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## BRIEFLY

### Fire engulfs Darsgah building in Ganderbal

SRINAGAR, Nov 5 (Agencies): A destructive fire engulfed a building owned by Darsgah TALEEM UN NISA NAQSHBANDI in Gutlibagh area of Central Kashmir's Ganderbal District, earlier this morning.

Officials reported that the blaze had already consumed the entire wood storey of the building by the time the fire tenders along with DO Gutlibagh and his Escort could reach the scene.

Despite the challenging circumstances, fire crews managed to bring the flames under control, though the building sustained significant damage. The exact cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Local resident Ab Ahad praised the swift response of the community, which helped prevent the fire from spreading to neighboring houses. He also expressed his gratitude to Do Gutlibagh and his team for their collaborative efforts in containing the blaze.

In a fortunate turn of events, DO Police station Gutlibagh and his team narrowly escaped harm while assisting locals in their firefighting efforts. The incident serves as a testament to the importance of rapid response and community cooperation during emergencies.

### Unidentified dead body found at railway crossing in Nowgam

SRINAGAR, Nov 5 (Agencies): Police on Sunday said that a dead body of an unidentified male has been found at railway crossing on NH 44 around early morning hours by a police party of Police Station Nowgam.

In a handout, the police said that no injury mark has been spotted on the body upon initial observation. Upon preliminary verification, it was observed that this individual, purportedly in his late 30s, had been lying outside in the severely low temperatures overnight and as a result, he died due to the extreme cold.

The dead body has been sent to SMHS

## Draft reports on bills to replace Criminal Laws likely to be adopted on November 6

NEW DELHI, Nov 5: A parliamentary committee scrutinising three bills to replace the existing criminal laws will meet on November 6 to adopt draft reports, days after some opposition members had sought an extension for the panel to go through the measures in greater detail.

On October 27, the standing committee on Home could not adopt the three draft reports as some opposition members pressed for more time to study it.

Some opposition members had urged panel chairperson Brij Lal to seek an extension of three months



in its tenure and "stop bulldozing these bills for short-term electoral gain".

For making a robust legislation that serves the marginalised, the committee should not adopt a final report in the next few days or in November. "We will be mocking the process of legislative scrutiny if we

do so," an opposition MP had said in a communication, according to opposition sources.

However, BJP sources said the committee has engaged in an extensive consultation process and will meet its deadline of three months.

The committee will now meet on November 6, according to a

notice sent to members for adopting the three drafts.

Sources said the panel may adopt the draft reports despite protests by some of its members from the opposition parties.

Seeking a complete overhaul of colonial-era criminal laws, Home Minister Amit Shah had introduced in Lok Sabha during the Monsoon session three bills to replace the Indian Penal Code (IPC), The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 with Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik

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## Security tightened after tiffin box-based IED found on Sidhra-Narwal Highway stretch in Nagrota



JAMMU, Nov 5 (Agencies): Security has been tightened in Jammu's Nagrota after a tiffin box-based improvised explosive device (IED) was found on the Sidhra Narwal highway stretch on Saturday evening.

A 2 kg IED was recovered at the National Highway yesterday, after which security has been tightened on the highway. Jammu and Kashmir Police averted a bid to target the National Highway.

"A Tiffin Box-based IED weighing around two kilogrammes was found after searching the area, which has now been taken into possession after successful detonation," Jammu and Kashmir Police said in the statement.

Earlier, according to the police, around 5.30 pm, they received information that a suspicious object had been found on the Sidhra Narwal highway stretch of Jammu, near a police checkpoint.

On receiving the information, a police team, along with Police

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## Untrained Teachers 'Threat' to School Edu Dept: JK Vision Document 2047

SRINAGAR, Nov 5 (Agencies): The authorities have identified untrained teachers, Rehbar-e-Taleem (ReT) teachers, and Regularised Rehbar-e-Taleem (RReTs) tutors as 'threats' to the School Education Department. They also stated that they will closely monitor the objectives of private educational institutes, which, according to the Planning and Monitoring Department, also pose a threat to the department.

According to the news agency KNO, the Planning Department and Monitoring Department, in their 'JK Vision Document 2047,' list these threats as "Untrained teachers, ReTs, RReTs in government schools, and monitoring the objectives of private educational institutes."

The authorities have outlined the following targets in 'JK Vision Document 2047': All schools will be equipped with ICT facilities for 100 percent coverage, making J&K a Digital Hub where education will be delivered through E-mode.

Vocational Education schools will align with the vision of NEP-2020, providing basic vocational skills.

Every student will have the liberty to choose their preferred subjects, and teaching for these subjects will be accessible.

Digital platforms like DIKSHA will offer e-content for all subjects and

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## Government launches aggressive retail sale of onions at Rs 25 per kg

NEW DELHI, Nov 5 (Agencies): The Centre has taken a proactive approach to address the rising prices of onions by initiating an aggressive retail sale of onions at a subsidised rate of Rs 25 per kilogramme.

According to a press release by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, this move is in response to the delay in the arrival of the kharif crop, which has contributed to an increase in onion prices.

The government has set a Minimum Export Price (MEP) of USD 800 per metric tonne and has enhanced buffer procurement, with over 5.06 lakh tonnes of onions already procured.

To make onions affordable and readily available to consumers, the Department of Consumer Affairs has



started the retail sale of onions through various outlets and mobile vans, according to the press release.

The National Cooperative Consumers' Federation (NCCF), the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED), Kendriya Bhandar, and other state-controlled cooperatives are involved in this initiative.

These organisations are selling onions at a subsidised price of Rs

25 per kilogramme.

As of November 2, NAFED has established 329 retail points across 21 states, including stationary outlets and mobile vans. Similarly, NCCF has set up 457 retail points in 20 states, read the press release.

Kendriya Bhandar has initiated retail supply in Delhi-NCR, starting on November 3 and Safal Mother Dairy is set to begin this weekend. In southern states, the Hyderabad Agricultural Cooperatives Associa-

tion (HACA) is ensuring the retail sale of onions to consumers.

The government maintains an onion buffer to manage price fluctuations between rabi and kharif crops. This year, the buffer size has been increased to 7 lakh metric tonnes from 2.5 lakh metric tonnes in the previous year, read the press release.

The procurement of onions is ongoing, with 5.06 lakh metric tons already procured.

The proactive measures have started to show results, as onion prices in the Maharashtra's Lasalgaon market have declined by 24 per cent from Rs 4,800 per quintal on October 28 to Rs 3,650 per quintal on November 3.

Retail prices are expected to follow a similar trend in the coming

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## J&K police introduces GPS tracker anklet to track movement of terror-accused on bail



SRINAGAR, Nov 5 (Agencies): A special National Investigation Court here in Jammu passed an order directing Jammu and Kashmir police to affix a GPS tracker to track the movement of a terror accused on bail, a police statement said.

The GPS tracker

anklet is a wearable device affixed around the ankle of the person to be monitored and track the movement of the person.

The Court passed the order after finding merit in the submissions of the prosecution.

The statement

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## DGP visits PP Mir Bazar, Urges Officers to work with dedication to serve people



SRINAGAR, Nov 5 (Agencies): Director General of Police J&K R R Swain visited Police Post Mir Bazar in south Kashmir's Kulgam district and exhorted officers to work with dedication.

The DGP had a meaningful interaction with the officers at the Police Post late Saturday evening and exhorted them and Jawans to work with

dedication to serve the public, a police statement said.

He also encouraged officers to work in synergy with other forces to thwart the nefarious designs of inimical elements.

Upon learning of the dedicated service of three beat officers of Police Station Qazigund on the NDPS and winning the trust

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## Car plunges into gorge in Doda, two dead

JAMMU, Nov 5 (Agencies): Two persons were killed and as many critically injured when a car skidded off the road and plunged into a deep gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district, police said on Sunday.

The car met with the accident at Jijote late Saturday night while it was on its way to Jodhpur village from Doda town, they added.

Doda Senior Superintendent of Police Abdul Qayoom said police and local volunteers launched a rescue operation soon after the vehicle rolled down into the gorge.

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**10TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved grand mother **Smt. Uma Shori Mattoo** W/o Late Sh Ram Nath Mattoo R/o Malla Pora, Habba Kadal, Srinagar, Kashmir at present Flat No B-202, Plot No 27, New Jyoti Appts, Sector 4, Dwarka, New Delhi on 29 October 2023.

**10TH DAY KRIYA** will be performed at Haridwar Ghat on 07 November 2023.

**GRIEF STRICKEN****Son and Daughter-in-law**

Late Sh Pran Nath Mattoo and Smt Santosh Mattoo

**Grand Son & Grand Daughter-in-law**

Major Rohit Mattoo & Vishali Mattoo

Er. Vikas Mattoo and Meenakshi Mattoo

**Daughter and Son-in-law**

Smt Nancy Koul and Sh RK Koul

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**Great Grand Children:** Keshav, Ananya



**SMT. UMA SHORI MATTOO**

**SAMAST MATTOO, GANJOO & KOUL PARIVAAR**

**10TH DAY/UTHALA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad departure of our revered Papa Ji, **Sh. Om Parkash Gupta**, R/o Akhnoor, for his Eternal Heavenly Abode on 31-10-2023.

**10TH DAY, RASAM** shall be performed in Kameshwar Mandir, Akhnoor on Thursday, 09-11-2023, at 11.A.M.

**Rasam Pagri/Uthala** shall be performed in Kameshwar Mandir, Akhnoor on Saturday, 11-11-2023, at 3.00 PM TO 4.00 P.M.

**GRIEF STRICKEN****Brother and Bhabhi**

Dr. KL Gupta and Smt. Mini Gupta

**Sisters and Brothers-in-Law**

Smt. Krishna Gupta W/o Lt. Sh Joginder Pal Gupta

Smt. Vaishno Gupta and Sh Raj Kumar Gupta

Smt. Shakti Gupta W/o Lt. Sh Subhash Chander Gupta

**Sons and Daughters-in-law**

Badri Nath Gupta and Anu Gupta

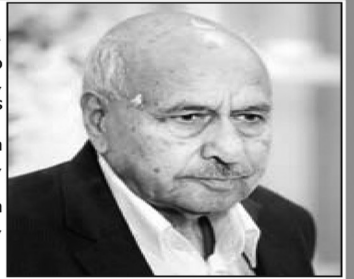
Ram Lal Gupta and Anita Gupta

Brij Bhushan Gupta and Sabita Gupta

Rakesh Gupta and Rachna Gupta

**Daughter and Son-in-Law**

Anju and Rakesh Gupta (Ellora Textiles Jammu)



**Sh. Om Parkash Gupta**

**M/s Dhani Ram Om Parkash, Akhnoor**

**M/s Om Parkash Ram Lal, 4A-Nehru Market Jammu**

**PHONE: 9419100102, 9419100103**

**KRIYA / UTHALA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Father **Sh. Shanti Saroop Sharma** S/o Late Sh. Khem Raj Sharma R/o H.No. 259, Lane No. 10, Shakti Nagar, Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 25/10/2023.

**Kriya** will be performed on 4/11/2023 at 11.00 am in our residence.

**Uthala** will be performed on 6/11/2023 (Monday) at 4 pm to 5 pm Afsar Guest House, Near AG's Office, Jammu.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

Smt. Kamlesh Sharma (Wife)

**Bhabi and Brother**

Smt. Veera Wali & Late Sh. Ram Saroop Sharma

Smt. Lalita Sharma & Late Sh. Krishan Lal Sharma

Sanjay Sharma & Julie Sharma - **Son & Daughter-in-law**

Shiv Darshan Sharma & Suman Sharma - **Son & Daughter-in-law**

Smt. Usha Bali & Late Sh. Rakesh Bali - **Daughter & Son-in-law**

**Grand Childrens :** Muskan, Saher, Lakshy, Akshu, Anshuman

**M/s Sanjay Tent House, Rajpura**



**Sh. Shanti Saroop Sharma**

**M) 9419137419, 8492008755**

**10TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Indu Mattoo (Raina)** W/o Kanaya Lal Mattoo R/o Waskura Ganderbal A/P Dhyansar Bari Brahmana Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 31-10-2023.

**10th Day Kriya** will be performed at Muthi Ghat Jammu on 08-11-2023 (Wednesday) at 9:00 am.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:**

**Sh Kanaya Lal Mattoo (Husband)**

**Children**

Sh. Sahil Mattoo (Son)

**Daughter & Son-in-Law**

**Smt Shivally Mattoo Bhat & Sh Arun Bhat**

**Smt Shivani Koul & Sh Arvind Koul**

**Grand Children : Ayaan & Aryan**

**Samast Parivar : Koul, Bhat and Mattoo's**

**Ph.Nos, 9622297075, 7006014824, 9910271475, 7006421451**



**Smt. Indu Mattoo (Raina)**

**10TH DAY / KRIYA**

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform you the sad demise of our beloved Mother **Smt. Soma Wati Bhat** W/o Lt Sh. Gopi Nath Bhat R/o Village Delina Distt & Tehsil Baramulla, at present Village Sangrampur (Kashmiri Mohalla) Gajansoo Road Near HP Petrol Pump Sangrampur, Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 29-10-2023 (Sunday).

**10th Day Kriya** will be performed at Muthi Ghat Near Director School Education Jammu on 07-11-2023 Tuesday 9.00 A.M

**GRIEF STRICKEN :****Sons & Daughters -in -laws**

Sh. Bal Krishan Bhat & Smt. Baby Bhat

Sh. Autar Krishan Bhat & Smt. Basanti Bhat

Sh. Shiban Krishan Bhat & Smt. Nirmla Bhat

**Grand Son & Grand Daughter-in-Law**

Sh. Satish Kumar Bhat & Smt. Anita Bhat

**Grand Daughter & Grand Son -in -Law**

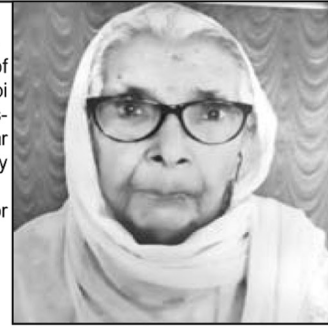
Sh. Anil Raina & Smt. Aarti Raina

**Grand Sons :** Rahul Bhat, Rohit Bhat & Amit Bhat

**Great Grand Children :** Kriyansh Bhat, Kanishka Bhat

**Samast Bhat Parivar & All Nears & Dears.**

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**Smt. Soma Wati Bhat**

**10th Day/Kriya/Uthala**

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sudden and untimely demise of our respected and beloved brother **Sh Sudhir Kumar Chauhan** S/o Lt. Sh Kapil and Lt. Smt Santosh Chauhan R/o H.No. 220, Mohalla Afghana Panjirthi, who left for heavenly abode on 28th of Oct. 2023.

**10th Day** will be performed on Sunday 5th of Nov at 9 am at Shakti Nagar Shamsan Ghat.

**Kriya** will be performed on 8th of Nov. at 10 am at our residence.

**Uthala/Rasam Pagri** will be performed on Wednesday 8th of Nov. at 4 to 5 PM at our residence H.No. 160 Shanti Nagar Opp. Ramsharnam Ashram Toph.

**Grief Stricken****Sisters & Brothers-in-law**

Smt Shaluu & Sh Ravi Handoo

Smt Vandana & Sh Daleep Raina

Smt Sunita & Sh Romi Parkash

**Bhanja & Bhanji**

Sahil, Kavyansh, Aayaan, Abhishek and Navya



**Sh Sudhir Kumar Chauhan**

**Ph. No. 7298233983, 7006671619, 8716006973**

**10TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief & sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Vinay Dhar** S/o Sh Bansi Lal Dhar who left for heavenly abode on 1-11-2023, resident of Baba Surgal Coloney, near Police Post Ponichak.

**Tenth Day Kriya** will be held on 10th-11-2023 at Muthi Ghat near Director School Edu. Office at 9.00 AM.

**Grief Stricken :**

**Sh Bansi Lal Dhar- Father**

**Smt Kiran Dhar- Mother**

**Arun Dhar- Brother**

**Contact No. 9906034605, 7006355974**



**Sh Vinay Dhar**

**10TH DAY/KRIYA/ UTHALA/RASAM PAGRI**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sudden and untimely demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Soma Devi**, W/o Sh. Tirath Ram Khajuria (Retd. Master) R/o village Rehal Tehsil Bishnah District Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 26 October 2023.

**10TH DAY** will be performed on Saturday, 4th November 2023 at 11 AM at our residence.

**KRIYA** will be performed on Sunday, 5th November 2023 at 12 PM at our residence.

**UTHALA/RASAM PAGRI** will be performed on Monday, 6th November 2023 from 3 PM to 4 PM at our residence.

**Residence:** Village Rehal Tehsil Bishnah District Jammu

**GRIEF STRICKEN:**

Sh. Tirath Ram Khajuria (**Husband**)

Sh. Kul Bhushan Khajuria, **Joint Commissioner (Health and Sanitation, JMC) (Son)**

& Smt. Rajni Sharma, **AE PDD (Daughter in law)**

Sh. Surinder Khajuria, **Lab technician (Son)** and Smt. Khema Devi (**Daughter in law**)

**Grand Sons and Grand Daughters:**

Achyutam Khajuria, Arya Khajuria, Rudransh Khajuria, Ambika Khajuria

**CONTACT: 9419113689, 9469171100**



**SMT SOMA DEVI**

**TENTH DAY**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Smt. Nancy Kharoo** W/o Sh K.L. Kharoo originally resident of Banamohalla, Srinagar, Kashmir, At Present Lane No-3, Amrit Vihar, Dr. Sanjiv Dhingra Clinic Lane, Barnai, Jammu on 02-11-2023.

**TENTH DAY** will be performed on Saturday, 11th November, 2023 at Muthi Ghat (near Directorate of School Education) at 9 AM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:****SAMAST KHAROO FAMILY****AND ALL EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS**

**SMT. NANCY KHAROO**

**10TH DAY KRIYA**

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF WE ARE SORRY TO INFORM THAT OUR BELOVED MOTHER **SMT MOHINI MATTOO (SONA DEVI)** W/O SH MOTILAL MATTOO R/O E-3, NAWADA HOUSING COMPLEX, DWARKA MORH, NEW DELHI HAS LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON TUESDAY, 31ST OCTOBER, 2023.

**10TH DAY KRIYA** WILL BE PERFORMED ON THURSDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER AT ROHINI GHAT NEAR TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, SAMAYPUR BADLI, NEW DELHI AT 8 AM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN****MATTOO FAMILY.****BROTHERS AND SISTERS.****AND ALL NEAR AND DEAR ONES.**

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**SMT MOHINI MATTOO (SONA DEVI)**

**TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA**

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform you the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Bharti Sharma** W/o Sh. Ravi Bhushan Sharma (Retd. Food and Supplies Inspector) R/o 149, Dogra Hall, Jammu on 29-10-2023.

