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The accident occurred

BRIEFLY

Bank account of narcotics smuggler seized under **NDPS Act**

SRINAGAR, Nov 6 (Agencies): : The Bandipora district police have frozen the bank account of a narcotics smuggler, Aamir Rashid Sheikh, under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. The account held savings of Rs 1,70,807.

The action was taken by the Competent Authority and Administrator, SAFEM (New Delhi), under Section 68F(2) of the NDPS Act, which empowers authorities to freeze the assets of individuals involved in drug trafficking.

"Bank account having savings of Rs 1,70,807 belonging to a narcotics smuggler, namely Aamir Rashid Sheikh S/o Abdul Rashid R/o Shilvat Sumbal, was frozen u/s. 68F(2) of the NDPS Act by the Competent Authority & Administrator, SAFEM (New Delhi)." Bandipora Police said in a post on 'X'(formally twitter).

Govt blocks Mahadev app. 21 other illegal betting platforms on ED request

NEW DELHI, Nov 6 (Agencies): The Centre has issued blocking orders against 22 illegal betting platforms, including Mahadev app and Reddyannaprestopro, on request of Enforcement Directorate, an official statement said on Sunday.

Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar alleged the Chhattisgarh government did not send any request to block these platforms despite having powers to do so

"Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has issued blocking orders against 22 illegal betting apps & websites, including Mahadev Book and Reddyannaprestopro," the statement

Police arrests 4 drug peddlers in Baramulla

SRINAGAR, Nov 6 (Agencies): Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police on Monday have arrested 4 drug peddlers in Palhallan Pattan area of North Kashmir's Baramulla district and recovered contraband substances from their possession

A spokesperson said that a police party of Police

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BRO creates history as first set of vehicles reaches Amarnath Cave

SRINAGAR, Nov 6 (Agencies): Border Roads personnel have created a history with the first set of vehicles recently reaching the holy Amarnath cave.

The Border Roads Organization (BRO), tasked with the road widening work on the Amarnath cave routes, announced the completion of the formidable task.

"Project Beacon is involved in the restoration and improvement of Amarnath Yatra tracks.



Border Roads personnel completed the formidable task and created

history with the first set of vehicles reaching the holy cave," BRO

announced in a post on

Giving further details, an official of the BRO said they took a truck and small pickup vehicle from Dumail (in Ganderbal district) to the Amarnath Cave via Baltal base camp, which is one of the two routes to reach the cave.

He said BRO used these vehicles for the ongoing work near the holy cave of Amarnath.

"The vehicles had gone

there (at the cave)

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3 People killed, 16 others injured as tempo falls in gorge in Rajouri

vehicle (JKO2AB-5535)

met with an accident

by skidding off the road

and fell into gorge at

Farwaala Nagrota area

in the mountainous dis-

trict, resulting in death of

three people and injuries

to 13 others.



JAMMU, Nov 6 (Agencies): Three people were killed and 16 others injured when a vehicle they were travelling in met with an accident in Rajouri district, officials said on Monday.

They said Tempo

at 1100 hours and the vehicle was travelling from Budhal towards Rajouri met with accident when the driver lost control over the vehicle and rolled down 300 feet into a gorge A police official said

that a case has been registered and further investigations taken up. He identified the decreased as Abdul Rashid son of Chandia of Hubb Kandi, Mohammad Hanif son of Qasam Din of Tulli and Mohammad Azam

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Supreme Court's observations on Governors applies to all holding post: **Omar**



SRINAGAR, Nov 6 (Agencies): Supreme Court's observation that a little bit of soul-searching by Governors is needed and they must know they are not elected representatives of people applies to all occupants of Raj Bhavans, National Conference leader Omar Abdullah said on Monday.

"Applies to all occupants of Raj Bhavans/ Niwas' regardless of the claims of 80% & 90% popularity," Abdullah said in a post on X.

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Slow progress in setting up charging stations, other infra delay launch of electric buses in Jammu

JAMMU, Nov 6 (Agencies): The slow progress in setting up of infrastructure including charging stations by Tata Motors has delayed the launch of 100 electric buses here, official sources said on Sunday.

According to Tata Motors, "charging infrastructure in both Srinagar and Jammu is being consistently developed and is now in ready to operate mode.'

Under the Smart City Project, the Jammu and Kashmir administration has placed an order with Tata Motors for procurement of 200 electric buses equipped with stateof-the-art facilities, including a realtime tracking system, for the twin capital cities of the Union Territory.

The move to introduce 100 ecofriendly buses each in Jammu and Srinagar is aimed at reducing air and noise pollution and dependence on fossil fuels, as well as to provide better facilities to the people.

The electric buses will also be equipped with facilities like real time passenger information system, panic button, location system, CCTV cameras, stop request system, online ticket booking, payments through QR code and several security related features.

As per the contract signed between Tata Motors and Jammu

Smart City Limited, the automobile company has to set up charging stations, bus depots, and deliver 100 electric buses each in Jammu

and Srinagar by October end. A fleet of 75 e-buses started operation in Srinagar on November 1 with just seven charging stations against a total of 20. Tata Motors has failed to establish a bus depot in Bhagwati Nagar in Jammu in the given time frame besides the charging stations, causing delay in the launch of electric buses in the city of temples, the sources said.

Inadequate number of charging stations is also likely to cause hindrance in the smooth functioning of the recently launched e-buses in Srinagar, they added.

When contacted, a Tata Motors spokesperson said: "Charging infrastructure in both Srinagar and Jammu is being consistently

developed and is now in ready to operate mode. Accordingly, e-bus operations formally commenced in Srinagar from 1 Nov and will commence in Jammu within the next few days."

According to the official sources, the complete delivery of electric buses has not been received so far, though sufficient number of electric buses have arrived in both the cities. However, the infrastructure is not ready to start seamless operations in Jammu.

Around 20 per cent work of the bus depot has been completed so far in Jammu, while the work is still in progress for charging stations at Kathua, Udhampur and Katra, the sources said.

As per the contract, Tata Motors will be responsible for supply, operation and maintenance of 100

Why Is Speaking on Gaza Restricted, Mehbooba Mufti Asks Government

SRINAGAR, Nov 6 (Agencies): Former Chief Minister and President of the People's Democratic Party (PDP), Mehbooba Mufti, stated on Monday that no decision has been made vet regarding the possibility of contesting elections in Jammu and Kashmir in alliance with other par-

She told reporters in Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district, "No decision has been taken about that so far," when asked about her party's potential participation in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly polls alongside the National Conference (NC) and Congress.

In response to recent militant attacks in the Valley that resulted in the death of a police officer and a non-local labourer, with another police officer in critical condition, Mufti expressed her regret over former Director General of Police Dilbagh Singh's remarks claiming the situation



in the Union Territory is normal with no collateral damage over the past four years.

Mufti said, "I regret that the former DGP recently announced proudly that the situation in Jammu and Kashmir is normal and there has been no collateral damage when three targeted attacks took place in those three days only. I fail to understand what is collateral damage for them. When a police officer, soldier, or labourer is killed, if that is not collateral damage, what is? What happened in Kokernag?" Army Pays Tribute To

encounter in Watnar village of Kokernag. In an encounter with in

Soldier Killed In a brief

Kokernag in Turn to page 9

Former J&K Minister Choudhary Lal Singh appears before ED, supporters stage protest

JAMMU, Nov 6 (Agencies): Former Jammu and Kashmir minister Choudhary Lal Singh appeared before the **Enforcement Directorate** on Monday for questioning in connection with a case against an educational trust run by his wife and former legislator Kanta Andotra, official sources said.

Scores of Singh's supporters led by his wife Andotra assembled outside the agency office and staged a protest against the ED summons to their leader, claiming that he is spotless and is being deliberately harassed at the behest of the BJP.

Singh, the chairman of the Dogra Swabhiman Sangathan Party,



reached the agency office in Narwal at 10 am for questioning for a second time in three days, sources said. ED sleuths had questioned him earlier on Saturday. Last week, the Enforcement Directorate had conducted searches in Jammu and its adjoining areas as part of a money laundering probe against

the educational trust of

Andotra and a former government official in connection with alleged irregularities in land purchase to set up the trust. The federal agency had

raided about eight premises in Jammu, Kathua and Punjab's Pathankot in the case against RB Educational Trust, its chairperson and Ravinder S, a former revenue

The money laundering case stems from an October 2021 charge sheet filed by the CBI in this case which alleged criminal connivance in the issuance of land between January 4 and January 7, 2011, without mentioning details in respect of violation of the ceiling limit of 100 standard kanals imposed under Section 14 of the Jammu and Kashmir Agrarian Reforms Act, 1976, thereby giving undue pecuniary advantage to trust.

Based on this, the trust acquired multiple pieces of land of about 329 kanals vide three gift deeds executed on January 5 and January 7, 2011, the CBI charge ■Turn to page 9



CADNICA ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS

Contact Person Mr. Sanjeev Kumar

9419143503

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

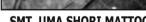
Late Sh Pran Nath Mattoo and Smt Santosh Mattoo

Grand Son & Grand Daughter-in-law Major Rohit Mattoo & Vishali Mattoo

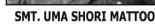
Er. Vikas Mattoo and Meenakshi Mattoo

Daughter and Son-in-law Smt Nancy Koul and Sh RK Koul +91 9871001223, +91 9999443403

Great Grand Children: Keshav, Ananya



KOUL PARIVAAR



SAMAST MATTOO, GANJOO &

10TH DAY/UTHALAWith 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, Kameshwar Mandir, 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

Smt. Indu Mattoo

(Raina)

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-

10th Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi

Jammu on 08-11-2023 (Wednesday) at 9:00

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

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. Nirmala 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. Ph:- 9419364430 / 9797488440 / 9018542021 / 9419611878



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 Panitirthi, who left for heavenly abode on 28th of Oct. 2023.

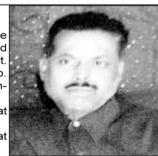
10th Day will be performed on Sunday 5th of Nov at 9 am at Shakti Nagar Shamshan Ghat.

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 Shallu & Sh Ravi Handoo

Smt Sunita & Sh Romi Parkash Bhanja & Bhanji Sahil, Kavyansh, Aayaan, Abhishek and Navya



Smt. Soma Wati Bhat

Sh Sudhir Kumar Chauhan

Smt Vandana & Sh Daleep Raina

Ph. No. 7298233983, 7006671619, 8716006973

10TH DAY/KRIYA & UTHALA

"Noble Souls Never Die"

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Hony. Capt (Retd) Late Sh Mulkh Raj** Sharma S/o Late Sh Tej Ram Sharma R/o Vill. Dasgal, Akhnoo who left for his heavenly abode on 28th October 2023. **Tenth Day** will be performed on 06th November 2023 (Monday

at our residence at 11.00 am Kriya will be performed on 07th November 2023 (Tuesday) a our residence at 12.00 Noon. **Uthala** will take place on 08th November 2023 (Wednesday) at

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt Sansaro Devi- Wife Smt Pushpa Devi -Bhabi Sons & Daughters-in-law

Smt Rashmi & Sh Rajinder Sharma Smt Vidushi & Sh Jagpal Sharma (Dy. SP JK Police) Daughter & Son-in-law Smt Neelam & Sh Kulbushan Sharma Smt Kiran & Sh Ravi Sharma

Grand Children: Mrs. Komal & Mr Rohit, Mrs Aditi & Mr Sushil Shubam, Shivansh, Archit, Manish & Ashish

Nephew & Daughter-in-law

Smt Kanta & Sh Yash Pal Smt Sharda & Sh Joginder Paul



Hony. Capt (Retd) Late Sh Mulkh Raj Sharma

Contact No. 9469946038,

9419290429 & 9419191963

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

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

SMT MOHINI MATTOO

(SONA DEVI)

Smt. Bharti Sharma

Smt Chuni Devi

Sdrn. Prabjit Kour

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.

GRIEFLY STRICKEN MATTOO FAMILY.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

AND ALL NEAR AND DEAR ONES.

MOB: 9958948910, 9871161522, 9821192910, 9717784449

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 - <mark>Daughter & Son-in-law</mark>

Khajuria Family 9419183595 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, Paval & Ankur Raina

BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and deep sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Sdrn. Prabjit Kour wife of S. Amrik Singh R/o H.No. 11 Sector 14 Guru Nanak Nagar Jammu who left for her heavenly abode on 30-10-2023 (Monday) **PROGRAMME**

Arambh Shri Akhand Path Saheb: 06-11-2023 (Monday) at 10.00 AM (at our Residence)

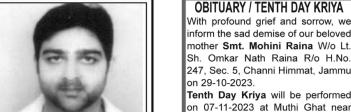
Bhog Shri Akhand Path Saheb: 08-11-2023 (Wednesday)-10.00 AM-(At our Residence) "Kirtan and Antim Ardas" shall be held on 08-11-2023 (Wednesday) from 11.30 AM to 1.00 PM at Gurudwara Sant Bhai Rocha Singh Ji, Sector 14 Guru Nanak Nagar Jammu followed by Guru ka Langer.

Grief Stricken:-Sons and Daughter-in-Laws

S. Harpal Singh (Traffic Inspector, Northern Railway Jammu) and Sdrn. Amarjeet Kour S.Mohinder Pal Singh (Anand Digital Studio) and Sdrn. Ramandeep Kour.

Daughter and Son-in-Law Sdrn. Manpreet Kour and S.Jagdeep Singh

Contact Nos.: 9103442144, 9419176345, 9419142144, 9797532931



Sh Vinay Dhar

10TH DAY KRIYA

Directorate of School Education

Ramesh Kumar Raina & Suman Raina

Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

S. K. Raina & Vijay Raina

Vinod Kumar & Suneeta Raina

Shruti Raina & Abhishek Jyotshi

Shrawan Raina & Vidhisha Jassal

Shaleen Raina & Pankhudi Uphadya

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

BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **S. GURCHARAN SINGH JI (CHANNI)** SO LATE RAG S. BASAKHA SINGH JI WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY BODE ON 31/10/2023 RESIDENT OF MOHALLA KHORINAR WARD NO 8 POONCH. NTIM ARDASS WILL BE HELD ON 9TH OF NOVEMBER 2023 A

AT THEIR RESIDENCE.
ANTIM ARDAS WILL BE PERFORMED AT GURUDWARA PEPAL SAHIB
10:30 AM TO 12:30 PM
3URU KA LANGAR 12:30 PM ONWARDS
(AMILY 2) AMILY SAHIB

AMILT :-ATE S SARWAN SINGH JI **(BROTHER)**

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt Vasanta Kaul W/o Lt. Shri Moti Lal Kaul, originally from Sehyar, Aalikadal, Srinagar and D/o Lt. Jiya Lal Wattal of Kralyar, Rainawari, Srinagar. Presently at #888, Sector-7 Ext. (Nea Vivekanand School), Gurgaon on Sunda 29th October, 2023.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 7th or November 2023, Tuesday at Gauri Shankar Temple, T Block, Sector-109, New Palam

Vihar, Gurgaon at 9.00 am. In Grief Daughter & Son-in-law Smt Sunita Raina & Sh Sudhir Raina Tel: 9582805035, 9582805004

Kaul's, Wattal's, Sadhu's, Kotha's & Raina's

OBITUARY

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform about the sad demise of Dr Anil Bhatt S/o Late Sh J N Bhatt of Badri Nagar, Paonta Sahib (HP), original resident of Motiyar Rainawari Sgr Kmr on 3-11-2023 (Thursday). 10th Day will be observed on 12-11-2023 (Sunday) at Yammuna Ghat, Paonta Sahib

GRIÉF STRICKEN: Smt Jeevika & Pivuish Bhatt (Daughter-in-law & Son) Mobile No. 9902649926, 9741232317

Smt. Tushima Rattan & Varun Rattan (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Mob No. 8146307857, 8146307934 (HANDOO'S, RAWAL'S, BHATT'S, ZUTSHI'S, KALLA'S)

IENIH DAY KRIYA Nith profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Smt Mohini Raina W/o Late Sh Omkar Nath Raina R/o House No. 247, Sector 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 at 9:00 AM Krishni Pandita and Amar Nath Pandita

Chuni Lal Raina and Usha Raina

Ramesh Kumar Raina and Suman Raina Surinder Kumar Raina and Vijay Raina Vinod Raina and Suneeta Raina Sunil Razdan and Anjali Razdan Shruti Raina and Abishek Krishen Jotshi Shrawan Raina and Vidhisha Jassal Shaleen Raina and Pankhudi Abhilash Upadhyaya Karan Raina, Simridhi Raina and Saisha Jotsh

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and deep sorrow, w regret to inform the sad demise of ou eloved Shri Radha Krishen Mussa, S/o ₋ate Sh. Jia Lal Mussa, R/o Mattar (Martand), Distt. Anantnag, Kashmir, who left for heavenly abode on 03-11-2023 i Navi Mumbai. The **Mourning** will be held at H. No. 102,

Adarsh Nagar, Paloura, Jammu (Landmark: J&K Bank Paloura) from 08-11-2023 TENTH DAY KRIYA shall be performed at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School

Education, Jammu on 12-11-2023 at

Smt. Swati & Sh Ashok Kumar (Daughter-in-law & Son) - 097699 86733 Aditya, Adarsh, Aritra, Tsiya (Grandchildren)

Nath Razdan fondly known as Papaji origi nally resident of upper Sathoo Barbarshal Srinagar (Kashmir). 10th Day will be performed at his residence

n ioranto Canada. However **Mourning** shall be held at hi lammu residence i.e 21-B, Old Mohinde lagar Canal Road, Jammu on 07-11-2023

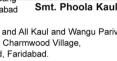
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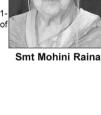


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10TH DAY KRIYA With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Late Sh. Rugh

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Fulfill legitimate demands of PoJK DPs or else face their wrath in LS elections: SOS Int'l to BJP

Top News Report

NOWSHERA, Nov 6: Making a clarion call for a decisive battle for the legitimate rights of Pakistan Occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK) Displaced Persons, SOS International Chairman Rajiv Chuni on Saturday asked the BJP-led Centre government to fulfill all genuine demands of the displaced before the Lok Sabha elections or else ready to face wrath of lakhs of PoJK DP voters.

"Every political party has betrayed and disappointed the displaced people of PoJK. They used them as vote bank in elections only. It is high time for all of us to take decisive call and fight unitedly to get our legitimate demands fulfilled. You (PoJK) displaced persons have the power of vote and we should not make any wrong decision while exercising this right," Chuni said while interacting with a massive gathering of the displaced people of PoJK at Nowshera city.

