, as the flood has caused soil erosion on thousands of acres of land and damaged their crops.

SBI concludes Rajbhasha celebrations

Jammu, Sept. 30: Administrative Office of State Bank of India, Jammu celebrated September as the month of Rajbhasha this year. During the month-long celebrations, various programmes were held to promote the use of Hindi language by the employees of the organisation.

Activities included many competitions with the theme of Rajbhasha. The winners were felicitated with prizes during the prize distribution function presided over by Ajay Gupta, Regional Manager, SBI. Gupta exhorted upon all employees of Bank to perform the official assignments in Hindi to the maximum since it is the official language of the country. He further said that Hindi has become global and is linked with national economy and markets. He also advised that only simple and easily understood Hindi vocabulary should be used to the easy understanding of the common masses. Several senior officials of the Bank attended the programme.

BSP for early elections in J&K

Jammu, Sept. 30: Bahujan Samaj Party State President Tulsii Dass Langeh and State Gen. Sec. Rakesh Wazir in a joint statement asked the election Commission of India for early elections in J&K quite well before the expiry date of the present Government.

The Leaders said that relief and re-habilitation funds meant for flood hit victims of J&K are boldly being used for political mileage in State by ruling Party. Political Parties of the state are openly opposing the way of such distribution of relief which benefits to a particular Political party in power. BSP demanded Election Commission of India to announce dates of elections and imposition of

Model Code of Conduct with administrative control by ECI to stop of misuse of relief and rehabilitation operations. They further said that the remaining long term rehabilitation work is also desired to be done through the new popular Government to be in power and if the elections are not held over here in due time the State is bound to come under Governors rule and that is what no one would like to have in this State. They further said that since the term of government is expiring on January and thus the effected Srinagar District and other flood affected areas elections alone could be held in the last phase, somewhere in between 15th Dec. to 20th Dec.

AJKMPJ hails DC for ordering probe against Dy CM's PRO

Jammu, Sept. 30: The members of All J&K Movement for Peace & Justice have expressed resentment on acts of officials in relief & Cheque distribution & illegal constructions in flood-hit area in the heart of the city in Srinagar Municipal Corporation. Recently, Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation has informed Chief Secretary that illegal structures in Regal lane, Forest lane & Abi Guzar lane have been demolished while the construction work was going on in full swing & while one PRO Kewal Krishen of Dy. Chief Minister acted as Minister in distributing relief cheques and directs SDM to act on his orders. The said person

for his corrupt acts had been exposed earlier some 2 year back also but the Dy. CM has elevated him to the post of PRO for the best reason known to him. It appreciated action of Deputy Commissioner, Jammu Ajit Kumar Sahu in recommending enquiry into the alleged misuse of official position by Kewal Krishan Sharma, Forest Guard-turned additional PRO of Deputy Chief Minister, Tara Chand. They also sought enquiry of the distrustful statement of SDM through his mobile call details as well as official number would be sufficient proof to find out the truth whether the unknown person was actually unknown or not.

World Heart Day organized

Jammu, Sept. 30: On the occasion of World Heart Day, an awareness drive on Prevention & Control of Cardiovascular Diseases (CVD) was organized for serving personnel and families in the form of Symposium & Exhibition at Dhanvantari Auditorium 166 Military Hospital by OC 136 Station Health Organisation (L). Chief Guest of the event was Brig M M Harjai, SEMO & Commandant 166 Military Hospital. Lt Col Vivek Gupta Officer Commanding 136 SHO (L) delivered a health education lecture on theme, "Heart-

Healthy Environment." It was mentioned that most premature deaths are linked to common risk factors, namely tobacco use, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity and harmful use of alcohol. The lecture focused on awareness about cardiovascular diseases, the biggest cause of death worldwide due to overeating, lack of exercise, unhealthy diets, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and high glucose levels triggering heart diseases and threatening our own lives, and those of loved ones.

Birthday Celebrations at Toddlers' World

Jammu, Sept. 30: Birthdays bring a sparkle in the eyes and delightful feeling to everyone. It is more predominant in case of children. Toddlers' World-a unit of JKPS, Kunjwani celebrated the birthday of

students. Parents were invited for the celebrations along with younger ones. Toddlers' wing was colourfully decorated and everyone enjoyed a lot with exciting games and fun filled atmosphere.

GCW Gandhinagar organizes 'Young Tarang'



world. The audience was kept spellbound and Performers were also rewarded for their performances and highlighting various issue through artistic manner.

The programme concluded in a befitting manner with a short play 'Dekh Tamasha TV Ka' which mocked at the deterioration of the artistic and content standards of Indian Television. Indian Television which has the capacity to bring a sea-change in the social life of the country has become totally irresponsible in the blind race of TRP. Without knowing how much damage this media has done to the social structure of the country, the producers of Indian television are continued with making irrelevant programmes. The artists who outshined in this highly entertaining act included Megha Gupta, Dilprit Kaur, Damini Baloria, Puneet Kaur, Sameeta Rana and Sunakshi Sharma. The programme was ably presented and coordinated by Guneet Kaur and Navamni Hans and the musical score to the programme was rendered by Sunil Sharma. Prominent among those who graced this occasion by their presence included R.C. Puri Secretary Regional Red Cross Society, Jammu.

Jammu, Sept. 30: Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India under its Horizon Series showcased a unique programme of diverse performances 'Young Tarang' at the Auditorium of Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. The programme was supported by the Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. Regional Director of ICCR Jammu said that through this programme, the excellence amongst young performers is being given recognition by

Indian Council for Cultural Relations so others also aspire and strive to achieve that. On the occasion, he expressed his heartiest gratitude to the Principal of the college Prof. Kiran Bakshi for supporting ICCR in its endeavours and also initiating and implementing new ideas for promoting young excellence. Scores of cultural programmes were presented by the students of College. Students portrayed all the burning issues which are being confronted by contemporary

Sharma takes charge of Power Grid, NRTS-II

Jammu, Sept. 30: Mr. S.K. Sharma, Executive Director has taken over the charge of Northern Region Transmission System -II of POWERGRID. Er S. K. Sharma shall be responsible for Operation and Maintenance and Project execution of EHV/ UHV transmission lines and Substations under Central transmission projects in the states of J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana and UT Chandigarh. He is a Post Graduate Mechanical Engineer from

Bylorussian Engineering Institute, USSR and has the experience of 30 years in Project Management, Execution, Construction, operations & maintenance in Power Sector. S.K. Sharma is considered as an authority in managing, executing /supervising construction and O&M activities in Power Sector. Prior to joining Power Grid in 1992, Sharma has served in National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd. (NHPC).

Nat Manch stages "Hum Badhlav Chahte Hain"



Manch, "Hum Badhlav Chahte Hain" a Hindustani play in the form of nukkad natak was presented at Canal Road Park, Jammu. Nat Manch also completed 130 shows in its ongoing Tuesday Series. The play was written and directed by Tarun Sharma. The play was based on how people should change bad habits in society to improve the system. The play also highlighted menace of corruption and general tendency to become rich by adopting short means. The play was appreciated by the audience.

Jammu, Sept. 30: Under its ongoing Tuesday Series of Nat

MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES E-TENDER NOTICE

1. Commander Works Engineers, Mamun (Pathankot) on behalf of the President of India invites the eligible enlisted Contractors of MES and enlisted/un-enlisted contractors working with other Govt. Departments meeting eligibility criteria for considering the tender bids for the under mentioned works:-

Ser no.	Name of works	Estimated cost Rs. (in lakhs)	Period of completion	EMD for contractor not enlisted with MES	Eligibility criteria	Provisional date of publication of tender or after
1.	Spl. repairs to Bldg no. T-277, T-278 and T-432 of JCOs living Acon under GE (N) at Mamun Mill Stn. Job No. M-44/SR/2014-15	Rs. 21.34 lakhs	06(six months)	Rs. 42,680.00	Class 'E' category a(i)	10 Oct 2014
2.	Spl. repairs to Bldg no. P-44, P-48 and P-49 and Cook house in OTM accn under GE (N) at Mamun Mill Stn. Job No. M-42/SR/2014-15	Rs. 21.05 lakhs	06(six months)	Rs. 42,100.00	Class 'E' category a(i)	10 Oct 2014
3.	Spl. repairs to roads in different locations at Mil Stn Samba Job No. S-11/SR/2014-15	Rs. 20.00 lakhs	06(six months)	Rs. 40,000.00	Class 'E' category a(i)	10 Oct 2014

* In the shape of call deposit receipt from any Scheduled Bank. ** For other Contractors:- (i) Meeting enlistment criteria of MES with regard to having satisfactorily completed requisite value of works. Annual turn over, Working Capital, Fixed Assets, Verification of character & antecedents of proprietor/partner/directors etc. (ii) No recovery outstanding in Government Department.

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3. Notes:- (a) The prospective/likely contractors are requested to look up the website "eprocuremes.gov.in" under the portal eprocuremes.gov.in. This is an e-tender, manual offered bids for this tender will not be accepted under any circumstances only electronic offer bids shall be accepted. For detailed instructions, please refer to website. Tender information is also available in www.mes.gov.in. (b) Contractor not enlisted with MES will be required to enclose necessary documents to prove their eligibility as given above including Affidavit for no recovery outstanding. (c) In case of rejection of tender, the contractor shall be refunded the cost of tender. However, Contractor may applied to next higher Engineer Authority i.e Chief Engineer Pathankot Zone for rejection of his tender whose decision shall be final and binding and Contractor shall not be entitled to any compensation what so ever for non issue of tender. (d) The above details are also available on MES website: www.mes.gov.in and Indian Trade Journal Full notice of tender IAFW-2162 and Enlistment Criteria is available in all Offices of MES and also on MES website.

Gita Ram accorded warm send-off

Jammu, Sept. 30: Jammu University Non Teaching Employees Union (JUNTEU) today organized a function to accord warm send off to Gita Ram, Head Assistant on attaining age of superannuation. The function was held in the presence of Sunil Sahi, President JUNTEA. All office bearers among the colleagues of Gita Ram were present to give farewell to the retired employee.

GWC parade clinches Inter-Collegiate Wrestling Championship



Jammu, Sept. 30: The Wrestling Team of Government College for Women Parade Ground Jammu won Inter-Collegiate Wrestling Championship Trophy organized by University of

Jammu. Principal Dr. Hemla Aggarwal, Convener Dr. PP Singh, Physical Director Suman Lata in charge Prof. Rahul Kait, congratulated the Players for their achievements.

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Sonia, Rahul interacts with flood victims



Surankote, Sept. 30: AICC President, Sonia Gandhi & Vice President, Rahul Gandhi interacted with flood victims of Surankote at Dak Bunglow here today.

They were accompanied by Prof. Saifuddin Soz, President J&K PCC, Ghulam Nabi Azad,

Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, Ambika Soni, AICC Gen. Sec. Incharge J&K, Shah Nawaz Choudhary, President of J&K Pradesh Youth Congress, Shabir Khan, MLA Rajouri and Mohd. Akram, Congress leader.

Victims of the most flood

while interacting said that loss to their agricultural land and houses should be compensated. The appropriate measures for their rehabilitation were also assured on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion Youth Congress State President, Shah Nawaz Choudhary said that Youth Congress will take every possible step for the rehabilitation of flood victims. He added that Youth Congress has planned to adopt the worst affected families of Surankote who have lost their family members. He also requested Rahul & Sonia Gandhi to take a note on the rehabilitation of affected families and provision plots for them at safer places.

The overall interaction program was coordinated by Fairaz Khan, National Secretary of NSUI.

Science exhibition by DIET concludes

Doda, Sept. 30: A 7th two day District Level Jawahar Lal Nehru Science/Mathematics Exhibition was organized by District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) Doda in Town Hall concluded here today.

As many as, 131 science and mathematics exhibits were displayed by students of different Government as well as Private Educational Institutions of the District which witnessed enthusiastic participation of about 300 students besides teachers, parents and head of institutions.

On the second day of the exhibition, a Skit Role Play competition on the theme "Adolescence Education Programme" was organized with special attention on Drug De-addiction.

Besides, six skits were presented by the students in which Government Girls Higher Secondary Baderwah was adjudged as 1st while Government Boys Higher

Secondary School Doda and Government High School Nagar Baderwah were adjudged as 2nd and 3rd respectively.

In the Science/Mathematics Exhibition under Elementary school category, GHS Bheli was adjudged 1st while UPS Shalote and GHS Bagla were adjudged 2nd and 3rd respectively.

In Secondary School category the schools AIER Doda, GHS Chiralla and GHSS Ghat were adjudged as 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions in Higher Secondary School category went to Green Model HSS Doda, GHSS Boys Baderwah and GHSS Girls Doda respectively.

Principal DIET Doda Mr. K.L. Parihar congratulated all the winners and informed that the 1st position holders in each category will compete at Divisional Level from where the winners will be selected for State and National level competitions.

Jamia dispatches more relief for valley



Poonch, Sept. 30: Keeping its promise of helping the affected people at large and reaching out to the last victim of the flood, Jamia Zia-ul-Uloom has dispatched its second consignment for valley, particularly for the three badly affected villages of Kulgam and one village of Anantnag. The consignment contains 20 quintals rice, 2 quintals sugar beside oil, chilly-powder,

ginger, salt and other essential commodities. The consignment was dispatched by Mohtamim Jamia Hazrat Maulana Ghulam Qadir in presence of Maulana Sayeed A. Habib and Maulana Aslam who also accompanied with the relief material to the valley. While speaking on the occasion, Maulana said that, its second consignment for valley and overall, Jamia has conducted nine relief camps in

twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch.

On the other hand, Maulana Sayeed A. Habib is himself monitoring the whole relief work and also said that, within next two days, Jamia is going to organize a relief camp simultaneously at village Fatehpur and Loran.

Maulana also requested well off people to come forward and help the needy people at large.

MLA condoles demise of Ansari

Mendhar, Sept. 30: A condolence meeting was held here today where MLA Mendhar Sardar Rafiq Hussain Khan condoled the sad demise of spiritual leader Molvi Ifthikhar Hussain Ansari. Khan said that Ansari had great dedication towards public importance works and always helped the needy who approached him.

A two minutes silence was also observed and all prayed to almighty to grant peace to the departed soul and courage to the aggrieved family to bear this irreparable loss.

DDC reviews performance of banks

Udhampur, Sept. 30: To review the performance of all banks in key area of deposits and advance for quarter ending June 2014 under Annual credit Plan 2014-15, the District Level Review Committee cum District Consultative Committee (DLRC/DDC) meeting of bankers and district officers of various Government Departments of district Udhampur was held under the Chairmanship of District Development Commissioner, Udhampur, Yasha Mudgal here today. In the meeting, detailed review was held on various points which mainly include road map to cover all villages with population below 2000, financial literacy programme conducted by the rural branches of the bank, providing skills and capacity building training programme under RSETI, flow of credit to priority sector under ACP, issuance of KCC (bank wise), assistance under government sponsored schemes, grant of educational loans, timely submission of lead bank data by banks, functioning of FLC & R-SETI etc.

Stressing the need for generating awareness about different poverty alleviation schemes of the government, DDC exhorted upon the bankers to organize awareness camps especially in rural areas of the district by each bank so that rural masses may get aware about financial inclusion schemes. She asked all bankers to conduct awareness programmes at their respective areas under Pardhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana and directed all the banks that accounts should be open on priority basis under the scheme as it is the major thrust of Govt of India.

She issued instructions for spreading awareness about the training programme of RSETI among the unemployed youths of the district during their camps in the villages. She stressed for better coordination for achieving the target under various schemes. As Corporate Social Responsibility, Mrs. Mudgal appealed to all bankers to come forward and to contribute more and more for the flood and landslides victims of the district.

Krishi Vigyan Kendra holds training

Reasi, Sept. 30: Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Reasi of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Jammu organized a five day training programme on advance horticulture in collaboration with the Department of Horticulture, Udhampur at KVK, Reasi campus under MIDH scheme.

As many as, 29 orchardists from different blocks of Udhampur district participated in the programme along with Horticulture Department Officer and technicians.

Dr. Banarsi Lal SMS, inaugurated the programme motivated the farmers for the entrepreneurship development in horticultural crops. He further narrated about the high yielding varieties of both the temperate and subtropical fruit plants. He gave detailed view of the scientific methods for planting the horticultural plants.

Dr. Sanjay Kaushal SMS, narrated the practices involved in

planting the horticultural plants. Dr. Shahid Ahmad, PC, gave details about the preventive measures of plant diseases for the horticultural crops and recommended some chemicals for controlling the disease.

MAM College volunteers deposit relief material with Div Com

Jammu, Sept. 30: NSS wing of Govt. MAM College Jammu in its second phase of collection of relief material for flood victims of Jammu and Kashmir handed over a Demand Draft of Rs 22,737 in favour of the Chief Minister Relief Fund and the Relief Material to the Divisional Commissioner Jammu. The Relief Items of Rs 30,000 (thirty thousand) comprised of Sugar, Water Bottles, Milk Powder, Salt (Tata), Soap, Detergent Powder (Tide) and Tea (Super Cup).

In the first phase the NSS Volunteers distributed clothes, food and stationery items of Rs 30,000 (thirty thousand) among 114 flood victim families of the Sure Chak village of Jammu District. The Principal of the College, Dr. Anita Soodan

Rain washed Self sacrificing initiative to mend Mahatma Gandhi Marg in protest

Udhampur, Sept. 30: Social Activist Aman Kalsotra called on PWD Department regarding problems being faced by the locals here due to washing away of Mahatma Gandhi Marg Rathian in recent heavy rains which worsened life of locals.

It is pertinent to mention here that construction of Mahatma Gandhi Marg touching Delhi Public School was a long pending demand of the public of Rathian. Apart from apathy of representatives and administration people of the area himself taken the initiative of repairing this road in protest against govt. and done some work without any help but the recent heavy rain washed the marg and efforts of local which make condition worsen.

