

Maanya Vikram Randhawa brings laurels to J&K, shines at India's Kids Superstar 2023

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Daughter of soil, Maanya Vikram Randhawa has brought laurels to Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir by shining at India's Kids Superstar 2023.
Daughter of former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader Vikram Randhawa, Maanya won India's Kids Superstar 2023 in senior category.
The finale competition was held at Noida Film City T-Series Studio and the result was declared on May 13, 2023.
Multi-talented Maanya has been honoured with cash award of Rs 51,000 along with role in web-series, free portfolios and much more.



Maanya Vikram Randhawa receiving trophy.

MTV Roadies Fame Prince Narula, International Model Bhumika Bahl, Mrs. Universal 2021 and 2022 were among the judges.
The event was organised under the National Banner of Dreams House Production by Sharad Choudhary and was sponsored by Dubai Beauty School.
There were 22 contestants in senior category, out of

which Maanya won the title. Maanya was awarded in presence of Mrs India Neha Dhupia and Rohit Khadelwal.
It is pertinent to mention here that Dreams House Production is well known in modelling and fashion industry.
Today, in a function organised at Press Club Jammu, Maanya Vikram Randhawa was honoured for shining in India's Kids Superstar 2023 by Chief Designer and Entrepreneur Ankita Kalha along with Universal 2022 Isha Sharma.
While talking to reporters, Maanya extended gratitude to Chief Designer and Entrepreneur Ankita Kalha, for designing the outfit for the finale.

"Mrs Universal 2022 Isha Sharma always inspired me and supported me in every possible way", Maanya added.
"It was an exciting platform for the talent across the country", Maanya said, adding that the team of Dreams House Production visited over 22 cities in India for the auditions of the contestants.
While speaking, Vikram Randhawa extended thanks to the organisers, judges and others for recognising the talent of her daughter.
"Jammu and Kashmir is rich in talent and I hope such events will be organised here to recognise the hidden talent of the children of Union Territory", Randhawa added.



PTTI Vijaypur, CUJ organise workshop on ChatGPT & Artificial Intelligence

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VIJAYPUR: A workshop on "ChatGPT and Artificial Intelligence (AI)" was organized by Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur in collaboration with Department of National Security Studies, Central University of Jammu, for staff and trainees of the Institute. On this occasion, Dr. Ekta Manhas, Assistant Professor, Department of National Security Studies, Central University of Jammu delivered an illuminating lecture on Artificial Intelligence (AI), Security, Opportunity and Challenges thereof.
While speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ekta told that Artificial Intelligence (AI) refers to the ability of machines to react and behave in ways similar to humans, in terms of thinking, decision-making, and having an intention. She said that Artificial Intelligence is a powerful tool that helps us rethink how we use information, analyze data, and make better decisions. In the interactive session following the lecture, attendees had the opportunity



Resource person being honoured during the event.

ty to ask questions and engage in thought-provoking discussions.
In the valedictory address, Shiv Kumar, SSP, Principal PTTI Vijaypur briefed about merits and demerits of Artificial Intelligence. He said that the Institute has organized first of its kind workshop to aware Police personnel about emerging security challenges due to Artificial Intelligence. Principal PTTI Vijaypur thanked Dr. Ekta Manhas for sparing her precious time for sharing her precious experience with the participants. He also thanked Dr. J. Jaganaathan, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of National Security Studies, Central University of Jammu for deputing team of intellectuals for sharing experience on such an important topic and hoped for similar coordination in future also.
Among others, Zia-Ul-Haq, Dy.SP (Admin/Outdoor), Shri Kuldeep Raj, Dy.SP (Indoor/Tech.), Insp. Vivek Kalsotra, Insp. Surrinder Paul, Insp. Mulkh Raj, Insp. Ram Lal, Insp. Javed Hussain, Insp. Anil Kumar, Insp. Vishal Kumar, Insp. Tariq Mehmood, Insp. Kanwal Raina, Insp. Himanshu Dutta, SI Kapil Raina, Narinder Kumar were present on the occasion.