The SOS International chairman said the PoJK DPs have never given due importance because they (displaced people) were not united

"The opportunist politicians used PoJK displaced community for their petty interests because we are not united. Our struggle for a dignified life and fulfillment of all our legitimate rights can yield desired results only if we remain united and take decisions collectively," Chuni said while



making a fervent appeal for a decisive fight ahead of Lok Sabha elections scheduled to be held in April-May next year.

"It is an appropriate time to send a strong message across the political platforms that our struggle is genuine and legitimate. We will have to take a collective decision of boycotting the elections or voting in favour of a particular party to ensure that our voice is heard at the highest level." the senior refugee leader said, adding "we will have to think and take a call as to who have delivered justice to our hapless people"

Coming down heavily on the Lok Sabha members from Jammu-Poonch and Udhampur-Doda parliamentary seats, the S. O. S. International chairman said that both the MPs made big promises with the PoJK DPs before the elections in 2014 and 2019 but they never uttered even a single word about the plights and sufferings being faced by them after winning the elections.

"What is more unfortunate is that the Divisional Commissioner, who has been appointed as nodal officer to address the genuine grievances of the displaced people and has independent authority to take a decision, is not only incompetent to deal with our issues but he seldom responds to

our phone calls. The PoJK families, who have not received one-time ex-gratia of Rs 5.5 lakh as vet, are suffering but the authority concerned has turned a deaf ear to their miseries," Mr Chuni The senior refugee

leader said, "We will have to take a decisive call before the elections. If the Centre is ready to concede our five major demands including Rs 25 lakh to all PoJK displaced families as approved by the then state government, issue a notification for reservation in professional technical institutes of the country for our youth, announce a job package for educated unemployed youth of displaced persons, announce reservation of eight seats in J&K legislative assembly for PoJK refugees and grant Pahari status to all PoJK displaced community members, we will decide and overwhelmingly vote

in their (BJP) favour. Otherwise, we will not allow anyone to cheat our innocent people this

time" He made a fervent appeal to all the members of PoJK DPs that they should get betrayed by the false promises of the politicians from the ruling class and they should be asked to fulfill their commitments before seeking votes in their favour.

"We should bear in mind that we don't fall in the agenda of any political party--be it regional or national political group. All successive governments ignored us and our aspirations while they focused only on their political ambitions. Had the successive governments delivered iustice to our people and given them suitable political reservation, the situation on ground would have been quite different today. Our people have been passing through mental trauma because they were not empowered politically," he said.

Asking the PoJK refugees to get united and join the platform of the S. O. S. International for a decisive struggle, Mr Chuni said he has always worked for the welfare and betterment of displaced people and whatever has been achieved for PoJK community, it was the long struggle of the S. O. S. International organiza-

The refugee leader also struck an emotional chord with the displaced people staying in Nowshera, saying they (S. O. S. International) were connected with them since long though they could not meet them because of various reasons including Covid pandemic.

"You people are witness to our long struggle for the constitutional rights of displaced people from PoJK. We should remember that whatever we will achieve, it will be realized through hard struggle. The successive regimes tried to suppress our voice by registering cases against us and putting us behind the bars but it did not deter us from fighting for our people. For the last three decades, I have never thought of joining politics or any political party because our mission is the well-being of our people and deliver justice to them," Chuni

Dr. Daleep Choudhary conducts the stage proceedings, others who addressed the gathering includes VK Datta, Adv Rajinder Sharma, Ved Raj Bali, Ashok Sharma, Daleep Chib, Sushil Sharma, Jagjit Singh, Adv Rishav Sharma, Bindu Choudhary Sarpanch and others.

Shiv Sena terms ED action against Ch. Lal Singh as politically motivated



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 6: Leaders of Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit have termed the Enforcement Office (ED) action against former minister and MP Chaudhary Lal Singh as politically motivated.

A team of Shiv Sena leaders led by party state chief Manish Sahni today reached the ED office in Narwal, where Chaudhary Lal Singh is being interrogated.

Shiv Sainiks also joined the ongoing protest by Chaudhary Lal Singh's supporters outside the ED office.

Sahni said in his address that conspiracies are continuously being hatched to destroy Dogra identity.

The BJP state leaders themselves have not done anything for the Dogras, but the opposition leaders are raising their voice for the protection of their cultural identity.

Opposition leaders are being targeted due to political malice, and now efforts are being made to suppress the

loud voice of the leaders who are becoming the voice of Dogra by making the government

investigative agencies their political shield. Sahni said that Shiv Sena stands with every person who raises the voice of Dogra and this

to be suppressed at all. He said that Chaudhary Lal Singh is a Duggar lion who is not going to panic and back down from the investigation of politically moti-

vated agencies.

voice will not be allowed

An ED team is interrogating Lal Singh, a former minister in the Jammu and Kashmir government, in the money laundering case.

This inquiry is being conducted in connection with alleged irregularities in the purchase of land for the establishment of RB Educational Trust, run in the name of Lal Singh's wife Kanta Andotra.

Ch Zulfkar expresses concern over loss of life in Rajouri road accident

Top News Report

RAJOURI, Nov 6: Apni Party Vice President, and Former Cabinet Minister, Choudhary Zulfkar Ali has expressed grief over the road accident in Rajouri in which three passengers lost their lives.

As per a press release, Choudhary Zulfkar Ali expressed serious concern over the road mishap in Rajouri that took place near Palma on Kandi-Budhal Road in which a tempo bearing registration number JK02-AB-5535 coming from Budhal towards Rajouri met a road accident leading to the killing of three passengers and 16 other passengers injured.

Immediately after the

road mishap, he said that he had spoken to the concerned authorities for the evacuation of the injured persons to the hospital.

He expressed sympathy with the bereaved family members of the deceased persons identified as Abdul Rashid, son of Chandia, resident of Hubbi Kandi, Mohammed Shabir, son of Nazir Hussain, resident of Budhal, and Mohammed Azam, son of Ghulam Din, resident of Draaj Budhal.

Meanwhile, demanded compensation in favour of the next of kins of three deceased persons, and special medical treatment to the injured per-

He also demanded that the critically injured should be referred to the Government Medical College and Hospital, Jammu for their advanced treatment.

Expressing his shock over the tragic road mishap, he said that the authorities should order a magisterial probe into the road accident that has consumed three previous lives and injured 16 other passengers when an overcrowded passenger vehicle met road mishap.

"The authorities should fix responsibility by holding accountability of the Traffic Police Department for failing to check the overcrowded vehicles and traffic rule violators," he said, demanding a detailed magisterial investigation into the road accident.

IIT Jammu's I3C **Incubated Startup** Shines at IMC-2023

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 6: The ingenious minds nurtured by the Institute Incubation and Innovation Council (I3C) at the Indian Institute of have left a lasting impression at the Indian Mobile Congress (IMC) 2023 in the nation's

The event, graced by the esteemed presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, offered a stage for the promising startup, Rach Smart Solutions Pvt Ltd, to showcase their innovative achieve-

Rach Smart Solutions Pvt Ltd, a startup crafted by Atul Banotra, a PhD student in the Electrical Engineering Department at IIT Jammu, Shahid Gulzar, also a PhD student in the Electrical Engineering Department, and Harshit, a fourth-year undergraduate student in Mechanical Engineering, has thrived with the steadfast support of IIT Jammu and the Andhra Pradesh government.

In their reflections on this extraordinary journey, the team expressed excitement, remarking, "Attending and representing our startup, Rach Smart Solutions Pvt Ltd, an I3C incubated company at IIT Jammu in the Indian Mobile Congress event, has been an enduring experience. We had the privilege of engaging with representatives from telecommunications giants like Ericsson, Jio, Airtel, and BSNL, among others. The presence of esteemed guests,

including the Prime Minister of India and the Railway Minister. was truly inspiring."

The startup's exhibi-

tion stall captivated the

interest of numerous

delegates from diverse sectors, including agriculture, the Department of Telecommunication. Ministry of Communication, DSIR, the Indian Air Force, MHRD, and various multinational corporations. Eminent figures such as Dr Rajesh Kumar from DSIR; Mr Satish Kumar from the Ministry of Communication; Lt. Col VS Velan from Elena GEO Systems; CA Aditya Amar Matamsetti from Telemama Solutions Pvt Ltd; and Dr Rajesh Kumar Pal from IIT

distinguished visitors. To add the crowning touch to their accomplishments at IMC-2023, Rach Smart Solutions Pvt Ltd was bestowed with recognition as one of the event's top startups, marking a moment of pride for the IIT Jammu incubated enterprise.

Delhi were among the

Looking ahead to the future, the team shared their aspirations, saying, "In the coming years, we aim to secure an even more significant representation for our institution." They extended heartfelt gratitude to key individuals who paved the way for their remarkable journey, including Prof Manoj Singh Gaur, Director of IIT Jammu; Prof Manoj Aggarwal, the Professor-in-Charge of I3C at IIT Jammu, and Dr Sudhakar Modem, Assistant Professor at IIT Jammu, for providing this incredible opportu-

Only Congress can fulfill wishes, aspirations of J&K people: Hari Singh, Udhay

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 6: Hari Singh Chib, Vice President of Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee, on Monday asserted that the Congress party is the only party that can fulfill the wishes and aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

While addressing a workers meeting at Nardani Ward of Panchayat Raipur 2nd falling in Jammu North Assembly Segment, Chib said that the Congress Party has a long history of serving the people of Jammu and Kashmir and has always stood by them through thick and thin. He added that the party has a clearcut vision for the equitable development of Jammu and Kashmir and is committed to working for the welfare of all sections of society.

During the meeting, Uday Bhanu Chib, former President Youth Congress Jammu and Kashmir, Fayaz Diwan Vice President Youth Congress, Som Nath Sharma Block President Pata Paloura, Parshotam Singh President BCC Bhalwal, Kamal Singh, Jung Bahadur Singh, Tarun Vaid, Om Parkash, Ramesh Chander, Kaka Ram, Panches Harbans Lal, Kamal Singh, Asha Ram, Sansar Chand, Pappu, Jaswant Singh, Capt Khushi Ram Bhagat, Harbans Lal, Dev Raj, Virender Mehta, Kulbinder Singh, Jyoti Kumar, Kailash Singh, Tarsem Kumar, Hans

Raj, Parveen Akhtar and

At the beginning of the meeting, the party workers apprised the senior functionaries of the Congress Party about the hardships being faced by the people of the area which included scarcity of drinking water, shortage of ration supply, and dilapidated condition of roads in the area.

The senior Congress leader Hari Singh Chib immediately brought the matter to the notice of the Chief Engineer of the Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department requesting for early restoration of the water supply. He also demanded early repair of the damaged overhead tank at Nardani, as maximum water currently leaks from it, resulting in a scarcity of drinking water.

Chib also urged the authorities concerned to restore the road from Nardani Morh to Bajion

by blacktopping the aforesaid road.

With regard to the issues of ration shortage and renewal of ration cards, Chib urged the Food, Consumer Affairs, and Civil Supplies Department to provide regular supply of ration and hold regular camps at Nardani to renew ration cards. Presently, ration distribution and renewal of ration cards are done at Kot, which is far away and very difficult for the people of Nardani to reach there.

Uday Bhanu Chib criticized the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for its failure to deliver on its promises to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that the BJP has only brought division and hatred to the region and has done nothing to improve the lives of the people.

Uday Chib appealed to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to strengthen the hands of Rahul Gandhi and support the Congress party in the upcoming elections and give the party a chance to serve them once again. He said that the Congress party is the only party that can bring peace, prosperity, and development to

District Level Kala Utsav-2023 competition inaugurated at GBHSS Gandhi Nagar

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 6: District Level Kala Utsav-2023 competition was inaugurated today at Govt. Boys Higher Secondary School, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. Chief Education Officer, Jammu, Suraj Singh Rathore was the Chief Guest of the event. Principal Govt. Boys HSS Gandhi Nagar, Adarsh Bala welcomed the Chief Guest and a bouquet of flowers was presented to the Chief Guest by Deputy Chief Education Officer, Jammu Ashok Kumar Raina, Principal GHSS Hari Singh, Dr. Kishor Kumar along with the Jury members.

Speaking on the occasion, Suraj Singh Rathore said that Kala Utsav-2023 competition will be conducted in ten different art forms which include Vocal Classical-Music, Vocal Music-Traditional Folk, Instrumental Music-Percussion, Instrumental Music-Melodic, Dance-Classical, Dance-Folk, Visual Arts(2D), Visual Arts(3D), Indigenous Toys and Games, Drama (Solo Acting).

He also said that in all ten art forms, one male and one female winner will participate in Division Level Kala Utsav

Further he added that this competition is organised every year for the students from IX to XII class giving them an opportunity to exhibit their talent in various fields.

Kala Utsav is an initiative of the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India (GoI), launched in 2015, to promote arts in education, by nurturing and showcasing the artistic talent of school students in the country.

Lecturers/Masters/Teachers of various schools having expertise in their respective fields were nominated as Jury members to make judgement in various art

Deputy Chief Education Officer, Jammu Sh. Ashok Kumar Raina informed that Kala Utsav-2023 competition shall continue for three days till 08 November, 2023 and the declaration of result in all the categories and the felicitation function shall be held on 08 November, 2023

The inaugural function was attended by District Education Planning Officer, Jammu Tirlochan Singh, Lecturers, Masters, Teachers and a large number of

Kathua Campus, JU organises 3rd Hands-on Training on Information Technology

Top News Report

KATHUA, Nov 6: With the objective of fostering innovation and nurturing creativity within the youth of Kathua district, Kathua Campus, University of Jammu (JU), organised the 3rd hands-on training on information technology as a part of an ongoing educational series.

As part of this programme, students from Government Higher Secondary School, Nagri Parole (Kathua), were given the opportunity to visit Kathua Campus (JU).

The primary objective of this visit was to introduce these students to a higher educational institution, broaden their horizons, and inspire them to explore vocational

trades, fostering self-reliance.

Prof Arvind Jasrotia, Rector, Kathua Campus, University of Jammu, commended this initiative and underscored the significance of information technology awareness in today's world. He also highlighted how the hands-on training would prove beneficial for students as they embark on their future endeavours.

Prof. Jasrotia also shed light on the various initiatives introduced by the Government of India to promote innovation and creativity among the nation's youth. He stressed the importance of cultivating the habit of acquiring new skills, as this contributes to structural transformation and economic growth, ultimately boosting

employability and enhancing the country's

competitiveness Jatinder Sethi, Principal, Government Higher Secondary School, Nagri Parole, expressed his gratitude to Professor Arvind Jasrotia, Rector, Kathua Campus, University of Jammu, for extending the opportunity to their students to visit Kathua

Dr. Sourabh Shastri, Incharge Head (Computer Science), Kathua Campus, University of Jammu, welcomed the participants and talked about various government initiatives pertaining to technology in the field of education.

Pranav Ratta, Dr. Sunny Sharma, and Er. Sandeep Raj Dr. Nisha Choudhary, Dr. Kanika Bhadwal, Archana Salaria, Er. Vishavjeet Singh, Er. Komal Khadotra, and Jewan Jot gave detailed presentations on the various topics.

Barinder Singh, Kiran Bala, and Amit Choudhary accompanied the students of Government Higher Secondary School Nagri Parole.

Amit Sharma, Dr. Zahin Ansari, Ritika Goyal, Tiharika Nath, Kamakshi, Dr. Shivani Sharma, Dr. Seema Jamwal, Amarjeet Chopra, Ritu Sharma, Ritika Gupta,

Er. Sushant Gagal, Er. Himani Khajuria, Er. Pallavi Verma, Princy Sharma, Shivani Sharma, and other faculty members were also present.

EDITORIAL

DECLINE IN SEX RATIO

espite many important campaigns like 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' being run at the government level for the last few years to bring about a change in the mentality of differentiating between sons and daughters in the Indian society and to improve the condition and direction of girls, recently 'Niti The shocking report that has come out of the Commission is extremely worrying. According to this report titled 'Healthy States and Progressive India', a decline in sex ratio has been recorded in 17 out of 21 big states of the country.

Among the states with a decline of 10 or more points in the sex ratio at birth, the condition of Prime Minister's home state 'Gujarat' is the worst, where the sex ratio has declined by 53 points from 907 to just 854. Haryana, already infamous for female foeticide, is at second place in sex ratio with a decline of 35 points while Rajasthan has recorded a decline of 32, Uttarakhand 27, Maharashtra 18, Himachal Pradesh 14, Chhattisgarh 12 and Karnataka 11 points.

Although the sex ratio in Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar has improved by 19, 10 and 9 points respectively, which is promising, but this situation is not such that we can be too excited because despite the slight improvement in the sex ratio, The situation of the states is also not much better in this matter. According to NITI Aayog, the number of women per 1000 men in Uttar Pradesh is still only 879, whereas in Bihar this number is 916.

Despite the schemes that the present Central Government has been implementing since the beginning to discourage 'female foeticide', such reports of deteriorating sex ratio emerging is indeed a serious challenge for us.

Apart from the government schemes like 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao', 'Ladli Beti Yojana', 'Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana', especially the campaign 'Selfie with Daughter' run by the media, very good efforts were made in the direction of women empowerment but the recent report If we look at it, the results of these ambitious plans were not promising.

In such a situation, a serious question arises that where are our efforts lacking? Actually, even though we are living in the 21st century, there has been no change in our conservative mentality. Despite the strict laws in the country regarding gender testing, even today most of the people are resorting to gender testing due to their desire to have a son, due to which female feticide continues or they are giving birth to more children in the desire of having a son, due to which unwanted girls are being born. The number is increasing.

As far as bringing about a change in the mentality of the people is concerned, many excellent schemes are being run by the government for women empowerment and giving a dignified life to the daughters, but here it has to be kept in mind that it may not happen that various government schemes are hidden in the government files or Be limited to the practice of getting photographs taken by government representatives at various forums. For this, there is also a great need for public awareness campaign on war footing.

Maratha quota issue unravels like 'time bomb' in Maha politics

By: Sunil Gatade

aharashtra is now witnessing testing times. The vexed Maratha reservation issue is a ticking time bomb ahead of the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in the state, which is facing a political maelstrom.

The issue has taken centrestage with the emergence of Manoj Jarange Patil from the backward Marathwada region. The 41-year-old activist is issuing deadlines one after another and the four crore-strong Maratha community is eating out of his hands.