Mr. Kalsotra met Executive Engineer PWD Mr. U.K Sharma with deputation of hundred of residents of Rathian area to narrate the deteriorating condition of Mahatma Gandhi Marg in Rathian area the only connecting line towards the National Highway for the residents of above thousand



souls which is also recommended by Minister of PWD R&B Mr. Abdul Majid Wani.

Mr. Aman Kalsotra along with residents also visited the area and collected stock of problems being faced by the residents and also inspected Mahatma Gandhi Marg Rathian.

After patiently hearing the deputation officials assured the residents that their problems will be put up with the higher authority. Mr. Aman Kalsotra

also requested the accompanied officer to resolve the long pending problems of the residents in timely manner so that the residents do not suffer any more.

Apart from this Mr. Kalsotra also discuss in detail with the Executive Engineer about the position of estimate already submitted to concerned & which is already forwarded to higher authority in respect of starting of construction of Mahatma Gandhi Marg.

NOTICE
I S.T Xavier Convent School Halti Morh Tehsil & District Kathua have lost my Route Permit of my vehicle Bus Bearing Registration No. JK08D-1716 now I applying for the duplicate objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authorities within seven days from the date of publication of this notice.

NOTICE
I Balvinder Singh S/o Sh. Amrik Singh R/o Harde Muthi Rajbagh Tehsil Hiranagar District Kathua have purchased a vehicle Truck Bearing Registration No. JK08A-9238 from Onkar Singh S/o Sh. Kapoor Singh R/o Sakta Chak Tehsil & District Kathua now I applying for transfer objection if any may be conveyed to R.T.O Lakhapur within seven days from the date of publication of this notice.

NOTICE
I Ashwani Kumar Gupta S/o Sh. Karam Chand Gupta R/o ward No.17 Tehsil & District Kathua have purchased a vehicle Car Bearing Registration No. JK08C-0067 from Parveen Kumar Gupta S/o Sh. Karam Chand Gupta R/o Ward No.17 Tehsil & District Kathua now I applying for transfer objection if any may be conveyed to R.T.O Lakhapur within seven days from the date of publication of this notice.

Ministers ignore crises, busy in inaugurations

Kishtwar, Sept. 30: Lashing the state government for showing total indifference towards the plight of flood hit people of Chenab Valley, prominent People's Democratic Party (PDP) leader and party candidate for Kishtwar assembly constituency, Firdous Tak today expressed surprise over the conduct of some ministers who were resorting to inaugural functions and stone laying ceremonies at a time when Jammu and Kashmir was passing through a difficult phase. Tak expressed regret that the Ministers are doing nothing to assess the losses in Chenab Valley region and continue with the practice of holding photo sessions for media coverage when they should actually be ensuring relief and rehabilitation work.

"It is highly unfortunate that hundreds of houses have been damaged in Kishtwar, Doda and Ramban districts while thousands of Kanals of land has been washed away across the region, including inaccessible

areas Marwah, Warwan, Dachan and Chatroo areas but the people are still waiting for any relief." Tak said. He said that people are waiting for compensation to rebuild their damaged houses immediately in view of the approaching winter but the Ministers are only issuing media statements and doing nothing on the ground.

Wondering how the ruling party politicians were flouting the strictures of their own Government, he said that the local MLA of Kishtwar, who is also junior minister in Omar Abdullah's government, was camping in Marwa area for last three days along with the district administration and organizing inaugural functions for New Administrative Units (NAU), roads and other works while ignoring the circular wherein the government had said that there will be no formal inauguration for the functioning New Administrative Units in view of emergency situation created due to floods.

IN THE COURT OF CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE SAMBA

Present : Ritesh K. Dubey (KCS Judicial)
Harbans Singh S/O Sh. Balwan Singh R/o Patyari, Teh and Distt. Samba

Vs
S.H.O. Police Station, Samba
Application U/S 13 (3) of Registration of birth/death Act, seeking directions to S.H.O. Police Station, Samba to enter the birth particular of applicant's son.

PROCLAMATION
Whereas applicant has filed the above titled application in this court for issuing direction to S.H.O. Police Station, Samba regarding registration of birth particulars of his son namely Varun Singh (male) S/o Sh. Harbans Singh R/o Patyari, Teh and Distt. Samba in Police Station Samba who was born on 16-09-2013 at home and through the medium of this proclamation, general public is informed that any person/s has/have objection to the same, in that event he/she/they shall file same before this court on or before 07-10-2014, failing which appropriate order shall be passed. Take notice that in case the date of fixed is declared holiday, the matter shall be taken in the next working day.

Given under my hand and seal of this court today 30th day of September 2014.

Sd/-
Chief Judicial Magistrate,

NOTICE
I Rahul Sharma S/o Sh. Prem Nath R/o Mirpur Tehsil Hiranagar District Kathua have lost my Driving License No. JK0820090009314 now I applying for the duplicate objection if any may be conveyed to R.T.O Lakhapur within seven days from the date of publication of this notice.

NOTICE
I Mohd Sharief S/o Sh. Kasim Din R/o Dhanna Tehsil & District Kathua my name wrongly written in my School Record as Mohd Sharief Bania instead of Mohd Sharief now I applying for the correction objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authorities within seven days from the date of publication of this notice.

IN THE COURT OF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE 1st CLASS (ADDL MUNSIFF) SAMBA

Present : Madhu (KCS Judicial)
Surinder Kumar Sharma S/O Late Sh. Ganesh Chand Sharma R/o Village Bain, Teh and Distt. Samba

Vs
Incharge Police Post Rakh Amb Tali, Samba.
In the matter of
Application for Registration of birth/death of:-
Prikshit Sharma (male)
Father's Name: Sh. Surinder Kumar Sharma
Date of birth 12-06-2009 At Home

NOTICE TO GENERAL PUBLIC
Whereas, an application stand filed in this court for registration of birth of Prikshit Sharma S/o Sh. Surinder Kumar Sharma R/o Village Bain, Teh and Distt. Samba, in Police Post Rakh Amb Tali, Samba and through the medium of this publication notice at large and any other interested person is/ are informed that in case anybody has any objection in respect of aforementioned application then he/she/they shall file their objections in this court within 7 days from the date of publication of notice, failing which appropriate order shall follow.

Given under my hand and seal of this court today 30th day of September 2014

Sd/-
Addl. Munsiff
(Judicial Magistrate 1st Class Samba)

NOTICE
I Omkar Singh S/o Sh. Kapoor Singh R/o Sakta Chak Tehsil & District Kathua have purchased a vehicle Truck Bearing Registration No. JK08C-6945 from Jaswinder Singh S/o Sh. Manjeet Singh R/o Sakta Chak Tehsil & District Kathua now I applying for transfer objection if any may be conveyed to R.T.O Lakhapur within seven days from the date of publication of this notice.

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Present : Manzoor Hussain
Sumit Kumar through mother Shub Lata S/O Sh. Swarn Singh R/o Gho Rakwalan, Teh & District samba
V/S
S.H.O Police Station, Ramgarh
In the matter of
Application for Registration of birth/death of:-
Sumit Kumar, (Male) D.O.B. 31-10-2000 at home
Father's Name Sh. Swarn Singh
Mother's Name Smt. Shub Lata

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Whereas, an application stand filed in this court for registration of birth of above mentioned persons R/o Gho Rakwalan Teh & District samba in police Station Ramgarh and through the medium of this publication notice at large and any other interested person is/ are informed that in case anybody has any objection in respect of aforementioned application then he/she/they shall file their objections in this court within 7 days from the date of publication of notice, failing which appropriate order shall follow.

Given under my hand and seal of this court today 29th day of September 2014.

Sd/-
JMJC (Munsiff) Samba

Legal Metrology fines erring traders Rs. 27600

Kathua, Sept. 30: On the directions of the District Development Commissioner Kathua, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudary & in view of ongoing Navratras festival, a team of the Legal Metrology Department Kathua under the supervision of the Assistant Controller Legal Metrology Kathua Ajay Verma and comprising of the Inspector Legal Metrology Vicky Sharma and Dayala Chack Devi Lakhanpuria conducted intensive checking of various Business establishment especially provisional stores, Karayana stores, Ration Depot, Sweet shops, Bartaan Shops, Goldsmith, Veg./Fruit Seller, Cloth Shop, Scrap Dealer, Fertilizer Dealer, Dispensing Units, Welding Shops, Provisional store, Bakery shop, Manufacturer/Packer at main Bazar Kathua, Chack Desa Singh, Parliwand, Patel Nagar,

College Road, Hatli Morh, Kalibari Nagri, Shaheedi Chowk, Dayalchack, Chadwal, Chandwah, Chappaki, Sube Chack, Chan Arriorian, Hiranagar and adjoining Areas. During Inspection, various no. of traders were inspected. A total of 34 traders were booked for violation of various provisions of J&K Weights and Measures Enforcement Act 1997 and Package Commodities Rules and 28 challans of booked traders were compounded and penalty of Rs 27600 was imposed on the erring traders during the current month. In one of the above incident, the Department also booked one Garam Masala Company for violation of various provision of J&K weights and Measures Enforcement Act 1997 and Package Commodities Rules. After going through the

numbers of Correspondence with the Company representative, the Company admitted its fault and on the assurance of the company to rectify the defective Package in future, the cases was compounded by the Assistant Controller Legal Metrology Kathua for Rs 10000. Besides this, Department directed all the traders to use only verified Weights and Measures for Business transactions and display MRP, PKD, Net Contents and complete address and Consumer care Number on the Commodities to be sold in package Form. The Department has also warned the unscrupulous traders to desist away from using unfair trade practices to cheat the innocent Consumers and also appealed to the Consumers to remain vigilant while purchasing the Commodities.

CRPF organizes medical, eye camp

Udhampur, Sept. 30: The 137 Battalion of Central Reserve of Police Force (CRPF), Udhampur, today organized a free medical cum eye camp at Baryal for the flood and landslide hit villagers of Baryal panchayat and Sayal Sallan area the district. Commandant 137 Bn CRPF, Mukesh Kumar, along with team of doctors organised the camp in which doctors provided free medical treatment and medicines to the flood affected people in the district. Mukesh appreciated the initiatives of the Battalion for participating in the camp.

Large number of flood hit people especially women along with their children were examined in the camp. Services of an Eye Specialist were also provided during the camp. Among others, 2nd in Command, D.V Thomas, Deputy Commandant, Anil Shekhawat, Assistant Commandant, Puneet Bhardwaj, Medical Officer, Dr. Bhanu

Pratap, doctors team from district hospital Udhampur headed by Dr. Kamal Gupta, nursing staff, Sarpanch Baryal, Ram Paul and large number of people of the areas were present on the occasion.

Army organises flood relief camp

Jammu, Sept. 30: Army Battalion, under Kalidhar Brigade, organized a relief camp for the flood and landslide affected families of border areas of Dori and Dager villages in the district Jammu on 29 September 2014. During the relief camp, relief materials were distributed which included blankets, sweaters, assorted clothes, medicine, water bottles and food items etc. Sarpanch of village Dager, Gautam Sharma and the locals of the affected area appreciated the efforts of the Indian Army in relief and rescue operations in the area.

RGMCE orgnaside world health day function

Kathua, Sept. 30: On occasion of 'World Health Day' Rajeev Gandhi Memorial College of Education organized an impressive function. Principal of college Dr. G.P Sachdeva presides over the function whereas, renowned cardiologist and heart specialist Dr Hardev Gupta grace the occasion as chief guest. Dr. G.P Sachdeva during his welcome address awarded students about the importance of the World Health Day. Dr Hardev Gupta while expressing his views said that World Heart Day founded in 2000 with a motto to inform people around the globe that heart disease and stroke are the world's leading causes of death, claiming 17.3 million lives each year. World Heart Day is an annual event, which takes place on 29 September every year. Each year's celebrations have a

different theme, reflecting key issues and topics relating to heart health. "This year, World Heart Day's theme is creating heart-healthy environments. The places in which we live, work and play should not increase our risk of cardiovascular disease. However, individuals frequently cannot make heart-healthy choices due to environmental factors, such as the availability of healthy food or smoke-free zones", Dr Hardev said. He further added that together with World Heart Federation members, World Heart Day spreads the news that at least 80% of premature deaths from cardiovascular disease could avoid if four main risk factors - tobacco use, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity and harmful use of alcohol - are controlled. The success of World Heart Day depends on the proactive of

organizations from around the world to help us spread awareness of Cardio Vascular Disease, the world's number one killer. He highlighted day-to-day mechanism to control heart disease and keep the heart healthy. He also presented some slide shows displaying the messages of different medical experts. Moreover, Dr Hardev Gupta also threw light on of different heart diseases and role of human heart in life. He told the students and other audience to keep away from stress and to take balance diet with routine physical exercise. He impressed upon the students to avoid smoking and alcohol to have a long life. Aditi Sharma anchored the function whereas Jyoti Sharma, Poonam Jasrotia, Mamta, Radhika, Deepika, Priyanka and Kuldeep also spoke on the occasion.

Differently abled donates Rs. 1000

Kathua, Sept. 30: Setting great example of humanity, one differently abled person Krishan Chand Sharma S/o Kesar Mal of village Haripur Barahamana Tehsil Hiranagar came up to contribute to the relief fund set up for the flood affected peoples. He contributed Rs 1000 from his hard earned money towards J&K Flood Relief Fund set up by Deputy Commissioner Kathua. The administration hailed this act of kindness of Krishan Chand and appreciated his gesture.

Modi's impact on US makes BJP workers jubilant

Kathua, Sept. 30: BJP workers of District Kathua have rejoiced an impressive representation of "India and its values" by Prime Minister Narinder Modi in America at Kathua here on Monday. To gather widely appreciations in favour of Narinder Modi, the BJP workers organized a press conference and shouted the slogans in praising his dynamism to represent the

country in most developed and world leader known country America. While addressing the press conference, senior leader BJP Ravinder Pathania said that Narinder Modi is the first ever prime minister of India who received most warm and excited welcome in the America and raised the head of every Indian as high. Modi has elevated the dignity of India and its culture now which is

started to dominate entire world nations, he said. It was also expected that India will have a golden tomorrow for which it deserves since centuries, he said. In his address, Pathania said now every Indian feels proud that Narinder Modi is the PM of his country. In the press conference, Rakesh Thakur, Rtd. Col P.L Choudhary, and many others were also present.

Anti-addiction programme held

Kathua, Sept. 30: To create awareness about ill-effects of drugs, a programme and an exhibition was organized by "Nasha Shudao Chetna" in Govt High School Lakhapur. The programme attended by students and people from all walks of life. On the occasion, ADDC Kathua Narinder Singh Bali was the Chief Guest who in his speech appreciated the organizers of the programme for creating awareness among the people in general and youth in particular about the wrong effects of drugs on both society and health of the individual. He appealed to the present people get united to give defeat to the most fatal menace. The Chairman of the organization S. Jameet Singh, president, Pardeep Singh and Secretary Sudhir Singh Pathania also addressed the occasion and said "Nasha Shudao Chetna" launches campaigns to raise awareness about the global drug problem. And in this connection, various events were organized to mark the firm determination to achieve the goal for creating an international society free of drug abuse". And they strongly urged the people to desist from using drugs which were harmful to health.

Display Your Talent: Students contest in Poster making, collage competitions



Jammu, Sept. 30: Collage and Poster Making Competitions were organized by Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu under the ongoing "Display Your Talent" 2014-15 at Brig. Rajinder Singh Auditorium and Ground Floor Hall. In Collage Making Competition, Jasneet Kour from the Department of English, University of Jammu bagged the First Prize whereas Shayaan Bhat from Govt. MAM College, Jammu and Mukesh Kumar from Institute of Music and Fines Arts, Jammu, were adjudged as

second and third, respectively. The Certificates of Merit were awarded to Anjali Gupta from Department of IecR & HRM, University of Jammu, Shikha Singh from JK College of Education and Memant Magotra from Govt. SPMR College of Commerce, Jammu. The topics for the Collage Making were "Disaster", "Festival" and "Vision 20-20". The students prepared beautiful Collages, pasting old magazines, Colourful Poster papers, Kite papers and News Papers, on the Drawing Sheets. In Poster Making Competition, Sangeet Shigotra

from Department of Environment Science, University of Jammu, bagged the First prize whereas Mohd Hassanain from GGM Science College, Jammu and Bharti Sharma from Department of Mathematics, University of Jammu. The Certificates of Merit were awarded to Keshav Manhas, from Govt. College of Engineering and Technology, Jammu, Shreeya Anand, Institute of Music And Fine Arts, Jammu, Nalini Rakwal from Department of English, University of Jammu and Shivender Singh Jamwal from Govt. MAM College, Jammu.

Medical camp held

Kathua, Sept. 30: Sant Nirankari Charitable Foundation organized 3rd free medical checkup camp at village Ramgarh for flood affected peoples. The camp was inaugurated by Brig. (Retd) P.S Cheema member in-charge Social Welfare & Medical Health, Sant Nirankari Mandal Delhi. He said that Sant Nirankari Mission is always ready to serve the mankind and every possible step would be taken to serve the flood affected victims of the State. As many as 350 patients were diagnosed and free medicines were also distributed to these patients by the mission. Dr. Mohan Lal Menia, Dr. Rajkumar Bhagat, Dr. Romesh Birpuri and Dr. Jyoti among other doctors provided selfless services in the camp.