CWS GCW Parade organises awareness programme on Menstrual Hygiene

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Centre for Women's Studies of GCW Parade Ground Jammu in collaboration with FICCI, FLO & Niine Foundation on Tuesday organized an awareness programme on Menstrual Health and Hygiene.
Priya Sethi, National Executive Member of Bharatiya Janata Party was the Guest of Honour on the occasion. Other dignitaries present were Varuna Anand, Chairperson FICCI FLO J&K & Ladakh, Atul Gupta, Trustee Niine Foundation and other members of FICCI FLO.
Key Speakers were Dr. Shivika Gupta, Gynaecologist & Obstetrician, Dr. Palki Sharma, Dermatologist and Cosmetologist and Kanu Priya, certified Yoga teacher & founder Life Of Balance.
Priya Sethi shared her



Faculty along with winner students during the event.

thoughts on the prevalence of ignorance and inhibition among teenage girls and young adults regarding issues pertaining to menstrual health. She also raised concerns about the long term consequences of non addressal of such issues and also rendered such programmes as need of the hour.
Varuna Anand said that females are still ignorant about menstrual hygiene and lack sanitary care regarding men-

strual health, and such events are necessary to create awareness among women so that they don't feel shy to discuss these issues.
Atul Gupta shared his ideas on the issues pertaining menstrual health and hygiene of women and girls though his talk and screening of short videos. Convener CWS Dr. Sonia Khajuria in her welcome address said that to overcome discriminatory practices political, corporate, and public sec-

tor leadership is required.
Principal of the College, Dr. S.P. Sarswat said that the college always work for the betterment of student.
students' good health is a priority for college as good health gives way to good mind and wisdom. Dr. Shivika Gupta through her talk made students aware about menstrual health, and importance of safe and affordable sanitary materials to manage their menstruation, which will decrease their risk of infections.
Dr. Palki Sharma highlighted that hormone levels such as oestrogen and progesterone are low during menstruating

days.
This results in dryness of skin that can accentuate lines and wrinkles. During the first few days of cycle, moisturising and hydration can be good skin enhancers.
Kanu Priya deliberated upon lifestyle modification and said that regular practice of yoga might help the body feel more comfortable during the monthly cycles.
At the end of the program sanitary napkins were distributed amongst students by the team headed by Dr. Varuna, Atul Gupta and other FICCI FLO members.
Program was moderated by Presidium head Khushi and formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Piyali Arora member, SWS. The program concluded successfully with the support and cooperation of all the faculty members of Centre for Women's Studies Dr. Palak Malhotra, Dr. Mamta Sharma, Dr. Asha, Presidium members of the college, NSS volunteers, NCC cadets and students.

G-20: Interactive session on digital marketing held at GDC Samba



A section of dignitaries during the interactive programme.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SAMBHA: In continuation to the five-day series of activities initiated at Govt. Degree College Samba under the aegis of G-20: One Earth, One Planet, One Future, the G20 Committee of the College organised an interactive session on "Digital Marketing" for the young students entering the world of digital revolution. Balvinder Singh Manager J&K Gramscen Bank, Jakh was the lead spokesperson on the said occasion. At the outset Singh laid

down the fundamentals of digital marketing as the latter has paved the way for hassle free online transactions. The general populace can have easy access to goods and services which were earlier unavailable. While deliberating upon digital marketing he also laid stress upon the fact that one needs to be vigilant enough as a number of digital frauds are being witnessed off late. Principal of the college, Dr. Twinkle Suri, in her address stated that in the current era of digitization, the sur-

vival of a non-tech-savvy is quite challenging. She further clarified the meaning of the term Digital Marketing as a convenient platform to market, products and services to consumers. It is a transgression from traditional to a modern marketing that involves the use of websites, mobile devices, social media and others such channels. In her concluding remarks she applauded the efforts of G20 team members and thanked the resource person. The programme began with the welcome address by Karan Maini, Nodal Officer G20. Principal of the college, Dr. Twinkle Suri, was the chief Guest on the occasion. A total of 50 students attended lecture. Others who graced the occasion were Dr. Vibuti Ubott, Dr. Manesh Kumar and Prof. Vipin Kumar. The programme concluded with the formal vote thanks presented by Karan Maini.