Jarange Patil's virtual sidelining of the political class has stunned Maharashtra, which had never seen such a phenomenon in recent times. His word has virtually become law. Attacks on government properties and the homes of politicians during Jarange Patil's fasts are clear indicators of the growing unrest in the state.

The tussle between the restive Maratha youth, who see a hopeless future, and those who have been enjoying pelf and power on their backing, has turned the political landscape topsy-turvy. Naturally, the issue has caused turmoil, anxiety and a sense of impending chaos among the political class.

Maharashtra is caught in a Catch-22 situation. It faces turmoil as the youth do not want to wait any longer and the process for granting reservation is a long-drawn one. Young people in the state feel cheated. For two decades, the issue has been talked about, but the action taken ahead of elections has fallen well short of expectations.

Till some time back, Marathas had taken out silent marches all over the state, including in Mumbai, with lakhs and lakhs of people peacefully marching for the demand for the betterment of the community, which constitutes some 32-34 per cent of the 12.5 crore population.

Whether anyone likes it or not, a quota for Marathas is expected to play a significant role in coming electoral battles if a resolution isn't reached in the next two months. The worst to suffer in such a scenario will be the BJP as it is currently in power in the state.

Maharashtra is not an ordinary state. With 48 Lok Sabha seats, it is second only to Uttar Pradesh, with 80 seats. The BJP has leapfrogged from the number four position to number one in the Maharashtra Assembly and the Lok Sabha since Prime Minister Narendra Modi's emergence on the national scene in May 2014. But since coming to power some 16 months back, the BJP has failed to settle down and there is nothing much to write home about its rule.

At such a time, the Maratha reservation issue has become the biggest challenge for the BJP-dominated government. The government was formed after a split in the Shiv Sena, which led to the ouster of chief minister Uddhav Thackeray and installing his friendturned-foe Eknath Shinde in his place. Despite the split in the Sena and recently in the NCP, the Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi is putting up a spirited fight.

The BJP, which has actively courted OBCs in the state for decades, has to maintain a balance. It has to ensure the influ-

ential Maratha community is not alienated. The Marathas have been with the Congress since Independence and the parting of ways by Sharad Pawar some 25 years back saw a sizable section making the NCP their home.

Experts say a fair deal for the Marathas is necessary as the majority of the community living in the countryside has been facing difficult times with the growing agrarian distress. The economic liberalisation of 1991 has brought in its wake a host of problems for the rural areas. Despite Maharashtra being the foremost industrialised state, it faces problems of migration to urban areas and poverty. The spate of farmers' suicides also shows that all is not well.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah have kept a studied silence on the reservation issue given that it has huge implications. But the beleaguered BJP leadership is studying the whole issue of how to deal with the growing aspirations of several communities amidst the Opposition's campaign for a caste census. Only last week, the BJP high command held consultations on how to go about the issues regarding OBCs. Maharashtra deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnavis, who is the BJP's topmost leader in the state, was especially present.

For the beleaguered Eknath Shinde government, the best thing that has happened amid the growing crisis is that Jarange Patil has suspended his fast for two months to enable the satte administration to provide Kunbi certificates to Marathas wherever possible. The CM is trying his best, but whether he is getting cooperation from others is a debatable

How much the government would be able to achieve on the reservation demands in the next two months needs to be seen given the fact that the issue is much more complex and there are no quick and easy solutions.

While every political group in the state backs the demand for Maratha reservations, they are equally wary of antagonising the Other Backward Classes (OBCs), a cluster of significant and diverse backward communities in the state. Some OBC factions have protested against the Marathas encroaching on their reserved quotas.

The "haves" and "havenots" among the Marathas themselves are also divided on whether they should be included among the backward communities. The "blue-blooded" or "shahnnav kuli" (hailing from 96 families) boasts of being a marshal community, like many others.

The Supreme Court's ruling against the Maharashtra law that sought to grant reservations to Marathas based on their social and economic status further complicates the issue.

With the CM and others facing challenges under the anti-defection law, the state's political leaders are hanging on by a thread, desperately trying to navigate this volatile situation.

Maharashtra now stands at a crossroads, with a volatile situation that is quickly unravel-

Darkness of Ego



By: Vijay Garg

an's ego is a big obstacle in the progress of life. It is a human nature that when he has too much of anything, he starts becoming arrogant. When a person becomes blinded by ego, then he cannot see his mistakes. He always hurts others thinking about his own benefit. In reality the result of ego is destruction. The ego is interested in performance. There should also be display of talent, but if there is a flash of show in the talent then ego will arise and if there is sunlikeIf there is light then the egoless form of talent will be revealed. A person immersed in ego neither sees his own mistakes nor the good things in others. And in this process, some people lose very precious people around them.

allows a person to realize whether what he is doing is wrong or right, he is always in his own way and his behavior becomes like that of an ignorant person, where the eyes of ignorance are shining on him. The bandage is tied. Swami Mahavir says- 'An ignorant soul becomes arrogant even after committing sins.'Does it?' Ego makes us strong in our own eyes, but makes us fall in the eyes of the world. As long as we realize this, we are doomed to destruction. Have crossed the limit. Although there are many reasons for a person to be egoistic, but at present the arrogance of showing off wealth and materialism is taking over people's heads. especially The behavior of people who suddenly become rich exposes their arrogance in some way or the other. In fact, when a person has more money than required, he starts thinking that he has everything. Something is there. He starts considering others as inferior to him. If the person is ignorant and uneducated then this tendency becomes more pronounced. If that person has earned money through unethical activities, then the

This is a defect that never possibility of him being arro- his ego. If we can remove the gant becomes stronger. The destruction of such a person is certain. If someone is proud of his wealth then no one hesitates to help him in his bad days. There is another form of pride, which is called 'Evis' in Greek. According to Greek language scholar William Barclay, Eavis means Ace. It is full of pride and cruelty. This is a form of pride in which people brutally trample on the feelings of others to humiliate them. However, after this their destruction is considered certain, because everything can be bought with money or force, but not honor and character. Where ego resides there will be no virtue of humility, intelligence, prudence or tact. The first thing a person who is dominated by pride does is to prevent other qualities from entering him. In his eyes because of his vain egoEveryone is always low level. He always finds happiness in creating obstacles in the path of others and makes his own way by demolishing others. There is definitely someone greater than every person in the world and the cycle is such that no one can claim himself to be the best in the

world and cannot maintain

darkness of ego in time, it proves important in making life successful. We should try to behave politely with the other person, so that we get aHelp in becoming a good person and win people's hearts. Humility is the jewel of a person. It begins with the end of ego. We experience peace and happiness in life only when we show humility in front of people. We should awaken our inner infinite power by choosing the ornament of humility. If we can do this, then we can definitely protect ourselves from all kinds of mental disorders and lay the foundation of our happy life. We need to eliminate the illusion of ego within us.We must give, so that we can see the reality and become mature in fighting every difficulty of the future and taking risks. Our ego should also be destroyed, so that we can feel peace after seeing the real beauty of the world. History is full of such evidence, where even the greatest scholars and warriors had to suffer the punishment of their pride.

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Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurates Children Science Festival at IIIM

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Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 6: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy & Department of Space and Vice President CSIR, Dr. Jitendra Singh has emphasised the harnessing of young aptitudes.

The union Minister was speaking after inaugurating the "Children Science Festival" organized here on Monday by CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM).

Dr. Jitendra Singh also took a round of the stalls in the exhibition put up on the occasion and witnessed different kinds of science models prepared by the students. The students drawn from the schools of Jammu region have also scripted slogans under the themes like Health & wellness, Water conservation, Waste management and Save mother Earth.

While addressing the school students, Dr. Jitendra Singh narrated how the Jigyasa programme is inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a new India and Scientific Social Responsibility (SSR) of Scientific Community and Institutions. Jigyasa is a student



- scientist connect programme implemented by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in collaboration with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS).

Dr. Jitendra Singh

applauded the efforts of CSIR-IIIM for organizing such outreach activities for students from schools and colleges. He said that such activities help to increase the scientific aptitude and inculcates the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship in young minds. He also distributed prizes to the winners of various competitions organized during the Children Science Festival.

ence Festival.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said, India's first Virtual Science Lab for Children under CSIR Jigyasa Programme was launched, which built a strong connect between students and Scientists with scientists across the country. He also said, the main objective of establishing the Virtual Lab

was to provide quality research exposure and innovative pedagogy for school students based on an online interactive medium. He said, the new facility will immensely benefit students from Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas and Government Schools of various States Boards and will help in catching them

young. Today, in the Children Science Festival, more than 350 students from about 55 schools under the government of J&K. Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodya Vidyalayas, Army Public Schools, Bhartiya Vidya Mandir Schools, etc, from various districts of Jammu region showcased their talent in various competitions such as Science models (Themes : Health & wellness; Water conservation; Waste management; Save mother Earth), Science/current affairs Quiz Competition, Poster competition on 'Swachh Bharat Mission' and Slogan writing

Atal Incubation Centre (AIC) for hand-holding and promoting the start-ups.

Prominent among the dignitaries present in the function were Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Principal Govt. Medical College, Jammu, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor of Central University of Jammu, Ashok Kumar Sharma, JKAS, Director School Education, Jammu, Nagendra Goyal, Deputy Commissioner, KV Sangathan, Jammu. The main programme in the auditorium was conducted by Rajni Kumari while as Er. Abdul Rahim, Chief Scientist & Head Srinagar Branch presented formal vote of thanks.

The event was organized under the chief patronage of Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director CSIR-IIIM, Jammu and coordination by Dr. Asha Chaubey, Senior Principal Scientist and Nodal Officer Jigyasa Programme, CSIR-IIIM. Among other organizing committee members were: Dr. Shashank Singh, Dr. Dhiraj Vyas, Dr. Tasduq Abdullah, Dr. Sumit G Gandhi (Sr. Principal Scientists), Dr. Deepika Singh and Saurabh Saran (Principal Scientists), Vikram Singh (Sr. CoA), Rajesh Gupta, Administrative Officer and Dileep Gehlot, Store & Purchase Officer.

Ekal Abhiyaan Doda organises Annual 'Anchal Utsav '



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DODA, Nov 6: A one day annual 'Anchal Utsav' of Ekal Abhiyaan Bhag Chanderbhaga, Anchal Doda was held at Community Hall Doda. Sanjay Kumar (donor) and Phulail Singh ACD Doda were the guests of honour on the occasion while Swami Sharan Dass and Swami Krishananand were the special guests.

Sansar Chand pramukh of Shri Hari Katha Prasar Yojna Pashchim-Uttar Prabhag P-6 was the chief speaker.

Govind Singh Anchal Abhiyan Pramukh Doda conducted the proceedings of the programme.

The proceedings of the session started with the lighting of lamp by the dignitaries and chanting of Jyoti Mantra followed by Brahamnaad, Gayatri Mantra and Saraswati Vandan.

Sansar Chand presented a detailed account of Ekal Abhiyaan and highlighted the objectives and achievements of the movement across the country.

He lauded the efforts of the Anchal Smitti Karyayakartas, Acharyas and the children for making the event a grand success and appealed to the general public to extend full support and cooperation to the Abhiyan in their respective areas.

Children and Acharyas from various Vidyalayas presented colourful cultural items on the themes 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' and 'Nasha Mukt Bharath'.

The participants enthralled the audience with their scintillating performances.

Prominent among other dignitaries present on the occasion include Neeraj Thakur prabhag pramukh Pashchim

Uttar prabhag (P6), Raj Singh Gram Swaraj Yojna pramukh P6, Vijay Kumar sambhag pramukh Jammu, Dharinder Singh Secretary Sambhag Jammu, Angrez Singh member Sambhag Smitti, Kuldeep Singh Prashikshan Pramukh Jammu sambhag, Krishan Kumar pramukh Shri Hari Katha Yojna Jammu sambhag, Jagdish Manhas bhag adhyaksh Chanderbhaga bhag, Dr Shami Kumar secretaty Chanderbhaga bhag, Bittu Thakur vice president Chanderbhaga, Shakuntla president Mahila Smitti, Nehru Lal president Gram Sangathan Smitti, B.L Sharma vice president Gramsangathan, Raj Singh bhag president Shri Hari Katha Yojna, Sandeep Sharma president Rath Utsav Smitti, Kewal Krishan bhag pramukh Chanderbhaga, Manjit Kumar Karyalaya pramukh Chanderbhaga, Kiker Singh anchal adhyaksh Doda, Krishan Kumar vice president anchal Doda, Pushpa Devi Prathmik Shiksha Prashikshan Pramukh Doda, Dwarka Lal Gram Swarajya Yojna pramukh Doda, Ramesh Kumar karyalaya pramukh Doda, anchal Smitti members Sunil Chib, Hardev Singh Bandral and

Phulail Singh said that Ekal Ahiyan is doing commendable job educating the people living in rural areas and spreading awareness among masses to bridge the gap between the government and people living in far flung areas so that the benefits of various educational and other welfare schemes reach the beneficiaries.

Kiker Singh anchal adhyaksh Doda presented the vote of thanks and the function concluded smoothly with the chanting of Shanti Mantra.

Farooq, Omar conveyed condolences

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JAMMU, Nov 6: National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Omar Abdullah expressed grief over the passing away of Vishvinder Singh Son of Th. Shamsher Singh Zonal Vice President Pir Panjal Zone and conveyed condolences to the bereaved family.

In their messages, Dr Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah prayed for peace to the departed soul and expressed solidarity with other members of the family.

In the condolence message, General Secretary Haji Ali Mohammed Sagar, Dr Sheikh Mustafa Kamaal, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra Additional General Secretaries, Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President Jammu Province, Javed Ahmed Rana Zonal President Pir Panjal Zone, Ch. Liaqet Ali and Surinder Choudhary Central Secretaries have also expressed grief and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

Senior leaders of the National Conference have also conveyed their condolences to the bereaved family.

Those who prayed for peace to the departed soul, include Sheikh Bashir

Ahmed Provincial Secretary Jammu, Khalid Najeev Suharawardy Vice President Jammu Province, Bashir Ahmed Wani, Nirman Singh Central Joint Secretary, Babu Rampaul former minister and Central Zone President, Abdul Gani Malik Zone President Udhampur Reasi, Sajjad Ahmed Kichloo Zone President Chenab Valley, Ajaz Jan P.P YNC Jammu, Ch. Rahim Daad Ex-MLC, Dr. Mumtaz Bukhari Vice President Jammu Province Ch. Naseem Liaquet Chairman DDC Rajouri, Th. Rameshwar Singh DDC Dhangri, Anita Thakur DDC Kalakote, Shamim Akhter DDC Moughla, Ch. Wali Daad, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, Abdul Gani Teli Chairman OBC Cell, Satwant Kour Dogra P.P Women Wing, Pardeeep Bali Provincial Secretary, Zeeshan Rana, Th. Yashvardhan Additional Spokespersons, Ch. Mumtaz Bhajjard, Vipan Pal Sharma, Ashok Kumar Sharma District President Rajouri Rural, Shafayat Ahmed Khan District President Rajouri Urban, Bagh Hussain Rathore District President Poonch, Rakesh Singh Raka and Dr. Raghvir Singh Manhas.

Fearless Knight Doda crushes Pirates XI Team in Cricket Tournament

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competition on 'Space

Mission of India'. Stu-

dents of Seva Bharti,

an NGO that provides

free education and

vocational training to

children from economi-

cally weaker sections of

society. These students

displayed various prod-

ucts developed under

the 'Waste to Wealth'

Earlier, Dr. Zabeer

Ahmed, Director, CSIR-

IIIM, Jammu, in his

welcome address gave

the details of this event

and said that the main

objective of the Chil-

dren Science Festival

is to ignite the scientific

spirit in young minds.

He informed the audi-

ence that CSIR-IIIM,

Jammu, has been regu-

larly organizing vari-

ous youth conclaves

and startup expo, as

outreach activities and

to support and nurture

the startup ecosystem

of the UT of J&K. Dr.

Zabeer also informed

that CSIR-IIIM has three

incubation centers viz.

Technology Business

Incubator (TBI), Bio-

NEST Incubator and

DODA, Nov 6: A Cricket Tournament Insurance Karwa Lo League going on at university Campus Bhaderwah. A match played between Fearless Knight Doda and Pirates XI Team.

The Fearless Knight Team won by 40 runs, marking their 1st win in the Insurance Karwa Lo League Cricket Tournament.

The Pirates XI, after winning the toss decided to bowl first.

The Fearless Knight Doda set a target 147 runs in 16 overs in front

of Pirates 11 Team.

The batting performance of Fearless
Knight Team Doda,



Captain Vikas Manhas and Ashok Sharma handled the initial innings but unfortunate Vikas Manhas scored 5 runs in 3 balls and got run out. Ashok Sharma was out after scoring 20 runs out of 21 balls.

Dev Thakur scored 12 runs in 13 balls he got out, Wasif Sheikh showed his team by playing a good innings he scored 53 runs in 41 balls remained not out. Salman Sheikh bat-

runs in 18 balls and remained not out. The Fearless Knight Team gave the target of

ting fast he scored 39

147 runs to the Pirates 11 Team Bhaderwah. Ravi choudhary outstanding performance bowling earned him the well-deserved Man of the Match award.

The Bowling performance of Fearless Knight Team was brilliant, Ravi Choudhary

gave 7 runs 4 overs and took 3 wickets, not a single batsman could play against the brilliant bowling of Ravi Choudhary, Sandeep Kumar gave 27 runs in 2.3 overs and took 2 wickets. Aqib Zargar gave 31 runs in 3 overs and took 1 wickets, Salman Sheikh gave 20 runs in 3 overs taken 1 wicket, Dev Thakur gave 22 runs in 2 overs and took 1 wickets, in front of the bowling of the Fearless Knight Team they scored 107 runs and would be all out Pirates XI Team Bhaderwah and similarly Fearless won by 40 runs at University Campus Bhaderwah and registered 1st Victory.

Session Judge Suresh Sharma felicitated by Dr Shreyansh Jain, Yoga Commissioner

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JAMMU, Nov 6: Sharad Mahotsva with musical contest was organized by Panjvaktar Mahadev Mandir (Properly known as Rupai wala Mandir) with participants from different Educational Institutions, namely, Women College Parade, Institute of Music & Fine

Arts and other institutions.

The Mahotsva comprised Bhajan
Sandhya by well acquainted artists/youths of age group 16-23. It
was a three days Mahotsva from
3rd to 5th November.