**TENTH DAY** will be performed on 7-11-2023 (Tuesday) at 10:00 AM at Rani Talab.

**KRIYA** will be performed on 8-11-2023 (Wednesday) at our residence 149, Dogra hall at 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM.

**UTHALA** will be performed on 8-11-2023 (Wednesday) from 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM at Brahman Sabha, Jammu.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

Sh. Ravi Bhushan Sharma - **Husband**

Abhitesh Khajuria - **Son**

Neha Sharma & Mohit Raina - **Daughter & Son-in-law**

**Khajuria Family 9419183595**



**Smt. Bharti Sharma**

**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Chuni Devi** W/o Lt Sh Makhan Lal Raina R/o H No. 547, Lane No. B/4, Upper Shiv Nagar, Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 31st of October, 2023.

**TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed on 9th of Nov, 2023 (Thursday) at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education office at 8:30 AM.

**Grief Stricken :****Daughters in law & Sons**

Raj Kumari & Nana Ji Raina

Nisha & Sunil Raina

Nancy & Yog Ji Raina

Anita & Uday Raina

Renu & Sunil Raina

**Daughter & Son in law**

Sarla & Anil Razdan

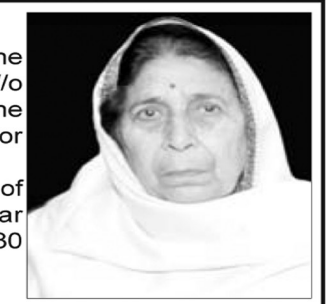
Pinky W/o Lt Sh Roshan Lal Handoo - **Daughter**

**Grand Children :**

Vicky, Sharika, Neharika, Anisha, Nikhil, Nikita, Aryan, Tushar, Anshu

Neha & Sunny Tickoo, Seema & Nikhil Razdan,

Payal & Ankur Raina



**Smt Chuni Devi**

**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Karmyogi father Sh. Dwarika Nath Goja** S/o Late Sona Ram Goja of Goja Mohalla Anantnag presently at Lane No.1, Anant Vihar Lala-Da- Bagh, Near Army Gate Jammu on 28-10-2023 at 07 PM.

**TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed at Muthi Ghat Near Director School Edu. Jammu on 06-11-2023 at 9 AM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

Tej Krishan Goja & Rita G (**Son & DIL**) 9419101826

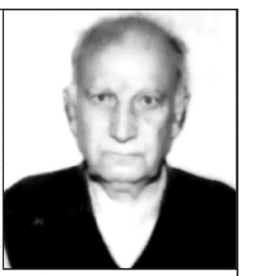
Mahraj Krishan Goja & Piyari G (**do**) 9419205830

Ravinder Goja & Pinky G (**do**) 9419216561

Ashwani Goja & Lily G (**do**) 9469160071

Brij Lal Hangloo- **Brother-in-law**

**AND SAMAST PARIVARS OF, GOJA'S, RESHI'S, HANGLOO'S, HANDOO'S, BHAT'S, RAINA'S, SADHU'S & GRAND CHILDREN**



**Karmyogi father Sh. Dwarika Nath Goja**

**OBITUARY / TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Mohini Raina** W/o Lt. Sh. Omkar Nath Raina R/o H.No. 247, Sec. 5, Channi Himmat, Jammu on 29-10-2023.

**Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed on 07-11-2023 at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education, Jammu.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

Ramesh Kumar Raina & Suman Raina

S. K. Raina & Vijay Raina

Vinod Kumar & Suneeta Raina

Shruti Raina & Abhishek Jyotshi

Shrawan Raina & Vidhisha Jassal

Shaleen Raina & Pankhudi Uphadya

Karan Raina, Simridhi Raina, Shaisha Jyotshi

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**SMT. MOHINI RAINA**

**10TH DAY KRIYA**

With heavy heart we inform you that our beloved mother, **Smt. Phoola Kaul**, wife of Late Shri. A.K. Kaul (of Purshiyar, Habbakadal / Ajmer) and daughter of Late Shri Shambhunath Wangu (of Ganpathar) left us for her heavenly abode peacefully on 31st October-2023. Please join us in our prayers for her departed soul to be at peace in her last journey.

**10th Day Kriya** shall be performed at Gang Nahar Ghat, MURADNAGAR, Ghaziabad on 9th November- 2023 at 8.00 am.

**Bereaved:-** Manish, Vyoma, Vanita and All Kaul and Wangu Parivar C-305, Kenwood Tower, Charmwood Village, Surajkund Road, Faridabad. Voice :- +91-9818686727.





## IIM Jammu Observes Vigilance Awareness Week (30th Oct-05th Nov 2023) Promoting Ethical Governance and Transparency



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 5: The Indian Institute of Management Jammu (IIM) Jammu observed the Vigilance Awareness Week from 30th October to 5th November 2023, fostering a culture of integrity, ethical governance, and transparency at the Institute. This year, the theme of the Vigilance Awareness Week is 'Say No to Corruption; Commit to the Nation'. The week-long program aimed to raise awareness about the importance of vigilance and to encourage collective efforts to combat corruption.

The session began with the welcome address by Shri Shailesh Lohiya, Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) and Librarian, IIM

Jammu who mentioned in detail about the importance of ethics in an organization and urged the faculty, officers, staff members and students to make integrity a part of their daily lives by being vigilant to fight corruption and contributing to the nation at large. The integrity pledge was administered on this occasion by all the faculty, officers, staff and students at the Institute.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director IIM Jammu, delivered a thought-provoking address, reaffirming the institute's commitment to ethical and transparent practices in all its endeavors. He urged the faculty, officers, staff and students to incorporate integrity, honesty and sincerity as a part of their daily routine for creation of an enlightened

society thereby paving the path for a corruption free society. He also reiterated to everyone to constantly work in the interest of the people and the nation.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics at IIM Jammu, emphasized the importance of instilling ethical values within the faculty, officers, and staff and students, as these values are integral to an organization's success and progress. He mentioned that everyone should join hands to meet the objectives of Govt by taking corrective actions wherever possible to fight any form of corruption and setting an ideal example transparent system of functioning.

Cmdr. Kesavan Baskaran, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), IIM Jammu, addressed

the gathering and underscored the role of vigilant administration in upholding the institution's reputation and values. He reiterated the need to have preventive measures in place for fighting corruption at all levels and thereby instilling transparency and accountability in the overall functioning.

Dr. Mahesh Gadekar, Chairperson of the Centre for Diversity and Inclusion and Centre for Small Business Development Units (SBDU), IIM Jammu, shed light on the involvement of students in such a crucial discourse and thereby nurturing the next generation of responsible citizens and leaders.

Students of IIM Jammu also took the stage to share their perspectives on vigilance, ethics, and the role of the youth in shaping a transparent and accountable future. The programme culminated with the National Anthem, symbolizing unity and the collective commitment to fostering a corruption-free society.

Vigilance Awareness Week (30th Nov-05th Nov 2023) at IIM Jammu was an inspiring and informative event that reinforced the institution's dedication to upholding ethical values and transparent governance. The week's activities aimed to create a vigilant, informed, and proactive community that will work together to prevent corruption and promote good governance.

## CS chairs preparatory meeting for 5th Phase of Back to Village Programme



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 5: The Chief Secretary today chaired a High Level meeting of senior functionaries of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir to review preparations for 'Fifth Phase of Back to Village Programme (B2V5)' which is J&K Government's flagship public outreach, participation and feedback programme. The meeting was attended by Administrative Secretaries of Finance, General Administration Department, Rural Development Department, Information Technology Department, Revenue Department and other senior functionaries.

It was announced that the B2V5 shall be conducted during the period of 7th November to 16th November, 2023. During the programme, Prabhari Officers shall visit their respective panchayats and interact with the public and undertake review of previous and current year deliverables, preparation of next year Gram Panchayat Development Programme with special focus with respect to improving e-services penetration, user experience for greater accessibility and usage by citizens at large besides feedback on vari-

ous notable achievements of Departments recognized at the national level.

The Chief Secretary observed that the previous editions of B2V have helped in collating the requirements of the villages, prioritizing works of public importance and helped Government in ensuring last mile delivery of various Government services besides spreading awareness about various services and initiatives of the Government. They have also helped in identification of beneficiaries (especially youth and women) for availing skill development and self-employment schemes. In collaboration with banks, substantial number of unemployed youth has been provided self-employment opportunities.

Dr. Mehta stressed that this edition of B2V shall among others focus on saturation of self-employment schemes, progress on implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission, saturation of welfare schemes including old-aged pension scheme, sports, culture, progress on achievement of deliverables, availability of electricity in villages along with host of other parameters for which a

booklet is being circulated to Prabhari Officers. The entire data will be collated digitally and will be analyzed for consequential action at the relevant levels of the Government.

It was informed that the Rural Development Department shall provide requisite training to Prabhari Officers who will be undertaking this programme for the first time. Besides, Deputy Commissioners shall do the phasing of B2V in their districts as per their operational requirements.

The Back to Village programme has come a long way and is now a component of Aspirational Panchayat Programme. The Panchayat Development Index is another innovation being implemented by J&K Government. The key objective of the Programme is saturation of services and bridging the gap between Government and people.

He appealed for overwhelming participation of public in the B2V programme, as it serves as a true measure of the initiative's success. Further, all officers were strongly encouraged to actively participate in B2V activities to achieve the specific objectives set for this phase.

## AS College organizes Painting, Debate Competition to Celebrate Vigilance Awareness Week

### Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 5: In a bid to promote vigilance and transparency, Amar Singh College, Cluster University Srinagar, organized Inter College Debate and Painting Competition to Celebrate Vigilance Awareness Week with the theme "Say No to Corruption Commit to the Nation".

Twelve colleges from Kashmir Division Participated in the competition to discuss and express the importance of participative vigilance and transparent mechanisms in government affairs.

The program commenced with a formal introduction by Prof. Henna Amin, Convenor Debates, Seminars, Workshops and Conferences Committee and Dean Humanities and Liberal Arts, Amar Singh College, who welcomed attendees to the event held at Taseer Hall. She emphasized upon the theme of 'No Corruption' and the significance of the occasion in everyday life.

Prof. (Dr) Sheikh Aijaz Bashir, Principal Amar Singh College and Nodal Principal Kashmir Division Colleges presented the welcome address.

Prof. Aijaz extended a warm welcome to all participants and highlighted the role of educational institutions in fostering awareness about vigilance and transparency in governance.

He focused on the event's central theme, which was marked by clarity, insight, and a deep understanding of the subject matter.

The program also marked the presence of the special guest for the event, Ajay Kumar Rao, Additional Superintendent of Police, who was felicitated by the principal for his work and support in the cause of vigilance.

In his special address, Ajay Kumar emphasized the crucial role of vigilance and transparency in government opera-

tions. He highlighted the need for a robust and transparent recruitment process that ensures that individuals are selected for public service based on merit and qualifications, rather than nepotism or other corrupt practices.

During Inter-College Debate Competition, students engaged in spirited discussions on "Recruitment through transparent mechanisms and the importance of Participative Vigilance in Government."

The competition showcased the eloquence and analytical skills of the participating students.

Simultaneously, the "Painting Competition," also themed around recruitment transparency and participative vigilance, took place in Bukhari Hall, overseen and adjudged by Arshad Souleh, from the Institute of Advanced Studies in Education and Prof. Owais Ahmad from Amar Singh College.

The first position in the Debate Competition was bestowed upon Fadak Aqeel, a student of AAA, Degree College, Bemina. While the second and the third position was bestowed upon Lubna Parvez from Govt. Degree College for Women, M. A Road, and Sadiya Nazeer from Islamia College of Science and Commerce.

Arsalan Tawheed from S.P. College won the first prize in the painting competition, while Mehnaz Altaf, a student of Govt. Degree College for Women, M.A Road, and Gousia Farooq from Amar Singh College were awarded the 2nd and the 3rd positions respectively.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Syed Umra Shah and the event was moderated by Sanviya Student of Amar Singh College.

Prof. Syed Umra Shah and Prof. Syed Binish Gilani were the rapporteurs for the event.

## Team TNWS Jammu organise Police public meets

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 5: Today team Trikuta Nagar welfare Society (Regd.) Invite SDPO East Dy.S.P. S. Purpkar Singh and SHO Bahu police station inspector Shiv Dev Singh in TNWS complex main market Trikuta Nagar colony Jammu for interactions session with the residents of Trikuta Nagar colony Jammu.

Rajinder Parshad Kakkar President TNWS Jammu welcome the guests by presenting bunch of flowers and introduce the team and presented the details of problems as under. 1. How to control the drugs abusers as it's often seen in isolated lanes and parks especially afternoon or late evening some youths involved as narrated by some members identify the spots like punchvati park sector 5 Ward 54 and Khoo wali gali Trikuta Nagar colony Jammu.

2. Car parking problems also required check and challaned especially in lanes of sector 7 ward 54 and Adresh enclave Trikuta Nagar colony Jammu as observed by residents some anti social elements create non sense by doing parties in luxury cars.

3. To prevent the accidents there should be construed rotary one in



front of police station crossing and second in the main market crossing.

4. Also discussed the outsiders baggers especially children suddenly increased in Trikuta Nagar may be used for raky to Ransak for thefts or some other misadventures should be happened. 5. Required randamly naka's in the lanes of Trikuta Nagar colony to check the anti social elements especially in the evening there oftenly seen some motorcycles stunt by youth without helmet and drive roughly.

6. Reharis wala also increased in the colony they should be proper registered with police station with their previous records and documents & allow to sectors wise.

7. The residents of sector 9 opposite police station are facing problems of eight fleets cobra snake oftenly entered in their homes and it's required cleanliness drive in the portion of police station JDA park. Where the

seazid vehicles are dumped.

The SDPO East Jammu listen the problems of Trikuta Nagar residents patiently and counter the solution point by point & assured the residents that they are already On job to solve all these problems but in this social media regime you can help by clicking the doubtful culprit and send to his & SHO numbers, the culprits will be behind the bars without wasting time. The interaction session attended by large gathering besides Pawan Kapoor, Amarjeet Singh, Sandeep Sharma, N.K. Bali, Advocate Harshvardhan Gupta, Dr. Arun Gandotra, Dr. T. R. Gupta, Kewal Mahajan, Vijay Gupta, S.N.Kaul and Denash Mahajan.

Er. Ashok Kumar Arora pattern TNWS presented vote of thanks to the disquish guests, members and print & electronic media with the hope that the residents of Trikuta Nagar will be gets early remedies of presented problems.

## Shiv Sena seeks 80% reservation of jobs for local youth in Private Sector, submits memo to LG Sinha

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 5: Shiv Sena (UBT), Jammu and Kashmir unit, has made a stern demand for 80% reservation for local youth in the private sector, with provisions for legal action and financial penalties against non-compliant companies. Simultaneously, the Party demand an immediate increase in wages for protesting ASHA workers and the regularization of daily wagers working in various departments of J&K government.

Addressing a press conference at Party's regional office in Jammu today, Manish Sahni, President Shiv Sena Jammu



and Kashmir, expressed grave concerns over the rising unemployment, coupled with the menace of terrorism and narco-terrorism in the region.

Sahni noted that the abrogation of Article 370 had raised hopes for employment generation, significant investments, and the shifting of industrial units to Jammu and Kashmir. However,

after more than four years, there has been little progress at the grassroots level. Unemployment figures have steadily risen, with an unemployment rate of 18.3%, while the national average stands at 8%. Government jobs have become a distant dream, and opportunities in the private sector for local residents are limited.

Sahni has requested Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to implement 80% reservation in the private sector for local residents with strict enforcement and penalties for non-compliant companies. He emphasized that companies failing to comply should face legal action and financial penalties. Additionally, he called for wage parity for ASHA workers compared to their counterparts in other states and the regularization of temporary employees across various departments.

Sahni conveyed these demands to the honorable Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha through an official memorandum.

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**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
e-NIT No. 239 of 2023-24

For and on behalf of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jammu, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from the reputed/registered firms/Sole Prop. for the below mentioned work:-

S. No.	Name of work	Cost of document/ tender fee (in Rs.)	Earnest money	Validity of Rates	Bid validity
1.	Providing and Testing of 4500 GPH X 91 Mtr. Head Sub Pump Sets(Stand by) for existing old T/well no.1 and T/well no. 2 at Bagh-e-Bahu Garden under maintenance and up-gradation Capex Budget.	200/-	Rs. 7000/- in the shape of CDR / FDR	180 days	180 days

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- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from **02-11-2023 (04.00 pm)**.
- The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from **02-11-2023 (04.00 pm)** to **09-11-2023 (02.00 pm)**.
- The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
- The Technical bids received shall be opened online on 10-11-2023 (**02.00 pm**) or any other subsequent date in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division North Jammu.
- The Financial bid of the bidders shall be opened online after scrutinizing the technical bid in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu in presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- The bidder should make payment for cost of bidding document in shape of single window challan of JMC / online payment through the JMC website link <http://www.jmcjammu.org/online-payment.html> in the name of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu.
- The original instruments in respect of cost of document, EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR and other relevant document of L<sub>1</sub> bidder will be required to be submitted to the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu after opening of financial bids on line. No separate intimation about opening of financial bids will be sent by this office / by the tender opening authority. In case the original documents are not submitted by the L<sub>1</sub> bidder after opening of financial bid, the tender will be cancelled and the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further / future tendering process in the division for a period of one year.
- The date and time of opening of financial bids will be notified on website <http://jktenders.gov.in> and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address.
- The original documents when submitted by L<sub>1</sub> bidder for the cost of tender documents, specified in the tender document should be same as uploaded on line (Scanned copies) otherwise allotment will not be issued, the tenders will be cancelled and the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further / future tendering process in the division for a period of one year.
- Bid security of successful tenderer will have to be in form of CDR/FDR of any scheduled bank and shall have to be valid for 180 days from last date of receipt of Bid. No exemption of any kind shall be allowed on this.
- Only such firms should submit tender, who have requisite infrastructure and workshop facility for carrying out similar type of job which may be inspected by the competent authority before awarding the job contract so as to access the working capacity of the tenderer. The workmanship and material used should be of high quality and as per the specifications of the job order / tender.
- The bid for the execution of work shall remain open for acceptance for a period of **180 days** from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the earnest money of the firm shall stand forfeited.
- The tenderers are advised to visit the site of work / inspect the parts to be fabricated before uploading their tenders so as to acquaint themselves with exact measurement and site conditions.
- Special conditions as per Finance Department order No. OM A/24 (2017)-651 dated 07-06-2018.**
  - Furnishing of hard copies of bids immediately after submission of e-tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as L-1 after opening of financial bids.
  - The cost of tenders should be collected by introducing e-challan or simply uploading a copy of necessary challan / receipt.
  - Similarly, instead of insisting on actual call deposit receipt, a copy of same duly pledged to the concerned department should be uploaded by the tenderers. However, before allotting the work or issuing the supply order, the original CDR/FDR should be obtained and kept on record.
- Other details, instructions and terms and conditions can be seen / downloaded from the bidding document.