G20 summit boost tourism and glorify all-round growth in J&K: Rekha



BJP President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan speaking during the meeting.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: To accelerate the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) activities in the public domain, the BJP Jammu District South under the leadership of its President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan has formulated massive public outreach programmes such as Jan Sampark Abhiyaan in RS Pura Constituency, Mira Sahib Mandal.
Rekha Mahajan chaired

the working committee meeting of Miran Sahib Mandal falls under District Jammu South here at RS Pura Jammu organised under the president ship of Mandal President Bikram Sandhu.
Rekha chalk out the blueprint to carry forward the month-long outreach called "Maha Jansampark Abhiyaan" which will commence from May 30, the day the Modi government com-

pletes nine years in office, until June 30. Rekha directed all party workers to reach out to the ground level and enlightened the Modi-led government schemes in the public domain in District Jammu South.
During her tour in RS Pura Constituency, Rekha Mahajan lands that G20 submit is in advancement in the union territory of J&K, and after the abrogation of Article 370 under the

supreme leadership of PM Modi India is a rising superpower. Rekha said It's for the first time in the past 70 years that J&K would be hosting an international event like G-20, and the occasion offers UT a chance to rise to the occasion of exhibiting its market prospects, and ecotourism ventures. She said "G20 Summit in Kashmir is set to boost tourism in J&K, providing a platform for the state to showcase its beauty to the world. It is a proud moment for every Kashmiri and Dogra a significant milestone for the tourism sector," and the general public of Jammu and Kashmir, including students, are widely participating in various events in the run-up to the main meet, Rekha Mahajan added.

Sheena Shivinder Kaur qualifies Ph.D

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Sheena Shivinder Kaur, daughter of Ravinder Singh and Dr. Rupinder Kour, and wife of Jaideep Singh Nayyar, resident of 'Nayyar-Niwas' 4-A, Canal Road, Jammu, has been declared qualified for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Psychology from Panjab University, Chandigarh.
She worked on the topic, "A Study of Rumination and its Correlates: Age and Gender Differences among the educated" under the supervision of Dr. Komila Parthi.

DB directs authorities to place on record steps taken for constitution of State Commission for protection of child rights

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JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court (Srinagar Wing) comprising Chief Justice N. Kotishwar Singh and Justice Atul Shreedharan directed authorities to place on record the steps taken for constitution of State Commission for protection of child rights.
When the PIL came-up for hearing, DB observed that Section 44 of The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 mandates monitoring of effective implementation of the provisions of the aforesaid Act by the concerned State Commission for protection of child rights. During the course of hearing it has been submitted that no such Commission has been constituted in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir as well as in UT of Ladakh. DB observed that considering the statutory role assigned to the Commission for effective implementation of the Act, non-constitution would be a serious lapse on the part of the authorities concerned. DB observed that before we issue specific directions in this regard, we require authorities to place on record the steps taken for constitution of this Commission.

HC dismisses petition filed by News Portal seeking quashment of defamation proceedings

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: In a significant judgment, Justice Mohan Lal of High Court of Jammu and Kashmir & Ladakh at Jammu, dismissed a petition filed by Arun Trishal, Editor in Chief of Alert India News House Pvt. Ltd. (Web News Channel) Kathua seeking quashment of Criminal Complaint titled Dr. Adeep Kumar Gupta v/s Arun Trishal and Anr for commission of offences punishable u/s 500 (defamation), 504/506/34 IPC pending disposal before the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Kathua.
The CJM, Kathua, on August 11th, 2021 had taken cognizance of a criminal complaint filed by Dr. Adeep Kumar Gupta owner of Gupta Hospital Kalibari Kathua against Arun Trishal Editor in Chief of a Web News Portal and Prem Lal Ex MLA, Hiranagar for airing a news item on May, 14th, 2021 wherein on camera serious allegations were leveled by Ex MLA Hiranagar with regard to the facilities and infrastructure at Gupta Hospital Kalibari, Kathua. The said Web portal interview contain-

ing offensive/defamatory content was conducted by Arun Kumar Trishal in his Web News Channel.
The Editor in Chief on September 27th, 2021 of Web News Portal filed a petition before Jammu wing of the High Court challenging defamation proceedings on the ground that no fetters can be placed on the freedom of press by initiating criminal proceedings against a reporter who was performing his professional duty by publishing a news on his news portal i.e the speech of Prem Lal Ex-MLA Hiranagar who expressed his views against the functioning of the hospital owned by Dr. Adeep Kumar Gupta.
When this matter came up for hearing, Advocate Jagpreet Singh appearing for petitioner (Web News Portal) submitted that the trial Magistrate i.e CJM Kathua mechanically took cognisance and failed to appreciate that the petitioner being journalist just performed his professional duties by interviewing Ex MLA Hiranagar, Prem Lal who was aggrieved of the death of his nephew because of COVID-19 at