Many of the senior artists played the Devotional Classical Music program by Dharmesh Nargotra, Suraj Singh, Amarjit Singh, Parsotam Kumar, Rakesh Anand Vinay

Session Judge (Retd) Suresh Sharma, a social activist and Head of many Social & Religious Organizations, main Organiser of Sharad Mahotsva, in the concluding function, was felicitated by Dr Shreyansh Kumar Jain,



Yoga Commissioner, for his untiring services in the field of social activities.

In the music context, Netra Tickoo stood first in Vocal Classical, Harman kour was awarded First prize in Instrumental Catagory. Second prize was achieved by Nirmal Kumar and Sobia Kousar,

while Shriya Gurtoo & Danish Verma were awarded third prize in Vocal Classical and Instrumental Catagory respectively.

It was quite spiritual and Devotional Oriented Musical programme, which spread a Message to one and all to participate whole heartedly in all such programs.

GAVL announces **Q2** & half-yearly financial results

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JAMMU, Nov 6: Godrej Agrovet Limited ("GAVL") has anounced its financial results for the second quarter and half-year ended September 30, 2023.

The Company reported consolidated revenues from operations of Rs. 2,570.9 crore in Q2 FY24 as compared to Rs. 2,445.3 crore in Q2 FY23, a growth of 5% year-on-year.

Q2 FY24 consolidated EBITDA increased to Rs. 214.6 crore from Rs. 159.1 crore in Q2 FY23, a growth of 35% year-on-year

Q2 FY24 Profit before tax increased to Rs. 133.8 crore from Rs. 87.3 crore in Q2 FY23, a growth of 53% year-on-year

The Company reported consolidated revenues from operations of Rs. 5,081.1 crore in H1 FY24 as compared to Rs. 4,955.2 crore in H1 FY23, a growth of 3% year-on-year

H1 FY24 consolidated EBITDA increased to Rs. 421.4 crore from Rs. 328.4 crore in H1 FY23, a growth of 28% year-on-year

H1 FY24 Profit before tax increased to Rs. 258.3 crore from Rs. 190.1 crore in H1 FY23, a growth of 36% year-on-year.

Commenting on the performance, B. S. Yadav, Managing Director, Godrej Agrovet Limited, said, "Godrej Agrovet continued to deliver robust improvement in profitability with a solid 53% year-on-year growth in profit before tax in Q2 FY24. While revenues grew by 5% year-on-year, EBITDA margin improved by ~180 bps in Q2 FY24 as compared to the same period last year. All the segments, with the exception of Astec LifeSciences, achieved growth in profitability."

Buoyed by upbeat volume growth as well as realizations in the in-licensed portfolio, domestic Crop Protection business successfully maintained consistent performance in the second quarter. Despite erratic rainfall in India, domestic Crop Protection business achieved an excellent growth of 53% in topline and 149% in segment results.

Our food businesses continued to deliver healthy volume growth in branded products along with sustainable margin expansion. Poultry business recorded exceptional profitability in Q2 FY24 in an otherwise seasonally weak quarter. Better operational efficiencies in live bird operations coupled with 14% year-on-year volume growth in branded business boosted profitability.

Dairy business performance continued to improve sequentially and achieved EBIT breakeven in Q2 FY24. This was primarily driven by lower procurement costs, operational efficiencies and a rising share of value-added products.

Bullhe Shah's kalaams in singer-songwriter Harpreet's baritone voice was all we needed to satiate our parched souls

Aa Mil Yaar Saar Lai Meri, Bhavein Jaan Na Jaan Ve Vehde Aa Vad Mere, Ik Nukte Vich Gal Mukkdi Ae, Ik Tona Achanba Gavan Gi... were some of the kalaams by Baba Bulleh Shah, sung by singersongwriter Harpreet.

The evening, organised by Murty Classical Library of India and Harvard University Press in association with the Novel Bunch, was a tribute to the 18th century poet Bulleh Shah. Known for performing poetry, Harpreet picked up verses from Bullhe Shah's Sufi Lyrics, a book by Murty Classical Library of India, a translation by Christopher Shackle. The new translation in English is presented alongside the Panjabi text, in the Gurmukhi script.

While Baba Bulleh Shah is no stranger in this part of the world, expositions and interesting anecdotes about the Sufi saint by social worker Ravee Pandher and Army veteran Col

Ashish Bedi, in Punjabi and English, respectively, added to the whole experience.

Long hair, donning a hot pink kurta with dhoti, Harpreet took the stage with his guitar and won the full auditorium at Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Public Administration — 26. It was truly a musical night for Chandigarh folks – if popular Bollywood singer Arijit Singh kept his long awaited date at Sector 34, with added charm of Ranbir Kapoor taking on the stage with him, here in another corner of the city, the audience were soaked in Sufi rang.

Harpreet, growing up in Haryana, first moved to Delhi, then Mumbai and now he calls Goa home. But he insists that Punjab holds a special place in his heart and musical journey. "Given a chance I just jump at the opportunity of coming to Punjab. My heart resides in its mitti, and its writers."

Harpreet, who has sung



many poets, including Kabir, Suryakant Tripathi Nirala, Faiz and also contemporary ones, started with his composition called Maati. "Right from the horse to its rider, the bagh bageeche to the ones who have come to watch it are all maati," shared Harpreet before singing the composition.

The audience was soaked in the spiritual spirit and his baritone voice. "My version is but elementary. For better exposition, pick up the book Bullhe Shah's Sufi Lyrics," he called out the the audience.

A charmer, Harpreet was happy clicking pictures with children and seniors alike. Humble and honest, Harpreet opened up, "While compositions are spurting in me all the time, I am a lazy writer. Baba Bulleh Shah is not just my favourite but my safe space where I go whenever I need inspiration."

His next is an ambitious project, based on a book Khooni Vaisakhi. "It's a labour of love, we are going on with the tentative title Khooni Vaisakhi for that's what the book is called. It's a truly enriching journey that I am eager to share with my listance."

Robbie Williams says he was hooked on 'having sex with strangers', once 'begged' a porn star to sleep with him



Singer-songwriter Robbie Williams was addicted to food and drugs for years and has bedded a string of Nineties stars, and has now finally put a number on his conquests.

"It's probably higher than the average guy but lower than you would expect," Robbie told The Sun when asked how many women he had bedded.

When asked if it was 65, the singer added, "Oh! Well it's more than that!" And when quizzed on whether it was 110,

Robbie declared, "Yeah, let's go with that."

Robbieis now happily settled with his wife Ayda Field, 44, with whom he has four children.

But the singer also told The Sun he is enduring the "menopause", which has led to his sex drive plummeting.

Robbie also said he was suffering from insomnia, lethargy and baldness due to the condition, which can hit men in their 40s and 50s, reports aceshow-biz com

The singer confessed to The Sun the only action he now gets from other females is "women playing with their bits" over Instagram direct message.

Robbiesaid: "The first thing I do is show Ayda and say, 'F****** look at this!!' We are sickeningly cheesy with each other. I'm happy, Ayda is amazing. I know I have a big life, and I do feel lucky to have my family. Right now I'd describe myself as a very happy hermit... I'm a Coca-Cola-lite agoraphobic. And that works for me."

He has previously told how he had sex with his drug dealer on the night he met his wife, and said he was hooked on "having sex with strangers." He also once "begged" a porn star for sex.

Pakistani TikTok star Aliza Seher in tears after private video leaks, goes viral

Pakistani TikTok sensation, Aliza Seher, found herself in the eye of a social media storm when a private video of her went viral, sparking widespread conversations and scrutiny. This incident follows in the footsteps of the recent 'Kulhad Pizza' couple, Gurpreet and Sahaj, who faced a similar situation.

The video's rapid dissemination across various social media platforms prompted Aliza Seher to confront the challenging circumstances head-on. In a heartfelt video post, she breaks down as she vents her frustration and talks about her current situation

In her emotional address, Seher expressed, "The individual in Qatar is the one responsible for the widespread circulation of my video. Although I've sought support from the cybercrime department, no action has been taken against this person. I want to extend my gratitude to all those who have stood by me



and offered their support. My dedication and hard work are apparent for all to see. Even at the inception of my YouTube channel, I faced threats, but with the unwavering support of my family, I continued to work and have reached where I am today."

Since the video was uploaded, it has garnered over 100,000 views, with many individuals rallying to support her during this challenging time.

After investigation, it was reported that it is the same individual that Aliza Seher had mentioned. This person agreed to have altered the video but denied his involvement in spreading it.

For the unversed, Aliza Seher holds immense popularity in Pakistan. She is known for her relatable content surrounding her daily life, which resonates with her followers.

Celebrities tell us why they think love triangles are enjoyed by the audience

Love triangles in films, TV shows, and OTT series often generate a lot of interest. Be it a thriller or comedy or a regular drama, love triangles never fail to add an element of surprise. Celebrities tell us why they think love triangles are enjoyed by the audience. Read on...

The endgame Pranitaa Pandit

When we are presented with a love triangle on screen, it ignites our curiosity as to who the subject will end up with and how the one rejected will react. Personally speaking, for me there is nothing more to it than finding out what happens at the end. Movies like Mujhse Dosti Karoge or even Kabhi Alvida Na Kehna are stories of love triangles. As a viewer, I find them entertaining because this happens very often in real life as well. Two people falling in love with the same individual is not uncommon, however, the conclusion is the only interesting aspect to this specific scenario.

Triangles work Nivedita Basu

I feel a love story is incomplete without a love- triangle. Having made more than 100 daily soaps with Ekta Kapoor and on my own, I don't think there's been a single story without a love triangle even if it is a thriller, a romantic tale or a family drama. In fact, we've dealt with love triangles and quadrangles as well. So yes, I think love triangles



are the so-called namak that is required to make sure that the dish tastes perfect. Who would want to see the same old stories of parents playing the villain in a love story, posing all sorts of hindrances? The interest is all spiced up when there's another guy or girl in the love story. I get goosebumps just thinking about love triangles. I've lived them, and breathed them in my shows and I think it works like magic. Weightage factor

Raghav Thakur
Love triangles have been headlining stories for the longest time. Obviously, art depicts life, so a lot of these stories are inspired from real-life incidents. Though the implications in real life are different, on screen, such stories spice up the narrative and usually in the end there is a message which is usually either that of a sacrifice or the realisation of what true love

stands for. We have to under-

stand that love, a true emotion, is an amalgamation of different character traits. In every age or stage of our lives, love means slightly different things and here we are talking about the opposite sex. Having said that, it completely depends on the storyline, whether or not a love triangle would fit the bill.

If it's effective storytelling, yes love triangles do carry a certain weightage and provide a beautiful experience in terms of watching it on screen.

Intrigue factor Sneh Binny

I think the reason why audiences love the concept of love triangles is probably because it's a reality. A boy falling head over heels for a girl, who in reality likes another boy is quite a common thing. I am not fond of such love stories but know that many enjoy watching them on screen just to find out who finally gets the boy or the girl and what happens to the person who is

Spice & drama Chitra Vakil Sharma

left alone.

Love triangles on screen always generate curiosity. It adds spice and drama. Love triangles will never go out of fashion as they happen in reality. Audiences love the drama and want to see more and more love triangles. Action-related content has audiences but audiences love love triangles too.

The story matters...: TV industry no longer centred on looks, says actor Jatin Shah

Actor Jatin Shah, who marked his comeback on the TV screens with the show Gauna Ek Pratha, opened up on how the industry has evolved over the years, and is no longer only focused on looks.

Jatin is known for his works in shows like Kasturi, Meri Maa and Adaalat.

He is playing the character of Vansh Agnihotri in Gauna Ek Pratha.

"The TV industry is a very important medium to show today's reality to the people of today.

The change in the

industry is that it is no longer centred on looks and feel, but on the depth of character and the storyline of the show," said Jatin.

Calling his Gauna character multi-layered, Jatin said it has helped him learn a lot. "I always love playing characters that can challenge me. Usually, there is only

one shade attached to a character. But, in this character, since my negative shade is hidden, I am able to play both the positive and negative sides at once," he shared.

About the look of his character, Jatin said: "I loved the new look — jacket and high-neck t-shirts — very English look. Normally, I take 15-20 minutes for hair and make-up."

He further said that he can relate to that part of his character, where he is there for family and their problems. "I have a very close-knit family, and this is the way we are there for each other in real life as well."

Gauna Ek Pratha revolves around the journey of Gehna as she tries to win her husband back, all the while facing challenges posed by the affluent and haughty Urvashi. It airs on Shemaroo Umang.



Remake of Basu Chatterjee's cult classic 'Ek Ruka Hua Faisla' in the works

Director Darshan Ashwin Trivedi is set to remake veteran filmmaker Basu Chatterjee's acclaimed 1986 legal drama 'Ek Ruka Hua Faisla', the makers have announced.

According to a press release, the ensemble cast of the upcoming film includes Atul Kulkarni, Suvinder Vikki, Dibyendu Bhattacharya, Neeraj Kabi, Divya Dutta, Vineet Kumar, Tannishtha Chatterjee, Kani Kusruti, Hemant Kher, Samvedna Suwalkar, Luke Kenny, and Manu Rishi Chaddha.

Trivedi said that the biggest challenge for him was to look at 'Ek Ruka Hua Faisla' from a fresh perspective. Chatterjee's Hindi film was a remake of the 1957 American film '12 Angry Men', directed by Sidney Lumet, which was adapted from a



1954 teleplay of the same name by Reginald Rose.

"The narrative has been created after taking advice from law researchers. I am happy we have been able to work on the right approach. We have been able to put together a prolific ensemble cast.

I am looking forward to the film," the director, known for Gujarati films 'Mrugtrushna' and 'Mara Pappa Superhero', said in a statement.

The film would follow Kishan Meena's solitary heir Arjun, who is accused of raping and killing a girl called Arushi Brar, daughter of prominent businessman Mann Singh Brar.

"The Allahabad court could not conclude, as there are multiple socioeconomic and cultural layers to the case. The high court has referred this case to a commission of 12 individuals from different walks of life across the country. The commission is supposed to come up with its final verdict, based on which the high court will decide the judgement. Till then, the ruling will be pending," read the logline of the movie. 'Ek Ruka Hua Faisla' is

Shukla and produced by Dharnidhar Production, Anil Mewada, and Pranav Johi in association with Twenty21 Studios Suryaveer Singh Bhullar and Trivedi.

The shooting of the film would begin on December 10 in Mumbai.

Heeralal Samariya sworn in as Chief Information Commissioner

NEW DELHI, Nov 6 (Agencies): Senior bureaucrat Heeralal Samariya was on Monday sworn in as the Chief Information Commissioner by President Droupadi Murmu.

The top post at the transparency panel, Central Information Commission (CIC) was lying vacant following the completion of Y K Sinha's tenure on October 3.

President Murmu administered the oath of office to the 63-year-old Samairya at a function at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, a communique issued by the president's office said.

The swearing-in ceremony was attended by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh among others.

Samariya, a former Indian Administrative Service (IAS)



officer, had served as Labour and Employment Secretary. He was sworn in as the Information Commissioner of the CIC on November 7, 2020.

The appointment comes after the Supreme Court's October 30 directive to the central and state governments to fill the vacant positions, warning that the 2005 Right to Information Act would become ineffective otherwise.

Taking a serious note of vacancies in the CIC and state information commissions (SICs), a bench comprising Chief Justice

D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra had also asked the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) to collect information from all states on aspects, including the sanctioned strength of information commissioners in the SICs, vacancies at present and the total number of pending cases there.

After Samariya is appointed the Chief Information Commissioner, there exists a vacancy of eight Information Commissioners. At present, there are two Information Commissioners on the Commission.

The Commission is headed by the Chief Information Commissioner and can have a maximum of 10 Information Commissioners. A Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners can hold the office till they attain 65 years of age.

Court Stays Summons To Arvind Kejriwal's Wife Over Name On 2 Voters' Lists



NEW DELHI, Nov 6 (Agencies): The Delhi High Court on Monday stayed a lower court summons to Sunita Kejriwal, the wife of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, for allegedly violating the law by getting herself enrolled in voter lists of two assembly constituencies.

Justice Amit Bansal issued notice to the State as well as the complainant on Sunita Kejriwal's plea challenging the trial court order asking her to appear before it on November 18 in connection with the allegation.

"Meanwhile, there shall be a stay on the operation of the impugned order," the court ordered as it listed the matter for further hearing on February 1.

BJP leader Harish Khurana has alleged in his complaint that the chief minister's wife has violated the provisions of the Representation of the People (RP) Act.

Mr Khurana claimed Sunita Kejriwal was registered as a voter on the electoral rolls of Sahibabad assembly constituency (parliamentary constituency Ghaziabad), UP, and also in the Chandni Chowk assembly constituency in Delhi, which was in violation of Section 17 of the RP Act.

Sunita Kejriwal was liable to be punished for the offences under Section 31 of the Act which deals with making false declarations, he has claimed.

Senior advocate Rebecca John, appearing for Sunita Kejriwal, argued before the high court that the trial court order was passed without proper application of mind. She emphasised that having two electoral cards was not an offence and there was no evidence of record to show that the petitioner had made any false statement.

On August 29, Metropolitan Magistrate Arjinder Kaur had summoned the petitioner on November 18.

"After considering the testimony of the complainant and other witnesses, this court is of the considered opinion that prima facie case is made out against the accused person, namely Sunita Kejriwal, w/o Arvind Kejriwal, for the alleged commission of the offences punishable under Section 31 of the Representation of Peoples Act, 1950. Hence, the accused be summoned accordingly," the magistrate had said.

The offence attracts a maximum punishment of two years in jail.

Widespread rains likely in Kerala during next 5 days: IMD

THIRUVANAN-THAPURAM, Nov 6 (Agencies): The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Monday predicted widespread rainfall in Kerala during the next five days due to a cyclonic circulation prevailing over northern Tamil Nadu and adjoining areas.

The heavy rains in the state a day ago caused landslides in various parts of the Idukki district of Kerala and resulted in the loss of life and damage to several homes.

The IMD said widespread moderate to medium rainfall was likely to occur in Kerala during the next five days. Heavy rains were likely at isolated places in the state between November 6 and 9.

The IMD issued an orange alert in Ernakulam and Palakkad districts of the state for the day. It also issued yellow alerts in nine districts of the state. An orange alert means very heavy rains from 12 cm to 20 cm of rain and a yellow alert means heavy rainfall between 6 to 11 cm.

Heavy rains in the state on November 5 caused landslides in some parts of the high-range Idukki district, resulting in the loss of one life.