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## EDITORIAL

## BRIDGE GAP

Individualism, at first, saps the virtues of public life; but in the long run it attacks and destroys all others and is at length absorbed in downright selfishness."

With the nuclear family concept gaining ground, the traditional hierarchy within the family has broken down. Elders feel like intruders in the home of their own children, people are silently witnessing violence to family life, its health; it is tearing apart the fabric of family as an institution. These distortions may be construed to be causes and consequences of the generation gap that is becoming more and more pointed and pronounced with each passing day.

Teenagers and the youth are increasingly seen to be beyond control and a world unto themselves. More and more of elders their numbers going up rapidly are finding themselves lonely and unable to adjust to the ways of a fast-changing, increasingly busy and self-centered world.

The phenomenon 'generation gap' apparently delineates two sets of different persons having distinct physical and mental make-up, but in reality it is much more than meets the eye. Essentially, it is a difference in attitude or lack of understanding between young people and older people.

No society, group or family set-up is free from the tensions and traumas born out of the generation-gap, where on one end of the spectrum stands the balding or graying head of the family and on the other the defiant and disobedient youth ready to break all barriers so that he or she can assert his/her point of view to the extent of being a 'rebel'. Like the two banks of a river or the cultural contours of the East and the West, the twain fails to meet even halfway.

No doubt, society's values and belief structures rise and fall with changing times. In the modern world mankind has turned inwards to serve the self and worship individuality. There is almost a worldwide trend towards weakening of community and family ties. Human relationship is becoming narrower, confined largely to the nuclear family.

But even within this small unit there is an increasing crisis in the relationship husband and wife, in the relationship between parents and children.

The problem, though touching and taunting may not defy a solution if both the youth and the age sit together with open minds and come to terms with realities. In a situation where the youth is active and aspiring, the onus lies on it to show reasonable restraint and respect to the elders who claim to have seen better days and behaved differently with their seniors or blood relations.

The older persons, on their part, should give up living in a world of illusions and self-delusion and address themselves to the changed milieu, where their role is passive.

No two generations are alike in their perceptions and preferences. If the younger one is aggressive and assertive, the elder one too is not very polite and pliant. Blaming the new generation for everything that has gone wrong in the society is like showing a red rag to the bull. The generation gap has been the rigorous reality of life since ages.

In the dying years of the present century, the hiatus between the two seems to have become more pronounced and painful because the younger generation is moved and motivated more by career considerations or calculation than by care, concern and compassion for their elders.

In the absence of 'a cause' for which they and their elders may stand and share one platform, crass commercial consciousness has widened the chasm between the two, leaving behind a trail of bitterness, complaints and grudges against each other.

Since each new generation becomes out of tune and touch with the upcoming one, it is in the fitness of things that the youth of today exhibit understanding and adjustment with the older generation now, so that it does not suffer the burden of 'guilt conscience' in its graying or balding period of life.

## To foil wider conflict, Israel must stop sacking of Gaza

By: Manish Tewari

As the adage goes, one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter! What is the definition of terrorism? Where does a fight for freedom end and terrorism start? Is it legitimate to resist occupation by violent means? Does a "root causes" argument justify the wanton slaughter of innocent men, women and children and taking scores hostage?

Is a disproportionately asymmetric conventional response to an outrage perpetrated by semi-state actors warranted? Is the Hamas militia comprising terrorists or freedom fighters? Is the doctrine of "collective punishment" being perpetrated by Israel in Gaza justifiable by any interpretation of the jurisprudence of modern warfare? Does it or does it not constitute an egregious use of overwhelming superior technological and military power against hapless civilians and, therefore, qualify as a war crime in terms of Article Eight of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court?

These, and many other ticking definitional time bombs, have been reignited by the unfolding situation between Israel and the Hamas that controls the Gaza Strip.

Why did the Hamas do what it did on October the 7th, 2023? After all, they were fully aware that the Israeli response would be overwhelmingly disproportionate. Who made the cold hard cost-benefit calculation and why that notwithstanding what Israel and its principal ally, the United States, would unleash the benefit would be worth the cost, notwithstanding the horrific price the people of Gaza strip would have to pay?

The answer to this conundrum is provided by none other than Prince Mohammed Bin Salman of Saudi Arabia who, in an interview to Fox News on Sep-

tember 20, 2023, admitted that Saudi Arabia and Israel were exploring a modus vivendi midwifed by the United States that could enable a broader reconciliation in the Middle East. He said, "We got to see where we go. We hope that will reach a place that will ease the life of the Palestinians and get Israel as a player in the Middle East."

For the Palestinians who really do not repose much trust in their fellow Arabs and their internecine machinations that now stretch back over seven decades, this must have been the proverbial red rag. For if a two-state solution has not seen the light of the day seven decades of down the line, it is not only because of Israel's intransigence but equally because the diffidence of the Arab neighbours of the proposed Palestinian state.

If Saudi Arabia, the keeper of the holiest shrines of Islam, was willing to a deal with the Zionists on the back of the now formalised reconciliation efforts in the Greater Middle East, initiated by the Abraham Accords between Israel, on one hand, and the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Morocco and Sudan, on the other, and also the parallel process brokered by China between Saudi Arabia and Iran, then effectively the aspiration of a Palestinian homeland would be as good as dead.

The dispute between Israel and Palestine is a conflict rooted in two differing ideas of nationalism: Zionism and Arab nationalism — the expression of national identity and culture through nationhood.

These dynamics influenced the inaugural Zionist Congress in 1897, designating Palestine as the Jewish national home. Simultaneously, in the Levant, Arab intellectuals inspired by Western technological progress and disillusioned by the crumbling Ottoman Empire, established Al-Fatat (the Young Arab Society) to promote a new Arab nation.

The British disaster at Gallipoli during the First World War intensified British desperation, leading to the Balfour Declaration on November 2, 1917, which pledged "the establishment in Palestine of a National Home for the Jewish People".

This declaration contradicted the May 16, 1916, Sykes-Picot Agreement, which divided Arab territories between Britain and France, with Palestine falling to Britain. Ironically, this agreement, contradicted the 1915 McMahon-Hussein Correspondence, where the British promised the Arab peninsula, including Palestine, to Sharif Hussein bin Ali of Mecca in exchange for his revolt against the Ottomans. Thus, in the most insidious spectacle of chicanery, the British promised the land of a third country to three different entities.

Post the First World War, the British and French partitioned the Middle East, with the British administering Palestine. The division of institutions for Christians, Muslims and Jews polarised society enabling the British to use their notorious divide-and-rule tactics.

This polarisation ignited Palestinian national identity leading to resistance against British rule that the British suppressed with Jewish militias. At the same time, millions of Jews surviving the horrors of the Holocaust migrated to Israel. Their persecution created a greater support for Zionism and a separate Jewish state. Recognising the hot potato that the Palestine-Zionist conundrum had become, Britain handed the Palestine issue to the United Nations. On November 29, 1947, the UN General Assembly adopted Resolution 181(II), advocating a two-state solution for Palestine. This was strongly opposed by Arab states, culminating in the First Arab-Israeli War of 1948.

The Six-Day War of 1967, and the Yom Kippur War of 1973, expanded Israeli territory and

deepened Palestinian displacement. The Oslo Accords in the 1990s aimed at a two-state solution but was set back by the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the death of President Yasser Arafat. The Second Intifada, beginning in 2000, brought violence and suffering to both sides. In 2005, Israel unilaterally withdrew from Gaza; however, the Palestinians elected Hamas, causing a paranoid Israel to construct settlements in the West Bank.

Hyper-nationalism leads to unnecessary conflicts. The current Israeli government represents an extreme form of Zionism, while Hamas embodies a radical perspective of Palestinian nationalism and anti-Semitism.

It, therefore, begs a question: Can there be any equivalence between Hamas depredations and Israel's retaliation? The answer is an unqualified no. The Israelis are acting out of anger at themselves over their colossal intelligence failure and making the hapless men, women and children the cannon fodder of their wrath. This challenges the basic precepts of humanity and its civilisational ethos.

If the conflict widens, it will engulf the entire Middle East and make the United States' position in the Islamic world untenable, given that it has military bases/military presence in Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, UAE and security arrangements with a host of other countries in GCC and the wider Middle East. All of whom without exception today stand with the Hamas irrespective of the fact that they may be gnashing at the teeth to have been put in such a situation. The Hamas has succeeded in squarely putting the Palestinian Question front and centre on the Middle Eastern Table.

## Do not rote, study with heart

By: Vijay Garg

In today's time, there will be a rare child, who will be interested in studies wholeheartedly, otherwise, 80 percent of children out of 100 find an excuse to drop out of studies. Any work is impossible without passion and interest. If a person does any work with passion and interest, then conquering any field is not difficult. In the same way a child has a mind. Without interest and hobby, studies will become a burden to the child. Of course, the child will learn from the body but will not be able to learn anything from the mind. from rattanbe ignored In today's technological age, even today, students are restricted to just parroting and making pages black, while instead emphasis should be placed on practical work. While living in the society, we think practically and the education that a child can acquire from practical method, he cannot acquire by parrot rattan and black pages. It is impossible

to acquire anything without interest and under pressure. If the student does the same task practically, then he will remember it for the rest of his life. Teach creatively Try not to Nowadays every child steals life from education. Children are interested in sports but not in studies. The reason for moving away from studies is that they are fed up with just parroting and blackening the pages and they do not find this process which has been going on for many years interesting. If an effort is made to teach the child through creative process in the school, then he will gradually start showing interest in studies. During the age of technology, students have become creative Buddhist masters. They learn new interesting things with creativitylike Efforts should be made to sharpen the interest Only skilled and hardworking teachers try to stimulate the interest of the students. In the school, work should be done according to the interest of the student. If efforts are made to develop

the child's interest from an early age, then in the future he will surely emerge as an artistic personality. A child cannot learn in fear In the child's mind, there is a fear of the punishment given by the teacher when the number is low, due to which the child can use the parrot rattan method instead of understanding the subject. Th forcibly tries to dissolve in his mind. There is a fear in the child's mind that my parents and teachers will scold me for getting low marks. So the child tries to learn by mistake, whereas in a state of fear we cannot learn anything by force. Therefore, it is the moral duty of teachers that education is not just a game of numbers but a treasure of knowledge and moral values, which teaches us how to live life. If the student gets low marks then the teacher tries to find out the reason instead of punishing himAfter all, for what reason the child is unable to read. Be made environment lovers Be it a child or an elderly person, taking care

of the environment is everyone's precious responsibility. Parents and teachers can motivate the child to connect with the environment. To make students aware of the environment, teachers can assign tasks related to the environment to the child. Teachers can challenge the students that the student who plants the most plants in a year will be awarded with a prize. Due to such activities, the environment inside the child's mind There is also a sense of moral responsibility and a sense of competition. During the changing era, there is a need to cut down unnecessary syllabus and introduce practical method of education system. If an effort is made to teach the child through sports in the education system, then the child's interest in studies will increase and he will happily go to school and will not consider studies as a burden.

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# Grand Shobha Yatra of Lord Vishwakarma taken out



## Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 5: On the eve of Vishwakarma Pooja Celebrations Pradesh Vishwakarma Shaba (PVS) J&K organised a huge Shobha Yatra in Jammu today under the supervision of Shashi Verma, president of the Shaba. The Shobha Yatra was flagged off by Brigadier (Rtd.) Vijay Sagar Dhiman, Sh. Lakhpat Rai (Rtd. DC) Chairman, Sh. Rattan Lal Chargoita (Vice-Chairman), Sh. Puran Chargoita (Vice-Chairman), Kuldeep Verma (Ex. Vice Chairman OBC Development Board).

leys added religious touch to the environment. Total of five Jhan- kis travelled through the city roads passing through Canal Road, Jewal Chowk, Gummat, Raghunath Bazar, City Chowk, Shalamar, Indira Chowk, KC Chowk and culminated back in the Vishwakarma Temple Gurha Bakshi Nagar Jammu Community Lannger was also arranged by the Sabha. The active participation of Vishwakarma Unit Shakti Nagar who organised lunch (Pritty Bhoj) for the whole gathering. Shobha Yatra depicted various scenes of Lord Vishwakarma like making of Trishul for Lord Shiva Sudershan Chakra for Lord Krishna Making of Golden Lanka for Ravana, Making of Ram Setu etc. Enroute Shobha Yatra various Organization

12-11-2023 (Sunday), the day following Diwali. He reiterated the demand of a Gazetted Holiday on Vishwakarma Day. He explained that a virtual Holiday has been existing since long on Vishwakarma Day. Everyone including industrialists, Saw Mill owners, Brick Kilns, Buil Material & Marble dealers, political circles, mechanics, Labour and artists Govt Deptts like PDD, PHE & Mechanical Divisions, USIC Jammu University, IIM (Erstwhile RRL), Hydrel Projects, observe an undeclared holiday on "Vishwakarma Day."

Baldev Raj of Nek Hotel, Gummat Jammu congratulated Jammuities on the auspicious occasion demanded of Vishwakarma Day Holiday will be declared by the Govt at the earliest.

Organising team included Ravi Verma (Ex. Prez PVS), Charanjeet Bitta (Vice President BSP J&K), Captain Lal Chand, Bhagat Ram from Apni Party, Vinod Jaral, Sham Chargoita, Jagdish Raj, Rajinder Verma, Advocate Amarjeet Chargoita, Advocate Ashwani Angotra, Parshotam Chargoita from Mishriwala, and many other peoples from all walk of life accompanied Shobha Yatra.

- (1) Vijay Verma (Gensery.)
- (2) Rakesh Chalotia (President shakti)
- (3) Joginderpal (Dist Previden) Ravi Kumar! •Verma. Ex-President fus.

# Rotary Club, IIT Jammu organise guest lecture



## Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 5: Guest Lecture organized by Rotary Club Helping Hands Jammu in association with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu, held at the IIT Jagti Jammu campus. The lecture was delivered by Rtn. Dr. Padmakshi Lokesh, a well-known clinical psychologist from Bangalore, who has achieved many national awards.

The lecture's topic was "Digital Detox & Managing Distractions." Ms. Rhythma, a student of IIT, delivered the welcome address, and the event was presided over and coordinated by

the President of the Rotary Club Jammu, Rtn. Mrs. Karuna Gupta. The club's Secretary and Treasurer, Rtn. Jaswinder Kuku Singh and Rtn. Sunny Gupta, along with other club members like Dr. Prem Sharma and Mrs. Vandana Sharma, played a crucial role in organizing the event.

During her address, Rtn. Dr. Padmakshi emphasized the importance of drawing a clear line between distractions and one's goals. She discussed the concept of "digital detoxification" and how it helps in maintaining mental balance. She also highlighted the need to stay away from digital toxic materials like "PUBG" and

manage emotional interactions that could subdue the intelligence of young minds. She provided various psychological corrective measures and stressed the importance of having a strong will and seeking advice from parents and teachers.

The session concluded with a question-answer session where students had the opportunity to interact with Rtn. Dr. Padmakshi. The event ended with a vote of thanks by Rtn. Mrs. Karuna Gupta, who expressed her appreciation for the valuable psychological insights provided by the speaker. She also thanked the IIT administration and students for their active participation, making the session fruitful. The event concluded with a cup of tea and snacks.

This initiative seems like a valuable and informative session for the IIT students, helping them understand the importance of digital detox and managing distractions in their academic and personal lives.

# Kashmiri Displaced People Wing DPAP J&K express grief on demise of Puran Singh

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 5: KASHMIRI DISPLACED PEOPLE WING DPAP J&K Leaders Sanjay Dhar President, Piary Lal Pandita Chairman, Raj Kumar Tickoo General Secretary expressed their heart-felt condolences on the untimely sad demise of Sh. Puran Singh ji brother-in-law of General Secretary Sh.R.S Chib who passed away.

All KDPW DPAP J&K leaders said that departed soul was a modest person, and his untimely demise has caused great loss to his family which has created a void that can never be filled.

All KDPW leaders conveyed their solidarity with the bereaved family and pray to the

"Almighty God" to grant eternal peace to departed soul, courage and fortitude to the bereaved to bear this irreparable loss.

Other leaders who expressed their condolences on the sad occasion are Daizy Dhar Mahila President, Amrita Bhat Mahila Vice president, Deepak Fotadar General Secretary Non Camps, Rajender Kilim Vice president Non Camps, Roop Krishen Koul Vice President, Naveen Gosani Youth President, Rahul Raina Youth Vice President, Anjali Pandita Mahila Unit President Jagti, Avtar Krishen Ladhoo UNIT PRESIDENT JAGTI, Ravender Singh Secretary, Charanjeet Singh Publicity Secretary, Vikas Koul Secretary, Neha Mian Mahila Vice President Jagti and many others.

# Degree College Thathri-working in Hr. Secondary School Thathri: AAP



## Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 5: Kuldeep Kumar Rao's concerns and grievances regarding the allocation of Degree Colleges in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) are important issues that highlight the challenges faced by the local population in the region. It appears that he is critical of the way educational and healthcare institutions were established in the area, which he believes were influenced by political considerations rather than the actual needs of the community.

Some key points raised by Rao include:

**Lack of Criteria for Degree College Allocation:** Rao points out that there were no clear criteria for the allocation and sanctioning of Degree Colleges in each Assembly constituency of J&K. This led to what he perceives as arbitrary decisions based on political con-

siderations.

**Inadequate Infrastructure and Resources:** He mentions that some of the Degree Colleges in the region lack sufficient staff and infrastructure. This, in turn, affects the quality of education provided to the students.

**Unequal Access to Healthcare:** Rao also highlights the issues in the healthcare sector, where specialized treatment is often not easily accessible, forcing people to travel long distances for medical care.

**Concerns About Governance and Neglect:** He expresses concerns about the lack of meaningful improvements in infrastructure and services, suggesting that political motivations may have played a role in the establishment of institutions without genuine commitment to their development.

**Calls for Greater Attention:** Rao appeals to the Lt. Governor of J&K Union Territory, Sh. Manoj Sinha, to address these issues, improve infrastructure, and provide better education and healthcare services to the local population.

It's important to note that such issues are not unique to J&K but are concerns faced in many regions where government decisions on resource allocation are influenced by political considerations. The call for greater transparency, equity, and effective governance is essential to ensure that education and healthcare services meet the needs of the people they are intended to serve.

# Veteran Social & Political Figure of Doda Kh Mohd Ayoub Dev passes away

## Top News Report

DODA, Nov 5: Kh Mohammad Ayoub Dev was a prominent and respected social and political personality in the Chenab Valley's Doda region.

Here are some key points about his life and contributions:

He was born on November 27, 1930, in Doda.

He passed away at the age of 93 after a prolonged illness at his ancestral home in Mohalla Irfanabad, Doda.