BJP lambasted State Govt for not taking care of flood victims

Kathua, Sept. 30: During the visit to flood affected areas of district Kathua, BJP leadership lambasted the State Government for not taking care of flood victims and expressed anguish and concern over the step-motherly treatment being given to the flood affected families in the Jammu province. On the occasion BJP leaders said the people who suffered due to the rains and floods have been repeatedly approaching the local administration for help but it seems that only a few people who have political links with NC and Congress are getting benefits while the genuinely affected families are ignored. BJP leaders said that merely making promises and giving assurances by the CM will not mitigate the sufferings of the people and Omar Abdullah should deal the concerned departments with a strong hand. The very first visit by the BJP team was made at "Gatti" and its adjoining areas situated either sides of Ujh River where it was made clear by the BJP leadership comprising Prof. Nirmal Singh and Shamsher Singh that loss is not only due to the

natural calamity but also because of unplanned and irrelevant construction of the embankment of Ujh River that could not stand against the discharge flow and broke it to breach in the agriculture farms as well as human habitation. The team led by BJP Election Campaign Committee Chairman Dr. Nirmal Singh, Shamsher Singh accompanied by State General Secretary Rajeev Jasrotia, MLAs Durga Das and Jagdish Sapolia moved further to flood hit Kalri, Mahanpur, Sulari areas in Basohli and Parnala, Pallan, Phinter, Mandli areas in Billawar to assess the ground realities. While speaking about the situation in the mentioned areas on the occasion, Dr. Nirmal Singh, said that it is indeed very unfortunate that the flood affected families have not been given the due care and attention by the State Government. He said that the areas have suffered a lot as roads, bridges and crops have been washed away, houses damaged. They stated that BJP activists have been distributing relief items which have been collected from the general public of Jammu and even other States.

Market Checking conducted

Kishtwar, Sept. 30: In wake of upcoming festivals of Eid ul Zuha and Dushera, a team of officers headed by SDM Chatroo, Kartar Singh conducted checking of main market Chatroo today.

Tehsildar Chatroo G.N Malik, SHO Rajinder Sharma and TSO Chatroo Tariq Munshi accompanied the SDM. During the checking, the team noticed violations like non display of rate lists, overcharging and un hygienic food items in some shops. A fine of Rs. 3500 has been realized from the defaulters on the spot. Besides, the team also destroyed rotten vegetables, fruits and other eatables in the market. Strict instructions have been given to the defaulters to maintain standard hygiene in their shops and sell fresh and quality vegetable in the market on reasonable rates.

Later, the SDM held meeting with Traders', Association Chatroo and asked them to cooperate in checking market violations for the benefit of local people.

After the meeting, the team also inspected various schools of the sub division and took stock of sanitation and other activities.

Deputation meets District adm

Kathua, Sept. 30: A deputation led by Ch. Mohamad Gulzar, Working Member Congress and District President Gujjar and Bakerwal Conference called on District administration and demanded immediate solution for the ration crisis. He said that Gujjar families are deprived of ration facilities and are

forced to live in pre-1947 era. He also highlighted the hardships faced by entire Gujjar community across the District Kathua. He said that Gujjar community has no political representation from Kathua.

He urged the State and Union Governments to come forward for addressing the issues related to his community.

Cycling expedition sets new record

Udhampur, Sept. 30: A riding team from the services was on a cycling expedition from the highest motorable pass in the world, Khardung La (18,380 ft) to southern most edge of Indian subcontinent, Kanyakumari. Major Srinivas G (Army) and Squadron Leader Rohan Anand (Airforce) braved the rugged terrain and snow bound passes of Ladakh and covered a distance of 4000 km in 15 days and 22 hours beating the previous record of 18 days and 17 hours by more than a day thereby establishing a new record in Limca Book of World Records. The K2K cycling

expedition was flagged off from Khardungla (Leh) by Lt Gen B.S Negi, GOC 14 Corps. The riders subsequently rode over the treacherous terrain encompassing snow bound mountain passes, patchy roads, inclement weather and gusty sea winds to arrive at their designated destination, Kanya Kumari. The riders rode upto 250-300 km a day averaging 15-17 hrs of cycling a day. This gave them a sleep time of barely 4 hours a day. Braving such odds the riders managed to negotiate 5 passes on the Leh - Manali route in a span of just 78 hours which in itself is a record.

Bhandari condoles death of Ansari

Kishtwar, Sept. 30: Thakur Bhandari said the deceased leader in his political career served the people of the State with fervor and commitment, adding that his contributions will be remembered for a long

time. He said that the deceased leader in his political career served the people of the State with fervor and commitment, adding that his contributions will be remembered for a long

SSK visits several flood ravaged areas of Valley

Jammu, Sept. 30: A team of Sanjeevani Sharda Kendra, Anand Nagar took stock of flooded affected victims and distributed some relief items. The Team also visited the areas of Martand Temple, Swami Rama Krishna Ashram Nag Dandi, Goutam Nag, Zeishta Devi Temple, Durga Nag, Ganpatiyar, Bagwan Gopi Nath Ashram, Udaseen Ashram,

Gurdwara Sahab (Barzula), Kheer Bhvani Temple (Tikkar) in addition to Migrant Transit camps at Sheikhpora (Badgam), Khanpora (Baramulla), Natussa (Kupwara), Vessu and Mattan (Anantnag). Kendra appreciated the role of these centres for providing shelter and other facilities to the flood victims of Indra Nagar, Jawahar Nagar, Raj Bagh, Tulse

Bagh etc. and also for arranging free lungers at Zeishta Devi Temple, Durga Nag, Gurdwara Sahab(Barzula) Sheikhpora and other places without receiving any help from the Government. Kendra provided some help to these centres in the form of Blankets, Rice, Aatta, Dal and other necessity items and also assured for further help in future also.

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"Whenever action is performed by a great man, common men follow in his footsteps, and whatever standards he sets by exemplary acts, all the world pursues."
- Bhagavad Gita

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Judiciary, God and Government

Judges are very wise. That is why they dispense justice in courts of law. And God is very kind. That is why the justice dispensed by Judges always turns out best for the nation's stability. Indians should consider how kind God is and how wise Judges are and count their blessings. Remember the disproportionate assets case launched against Samajwadi Party leader Mr. Mulayam Singh Yadav? For years the case dragged on. Then suddenly in late 2013 the court quashed the case for insufficient evidence. It was after this timely intervention by God that Mr. Mulayam Singh publicly stated that he was not averse to forging an alliance with the BJP after the 2014 general election results were declared. That alliance became unnecessary because the BJP won absolute majority.

Remember the disproportionate assets case launched against Miss Mayawati? Despite her enormous unearned assets authorities made no case against her on the plea that her impoverished followers out of love donated their savings to create her assets. The Judges wisely quashed the case against her. In the 2014 poll she got 20 percent vote share but surprisingly not a single seat! The BJP swept the poll in UP. In the recent by-elections she did not contest and her votes did not go to the BJP which was trounced. But just then by the wisdom of the Judges and the timing of God the case against her was revived on technical grounds. The court sought a response from her against the charges within four weeks.

After 18 years the Judges ruled that in a disproportionate assets case against Miss Jayalalitha involving a sum of 66 crores she was guilty and she had to resign from the Chief Minister's post in Tamil Nadu.

God with superb timing paved the way for the BJP to wrest the state in future polls from the discredited AIADMK and DMK parties. That might help the BJP to enhance its majority by winning Tamil Nadu and further increase stability in the country.

There is little doubt that BJP President Mr. Amit Shah will spare no effort to win future polls in Tamil Nadu. The Judges in their wisdom and in the pursuit of justice have delayed verdict in the three cases of murder that are presently against Mr. Amit Shah. God through infinite wisdom and kindness towards our nation has allowed Mr. Amit Shah his historic task of winning majority for the BJP in every single state of the Union.

Should not all Indians be grateful for the wisdom of our Judges who dispense justice and for the bountiful kindness of God who times events in such manner as to ensure stability for our nation? India is truly blessed for being looked after by God and not by some Godfather.

This write up is based on the excerpts of the speech of Prof. Bhim Singh, civil liberties lawyer in India and Member of National Integration Council, in Belgrade, Serbia during 'International Science and Public Conference dedicated to the 100th Anniversary of the First World War' victims. The conference was organized by the Board of Trustees, Center of National Glory and others on 17-18 September, 2014.

After-Effects of World War-I stir debate in Europe on new challenges for tomorrow

Prof. Bhim Singh

The World War-I acclaimed by the European commentators as the Great World War started when Austria invaded Serbia in 1914. Russia then Tsar Empire sided with Siberia for several interests including an ethnic similarity and strong relationship of the Orthodox Church. The war ended in 1918, four years after a bloody war resulting into the death of nearly 1,60,00,000 soldiers (human beings) leaving about two crores wounded on both sides of the war. This was mainly a war;

Britain, France, Russian Empire, Italy, Japan, India, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa lately joined by the USA versus Germany, Austria, Hungary, Ottoman Empire, India, Canada, Australia, South Africa etc. were forced to fight being the colonies of the British Empire. According to the war historians, about 75,000 Indian soldiers died, 20,000 wounded and an equal number went missing during the war. This was a rear occupation that the participants remember Khudadad Khan, Indian soldier who became the first Indian to be awarded a Victoria Cross. Russia suffered the most with the loss of nearly 33 lacs. men in the battlefield. The French and the British lost both men in uniform and civilians.

Perhaps, it was the first international gathering organized in Serbia where the war started in 1914, which paid heavy tributes to the Indian soldiers who died in the war while defending Great Britain and its allies including Russia. Serbia the then Yugoslavia had created a kind of history in 1961 when the Non-Aligned Movement of the countries was born under the leadership of Indian Prime Minister, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, Yugoslavian President, Mr. Joseph Broz Tito, Indonesian President, Mr. Sukarno, Egyptian President, Mr. Abdul Gamal Nasser and the President of Ghana, Mr. Nkruma. This initiative of President Tito in the heart of Europe earned him wrath of the Anglo-American Bloc as this process had challenged the hegemony of

this bloc. This international conference to commemorate 100 years of World War-I in Belgrade splashed several messages to the war mongers and those who continue to amass nuclear arsenals at the cost of the humanity only to destroy its existence.

The speakers included, Russians, Serbians, Czechs, Austrians, Italians, Germans, Swiss, British, French and India of course with the presence of this author. Two issues emerged from the long debated World War-I i.e. what were the after-effects of the so-called Great World War and what are the new challenges before the world.

The speakers were almost unanimous on the fact that the USA emerged as great continental power and the war stimulated the US economy, increased employment and wages and brought great benefit to its industry. In other words the USA emerged as the greatest power in the world as the creditor nation, the situation remains unchanged. President Wilson at that time had a vision and could have involved the United States in the world affairs by joining the League of Nations yet he failed or he deliberately chose to keep the USA out of the fear that might have brought Europe on warpath because of the Versailles Treaty. On the other hand Germany became the greatest loser in the war among the belligerents. Defeat in war resulted in profound shock coupled with economic deprivation and collapse. This was one of the main reasons that democratic socialist party in Germany brought the new leadership which ultimately tore away the Treaty of Versailles into pieces and challenged the world once again in World War-II.

The effects of the Great War surfaced widely and wildly in Europe, Middle East, Russia and Asia as well. There came an end of Tsar Rule when Bolsheviks led by Vladimir Lenin took over the reins of power in Russia. Turkish Empire, known as Ottoman Empire came to an end leaving Arab World in the Middle East free of Turkish rule. Austro-Hungarian regime

collapsed and India started marching towards freedom movement under the leadership of Shri Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi.

Several speakers which included Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation Sergey Yevgenyevich Naryshkin, Former President of Czech Republic, Mr. Vaclav Klaus, Russian Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister, Mr. Alexey Yuryevich Meshkov, Mr. Johan Backman of Antifascist Committee of Finland, Mr. Vardan Ernestovich Bagdasaryan, a Dean, School of History, Political Sciences and Law, Moscow University, Former Prime Minister of Yugoslavia, Mr. Momir Bulatovic, Mr. James Bissett, a former Canadian Ambassador in Yugoslavia, Mr. Walter Schwimmer, Former Secretary General of European Council, a noted media person, Mr. Paolo Raimondi of Italy, Mr. Dario Vidojkovic from the Department of Modern History, Regensburg University, Germany, Mr. Jean Bricmont from Royal Academy of Sciences of Belgium, Mr. Neil Clark, a noted journalist and Freelance Writer, Mr. Xavier Moreau, Head of Russian Division in France University who made highly valuable contributions to the jurisprudence of the war and peace. This author was the only speaker from the continent of Asia and Africa. The two-day conference was presided over by Mr. Vladimir Ivanovich Yakunin, the Chairman of the Board of Trustee of the Center of National Glory, Russia. Mr. Zivodin Jovanovic was the second Chairman of the conference.

The highlights of this international conference on the effects of First World War and its challenges for the future generations to save the world from impending disaster need an urgent attention of the world politicians who have been raising heaps of nuclear weapons and bombs in their stores least realizing that the Third World War or the next World War shall be the last World War on this Earth

Planet. The big powers, particularly the USA, the Russian Federation and China are in possession of nuclear arsenals where each nuclear bomb is hundred times more catastrophic than the Atom Bombs which was used by the USA against Hiroshima, Japan on August 6, 1945. There was a universal feeling that the next World War would not require ponies, horses, camels nor it shall need tanks, machine guns or drones to wage the next World War. One mad fury from Beijing or Kremlin or White House can destroy the entire Earth Planet in minutes.

Though the role of agencies like NATO who have been indulging in war affairs in Iraq, Syria, Yugoslavia or Libya in the past years came under fire and was condemned in unequivocal words by one and all speakers. The USA came under heavy fire from all quarters for its colonial role in the Middle East vis-à-vis Palestine. The Balfour Treaty 1917 was considered as a treachery by the British against the Arabs. The NATO was described as unlawful agency which has been violating its own rules and the constitution. Helplessness of the United Nations was adjudged as the supremacy of the USA in the world politics.

Majority of the participants expressed solidarity with and support to the Russian Federation under the leadership of Mr. Vladimir Putin who, it is expected, shall no longer be a silent spectator over the war game plan being played by the Anglo-American Bloc.

What may be the impact of the outcome of the international conference in Belgrade on the centenary of the World War-I this has to be understood as a message of the entire humanity that the people of the world want no more bullets, no more guns, no more deaths, no more bombs and no more wars. The movement for complete disarmament under the leadership of NAM countries has to be strengthened in spirit and command of the Charter of the United Nations. Let the Belgrade message be understood in its right perspective.

Shouldn't an Accountability Commission Probe Manmohan Singh's Sound of Silence?-I

H.N. Bali

'Tis very true, my grief lies all within; And these external manners of laments Are merely shadows to the unseen grief That swells with silence in the tortured soul;

- Richard II, Act IV, Scene I - Shakespeare

One of the most forbidding things in life is to interpret someone's silence. And adding to the complexity of the task is that there are various types of silences. There is, for instance, silence stemming from the numbness of not being able to scream or cry. Remember, the 1991 Hollywood thriller The Silence of the Lambs based on Thomas Harris' 1988 novel of the same name. Then there is what's called Monastic silence - a spiritual practice recommended in a variety of religious traditions. It is said the Buddha turned silent after achieving enlightenment. That's what they call, silence after knowing the ultimate truth. Another variety is the silence of the ever-faithful jilted lover.

Obviously Manmohan Singh's silence is of a genre apart from the most known varieties. However intriguing and long-lasting, it cannot continue forever.

Must Speak Out
I spelled out last week how there are good reasons why Manmohan Singh should continue with his silence. There are also equally compelling reasons why Singh should discard his long-enduring silent mode, especially after the CAG tirade.

Manmohan Singh, you'll recall, chided the office of CAG in public. Vinod Rai has recounted the fair amount of bitterness on this score in Not Just an Accountant. On June 29, 2011, Prime Minister accused Rai of leaking stories. He said:

I think CAG also leaks and it is not the function of the CAG and it has never been that the CAG has held press conferences like the present CAG has done. But nobody is commenting on this. It is not right for the CAG to go into issues which are not the concern of the CAG. It is not the business of CAG to comment on policy issues. They should limit themselves to mandate given under the constitution, we are a permissive society if the media can get away with

murder, so can the CAG.

He was castigating not just the office of CAG but the incumbent personally. Now that the CAG has come out with his version in public domain, Manmohan Singh has to defend himself.

He should also remember how the Party never came forward to defend Narasimha Rao when he was in political wilderness. It is fairly certain that it isn't going to defend him too. Did anyone speak out in the wake of Vinod Rai's revelations?

While indicting the former prime minister, Vinod Rai had also accused Congress leaders including Sanjay Nirupam, Sandip Dikshit and former Law Minister Ashwani Kumar, of putting pressure on him to whittle down his findings, particularly, indicting the Congress high-ups. One by one, these leaders have, in self-defense, debunked the charge that they had wanted the report to be laundered. Nirupam even hinted that he could sue Rai for it - a threat that if pursued would inevitably drag not just Singh but many other bigwigs into the legal tangle, something which Sonia Gandhi may not relish considering that she, Rahul and some of her senior aides are already embroiled in the National Herald legal imbroglio.

Dikshit too denied any role, claiming that there was no time machine to turn back the clock when the report was already in circulation. Sonia Gandhi faithful loyalist Abhshek Singhvi rubbished Rai's charges summarily as a "marketing gimmick" to promote the sale of his book much like the party had earlier done with Natwar Singh's autobiography.

However, the biggest setback so far to Manmohan Singh was Kamal Nath's endorsement of Vinod Rai's disclosure that as Commerce minister he had shared the concerns over 2G with the Prime Minister. Kamal Nath, however, couldn't have said anything different since the letter he wrote to Singh was already in the public domain. He is on record to say: "I wrote to the PM that I'm hearing all sorts of things are going on in 2G allocation. The PM chose to do nothing. I do feel if he had intervened, things would have been

different."

Implicit Admission

Manmohan Singh's silence is rightly construed to mean an admission of guilt. Seen to be publicly indicted, Manmohan Singh owes to the nation to speak up. Whether or not what he says will carry conviction with his detractors, is a different issue. Time and again, while speaking either on the telecom scam or the coal scandal, he spoke on how he wanted transparency built into the allocation process. He may have failed in doing that in government, while allowing speculation to fester that he was hampered by the compulsions of coalition politics and, more so, the diktats of 10 Janpath. But now that he is no longer prime minister, he needs to show transparency and forthrightness in his reaction to all that is being said about him. It is perhaps his last chance to make himself heard.