A 55-year-old man died when his home in ward 7 of the Santhanpara grama panchayat was washed away in the landslide, an official said. The loss of life was revealed on Monday morning, he said. Besides that, a few

homes were badly damaged and roads were obstructed in that area due to the landslides. he said, adding that the panchayat president and secretary were visiting the site.

Presently, there has been no rain in the area since morning.

Meanwhile, the Idukki

district administration said that the Collector would visit the area. The district administration also restricted night-time travel on the Munnar-Kumily state highway between the Udambachola and Cheriyar areas of the district in view of the danger of landslides occurring in those parts. It has restricted travel on that route between 7 pm to 6 am from November 8 onwards till further



Last month, most parts of Kerala received normal rainfall with a few receiving much more than that.

The districts of Alappuzha and Ernakulam received excess rainfall, while Thiruvananthapuram and Pathanamthitta got large excess rainfall, according to data on the IMD website. Wayanad was the only district in the state which received deficient rainfall in the last month up to November 5.

Excess rainfall means a 20 per cent to 59 per cent increase from the normal value for the season. A large excess indicates an increase of 60 per cent and more rainfall from the normal

Bus falls off overbridge in Rajasthan, four dead

JAIPUR, Nov 6 (Agencies): A bus fell on railway tracks from an overbridge in Rajasthan's Dausa district early Monday, leaving four people dead and 27 others injured, police

Additional Superintendent of Police Bajran Sign said the bus was on its way to Udaipur from Haridwar when the incident occurred at

NewsClick row: SC defers hearing on pleas of portal



The bus driver lost control over the vehicle leading to the accident. The bus fell on railway tracks.

The track was blocked for train movement.

Odd-even rule back in Delhi from November 13-20 to combat air pollution

NEW DELHI, Nov 6 (Agencies): Delhi **Environment Minister** Gopal Rai announced on Monday that the odd-even car rationing scheme would be enforced in the city from November 13 to 20 as a measure to combat air pollution.

Rai the made announcement at a press conference here.

"The odd-even scheme will come into effect in Delhi after Diwali, running from November 13 to November 20. A decision to extend the scheme will be made after November 20."



The odd-even scheme permits cars to operate on alternate days based on their odd or even number plates.

Rai said that to prioritise the health of schoolchildren, the government has decided to suspend in-person classes in all schools, except for students of

grades X and XII preparing for board exams. Pollution levels in Delhi-NCR on Monday morning were recorded around seven to eight times above the gov-

safe limit, as a toxic

haze persisted over the

region for the seventh

ernment-prescribed

NEW DELHI, Nov 6 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Monday deferred post-Diwali vacation hearing

on pleas of NewsClick founder Prabir Purkayastha and its HR head Amit Chakravarty against their arrest under anti-terror law UAPA. A Bench of Justices BR Gavai Prashant

Kumar Mishra told senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for both the accused, that it would take up the pleas after the vacation.

Sibal said the matter is covered by the recent judgment of the apex court under which it



founder, HR head against arrest under UAPA

was held that grounds of arrest have to be immediately shared with the accused but in this case, nothing was shared.

He said there is an application for medical bail also pending before the court.

The Bench said it would take up the medical bail application along with the main matter after the Diwali vacation.

On October 19, the top court had sought the response of the Delhi Police on pleas of Purkayastha and Chakravarty challenging the Delhi High Court order

The high court had on October 13 dismissed their pleas against arrest and subsequent police remand in the case. Both were arrested by

of October 13.

the Special Cell of the Delhi Police on October

They subsequently moved the high court challenging the arrest as well as the sevenday police custody. and sought immediate release as interim relief.

The court, however, refused to grant them relief, saying there was no procedural infirmity or violation of the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) in arresting them.

The city police have lodged cases against the two under UAPA for allegedly receiving money to spread proChina propaganda. According to the FIR,

a large amount of funds to the news portal allegedly came from China to "disrupt the sovereignty of India" and cause disaffection against the country.

It also alleged that Purkayastha conspired with a group—People's Alliance for Democracy and Secularism (PADS)—to sabotage the electoral process during the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

On November 2, a Delhi court had sent Purkayastha and Chakravarty to judicial custody till December 1 in the case.

Rashmika Mandanna's Viral Deepfake Prompts **Big Warning From IT Minister**

consecutive day.

NEW DELHI. Nov 6 (Agencies): Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar today reminded the social media platforms of their legal obligations to fight misinformation, acknowledging a viral deepfake video featuring actor Rashmika Mandanna. The video originally featured Zara Patel, a British-Indian influencer, but her face changes to that of the actor in the deepfake.

"PM @narendramodi ji's Govt is committed to ensuring Safety and Trust of all Digital Nagriks using Inter-

posted on X, formerly Twitter, and jotted down the legal obligations for the social media platforms under the IT rules. Under the IT rules notified in April, 2023 - it is a legal obligation for platforms to ensure no misinformation is posted by

any user and to remove

that when reported by

any user or government,

net," Mr Chandrasekhar

he said. If platforms do not comply with this, they can be taken to court by the aggrieved person under the provisions of Indian Penal Code, added the minister.



"Deep fakes are latest and even more dangerous and damaging form of misinformation and needs to be dealt with by platforms," said Mr Chandrasekhar.

Deepfakes are photos or videos altered to

replace a person or an element using Artificial Intelligence. In recent days, they have become a major source of misinformation and are often associated with fake viral posts.

In the current case,

Zara Patel - who has over 400,000 followers on Instagram - had last month shared the video that showed her entering a lift in a black outfit. The face soon changes to that of Ms Mandanna as she is seen entering the lift.

Rashmika Mandanna is yet to react to the deepfake.

Sharing the video, Bol-Iywood actor Amitabh Bachchan highlighted the need for new legal measures. Ms Mandanna had made her Bollywood debut alongside BigB in the movie 'Goodbye'

2 killed in Andhra as bus overshoots platform, Rs 10 lakh compensation granted



HYDERABAD, Nov 6 (Agencies): At least two were killed and three injured after a government-run bus rammed into a platform at Vijayawada bus terminus on Monday morning.

Expressing shock over the bus accident at the

Pandit Nehru bus station in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy announced an ex gratia of Rs 10 lakh to the families of those who died in the accident.

He also ordered an inquiry into the accident.

The incident occurred at 8.20 am on Monday when the bus crashed into platform number 12 of Pandit Nehru bus terminus, where a huge crowd of commuters was gathered, an official said.

"Instead of reversing the vehicle, the driver moved forward and overshot the platform," regional manager M Yesu Danam told agency.

The police registered a case after reaching the spot.

South Korea plans to launch its 1st military spy satellite on November 30

South Korea currently has no military reconnaissance satellites of its own and relies on US spy satellites to monitor moves by North Korea.

SEOUL, Nov 6 (Agencies): South Korea said Monday it plans to launch its first domestically built spy satellite at the end of this month to better monitor rival North Korea, as the North pushes to expand its arsenal of nuclear weapons targeting its adversaries.

The plan was unveiled days after North Korea failed to follow through on its vow to make a third attempt to launch its own reconnaissance satellite in October, likely because of technical issues.

Jeon Ha Gyu, a spokesperson for the South Korean Defense Ministry, told reporters Monday that the country's first military spy satellite will be launched from California's Vandenberg Air Force Base on Nov.30.

The satellite will be carried by SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket. Under a contract with SpaceX, South Korea plans to launch four more spy satellites by 2025, according to South Korea's Defense Acquisition Program Administration.

South Korea currently has no military reconnaissance satellites of its own and relies on US spy satellites to monitor moves by North Korea.

The possession of its own spy satellites would give South Korea an independent spacebased surveillance system to monitor North Korea in almost near-time.



When operated together with South Korea's so-called threeaxis system - preemptive strike, missile defense and retaliatory assets - the country's overall defense against North Korea would be sharply strengthened, according to Lee Choon Geun, an honorary research fellow at South Korea's Science and Technology Policy Institute.

Lee said that U.S. spy satellites produce much higherresolution imagery but they are operated under U.S. strategic objectives, not South Korea's.

He said the U.S also sometimes doesn't share satellite photos with highly sensitive information with South Korea.

Last year, South Korea used a homegrown rocket to place what it called a "performance observation satellite" in orbit, becoming the world's 10th nation to successfully launch a satellite

with its own technology. But Lee said it's much more economical to use a SpaceX rocket to fire a spy satellite from the Vandenberg base.

Other observers say a SpaceX rocket would be more reliable to carry the South Korean spy satellite, which is heavier than the satellite launched in 2022. North Korea is also eager to

acquire its own spy satellite. But its two launch attempts earlier this year ended in failure

for technical reasons.

The country said it would make a third attempt sometime in October, but it did not do so and its state media has not provided a reason.

South Korea's spy agency told lawmakers last week that North Korea is likely receiving Russian technological assistance on a spy satellite launch program.

The National Intelligence Service said North Korea was in the final phase of preparations for its third launch, which the NIS said would likely be successful.

South Korea, the U.S., and other foreign governments believe North Korea is seeking sophisticated weapons technologies from Russia to modernize its nuclear and other weapons programs in return for supplying ammunition, rockets, and other military equipment to support Russia's war in Ukraine.

The possession of spy satellites is part of ambitious arms build-up plans announced by leader Kim Jong Un in 2021.

Kim said North Korea also needs more mobile intercontinental ballistic missiles, nuclearpowered submarines, hypersonic weapons, and multi-warhead missiles to cope with intensifying U.S. military threats.

After the North's first, failed launch in May, South Korea retrieved debris from the North's satellite and concluded it was too crude to perform military reconnaissance.

Lee said the North Korean satellite would still be capable of identifying big targets like warships so it could be militarily useful for North Korea.

Car crashes into pub's outdoor dining area in Australia, killing 5 and injuring 6



MELBOURNE, Nov 6 (Agencies): A car crashed into an Australian pub's outdoor dining area, killing five people and injuring six others including the driver, officials said on Monday.

The 66-year-old driver of the luxury BMW SUV was taken to a hospital after the crash at the crowded Royal Daylesford Hotel beer garden in the rural town of Daylesford, northwest of Melbourne, on Sunday evening, police said.

The driver suffered shock and minor injuries and remained under police guard, Victoria Police Chief Commissioner Shane Patton

Police investigators are trying to determine how the car came to mount a curb and crash into the roadside dining area. The driver tested negative for alcohol and his blood was being analysed for other impairing substances, Patton said.

A boy, two men in their 30s and a woman in her 40s died at the scene, police said. A teenage girl was flown to a Melbourne hospital where she died on Sunday night.

Two boys, aged 11 months and around 6 years old, were taken to hospitals in stable conditions.

Three adults remained in a Melbourne hospital on Monday, including a 35-year-old woman who was in intensive care.

Police have yet to interview the driver, whose only prior record was for speeding offences. Investigators did not yet know if excessive speed was a factor in the accident, Patton said.

Pro-Palestinian crowds try to storm air base housing **US troops in Turkey**

ADANA, Nov 6 (Agencies): Turkish police used teargas and water cannon as hundreds of people at a pro-Palestinian rally on Sunday tried to storm an airbase that houses US troops, hours before US Secretary of State Antony Blinken was due in Ankara for talks on Gaza.

Turkey, which has stepped up its criticism of Israel as the humanitarian crisis in Gaza has worsened, supports a two-state solution while hosting members of the Palestinian militant group Hamas. Since the Israel-Hamas war started, protests have erupted across the country.

Earlier this week, the IHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation, an Islamist Turkish aid agency, organised a convoy to travel to the Incirlik air



ince in southern Turkey to protest Israeli attacks on Gaza and US support for Israel.

Incirlik, which has been used to support the international coalition fighting Islamic State in Syria and Iraq, also houses US troops. IHH's protest called for Incirlik to be closed.

Footage from the protests showed police firing teargas and using water cannons to disperse crowds waving

flags and chanting slogans. Protesters toppled barricades and clashed with police in riot gear.

Protesters were also seen hurling plastic chairs, rocks, and other items at police, who fired smoke bombs at crowds. Scuffles broke out between the crowds and security forces. IHH President Bulent Yildirim addressed crowds in Adana and urged them to refrain from attacking

Ukraine says Russia attacked overnight with missiles, 22 drones

KYIV, Nov 6 (Agencies): Ukraine said Monday that Russian forces had launched four missiles and nearly a dozen attack drones from occupied regions of the country in the south overnight.

Fears are building in Ukraine that Moscow will launch systematic attacks on energy facilities like last winter, leaving millions with disrupted heating and lighting.

one Kh-59 air guided missile were shot down," the Ukrainian air force said, referring to the Iranian-designed unmanned aerial vehi-

Ukrainian Presidential Chief of Staff Andriy Yermak posted images on social media of the aftermath of a strike in the southern city of Odesa, vowing retribution for the attack.

Debris littered the street outside what appeared to be a Sovietera public building with emergency services on the scene.

Interior Minister Igor Klymenko said 20 residential buildings, an art museum and infrastructure facilities were damaged.

Eight people were injured throughout the southern region, he

Kyiv has been urging Western allies to but-



defence systems ahead of the feared intensifica-

tion of Russian strikes during winter months.

Australia PM Anthony Albanese Sees "Promising Signs" Of Better China Ties

(Agencies): Australia's prime minister hailed "promising signs" of better relations with China on Monday, as he visited Beijing for landmark talks with Xi Jinping. After years of deep rancour between the two trading partners, Anthony Albanese predicted a "constructive discussion" with China's leader and lauded recently improved trade

"I think there are promising signs," Albanese said. "We've already seen a number of the impediments to trade between two nations removed.'

Albanese is the first Australian prime minister to visit China in seven years, and the visit has been seen as a stab at normalisation. Beijing effectively put

relations in deep freeze from 2020 to voice displeasure at a string of Australian policy decisions.

Canberra's move to ban Huawei from 5G contracts, its targeting of Chinese influence operations in Australia and a decision to challenge China on its handling of



the Covid-19 pandemic all irked Beijing.

In response, China instituted a shadow ban on ministerial meetings and slapped punitive tariffs on a slew of Australian commodities ranging from coal, to barley, to wine.

Albanese, who leads the centre-left Labor party, took power in 2022 promising to steady the relationship with Australia's largest trading partner.

Speaking after touring the Temple of Heaven -- one of China's most visited historic sites --

Albanese said that the mood, and trade flows, had since improved.

He said there had been a "substantial uplift in the trade between our two nations" after China eased some import restrictions.

"We need to cooperate with China where we can, disagree where we must," he added.

"China is our most important trading partner. It represents more than 25 percent of our exports and one in four of our jobs relies upon our trade. So it's an important relationship."

BEIJING, Nov 6 (Agencies): A senior Chinese diplomat has from their homes.

urged Myanmar to "cooperate" in maintaining stability on their shared border, Beijing said today, after armed groups fighting the junta seized a strategic trading outpost.

Assistant Foreign Minister Nong Rong visited Myanmar from Friday to Sunday, Beijing said, holding talks with senior junta officials on clashes the UN said have forced 23,000 people

"Myanmar is called on to cooperate with China in maintaining stability along the China-Myanmar border," said Nong. according to a readout from China's foreign ministry.

Nong met with Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Than Shwe and Deputy Foreign

Maintaining Border Stability Minister Lwin Oo during his visit, Beijing said.

China Urges Myanmar To "Cooperate" In

China also urged the junta to "earnestly ensure the safety of the lives and property of Chinese border area residents, and take effective measures to strengthen the security of Chinese personnel, institutions and projects in Myanmar", he added. Recent attacks,

of Myanmar ethnic minority groups in the northeast Shan state, represent the biggest military challenge faced by the junta since it seized power in 2021, analysts have said.

Last week China called for an immediate ceasefire in the region, where a billion-dollar rail route -- part of Beijing's global Belt and Road infrastructure project -- is

planned.

The junta on Saturday said the Kachin Independence Army (KIA), an ethnic armed group based in neighbouring Kachin state, had joined the attacks on its forces,

promising retaliation. Local media reported the junta had shelled the remote town of Laiza on the Chinese border, home to the KIA's headquarters.

Snowfall In China Cancels Flights, Forces School Closures

launched by an alliance

BEIJING, Nov 6 (Agencies): Unseasonably cold weather and blizzards came early for northeast China on Monday, with the country's most northernmost province, Heilongjiang, cancelling flights and closing schools, according to state media and government notices. Heilongjiang cancelled 49 flights, but operations were otherwise normal at the airport in its capital, Harbin, the

statement. Most parts of Harbin suspended primary and secondary schools, kindergartens, and offcampus training institutions, according to the

government said in a

government's official Wechat account, as snow and freezing temperatures hit the region. China's weather

authority warned of a drastic drop in temperature in coming days, along with blizzards, anticipated to substantially affect several cities, state media reported.

"The season changed outside overnight," a netizen from Heilongjiang complained on Weibo, China's popular social media platform.

Late Sunday, Heilongjiang issued a red alert - the country's highest weather advisory - as cities in the province were expected to 20 mm

(0.787 inches) to 40 mm (1.575 inches) of precipitation from Sunday evening to Monday evening, according to Chinese weather forecasters, China Daily reported.

Heavy snowfall is also expected in parts of Inner Mongolia, and Hebei, Jilin and Liaoning provinces, China Daily reported.

Liaoning and Jilin provinces also suspended schools.

The Central Meteorological Observatory said temperatures in many regions will drop by 6 degrees to 10 degrees Celsius, with some areas experiencing a fall of more than 16 degrees Celsius, state

media said. On Sunday, the Cen-

tral Meteorological Observatory issued an orange alert for blizzards in several areas, China Daily said, while China's National Meteorological Center issued an orange alert for blizzards and a blue alert for cold waves and strong wind, Global Times reported.

China has a four-tier color-coded weather alert system, with red the highest, followed by orange, yellow and blue.

The cold forced governments in Beijing and Tianjin to start making preparations to supply heat earlier than usual, according to city government notices.

"It's freaking freezing today. My ears are almost falling off from the cold!" said another Weibo from Shandong.

Over the past week, northern China has experienced unseasonably odd contrasts in weather from smog to logging the secondwarmest October in decades and then a sharp drop in temperatures over the weekend.

The Central Meteorological Administration said this week most of the northeast is expected to see temperatures dive to the single digits or below freezing as cold air moves east and south.

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Anayetullah Wani. Prof.

Vigilance Awareness Week concluded at GDC Doda

Top News Report

DODA, Nov 6: Vigilance Awareness Week from 30th October to 5th November 2023, concluded at GDC Doda. A range of activities were organised under the theme 'Say no to corruption, commit to the Nation' under the supervision of Dr Attar Singh Kotwal, Principal of the college.