Kh Mohammad Ayoub Dev is survived by his wife, Mtr Maryam Begum, two sons (Mohd Abass Dev and Ishtiaq Ahmed Dev, and three daughters (Shaheen Salma, Yasmeen Nighat, and Tasleema Kousar). He was actively involved with various social and political movements, including his association with the Muslim Students Federation in Doda in 1944, as well as the Plebiscite movement (Mahaz-e-Raishumari) from 1955 to 1975. During this time, he was closely associated with several prominent figures in the region.

His funeral prayer (Nimaz e Jinazah) was held at Eid Gah Doda and attended by thousands of people from various walks of life. He was laid to rest in his ancestral graveyard in Doda. Condolences poured in from various quarters, including social, political, and religious organizations in the Chenab Valley, expressing their grief and solidarity with the bereaved family. Notable personalities who offered condolences included leaders from various organizations, journalists, writers, and political activists. Kh Mohammad Ayoub Dev's life and contributions had a significant impact on the region, and his passing was widely mourned and acknowledged by the community.

He was a man of principle and stood up for the rights of the common people and the development of Doda.

Kh Mohammad Ayoub Dev faced imprisonment multiple times during his involvement in different struggle movements.

He was known for promoting unity, brotherhood, and fighting against communalism and extremism in his society.

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# Faculty of Forestry, SKUAST-Kashmir concludes two week long entrepreneurship programmes on Hi-tech Nurseries & Value addition of Wild edible fruits

## Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 5: A program organized by the Division of Silviculture and Agroforestry at the Faculty of Forestry, Benhama Watlar Ganderbal, SKUAST-Kashmir. This program consisted of two Entrepreneurship development programs. Here's a summary of the key points:

**Program Objectives:** The two-week long training programs aimed to focus on two main areas:

a. Development of Hi-tech Nursery of conifers and broad-leaved tree species for livelihood development in Kashmir Himalaya.

b. Unlocking the potential and prospects of Wild Edible Fruits (WEFs) through ex-situ conservation, multiplication, and value addition.

**Location:** The training programs were conducted at GDC Kangan and included hands-on training, practical sessions, and field visits at the Faculty of Forestry, Benhama.



**Content:** The programs included lectures on various aspects related to conifer and broad-leaved tree species nursery development, as well as the conservation, multiplication, and value addition of wild edible fruits.

**Participants:** The programs were attended by college students and aimed at fostering entrepreneurship development among the youth in the region.

**Key Speakers:** Dr. N. A. Pala and Dr. G. M. Bhat played key roles as the Training Coordinator

and Head/Training Coordinator, respectively. Dr. S. A. Gangoo, Professor & Dean of the Faculty of Forestry, emphasized the importance of these programs for entrepreneurship development. Several other scientists and experts also delivered lectures and practical sessions.

**Acknowledgments:** The coordinators of the program expressed their gratitude to the Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganiae, Director of Planning and Monitoring, Prof. H. R. Naik, and Dean of the

Faculty of Forestry, Prof. S. A. Gangoo, for their support. They also acknowledged the support of the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India, for sponsoring the program.

This program appears to have provided valuable training and education in the field of forestry, agroforestry, and entrepreneurship, with a focus on the unique environmental and economic conditions of the Kashmir Himalaya region.

75th Anniversary of J&K  
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**SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Short e-NIT No. DGN/22 of 2023-24 Dated 01-11-2023  
For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works :-

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Advertised Cost (₹ in Lacs)	Cost of document (₹)	Earnest Money (₹)	Time Allowed for complete on	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Conversion of Rooms at 1st Floor of under construction for additional block of Information and Technology Department at Govt. Polytechnic College, Jammu as Strong Rooms for Warehousing M3 EVMs / WVPATS Machines	PWD (R&B) Division Gandhi Nagar	7.70	600	15400 (2% of the Advertised Cost)	01 Month	(1400 Hrs) on or after 08-11-2023	"A", "B" "C" & "D" Class

**Position of AAA** :- Accorded by Deputy District Election Officer Jammu vide No ENT/J/2023-24/5918-19 dated 12-10-2023

**Position of TS** :- Sanctioned by this office vide order No. 20/PWD Div. Gandhi Nagar/2023-24 dated 13-10-2023

**Project Authority** :- Deputy District Election Officer Jammu

**Major Head of Account** :- Election.

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule :

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	01-11-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 01-11-2023 to 07-11-2023, 1800 Hrs
3	Bid submission Start Date	01-11-2023
4	Bid Submission End Date	07-11-2023 upto 1800 Hrs
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	08-11-2023 on or after 1400 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Gandhi Nagar
6	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Gandhi Nagar and upload the same i.e. treasury challan/receipt, Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Gandhi Nagar. The CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of L1 be submitted to the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Gandhi Nagar at the time of allotment.

2. The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder need not to make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential-submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids.

3. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Gandhi Nagar. The date for same shall be intimated separately.

.. Sd.,  
(Er. Rahat Gupta)  
Executive Engineer  
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## Is Samantha Ruth Prabhu rekindling romance with Naga Chaitanya, fans are left guessing

Samantha Ruth Prabhu, a name that's been synonymous with headlines since her separation from actor Naga Chaitanya in 2021, is at it again. The actress, who had seemingly moved on from her past with Chaitanya, is now stoking the fires of speculation.

In a recent social media post, Samantha shared a captivating collage of photos that showcased her style, but what caught the eagle-eyed fans' attention was a tiny detail - the tattoo near her rib area, dedicated to Naga Chaitanya, was still there. Despite her previous hints at moving forward, it seems this inked connection is a lingering reminder of their shared past.

The Chay tattoo, as fans fondly refer to it, had disappeared from public view for a while, leaving many to believe it had been removed. However, Samantha's latest photos have reignited the conversation about whether the couple is on the path to reconciliation.

One of the snapshots from



Samantha's recent post reveals her confidently flaunting the Naga Chaitanya tattoo. Dressed in a chic white tube top, a stylish jacket, and a pair of trendy pants, the actress appears to embrace her past, sending fans into a whirlwind of speculation.

The social media buzz was immediate. Fans shared their excitement, with one commenting, "The other day someone said that he has taken a tattoo. Maybe it was cut out (at the time)." Another fan enthusiastically chimed in, "Still had a

tattoo," while yet another asked, "Who said it was removed?" It's evident that the reappearance of the tattoo has left fans ecstatic and puzzled.

The rumors of a potential patch-up between Samantha and Naga Chaitanya have been fueled further by a recent Instagram post from the actor. Last month, Chaitanya shared an endearing photo featuring Hash, their beloved dog, seated in his lap as he watched the sunset from his car. He simply captioned it "Vibe."

The heartwarming image stirred fans' emotions and unleashed a barrage of speculations. Many fans took to the comments section to inquire if the former couple had indeed rekindled their romance.

Samantha, in response, seemingly dispelled the rumors by sharing a series of photos where she concealed the tattoo featuring Chaitanya's name.

The details of their separation remain undisclosed, as both actors have chosen not to delve into the reasons behind their split. However, the mystery surrounding Samantha's tattoo and their continued co-parenting of their beloved dogs keep fans intrigued, leaving room for endless speculations about a possible reunion between the two stars.

Samantha Ruth Prabhu and Naga Chaitanya's relationship status may still be shrouded in ambiguity, but one thing is for sure: the spotlight continues to shine brightly on their story.

## Kanika Mann learns horse riding



Kanika Mann, who is seen in the show Chand Jalne Laga, shared that she had never attempted horse-riding, even during her participation

in Khatron Ke Khiladi 12, but was glad she did so for this show.

About overcoming her fear of horses, Kanika says, "Every new proj-

ect comes with opportunities for learning as well as challenges. I'm glad that I got a chance to learn horse-riding for Chand Jalne Laga. For some reason, I couldn't fight the fear of riding horses for a long time.

Even after my stint in Khatron Ke Khiladi 12, this fear remained unaddressed. I'm grateful that I took a swing at this sport and enjoyed the company of this adorable animal. I was in serious prep mode and took a crash course in horse-riding. I had to learn the skill in time because we had and continue to have a very tight shoot schedule. Once I befriended the horse, there was a childlike excitement about making a new friend." Chand Jalne Laga airs on Colors.

## Nothing personal: Mouni Roy talks about Temptation Island

Mouni Roy, who will be seen hosting the Temptation Island India, has revealed that she will use her personal experiences while advising the couples on the show but her personal life will never be discussed there.

The famous reality show from America Temptation Island is finally coming to India with its first season. Temptation Island India will be hosted by Karan Kundrra and Mouni Roy. The show, to be premiered on November 3, will be available to stream every day at 8 pm on Jio Cinema.

In a candid conversation, Mouni Roy opened up about the show, how difficult it was for her to give advice to the couples and much more.

The show is all about discussing the personal life of the couples. When asked if she would use her personal life too, she said, "I will use only my personal experiences while advising the couples. My personal life will not be used. There is a reason it is my personal life. I feel your life experiences help you a lot while advising people."

About the show, she



said, "I am very excited for the show. In the US, many seasons have already happened but this is the first time in India. Audience will get to see something new and different. It is a show where there will be a lot of drama and human emotions. I am waiting to see the audiences' reaction to the show."

About her role, she said, "I will be advising the couples. Every relation has different issues. I come in at a point when a couple

requires my advice. But it will totally depend on them how they take it. It is very difficult to give advice to people. I was very clear not to hurt anyone. Initially, it was difficult for me but now I am getting comfortable with it."

The show is set to witness a series of games between couples and a few hot singles in a huge villa to finally take home the trophy and prize money. The show will be available to stream everyday at 8 pm on Jio Cinema.

## KJo says father Yash Johar is his God

Karan Johar gets emotion on India's Got Talent

Filmmaker Karan Johar, who will be joining the judges panel on the grand finale of 'India's Got Talent' season 10, reminisced about his 25 years of showbiz journey and paid tribute to his late father and producer Yash Johar, adding that all that he has achieved, it's all because of his goodwill and blessings.

This weekend, the talent-based reality show will end on a high with an epic grand finale titled 'Hunar Ka Vishwa Cup'.

Bringing alive a visual spectacle like never before, the top six finalists - Abujmarh Malakhamb Academy, Mahila Band, Golden Girls, Zero Degree, Raaga Fusion, and The ART will be putting their best foot forward one last time on this stage to win the coveted trophy.

Adding a 'dharma-atic' twist to the grand finale will be Karan Johar, who will be joining the judges' panel along with Kirron Kher, Shilpa Shetty Kundra and Badshah. The top six finalists will celebrate KJo, who has entertained everybody with his cinema, consisting of magical



moments and loveable characters for the last 25 years.

Touched by their heartfelt tribute, an emotional KJo said: "You know, sometimes, it truly feels like when moments like these come, I'm having an out-of-body experience. It doesn't feel like me, like this isn't my work."

The 'Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham' director said: "I don't know how I've spent 25 years. I always feel that when my father entered the industry, he received so much love and respect, and he made many films. But the success I thought he should have received at that time, he

didn't get."

"When my first film was released, for the first time, I felt like the entire industry had come together and prayed that this film should work for the sake of my father. Even today, it's been 19 years since he left us, but I feel whatever has happened to me, whatever I've found, whatever I've achieved, it's all because of his goodwill and his blessings. I always say, when you lose a parent, you gain a God. I feel that he is my God," he said.

"Whenever I am going through tough times, I feel that he gives me strength. I'm very blessed to have his

memory, and I'm very blessed to have my mother, who is still such a strong presence in my life. She has played such a big role in raising my children. I'm just very emotional right now," shared Karan.

"Like Kirron Ji said, sometimes it doesn't feel like so much time has passed. Time seems to have flown by without us realising it. More importantly, you need to treat success like failure, or failure like success, quite lightly. Only when you do that, can your achievements truly rise. The way you all showed me these beautiful performances, I felt good. It's moments like these that make you feel all that work is worth it," he said.

Expressing his emotions further, KJo said: "I have judged many shows, and coming here today means more than just showing up. There are so many feelings attached to this show. The prestige and beauty of this show is because of Kirron Ji."

"When I was one of the judges in the previous seasons with Kirron Ji, I felt it was a training ground for me

in reality show judging. Kirron Ji taught us so much, not just with her big heart but also with her wonderful personality. Her way of lifting her saree's pallu whenever there are any stunts, her every gesture - it makes my heart swell with emotion."

Karan further shared: "Whenever I sit with my mother, who happens to be a huge fan of the show, she always notices what saree Kirron Ji is wearing, and gets excited about the details. It drives me crazy when she demands the exact jewellery that Kirron Ji's wearing in the episode, while I think about why Kirron Ji wears such beautiful jewellery."

"There's something about this show that touches the heart of India, and it happens every season. I'm proud of the show, and I'm proud to be back, I feel like I'm coming back home," he added.

Last season's finalists, Rishabh Chaturvedi and Ishita Vishwakarma, will also grace the stage to cheer the finalists.

The grand finale of 'India's Got Talent' will air on Saturday and Sunday on Sony.

## Mahesh Bhatt's ode to Kishore Kumar's unique artistry

Kishore Kumar was an extremely professional personality, says Mahesh Bhatt

Filmmaker Mahesh Bhatt, who will be gracing the stage of singing reality show 'Indian Idol 14', remembered the legendary playback singer Kishore Kumar, saying how the latter used to have a good time in the studio.

Kishore Kumar is best known for his songs 'Chala Jaata Hoon', 'O Mere Dil Ke Chain', 'Tera Muihse Hai Pehle Ka', 'Pal Pal Dil Ke Paas', 'Yaadon Ki Baraat Nikli Hai', among numerous other tracks.

This weekend, 'Indian Idol 14' will host famed producer and director Mahesh Bhatt, in the episode titled 'Director Mahesh Bhatt's Challenge'. An industry veteran, he has completed 49 years in the entertainment industry and will be making an appearance

on Indian Idol for the first time.

Mahesh will also challenge the Top 15 contestants to bring out the right emotion through their singing, and the best of the lot gets a chance to win a vinyl of his 1984 film, 'Saaransh'.

Hailing from Kanpur, Vaibhav Gupta will sing 'Tu Pyar Hai Kisi Aur Ka' and 'Chahiye Thoda Pyar' from the classic films, 'Dil Hai Ke Manta Nahin' and 'Lahu Ke Do Rang' respectively.

Post Vaibhav's performance, Mahesh remembers Kishore Kumar, and said: "Kishore Kumar was an extremely professional personality. But whenever he used to come, like Shreya Ghoshal mentioned, he used to have a good time whenever he used



to come to the studio." "He was the first person I saw who spoke not only with the music directors but also film directors to understand the situation of the song. To understand the situation that the character

is in, and to understand the director's point of view, he sang a song," added Mahesh.

'Indian Idol 14' features judges Kumar Sanu, Shreya Ghoshal and Vishal Dadlani, and it airs on Sony.

## Zarina Wahab on constantly taking up acting projects: I am trying to keep myself busy

Zarina Wahab goes on to explain how work takes her to places and she enjoys it being a "travel enthusiast".

Actor Zarina Wahab have been working in the film industry for almost four decades now and there are no plans to retire. While one may assume it's merely her love for films, the actor tells us it's her way to live life but she does it "only for few days of the month".

"I work for 10-12 days in a month and it's a conscious move to do so. That's because I love to travel and work takes me to places that otherwise are difficult to plan and go to. I am a travel enthusiast and hence I prefer outdoor shoots (laughs)," shares the actor, who was last seen in projects like Lafzon Mein Pyaar and Ajmer 92.

But that's not all. Wahab shares that it's has decision she has



made to keep herself busy and I am someone who cannot sit ideal for too long. Aur mujhe filmo me kaam karne ke alawa kuch aata hi nahi. I am a very boring person otherwise. That's why I try to sign films, short-films, regional projects

that keep me engaged at least for a few days. It's also the love for filmmaking that I cannot keep myself away from the camera and set for too long," she shares.

While actors may still be very fussy about the character she play on screen, Wahab has a

different view. "I am not at a stage where I have to focus on building a career or a filmography. So I don't mind doing even three scenes if the role is good and that's what I am doing. Fortunately, industry is good enough to consider and offer me interesting parts only. But like I said, I am not image conscious or career conscious and hence have no inhibitions in taking all kinds of roles, given they are interesting," says Wahab, adding that she is "extremely happy."

She is going out to shoot for a Telugu project this month. Also, "I have recently wrapped up an OTT project. I have done a dance film, which might not be a very big budget movie, but is quite interesting. Aaj kal dance par kaha ban rahi hain film. Banti bhi hain to bahut they lack the depth and soul," she ends



## PM Modi Offers Prayers at Maa Bamleshwari Temple In Chhattisgarh

**Maa Bamleshwari temple in Rajnandgaon's Dongargarh is a prominent pilgrimage destination in the state.**

RAJNANDGAON (CHHATTISGARH), Nov 5 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday offered prayers at Maa Bamleshwari temple in Chhattisgarh's Rajnandgaon district.

Maa Bamleshwari temple in Rajnandgaon's Dongargarh is a prominent pilgrimage destination in the state.

It is situated on a hilltop at a height of 1600 feet.

This temple is also known as Badi Bambleshwari. It is of great spiritual importance and several legends are associated with this shrine.

Shivji Temple and temples



dedicated to Lord Hanuman are also located here. Another temple, Chhotti Bam-

bleshwari, is located a bit further away from the vicinity of the main temple complex.

PM Modi also offered prayers at Chandragiri Jain Temple and took blessings from Saint Vidhya Sagar Maharaj in Rajnandgaon's Dongargarh.

Later in the day, PM Modi will address an election rally in Dongargarh in the run-up to the state assembly elections. Earlier on Saturday, the Prime Minister addressed a gathering in Chhattisgarh's Durg.

Chhattisgarh is among five states that will go to the polls by the end of the year. BJP is seeking to oust the Congress government in the state which came to power in 2018.

## Women soldiers, sailors, air warriors to get maternity, childcare leave benefits on par with officers in Armed Forces

**At present, women officers get maternity leave of 180 days with full pay for each child, subject to a maximum of two children**



NEW DELHI, Nov 5 (Agencies): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved a proposal to grant maternity, child care and child adoption leave to women soldiers, sailors and air warriors on par with their officer counterparts.

The Defence Ministry on Sunday said the decision is in line with Singh's vision of "inclusive participation" of all women in the Armed Forces, irrespective of their ranks.

It said the measure is going to improve the work conditions for women in the military as it will help them balance their professional and family lives in a better manner.

"Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved a proposal for extension of the rules for maternity, child care and child adoption leave for women soldiers, sailors and air warriors in the armed forces at par with their officer counterparts," it said.

"With the issuing of the rules, the grant of such leave to all women in the military, whether one is an officer or any other rank, will be equally applicable," the ministry added.

At present, the women officers get maternity leave of 180 days with full pay for each child, subject to a maximum of two children. Childcare leave of 360 days is granted in total service career (subject to the child being less than 18 years of age) to women officers, according to officials.

Child adoption leave of 180 days is granted after the date of the valid adoption of a child below one year of age, they said.