In his third press conference he held in his 10 years as Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh had expressed the hope that history would be kinder to him than the contemporary media. It is highly unlikely that even history will extend him that favor unless he steps out of the cocoon of silence he has chosen to weave around himself.

Issue of Accountability

There was a time when Manmohan Singh could have rehabilitated himself. Rai went to the extent of putting on record that he should get credit for taking prompt action with regard to ordering of coal block auction, after certain irregularities were brought to his personal notice.

In his Arnab Goswami interview, Vinod Rai brought up the all-important issue of ultimate accountability of the man at the top.

The Prime Minister is the head of the government and he may not have any role in the decisions which some of them, like Commonwealth Games he was not directly responsible for anything.

But ultimately the acclaim and the blame both have to be taken by the head of the institution. In that respect, I have brought it out and there is nothing personal. It is certainly not to do with an individual.

Giving an example, the former CAG

said, "Our Indian team went to England to play cricket and in all the Test matches we performed very poorly. "Didn't the blame of it come to a very large measure on the captain of the team? May be a large number of players did not function or play properly, but the blame had to be taken by the captain."

Rai further submitted: "If I am the CAG today and if something goes wrong in my organization, even if I did not have a role to play in it, the responsibility revolves around me."

Take a classic example. When there were a few recurrent incidents in INS ships the Navy chief, Admiral D K Joshi tendered his resignation on moral grounds hours after a fire broke out on the submarine INS Sindhuratna. Although he did not have any role whatever to play in those accidents but the ultimate responsibility revolved around him. The proverbial buck has to stop somewhere. That was what is expected of the head of an organization when things awry. That requires moral courage, which is the hallmark of true leadership.

Role of 10, Janpath
Did the Urdu poet Dag Dehlvi have the present role of Sonia Gandhi in mind when he wrote:

Khud pardah hai chilman se lage baithe hain

Saf chipte bhi nahin, samne aate bhi nahin

(What a purdah is it! She sits hugging the curtain

Neither does she hide herself not come out in the open.)

Even if there is no conclusive direct evidence so far the common perception is that 10 Janpath - the common acronym for Sonia Gandhi - was very much in the picture, and all through.

Without having any direct responsibility whatever, Sonia Gandhi, as head of the UPA, is said to have run the administration. Secret files used to go to her residence. Although this allegation has become public, there is no cogent explanation either from her or from those in the government of Manmohan Singh.

To be Continued...

Modi gifts Gita, Martin Luther King's memorabilia to Obama

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Keeping in mind the two people US President Barack Obama admired most, Prime Minister Narendra Modi personally chose gifts for him which included a 'Gita by Gandhi' in Khadi cover and audio-video clips from the 1959 India visit of Martin Luther King and meanwhile both US President Barack Obama and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have for the first time interacted digitally to come out with a joint editorial.

"The Prime Minister has brought several gifts. At the personal level, he has brought a special edition of Gita by Gandhi Ji. This is Gandhi Ji's interpretation of Gita. The book

was published many years ago," External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Syed Akbaruddin said.

"The Prime Minister had specifically ordered a special edition of the book and copies of it were specially done up with a certain getup as Khadi on its cover...These were prepared in Delhi and were brought and were handed over to the President.

"Also, he has given some other personal gifts. He is aware that President Obama has great regard for Martin Luther King and there is a Gandhi link between President Obama, the King and the Prime Minister, so he (Modi) had looked up and asked All India Radio to provide a recording of Martin Luther King's speech which he gave in

India in 1959 when he visited India. In addition, there are some other memorabilia of Martin Luther King.

"There is a photograph of the King at the Rajghat, which the Prime Minister has framed and given to Obama. There is a small clip which goes back to 1959. The Photos Division was able to track back a video clip of Martin Luther King's visit to India. All these were prepared by the Prime Minister's Office in advance and presented to President Obama today," he said.

"These were personal gifts. Official gifts would be presented tomorrow," Akbaruddin said.

Prime Minister had paid special attention to President Obama's interest and he brought these gifts which were his

personal gifts to President Obama.

According to the sources, he has also got gifts for Obama's two daughters - Sasha and Malia.

Martin Luther King was an American pastor, activist, humanitarian, and prominent leader in the African-American Civil Rights Movement.

Meanwhile, External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson said both Prime Minister Modi and President Obama have written a joint editorial in a US newspaper to be published tomorrow.

Officials on both sides have been very secretive about the joint op-ed and have not even disclosed the name of the newspaper that will publish it.

Asked how the two leaders

collaborated to write the joint editorial, he said both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Obama are great votaries of digital diplomacy and therefore, it is very easy to digitally interact and through electronic means and it (editorial) was only finalised just today after Prime Minister's arrival here.

Asked if both the leaders were so active digitally why there was no exchange between the two on cyber space, he said "wait and watch".

He also said that this was for the first time that an Indian leader has ventured on the path of a joint editorial. Prime Minister wrote an editorial in Wall Street Journal before he headed to the US for his first visit since taking power in May.

Decision on staying with NDA after talks with PM: Uddhav Thackeray

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A day after announcing that Union Heavy Industries Minister Anant Geete would resign from the Modi government, Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray said on Tuesday that, as of now, there is no proposal to pull out of the NDA government.

Reports quoted Thackeray as saying that there's no decision to pull out of NDA. If they leave the NDA then all 42 MPs from Maharashtra will have to resign because they all got elected as NDA candidates, he said.

He said that any decision related to Shiv Sena pulling out of NDA will be taken after discussion with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Joining NDA and then pulling out is not that easy. All MPs who have been elected and those who could not win have bagged votes of both Shiv Sena and BJP. It is the people's mandate. A decision will be taken after discussions with Prime Minister Modi and considering what our supporters feel," Uddhav reportedly told reporters.

Thackeray had yesterday announced that Geete would formally tender his resignation after Prime Minister Modi returns from the US.

The change in Shiv Sena's



position comes as a surprise as the party has been attacking the BJP post the split.

An editorial in party mouthpiece Saamna had dubbed those who broke the 25-year-old alliance as "enemies of Maharashtra."

"Our other (Mahayuti) alliance parties wanted the Sena-BJP combine to continue. More than that, it was what the 11 crore people of Maharashtra wanted. Those who trampled these sentiments are enemies of Maharashtra,"

"This (breaking of alliance) is an insult to the 105 Marathi martyrs of the Samyukta Maharashtra movement," an editorial in Sena mouthpiece 'Saamna' said here.

"It is unfortunate that the Sena-BJP alliance which for the last 25 years was bound by the Hindutva ideology has ended," the Sena said.

However, the BJP has been insisting that it held no ill

feelings towards the Shiv Sena. Even on the Geete issue, party leaders had said that it is for the Sena to decide whether to stay in the NDA or not.

Observers hold the view that Sena's reluctance to leave the NDA stems from the reality that it shares power with the BJP in over a dozen municipal bodies, including the cash rich Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, in Maharashtra. A split from the NDA may mean that the party will lose control over them.

Interestingly, MNS chief Raj Thackeray has also hit out against the BJP for breaking ties with Shiv Sena.

"Do you think that the BJP can now be trusted after what they did to the Shiv Sena? Some BJP leader told me that they had planned the break-up long ago. Did Uddhav not understand this? If Balasaheb would have been alive today, he would have broken the alliance a month ago itself," Thackeray said, addressing his maiden election rally.

President's Rule was imposed, yesterday, in poll-bound Maharashtra after Chief Minister Prithviraj Chavan resigned following the break-up of 15-year-old Congress-NCP alliance in the state.

Maharashtra assembly polls are scheduled to be held on October 15.

Xi's visit will lead to deeper Sino-India engagement: Prez



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President Pranab on Tuesday expressed the hope that the just-concluded visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping to India will lead to a "deeper" bilateral engagement as this was in the interest of Asia and the international community. In a message to Xi on the eve of the 65th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, Mukherjee said during the Chinese president's visit, both the countries had agreed to establish a closer developmental partnership which will propel bilateral ties. "Our mutual agreement to establish a closer developmental

partnership reached during your visit will give a further boost to our economic and people-to-people exchanges, which, I believe, will provide a sound basis for enhancing and deepening our bilateral ties," the President said in his message to Xi. Mukherjee said Xi's visit was a "landmark" one in developing strategic and cooperative partnership for peace and prosperity between our two countries. "Our discussions during the visit further underscored the global and strategic dimensions of our relations and highlighted the need for constructive and candid dialogue between us at all levels," he said. He said as two of the most significant emerging economies, "deeper engagement between our two countries is in the interest of Asia and the international community." The Chinese President was in India from September 17 to 19 during which the two countries inked 12 pacts in a range of areas including railways and outer space. Beijing pledged investments of USD 20 billion over five years in a bid to boost economic ties and address India's concerns over trade deficit.

"Just the efforts of the Government are not enough, I appeal to the people of Delhi to come out and visit schools, hospitals to participate in the cleanliness drive," said Jung. "A clean India was a vision of Mahatma Gandhi; the Government is trying to make that vision come true. The cleanliness drive in Delhi will continue for the full month and the government, municipality, Delhi Government, will make all possible efforts. The drive will go till 2019 and I feel that we will get to see same amount of cleanliness as in the foreign countries," he added. However, Congress leader Raj Babbar criticized the

LG Najeeb Jung asks Delhi residents to participate in cleanliness drive

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Amidst the ongoing cleanliness drive in the capital witnessing the participation of prominent leaders of the Union Cabinet, Delhi Lieutenant Governor (LG) Najeeb Jung today appealed to the people to also participate in the drive as only Government efforts are not enough.

"Just the efforts of the Government are not enough, I appeal to the people of Delhi to come out and visit schools, hospitals to participate in the cleanliness drive," said Jung.

"A clean India was a vision of Mahatma Gandhi; the Government is trying to make that vision come true. The cleanliness drive in Delhi will continue for the full month and the government, municipality, Delhi Government, will make all possible efforts. The drive will go till 2019 and I feel that we will get to see same amount of cleanliness as in the foreign countries," he added.

However, Congress leader Raj Babbar criticized the

government saying that for them the cleanliness drive is just getting clicked with Broomsticks.

"NDMC is the cleanest area in the world and it's not good to get the photograph clicked at a place where all the VVIPs stay. There are other cities also like Lucknow, Patna, Ranchi, Agra. In fact there are many such areas in Delhi itself like Seelampur, Laxmi Nagar, etc. but just to get clicked by the media they are posing with the broomstick," said Babbar.

The ongoing cleanliness drive has so far witnessed the participation of prominent leaders from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government including Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, HRD Minister Smriti Irani, Water Resource Minister Uma Bharti, Home Minister Rajnath Singh and Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad.

Last week Railway Minister Sadananda Gowda had also announced of a special cleanliness being carried out at all railway stations across the country on October 2, the birth

anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, for which he had also welcomed the ministers and railway employees to voluntarily to visit any railway station and participate in this gigantic programme on that day.

The cleanliness drive is proposed to be implemented over five years starting from October 2, 2014 in all 4041 statutory towns.

The total expected cost of the programme for over five years is Rs. 62,009 crores, out of which the proposed central assistance will be of Rs. 14,623 crores.

The Delhi Municipal Corporations are also geared up to run a 100-day cleanliness drive under the campaign as the Prime Minister Modi also urged the leaders of various organisations to take part in the drive.

In his Independence Day speech, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had talked of the 'Swachh Bharat' campaign and called for India to be clean by October 2, 2019, Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary.

India to join US-led anti-ISIS war: Subramanian Swamy

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has committed to US President Obama that India would join the United States of America-led international coalition against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) or the Islamic State (IS), claimed BJP leader Subramanian Swamy on Tuesday.

Expressing happiness over the development, the BJP leader said the development would help the ties between

India and the US reach new heights.

On microblogging website Twitter, Swamy tweeted:

US President Barack Obama hosted a private dinner for Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the White House on Monday night.

However, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Syed Akbaruddin rejected Swamy's claim, saying Obama and Modi did not discuss ISIS issue on Monday night but will do so on Tuesday.

Forty Indians are still in captivity in Iraq. So far, more

than 40 countries have joined the all-out efforts of the United States of America in creating a global coalition against the Islamic State terror group.

While India was able to secure the release of 46 nurses held captive, another 40 nationals, working on projects near Mosul in Iraq, were kidnapped by ISIS militants in early June.

ISIL militants have executed two American journalists and a British aid worker in Syria, prompting the West to join hands to combat the terror group.

Don't blame me, Rahul for split with NCP: Sonia

NL Correspondent
Jammu | Sept. | 30

Hitting back at Nationalist Congress Party president Sharad Pawar, Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Tuesday said neither she nor her son Rahul Gandhi or her party are to be blamed for the split in the alliance in Maharashtra.

Pawar had on Monday blamed Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi and former Maharashtra chief minister Prithviraj Chavan for the break-up of the 15-year-old

alliance ahead of the Assembly Elections.

"We have been noticing since long that Rahul Gandhi and his team were trying to marginalise the alliance partners though we also belonged to the Congress school of politics. So we knew that this day will come," Pawar said.

"Prithviraj (Chavan) deliberately spread rumours about the NCP to demean us. We never had any problems with Vilasrao Deshmukh, Sushil Kumar Shinde or Ashok Chavan," the NCP supremo added.

Sec 24 of the RTI Act is not as restrictive after all-notifications about NATGRID published

Venkatesh Nayak

You may remember that in June 2011, the Central Government insulated the National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) from the ordinary obligation of transparency applicable to other public authorities by notifying it as an 'exempt organization' under Section 24 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act). Even information furnished by security and intelligence organizations like NATGRID to the Central Government, is exempt from disclosure under this provision. These agencies have a duty to only furnish information about allegations of human rights violation or allegations of corruption when people make a formal request. Then again, information about allegations of human rights violation may be disclosed only with the approval of the Central Information

Commission (CIC). NATGRID along with the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) was the most recent entrant to the list of organizations placed under Schedule 2.

All information about exempt organizations may not be sensitive.

On 22nd September this year, the Ministry of Home Affairs issued a notification through the Official Gazette declaring the Director of NATGRID as an authority competent to execute contracts and assurances of property in the NATGRID on behalf of the President of India (attached). Now this kind of proactive disclosure is welcome but it leads to deeper questions. The formulation of Section 24(1) under which agencies like NATGRID are exempted from the ordinary obligation of transparency reads as follows:

"Nothing contained in this Act shall apply to security and

intelligence organizations specified in the Second Schedule being organizations established by the Central Government or any information furnished by such organizations to that Government..."

So the implication of this formulation is that none of the security and intelligence organizations such as NATGRID notified as being exempt agencies have a duty to compile information that is required to be proactively disclosed under Section 4 of the RTI Act or respond positively to requests for information other than that relating to allegations of corruption or human rights violation. However the Gazette notification attached to this email is clear indication of the fact that the Ministry of Home Affairs, under which NATGRID falls, thinks it fit to proactively disclose the decision taken for making the Director competent to enter into contracts and assurances on property.

Technically, this is proactive disclosure of information for the purpose of Section 4 of the RTI Act.

So does this recent Gazette notification not imply that exempt organizations such as NATGRID can and will have in their custody information which is not very sensitive and therefore can be disclosed to the people proactively or on request? The argument for protecting national security concerns which such organizations deal with is valid no doubt, but Section 24 amounts to overkill as it does not differentiate between non-sensitive information which may be disclosed without harming any public interest and other kinds of information whose disclosure may be harmful to the public interest.

Exempt Organizations must be required to make some proactive disclosure of basic information

NATGRID does not have a

dedicated website unlike all other exempt organizations that fall within the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Home Affairs. For example, the CBI, NIA, CRPF, BSF, ITBP, SSB- all have dedicated websites that put out some information about their vision, mission and activities for people's reference. The Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) discloses a wealth of information that falls under Section 4 of the RTI Act such as organizational structure, transfer policy, monthly list of achievements including arrests and seizures made and believe it or not- the Immovable Property Returns of its senior level officers (since 2011). NATGRID and Intelligence Bureau (IB) are the only organizations under the Home Ministry without dedicated websites. Perhaps this is a calculated move not to provide any intelligence to the citizenry about such organizations.

The Intelligence Bureau (IB)

at least reports on the total number of RTI applications it receives every year and this data is published in the Annual Report of the CIC. Other exempt security organizations also provide these details of RTI applications received and processed. However NATGRID has not reported its RTI application-related statistics for any year. One wonders whether the task of setting up a super spook agency is so taxing that little intelligence and energy remain free for collating data about RTI applications for submission to the CIC. Incidentally, the NIA also does not publish its RTI statistics through the CIC's Annual Reports.

In one RTI-related e-discussion group it was reported a few months ago that a blog started by one of its members containing weblinks to bits and pieces of information about NATGRID that have already been published electronically

was shut down- apparently at the behest of NATGRID itself. It remains to be seen whether NATGRID will compel the Central Government to remove the attached gazette notification as well from its website: <http://www.egazette.nic.in/>. If they do not take it down, would this not amount to discriminatory action which is prohibited under Article 14 of the Constitution? Article 14 applies equally to intelligence agencies as much as it applies to other public authorities.

At a national conference on national security and people's right to information that we organized in Delhi in May 2012, an important recommendation was made that even exempt organizations must be required to have a website, disclose details of their Public Information Officers and from time to time release some information about their structure organization and activities without harming the important

public interests they are sworn to protect. The websites of the NIA, CBI and SSB are good examples of how basic information about these organizations can be provided without prejudicing the public interest. This kind of transparency that is not in conflict with the protected public interests that we must demand from these organizations. The CIC has a major role to play in promoting such transparency in the exempt organizations above and beyond merely deciding whether or not to disclose information requested by citizens. But, first and foremost we need someone who is a champion of transparency to head the headless CIC. This post is vacant since end-August despite the National Democratic Alliance Government's emphasis on transparency and accountability.