On 30th October 2023, a pledge on the theme 'Say no to corruption, commit to the Nation' was undertaken by all the staff of the college. The pledge was administered by Dr Jamsheed Ahmad.

On 31st October, an awareness program on corruption and its remedies was organised along the conclusion of Khadi Mahotsav and Rashtriya Ekta Devas.

A large number of faculty and students participated in this program. Principal of the college Dr Attar Singh Kotwal addressed the students and enlightened them about the evils of the corruption. Other faculty members while speaking on this subject, emphasised upon the students to aware people about the hazards of such practices so that a collective mentality is created against such menaces, which

from society.
On 2nd November an extension was organised in the college.
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tional Superintendent of Police Doda was the key note speaker on this occasion. The topic of the lecture was Corruption and its Repercussions. Dr Akhtar Hussain and Prof Zain ul Abideen Banday also spoke on the occasion. The program was coordinated by Dr Jamshed Ahmad.

A career counselling and Vigilance Awareness program was held at JNV Arnora. Prof. Mohd Ashraf and Dr Masood Ayoub Kaloo were the resource persons.

They threw a detailed

Mohd Ashraf, Dr Akhtar Hussain and Prof. Zain ul Abdeen Banday addressed the students about its ill effects and remedial measures. The program was attended by Prof. Zain Hussain, Prof. Manzoor Ahmed, light on the celebration Dr Adil Hussain and of Vigilance Awareness around one hundred Week. They laid stress upon the faculty and the students. The program students to be honest was coordinated by and vigilant and also to Prof Mohd Ashraf and disseminate this mesconcluded by Dr Anaysage among the people. etullah Wani. Organis-On 3rd November an ing committee regardawareness program ing this week included regarding Vigilance Dr Jamshed Ahmed, Awareness Week was Prof. Mohd Ashraf, Dr held in DC office Doda. Sumit Kotwal, Prof. Dr Davinder Singh and Syed Kazim, Prof. Amit Prof Mohd Ashraf from Kumar, Dr Jaghmohan GDC Doda participated Sharma, Dr Akhter in it. On 4th November, Hussain, Prof. Zain ul this vigilance awareness Abdeen, Dr Masood week was concluded Ayoub Kaloo, Prof with the commitment to Upma Kumari and Prof. work for the eradication of the menace of corrup-Purnima Manhas.

NHM employees Doda hail positing of Babila Rakwal as new MD NHM for J&K



Top News Report

DODA, Nov 6: The National Health Mission (NHM) Employees including Doctors, Paramedics and District Programme Management Unit (DPMU) and Block Programme Management Units (BPMU) of Doda District under the banner of NHM Employees Association District Unit Doda accorded

welcome and hailed Govt decision for posting of Babila Rakwal (JKAS) as new Mission Director NHM J&K.

In a press statement, the District President of the Association Dr Nasir Masood Indrabi on behalf of NHM Employees of the District extended warm welcome and extend heartiest congratulations to Babila Rakwal

for assuming the charge of MD NHM J&K and hailed the State Govt decision for assigning her with this new task and assured that the NHM Employees of the state will work with more and more dedication and sincerity under her able guidance as they were doing it in the past.

The NHM Union Doda described Babila Rakwal as an honest, competent and good performing officer and expressed hope that her posting as MD NHM will prove beneficial for the NHM Employees of Jammu and Kashmir, adding that MD NHM would play her role not only in streamlining the health department but would also advocate for the resolution of NHM Employees demands.

GDCW Kathua organizes Interactive-cum Awareness Programme, medical camp

Top News Report

KATHUA, Nov 6: The Drug De-Addiction and Psychological Counseling cell of GDCW Kathua, in collaboration with the Government Homeopathic Hospital, Kathua, organized an awareness session and medical camp on Homeopathy and its treatment.

Dr. Savi Behl, the Principal of the college and the patron of the event, formally welcomed Dr. Nitin Magotra, Dr. Ifrah Dilnawaz, and Dr. Ruhi Raza from the Government Homeopathic Hospital, Kathua.

During the event, Dr. Ifrah delivered a lecture in which she informed the students about the widespread use of drugs, which is becoming increasingly common among young people. She emphasized that drug consumption often leads to psychological problems and that Homeopathic medicines can be a valuable approach to overcoming such issues.

Dr. Ifrah also highlighted the common health issues faced by women, mentioning that women have a 50 percent higher chance of experiencing depression and



other health issues compared to

This is in part due to the numerous biological changes that women undergo, such as menstruation, acne, PCOS, anxiety, and menopause.

The expert team of doctors advised all the students and participants to adopt a healthy lifestyle, which includes a balanced diet, regular exercise, and avoiding harmful practices like the misuse of medications (antibiotics) without consulting a doctor.

They also conducted an interactive session with students, followed by a medical camp on the college premises, where they

demonstrated the efficacy of homeopathic medicines in treating common health issues, particularly those associated with drug addiction and psychological challenges.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Renu, the Convenor of the Drug De-Addiction and Psychological Counselling cell. Several faculty members graced the program, including Dr. Arun Dev Singh, Prof. Pallavi, Dr. Surekha Rani, Dr. Mukesh Kumari, Dr. Anupam Manuhaaar, and Dr. Shivali.

The formal vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Deepti Salotra from the Department of Home Science.

Radio Mirchi 98.3 FM, Mashq Records collaborate to launch Sajad's track 'Gov Kya Malala Yaaras'

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 6: In an exciting partnership between Radio Mirchi 98.3 FM and Mashq Records, the airwaves are buzzing with the captivating melodies of 'Gov Kya Malala Yaaras,' a soulful song by the incredibly talented Ayaan Sajad.

This collaboration not only marks the union of a renowned music label and a popular radio station but also signifies the burgeoning music scene in the picturesque region of Kashmir.

Mashq Records, a Kashmir-based music label, is dedicated to nurturing and promoting local talent. It is consistently aimed to bring the hidden musical treasures of the valley to the forefront. 'Gov Kya Malala Yaaras' is another step in that direction as it showcases the brilliance of Ayaan Sajad, a promising young artist on their roster.

Ayaan Sajad's melodious voice and evocative

lyrics in 'Gov Kya Malala Yaaras' have been garnering praise and admiration from music enthusiasts and connoisseurs alike. His ability to weave a rich tapestry of emotions with his music has struck a chord with listeners across demographics.

Mashq Records is thrilled to have partnered with Radio Mirchi 98.3 FM for the radio launch of 'Gov Kya Malala Yaaras.' This collaboration will undoubtedly enhance the reach of Ayaan Sajad's music and bring it to a wider audience. Radio Mirchi, known for its commitment to promoting local talent and supporting the music industry, is the ideal platform for the song's release.

Rj Umar Nisar, the mentor and guiding force behind Mashq Records, is dedicated to fostering emerging talent from the Kashmir valley. Under his expert guidance, Mashq Records aspires to bring forth more artists with

incredible potential, continuing to enrich the music landscape of the region.

"Through Mashq

Records, our unwavering mission is to establish a dynamic platform that serves as a nurturing ground for budding artists, enabling them to embark on a transformative journey towards realizing their full creative potential within the ever-evolving realm of music. We are committed to fostering and supporting emerging talent, empowering them to radiate their brilliance on the global stage, while ensuring that their unique voices and artistic visions are heard and celebrated. At Mashq Records, we firmly believe that each aspiring artist possesses a distinct narrative, and it is our privilege and responsibility to amplify their stories and melodies, allowing them to shine brightly and resonate with audiences worldwide." - Director Rj Umar Nisar

The song 'Gov Kya Malala Yaaras' has already started gaining popularity on Radio Mirchi 98.3 FM, and listeners can look forward to hearing it regularly on their favourite radio station. Mashq Records is excited about the journey ahead and the opportunity to showcase the unique musical expressions of Kashmiri artists to a broader audience.

NOTICE

I Mahendra Nath Gupta S/O Jia Lal Gupta R/o Community Centre Bakshi Nagar Jammu have been allotted plot no. 21 measur-ing 16 MARL St. situated at bani Enclave Jammuu. Now I have sold the above said plot measuring 4366 Bhupinder Singh R/o Vill Khadarian, Tehsil Kalakote District Rajouri and applied or transfer the above said plot in his favour in the office of J&K Cooperative Housing Corporation Ltd., Jammu Objection if any may be conveyed to the office of the Managing Director J&K Cooperative Housing Corporation Ltd., 243 New Plot, Jammu within seven days from the publication of this

BRO creates history as first set of vehicles reaches Amarnath Cave

because we have to carry a lot of stores as we have to do a lot of the permanent work," he said. "And yes, it has been a great achievement for the BRO because, in a very short time, we could reach there. We employed our resources because our aim was to reach there before the snowfall."

The officer said right now, widening of the nearly 13-kilometer road stretch has been done till the cave from the Sangam base and Sangam top road via Baltal. The road to Amarnath would reduce the travel time for pilgrims.

The cave of Shri Amarnath Ji in south Kashmir is situated at a height of about 3,888 meters above sea level, and the Yatra holds immense significance as a holy pilgrimage for Hindus. Annually, thousands of devotees participate in the Amarnath Yatra, and this year, more than 4.5 lakh pilgrims offered prayers at the cave shrine. The yatra takes place simultaneously

The yatra takes place simultaneously from both routes—the Pahalgam track in the Anantnag district and Baltal in the Ganderbal district.

In April this year, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, announced that the 110 km-long Amarnath Marg leading to the holy Amarnath cave in Pahalgam would be built at a cost of around Rs 5300 crore for the convenience of the pilgrims going to Shri Amarnath

3 People killed, 16 others injured as tempo falls in gorge in Rajouri

son of Ghulam Din of Draaj Budhal

The injured have been identified as Jagdev Singh, his wife Kirna Devi, their son Jajant Singh, all residents of Budhal, Naseema Akhter, Saika Koser (4 years old), Showket Ali. Mohammad Kafeel. 15.

Showket Ali, Mohammad Kafeel, 15, Imtiaz Ahmed, Mahsooma Begum, Mohammad Altaf, Mohammad Younsi of Dhar Sakri, Vinod kumar, Hamida Begum, Abdul Aziz, Imtiaz Ahmed and Saida Koser of Hubbi.

Supreme Court's observations on Governors applies to all holding post: Omar

The Supreme Court observations came while hearing the Punjab Government's plea against governor's delay in giving nod to bills.

"Governors must act even before the matter comes to the Supreme Court. This has to come to an end when governors act only when matters reach the Supreme Court...A little bit of soul-searching is needed by Governors and they must know that they are not elected representatives of people," the apex court said.

Earlier, in September, Abdullah, the vice president of the NC, had accused Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha of "inventing" surveys to justify his "unwillingness" to conduct assembly elections in the union territory and remain its "uncrowned ruler".

The former chief minister of J-K had reacted to Sinha's reported remarks that if a survey was conducted in J-K, 80 per cent of people would vote in favour of the current system – Central rule.

Slow progress in setting up charging stations,

other infra delay launch of electric buses in Jammu

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electric buses each (25 buses having length of 12 metres and 75 vehicles with length of 9 metres) with an assured operation of 200 kilometres per day per bus.

Transportation technology company Chalo Mobility will provide consumer technology solutions such as electronic ticket issuing machines (ETIMs), an automated fare collection system (AFCS), a mobile app with mobile tickets and mobile passes platform, smart cards platform, and cloud-based hosting.

Earlier on Thursday, Tata Motors had said it will supply and operate 200 electric buses in Srinagar and Jammu for 12 years for Jammu and Srinagar Smart City projects.

The company has supplied the first batch of Ultra EV air-conditioned electric buses to Srinagar Smart City Ltd via TML Smart City Mobility Solutions (J&K) Pvt Ltd, a group company, Tata Motors had said in a statement.

"The delivery of the electric buses is a part of its larger order to supply, maintain and operate 100 electric buses in Srinagar and 100 electric buses in Jammu, for a period 12-years for Jammu and Srinagar Smart City projects," it had said.

Why Is Speaking on Gaza Restricted, Mehbooba Mufti Asks Government

September, an Army Colonel, a Major, and a Deputy Superintendent of Police lost their lives. Mufti raised questions about the claim that everything is fine in Jammu and Kashmir, asking, "Why have they snatched the freedom of the people here? Why do

you not allow people to talk? A huge massacre is happening in Gaza, Palestine, and the Government has passed an order that imams (prayer leaders) cannot even pray for them, and you cannot protest. The freedom of the people here has suffered the most damage in the last five years; the freedom of expression, the freedom to protest."

Amal, 7, contemplating her neighbourhood after neighbouring homes were levelled to the ground.

Mufti also criticised the Lieutenant Governor-led administration's order warning employees of disciplinary action if they engage in demonstrations and strikes, calling it unfortunate. She said, "It is very unfortunate. On one hand, you say everything is fine in Jammu and Kashmir, and on the other, you are afraid of the voice of the people. What can we do when there are five lakh security forces personnel here? If the employees have problems regarding the GP fund, the provident fund, they would want to raise their voice, but you have banned that also. How will this work?"

Former J&K Minister Choudhary Lal Singh appears before ED, supporters stage protest

sheet claimed.

As the questioning of Lal Singh was underway on Monday, his supporters staged a dharna outside the ED office and chanted slogans in his support and against the BJP.

"It is simply a political vendetta as the BJP-led central government is using federal agencies against its opponents to harass, humiliate and defame them. They have nothing to prove against us and we are not going to bow down before the BJP,"

Andotra said.

"We will strengthen democracy and safeguard the interests of Jammu. We will not be cowed down by such steps," she said, claiming that the BJP wants to put her husband in jail.

ty's women wing president Suman Wazir alleged that Singh was being deliberately harassed as the BJP was feeling threatened from its potential opponents ahead of the Lok Sabha elections next year.

The Dogra Swabhiman Sangathan Par-

"Our leader has a spotless political career and this is the reason for us to come on the roads," she said.

Questioning the timing of the ED action, she said they do not have any objection to an investigation by the federal agency but the problem is that the BJP is using them to silence the opposition parties.

Police arrests 4 drug peddlers in Baramulla

headed by IC PP Palhallan under the supervision of SDPO Pattan at a checkpoint established at Palhallan Pattan, Baramulla intercepted four persons who were coming towards Srinagar in Swift bearing registration number JK01M-7247, they were identified as Ashiq Illahi Parray son of Ab Razaq resident of Lawaypora HMT Srinagar, Mohammad Asif Bhat son of Ghulam Ahmad, Bilal Ahmad Bhat son of Gulzar Ahmad both residents of Noorbagh Maloora Srinagar & Altaf Ahmad Mir son of Ghulam Mohammad resident of Malpora Warpora Sopore.

"During their search, 265 grams of contraband Heroin like substance was recovered from their possession."

"Accordingly, case under relevant sections of law stands registered at Police Station Pattan and investigation has been initiated", he said.

Markets continue to climb; Sensex gains 471 points in early trade

BSE jumps 471.45 points to 64,835; Nifty climbs 126.75 points to 19,357.35 points

MUMBAI, Nov 6 (Agencies): Equity benchmark indices continued to rally for the third straight session on Monday amid favourable trends in global markets.

The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 471.45 points to 64,835.23 points in early trade. The Nifty climbed 126.75 points to 19,357.35 points.

Among the Sensex firms, Larsen & Toubro, Axis Bank, Nestle, JSW Steel, IndusInd Bank and Mahindra & Mahindra were the biggest gainers

State Bank of India and Tata Motors were the laggards.

In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong were trading in the green.



The US markets ended in the positive territory on Friday.

"The market construct now is favourable for the bulls despite the uncertainty surrounding the Israel-Hamas conflict.

The sharp decline in the US 10-year bond yield from the October high of 5 per cent to 4.58 per cent now is the strongest tailwind for the market," V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services, said.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.37 per cent to USD 85.20 a barrel.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 12.43 crore on Friday, according to exchange

On Friday, the BSE benchmark climbed 282.88 points or 0.44 per cent to settle at 64,363.78 points while the Nifty rose 97.35 points or 0.51 per cent to 19,230.60 points.

WhatsApp AI tool shows kids with guns when prompted with 'Palestine'



SAN FRANCISCO, Nov 6 (Agencies): Metaowned WhatsApp's artificial intelligence (AI) feature that allows users to produce stickers based on their search displays a picture of a gun or a boy with a gun when prompted with the terms "Palestinian", "Palestine" or "Muslim boy Palestinian", media reported.

When prompted for "Israeli boy", the AI-generated cartoons of children playing soccer and reading, while for "Israel army" it created drawings of soldiers smiling and praying with no

guns involved, according to The Guardian.

The discovery comes as Meta has faced criticism from Instagram and Facebook users who are posting "pro-Palestinian" content.

As the Israeli bombardment of Gaza continues, users claim Meta is enforcing their moderation policies in a biased manner, amounting to censorship, the report mentioned.

However, a Meta spokesperson said the company was aware of the issue and addressing it. "As we said when we launched the feature, the models could return inaccurate or inappropriate outputs as with all generative Al systems. We'll continue to improve these features as they evolve and more people share their feedback," Meta spokesperson Kevin McAlister was quoted as saying.

Users also reported that Instagram translated "Palestinian" followed by the phrase "Praise be to Allah" in the Arabic language to "Palestinian terrorist" on multiple occasions.

The company later apologized for that by calling it a "glitch".

Last month, European Commissioner Thierry Breton wrote to Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg, telling him to remove pro-Hamas content across his platforms and "be very vigilant" or else it could put the company in violation of new EU regulations.

Automobile retail sales dip 7.73 per cent in October: **Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations** NEW DELHI, Nov 6 (Agencies): Retail sales of automobiles in the domestic market

saw a 7.73 per cent year-onyear decline in October this year at 21,17,596 units, mainly due to a dip in two-wheeler uptake with the inauspicious period of Shraddh affecting new purchases, the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) said on Monday.

Retail sales of automobiles in the domestic market stood at 22,95,099 units in October 2022, FADA said in a statement.

Two-wheeler retail sales were at 15,07,756 units last month, as against 17,25,043 units in the year-ago period, down 12.60 per cent, as per the latest data by FADA.

Similarly, passenger vehicle (PV) retail also declined by 1.35 per cent at 3,53,990 last month, as compared to 3,58,884 units in October 2022.

On the other hand, threewheeler sales were up 45.63 per cent at 1,04,711 units, as compared to 71.903 units in the year-ago month.