"The extension of leave rules will go a long way in dealing with women-specific family and social issues relevant to the armed forces," the ministry said in a statement.

"This measure is going to improve the work conditions of women in the

military and aid them to balance the spheres of professional and family life in a better manner," it said.

The ministry said in line with the Narendra Modi Government's commitment towards utilising "Nari Shakti" (women power), the Three Services have spearheaded a paradigm shift with the inclusion of women as soldiers, sailors and air warriors.

"With the recruitment of women Agniveers, the armed forces will be empowered with the bravery, dedication and patriotism of women soldiers, sailors and air warriors to defend the land, sea and air frontiers of the country," it said.

"From being operationally deployed in Siachen, the highest battlefield in the world, to being posted on warships as well as dominating the skies, Indian women are now breaking barriers in almost every field in the armed forces," the ministry said.

"In 2019, a significant milestone was also achieved through recruitment of women in the Indian Army as soldiers in the Corps of Military Police," it added.

Singh has always been of the view that women should be on par with their male counterparts in every field.

## Primary schools in Delhi shut till Nov 10 as air quality dips to 'severe plus' category

NEW DELHI, Nov 5 (Agencies): All primary schools in the National Capital will remain shut till November 10 in view of rising pollution levels in the city, Delhi Education Minister Atishi announced on Sunday.

For classes 6 to 12, schools have the option of teaching online.

"As pollution levels continue to remain high, primary schools in Delhi will stay closed till November 10. For Grade 6-12, schools are being given the option of shifting to online classes," Atishi said on X.

A toxic haze lingered over Delhi for the sixth consecutive day on Sunday as pollution levels once again reached the "severe plus" category due to unfavourable wind conditions, particularly calm winds during

the night.

The air quality index deteriorated from 415 at 4 pm on Saturday to 460 at 7 am on Sunday.

Earlier, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had announced that all government and private primary schools in Delhi will remain closed on November 3 and November 4, in view of rising pollution levels.

Under the Centre's air pollution control plan, all emergency measures, including a ban on polluting trucks, commercial four-wheelers, and all types of construction, are mandated to be initiated and enforced in the National Capital Region if the AQI crosses the 450-mark.

The concentration of PM2.5, fine particulate matter capable of penetrating deep into the respiratory system and trigger-



ing health problems, exceeded the government-prescribed safe limit of 60 micrograms per cubic metre by seven to eight times at multiple locations throughout Delhi-NCR. It was 80 to 100 times the healthy limit of 5 micrograms per cubic meter set

by the WHO.

Air quality in Delhi-NCR declined over the past week due to a gradual drop in temperatures, calm winds that trap pollution, and a surge in post-harvest paddy straw burning across Punjab and Haryana.

## BRS MLC Kavitha's Bharat Jagruti to take up legal battle for quick implementation of women's reservation legislation

HYDERABAD, Nov 5 (Agencies): Ruling BRS MLC in Telangana K Kavitha on Sunday said the Bharat Jagruti, a cultural organisation led by her, is discussing with legal experts on taking up a legal battle for the quick implementation of women's reservation legislation.

As per the advice of legal experts, Bharat Jagruti would implead itself in the petitions pending in the Supreme Court on the matter, she said, according to a release from her office.

Observing that several organisations and parties are demanding immediate implementation of the women's



quota, she demanded that the Centre take measures for its implementation of the reservation from the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Some organisations

had already gone to court, she said.

Kavitha had observed hunger strike in Delhi in March this year in support of the women's reservation Bill.

## Khalistani Terrorist Threatens To Blow Up Air India Flight On Nov 19

NEW DELHI, Nov 5 (Agencies): Designated terrorist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, the founder of the banned Sikhs for Justice (SFJ), has released a new video asking Sikhs not to fly in Air India aircraft after November 19, as their lives can be under threat.

He claimed that Air India would not be allowed to operate on November 19.

Pannun claimed that Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport would remain shut on November 19 and that its name would be changed. He highlighted that this is the same day on which the final match of the ongoing Cricket World Cup will take place.

This is not the first time that SFJ chief Pannun



has issued a threat. In September, he urged Hindu-Canadians to leave Canada amid a diplomatic row between India and Canada over the killing of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, in a video that circulated on

social media, said pro-Khalistan Sikhs have consistently shown loyalty to Canada. He then went on to threaten Indo-Canadian Hindus, urging them to leave the country.

Following the spread of a hateful speech by Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, Hindu Forum Canada's

Lawyers asked the Canadian Immigration Minister to ban Pannun's entry into Canadian territory.

Hindu Forum Canada's Lawyer wrote to the Minister of Immigration of Canada, Mark Miller, stating that Pannun's recent comments have caused distress and trauma not only within the Hindu community but also among Canadian citizens at large.

Hindu Forum Canada is a not-for-profit humanitarian organization based in Ontario that advocates for policies that enhance the wellbeing of minority groups in Canada.

Earlier in September, Khalistani secessionists held a so-called 'Referendum' in Surrey, British Columbia. Designated terrorist Gurpat-

want Singh Pannun, the founder of the banned Sikhs for Justice (SFJ), was present at the gathering of the Khalistani separatists held at the Guru Nanak Singh Gurudwara in Surrey, Vancouver.

Notably, the ties between India and Canada have been strained after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau alleged the involvement of "agents of the Indian government" in the killing of Nijjar in June.

India had rejected the allegations as "absurd and motivated" and expelled a Canadian diplomat in a tit-for-tat move over Canada's decision. Canada has yet to provide any public evidence to support the claim about the killing of Nijjar.

## Dalit Man Beaten Up, Urinated Upon By 6 In Andhra Shocker: Cops

**The victim has been identified as Shyam Kumar. Police have arrested all six accused after filing a non-bailable case.**

NTR, (ANDHRA PRADESH), Nov 5 (Agencies): In a shocking incident, six people allegedly assaulted a Dalit youth and urinated on him in Andhra Pradesh's NTR district, according to police.

The victim has been identified as Shyam Kumar. Police have arrested all six accused after filing a non-bailable case.

The officials said that, as per the received information, the Dalit youth was held by the six accused for four hours and was beaten

up by them, and when he asked for water, the accused urinated on him.

After the incident came to the fore, the Telugu Desam Party's (TDP) Scheduled Caste (SC) cell staged a protest that and even blocked roads.

The protest was organised by TDP SC cell president MMS Raju, who blocked the highway near Kanchikacharla, and a protest dharna was held on both sides of the highway.

The visuals showed the protestors raising the slogan 'We Want

Justice'.

The visuals also showed police officials carrying one of the leading protestors by his hands and feet in order to stop the protest and clear the crowd from the road.

The TDP SC cell president, while speaking to media personnel, said, "Attacks on Dalits have increased in CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's regime. A lot of attacks on Dalits are continuing in the state. A young boy named Shyam Kumar was assaulted by ruling party followers and they

were granted station bail and wandered outside even after assaulting the Dalit boy brutally."

MMS Raju further said, "The doctors have advised that Shyam's jaw should get an operation and it needs three days for it." Further condemning the attacks on Dalits, he said that all those who were involved in this incident should be arrested.

Vijayawada City Police Commissioner, Kanthi Rana Tata, also talked to media personnel about the whole incident and said, "The Dalit youth

named Shyam Kumar, who is a resident of Kanchikacherla village, was assaulted by his old friend named Harish Reddy along with five other individuals."

"Harish Reddy called Shyam Kumar to the Shivsai Kshetra area and forcibly pushed him into a car with the help of five others and took him to Guntur; meanwhile, he was badly assaulted inside the car," said Kanthi Rana Tata.

The accused will be presented before a fast-track court and remanded, said police.

## Karnataka Official Stabbed To Death At Her Home In Bengaluru



BENGALURU, Nov 5 (Agencies): A woman officer working with the Karnataka government was murdered at her

home in Bengaluru on Saturday night, police said today. The victim, Pratima, serving as the Deputy Director in

the Mines and Geology Department of Karnataka, was found stabbed to death at her residence in Subramanyapura.

The 45-year-old Pratima's driver dropped her off at her home after work, where she had lived for over eight years. She was reportedly murdered around 8:30 pm, while her husband and son were away in Thirthahalli.

Pratima's brother arrived at her home early Sunday morning and found her dead. He had called her the night before, but she had not answered. He immediately contacted the police.



## Israeli strike kills 51, mostly children and women, says Palestinian media; Arab world, US split on ceasefire

**US warns ceasefire would allow Hamas to regroup, strike again; Iran VP calls Israeli actions 'war crime'**

GAZA/AMMAN, Nov 5 (Agencies): Palestinian news agency WAFA said the Israeli military attacked a Gaza refugee camp on Saturday, killing 51 people, mostly women and children, as calls for a ceasefire by the Arab world were rejected by the United States and Israel.

With the death toll in Gaza mounting, pro-Palestinian demonstrators staged protests in cities around the world on Saturday, calling for an end to the nearly month-old war.

WAFA said the Maghazi refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip had been hit by an Israeli bombardment on Saturday night.

Agency could not independently verify the WAFA report.

The Israeli military did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Israel says it is targeting Hamas, not civilians, and that the militant group is using residents as human shields.

A spokesperson for the Hamas-run health ministry in Gaza, Ashraf al-Qidra, said a large number of people were killed in the attack, without giving a figure, and scores severely injured were taken to hospital.

Gaza health officials said on Saturday more than 9,488 Palestinians have been killed in the war, which began when Hamas fighters launched a surprise attack on southern Israel on October 7, killing 1,400 people and taking more than 240 others hostage.

Foreign ministers from Qatar, Saudi, Egypt, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates met US Secretary of State Antony Blinken in Amman on Saturday and pushed for Washington to



persuade Israel to agree to a ceasefire.

"This war is just going to produce more pain for Palestinians, for Israelis, and this is going to push us all again into the abyss of hatred and dehumanisation," Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi said in a press conference with Blinken. "So that needs to stop."

However, the top US diplomat dismissed the idea of a ceasefire, saying it would only benefit Hamas, allowing the Islamist Palestinian group to regroup and attack again.

Washington had proposed localised pauses in fighting to allow in humanitarian aid and for people to leave the densely populated Gaza Strip. Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu rejected this when he met Blinken on Friday in Tel Aviv.

Blinken will visit Turkey on Sunday for talks on the conflict. It is his second trip to the region since the decades-old Israeli-Palestinian conflict reignited.

Speaking in Shanghai, Mohammad Mokhber, Iran's first vice president, called Israeli actions "a war crime", adding, "We need to end this immediately and provide more humani-

tarian assistance to Gaza."

Israel has struck Gaza from the air, imposed a siege and launched a ground assault, stirring global alarm at humanitarian conditions in the narrow coastal enclave.

Pro-Palestinian demonstrators staged protests on Saturday in cities including London, Berlin, Paris, Istanbul, Jakarta and Washington, demanding a ceasefire.

Tens of thousands gathered in Washington to denounce President Joe Biden's war policy and demand a ceasefire. Some carried posters reading "Palestinian Lives Matter", "Let Gaza Live" and "Their blood is in on your hands".

In Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim country, Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi told tens of thousands gathered in Jakarta on Sunday that the government reaffirmed its support for the struggle of the Palestinian people and would send a second shipment of aid.

**CONCERNS OVER WEST BANK**

Worsening violence in the Israeli-occupied West Bank has fuelled concerns that the flashpoint Palestinian territory

could become a third front in a wider war - in addition to Israel's northern border, where clashes with Lebanese Hezbollah forces have mounted.

"This has been a serious problem that's only worsened since the conflict," Blinken said, adding that he raised it on Friday in his meetings with Israeli officials. "Perpetrators must be held accountable."

This year had already been the deadliest for West Bank residents in at least 15 years, with some 200 Palestinians and 26 Israelis killed, according to U.N. data. Since the war in Gaza began, 121 West Bank Palestinians have been killed.

Daily attacks by Israeli settlers have more than doubled, U.N. figures show, even though most of the deaths have occurred during clashes with Israeli soldiers.

**ENCIRCLING GAZA CITY**

Israel last month ordered all civilians to leave the northern part of the Gaza Strip, including Gaza City, and head to the south of the enclave.

The Israeli military has since encircled Gaza's biggest city and is engaging in fierce street fighting with Hamas militants.

US special envoy David Satterfield said in Amman on Saturday that between 800,000 and a million people had moved to the south of the Gaza Strip, while 350,000 to 400,000 remained in and around Gaza City.

Gaza's living conditions, already dire before the fighting, have deteriorated further. Food is scarce, residents have resorted to drinking salty water and medical services are collapsing.

The UN humanitarian office OCHA estimates that nearly 1.5 million of Gaza's 2.3 million people are internally displaced.

## Thousands spend night under open sky in Nepal after earthquake kills 157 people, damages their houses

**People use plastic sheets and old clothes to keep them warm**



KATHMANDU, Nov 5 (Agencies): Thousands of people in western Nepal's mountainous region were forced to spend Saturday night under the open sky in the biting cold after a strong earthquake in the area killed 157 people and left a trail of destruction.

Bhawana Pun, who woke up on Friday midnight after her house was shaken by the 6.4 magnitude earthquake in the Nalgad Municipality of Jajarkot district, recalls the terror due to which she could not sleep on Saturday night too.

The whole night she witnessed the vehicular movement on the road and the snoring of her neighbours who were sleeping in the open near her house.

She had no courage to go inside the cracked house as aftershocks were occurring time and again.

"The houses have been severely damaged. Thus, people are sitting outside of their houses," said a local resident from Jajarkot, the epicentre of the earthquake, the most devastating in the country since 2015.

Jajarkot, about 500km northwest of Kathmandu, and Rukum districts of western Nepal were most affected by the quake. About 253 people were injured.

Around 159 aftershocks were recorded on Saturday, Nepal's National Earthquake Monitoring and Research Centre said.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has dispatched initial relief supplies via the Army's helicopters.

Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' on Saturday toured the quake-hit region with a medical team.

During the visit, he gathered information about the extent of the

damage and inspected the affected areas. Later, he returned to Surkhet from Jajarkot, along with seven injured people and their family members.

The Nepal government has said it is not in a hurry to seek foreign help for search and rescue operations, and in the management of relief distribution and other logistics in the wake of the devastating earthquake.

"We are yet to make any decision on accepting foreign aid," Prachanda said during the visit.

Speaking to the Kathmandu Post newspaper, a government secretary said the country is capable of dealing with the aftermath of the disaster.

"We have enough stock of logistical materials that we received during the Covid pandemic. We have trained personnel and enough supplies for relief and rehabilitation," the secretary said.

A Cabinet meeting, chaired by Prime Minister Prachanda on Sunday, is expected to decide on a special relief package for the victims of the quake.

The government on Saturday decided to provide Rs. 50 million each to Jajarkot and Rukum West districts for immediate relief to the victims.

The disaster management committee will also meet on Sunday after the Cabinet meeting.

State security agencies, in coordination with local government and humanitarian organisations, have mobilised teams for search and rescue operations following the earthquake.

Close to 4,000 personnel from the Nepal Army, the Armed Police Force, and the Nepal Police have been deployed in parts of Jajarkot

and Rukum districts for rescue operations. Dozens of volunteers from the Nepal Red Cross Society and other organisations have been mobilised.

According to Nepal Army spokesperson Brigadier General Krishna Bhandari, personnel from three battalions, including medical and aviation teams, have been sent to the two districts hit hardest by the earthquake.

A battalion has anywhere between 800 to 1,000 personnel. Many of the soldiers mobilised are trained to search collapsed structures for people and provide quick responses.

"We primarily focused on search and rescue operations on day one. As the first 72 hours are considered the golden period, we will prioritise search and rescue for a few more days," Nepal Army spokesperson said.

"However, relief distribution too will go hand in hand from now onward." The Army is using five aircraft, including a Sky Truck, to ferry rescue and medical teams to affected areas while also airlifting the injured and deceased.

Deputy Inspector General Kuber Kadayat, also the Nepal Police spokesperson, said hundreds of people have been affected by the disaster. However, as they were more focused on search and rescue, details of the affected are yet to be ascertained.

"We will start collecting data on the affected and the number of the houses damaged or destroyed once the search and rescue phase is over," he told the paper.

Because the earthquake destroyed bridges and triggered landslides in places, rescue teams found it difficult to reach the affected areas.

Earthquakes are common in Nepal, which is situated on the ridge where the Tibetan and Indian tectonic plates meet and advance two meters closer to one another every century which results in pressure which is released in the form of earthquakes.

## Australia PM Anthony Albanese Seeks Dialogue, Cooperation During "Positive" China Visit

SHANGHAI, Nov 5 (Agencies): Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, starting the first visit to China by a leader of his country in seven years, said on Sunday it was "in all our interests" to have a bilateral relationship with dialogue and cooperation.

Australia will continue to work constructively with China, he said in a short speech at the annual China International Import Expo in Shanghai, which was opened by Premier Li Qiang.

Albanese is the first Australian leader to visit China since 2016, part of an effort to patch up relations that had deteriorated over several years due

to disputes over Chinese telecommunications firm Huawei, espionage and COVID-19.

In the speech, Albanese described the relationship between the two countries as "mature" and said it was "energised by the complementary nature of our economies".

"Along with the other economies in our region, Australia and China have prospered thanks to the certainty and stability that is made possible by rules-based trade," Albanese said, according to an official transcript.

Albanese's government has worked to stabilise ties with China since coming to office last year, and China has lifted most trade blocks imposed in

a 2020 diplomatic dispute that cost A\$20 billion in commodity and food exports.

"We continue to highly value the World Trade Organisation, whose role as an independent and respected umpire benefits us all," Albanese said, without directly mentioning any disputes.

Albanese, on Monday, will meet President Xi Jinping in Beijing, where the prime minister has said he will raise concerns over rising tensions in the South China Sea.

On arriving in Shanghai late on Saturday, Albanese said it was in Australia's interests to have a positive and constructive dialogue with its major trading



partner.

Albanese said on Saturday, before leaving for China, that the much-anticipated visit to meet with Xi and Li marked a "very positive step" in stabilising strained bilateral ties.

## Netanyahu fights for political survival to beat of war drums

JERUSALEM, Nov 5 (Agencies): Israelis, deeply divided since Benjamin Netanyahu returned to power last year, have united against Hamas in war, but experts predict the veteran leader will be fighting for his survival when the conflict ends.

In the shock that gripped Israel after Hamas's October 7 attacks, the country has closed ranks behind the military operation that the 74-year-old ordered to "crush" the Palestinian militants.

But according to experts, security lapses exposed by marauding Hamas gunmen could become the biggest -- and possibly fatal -- blow to Israel's longest-serving prime minister, already battling legal and political troubles.

"Support for Netanyahu and his coalition was draining even before October 7, and since the outbreak of war it has fallen much further," said Toby Greene, a politics

lecturer at Israel's Bar-Ilan University and researcher at the London School of Economics.

"If an election were held now he would lose badly."

Beloved as "King Bibi" and "Mr Security" by his supporters and condemned as the "crime minister" by critics and protesters, Netanyahu has long dominated Israeli politics.