(The writer is the Programme Coordinator, Access to Information Programme, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative)

Saradha scam

ED seals accounts of East Bengal's holding company

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Enforcement Directorate, Kolkata region has sealed the accounts of Kingfisher United East Bengal Private Limited, the holding company of Kingfisher East Bengal football club, in connection with the multi-crore Saradha scam probe. "Accounts of the holding company Kingfisher United East Bengal Club Private Limited has been sealed by the ED," a senior official of the directorate told a news agency. He said that the accounts of club per se had not been sealed. The source said that the club on receiving around Rs four crore from the Saradha group had transferred the money immediately to the accounts of the holding company. "The accounts have been sealed in the interest of the probe," he said. Earlier, ED officials had interrogated senior office bearers of East Bengal. One of the officials of the club was put under jail custody by CBI.



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Suspended IAS officer Pradeep Sharma was arrested by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) in the wee hours of Tuesday from his Ahmedabad residence on charges of corruption relating to a piece of land given to a corrugated boxes manufacturing company in Kutch in which his wife has some stakes.

As per reports, Sharma was picked up by ACB sleuths from his mother's house in Ahmedabad around 2.30 am and till last reports came in he was kept in house arrest at his

Gandhinagar residence. After his arrest, Sharma alleged that he had been framed by former Additional Chief Secretary P Pannervel, whose wife is a 50 percent partner in the company named "Value Packaging". Sharma had recently moved court to file an FIR against PM Narendra Modi and BJP chief Amit Shah for allegedly snooping him and a woman architect.

Sharma had earlier alleged that a total of five corruption cases were slapped on him in retaliation by the former Gujarat chief minister Narendra Modi since he refused to follow his diktats.

All the five cases were registered in Kutch where he served as collector after the 2001 earthquake.

Sharma, who was arrested in 2010 from his official residence as Bhavnagar Municipal Commissioner, was released in 2013 on bail. He faced arrest one after another in five cases.

He had termed it a conspiracy by the Modi government against him.

JKAP on efforts to put City on track



SRINAGAR, SEPT. 30: J&K Armed Police under the overall supervision of S.M Sahai, ADGP Armed today during its special relief distribution drive distributed free ration among 38 families of Beghar Colony who were earlier provided tented shelters by J&K Armed police. It is pertinent to mention that these 38 families lost their homes during recent devastating flood.

Continuing relief and

rehabilitation drive J&K Armed Police conducted free medical camps at Dhobi Mohalla Hazratbal and Naz Colony Pantha Chowk. During these camps experienced doctors from Police Hospital Srinagar and Sub District Police Hospital Zewan provided consultation and distributed free medicine among the 600 patients.

J&K Armed Police continuing its effort to make basic amenity providing

institutions functional today assisted the staff of LD hospital to relocate its machinery and reinstall it. It is pertinent to mention here that three surgeries were conducted yesterday and hundreds of patients could be treated today due to the timely and immediate toiling efforts of Armed Police. Expressing their gratitude people thanked personnel of J&K Armed police for making hospitals of Srinagar functional.

Talwara migrants; SC fixes final hearing of police assault case

SRINAGAR, SEPT. 30: MACT Chairman Balwan Singh informed that Division Bench of the Supreme Court has granted final opportunity to the J&K Government to file action taken report on the judgments of the SC as well as High Court in connection with payment of relief in cash and kind to the Talwara migrants.

In a press conference Singh said that the Council for Jammu and Kashmir State could not file its reply as was directed by the SC in last month.

The Court expressed displeasure on the failure of the state government to inform on the action taken on the orders of the SC dated 13 July 2006 and orders of the J&K High Court of 2009 in a contempt case.

The SC in its order 13 July 2006 had directed the Union of India and the state government to pay entire balance and arrears to the Jammu migrants without any delay. The High

Court of Jammu and Kashmir had directed the state government in 2009 to clear entire arrear and release all relief to Jammu migrants within 45 days.

The J&K police made murderous attack on the peacefully marching Talwara migrants and senior Panthers party leaders while they were peacefully marching to Delhi to stage a protest in front of Parliament seeking implementation of SC order. The three senior Panthers Party leaders including Anita Thakur, H.C Jalmeria and P.K Ganju filed writ petition in SC in 2007 seeking strong action against the police assault and their arrest.

Prof. Bhim Singh while arguing the case in the SC demanded stern action against the police and officials who were responsible for illegal arrest of Panthers Party leaders and assault on them in custody.

Moulvi Ansari's demise is great loss: Soz

SRINAGAR, SEPT. 30: Prof. Saifuddin Soz MP & President J&K Pradesh Congress has expressed his deepest anguish over the passing away of

Veteran Political and Shia Leader Moulvi Iftikhar Hussain Ansari.

Soz said that Mr. Ansari was a prominent political leader of Jammu and Kashmir who served the State in different capacities and to the best of his ability.

"Late Mr. Ansari was one of senior most Political Leader of Jammu and Kashmir State, his death has created void in the State which can never be filled.

His death is a great loss to J&K State.

I offer my deepest condolences to the family of Late. Moulvi Iftikhar Hussain Ansari and share the bereavement equally with them," he maintained and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

Media Houses suffer heavy losses, precious data vanishes

SRINAGAR, SEPT. 30 CNS: Media Houses located in Press Enclave Srinagar incurred heavy losses due to devastating floods that engulfed Srinagar city on September 7 this month. The offices of media houses like Current News Service, Greater Kashmir, Kashmir Uzma, Kashmir Monitor, Kashmir Times, Associated Press, Mirror of Kashmir, Daily Excelsior, Daily Fajar, The Hindu and Pioneer remained submerged for more than two weeks. Besides, these media houses, the residential quarters belonging to different journalists including Yousuf Jameel, Altaf Hussain, Imdad Saqi, Rashid Ahmed, Zahoor Malik, Ehsan Fazli, Naseer Ahmed suffered damage due to devastating floods.

Reports said that almost all the media houses located in Press Enclave lost their valuable data as computers and other appliances were washed away by the gushing floodwaters. Printer and Publisher Greater Kashmir Rashid Makhdoomi told that GK and its sister concern Kashmir Uzma incurred a loss of more than Rs 2 Crores.

"The 18 feet water level submerged our office completely. We lost not only heavy printers and generators but all the Sales Tax and Income Tax record of past 25

EME proving mettle in operation Megh Rahat



SRINAGAR, SEPT. 30: The recent unprecedented floods in Kashmir caused massive devastation. It affected every part of life and left a large populace homeless and stranded. Challenges were thrown from life saving, rescue and relief to restoration of infrastructure. Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (EME) of Army which is the sole agency for repair and maintenance of entire range of Army equipment showed a brilliant rebuild capability marching shoulder to shoulder with those engaged in life saving missions. EME teams got launched in Bemina, Rajbagh and Tengpora area North of Jhelum in Srinagar along with rescue columns for repairs of Boats, Out Board Motors and Heavy Duty Water Pumps. The Soldier Craftsmen of EME were also associated with the repair and relief operations of Batwara, Shivpora and Indranagar area South of

Jhelum. Recovery of submerged vehicles and equipment, repairs of generators, communication equipment, carrying out light to heavy recovery or crane duties in standing water at mid night were hallmarks of the EME warriors. They worked tirelessly round the clock, removing the fallen trees and electric poles from the highways to keep the axes open, so that the momentum of relief operations could be speeded up.

EME in the Valley took up a challenge to rebuild and service a vast range of equipment, much beyond its mandate, as knowledge based service to assist the Civil Administration. They undertook repairs of Boats of NDRF, Dewatering pumps fielded by ONGC and Tube Well pumps of MES to ensure that normalcy is restored in minimum time. EME extended its engineering skills and

innovation to assist the civil electrical engineers in repairing the power transformers and heavy duty 200KVA generators to ensure smooth functioning of Hospital services. Anybody and everybody was welcome to seek technical assistance in all possible ways in hours of total blackout of communication. The Cantonment Board, MES, Power and Transmission Department, Civil Administration, NDRF, Hospital services and Water Craft services were whole heartedly and proficiently assisted in Operation Megh Rahat. The effort of EME requires a special mention considering the fact that their own unit was totally inundated with entire equipment submerged under 10 feet of water. The Corps of EME truly lived upto its motto of 'Karam Hi Dharm'.

Under performer mobile companies 'loot and cheat' subscribers

SRINAGAR, SEP 30: Even after the repeated requests from the Chief Minister to Telecommunication Companies to restore their normal services in Srinagar city, these companies have failed to give respite to the traumatized people of Kashmir Valley. From September 7, the day when Srinagar city was flooded, the telecommunication companies especially BSNL and Bharti Airtel have miserably failed to provide normal services to their subscribers.

Mobile subscribers told that Bharti Airtel Company has proved out to be the biggest looter and cheater as this company is always finding ways and means to grab money from the naive subscribers. "Now a day's Airtel has the weakest network connective in Srinagar city.

A few days ago I subscribed 3 G net pack from this company with validity of 28 days and it cost me Rs 249. I have not been availing the benefits of this internet pack as the network is weak. This company should not offer its

valued services, when it knows it can't provide service to its subscribers," Jahangir Ahmed a subscriber told.

"Leave aside social responsibility, these telecommunication companies which are minting money from the naive subscribers of Kashmir Valley have always tried to act as autocrats. These companies are acting like East India Company and their motive is to maximize profits," another subscriber said.

Coming down heavily on the harsh and irresponsible attitude of the officials of the BSNL deputed in Kashmir Valley, a business man said that this company never its subscribers seriously and it never addresses the complaints of the people. "The officials of the BSNL are making hollow claims.

If you visit scores of areas of Srinagar city like Budshah Nagar, Hyderpora, Rambagh, Mehjoor Nagar, you will find landline wires on the ground. Not a single employee from the company visited these areas and no effort is being made to restore the connectivity of these areas," he said.

101 Fire tenders utilized in dewatering

SRINAGAR, SEPT. 30: Direct General, Fire & Emergency Services today said that 101 fire tenders have had been deployed by the Fire and Emergency Services Department for dewatering operations in several areas of Srinagar City and other flood affected areas of the Valley. These tenders have been operated round the clock to quicken the dewatering process. He said the department has utilized all machinery that was available besides it arranged Fire Tenders, and pumps from other districts including Jammu region and started the dewatering operations on war footing.

Demise of Ansari condoled

SRINAGAR, SEPT. 30: Chairman, Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Council, Mr. Amrit Malhotra and Speaker, Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Mr. Mubarak Gul have expressed grief over the sad demise of religious leader, Former Minister and sitting Legislator, Moulana Iftikhar Hussain Ansari who passed away after a long illness.

Mr. Malhotra and Mr. Gul conveyed their sympathies with the bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul.

Meanwhile, Minister for Rural Development, Mr. Ali Mohammad Sagar and Minister for Higher Education, Mr. Mohammad Akbar Lone have expressed grief and sorrow over the demise of the religious leader, former Minister and sitting Legislator, Moulana Iftikhar Hussain Ansari, who passed away here today. They described him a visionary, great religious and political leader who contributed a lot for the upliftment and socio-economic development of downtrodden people. While conveying their condolences, they extended sympathies with the bereaved family and prayed for the eternal peace to the departed soul.

AYUSH docs treat over lakh flood affected patients



SRINAGAR, SEPT. 30: The Directorate of Indian system of medicine and Homeopathy at make shift base camp office in front of 50 bedded Govt. Unani Hospital Shaltang Srinagar operated many camps and a mega medical aid camp for the treatment of flood effected patients since 14th sep. under the supervision of director general ISM & H Dr. Abdul Kabir Dar.

The Deptt of ISM&H has

organized 35 medical aid camps at various flood affected places and districts including Srinagar, Baramulla, Shopian, Budgam and Ganderbal. Thousands of patients have visited the mega medical aid camp and other camps where free medicines, counseling and awareness on hygiene and water born diseases ,free chlorine tablets, anti-measles vaccination and vitamin-A were being provided. Medical teams were rushed to

20 places including those on boat where surface transport links have been affected. Approx. 1,20,000 patients have been treated so far in these medical aid camps organized at different places since 14th sep.2014.

DGISM & H Dr. Abdul Kabir Dar has directed all medical, paramedical and other staff members to follow the principle of humanity and inculcate the spirit of 'work is worship'.

Arrangements for Bhattar Kali festival reviewed

HANDWARA, SEPT. 30: Additional Deputy Commissioner, Handwara, reviewed the arrangements for celebration of annual mela Bhattar Kali festival commencing from October 2, 2014 at Handwara during an officers meeting. The ADC directed the officers to ensure that all basic facilities are put in place well in time for the visiting devotees. He exhorted upon the concerned agencies to ensure uninterrupted power, water supply, transport, bedding, health care, accommodation and other basic facilities to the devotees.

Saroori calls upon Rahul, Azad, Sagar

SRINAGAR, SEPT. 30: Senior Congress Leader J&K and MLA Inderwal, Ghulam Mohammad Saroori today concluded the twenty long days tour of Srinagar flood affected areas.

On his last day tour to flood affected areas Saroori said it was not only public and private properties that have been devastated by the floods. "Crops, horticultural produce, farmers and orchardists have suffered heavy losses."

Saroori urged the government to waive off taxes on construction material, including cement, timber, bricks, plywood, all the Agriculturalists and Horticulturalists loans including Kisan Credit Card scheme so that people are able to

rebuild their shattered homes and restored the inundated land under MGNREGA Scheme.

He said that Congress party has set up around 30 medical camps at different places across the affected areas and more such camps are likely to come up at other places. He assured people about all the possible help and Congress full support to rebuild Kashmir.

Saroori who was heading the Congress team in Srinagar also met with Vice President AICC Rahul Gandhi and briefed him about the situation in Srinagar, he urge Rahul Gandhi to take up the special package matter with Union Government. Rahul Gandhi assured that Congress party will stress central

government to rehabilitate flood-hit people at the earliest as was done by UPA government during flood fury in Uttarakhand. Earlier Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad called a meeting at his residence Haiderpur Srinagar where he met with Congress team headed by G. M. Saroori and Doctors who are providing consultation and counseling to the needy peoples in the medical camps set up by Mr. Azad "Educate people about water borne and other communicable diseases and made them aware about the precautions to be taken to prevent these diseases," Azad said while chairing a Doctors & congress team meeting.

SMVDSB inks agreement with Narayana Hrudayalaya for multi-specialty hospital

NEW DELHI, SEPT. 30: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) today executed a Concession Agreement with Narayana Hrudayalaya Pvt. Ltd. Bangalore for operation of a multi-specialty hospital at Kakryal-Katra.

The concession agreement was signed by Dr. M.K. Bhandari, Chief Executive Officer of the Shrine Board and Dr. Ashutosh Raghuvanshi, Vice-chairman and Group CEO, Narayana Hrudayalaya Pvt. Ltd. in the presence of Shri N.N. Vohra, Governor of J&K and Chairman, SMVDSB and Dr. Devi Shetty, Chairman of Narayana Hrudayalaya. Others present at the important event included E. Sreedharan, Dr. S.S Bloeria and Dr. Ashok Bhan, all of whom are members of the Shrine Board.

Several years ago the Shrine Board had decided to setup a Super-Specialty hospital at Kakryal for providing high standard medical care to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Recognizing the challenges involved in managing the operations of a large hospital and the difficulties likely to be faced in the

initial years, particularly in securing the services of well qualified and experienced medical professionals in varied disciplines to serve in a rural area, the Shrine Board Chairman, N.N Vohra, had asked the CEO to explore the possibility of the Shrine Board entering into a meaningful partnership, on PPP basis, with a well known Health Care Service Provider in the Country, for collaborative operation of the hospital. Shrine Board approved of this approach and the Governor had set up a Committee of the Board to identify a partner. After an extensive exercise the Shrine Board decided that negotiations should be undertaken to establish a long term partnership with Narayana Hrudayalaya Pvt. Ltd., a reputed Bangalore based Healthcare Chain which runs 27 well known hospitals all over the country.

To achieve this objective a Committee of Board Members was set up under the Chairmanship of Dr. E. Sreedharan, with Dr. S.S. Bloeria and Mrs. Sudha Murthy as its members. The Shrine Board, at its Meeting held on 29th July 2014 accepted the

recommendations of the Sreedharan Committee and the draft Concession Agreement prepared by it. This decision cleared the way for this hospital project, on which the Shrine Board has already incurred an expenditure of about Rs. 200 crore, becoming operational within a year.

Expressing immense pleasure over the conclusion of the agreement with Narayana Hrudayalaya Pvt. Ltd., the Governor observed that the successful functioning of this Super-Specialty hospital would enable the Board to make a major contribution towards the provision of quality medical care for people of the state. The Governor observed that, as per the discussions carried out with Narayana Hrudayalaya he expected this hospital to develop into an excellent institution which shall provide the highest quality services to the people of J&K. He advised Dr. M.K. Bhandari, CEO, to also commence time bound steps for a Medical College and a Nursing College being set up in the vicinity of the hospital campus and for both these institutions to

admit the fresh batches of students in 2018.

Dr. Bhandari, CEO of the Shrine Board, explained that all necessary steps for operationalizing the hospital are nearing completion and it is planned to be commissioned in October, 2015, during the Navratri period. He informed that this 230 bedded hospital shall have more than 20 different streams of medicine and surgery, which shall include cardiology, cardio-thoracic surgery, neurology, neuro-surgery, nephrology, urology, oncology, pulmonology, bone-marrow transplant, gastroenterology, orthopedics, trauma-medicine, pediatrics and neonatology, obstetrics and gynecology. Regarding road connectivity with this Super-Specialty hospital, the Governor observed that with the completion of four laning of the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway upto Udhampur within the next few months, this hospital would be one of the most conveniently approachable tertiary healthcare destinations for the people of the entire J&K, as also of those living in the adjoining states.