GMC, Kathua.
On the other hand, Advocate Sheikh Shakeel Ahmed with Advocates Supriya Chouhan, Rahul Raina, Sayed Majid Shah, Mohd Aleem Beg, Adnan Mushtaq Jaraal and M. Zulkarnain Chowdhary appearing for Dr. Adeep Kumar Gupta owner of Gupta Hospital, Kalibari Kathua submitted that the editor in chief of the News Web Portal aired the defamatory news item without taking the version of Gupta Hospital and the one-sided news item caused extensive damage to the reputation of the Gupta Hospital which is serving the patients coming from districts Udhampur, Samba, Kathua and Punjab for the last more than 2 decades.
Advocate S. S. Ahmed further submitted that the instant case is a classic example of 'Yellow Journalism' wherein the Petitioner /editor in chief of Web News Portal threw to winds the journalistic ethics and without verifying and ascertaining the facts aired the defamatory news thereby tarnishing the image of the Gupta Hospital which is a reputed

Hospital in district Kathua.
Advocate S. S. Ahmed relied upon a recent judgment of the Supreme Court titled Rohini Singh and Ors. v/s State of Gujarat and Ors. wherein the Apex Court came heavily against a Web news portal for its one-sided reporting.
After considering the submissions of both the sides, Justice Mohan Lal observed that "I have perused the impugned order dated 11.08.2021 passed by the Court of CJM, Kathua taking cognizance of the complaint filed by Dr. Adeep Kumar Gupta and I am of considered opinion that the trial court has applied its mind, satisfied itself that the allegations in the complaint constitute an offence indicating sufficient grounds for taking cognizance of the offence of defamation against the petitioner Arun Kumar Trishal and Ex MLA Prem Lal. I do not find any legal justification to interfere with reasoned order passed by the trial court which doesn't suffer from any illegality, perversity or patent error."
With these observations, the Court dismissed the petition being legally unsustainable.

Wild boar rampage in Kashmir; May be dangerous to agriculture and rare species

■ **SHAKEELA ANDRABI**
SRINAGAR: Wild boars -non-native animal resurfaced in the Valley and created scare in the localities.
In 2021 a report was carried out by the media houses that the increased presence of the animal has caused panic among people, particularly farmers.
The animal is also not accepted culturally and religiously in this region.
According to experts, Wild boars, which are not native to Kashmir and had not been seen since the mid -80s have been sighted increasingly in the past few years in the Valley causing concern among the common masses.
Senior wildlife officer of the Wildlife Department said that the species was introduced by the Maharaja some 100 years ago.
"They had not been sighted for many years. It has revived recently," he said.
He said that the reason for its revival may be multiple.
"Climate change can be one of the factors. We have been witnessing warm temperatures for the past few years,

particularly in winter," he said.
Experts said that the animal shares its habitat and even food with hangul, the endangered species of red deer native to Kashmir.
"While the wild boars serve as prey for leopards and other wild animals, it can also impact the habitat of hangul," they said. In north Kashmir, he said, the reason may be owing to the increase in the population of wild boars because it is located near LOC.
"Wild boars are not native to Kashmir and were first introduced in the region during the time of Maharaja Gulab Singh," he said, adding that the "first (recorded) sighting of the wild boar after the 1980s was in 2013, after a dead pig in the Limber and Lachipora wildlife sanctuaries of the Katinag range in North Kashmir was spotted."
According to the official the wild boar resurgence needs to be studied thoroughly.
He said that they have not yet conducted any census of the animal, "which is a prolific breeder and is omnivorous." "It is an invasive species and a

prolific breeder. And universally it is a fact that when an invasive species comes it becomes dominant on the native species. It will obviously have a negative effect on the ecosystem," he said.
It is believed that wild boars pose a new threat to agriculture sectors in Kashmir as these wild animals have damaged paddy fields, apple orchards the locals said that the wild boars have been on rampage, causing extensive damage to crops leaving community in distress.
The concerned residents said that the wild boars attack paddy fields during the night and destroy crops in no time. They said these animals attack in groups and more than ten wild boars are seen at the same time attacking these paddy fields.
"The wild boars definitely vanished almost in Kashmir but since a few years their number has increased," the senior Wildlife officer said.
He said that the department has formed a team of researchers who will their presence besides their impact on the ecology and habitat.