But the latest opinion polls suggest a drop off in support for the tough-talking Netanyahu and his right-wing Likud party.

Many are bitter over the lack of protection, especially Israelis living in communities near the Gaza border that bore the brunt of the attacks that Israeli officials say killed 1,400 people, mostly civilians.

Under Netanyahu, a former commando unit officer who has always projected himself as a resolute defender of Jews, the sense of security shared by most Israelis has been shattered.



'Every decision'

While military and intelligence agencies have acknowledged security failures, Netanyahu has not accepted any blame for Hamas's surprise attack.

Netanyahu's allies have stayed quiet about his role, and some rivals have joined his war cabinet, defending the Israeli bombing campaign that the Hamas-run health ministry says has killed nearly 9,500 people in

the besieged Gaza Strip.

Reuven Hazan, a political science professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, called Netanyahu a "brilliant" politician now playing for time.

"He already knows that he is fighting for his survival and every decision he takes in this war is geared to ensuring his survival."

When asked if he would consider quitting, Netanyahu recently told a news conference: "The only thing I intend

to have resigned is Hamas."

But Netanyahu, whose first term in office dates back to 1996, has been forced onto the defensive.

The leader of Israel's most right-wing government in history admitted he would have to give "answers" about the attacks, but only after the war is over.

And he has apologised for a since deleted social media comment accusing the intelligence services of failing to warn him of the Hamas threat.

To get the wily Netanyahu out of office, he will have to resign or lose the parliamentary majority held by the coalition of his party with far-right and ultra-orthodox Jewish parties.

Leading tech tycoon Amnon Shushua has said the Netanyahu administration must be "immediately" ousted over its "failures, dissonance and incompetence".

'Damaged' leader Pressure on Netanyahu had been building before the

attacks, and experts say a showdown is just a question of time.

The premier, who has led Israel for nearly 16 of the past 27 years, is still fighting three corruption cases in court.

The nine months leading up to October 7 saw mass protests over his headline government's divisive judicial overhaul that opponents called a threat to Israeli democracy.

Israel had been "ripping itself apart" before Hamas's attacks, said Hazan.

But "there is no politics now because of the war", he added.

"At some point politics will come back. Then there will be questions, and then the protests will come back."

When the war ends, the government is likely to order a commission of inquiry -- either a governmental one with relatively little power, or a more independent national commission.

If Netanyahu is found to

be at fault over the attacks, his political problem could become critical.

The government has warned the war will take months and Netanyahu is not obliged to call an election for three years, but observers struggle to see him lasting that long.

"Everybody knows that he is damaged," according to Hazan, who said there were "signs" that coalition members "know that the game is up".

Polls indicate Israelis' preferred candidate was now centrist leader Benny Gantz, a minister without portfolio in the war cabinet who was in the opposition before the war erupted.

"Netanyahu's legacy has been shattered by both the division he has sown through the judicial overhaul and the multiple failures that enabled the October 7 attack," said Greene.

"Many Israelis consider these two issues to be linked."



## Sadhguru of Sahib Bandgi, Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj organises Satsang

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 5: Sadhguru of Sahib Bandgi, Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj, while immersing the Sangat in spiritual essence with the nectar of his sermons in Rakhbandhu, Jammu today, said that apart from the name, whatever you are thinking, whatever you are doing, everything is a trap of time. Is. When you are meditating, the power of time does not affect you. Just as a man does not touch current. Similarly, as long as it is mentioned in the name, even the messengers of Yama do not touch it.



Sahib said a lot when he died. When death comes the difference becomes known. You can know in two ways. When you turn your eyes, you will see the reflection of your own body. Those who practice Virat can know on which day he will leave

his body. It is an art. If the head is not visible then death will occur after 6 months from that day. This is a sure sign. This will not be found in any religious scripture. Sahib said this. Signals will be received from this body. You are put into a dream state. There you

can do things which you cannot do while awake. There also you get a body. He believes in the same thing daily. In this way, even at the time of death, time puts it in one body. Nirajan catches the same body. If you are remembering at that time then death will not come. Even Yamdoot will not come near. So Sahib is saying that Yama's body is without body. Therefore, when it is seen, you will die within 6 months. That is the body of freckles. That freckle is Nirajan's body. Time cannot catch the soul. That's why he puts his soul in his freckled body. Then he catches it.

## Raman Suri extends gratitude to PM Narendra Modi for revolutionary free-ration initiative

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 5: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K Executive Member Raman Suri expressed heartfelt gratitude towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the monumental decision to extend free ration facilities to 80 crore beneficiary families across India for the next five years.

In a historic announcement made by Prime Minister Modi in Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh, he reassured the nation that the welfare of the impoverished remains a top priority for his government. The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, a crucial lifeline for millions during the trying times of COVID-19 pandemic, will continue to provide essential food grains under the public distribution system.

Raman Suri emphasized the significance of this extended initiative, particularly in regions like Jammu and Kashmir which faced the dual challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as terrorism. The

provision of free ration for those in need is nothing short of a beacon of hope and sustenance for the affected communities.

Quoting Prime Minister Modi, Raman Suri stated, "During COVID-19, the biggest concern of the poor was what they would feed their children. Then, I decided that I will not let any poor sleep hungry, hence the BJP government started the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana." This could come only from a visionary statesman who cares for his people and country, Suri added.

The BJP leader also acknowledged the tireless efforts of the government in making this initiative a reality, recognizing that this extension would positively impact the lives of millions, ensuring that no one goes to bed hungry. Started in 2020, over 80 crore people are getting 5kg free food grains per person per month since then and this is being appreciated world over, Raman Suri said.

## NSF appoints Roshan as President of Jammu District

JAMMU, Nov 5: In order to revitalize its sphere of activities, the National Secular Forum (NSF) today held an important meeting which unanimously approved the appointment of Roshan Sharma as president of Jammu District.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Dr Sukhdev Singh. It was resolved in the meeting to expand the sphere of activities being done by NSF and accordingly all the active members consented for appointment of Roshan Sharma as President of Jammu District.

The newly made Jammu District President was asked to form new units in all the Colleges and Tehsils. He was advised to highlight the voice and grievances of the students for their appropriate redressal.

Dr Sukhdev further said that the National Secular Forum has always been in the forefront for raising the voice of the students vociferously. He asked the new President Jammu District to work against drug addiction and show good path to the youth.

Among those who attend the meeting include, Vikash Vashist, Narinder Singh, Papinder Singh, Abhishek Uppal, Aditya Khajuria, Ankush Babu and Atul Sharma.

## Local Body polls likely to be delayed in J&K

JAMMU, Nov 5 (Agencies): The urban local body and panchayat elections in Jammu and Kashmir are likely to be delayed as the administration is mulling changes to municipal acts and rules as well as a delimitation exercise to address skewed distribution of electors, officials said on Sunday.

The Union Territory's administration is considering the delimitation exercise for municipal wards and panchayat segments in the backdrop of a delimitation exercise that was carried out by the Election Commission for assembly and parliamentary seats, said the officials, requesting anonymity. The housing and urban development department is actively pursuing a communication from the office of the chief electoral officer, which, among other things, suggested transfer of mandate to conduct the municipal electoral processes to the State Election Commission (SEC) in accordance with constitutional provisions, they said.

## Kaushlam Ayurveda clinic inaugurates at Gandhinagar



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 5: Ayurveda is unique healing Science rather a Medical Science. It is considered as Science of life and it gives due importance to all aspects of treatment, may be Physical or mental. It is also called Science of Longevity, because it offers complete to live a long healthy life. It offers treatment methods to cure many common diseases such as food allergies, which have few modern treatments. The purpose of Ayurveda is to protect health of the healthy and alleviate disorders in the diseased. It is also a complete Science of the protection of your age.

It was narrated by Dr Shreyansh Kumar Jain, State Yoga Commissioner, President Vichar Kranti Manch International & trained Ayurvedic Practitioner. According to Ayurveda, five basic elements are Prithvi (Earth), Jala (Water), Vayu (Air),

Agni/Teja (Fire) & Aakash (Space), were also explained. Dhanvantri was God of Ayurveda, is worshipped today as Patron God of all branches of Medical Science. Charak is called the Father of Ayurveda, there are 340 Plants & about 200 animal types.

Ayurveda is based on three attributes are- Vat, Pit & Cough, Vat is energy of movements, any activity that has to do with movements is vat. PIT- mean fire is synonymous with digestion, assimilation & nutrition. Kaph is associated with water & physical structure. Mr Jain also narrated at length 7 Ayurvedic Herbs to nourish the body tissues are: Rasa Dhatu (Plasma), Rakt Dhatu (Blood), Mamsa (Muscles), Meda (Fatty tissue), Asthi (Bones), Majja (Bone Marrow) & Shukra Dhatu (Semen & Reproductive Tissue), along with Versatile benefits.

The team of Bharat

Vikas Parishad, headed by Sh BB Sharma Stare President, Vice Presidents S/Sh Vijay Sharma & Ashok Gupta, Shiv Ram Sharma and others besides Dr Sanjay Kumar Sigh Asstt Director, RARI Bantalab also graced the occasion.

Mr Dev Raj Sharma, a Social Activist Regional President BVP, welcomed the participants.

Representatives of many NGOs namely: Vichar Kranti Manch International, Sarv Uthan Trust, Ekal Vidyalaya, Senior citizens Rejuvenation Centre, Indian Yoga Association, Association for welfare of Senior citizens shared their good wishes. Mr SK Jain Counsel President Yoga composed a Life Sketch of Dr Aarushi, felicitated her, her associates & family members. It was also said that everyone should adopt Ayurveda in life so that life can remain healthy & disease free.

## "New Pipe Installed in Ward No 13



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 5: National Awami United party City Youth President, Mr. Rohit Kumar, recently addressed the pressing issue of water scarcity in Ward No. 13 of Jammu City at reshah ghar colony. He called for timely water supply and the repair of broken and leaking pipes to alleviate the problem.

Today, we are pleased to announce that Mr. Rohit Kumar's demands have been met. The concerned department

has taken swift action, resulting in the installation of a new pipe in Ward No. 13.

During this significant development, key individuals, including Sohan Kumar, PHE Office; Ramesh Kumar, PHE; and Ajay Kumar, PHE, were present to witness the positive change.

The National Awami United Party has always been at the forefront, advocating for the well-being of the people. This action is yet another testament to their commitment to addressing the community's concerns.

## Natrang stages Hindi play 'Ghotaala'

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 5: In its pledge to come up with a play every Sunday since last 20 years, Natrang today presented a hard hitting new Hindi play 'Ghotaala' written and directed by Neeraj Kant here at Nagrota Municipal Park, Jammu. This play was about the viewpoint of the youth today about growing menace of corruption in the society particularly in the government system which is crippling its development and growth.

The play opens with the aggression of the frustrated youth who are breathing in the polluted air of corruption, scandals and dishonesty. Then they hold the common people responsible for this corruption and say that corruption is spread by vested elements who have the patronage of those at the helm of affairs. And in this democratic setup, the general public is completely responsible for bringing corrupt to power. In this way, full participation of the common people is directly ensured in this corrupt system. Following this the play showed how corruption gets originated in the society and system. In a sequence a street fruit seller becomes a victim of the corrupt guardians of the system and the prices in the markets increase and the general public bears the burden.

Then, by mentioning the different side effects of corruption, it is shown how it affects the common people and the progress of the country. There are no strict rules to stop corruption. The courage of corrupt people is being empowered and strengthened day by day thus resulting into rapid growth in number of scams.

In another scene it was told that due to corruption, educated youth are not getting employment and those who are not capable are getting jobs by paying bribes. Some people get admission in professional colleges by paying bribes and students who have obtained good marks remain without admission, due to which they become vic-

tims of disappointment. In this way they feel cheated and in this situation they may be inclined towards anarchic tendencies. In such a situation, instead of helping in the progress of the country, they may get involved in spreading anarchy.

Due to needy youth not getting employment, it creates unrest in the society and those youth can get involved in any anti-social activity. Therefore, anti-social elements promoting corruption should not be encouraged. Those who spread corruption should be tightened by implementing strict legal system.

Furthermore again in another scene, it is told that Tatkal tickets are not available to common passengers for train travel. But due to collusion with the officials, middlemen indulge in black marketing and get huge profits by purchasing tickets and selling them at higher prices. A passenger who is a victim of this fraud takes alertness and informs the Vigilance Department and gets the officer in charge arrested. In this way the solution to the problem is also given.

In one another the leader is luring the general public by distributing gifts during elections. The officer involved in all this gets his son admitted in college with the money he gets through bribery. But his son, to teach his father a lesson, steals in his own house. A police officer does not file a theft report without a bribe. Thus, he realises the fate of a person having no money to pay as bribe. Upon realizing this, the father takes a pledge that he will neither take nor give bribe in future. And the play ends with this message that they would say no to corruption and commit to the Nation.

Natrang young artists who performed in the play included Abhimanyu Choudhary, Aadesh Dhar, Kushal Bhat, Chaitanya Shekhar, Vishal Sharma, Sanket Bhagat and Sumit Bandaral. The show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.

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## Draft reports on bills to replace Criminal Laws likely to be adopted on November 6

Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, respectively.

The House later sent the bills after their introduction on August 11 to the committee for scrutiny and asked it to submit its report within three months.

Sources have said that the committee is likely to recommend a raft of amendments in the three bills but will be sticking to their Hindi names, something fiercely contested by opposition MPs, including from the DMK. They have demanded English names for the proposed laws as well.

## Security tightened after tiffin box-based IED found on Sidhra-Narwal Highway stretch in Nagrota

Component Jammu and the Dog Squad, rushed to the spot.

The police further informed that a case under relevant sections of the IPC was registered in the matter and further inves-

tigation is underway.

## Untrained Teachers 'Threat' to School Edu Dept: JK Vision Document 2047

classes.

In addition to physical classes, online teaching will be available through blended learning, flipped classrooms, and BYOD (Bring Your Own Device).

The 'JK Vision Document 2047' suggests that students will have increased opportunities for flexible learning, with e-learning tools supporting remote and self-paced learning. Classrooms will adopt a flipped model, where theory is learned outside the classroom, and practical instruction is delivered interactively.

In a recent report, the Planning Department and Monitoring Department revealed that a significant portion of the teaching workforce lacks the required qualifications. Over 36,000 ReTs and RReTs have been regularised without meeting the desired qualification levels.

## Government launches aggressive retail sale of onions at Rs 25 per kg

weeks.

This approach is reminiscent of the government's intervention in the tomato market when prices surged due to supply disruptions.

The government procured tomatoes from producing states and provided them to consumers at highly subsidised rates, significantly reducing retail prices, read the release.

In addition to onions, the government has also taken steps to ensure the affordability and availability of pulses through the "Bharat Dal" initiative, offering subsidised prices of Rs 60 per kilogramme for 1 kg packs and Rs 55 per kilogramme for 30 kg packs. Bharat Dal is available for retail sale and for supply to the military, paramilitary forces, and welfare schemes through various cooperative organisations.

To date, 3.2 lakh metric tonnes of Chana stock have been allocated for conversion, with a substantial portion being milled and distributed through 3,010 retail points across 282 cities.

The government plans to make over 4 lakh tonnes of Bharat Dal available to consumers nationwide in the near future.

## J&K police introduces GPS tracker anklet to track movement of terror-accused on bail

informed that the GPS tracker anklet is

already in use in Western countries such as the USA, United Kingdom, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand where it is used to track the movement of accused persons on bail, parole and house arrest and accordingly de-congest prisons to a large extent.

It said that the accused Ghulam Mohd Bhat is undergoing trial for being associated with different terrorist organisations and being involved in terror financing at the behest of the proscribed terrorist organisation Hizbul Mujahideen.

The accused was arrested after police had registered a First Information Report under sections 17, 18, 21, 24, and 40 of UAPA at Udhmapur police station.

"He was arrested while attempting to transport proceeds of terrorism to the tune of Rs 2.5 lakhs at the behest of Hizbul Mujahideen," it said.

The police statement said that during the pendency of the bail hearing, the accused sought to be released on interim bail.

It is pertinent to note that the accused Bhat was also convicted by NIA Court Patiala House Delhi in another case for being associated with a terrorist organisation and for conspiracy for a terrorist act.

J&K police is the pioneering police department in the country to provide affixing of GPS tracker anklets to persons seeking bail, it added.

## DGP visits PP Mir Bazar,

## Urges Officers to work with dedication to serve people

of the people, the DGP rewarded HC Ashraf, HC Amin, and HC Mushtaq on the spot and praised their work.

He also visited the dining hall and mess of the police post and had the simple victuals prepared there. The mess commander was also asked about working conditions and the reward bestowed on him.

## Car plunges into gorge in Doda, two dead

Four persons were rescued in injured condition and taken to Doda Medical College Hospital where two of them — Ranjeet Kumar (40) and Sahil Kumar (18) — were declared dead on arrival, he said.

Nitin Kumar and Surinder Kumar are undergoing treatment at the hospital, the officer said.

## Unidentified dead body found at railway crossing in Nowgam

hospital for detailed post-mortem examination. Legal action as per law has been initiated, reads the statement.



## As palm oil, sugar prices ease, biscuits and cakes become cheaper

After being forced to raise prices by 20-23%, Britannia has started implementing price cuts as some commodities prices have started declining.

NEW DELHI, Nov 5 (Agencies): Now satisfy your daily cravings without burning a hole in your pocket. Just keep in mind the calories. Thanks to cooling down inflation, major FMCG player Britannia is seeing price cuts in its commodities.

Over the last one year, consumers have been hit hard by rising prices of daily packaged goods such as biscuits, cakes, beverages etc.. But relief is on the horizon.

"The cumulative price increase in the inflationary environment was about 20 to 23%. And from there, it is reduced by one and a half to two percent," said N Venkat Raman, the Chief Commercial Officer of India's largest biscuit-maker Britannia said this week on a call to discuss the company's second-quarter results.

What Raman is referring to is the relentless rise in prices of packaged consumer goods, including home care and personal care items, seen in the market over the last year.

Companies such as Britannia Industries, Hindustan Unilever Ltd and ITC were forced to jack up prices as prices of key commodities — such as flour, milk, vegetable oil, sugar and crude oil — started rising sharply from around mid-2022.

While these companies held off on price increases of their finished products for some time, eventually, they had to throw in the towel and pass on the higher prices to consumers in the form of price hikes of the finished products — to the extent of 20-30%.

Now, as Venkat Raman indi-



cated, that cycle seems to have peaked, and commodity prices seem to have begun their march downward.

For example, the company said prices of key raw materials — palm oil, sugar, and packaging materials — continued to ease during the three months ended September. Palm oil prices, for example, fell 7% during the quarter, while sugar prices corrected 1%.

However, on the negative side, the price of flour — a key ingredient in biscuits and cakes — rose 5% compared to the preceding quarter.