Narayana Hrudayalaya Pvt. Ltd. is a highly reputed professional healthcare chain which has set up hospitals all over the country, including in the North-East region. This chain has developed an enviable reputation of being both a philanthropic organization and a reputed service oriented healthcare group of hospitals. Expressing happiness on partnering with the Shrine Board for establishing a state of the art hospital, Dr. Devi Shetty exuded confidence in not only time bound steps being taken to operationalize this important hospital but also, side by side, ensuring the development of a Medical College and a College of Nursing in Kakryal.

The Governor thanked Dr. Shetty for his keen personal interest in the finalization of the Concession Agreement and expressed high appreciation of all members of the Shrine Board for their continued support to this project. He expressed particular gratitude to Sreedharan, Prof. Sudha Murthy and Dr. S.S. Bloeria for their enormous contribution to have this project finalized.

No plastic disposal in Tawi please: appeals Tawi Andolan

JAMMU, SEPT. 30: Chander Mohan Sharma, Senior BJP leader & Convener of Tawi Andolan appealed to the general public to not to use polythene bags and plastic pots for submerging Shakh (Khetri) in Tawi, Chenab, Devak, Basenter, Canals and other flowing water bodies on the last day of Navratras.

Addressing the meeting of Tawi Activists, Sharma said that there is a tradition in Duggar that people worship goddess in the shape of Khetri and then submerge that on the end of Navratras into floating water. But off the late, a bad trend of using polythene and plastic utensils for this purpose has developed which is hazardous for environment. Only biodegradables stuff such as earthen pot etc. should be used.

Sharma asked volunteers to make devotees aware of harms of use of polythene on such pious occasions. Tawi volunteers were asked to be vigilant and remain present on the bank of rivers to persuade devotees to use only eco-friendly material for suspending Khetri into the water of River Tawi and other water bodies.

DC inaugurates Entrepreneurship Dev Programme

SAMBA, SEPT. 30: District Development Commissioner, Samba, Mubarak Singh inaugurated 3- week Entrepreneurship Development Programme, organized by J&K Entrepreneurship Development Institute, JKEDI under Sher-e-Kashmir Employment and Welfare Programme for youth, SKEWPY. About 30 candidates got enrolled in the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, DDC said that the main objective behind organizing the programme is to motivate, train and provide finance to educated unemployed youth willing to take up entrepreneurship as a professional career choice and create job opportunities not only for them but for others as well.

He appreciated the staff of EDI for organizing this programme and asked them to educate the unemployed youth by organizing awareness programmes.

Earlier, the District officer JKEDI briefed about the different activities done in the district and said that more than 82 Entrepreneurs have been financed till date and an amount of rupees 2.38 crore was provided as seed capital to these entrepreneurs in seed capital fund scheme and amount of about 50 lakh has been disbursed in Youth Start up loan scheme to the candidates.

Flipkart's pronounces "The Big Billion Day" on Oct 6

JAMMU, SEPT. 30: Flipkart, India's largest e-commerce market place announces "The Big Billion Day" on October 6 for Indian shoppers. The Big Billion Day will be a daylong shopping event which will offer unbeatable discounts and special offers across 70 product categories for customers to shop from. With products across categories like books, toys, mobiles, laptops, cameras, clothes, shoes and watches available at heavy discounted prices, Flipkart promises to offer attractive deals for every Indian on "The Big Billion Day".

As India gears up for Diwali, Flipkart "The Big Billion Day" will focus on offering perfect deals for every customer along with ensuring a smooth customer support and delivery for every shopper.

Kalyan Krishnamurthy, SVP, Retail, Flipkart said, "India shops most during this time of the year. With The Big Billion Day, our aim is to assist every Indian household to shop and prepare for the festive season.

Commenting on the big day, Shoumyan Biswas, Senior Director, Marketing, Flipkart, said, "We are delighted to announce The Big Billion Day on 6th October - a mega shopping event that will be a one stop shop for shoppers this festive season.

Akhand Jyoti reaches Mata Pingla Devi Bhawan

JAMMU, SEPT. 30: Over 45, 000 devotees have had darshan of revered Mata Pingla Devi during annual Mata Pingla Devi yatra, which was started on 1st Navratra.

The Committee took the holy 'Jyot' from Ramnagar to Mata Pingla Devi Bhawan on 1st Navratra in which thousands of devotees participated. Organizer of the yatra, Vinay Jandial informed that Akhand Jyoti Awards will be presented to meritorious students and others for their excellence in various fields on the eve of last Navratra. Besides, O. P. Jandial Sadvana Puraskar will also be given to Social Organization on the occasion. A langar (food stall) was also organized for devotees. Meanwhile, Navratra festival is also being held at Pingla Devi Chabutra Ramnagar in which various local artists are performing with great enthusiasm.

NSS organizes cleanliness drive at Women Polytechnic

JAMMU SEPT. 30: In consonance with the Swatch Bharat Abhiyan as envisaged by Government of India and advised by AICTE, the N.S.S wing of Government Polytechnic for women Jammu organized cleanliness drive here today.

Dr. J.P Singh, Ex HOD medicines GMC Jammu and renowned personality in the field of alternative therapy and medicine delivered lecture on the topic "Mental health and hygiene" while Gurmeet Kour Yoga specialist also gave lecture on the occasion.

Earlier, a pledge regarding cleanliness in the institution was administered to the students and the faculty by Neetu Maini Principle of the institute.

An exhaustive cleanliness of the institute was also carried out by the students and the staff/faculty in the institution. She advised the students to take keen interest in the drive which will be carried out throughout the month.

Jora takes stock of dewatering, garbage collection

SRINAGAR, SEPT. 30: Minister for Urban Development and Urban Local Bodies, Mr. Nawang Rigzin Jora today visited certain adversely flood hit areas like Rajbagh, Jawaharnagar and Bemina. He personally observed the functioning of dewatering stations at Lal Mandi Rajbagh. During his visit, he interacted with the Municipal officers, Officials at Tadoo ground yard and observed the deployment of refuse collecting mechanical fleet. He was informed that during 24 hours around 2000 Mts of garbage has been lifted from Srinagar city and disposed off scientifically at dumping

APPEAL

SRINAGAR, SEPT. 30: In order to check over pricing by some shop keepers and street vendors, the general public is requested to inform the nearest police station or police post and provide information. General public is also requested to inform police in case of other complaints with regard to essential commodities.

BJYM visits flood hit areas



PULWAMA, SEPT. 30: Bhartiya Janta Yova Morcha (BJYM) on Tuesday visited flood affected areas of Pulwama district and accessed the loss of property in the said areas.

The team visited villages like Pahoo, Ratnipora, Padgampora, Malangpora, Dakripora, Gulzarpora, Token., Panzgam, Litter, Naina, Nadoo, Gulbugh, Sangam and many more adjacent areas and interacted with the flood

affected people.

BJYM was led by Advocate Narendra Raina, State Youth President. Other leaders included Munesh Sharma, State BJYM General Secretary, Mohammad Maqbool Dar, District President, Pulwama, Tawseef Ahmad, District Secretary Pulwama, Peerzada Khurshid Ahmad and General Secretary, Shopian. "The motive of the visit was to access the loss of property so that party will start its own

relief campaign in the area," said Mohammad Maqbool Dar adding that people in these areas are in miserable condition because of lack basic necessities of life like ration, drinking water and so on.

The BJP team also criticized the government for its failure to provide relief and rehabilitation to the flood victims. BJYM started its visit in the flood affected areas on Monday and will continue its operations in the coming days.

H&ME department sets up 12 RR teams

SRINAGAR, SEPT. 30: On the directions of, Minister for Health and Medical Education, Mr. Taj Mohi-u-din, the department has constituted 12 Rapid Reaction (RR) Teams to counter the outbreak of any epidemic, if any, following the recent floods in the valley. Out of these 12 teams, 3 have been constituted in Srinagar city while as rest have been setup in all other districts of the valley. Though the possibility of spread of any epidemic or disease has been ruled out by the experts, the step has been taken as a precaution and backup support. Meanwhile immunization of the children in the age group of 6 months to 15 years is in full swing with more than 7 lakh vaccines done already. Also all the tertiary care hospitals in city have started functioning with the resumption of IPD and Blood Banks.

No govt except Omar on ground: Hakim

SRINAGAR, SEP 30: Holding whole government machinery except Omar Abdullah responsible for the Srinagar mess, senior leader and chairman Peoples Democratic Front chairman Hakim Muhammad Yasin Tuesday said that SMC and government machinery have forgotten common people as they are all busy in cleaning the quarters and lawns of ministers and bureaucrats. Hakim Yasin told that Chief Minister Omar Abdullah acted as a one-man army during the grim situation that arose due to floods in Kashmir Valley. "Omar did not receive any support from his Ministers and bureaucrats. This government is a total failure. The Ministers did not do anything except making hollow claims," he said adding that people of Kashmir will not forgive the politicians who left them in lurch.

United India Insurance presents Rs. 1 crore flood relief



SRINAGAR, SEPT. 30: The United India Insurance Company this afternoon presented a cheque of Rs. 1 crore to CM Omar Abdullah for flood affected people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Chief Minister while thanking the company expressed the hope that more and more corporate companies and well off people in the economy sector will whole heartedly donate to the Jammu and Kashmir Chief Ministers flood relief fund for rehabilitation of flood sufferers.

Earlier, the Chief Minister monitored the measures under

implementation for restoration of public services and relief and rehabilitation of flood affected people at a meeting here this morning. It may be mentioned here that the Chief Minister holds the monitoring meetings daily in the morning and the evening to oversee the functioning of the different department's viz-a-viz restoration of services and reaching out to affected people for relief and rehabilitation of flood affected families. He receives brief from administrative secretaries and the heads of the departments on

the pace of the rehabilitation and relief process besides ascertaining the ground situation on the subject.

Guv condoles demise of Molvi Ansari

SRINAGAR, SEPT. 30: Mr. N.N Vohra, Governor, has expressed grief over the sad demise of Molvi Iftikhar Hussain Ansari, Member, J&K Legislative Assembly and President of All J&K Shia Association. In the condolence message, the Governor has expressed sadness on the demise of Molvi Iftikhar Hussain Ansari whom he had known for many years.

'Inept' SMC Commissioner responsible for mess

SRINAGAR, SEPT. 30, CNS: Taking a dig on Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation for not allowing Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) to operate in city, senior People's Democratic leader, Muhammad Dilawar Mir Tuesday alleged that the incumbent SMC Commissioner has de-shaped and disfigured the face of historical Srinagar city.

Terming the statement of SMC Commissioner baseless that PMC had arrived here for photo shoot, Mir told that people of Srinagar are very unfortunate that they have got such Commissioner for the Corporation. "Heaps of garbage is lying on the roads. In every nook and corner of Srinagar city, garbage is lying and it

stinks. A team of engineers from the PMC led by its head of the Water Supply Department VK Kulkarni had flown to Srinagar to help the Srinagar Municipality Corporation (SMC) restore basic sanitation facilities in the flood-hit city and provide support for clearing tones of garbage lying on the roads and streets. There was nothing bad if PMC would have been allowed to clean the city. It would have been a joint effort but the incumbent SMC Commissioner don't want that his incompetency should be exposed," Mir said.

He alleged that instead of cleaning the city, SMC officials are encouraging vested interests to raise illegal constructions in and around city. "The situation in Srinagar is grim. There are reports that people are pooling in money to get the garbage lifted from the streets while at several places, people bribed SMC employees to sanitize their lanes and bye-lanes," he alleged.

Police distributes relief items

JAMMU, SEPT. 30: Police today distributed relief material among flood victims at Miran Sahib in RS Pura., SP Hqrs Jammu, S. Randheer Singh accompanied with SDPO R.S.Pura, SHO P/S Miran Sahib and Incharge Police Post Kullian have distributed blankets and other necessary relief items among the flood affected people of Miran Sahib area.

High level BJP team on Kashmir tour

JAMMU, SEPT. 30: A high level team of J&K BJP led by State President, Jugal Kishore Sharma comprising State Election Campaign Committee Chairman Dr. Nirmal Singh, State Spokesperson Farooq Khan, Senior leader Ch. Lal Singh, Ex-Servicemen Cell State Convener Brig. Anil Gupta and MLA Baldev Raj Sharma, reached Srinagar this morning for personal assessment of the post floods situation in different parts of the valley.

BJP State Spokesperson Balbir Ram Rattan said that soon after arriving at Srinagar, team extensively toured Nudras Colony, Bemina, Lal Chowk, Jawahar Nagar, Mandir Bagh and over half a dozen other areas of Srinagar city, where they interacted with the local people and listened to their grievances.

Jugal Kishore Sharma assured affected families that BJP stands with them in this hour of grief and sorrow and will not rest till last affected family is rehabilitated. He said that the people have complaints against the state government as in many areas no relief has

reached yet and stressed upon the Govt to gear up its machinery to help people.

Dr. Nirmal Singh said that the natural calamity has caused immense losses of precious lives and gave assurance that a detailed report will be prepared & to be submitted to central government. Ch. Lal Singh said that if the state government still do not wake and come forward to help people, it will have to pay heavy price in near future as the people have anger and resentment against Omar Abdullah led coalition government. While speaking, Farooq Khan said that this calamity could have been prevented in Srinagar city in particular had the government taken precautionary measures.

GMC rules out any outbreak of disease after floods

JAMMU, SEPT. 30: According to Principal Government Medical College Jammu, there has been no outbreak of any disease following recent floods in the province. The Principal has categorically denied that 200 patients with diarrhea and related ailments were admitted in the SMGS or GMC hospitals as reported by a section of media. Whosoever were admitted included some routine few cases of diarrhea which is a norm even before floods struck State, Principal added. The Principal has appealed the media to check with concerned health authorities before filing of such reports.

SDM Vijaypur conducts market check

SAMBA, SEPT 30: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner, Samba, a committee of officers headed SDM Vijaypur-Sonu Pargal conducted surprise visit in Vijaypur and Bari-Brahmna towns for checking of rates of food items, eatables and sweetmeat.

He was accompanied by Assistant Director, CA&PD, Tehsildars, Assistant Controller, Legal Metrology, Tehsil Supply Officer, and Designated officer, Food Safety and carried out the inspections of Restaurants, Dhabas and shops for maintaining the wholesome quality of food items and also for checking of rates to avoid any overcharging and adulteration.

It was informed that the District Administration in a meeting to make necessary

arrangements for Navratra Festivals/ Dushehra/Diwali and Id-ul-fitr had directed the committee to carry out verification of price lists and checking of shops especially the cleanliness so that the quality of food items is maintained and general public does not face any difficulties during the festival days.

It was also intimated that fine amounting to Rs.5000/- has also been realized during the checking from the shopkeepers for using domestic LPG cylinders in the shops/establishments as well as for not displaying the rate list of commodities.

It was further informed that similar checking shall also be carried out in towns and municipal committees of District Samba to avoid any overcharging and adulteration of food items/eatables.

Trainees, staff of Police Academy provide Rs 3.47 lakh to relief fund

NEW DELHI, SEPT. 30: The 66 RR batch of trainee IPS officers and the staff of the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy, Hyderabad, have contributed Rs 3,46,968 in the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund for the flood victims in Jammu and Kashmir. The money of the cheque, raised through contributions, was presented to Home Minister Rajnath Singh by Academy Director Aruna Bahuguna here yesterday. The officers presently undergoing training at the academy and the staff members have contributed their one day salary for the relief of flood victims. The Home Minister has appreciated the gesture of the staff and officers of the Academy staff.

KAS officers appeal to contribute for flood victims

JAMMU, SEPT. 30: The KAS Officers' Association has conveyed solidarity with the people who have been hit by the recent natural calamity. The association has appealed all KAS officers as well as other brethren to generously

contribute in the relief fund for these floods hit people. The contribution can be deposited in the Saving Bank Account No. 18205 in J&K Bank, Moving Secretariat Branch so that a consolidated amount is donated for the cause.

GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE JAMMU

Subject:-Manpower Requirement for VRDL in Microbiology under ICMR on Contractual Basis on Consolidated Remuneration in Govt. Medical College, Jammu.

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

Government Medical College, Jammu intends to hire services of Medical/ Paramedical under Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in the following disciplines during the year 2014-15:-

S. No.	Post	No. of post	Essential Qualification	Desirable Qualification	Consolidated Salary PM
1.	Research Scientist-I (Medical)	1	Post Graduate Degree (MD/DNB) form MCI recognized College/ Institute or MBBS Degree from MCI recognized Medical College/ Institute with two years experience with knowledge of Computer Application/ Data Management.	-Experience in Virological work -Research paper in Virology.	Rs. 43489/- PM
2.	Research Scientist (Non-Medical)	1	Ph. D Medical/ Clinical Microbiology or M.Sc. Microbiology/ Biotechnology with three years experience with knowledge of Computer Application/ Data Management.	-Three years experience as a SRF -Experience in Virological work -Research paper in Microbiology.	Rs. 33306/- PM
3.	Research Assistant	1	M.Sc. Medical Microbiology knowledge of Computer Application.	- Three years experience as a SRF -Experience in Virological work - Research paper in Microbiology.	Rs. 19481/- PM
4.	Lab. Technician	2	10+2 with (Biology) and B.Sc. MLT with 2 years experience in Government Institute or 10+2 with (Biology) and DMLT with 5 years experience in Government Institute knowledge of Computer Application/ Data Management.	-B.Sc with Research experience in Lab. Services.	Rs. 15080/- PM

The applicants shall walk-in for an interview in the office of the Principal, Govt. Medical College Jammu on 10-10-2014 at 11.00 AM sharp along with all the related original required testimonials for check/verification.

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RBI projects GDP growth to accelerate to 6.3% next fiscal

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The RBI on Tuesday said the country's GDP growth, which it estimates to be 5.5 percent in the current fiscal, will improve to 6.3 percent in 2015-16.