Tractor retail sales also grew by 6.15 per cent at 62,440 units, as against 58,823 units in October 2022.

Commercial vehicles retail sales increased 10.26 per cent in October this year at 88,699 units, as compared to 80,446 units in the year-ago month.

"The month commenced under the shadow of the inauspicious Shraddh period, until October 14. Consequently, a YoY comparison may not accurately



reflect the actual trajectory of growth in the Indian Auto Retail sector," FADA President Manish Raj Singhania said.

As per FADA data, the first half of October, marked by the Shraddh period, saw an 8 per cent year-on-year decline but a month-on-month comparison revealed a 13 per cent growth "indicative of resilient market demand".

With ongoing festivities, all automotive categories experienced momentum, FADA said.

"Navratri of 2023, marked a milestone with retail sales soaring by 18 per cent year-overyear, surpassing the figures of Navratri 2017. Except for tractors, which saw an 8 per cent decline, all categories exhibited commendable growth," Singhania said.

Two-wheelers, three-wheelers, commercial vehicles, and passenger vehicles experienced increases of 22 per cent, 43 per cent, 9 per cent, and 7 per cent, respectively during Navratri, he added.

Singhania further said the twowheeler category during the

Navratri period and throughout October saw several positive trends, buoyed by festive cheer and stronger rural demand.

The passenger vehicles segment navigated a complex landscape, marked by both enthusiasm and caution, he said, adding, "during Navratri, despite regional variability, the industry witnessed a surge in bookings' buoyed by the introduction of new models, particularly SUVs and the availability of attractive consumer offers.

"However, the impact of local elections and market saturation meant that the festive spirit didn't translate uniformly into sales across all regions," he added.

The three-wheeler segment continued the uptick in demand during Navratri, largely driven by competitive finance options and a significant rise in e-Rickshaw interest, signalling a healthy move towards electrification, Singhania said.

Throughout October, Singhania said, "The anticipation for Diwali in November and the launch of new models gener-

ated a steady demand. The period overall saw a resilient PV market, supported by a stronger product line-up unlike last year, when stock availability was a

major issue." On the outlook, FADA said, "The near-term outlook for the auto sector is a blend of highs and lows as we approach year-

end." Festivities along with harvest season, especially paddy, are expected to boost two-wheeler sales, with optimism fuelled by new schemes and a push towards electrification, despite supply concerns, it added.

Commercial vehicle segment is looking at a strong November, with festive and construction activities enhancing demand, alongside anticipated financial schemes, FADA said.

"However, the PV segment is navigating through a tricky phase. Festive days might spike bookings, yet the shadow of year-end discounts looms over immediate sales," FADA said.

High inventory levels in PVs, at a critical 63-66 days range, demand urgent attention from OEMs, it said, adding, "Without substantial interventions and if Diwali sales don't rise to the occasion, the weight of unsold stock could lead to significant dealer distress"

It could lead to industry-wide repercussions, FADA said, asserting "Immediate and decisive action is imperative to counter the risk of a financial squeeze as the year closes."

South Korean shares jump as regulator bans short selling till June 2024

NEW DELHI, Nov 6 (Agencies): South Korean shares saw a significant uptick following the reinstatement of a complete ban on short selling by regulators.

This move aims to curb the illicit use of short selling, a trading strategy frequently utilised by hedge funds and global investors.

While this decision may placate retail investors concerned about the impacts of short selling, it has the potential to dissuade foreign investors and impede South Korean equities from gaining an upgrade to developed market status by MSCI Inc.

On Monday, the benchmark Kospi index surged by 4 per cent, marking its most substantial increase since January 2021.

South Korean stocks that had recently been targeted by high shortselling positions, including LG Energy Solution Ltd. and Posco Future M Co., experienced notable gains. Additionally, the smaller-cap Kosdaq Index also witnessed a robust rise, surging by as much as 5.9 per cent, its most significant increase since June

Short selling ban in South Korea

The Financial Services Commission of South Korea announced on Sunday that new shortselling positions would be prohibited for equities listed on the Kospi 200

Index and Kosdaq 150

Index from Monday until

the end of June 2024. These restrictions were lifted for these two indices in May 2021, but the ban remained in effect for approximately

2,000 other stocks. Wongmo Kang, an analyst at Exome Asset Management, told Bloomberg News that the policy reversal regarding short selling is unwarranted at this time.

He suggested that this decision might be politically motivated, especially in light of the upcoming general election in the next year. Kang also highlighted the substantial influence of retail investors on the South Korean market.

The financial regulator cited "massive" naked short selling by global investment banks as the reason for market disruption and aims to impose stricter penalties

on traders who breach the rules, thus creating a level playing field for retail investors.

While regulators argue that naked short selling disrupts fair price formation and erodes confidence, some observers believe that broad bans on short selling make the market less transparent and, consequently, less attractive.

It is also speculated that such restrictions may impede South Korea's market from achieving an upgrade to developed market status in MSCI indices.

Delhi air pollution: More children likely to become asthmatic in long run, says AIIMS expert

NEW DELHI, Nov 6 (Agencies):, Nov 6 (Agencies): With Delhi NCR experiencing high levels of Air Quality Index (AQI), children are likely to develop asthma and upper respiratory allergies, said Dr Anant Mohan, Professor and Head. Department of Pulmonary. All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi.

Dr Mohan added that people sneezing, prolonged cough that goes on for weeks and runny nose have become common symptoms this time with an increase in air pollution.

"In the coming years, children are more likely to get airway disorders like asthma and upper respiratory allergies. Even obstructive airway diseases are going to increase in adults who are exposed to air pollution for a long time. In the long run, many of them can be predisposed to diseases like lung cancer," said Dr Mohan in an interview with Milan Sharma.

A high AQI that is in the "poor" or "hazardous" category is dangerous for both people with healthy lungs and those with a predisposed condition as it can reduce the reserve capacity of the lungs, explained the expert.

During this time, it's important to boost your immunity by following a healthy diet that consists of it proteins and essential vitamins and minerals, and follow an active lifestyle

Dr Mohan talked about strict protocols to be issued to reduce air pollution to avoid predisposed respiratory illnesses in the future.

"It's the need of the hour for strict action because Delhi pollution is not



going to be reduced, construction dust and vehicular exhaust will only add to the pollution. We need stricter policies enforced, if we need to see real change in air quality," he said.

The expert highlighted how the body undergoes physiological changes when exposed to air pollution for a long time.

"It lowers the energy levels of a person and adds to fatigue. People have problems in walking or running short distances. In children, inhaling polluted air can affect the growth of their lungs. It doesn't show at once but later on when they're 15-16 years old, it reflects in their ability to do many physical tasks,"

said Dr Mohan. The expert said that in the last few years, cases of respiratory illnesses have increased, and the trend is rising, putting children and elderly people at higher risk.

Suggesting some ways to keep yourself safe from polluted air, Dr Mohan said, "Those who already have lung problems check AQI first before venturing out. Avoid exercising or running early in the morning and evenings when the AQI is the highest. During exercising your inhalation of toxic air is much higher than when you breathe normally."

How fine's your spine?

CHENNAI, Nov 6 (Agencies): The burden of back pain is staggering — a billion people are estimated to suffer from some kind of spinal pain and disability globally. Hence, the theme for World Spine Day this year was 'Move Your Spine', as lack of physical activity is the main driver of back pain.

The spine is a column of 33 vertebral bones, with about 120 muscles attached to it, it gives our body a frame of support and houses the spinal cord within. Spinal nerves that direct and control our mobility emanate from the spine. Spinal pain can occur in any of the five regions — cervical (neck), thoracic (upper back), lumbar (lower back), sacrum, and coccyx (tailbone). Neck and lower back pain are more common due to the higher mobility and flexibility of these regions, leading to more strain injuries to muscles, ligaments, and discs. As such, pain and disability can cause muscle spasms, disc herniations, arthritis of facet joints, and pinched nerves. For many, improper posture is the reason for back pain. Avoiding sitting for prolonged periods can ease the pain. High-heeled footwear needs to be cast out. Addiction to mobile phones and electronic devices can put significant strain on the neck, leading to an overuse pain syndrome called 'text neck'.

Bulges of intervertebral discs can occur following lifting weights, pulling or pushing heavy objects, and sports injuries. This causes sudden back pain and numbness that may extend to the legs. These are often encountered in young adults.

The elderly are more prone to pain from the narrowing of the spinal canal and its apertures due to age-related degenerative changes. Here, pain comes after walking for a short while. Back pain at night or rest needs to be assessed to rule out spinal infections like TB and cancers. Calcium deficiency can cause fractures in the spine in post-menopausal women.

Any significant spinal pain lasting more than a few days needs to be discussed with a physician and appropriately investigated with X-rays, MRI, CT scans, PET scans and DEXA scans.

Once a diagnosis is established, most people may require only a course of medication. Some may require structured and short-course physiotherapy. More severe pain may need surgical interventions.

Spinal pain can be prevented by being active, exercising regularly, adopting good posture, eating healthy, stopping tobacco, and taking care while lifting weights.

Study links impaired kidney function with cognitive disorders of premorbid BP, indicat-



NEW YORK, Nov 6 (Agencies): Kidney disease has been linked with the development of cognitive problems, according to research.

Chronic kidney disease, also called chronic kidney failure, involves a gradual loss of kidney function. It has been associated with cognitive dysfunction in epidemiological studies, but it is unclear if this association is independent of blood pressure (BP) and related to cerebral small vessel disease (CSVD).

The new study by the American Society of Nephrology (ASN) relied on data from a popu2,738 participants without dementia, of which 187 (7 per cent) had chronic kidney disease and 251 (9 per cent) had albuminuria—a urinary marker of kidney disease.

In the study, the team evaluated baseline kidney function in relation to subsequent BP measurements and CSVD, and to mild cognitive impairment (MCI) or dementia.

The findings, presented at the ASN Kidney Week, showed that albuminuria was associated with both CSVD markers and cognitive disorders independent ing that 1) hypertensive cerebrovascular injury (reflected on CSVD markers) may not be reflected by BP measurements alone, or 2) other shared pathobiology may exist between the kidney and the brain, for instance with mechanisms such as endothelial dysfunction.

Albuminuria was associated with signs of silent stroke, and patients with albuminuria had a 65 per cent higher risk of developing MCI or dementia.

Chronic kidney disease was not associated with markers of silent cerebrovascular disease but was associated with a 51 per cent higher risk of developing dementia.

"Our results highlight the importance of albuminuria as a cerebrovascular and cognitive risk factor and indicate that there may be additional shared disease mechanisms in the kidney and the brain beyond hypertension," said corresponding author Dearbhla Kelly from St. James's Hospital, Dublin, Ireland.

ICC World Cup: Virat Kohli's ton, Jadeja's five wickets help India thrash South Africa by 243 runs

India captain Rohit Sharma also deserves special mention for his 24-ball 40, putting South Africa on back foot straightaway with his attacking intent

KOLKATA, Nov 6 (Agencies): On his 35th birthday in one of the game's iconic venues packed with the most exuberant fans, Virat Kohli equalled his idol Sachin Tendulkar's record of most ODI centuries with his 49th hundred, laying the foundation for India's 243-run pummelling of South Africa in the World Cup on Sunday.

This, perhaps, was written in the stars. Entering the Eden Gardens after a run of seven successive wins by his team, Kohli was up against an in-form and ambitious South African side seeking to shed the choker's tag and win its maiden World Cup title.

But, by the time the game got over, South Africa were left bruised and battered after being bowled out for 83 in 27.1 overs as India consolidated its top place in the pecking order, with Kohli finally matching Tendulkar after the whole country waited for weeks in anticipation.

Attempting to steal the thunder from Kohli was Ravindra Jadeja, who ended with excellent figures of 5/33. Set an imposing target of 327 after Kohli's 121-ball 101 not out, Shreyas Iyer's fluent 87-ball 77 and some fireworks towards the end by Suryakumar Yadav and Jadeja, the Proteas crumbled like a pack of cards.

India captain Rohit Sharma also deserves special mention for his



24-ball 40, putting South Africa on the back foot straightaway with his attacking intent.

When the Proteas' turn to bat came, the pitch remained pretty much the same but the Indian bowling was again at a different level altogether, running through the side with the same relentlessness and potency they have been doing through the tournament.

South Africa were in dire straits in no time, tottering at 40/5 and then 67/7 as India had the match all wrapped

The menacing pace trio of Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj, and Mohammed Shami was once again on the money before star allrounder Jadeja did the star turn with his turn, bounce and accuracy.

Not content with his cameo with the bat (29 off 15 balls), Jadeja got the ball to behave in whichever way he wanted it to and finished with fine figures.

The first to go was

the in-from Quinton de Kock, who got an inside edge against Siraj after smashing him for a

boundary.

Losing De Kock was a big blow for the South Africans, and skipper Temba Bavuma too fell cheaply to continue his quest for one substantial knock in the showpiece, bowled by a beautiful turning delivery from Jadeja.

South Africa were three down inside the powerplay as Shami, with a good length ball that jagged away off the seam, induced an edge from Aiden Markram and KL Rahul completed a low catch.

Rassie van der Dussen thought he was saved when Shami's loud appeal for an Ibw failed to impress the on-field umpire but the Indian seamer and his wicket-keeping colleague Rahul's decision to review was vindicated when the technology showed that the ball would go on to hit the

middle and leg stump.

South Africa bat deep but Jadeja, meanwhile, snared Heinrich Klaasen (1) and David Miller (11) to inch closer to a massive win, which was achieved when Kuldeep Yadav bowled Lungi Ngidi. The match was over in South Africa's 28th over and with a lot

of time still left to play.

Earlier, the setting was ideal for Kohli to equal Tendulkar's record after missing the magic three-figure mark more than once in the tournament. He was dismissed for 95 and 88 against New Zealand and Sri Lanka but the Indian run-machine did not disappoint the ecstatic full house at the Eden Gardens.

The monkey was finally off his back in the 49th over when Kohli gently pushed Kagiso Rabada for a single. The century came off 119 balls with 10 fours, showing that Kohli toiled hard for his

For Kohli, the milestone ton came in 277 innings, while Tendulkar had brought up his 49th ODI century in 452 innings. A comparison, though, is not fair considering the different playing conditions in the two eras.

The relief was evident as he took his helmet off, kissed his bat, and saluted the crowd that gave him a standing ovation.

Rohit went about his business in his own inimitable style while Shubhman Gill (23 off 24) was cautious as the two provided a flying start to the hosts after electing to bat. Iyer played the perfect foil for Kohli before Jadeja played a crucial role in taking India past the 300-run mark.

Barring Keshav Maharaj who bowled his full quota at a stretch, no other bowler could create an impact on an Eden wicket that became slower as the game progressed and aided spin.

At a venue where he scored the ODI world record score of 264, Rohit smashed bowlers all around the park before Bavuma's terrific catch at mid-off halted his innings. Rohit smashed Rabada powerfully through covers, but the South Africa skipper held firmly to the ball in front of his eyes.

India's turbo-charged start by Rohit was halted by Kagiso Rabada's wicket-maiden first over, and Maharaj produced a classical left-arm spin to remove the in-form Gill.

Keeping emotions in control important part of my game: Virat Kohli



KOLKATA, Nov 6 (Agencies): Very few cricketers have been as intensely scrutinised as Virat Kohli but even for a boss personality like him, it is tough to seclude himself from all that attention.

The way an entire nation obsessively waited for Kohli's record equalling 49th ODI century was scary even. Just maybe, we were more relieved that Kohli finally went level with Sachin Tendulkar than the man himself.

But pressure seems a stimulant for him to go higher, and Kohli gave a peek into his mind, his way of staying away from the clamour.

"I always wanted to keep my emotions and feelings in control. It is a very important part of my game. So, I keep that awareness ahead of the match," said Kohli on Star Sports.

Of course, a congratulatory message from Tendulkar can still race his heart and turn his eyes misty.

The other time Kohli overwhelmed was when a normally stoic Rohit Sharma celebrated with gusto India's win over Pakistan at Melbourne in the T20 World Cup 2022

"I have played with Rohit for a long time but I have not seen him express so much," said Kohli,

Kohli had played a magnificent unbeaten 82 off 53 balls to steer India to a four-wicket win in that match, and the former Indian captain placed that innings as a case in point on how he tackles pressure.

The 35-year-old negated a potent Pakistan pace attack including Shaheen Shah Afridi, Naseem Shah and Haris Rauf to produce a match-winning innings. "There was no extra preparation to face them because over the years you are used to 140, 145, 150 kmph bowling. "The only thing you need to do is to get into a mental space and get ready for the challenge," he said.

Many people viewed that game as a grudge match after India's loss to their neighbours in the T20 World Cup 2021. But Kohli said such thoughts never occurred to him or anyone else in the

It was another pointer to how Kohli's mind works in such high-pressure occa-

"The defeat against Pakistan in 2021 never came to my mind (in 2022). Considering the big human error factor involved in sport, there is no guarantee that on a given day you will win.

"We were winning against Pakistan all those years but on that day, they outplayed us. There's no shame in accepting that. It was a good reality check for everyone. We can't play a match thinking we have to avenge a defeat in the past," he added.

After a prolonged lean patch, Kohli announced his return to run-making ways with a T20I hundred in the Asia Cup at Dubai.

He made an unbeaten 122 against Afghanistan as India won the match by 101 runs, and Kohli said the performance put him in a good mental space ahead of the T20 World Cup.

"If I was not playing well, then probably, I would have been a bit uneasy. But I scored my first T20I hundred in the Asia Cup and that brought me back

into a contented space. "I was not feeling desperate or nervous. I was just happy that I was able to play at such a big occasion once more,"

he noted. One more person in the team was aware of Kohli's prowess in keeping himself alienated from pressure to deliv-

er at some of the biggest stages -- head coach Rahul Dravid. Dravid, who knows a thing or two about taming the boiling points himself, asked Kohli to address the team huddle

the MCG His words were a masterful crash course in how to deal with the pressure.

ahead of the match against Pakistan at

"I told them not to look at the other guy to do the job...think that you are the guy who is going to stay back and finish the job. If the whole 11 can think like that then something special can happen.

"One more thing I told them was that if it is a pressure situation and you feel that you are going to crack, then there is an equal or more chance that the opposition might crack as well," he added.

Sri Lanka cricket administration sacked following their heavy defeat to India in World Cup

COLOMBO, Nov 6 (Agencies): Sri Lanka cricket board was on Monday sacked by the government in the aftermath of the national team's heavy defeat to hosts India in the ongoing World Cup.