Rising Competition One of the problems faced by big companies like Britannia when raw material prices start declining is increased competition from informal players — such as local bakeries.

"On the regional players, I think, we, I would not say that for the full quarter, this has been a big issue," said the management "But yes, for the first, let us say, month, month and a half, this was something that was an issue. So, we did take some pricing actions. And we will continue to be vigilant on that."

At the same time, it maintained that it did not largely impact the premiumization of its commodities.

"What we have seen even in the last six months is that it is not affected, if you look at the mix, it has only moved towards the premium brands. It is not like the popular or cheap brands are jumping up in every portfolio. While the B players would have gained in certain pockets, I do not think it adds up to the base of the pyramid becoming much larger than what it was. So to that extent, I do not think there is downgradation happening in the market," said the Britannia management.

At the same time, the company admitted that competition from local brands does limit the company's own headroom to implement price hikes.

"You can charge a premium, obviously, you've got strong brands but the premium has to be within a band. If it goes beyond that band, then they start to hurt you in your pockets...so let's say we define the band to be 20 percent. If the premium goes to 30 percent, then you start to get hurt. So

we've got to make sure that we keep that within that band of 20 per cent," said Varun Berry, Vice-Chairman and Managing Director.

Hard lessons Because of the price cuts, Britannia has seen a flattish revenue growth of just 1% in the last year. But, at the same time, operating profits grew by 21% in the latest quarter due to lower input costs and a slew of cost-cutting measures put in place over the last one year to protect the margins.

"We have had more than Rs 2,000 crores of cost reduction during this period and that continues to be a pillar for us even in the future," said Berry. "Cost efficiencies have been a very strong pillar for our profit growth," he added.

Meanwhile, the company continues to remain cautious on commodity prices as the downward trend has not been uniform across all commodities.

For example, flour and sugar which constitute a large component of its raw material have been witnessing an increase in price for a period of time. At the same time, a low palm oil price, however, is giving a little breathing place for the company.

"I think it is important that we watch out for commodities as we go forward because things could escalate. And hence, we are being very, very vigilant on making sure that we keep these costs under control," said Berry.

"We will make sure that we take measured pricing corrections wherever necessary if the commodity situation remains positive," he added.

## October rings in new hope for India's auto industry



NEW DELHI, Nov 5 (Agencies): India's automobile industry roamed back into life in October with both four-wheelers and two-wheelers doing exceptionally well.

Broker Sharekhan said much of the growth can be attributed to inventory replenishment ahead of the festive season.

Two-wheeler sales rose 11.9% in October compared to the previous month, while cars, vans and SUVs reported a 9.2% increase, according to numbers compiled by Sharekhan. The tractor segment, meanwhile, saw a 17.7% jump.

The numbers showed that the recent momentum seen in premium vehicles continue to be intact, even the mass segment seems to be seeing some movement this festive season, going by sales trends. However, noted Sharekhan, the volume of commercial vehicles, such as pick-up trucks

and lorries, has declined 5.7% on a month-on-month basis during September, which was deemed to be a strong month in terms of sales.

Four-wheelers As has been the trend in recent months, the 9.2% increase in the passenger vehicle segment was fueled by strong demand in the utility vehicle segment. All the top players in this segment recorded favorable sales momentum, with Maruti Suzuki Ltd topping the charts.

In the passenger vehicle segment — comprising cars, vans and SUVs — Maruti Suzuki reported the strongest growth at 10.8%, followed by Tata Motors at 6.7% and Mahindra & Mahindra at 5.9%. The superlative performance of Maruti Suzuki was ascribed to the company's increasing focus on SUVs.

Maruti Suzuki broke the company's all-time record by selling 1.99 lakh units. Excluding exports too, it was a record month for Maruti

Suzuki with 1.72 lakh units sold in the country.

Two-wheelers When it comes to the two-wheeler segment, the performance was mainly driven by domestic sales while exports took a back seat.

Bajaj Auto Ltd saw the best performance with a 24.5% jump in sales, followed by TVS Motor Co with 8.7% and Royal Enfield with 7.5% and Honda Motorcycles and Scooters at 7.2%.

In terms of market share, Hero Motocorp was at the top with 5.75 lakh units sold in October, followed by Bajaj Auto with 4.71 lakhs, TVS Motor with 4.35 lakh.

Sharekhan said the 11.9% month-on-month jump in two-wheeler volumes was faster than the 7.2% increase it had penciled in, despite subdued exports.

"OEMs and dealers are indicating a double-digit kind of growth during the ongoing festive season and observing an improvement in demand for entry-level products also," it said, adding that entry-level and rural demand does tend to pick up pace during the festive period.

"...however, the sustainability of demand from the rural segment is critical. Currently, most players are playing the premiumisation trend in the domestic market and enhancing their product portfolio according to customer preferences," it noted.

## Panchkula-based company gives cars to employees as Diwali gift

CHANDIGARH, Nov 5 (Agencies): A pharmaceutical company in Haryana's Panchkula said it has gifted 12 cars to its employees and plans to give similar rewards to 38 others for their "hard work and loyalty" during this Diwali.

In a statement, Mits Healthcare Private Limited said it has given cars to its employees as a Diwali gift.

The company's director M K Bhatia, who referred to his employees as "celebrities", presented the cars to 12 "star performers".

The company also



plans to give cars to 38 more employees in the near future, it said.

Bhatia attributed the success of his company to the hard work, dedication, and loyalty of his employees.

The company manufactures general range, critical care, orthopedics, gynaecology, dermatology, cosmeceuti-

icals and cardio diabetic pharma products.

The most high-profile of such a gesture was carried out by Savji Dholakia, a billionaire diamond merchant from Surat, five years ago.

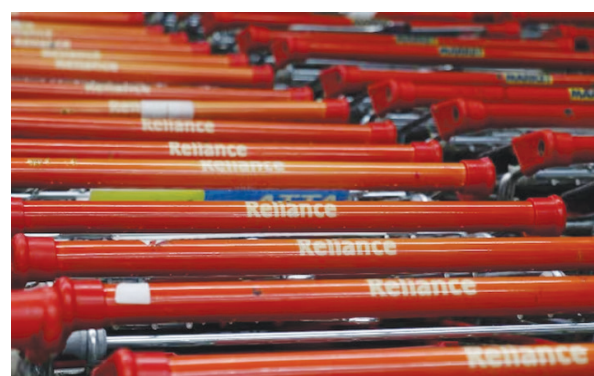
For Diwali 2018, he distributed a whopping 600 cars to the staff of his company, Hare Krishna Exports.

## Reliance to acquire Arvind Fashions' Sephora retail division

NEW DELHI, Nov 5 (Agencies): A subsidiary of Reliance Retail Ventures Limited (RRVL) is set to acquire Arvind Fashions' beauty brands division, Arvind Beauty Brands Retail Limited, which currently markets products from the renowned LVMH-owned beauty chain, Sephora.

This strategic deal, valued at just over Rs 99 crore, is expected to further enhance Reliance's portfolio of international brands.

This acquisition follows earlier reports in local media suggesting that



Sephora and Reliance Retail had terminated discussions regarding a potential retail partnership in the Indian market. Reliance Retail, in response, launched its own beauty retail platform, Tira, in April,

positioning itself to compete with established players like Nykaa and the Tata Group.

The agreement has been finalised at an enterprise value of Rs 216 crore rupees, according to a regu-

latory filing by Arvind Fashions.

Following the announcement, Arvind Fashions' shares experienced a notable surge of 11.5 per cent per cent, and were trading over 5 per cent just before market closing.

The beauty division, which includes Sephora products, contributed a revenue of Rs 337 crore during fiscal year 2023, representing approximately 7.6 per cent of Arvind Fashion's total revenue.

RRVL also released a press release confirming the development, saying

that as part of the partnership with Sephora, its subsidiary Reliance Beauty & Personal Care Limited will take over the current India operations of Sephora's 26 stores across 13 cities from Arvind Fashions Limited.

During this period of transition, the stores and website will be operating business as usual. Reliance Beauty & Personal Care Limited operates the beauty business for RRVL and this partnership will boost its portfolio of offerings, the statement added.

# Battling the BIG C of the bladder

Veteran actor Vinod Khanna succumbed to advanced bladder cancer... understanding it can help better tackle the disease.

NEW DELHI, Nov 5 (Agencies): As medical research continues to evolve, our understanding of various diseases deepens, enabling us to provide better care and treatment to those affected. One such disease that demands our attention is bladder cancer, a condition that affects millions worldwide. Veteran actor Vinod Khanna succumbed to advanced bladder cancer and this gap could have been filled by awareness and understanding of this cancer.

Understanding Bladder Cancer

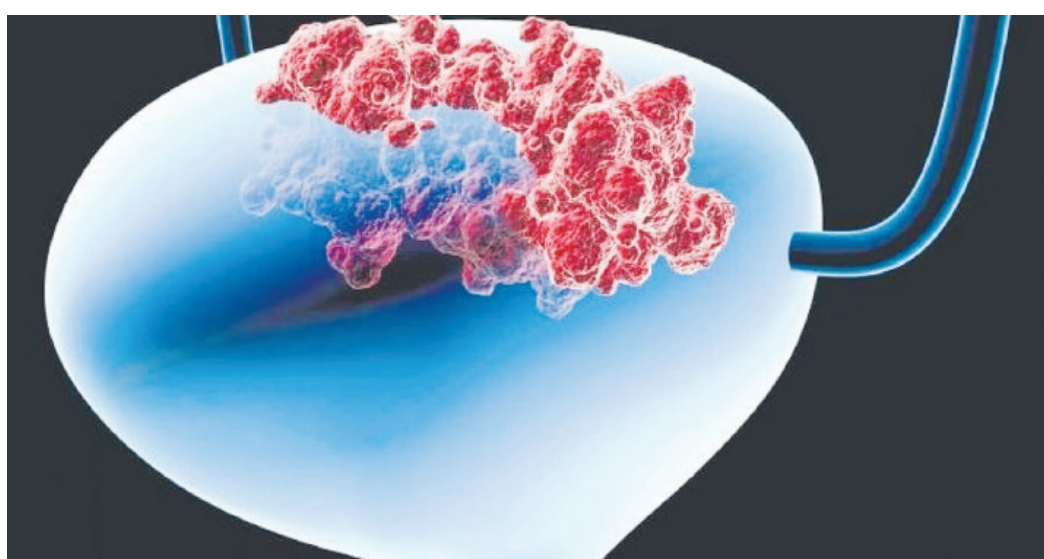
Bladder cancer occurs when abnormal cells within the bladder start to grow and multiply uncontrollably. These cells can form tumours that, if left untreated, might spread to surrounding tissues and other parts of the body. While the exact cause of bladder cancer is not always clear, certain risk factors have been identified

that increase the likelihood of its development.

Risk Factors

Smoking remains the most significant risk factor for bladder cancer. The harmful chemicals present in tobacco smoke can be absorbed into the bloodstream and eventually excreted through urine, exposing the bladder to these carcinogens. Additionally, exposure to certain industrial chemicals and pollutants, particularly those used in the dye, rubber, and leather industries, has been linked to an increased risk of bladder cancer. Individuals with a family history of the disease, or those who have previously undergone radiation therapy, also face a higher risk.

Recognising the Symptoms Awareness of the common symptoms associated with bladder cancer can lead to earlier diagnosis and more effective treatment. Blood in the urine, often painless, is the most prominent indica-



tor. This condition, known as hematuria, may come and go, making it crucial not to dismiss even intermittent occurrences. Other symptoms include frequent urination, painful urination, and lower back pain. However, these symptoms can often overlap with other urinary tract issues, underlining the importance of seeking medical attention if they persist.

Diagnostic Approaches

Early detection is key to improving the prognosis for bladder cancer patients. Physicians use various diagnostic tools to confirm the presence of the disease. These include urine tests to identify abnormal cells, imaging studies like ultrasounds and CT/MRI scans to visualise the bladder and surrounding areas.

Treatment Strategies

The treatment approach for bladder cancer largely depends on the stage and aggressiveness of the disease.

There are three primary treatment modalities:

Surgery: If the cancer is localised within the bladder lining, a procedure known as transurethral resection of bladder tumour (TURBT)

may be performed. This involves removing the tumour through the urethra. In more advanced cases, partial or complete removal of the bladder (cystectomy) might be necessary.

Chemotherapy: This treatment uses drugs to destroy cancer cells or stop their growth. Chemotherapy can be administered before surgery to shrink tumours, after surgery to kill remaining cancer cells, or as the primary treatment for advanced cases.

Radiation Therapy: In some cases, radiation therapy is used to target and kill cancer cells. It can be used alone or in combination with surgery and chemotherapy.

Targeted Therapy/ Immunotherapy: Immunotherapy has emerged as a promising avenue. Immune checkpoint inhibitors, for instance, help the body's immune system recognise and attack cancer cells. These are especially useful in patients with poor

renal functions. Newer targeted drugs are available for improved care. Genomic profiling helps us decide about such therapies.

Prevention and Prognosis While not all cases of bladder cancer can be prevented, adopting a healthy lifestyle can significantly reduce the risk. Avoiding tobacco products, staying hydrated, and maintaining a balanced diet rich in fruits and vegetables can contribute to lowering the chances of developing the disease. Regular medical check-ups and screenings are also essential for early detection. Bladder cancer is a complex disease that requires a multifaceted approach to diagnosis and treatment. Through increased awareness, understanding the risk factors, recognising symptoms, and staying informed about available treatment options, we can make great strides in the battle against this formidable adversary.



## Test of Character: Unbeaten India face formidable South Africa in battle for top spot

**A win and 16 points would confirm India's top spot with a match left against the Netherlands**

KOLKATA, Nov 5 (Agencies): The top spot is at stake and an unconquered Indian team will certainly feel a sense of déjà vu when it takes on a red-hot South Africa on Sunday in what will be a battle of equals in the World Cup.

It promises to be a fascinating contest and Virat Kohli and Ravichandran Ashwin can't escape that "been there in this position" feeling since they were part of the World Cup squad that had a similar run in 2011.

The only game that India had lost in the 2011 edition was against South Africa when an unheralded Robin Peterson had smashed Ashish Nehra for 19 runs after Indian batting imploded in Nagpur despite a hundred from Sachin Tendulkar.

Kohli, who is one short of record-equalling 49th ODI hundred, and Ashwin are the only players in the current squad who were part of India's title-winning run.

On Sunday, Rohit Sharma's players need to guard themselves from complacency and emulate the all-conquering Australian team of 2007 which won the World Cup without losing a single game.

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The die-hard Indian fans however won't mind law of averages catching up before the knock-out stage and not feel the heat when it matters most.

South Africa's batting line-up, filled with power-hitters and game-changers will test India's 'pace galacticos' before the semi-finals.

An unprecedented demand of tickets has added to the excitement to the Eden contest which in bigger picture will determine



the group toppers heading into the semi-finals.

SA's batting vs Indian pacers Consistently racking up those humongous scores, it has been a challenge bowling to South Africa in this World Cup.

They had notched the tournament's biggest score of 428/5 batting first against Sri Lanka in their opening match.

In all of their five matches they have batted first South Africa have posted 300-plus totals with their chief enforcer being De Kock who leads the run-chart with 545 runs from seven matches.

Their only weakness has been chasing which was exposed by the minnows Netherlands who bundled them out for 207 inside 43 overs defending a modest 245.

The Proteas also made a mess of their 271-run chase against Pakistan before tailender Keshav Maharaj sealed an edgy one-wicket win.

India on the other hand have showed they can chase and defend well.

Chasing would be easy with dew around at the Eden but South Africa would be wary to bat second and would look to

go all out up front.

Shami 2.0: 'No rocket science' "Eat. Sleep. Take five-wicket haul. Repeat" -- reads a post from the ICC in praise of Indian pacer Mohammed Shami's second five-for in three matches in this World Cup.

Call it a twist of fate but Shami has made the biggest difference to this Indian team following premier all-rounder Hardik Pandya's ankle injury that ruled him out of the World Cup.

It forced a twin change with Suryakumar Yadav and Shami brought in place of Pandya and Shardul Thakur for the New Zealand match.

Since then, Shami has been on a roll taking 14 wickets in three matches at an average of 6.71.

Shami calls it 'no rocket science' but the way he has consistently hit Test match lengths and get those late movements, has made India's three-pronged pace attack the most lethal, something that was evident when they skittled Sri Lanka for 55 en route to securing a record 302-run win.

While Jasprit Bumrah has added a menacing slower yorker to his repertoire, Moham-

med Siraj has given him a perfect support with the new ball.

They have taken 10 wickets -- five each -- in the powerplay as India have been most economical of the 10 teams in this crucial phase.

Half of the battle will be won if the duo manages to give early breakthroughs by sending back in-form De Kock and Rassie van der Dussen, who have six centuries between them in this World Cup.

Another interesting battle will be the battle between Heinrich Klaasen, who is known for taking on the spin attack, and Kuldeep Yadav and Ravindra Jadeja.

'Batting might' Having missed centuries against Australia (85), New Zealand (95), Sri Lanka (88), Kohli on his 35th birthday, would be eager to finally get that record-equalling 49th ODI hundred.

Rohit has a penchant to score daddy hundreds at his 'favourite' Eden Gardens and he too would be keen to be back among runs after getting out for 4 against Sri Lanka at his home ground.

Squads India: Rohit Sharma (c), Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul (wk), Ravindra Jadeja, Shardul Thakur, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohammed Shami, Ravichandran Ashwin, Ishan Kishan (wk), Suryakumar Yadav and Prasadidh Krishna.

South Africa: Temba Bavuma (c), Gerald Coetzee, Quinton de Kock (wk), Reeza Hendricks, Marco Jansen, Heinrich Klaasen (wk), Andile Phehlukwayo, Keshav Maharaj, Aiden Markram, David Miller, Lungi Ngidi, Kagiso Rabada, Tabraiz Shamsi, Rassie van der Dussen and Lizaad Williams.

## Virat Kohli at 35: Journey to top started at Garden of Eden 14 summers ago

KOLKATA, Oct 5 (Agencies): The entire Mohun Bagan cricket team was on celebratory mode having just won the P. Sen Trophy at the Eden Gardens back in 2009, barring one individual.

From a distance, the architect of that crown was quietly sitting on a famous white coloured cane-chair, forever planted outside the Eden dressing room. He looked at the celebrations with utmost nonchalance.

Virat Kohli was all of 20, already an U-19 World Cup captain, touted as the next big thing in Indian cricket but a solitary half-century in five ODIs wasn't a reflection of what one was going to witness over the next decade.

As Kohli steps onto field on his 35th birthday, against South Africa in-front of a packed crowd on the same hallowed turf, there would be an over-riding feeling among the handful who had watched the genius in the making 14 summers ago.

In extreme heat and humidity, Kohli scored 184 off just 121 balls in that final match against Town Club. It was not even a decent club attack but in those challenging conditions, it was unbelievable domination from a future superstar.