"For 2014-15, real GDP growth is projected to lie between 5 and 6 percent, with a central estimate of 5.5 percent... for 2015-16, real GDP growth is projected to rise to 6.3 percent," the central bank said in its Monetary Policy report released today.

It said the 5.7 percent growth in the first quarter of the current fiscal surprised on the upside and stated that the same has slackened in the second quarter.

One of the major contributors for the decline in growth will be the monsoon deficiency, which also affects non-agricultural

Growth in 8 core sector industries rises by 5.8% in August

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Led by healthy growth in coal, cement and electricity sectors, the eight core industries grew by 5.8 percent in August this year against 4.7 percent in the same month last year.

The sectors of coal, cement and electricity grew by 13.4 percent, 10.3 percent and 12.6 percent, respectively, in the month under review, according to the data released by the Commerce and Industry Ministry.

Steel production expanded by 9.1 percent in August this year as against 8.1 percent in August 2013.

However, production of crude oil and natural gas declined by 4.9 percent and 8.3 percent respectively.

Refinery products and fertiliser sectors too recorded negative growth of 4.3 percent and 4.3 percent respectively.



sectors through demand effects, RBI report said.

However, the growth will grow towards the end of the fiscal, it said, adding that an improvement in exports driven

Growth in 8 core sector industries rises by 5.8% in August



During April-August, the eight sectors grew by 4.4 percent, against 4.2 percent in the year-to-date period.

The August figures would have positive impact on overall industrial production as the eight core sectors has a combined weight of about 38 percent in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).

by positive sentiments in the global markets and an increase in the yield-chasing fund inflows into the country will be the primary contributors for this.

A survey of professional forecasters conducted by the Reserve Bank pegged 2014-15 growth at 5.5 percent and expects a major improvement in the number to 6.5 percent in fiscal.

On the risks to growth, RBI said uncertainties around global recovery, any adverse effect on the commodity prices, a below-normal monsoon in the next fiscal, a depreciation in the rupee and inability to augment supply capacities are the biggest detrimental factors.

It can be noted that the country has had two consecutive fiscals of sub-5 percent growth and clocked a growth of 4.7 percent in the last fiscal.

Even though the April-June quarter growth at 5.7 percent was healthy, RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan said the recovery process in the country is "uneven", pointing to data releases like a fall in factory output during July.

SBI cuts short-term deposit rates to 6%

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State Bank of India on Tuesday reduced the short-term deposit rates by 1 percentage point for amount below Rs 1 crore, second such move this month.

In an exchange filing today, the banking giant said it has reduced the pricing of short-term deposits of below Rs 1 crore to 6 percent from 7 percent now for a maturity of 7 to 45 days.

The new pricing will be effective October 7, said the lender, which controls close to a quarter of the total liabilities in the banking system.

The bank has retained the existing rates for all other maturities in this bucket.

On September 16, the nation's largest lender had cut the interest rate on medium-term deposits (one year to less than three years maturity) by 25 basis points to 8.75 percent and by 25 bps the medium-term deposit in the 180-210 days category to 7.25 percent.

From a quarterly perspective this is the third time that the bank has revised deposit rates. In July too, it had reduced the interest rate on fixed deposits of up to 179 days by 0.50 percentage point (50 bps) and on bulk deposits by 25 bps.

The bank has been witnessing deposits growth at a healthy rate of 13-14 percent but credit expansion remained tepid at 7 percent.

GAIL Chairman, HPCL head in race for CEO of the Year Award

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State gas utility GAIL India Ltd Chairman Bhuwan Chandra Tripathi and Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd head Nishi Vasudeva are among a dozen chief executives of global energy majors shortlisted for this year's Platts CEO of the Year. Tripathi and Vasudeva are vying with CEOs of Chinese energy giants for the award which will be presented on December 11 in New York.

Chengyu Fu, Chairman of China Petroleum Corp or Sinopec Group, the largest Asian refiner, and Fanrong Li, Chief Executive Officer and President of CNOOC Ltd, China's biggest offshore oil and gas explorer, are among the shortlist, Platts said on its website. Other shortlisted chief executives include Abdulrahman Ali Al-Abdulla of Muntajat, Peabody Energy's Gregory Boyce, Pailin

Chuchottaworn of PTT Public Company Ltd, Repsol's Antonio Brufau and Ian Taylor of Vitol.

Praj Industries Ltd head Pramod Chaudhari is among the shortlist for Lifetime Achievement Award.

State-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) is vying with BP, Cnooc, Royal Dutch Shell and Peabody Energy, among others, for the Exploration & Production Company of the Year award. GAIL is competing with Mexico's Pemex, Muntajat, Nord Stream AG and PTT Global Chemical Public Company Ltd for the Midstream Company of the Year award.

Cairn India, Sasol and Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd are in the race with US energy firm Anadarko Petroleum Company, Pemex Gas, Spain's Repsol and Thai Oil Public Company Ltd for Corporate Social Responsibility Award, Platts said.

RPower plans Rs 50,000-cr capex over next five years

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Reliance Power (RPower) plans to invest nearly Rs 50,000 crore in the next five years to undertake various expansion projects, including increasing power generation and coal production.

"We will complete our first phase of investments of Rs 50,000 crore, in development projects, this fiscal. We now plan to invest another Rs 50,000 crore in the next five years for undertaking various expansion projects," RPower chairman Anil Ambani told shareholders during the AGM.

He said the company has invested in projects like the 600-mw Butibori project in Maharashtra, the 4,000-mw Sasan UMPP and coal production in the region, the 40-mw solar project in Rajasthan and other wind-based projects.

"These projects are coming to financial closure and most of them have begun operations," Ambani said.

He said the funds will be used to commence power generation from its 4,000-mw ultra mega power project in Tilaiya in Jharkhand as well as

the coal production, with a capacity of 40 mt per annum, linked with it and the 700-mw Tato hydel project in Arunachal.

The Supreme Court has cancelled the allocation of coal blocks but four and two of them which are linked to our UMPPs in Sasan in MP and Tilaiya in Jharkhand belong to us. We have coal blocks with a total capacity of 65 mt of coal and once they are operational we will be the largest coal producer in the country," he said.

Ambani further said the company is mulling participating in the government's plans to set up solar UMPPs in various parts.

"We are actively considering participating in the government's plan to set up solar UMPPs in India. The government will announce the UMPP schemes and each project is likely to be as large as 500 mw each. We will support one of them," Ambani said.

Replying to a shareholder's query about the proposed 7,480 mw Dadri gas-based project in Uttar Pradesh, he said, "based on the overall scenario we have decided to give back 2000 acres acquired for the Dadri project to the state which will in turn give



it back to the owners."

However, he said "as and when the gas scenario changes, we will have exposure to largest 2,400-mw gas based Samalkot project in Andhra".

"We hope the government will take efforts to put the capacity of nearly 28,000mw which is lying idle due to lack of gas to productive use as these are national assets. There were assurances from the government when these plants were built that gas will be supplied.

"As the government reviews the gas based pooling combining domestic and imported fuel, we believe gas based plants will start in near future," Ambani added.

Android One smartphones: Key specifications

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After much anticipation, Google finally launched its Android One smartphones in India at a tempting price of Rs 6,399 onwards.

Launched through Indian smartphone makers Micromax, Karbonn and Spice, the Android One phones are already available

in the market but only through online retailers Flipkart, Snapdeal and Amazon as of now.

Considering that the smartphone has come from Google, much speculation had surrounded it especially in terms of specifications. So, let's take a look at some of the key specifications of Android One smartphones.

OS: Android 4.4, KitKat
Processor: Cortex A7 1.3 GHz Quad-Core processor
RAM: 1GB
Memory: 4GB internal. Expandable up to 32GB via SD/micro card
Camera: 5MP and a front-facing 2MP camera
Battery: 1700mAh lithium-ion battery
SIM: Dual SIM, both micro

Non-subsidised LPG cylinder price cut by Rs 21; ATF 3%

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Price of non-subsidised cooking gas (LPG) was Tuesday cut by Rs 21 per cylinder and that of jet fuel (ATF) by a steep 3 percent on the back of falling international oil rates.

This is the third straight reduction in rates of non-subsidised LPG since July.

A non-subsidised 14.2-kg cooking gas cylinder will now cost Rs 880, down from Rs 901, in Delhi, according to Indian Oil Corp (IOC).

A subsidised LPG cylinder in Delhi costs Rs 414.

The price of aviation turbine fuel (ATF), or jet fuel, at Delhi was cut by Rs 2,077.62 per kilolitre, or 2.98 percent, to Rs 67,525.63 per kl, the nation's largest fuel retailer said.

This is the third reduction in jet fuel rates since July. Declining international oil prices have made imports cheaper, resulting in price reduction.

In Mumbai, jet fuel costs Rs 69,610.50 per kl as against Rs 71,829.42 per kl previously, IOC said. The rates vary because of differences in local sales tax or VAT.



Jet fuel constitutes over 40 percent of an airline's operating costs and the price cut will ease the financial burden of cash-strapped carriers.

No immediate comment was available from airlines on the impact of the price cut on passenger fares.

The three fuel retailers -- IOC, Hindustan Petroleum Corp and Bharat Petroleum Corp -- revise jet fuel and non-subsidised LPG prices on the first of every month, based on the average international prices in the preceding month.

Petrol price cut by 65 paise per litre; diesel rate to wait for PM's return

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Petrol price was on Tuesday cut by 65 paise a litre, but the first reduction in diesel rates in over five years was put off until the return of Prime Minister Narendra Modi from the US.

State-owned oil firms, which skipped raising rates on September 16 even though their cost had gone up, cut prices in view of the downward trend in international markets.

Petrol price was reduced by 54 paise a litre without including local sales tax or VAT, with effect from Wednesday.

After accounting for the incidence of local sales tax, petrol rate in Delhi was reduced by 65 paise to Rs 67.86 per litre, according to Indian Oil Corp (IOC), the nation's largest fuel retailer.

In Mumbai, petrol price was cut by 68 paise to Rs 75.73 per litre.

Petrol price was last cut by Rs 1.50 a litre, excluding state levies, on August 31. That reduction in Delhi came to Rs 1.82 per litre.

Alongside, the price of non-subsidised 14.2-kg cooking gas LPG cylinder, which consumer buy after exhausting their quota of 12 subsidised bottles in a

year, was cut by Rs 21 to Rs 880 in Delhi.

However, a reduction diesel rates, the first since January 2009, was put off till Modi's return from the US as the Oil Ministry felt it did not have a clear mandate to reduce rates post the January 2013 decision of the Cabinet to raise prices by 40-50 paise a litre every month.

Petrol price was cut as it is a deregulated product needing no government intervention.

Softening international oil rates has meant that diesel under-recovery or the difference between retail price and its imported cost was wiped out and there was an over-recovery of 35 paise a litre from September 16. This over-recovery is now about Re 1 a litre.

Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan is believed to have already written to Modi on the emerging scenario. Also, the ministry has written to the Election Commission seeking their concurrence for the price decrease in view of state assembly elections in Maharashtra and Haryana.

A decision will be taken after Modi's return, they said.

Sources said the Oil Ministry is of the view that while the Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs (CCPA) on January 17,



2013, allowed a monthly increase in diesel price of 40-50 paise per month to wipe out the under-recovery, it wasn't envisaged that there would be over-recovery.

It wants to reduce diesel price to protect state-owned oil companies' market share, which may be lost to private retailers who would be selling diesel in tandem with international prices.

This would be the first reduction in diesel rates in over five years. Diesel rates were last cut on January 29, 2009 when

they were reduced by Rs 2 a litre to Rs 30.86.

Since then rates have only increased as international oil prices climbed. Since January 2013, diesel prices have been raised by up to 50 paise a litre every month to eliminate under-recoveries.

Like diesel, state-owned oil companies had also not changed petrol rates on September 16 though it warranted a 54 paise increase as its benchmark gasoline rates had firmed up in international market.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION KATHUA

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

No:- 32-NIT-2014-15/2954-74-G

Dt:- 29-09-2014

For and on behalf of the Governor of Jammu & Kashmir State, the Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Kathua as his representative, invites sealed tenders for the below mentioned work from approved/eligible/registered contractors/firms of the J&K State, as per the class mentioned against the work.

S. No	Name of Work	Approx. Cost (Rs. In lacs)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Period of completion	Class	Amount of Bank draft required to be attached
1.	Construction of side drain and cross drain on Badala-Azizpur link road (in Village Badala built up area) Agg. Length=200metre	2.90	5800/-	01 Month	A,B,C & D	Rs.600/-

a. Position of A.A
b. Position of TS
c. Position of Funds
d. Scheme Approved Under

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Note:-

- Tenders should be affixed with Revenue stamps of J&K State worth Rs. 5/- and should be addressed to the official designation of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Kathua by registered post/speed post/courier only and should reach in this office on or before 16.10.2014 up to 02.00 PM.
- Tender shall be opened on the same day or any other subsequent date convenient to tender opening authority the Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division, Kathua in presence of the tenderers who may like to remain present at the time of the opening of the same.
- While putting the work to tender attested Photostat copy of sale tax clearance certificate issued by sales Tax Department should be furnished by the Contractor/Firm for the year 2014-15.
- Registration card should be renewed for the year 2014-15 well before the date of receipt of tender. Attested photo copy of the Regt. Card should be furnished with each work.
- Time of completion is the essence of contract. The department is at liberty to invite fresh tenders or get the work completed though any other agency after the date of completion at what stage the work will be.
- The defect liability period for the above works shall be for 1 year (Guarantee period) from the date of completion of work and the contractor/firm shall be responsible for restoring the defects either in part or in full depending upon the extent of damages at his risk and cost.
- Rate quoted by contractors should be free of any cutting, overwriting whatsoever. Such tenders shall be rejected outright even if all other conditions are fulfilled.
- The rate shall be written both in words & figure. In case of any confusion between rate in figure and words, the rates written in words shall be taken as final.
- The rate quoted by the contractor should be fully covered with transparent cello tape.
- 1% cess will be deducted from the bill of the contractor.
- Cost of tender documents as per the Chief Engineer, circular No. 7542-66 dt. 27.09.2008.
- Tender receiving/opening authority reserves the right to reject any all tenders without assigning any reason.
- Earnest money in the shape of C. D.R. of any Bank shall be attached with the tender documents.
- In case of any dispute between the Department & the Contractor the Chief Engineer/Superintending Engineer P.W.D. (R&B) Jammu-Kathua Circle, Jammu will function as arbitrator for the work allotted by the Executive Engineer. In case the allotting authority of the work is Superintending Engineer or the Chief Engineer. The Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (R&B) Department Jammu will be Arbitrator. The jurisdiction of the J&K Court will be Applicable.
- Imposition of penalty upto 10% on late completion of the work as the case may be rest with the authority next higher than the allotting authority.
- The rate, quoted by the tenderer shall be firm & will good for a period of three months from the date of opening of tenders. The lowest tenderer shall have to produce the Registration Card within three days of the opening of tenders failing which the department will be at liberty to reject the tender & confiscate the earnest money.
- No extra shall be paid for diversion of roads rates quoted shall be including of diversion.
- Payment shall be made subject to testing of material. Testing shall be done by contractor at his own cost.

Foot Notes:-

- The stoke rates of different materials issued by the department are as under.
- Cement @ Rs. 390.00 (Three Hundred & Ninety Only) per bag.
- Tar Steel 8mm dia to 12mm dia @ Rs. 4600.00 (Four Thousand five hundred only) Per M.T. 16mm to 32mm @ Rs. 4600.00 (Four Thousand five hundred only) per M.T.
- M.S Angle and flat iron various sizes @ Rs. 57000.00 (Fifty Seven Thousand only).

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PG women bag inter-college kho-kho trophy



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The combined side of Post Graduate (PG) Departments today clinched the women's title trophy in the ongoing inter-college kho-kho competitions held under the banner of Department of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu on the campus grounds, here.

In the closely contested final, played this afternoon, PG women trounced Government College for Women (GCW) Gandhi Nagar by four points. Earlier, in the semifinals, PG defeated the defending champion, GCW Parade. Earlier, in the men's kho-kho final, played yesterday, PG Departments defended the title beating fighting SPMR College of Commerce. Director, Centre for Women Studies, Prof Neeru Sharma was chief guest, who

gave away the winners trophy. She was accompanied by Director Sports, Prof Dhian Singh Bhatt. Also present were HS Chib, Sumesh Sharma, Dr Priyanka Katoch, Vikesh Sharma, Goutam Sharma, Raj Kumar Bakshi, Vikas Karlopiya, PD Singh and Jai Bharat. Today's final officiated by the technical panel including Gagan Kumar, Anil Sharma, Anil Kumar, Ankush Sharma and Abhishek Sharma.

Mary Kom in final, Sarita Devi robbed of gold medal chance

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India's L Sarita Devi (60kg) was robbed of a sure place in the women's 60kg boxing final when the verdict went in favour of her South Korean rival Jina Park in a bout the Indian dominated, after her senior teammate M C Mary Kom stormed into the gold medal round in the 51kg class at the Asian Games here. Sarita Devi and middle weight (75kg) woman boxer Pooja Rani, who too lost her semi final bout, settled for bronze while two men boxers Vikash Krishan (75kg) and Satish Kumar (+91kg) fought their way into the semi finals by winning their quarter finals at the Seonhak Gymnasium. Two other men L Devendro Singh (49kg) and Shiva Thapa (56kg) - made their exit after losing their quarter final bouts and would return home without a medal. Though the day's proceedings ended with Satish Kumar and Vikas assuring India of at least two bronze medals after Mary Kom made sure of a silver, to go with the two bronze medals won by Sarita and Pooja, the daylight robbery of Sarita's place in the gold medal contest left a bitter taste in the mouth.