The action followed a public outcry and calls by Sports Minister Roshan Ranasinghe to Shammi Silva-led SLC to resign after Sri Lanka's 302-run loss to India in Mumbai on November 2.

Since the defeat, several demonstrations were organised opposite the SLC premises, demanding the resignation of the Silva administration.

The riot police were placed to protect the building

Ranasinghe appointed an interim seven-member committee headed



by former World Cupwinning captain Arjuna Ranatunga.

Ministry of Sports said the committee had been appointed by Ranasinghe under the powers of Sports Law No. 25 of

The committee also has three retired judges, two of them female, and former SLC chair Upali Dharmadasa

This marked the return

of Ranatunga, who also headed a similar interim committee in 2008, at A release from the the helm of affairs of Sri Lankan cricket.

Ranatunga, who headed the National Sports Council appointed by Ranasinghe, has been questioning the Silva administration.

Silva was elected as SLC chief in May for his third successive term which was to run until

World Cup Semi-final Scenarios For All 6 Teams In Contention Explained

India and South Africa are through to the semi-finals of the Cricket World Cup 2023. A total of 6 teams are in contention for the remaining 2 spots.

NEW DELHI, Nov 6 (Agencies): With India and South Africa having already qualified for the World Cup semifinals and following Pakistan and Australia winning their respective matches in the World Cup on Saturday, here is how the qualification scenario looks like for the other teams in the competition:

Australia (10 points): With two more ties to go for the Kangaroos, currently placed third, they need to win one more fixture to ensure a spot in the semis. Afghanistan and Bangladesh are their upcoming opponents. If they lose both their games, they will have to depend on

favourable results in other matches.

New Zealand (8 points): The BlackCaps, currently fourth, don't have much of a choice now and need to prevail in their only remaining match against Sri Lanka. However, a victory in that encounter would not guarantee them their place in the semis, as they will also have to expect Pakistan and Afghanistan to lose

their remaining games. If New Zealand lose, they will have to rely on Pakistan, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka and the Netherlands to lose their remaining contests, and that too by huge margins.

Pakistan (8 points):

The Men in Green are currently placed fifth and in a similar situation as New Zealand. While they will also have to win their remaining contest against England, they will also have to ensure that they win by a big margin to better their net run rate (0.036) compared to the Kiwis (0.398). If they lose to the Three Lions, they

would hope that NZ,

Afghanistan, Lanka and

the Netherlands also

lose by big margins. Afghanistan (8 points): The Afghans are currently placed sixth and have a simple task ahead -- win their remaining matches against Australia and South Africa and secure

their place in the semis. But, it will indeed be a daunting task for them, especially against Australia, who are desperate for a semis berth.

If Afghanistan lose one or both the fixtures, their only hope would be for New Zealand and Pakistan to lose their respective remaining match by big margins. Sri

Lanka points):The Lions, currently placed seventh, play Bangladesh and New Zealand next.

Besides winning the two contests by significant margins, they must pray for the above-mentioned teams to lose their remaining games and that too by considerable margins to have an outside chance of making it to the semis. A loss in any one of the two ties would result in their elimination.

Netherlands points):The Dutch are currently placed eighth and are exactly in the same situation as the Lankans. They would be hoping to win their remaining encounters against England and India by massive margins, which looks like an improbable task.

However, it will also boil down to New Zealand, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka losing their contests by big margins to bolster their run-rate. One more defeat would spell the end of their race.

Brazil government gives FIFA assurances in bid to host 2027 Women's World Cup

SAO PAULO, Nov 6 (Agencies): Brazil's government gave FIFA assurances about officially bidding to host the 2027 Women's World

Latin America has never hosted any of the nine editions of the tournament.

Brazil's sports minister André Fufuca and the president of the country's soccer body, Ednaldo Rodrigues, delivered the document in person to FIFA president Gianni Infantino.

The three had photos together at Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro, where they watched local Fluminense beat Boca Juniors 2-1 to win its maiden Copa Libertadores title.

Brazil's government said on its social media channels Saturday night that the document is signed by President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, and it gives FIFA the seven assurances that are requested in such bids. Among those are

guarantees of especial-

ly assigned tax exemptions, work permits and visa procedures.

"The Brazilian bid to host the Women's World Cup is part of the current government policy of stimulus to bigger participation of women in soccer," Brazil's sports ministry said in a statement.

The South American nation hosted the men's tournament in 1950 and 2014.

In August, FIFA said there were three other bids in the race for the

tournament - South Africa's and two joint expressions of interest by Belgium, Netherlands and Germany and another by the United States and Mexico. The African continent is yet to host the Women's World Cup.

2027 edition of the

Member associations had until mid-May to submit a bidding agreement, which Brazil did in April. Full bids must be introduced by Dec. 8, followed by on-site inspection visits in February 2024.

The latest edition of the tournament was hosted in July and August by Australia and New Zealand, with Spain crowned as champions for the first time.

Brazil is the most successful nation in the men's World Cup with five titles, but has no trophies in the women's tournament.

The women's World Cup started in 1991, and the United States has won the most titles with four.

Women's act: Women dethrone Japan, win 4-0 to be crowned new champions



RANCHI, Nov 6 (Agencies): The Indian women's hockey team crushed title holders Japan 4-0 to lift its second Asian Champions Trophy.

India overcame the two-time champions through goals from Sangita Kumari (17th minute), Neha (46th), Laremsiami (57th) and Vandana Katariya (60th).

"We are feeling very happy right now,"

said India captain Savita. "Before the match, we were a bit nervous knowing Japan is a good team. They played really well. It was a tight match for three quarters," she added.

"We got a bit defensive after scoring the first goal but came back with an attacking mindset after the halftime break," she added.

India won their maiden title in 2016, while Japan won in 2013 and 2021. India's match started 50 minutes late

because of issues with the floodlights. Earlier, Asian Games champions China beat South Korea 2-1 to secure the third place. Yi Chen (3rd) and Tiantian Luo (47th) scored for the Chinese, while Sujin An (38th) found the target for the Koreans.

SMVDU students visit India Mobile Congress in New Delhi

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KATRA, Nov 6: A group of 14 students from the School of Electronics and Communications Engineering, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University attended the India Mobile Congress (IMC), Asia's largest digital technology event, which was held from October 27 to 29, 2023 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, India.

The students had the opportunity to experience the latest technologies in mobile, 5G, the Internet of Things (IoT), Satellite Internet, Smart Agriculture, XR, and other emerging fields and also attended keynote addresses by global leaders including, Prime Minister Narendra Modi who quoted "The Future is Here and Now", Minister of Electron-



ics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnav, panel discussions and workshops on a wide range of topics, and exhibits and demonstrations from over 400 companies and institutions like Airtel, Reliance Jio, Dell, Intel, and organizations like ISRO, DTU, IITs, including personalities such as Akash Ambani, Chairman, Reliance

Jio Infocomm Ltd, Chairman of Bharti Enterprises and founder of Bharti Airtel Sunil Bharati Mittal, etc.

Students were amazed by the latest technologies on display and the potential of these technologies to change the world. Like, Jio's initiative in satellite internet, ISRO's human Space flight Program Gaganyan, One

Web's Satellite Constellation, and many more.

SMVDÚ Students are now eager to apply their skills and knowledge to make a positive impact on the world.

Furthermore, students had the opportunity to network with potential employers and investors at the event.

They were particularly interested in learning about the latest trends in the digital technology industry and how they can apply their skills to solve real-world problems.

The students' participation in IMC 2023 was made possible by the inputs of Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Registrar, Ajay Kumar, Dean of Students Welfare, Dr. R. K. Mishra, Dean of Faculty of Engineering, Dr. K. R. Jha.

Withdraw order banning Govt employees from holding peaceful protests in J&K: Ajaz Kazmi

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 6: Apni Trade Union President Ajaz Kazmi today urged the Govt to withdraw an order that bans Govt employees from participating in the peaceful protest demonstration in Jammu and Kashmir.

In a statement issued to the press, Ajaz Kazmi appealed to the Govt to withdraw the order that has imposed a blanket ban on the participation of the Govt employees in the peaceful protests while warning them of strict action.

"Such orders shall not be imposed in Jammu and Kashmir and the Govt employees who are the backbone of the Govt functioning shall be provided stage to highlight their issues before the authorities and their issues like implementation of minimum wage act in J&K, regularization of daily wagers, release of pending wagers of the daily wagers and restoration of Old Age Pension in favour of the permanent Govt employees/officers," he said in response to the ban imposed by the authorities on the Govt employees.

He however condemned the Govt directions and said that such decisions snatch basic rights of the Govt employees.

Corporator Amit inaugurates upgradation work of Dr BR Ambedkar Community Hall



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 6: Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Corporator Amit Gupta and Mahant Rajesh Bittu ji inaugurated upgradation work of Dr BR Ambedkar Community Hall work At Chand Nagar in Ward-19 at the cost of Rs 20 lakhs.

The upgradation work of Dr BR Ambedkar community hall Works work are in dilapidated condition since long and the residents especially old persons were facing lot of problems while passing through

Corporator Amit Gupta while addressing the media appealed the general public to come forward and cooperate with Jammu Municipal Corporation in various development works undertaken by the department within the JMC

Mahant Rajesh Bittu urged upon the residents to avoid using single used plastics, polythene in their routine work, don't throw debris, garbage filth etc in the public community hall Nallahs.

He added that kindly to adopt the habit of segregation of dry and wet garbage at their own level so that Jammu can be made neat, clean, green and beautiful city.

RGIP welcomes new batch of D Pharmacy students

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 6: Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Pharmacy (RGIP) hosted a highly successful Orientation Programme for its incoming students. This event, held on 6th Nov 2023, was meticulously organized to provide our new students with the essential information and support needed to begin their educational journey in pharmacy.

The Orientation Programme at RGIP is an annual tradition designed to ensure that students make a seamless transition into their new academic environment

It is a pivotal point in their journey towards becoming skilled pharmacists and professionals in the field of healthcare.

The event began with a warm welcome address from Mansi Chadha, Faculty at RGIP, who expressed excitement about the new students joining the institution.

Students had the opportunity to meet with and get to know the dedicated faculty and staff who will be guiding them throughout their educational journey.

Further Academic advising sessions were given by Aadil Husain Bhat to help students plan their academic pathway and know about courses that align with their career goals followed by guided tours of the campus introduced students to the various academic sections, laboratories, library facilities, and recreational areas avail-

An orientation to the extensive library and research resources was conducted to ensure students are well-equipped for their studies.

Students were introduced to the diverse range of extracurricular activities and student organizations, encouraging them to engage beyond the classroom. Interactive events and activities were organized to help students build connections with their peers and get a sense of the vibrant campus life.

Dr Heena Jamwal (Director) interacted with students and provided them with comprehensive information about academic programs, course registration, academic policies, and important dates and deadlines.

She further gave an overview of support services available, including counseling, health services, and career development, was provided to help students thrive in all aspects of their lives.

Finally Dr Heena ensured that our students have a smooth transition into their academic journey and leave the institution well-prepared to make a significant impact in the world of pharmacy and healthcare.

AAP intensifies door to door campaign in Ward 32

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 4: Intensifying its door to door public awareness / awakening program about the magical development in Delhi & Punjab Pattern, the AAP Sr. Leaders Amrik Singh, President Ward 32, Romesh Lal Bhagat, Vice President, District Jammu Rural, Adv. Dalvinder Kumar Sr. AAP leader & Bansi Lal, distributed pamphlets to the men, women & youths, in ward No.32 in Jammu West Assembly Constituency highlighting the achievements of AAP Delhi government, the AAP leaders said that the AAP is serious to give a clean time tested alternative to the electorates in J&K UT to get rid of 75 years misrule of corruption, nepotism, casteism & divisive politics of religion & region.

They further said that the only alternative before the people is 4-point magical Mantra of Delhi model (i) free electricity up to 200 units without any cut (ii) free potable water up to 20,000 litres per house hold (iii) quality



Health service on door steps through Mohalla clinics & (iv) quality Education in government Institutions for Delhites besides Char Dham yatra free of cost to Senior citizens, free Metro & bus services to women irrespective of caste, creed & colour, in addition to several other social welfare schemes.

They said that AAP has revolutionized & galvanized the lives of Delhites which can be done here also in J&K if AAP is brought to power.

They further said that time has come now when every Indian is appreciative of Delhi Model of governance which, in the first instance, hammers a death blow to the virus of caste, creed & colour and instead ensures development of all sections of society.

The AAP leaders further said that the new style of 'Jumla Bazi' or "Aage Dour, Peechhe Chhor" just to make mockery of people' s memory & befool them. People only will have to pay them in the same coin in times to come.

All their tall promises

and tall claims have proved "Mungeri Lal Ke Haseen Sapne", but sad "Kaba Kis Munh Se Jao Ge Ghalib, Sharam Tum Ko Magar Nahin Aati" wish Countrymen read the writing on the wall and see through the game as early as possible otherwise they are busy in their dirty game of victimization, harassment, propaganda of lies, falsehood, defamation character assassination and what not just to divert the attention of masses for their electoral gains in Rajasthan, MP, Chhatisghar, Telegana etc elections & also in Lok Sabha election 2024.

J&K Youth Congress launches "Mera Pehla Vote for India" Poster Campaign to empower new voters

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 6: Jammu & Kashmir Youth Congress launched "Mera Pehla Vote for India" Poster Campaign to empower new voters, aimed at inspiring and guiding young voters who have recently turned 18 and are eligible to cast their votes.

At a press conference held today, Aakash Bharat, the President of Jammu & Kashmir Pradesh Youth Congress, highlighted the pivotal role that the youth plays in shaping the future of our nation.

He emphasized the significance of their votes in electing a government committed to the welfare of the people.

Bharat expressed concerns about past governments that he believes have not prioritized the needs of the



youth, citing instances of job losses, pension cuts, and economic challenges.

With the Lok Sabha elections scheduled for March 2024, Bharat stressed the urgency of motivating and guiding new voters to select a political party that will work towards a brighter future.

The poster campaign "Mera Pehla Vote for India" is the brainchild of Jammu & Kashmir Youth Congress and seeks to engage with first-time voters, aligning them with the values and principles of the Indian National Congress.

The campaign is set to be rolled out across all districts and assemblies, aiming to empower the youth and encourage their active participation in the electoral process.

The press conference was attended by notable members of the Jammu & Kashmir Youth Congress leadership, including Vice President Divyansh Singh, Jammu HQ incharge Ricky Dalotra, State spokesperson Rahul Tandon, General secretary Anirudh Sawhney, and Social media convenor Tanveer Singh.

This campaign represents a vital step in promoting youth engagement and ensuring that the voices of the young electorate are heard in the upcoming elections.

Jammu & Kashmir Youth Congress is dedicated to building a brighter and more promising future for India through the active involvement of its youth.

Two Days ABVP State Executive Council Meeting concludes



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 6: Two days ABVP State Executive council successfully concluded at Bhartiya Vidya Mandir High School Ramban.

This meeting was graced by the auscipicious presence ofNorth Zone Organising Secretary Vijay Pratap.

In this Meeting Karyakartas from every district were present and discussed regarding the upcoming events in details and discuss the further plan of their district work and review the previous Organisational work and prepare a road map for the upcoming Organisation work and give detailed information about the upcoming events.

The Discussion in two days SEC meeting was majorly regarding the future course of events that needed to be organised in upcoming months and events that will be organised in nearby future are Sunil Upadhyay Gyan pratiyogita, Rani laxmibai Pratibha Samman Samaroh in which 10,000 girls will be awarded across the UT for excelling in different fields like Academics, cocurricular and Sports.

ABVP National Conference which is going to held in Delhi in 190 delegates from Jammu and Kashmir will Participate.

Kashmir will Participate .
National Social Media
Convenor Ashish Sharma
laid emphasis on the very
fact that how we can positively use Social Media
to reach the last person
standing in the queue
thus helping in National
Reconstruction.

North Zone Organising Secretary Vijay Partap said ABVP is an All India Premier Student Organization working in the field of education with a wider perspective of national reconstruction.

It is working with faith in the collective existence of the educational community, discipline and moral character among the students.

ABVP throughout the year organizes various program to encourage the hidden talent of the students with a view to bring the best out of them. ABVP further inculcates the feelings of nationalism and patriotism among the students by organizing various patriotic activities.

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State Vice President Dr
Ajay Sharma stressed
upon the very fact as
how we can maximize
the Registration drive in
campuses and create a
vibrant atmosphere for
future working.

In the concluding session the State Secretary Akshi Billowria announced the dates and places of different upcoming meetings and Workshops. She said a healthy and fruitful discussion took place in this meeting and many targets were taken by different

districts in this meeting.
In this meeting NEC
Member Dr Parminder Singh and Mukesh
Manhas, State Secretary
Akshi Billowria and State
Organising Secretary
Tilak Thakur, Many teachers were also present.

Induction Programme held in Department of Library and Information Science, JU

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 6: The Department of Library and Information Science at the University of Jammu hosted a highly successful induction programme on Monday under the esteemed leadership of Professor Sangita Gupta.

The event, held at the department's premises, brought together a diverse group of students and faculty members, marking the beginning of an exciting journey in the field of library and information science.

The Induction Programme served as a

warm and informative welcome for the new batch of students who have embarked on their academic journey at the Department of Library and Information Science. Professor Sangita Gupta, the distinguished

head of the department, played a pivotal role in guiding the event, ensuring that it was a memorable and enlightening experience for all attendees.

Professor Sangita Gupta delivered a heartfelt welcome address to the new students, emphasising the importance of their chosen field and the numerous opportunities it Faculty members (Dr. Meghna Dhar, Dr. Pramod Kumar Singh, Dr. Bindu, Mr. Ashwin Kushwaha, and Dr. Reenu Arti) introduced themselves and provided an overview of the department's academic programmes, research initiatives, and the unique learning environment that awaits the students. Distinguished alumni (Shashi Kant, former manager of J&K Bank, Dr. Tarseem Sr. Asst. Librarian) and scholars shared their experiences and insights, offering valuable career guidance to the newcomers.

offers in today's information-driven world

Their real-world experiences shed light on the immense potential within the field of library and information science.

The Induction Programme was not only an educational experience but also an occasion to forge connections, inspire creativity, and motivate students to pursue excellence in library and information science.

The whole session was moderated by Dr. Meghna Dhar, and the vote of thanks was presented by Ashwin Kumar Kushwaha. The whole programme was a resounding success.

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