"Bahot tough thaa. Lag raha tha skin phat raha hai (It was tough. The heat was unbearable)," Kohli told reporters that day apart from answering the customary questions on his possible comeback into the Indian side.

But that 'club class' hundred was the pre-cursor or trailer for the full length feature film released around six months later on Christmas eve when he scored his first of his 48 ODI hundreds -- 107 vs Sri Lanka at this very ground.

It was still a chubby-cheeked Kohli, not the chiselled-jaw world class athlete, who forged a beautiful partnership with Gautam Gambhir.

Post-match, Gambhir called up Kohli and handed his player of the match cheque to the young player as a mark of encouragement from a senior player.

Who knows the world record equalling 49th hundred might just happen at the same venue where it all started. There won't be 70,000 'Kohli masks' in the stands but when have "Viratians" (as his die-hard partisan fans identify themselves) needed to mask up. They have Kohli in their hearts and a prayer

on their lips for the 49th ton on what could be the best strip for batting thus far in the competition.

"He is not tensed about his 49th hundred. His job is to contribute to team's cause and he has done that. We still discuss about the game.

"For me, what stands out is his discipline, dedication and above all staying so rooted and humble in this journey," childhood coach and mentor Rajkumar Sharma told agency on the eve of his favourite student's birthday.

More than Guru-Shishya, Rajkumar-Kohli share a father-son bond. And now Kohli's elder brother Vikas and sister Bhawna's kids also train at the iconic West Delhi Academy in Paschim Vihar.

On Sunday, the coach has planned an intimate birthday celebration along with family members before getting on to watch his ward in action.

But before that Sharma does have another challenge: to deal with the requests of close to 50-odd Bangladeshi journalists, who all want to interview him on the 'Making of Virat', something he has spoken about a zillion times.

Life might come to a full circle for world cricket's most bankable megastar, a phenomenon big enough for a global body to market his name to get into the Olympics. He is Virat Kohli. He is everything. A precocious talent, wayward with rough edges, a fitness freak, a manic run-machine, a social media game-changer blessed with eloquence to match for, fiercely protective but an elegant public figure.

His persona has changed and one can see how free and charged up he has been after relinquishing his captaincy.

On November 5 last year, Kohli was asked about his celebration plans and he had said that everything will happen after the T20 World Cup final in Melbourne.

The CAB's plans to have a public birthday celebrations didn't get BCCI's nod. May be the legend himself wants to keep everything on hold till November 19. On that day, he won't mind Mohammed Siraj and Shubman Gill carrying him on their shoulders at Motera.

That will be the best and belated birthday gift for the man who has carried Indian team on his shoulders for more than a decade.

## Australia knock defending champions England out of World Cup with 33-run win

**England were dismissed for 253 in 48.1 overs by Australia, ending their slim hopes of making it to the semifinals**

AHMEDABAD, Oct 5 (Agencies): Adam Zampa produced three timely strikes in the middle overs as Australia knocked out defending champions England out of the ODI World Cup with a 33-run win, their fifth consecutive victory.

Australian batters were guilty of not converting starts but still managed to post 286 against arch-rivals England. Marnus Labuschagne (71 off 83) recorded his highest score of the tournament.

England, whose formidable batting line-up has massively underperformed in their title defence, had a good opportunity to pick up a win after four consecutive losses.

Amid heavy dew, Ben Stokes (64 off 90) kept the chase alive while batting alongside Dawid Malan (50 off 64) and Moeen Ali (42 off 43) before Zampa landed the killer blows to stop England at 253 in 48.1 overs. Chris Woakes (32 off 33) tried his best towards the end but it wasn't enough.

Zampa first had out-of-form England skipper Jos Buttler (1) caught in the deep before getting rid of Stokes in a soft dismissal. It was a short ball on the leg side and Stokes ended up offering a simple catch to Stoinis at short-fine leg. It was all over for Eng-



land when Moeen's slog sweep off Zampa arrived straight into the hands of David Warner at deep mid-wicket.

England batters including Stokes, Moeen and Dawid Malan did exhibit the stroke play they are known for but could not stay long enough to see their team through.

Left-arm pacer Mitchell Starc got the ball to swing in the powerplay. He got lucky in the first ball of the England innings as Jonny Bairstow got a faint edge to one swinging down the leg-side.

Joe Root was set up by Starc with a series of inswingers before he pushed one wide and the England number three got the outside edge. Australia's sharp fielding also contributed to their fifth win in a row.

Earlier, Labuschagne, Steve Smith (44 off 52), Cameron Green (47 off 52) and Marcus Stoinis (35 off 32) were among the batters who failed to cash in on their starts.

Leggie Adil Rashid (2/38) was frugal as usual while pacer Mark Wood (2/70) was back to his menacing ways, using the short ball to hurry the opposition batters, especially Green.

Chris Woakes (4/54) delivered with the new ball for the second game in a row, removing the dangerous opening duo of David Warner (15) and Travid Head (11). He also struck twice in the death overs.

England were able to get the early wickets after putting Australia in to bat. Head handed a regulation catch to Joe Root at first slip off an angled away ball from Woakes.

Three overs later, Warner mistimed a pull to give Woakes his second wicket, leaving Australia at 38 for two in the sixth over.

Smith and Labuschagne, who both have not had the best of times in the tournament, then shared a 75-run stand off 96 balls. It was hard work in the middle for

the seasoned batters who found the boundaries hard to come by.

Following Smith's fall, Josh Inglis (3) tried to up the scoring rate but fell while attempting a reverse sweep off Rashid.

Green, who looked uncomfortable against the short-pitched stuff from Wood, did hit some crisp boundaries off the other bowlers. His cover drive off Woakes was the highlight of his knock. He saw his leg stump uprooted after missing a slog sweep off left-arm pacer David Willey.

Stoinis then got into the action depositing Rashid and Liam Livingstone into the stands over deep mid-wicket before getting caught in the same spot off a short ball from the latter.

It seemed Australia would not be able to use their full quota of overs but Adam Zampa's timely cameo of 29 from 19 balls took the team close to 300.

## ICC World Cup: Pakistan pip New Zealand by 21 runs via DLS method to keep semis hopes alive

BENGALURU, Oct 5 (Agencies): Fakhar Zaman hit an extraordinary hundred and the weather gods too smiled on 'unpredictable' Pakistan, who miraculously kept their semifinal hopes alive after walking away with a crucial 21-run win over New Zealand through DLS method in World Cup.

Zaman (126 off 81 balls) and skipper Babar Azam (66 off 63 balls) helped Pakistan to 200 for 1 in 25.3 overs when the skies opened up for the second time to end the proceedings.

At that point Pakistan were 21 runs ahead of the DLS calculations in a daunting chase of 402 which was revised to 342 in 41 overs.

New Zealand will feel gutted after making a mammoth 401 for six, riding on Rachin Ravindra's 94-ball 108 and comeback man Kane Williamson's 79-ball 95.

Pakistan now have eight points with a match to go against struggling England, while New Zealand (NRR: +0.855), also on eight points, will face on-their-way-out Sri Lanka in their final league game.

Pakistan (-0.424), however, still remain at the sixth place on the table behind Afghanistan (-0.330) because of the net run rate.

Those calculations apart, those with a sense of history will trace these fateful happenings to Pakistan's campaign in the 1992 World Cup when weather and mathematics helped them first to the semifinals and then eventually to the title.

But for all that, Pakistan on this need to be indebted to the power



of Zaman, who carted the New Zealand bowlers around the park with utter disdain.

The left-hander had missed a large part of the tournament with an injury but Zaman produced a freak innings at the most opportune time to keep Pakistan in the race to the last four stage.

Zaman conjured his hundred in just 63 balls as he never gave a breathing space to the Kiwis bowlers -- pacers or spinners.

His preferred scoring area was the arc between mid-wicket and long-on and the New Zealand bowlers kept on feeding to his strength. At the other end, Babar was a comparatively quieter presence but with Zaman in full flow he did not have to attempt anything colourful.

Earlier, Ravindra made a hundred with talent written in bold letters over it, while Williamson nearly made a century on comeback as New Zealand piled up a mammoth score.

Pakistan bowlers did not have enough variations to counter a smooth Chinnaswamy Stadium pitch as Ravindra and Williamson ran them ragged after the Kiwis were asked to bat first.

spinners as well.

Pakistan gave the containment duty to off-spinner Iftikhar Ahmed but Williamson greeted him with two fours in succession - one through mid-off and the other over mid-wicket.

Ravindra's off-side play with zero trigger movement was a sight for the sore eyes. A flowing cover drive off pacer Hasan Ali and a withering square cut off Ahmed gave a touch of elegance, while a well-timed pull off Rauf that landed on the second tier stand over mid-on gave his innings a bit of muscle.

Ravindra brought up a popular hundred with a single off pacer Mohammad Wasim, as a good weekend crowd loudly chanted 'Raachin Raachin.' The 90s kids would easily have visualised stands filled with that reverberating 'Saachin Saachin' chants at that moment.

However, the double barrel firing came to an end when Williamson fell well within sight of his 14th ODI hundred, an attempt to clear the fence off Ahmed ended in a finely judged catch by Fakhar Zaman at long-on. Ravindra too did not last long as his pull off Wasim was snuffed at square leg by Saud Shakeel.

Glenn Phillips (41 off 26 balls) too chipped in with some typical beefy blows as the Black Caps innings switched on the afterburners.

In total, New Zealand made 114 runs in the last 10 overs to give Pakistan a steep mountain to scale down. But Pakistan indeed did that -- by bit of luck and lot of pluck.



## 38th Annual Festival of Jai Shri Krishna Temple celebrated



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 5: The 38th Annual Festival of Jai Shri Krishna Temple in Janipur, Jammu, appears to have been a significant and culturally rich celebration. Here are the key highlights of the festival: The festival took place over two days, on Saturday, November 4th, and Sunday, November 5th, 2023. The Women's Satsang on the first day provided a serene and devotional atmosphere, with devotees coming together for prayer, song, and reflection. It showcased the unity and devotion of the community. On the morning of Sunday, November 5th, the recitation of the Geeta, a sacred practice deeply rooted in the temple's traditions,

filled the air with spiritual resonance, touching the hearts of all in attendance.

A significant highlight of the day was the religious flag hoisting ceremony at 10 am, graced by the presence of the Honorable Shri Baldev Singh Bilawariya, Deputy Mayor of Jammu Municipal Corporation. This ceremony symbolized the temple's commitment to its spiritual heritage and values.

From 4 pm, the distribution of Prasad and Bhandara took place, reflecting the commitment to preserving and sharing the cultural and spiritual heritage of the community.

The festival was honored to have Respected Shri Ambekar Babaji, who traveled from Maharashtra,

as the Chief Guest, adding distinction to the event. His address resonated deeply with the attendees.

The event was further graced by the presence of Shri Krishna Temple Director, Respected Shri Averaj Babaji Shastri ji, and Respected Shri Yogesh Mahatmaji, who offered their blessings and insights to the devoted congregation.

This festival provided an opportunity for devotees and community members to come together, celebrate their spiritual heritage, and reinforce their commitment to their cultural and religious values. The presence of distinguished guests and the participation of respected figures added to the significance of the event.

## BJP Felicitates 37th National Game Medallist of Pencak Silat at Jammu

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 5: Jaya Choudhary's achievement in winning a silver medal in Pencak Silat at the 37th National Games in Goa was recognized and celebrated by BJP leaders in Jammu and Kashmir. The event where Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President of BJP Jammu Kashmir, and Baldev Singh Baloria, Deputy Mayor, were the main guests, and other dignitaries were present, highlights the importance of supporting and honoring athletes and their coaches.

The recognition of Jaya Choudhary and her coach Arun Singh Charak through the presentation of appreciation certificates and mementos is a positive gesture to boost their morale. It's also commendable to see the demonstration of Pencak Silat athletes' fighting skills.



The leaders acknowledged the efforts of athletes and their coaches and emphasized the role of hard work and family support in achieving success in sports. They also highlighted the significant efforts made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in promoting sports and building sports facilities across

India, which has led to India's improved performance in international and national events.

The recognition of medal winners from Jammu and Kashmir and the encouragement for youth to pursue careers in sports are essential steps in nurturing talent and promoting physical and mental well-being. It's also encouraging to

see the willingness of the BJP leaders to support sportspeople and offer assistance when needed.

Overall, it's a positive development to see sports and athletes being celebrated and supported in Jammu and Kashmir, and it reflects the broader efforts to promote sports in India.

## Dimple leads protest against bad conditions of roads



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 5: A protest rally led by Sunil Dimple, who is the president of the Mission Statehood Jammu and Kashmir. The rally took place on Janipur High Court Road, and the protesters were expressing their concerns about various issues related to traffic problems and infrastructure development in the region. Here's a summary of the key demands and issues raised during the protest: Construction of Four-Way Circular Ring Road: Sunil Dimple and the protesters demanded the construction of a four-way circular ring

road from Amphalla Manda to Janipur High Court, extending up to Akhnoor. This road would likely help alleviate traffic congestion in the area.

Metro Train Project: They called for the initiation of a metro train project from Amphalla Janipur High Court Road to Roop Nagar, Bantalab, and further extending up to Akhnoor. This would potentially provide an efficient mode of public transportation.

Traffic Problems: The protesters highlighted the rising traffic problems in the region and called upon various authorities, including PWD, JMC, the Smart

City project, and ERA, to address and resolve these issues.

Flyovers: They demanded the construction of flyovers at key locations such as Rehari Chungi and Jewal Chowk to mitigate traffic problems and congestion.

Complaints about Traffic Police: Sunil Dimple alleged that the traffic police were only interested in issuing fines via mobile delivery of traffic department e-fines and were not adequately addressing the city's traffic flow and congestion issues.

Environmental Concerns: Dimple raised concerns about pollu-

tion due to dust, which was damaging goods in showrooms, groceries, and provision stores along the Amphalla and New Plot Janipur Road. The protesters also mentioned that reduced footpaths were contributing to traffic problems.

Sewerage Issues: The protest highlighted problems with overflowing sewerage main holes on the roads, leading to water damage, dust pollution, and potential health hazards. Dirty water was said to be entering shops, houses, schools, and affecting the public.

Prominent leaders and individuals mentioned in the protest rally include Manjiet Anand, Sachin Soi, Sat Sharma, Rupesh Bhat, Shivankur Sharma, Arjun, Ashok Sharma, Ajay Kumar, and many others who likely supported the demands and concerns raised by Sunil Dimple and the Mission Statehood Jammu and Kashmir. It seems that the protesters were urging the government and local authorities to take action to address these issues and improve the infrastructure and traffic conditions in the region.

## Dogri Sanstha Jammu releases Nirmal Vikram's 'LAL DIARY'



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 5: The Dogri Sanstha in Jammu organized a book release function for Nirmal Vikram's collection of short stories titled 'LAL DIARY' at the Writers' Club, K.L. Sehgal Hall in Jammu. The event had several notable personalities in attendance:

Chief Guest: Prakash Premi, an eminent Dogri litterateur and Sahitya Akademi Awardee, spoke highly of Nirmal Vikram's skills as a short story writer and praised 'LAL DIARY.'

President of Dogri Sanstha: Prof. Lalit Magotra presided over the function and expressed his opinion that the stories in 'LAL

DIARY' are interesting and demonstrate the writer's potential.

Special Guests: Dr. Arvinder Singh 'Amn,' Ex-Additional Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages, and Prof. Veena Gupta, Vice President of Dogri Sanstha, were present as special guests and

extended their congratulations to Nirmal Vikram, appreciating the addition of her book to the rich Dogri literature.

During the event, Nirmal Vikram shared insights into her journey as a short story writer and the creative process behind 'Lal Diary.' She also read a story from the book, allowing the audience to get a glimpse of her work.

Promila Manhas presented a detailed paper on the book, likely providing an in-depth analysis and critique. The event was well-attended, with many litterateurs, literature enthusiasts, and Nirmal Vikram's family members present to celebrate the book's release.

## Bharat Vikas Parishad Jammu Kashmir Prant organizes State Level National Group Song Competition



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 5: State Level National Group Song Competition organized by Bharat Vikas Parishad Jammu Kashmir Prant on Yesterday, at Abhinav Theatre, Canal Road, Jammu.

Here's a summary of the key details from the event:

Distinguished Guests: Chief Guest: Sh. B.N. Tripathi, VC SKUAST, Jammu Special Guest: Prof. R.D. Sharma, Former VC Jammu University

Presiding Officer: Sh. Dev Raj Sharma, Regional President North 1 BVP Guests of Honor: Sh. Praateek Shrivastava, IRS, Director & DTM Jammu

Northern Railway; Sh. Jagdish Singh, JKAS, Additional Secretary PDD JKUT; Sh. Arun Gupta, President CCI Jammu Participants: Approximately 15 schools from different districts of Jammu Province participated in the program.

Program Highlights: The participating teams performed two patriotic songs each, one in Hindi and the other in Sanskrit.

The program began with the traditional lighting of a lamp and recitation of Vande Matram. Sh. Bharat Bhushan Sharma, State President of BVP, welcomed all the guests and participants, highlighting BVP's mis-

sion to promote patriotism among students.

Ashok Gupta spoke about the rules and regulations of the competition.

The Chief Guest and other dignitaries appreciated BVP's efforts to promote positivity, patriotism, and a sense of brotherhood among young students.

Adjudicators: The judging panel for the competition included well-known dignitaries in the field of music, including Prof. Anupama Sharma, Sh. Brij Mohan, Sh. Sunil Sharma, and Sh. Ved Gupta.

Vote of Thanks: Smt. Sunita Gupta, State Finance Secretary, delivered the vote of

thanks.

Winners: 1st Place: Manu Shiksha Kendra Higher Secondary School, Rajbagh, Kathua

2nd Place: Minerva Higher Secondary School, Kathua

3rd Place: Jammu Sanskriti School

Next Level Competition: The team that secured the first position will represent Jammu & Kashmir UT at the North Regional level program in Patiala, Punjab, on November 19, 2023.

The event seemed to be a significant cultural and patriotic gathering, promoting positivity and unity among the youth through music and the celebration of national spirit.

## Candle Light Vigil for Gaza Victims and Shia genocide in Parachinar, Organised at Lankerchey, Kargil

### Top News Report

KARGIL, Nov 5: Hundreds of students of Maktab-E-Hyderiya Lankerchey Holds Candle Light Vigil in solidarity with the people's of Palestine and against the Genocide in Gaza by Zionist and Parachinar, on the evening of Saturday.

Students from all walks of life, They held up placards against the war in Gaza and against the attack on civilians and



the targeting of hospitals, schools and places of worship.

The students while chanting anti-US and anti-Israeli slogans and

calling for a "Free Palestine"

Addressing the gathering Sheikh Sadiq Balagi criticized the US and European countries for supporting Israel in its oppression of Palestinians.

Further said, that Muslim countries should come together for the Palestinian cause.

They had appealed to the international community to play role in restoration of peace in Palestine.