J&K excels in NZ Sport Climbing

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Jammu and Kashmir excelled in the just concluded 20th North Zone Sport Climbing Championship at Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur by securing six medals, including gold and two silver. Subsequently, on the basis of their performance, five climbers of the state have been selected in the North Zone team for the forthcoming National Sport Climbing Championship to be held at Kolkata from December four to December seven. On their arrival, the team was accorded a warm welcome by members of Mountaineering Association of J&K amidst interaction with the officials and medal winners, here today. "The best performance came from Shivani Charak, who became the new North Zone sub-junior girls champion. She effortlessly topped the climbing wall in all the three rounds of the competition and clinched the Gold medal. Nitya Sharma narrowly missed the bronze medal and had to settle for the fourth place. Another climber of J&K Asma Gul, a 10 years old girl, also performed creditably to claim the seventh place," informed general secretary of J&K Mountaineering Association, Ram Khajuria. Much was expected of Shilpa Charak in the Girls category and



she raised visions of a gold medal for J&K when she clocked the fastest timing in the preliminary rounds of the speed climbing competition. But she could not generate that speed in the final against Luxmi of Delhi and had to be content with a silver medal. Shiv Preet Pannu of Punjab, a national medallist, secured the Bronze medal. The other J&K girls, Bindia, Muskan and Avantika finished fifth, sixth and seventh respectively. Similarly, in the final round of lead climbing, Shilpa topped the wall along with Luxmi of Delhi and Shiv Preet of Punjab and the result was

determined on the basis of time taken to top the wall. Eventually, Shilpa secured the third place behind Luxmi of Delhi and Shiv Preet of Punjab. "Palavi Sharma, the state champion in the women category, was at her best when she opened the account for J&K on the first day of the competition with a silver medal in Speed. But in lead and bouldering competitions she simply faded away against strong climbers from Delhi and Punjab," said Khajuria. However, a short but courageous climber of J&K Mrityunjay Sharma matched

the tall and powerfully built Haryana climbers in power and technique but failed to clip the last quickdraw because of his short stature and settled for a bronze medal in the sub junior boys' category. A total, 32 climbers of the state, including 14 girls participated in the zonal competition. Shawetika Khajuria, a national judge and treasurer of Mountaineering Association of J&K and Sonam Sidharth, a senior climber were the manager and coach of the team respectively. The team was sponsored by J&K State Sports Council.

CLT20 2014 Mystery spinner Sunil Narine reported for suspect action

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West Indies mystery spinner Sunil Narine was reported for suspect bowling action during a Champions League T20 match between KKR and Dolphins, here on Monday in what turned out to be another ICC crackdown on chucking. The CLT20 organizing committee issued a media advisory late last night, confirming the development, that on-field umpires Anil Chaudhary and Chettihody Shamshuddin along with third umpire Kumar Dharmasena have expressed their suspicion about the quicker delivery bowled by Narine. "Mr Narine was reported by on-field umpires Anil Chaudhary and Chettihody Shamshuddin, along with third umpire Kumar Dharmasena at the conclusion of the match. The report specifically relates to the quicker ball bowled by Mr. Narine," the press release states. "Under the CLT20 Suspected Illegal Bowling Action policy, Mr. Narine may request an Official Assessment from the BCCI Suspect Bowling Action Committee. Mr. Narine has been placed on the warning list and may continue to be selected to play and bowl for his team in a match," the release further stated. However if Narine is

reported again for the same problem, he will be debarred from bowling further in the Champions League T20 although he can play as batsman. "Under the CLT20 Suspected Illegal Bowling Action policy, if a player receives a report while on the warning list, the player shall be suspended from bowling for the remainder of the tournament and from bowling in any matches organised by the BCCI until such date as he is cleared. "A player suspended from bowling may continue to be selected to play in matches, however he will not be entitled to bowl." Narine has been KKR's primary weapon over the past four seasons and has helped the franchise co-owned by Bollywood star Shah Rukh Khan to win two IPL titles in last three. He is also on top of wicket-takers list with 11 scalps to his credit in the current edition of CLT20. The ICC has instructed the on-field umpires to be vigilant about suspected chuckers with Pakistan's off-spinner Saeed Ajmal already suspended from bowling in competitive cricket. In this tournament, two Lahore Lions bowlers Adnan Rasool and Mohammed Hafeez have been reported for suspect actions.

Inter-college badminton competitions of JU Law School, GDC Rajouri, MAM enter QFs



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The Law School, Government Degree College (GDC) Rajouri, MAM College and GGM Science College today reached the men's quarterfinals in the ongoing inter-college badminton competitions of University of Jammu on the campus here. In the pre-quarterfinals, played today, Law School defeated GDC Udhampur 3-0. The Results: Chandar Dev bt Vinayak 22-20; Anuragh bt Subri 22-20. Doubles: Chandar and Syed Akeel bt Rajat and Vinayak 21-18. The GDC Rajouri registered a 3-0 win against GDC R S Pura 3-0. The Results: Sahil bt Navjot 21-09; Ishar bt Gulchain

21-16. Doubles: Sahil and Ishar bt Amit and Balvinder 21-12. In another pre-quarterfinal game, MAM College trounced PG Departments 3-0. The Results: Irfan Hussain bt Sahil 21-18; Nakhil bt Sachin 21-10. Doubles: Irfan and Arjun bt Amit and Abhishek 22-20. The GGM Science College defeated GDC Ramnagar 3-0. The Results: Ashan K bt Sanjay 21-12; Vishal bt Rohit 21-19. Doubles: Ashank and Vishal bt Sanjay and Dvyam 21-15. Meanwhile, in women's badminton competition, GCW Gandhi Nagar, GWC Udhampur, PG Departments and GDC Kathua qualified for the last eight stages. The Detailed Results: GCW Gandhi Nagar bt GDC

Udhampur 2-0: Suvidha bt Ulfar 21-06. Doubles: Pratibha and Suvidha bt Pallvi and Hafeeza 21-08. GWC Udhampur beat SPMR College of Commerce 2-0: Shipalika bt Supriya 21-02. Doubles: Shipalika and Shriya bt Haneet and Namla 21-08. PG Departments beat GWC Parade 2-0: Prabjot bt Jyotsana 21-04. Doubles: Prabjot and Akanksha bt Jyotsana and Shakombri 21-04. GDC Kathua beat GDC Paloura 2-0: Neha bt Deepa 21-16. Doubles: Neha and Preeti bt Deepa and Shivangi 21-06. Today's matches conducted by the technical individuals including Vikram Jamwal, Ravish Vaid, Rakesh Verma and Amit Sharma under the supervision of Gagan Kumar.

Robbery in boxing ring: 'Judges deserve to be thrown out!'

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Controversy hit the Asian Games boxing competition after India's L Sarita Devi (60kg) had to settle for a bronze medal despite dominating her semifinal bout against home favourite Jina Park, in Incheon, on Tuesday. The Manipuri boxer was left in tears after the judges gave the Korean a 3-0 verdict. The Commonwealth Games silver medallist was clearly the better boxer, as she repeatedly landed a flurry of quicksilver blows on her opponent. At times it rained four to the Korean's one. Sarita Devi is consoled by her husband. Shockingly, Park was not given a single standing count by the Algerian referee, Hammadi Yakoub Kheira, despite being rocked back by the Indian's blows to her chin. In the end, all three ringside

judges ruled in favour of the Korean by identical 39-37 margins. The ringside judges were Braham Mohamad of Tunisia, Albino Foti of Italy and Mariusz Josef Gorny of Poland. Immediately after the bout a tearful Sarita broke down while talking to journalists. "All my hard work has come to naught. It has happened to me, but kindly see that this kind of injustice is not meted out to anyone else in the competition. I request you," she said, with folded hands. "If they wanted to award the bout to her, then why allow us to fight in the first place," she added. Her husband, former footballer Thoiba Singh, was even more furious and shouted obscenities at the ring officials, saying it was a clear case of cheating. "You are killing boxing," he shouted repeatedly, and even went to the extent of trying to

enter the ring again to speak out against the alleged injustice but was prevented by security officials. India's long-time Cuban coach, B I Fernandez, also called it a clear case of cheating, but said no purpose would be served by lodging a protest that will cost the Indian contingent \$500 and be forfeited if the appeal is lost. "There's no point. It was pre-decided, the 3-0 verdict is a clear-cut indication. The Korean deserved to have been given many standing counts, going by what happened in the ring, and the bout should have been stopped," he said. "Sarita was a clear-cut winner but money has talked here and the judges deserve to be thrown out. It happened in Seoul during the 1988 Olympic Games; it's happening now again. Nothing seems to have changed. The new rules have made no difference," he fumed.

Waqar Younis not happy with timing of ICC crackdown on bowling action

Pakistan cricket team's head coach Waqar Younis is not happy with the crackdown on bowling actions being carried out by ICC, saying this will affect preparations of teams for the World Cup. "This crackdown is going to affect the preparations of teams for the World Cup especially those teams whose bowlers are being reported," Waqar said on Tuesday from Lahore. "I am not sure about the timing of these new laws being enforced by the ICC. The new protocols and technology to test bowling actions could have been done after the World Cup," he said. Waqar's grievances are understandable as Pakistan have had three of their top off-spinners - Saeed Ajmal, Muhamad Hafeez and Adnan Rasool reported for suspect bowling actions since last month. While Ajmal is suspended by the ICC from bowling in international cricket after he failed a biomechanics test and is

doubtful for the World Cup, Hafeez and Rasool have been reported by match officials during the ongoing Champions League in India. The West Indies were also hit today when match officials reported top spinner Sunil Narine. "When bowlers are reported at any level for suspect actions it obviously affects their confidence. I know Hafeez is concerned after being reported. So it does affect your preparations for the World Cup," Waqar said. He also felt that the ICC might need to review its new protocol to test bowling actions. "I don't know because cricket has changed in the last decade or so, laws have changed and so have bowling actions. Spinners now use more variation and different deliveries because they are being tested constantly in all formats with the growing popularity of T20 cricket," the Pakistan coach said. I would debate the timing of

the ICC crackdown, he added. The ICC laws presently allow bowlers to straighten their elbows up to 15 degrees but in Ajmal's case, during the biomechanics test in Brisbane earlier this month, his elbow straightening was close to 43 degrees. "One can understand when the ICC rule for bowling action is being stretched so far but I still have my reservations about the timing of the new protocol for bowling actions," he added. Since the new protocol was enforced several bowlers have either been reported or suspended, with most of them being off-spinners. The list includes Sohag Gazi and Al-Amin Hossain of Bangladesh, Zimbabwe's Prosper Uteyasa and before them Shane Shillingford of the West Indies. Waqar also said that bowlers should have been educated about the changes in technology and protocol for testing actions so that they could have adjusted accordingly.

Chris Gayle eyeing selection for India Tests

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Explosive West Indian opener Chris Gayle believes he will overcome injury in time for the three-Test cricket series in India which starts next month. The attacking left-hander was not considered for selection for the second Test against Bangladesh earlier this month or the one-day series in India starting next week, because of a recurring back injury, reports CMC. However, Gayle said rehabilitation was going well and he expected to be fully fit and available for selection soon. "My recovery has been coming on nicely, and I expect to be fully fit and ready in time for the Test series," the Jamaica Gleaner newspaper quoted Gayle as saying. "The injury is the same one that has been affecting my back in recent times, but so far it has been coming on well. I have been able to give it some rest and as each day progresses, it keeps getting better and better." Gayle is one of the most experienced campaigners in the West Indies unit, and is one of just two players with over 100 Tests appearances. He has played 103 while Shivnarine Chanderpaul has played 158. Additionally, he has accumulated 7,214 runs at an average of 42 and lies eighth in the all-time career list of West Indies run-scorers. The West Indies are set to play Tests in Hyderabad, Bangalore and Ahmedabad starting Oct 30.

Riding high on a splendid preliminary campaign, Kolkata Knight Riders' batsman Robin Uthappa said his team would look to focus on its strengths in the semifinal against Hobart Hurricanes in the Oppo Champions League Twenty20. "I think they (Hobart Hurricanes) have been playing good cricket. I think some of their batsmen are really doing well. It is a good bowling side. We as a unit respect their side. But at the same time, we possess our strengths as well," Uthappa said. "So, I think we will focus more on our strengths and our abilities and sticking to our processes, which has been working for us thus far," he said in the post-match press conference here late last night after his team thrashed Dolphins by 36 runs," he added. Uthappa was replying to a query on facing Hobart Hurricanes in the semifinals to be played here on October 2. "It is an important game



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(semifinals). It is played in the afternoon for us. We are looking forward to the challenge. It is few days away. So, looking forward to the break tomorrow, practice the following day and prepare for the game," he said. Last night's victory against Dolphins was fourth for Kolkata in CLT20 and 13th in a row since the IPLT20 tournament this year. Uthappa, who hit a superb unbeaten knock of 85, was pleased with his performance. "I am feeling extremely happy. I think we have got kind of a pattern of going about our business on the field. Today, it was a slightly different wicket from the other wickets we played. It was good wicket, good challenging wicket, something for bowlers as well. For me, it was important to hold one end up. I am happy I was able to do that. Glad Manish (Pandey) stuck the way he did today," he said. Being the opening batsman, Uthappa said he felt that it is his responsibility to ensure a decent start to the innings. "I worked on my game quite a bit. So, I look to time the ball a

lot more. I look play to the merit of the ball. That's what I have been doing for the last couple of years. So, I know it is my responsibility as an opening batsman to hold one end up for the team. "I know that if I play to the merit of the ball and focus on rotating the strike, I know I have the ability to put away the bad balls for boundary. I am just trying to do that to the best of my ability," he said. Uthappa said his team had a very professional approach to the game. "We just set ourselves up for whatever is there on that particular day. I think that is very important to be able to keep an open mind to say that anything is possible, instead of probably achieving the impossible. So, we keep our minds open and go about our business pretty professionally. I think that is a reason for our success so far," he said. Meanwhile, Dolphins Captain Mome van Wyk said the team has played under new conditions in India and that it has been a learning experience.

Attack on CJJ in 1975: Convict gets time to surrender

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The Delhi High Court on Tuesday granted 16 more days to a convict to surrender before the trial court in the sensational case of attempt to assassinate the then Chief Justice of India A N Ray near the Supreme Court in 1975.

Santosh Anand Avdhoot, convicted along with Sudevanand Avdhoot, got the relief till October 16 when

Justice Sunita Gupta will hear his plea challenging the order to surrender on the ground that he has already spend more years in jail than the 10-year imprisonment term awarded to him.

Sudevanand, who was also awarded the same jail term, has complied with the order to surrender.

The two convicts -- both belonging to Anandmargi sect -- were held guilty of conspiring to bomb the car of Ray on the

evening of March 20, 1975. The third accused Ranjan Dwivedi, a lawyer, succeeded in getting his conviction overturned by the high court.

On Santosh Anand's plea that he be set free, the high court has asked the Tihar Jail authority to file a report after verifying the years spend by him during the trial and later after the conviction by the trial court.

The high court had on August 14 passed the verdict, 38 years after their appeals were filed.

Modi-Obama dinner - The Menu

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi's private dinner at the White House was an elaborate affair but all that he demanded to be served was warm water.

Modi has been observing Navratri fasts for last 40 years and this year it coincided with his five-day US visit but he is continuing with his fast despite a busy schedule.

Though there was a plate put in front of the Prime Minister, he asked rest of the guests and the hosts not to feel embarrassed and continue with their dinner.

The menu comprised compressed avocados, micro basil, grapeseed oil, roti

crisps, ginger tuille saffron basmati rice and mango creme brulee. Goat cheese and baby bell peppers along with Shafer Chardonnay 'Red Shoulder' 2010 wine was also served at the dinner.

The dinner was attended by limited number of guests from each side. While from the US, Vice-President Joe Biden, Secretary of State William Burns, National Security Advisor Susan Rice, USAID's Rajiv Shah were among the nine guests, Indian delegation had External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Indian Ambassador to the US S Jaishankar and Foreign Secretary Sujatha Singh among others.

Funny Photo



ISIS releases third video of British hostage

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A new propaganda video featuring John Cantlie, a British photojournalist captured almost two years ago by Islamic State group in Syria, reading scripted messages has been released by the dreaded terrorist outfit.

Cantlie, seen wearing an orange Guantanamo-style jumpsuit in the five-and-a-half minute video, delivers a speech directly to the camera using a sing-song tone, attacking US President Barack Obama's strategy in Iraq and Syria.

The 43-year-old, who has worked for newspapers including the Sunday Times, criticises US tactics of using airstrikes and proxy Kurdish and Iraqi ground forces against the Islamic State group.

"Air power is good at taking out specific targets but it is not good at taking and holding ground," he said, sitting behind a similar desk setting as before.

"For that you need effective and disciplined troops and it's



hard to see how this hotch-potch army with a long history of underperforming is going to be any form of credible infantry," he adds.

It was unclear where the video - introduced with the title 'Lend Me Your Ears and Messages From The British Detainee John Cantlie' - was made.

Cantlie added that organising the Iraqi army into a proper fighting force would take months and dismissed the free Syrian army as "undisciplined, corrupt and largely ineffective".

Cantlie was first paraded in front of the cameras two weeks ago, promising a series of videos giving the real story

of ISIS. It was the first that had been heard from him since he was captured inside Syria close to the border with Turkey towards the end of 2012.

An experienced journalist and photographer, this is Cantlie's second time being held captive in Syria.

After being kidnapped in July 2012 and handcuffed and blindfolded for a week, he escaped with the help from the free Syrian army.

He returned to Syria towards the end of 2012 and it was during this trip that he was abducted for the second time.

The latest clip has been circulated as the US and the UK launched airstrikes against ISIS in Syria.

Cantlie hints that there would be more such videos, saying: "Join me again for the next programme."

The militant group has beheaded two American hostages and one Briton, and have threatened the life of another British hostage Alan Henning, who was who was kidnapped while delivering aid to Syria.

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