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LG, BSF Pay Tributes To Jawan Martyred In Pak Firing Along IB In Samba

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JAMMU, Nov 9: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Special Director General of BSF, P V Ramasastry on Thursday paid homage to the BSF head constable who was martyred in unprovoked firing by Pakistan Rangers along the International Border (IB) in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district.

Apart from them, Chief Secretary A K Mehta, Home Secretary R K Goyal, IGP Anand Jain, IG BSF D K Boora and Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar also paid tributes to the BSF jawan, Lal Fam Kima, at the frontier headquarters, Paloura camp, in Jammu.

During wreath-laying ceremony, he was given full military honours by sounding of bugle and last salute. The jawans raised slogans hailing him.

The mortal remains of Kima would be sent to his hometown Aizwal for the last rites with full military honour.

Fire damages top story of commercial building in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, Nov 9 (Agencies): The top story of a commercial building was damaged in a fire incident in the Bagh-e-Methab area of Srinagar on Thursday, officials said.

Quoting an official, KNO reported that fire engulfed the commercial building in the early hours of Thursday in which the top story was damaged.

He said that as the call was received, fire tenders rushed to the spot and extinguished the fire. There was no loss of life or injury reported in the incident.

Police foils timber smuggling bid, arrests smuggler in Ganderbal

SRINAGAR, Nov 9 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Police on Thursday foiled timber smuggling bid by arresting smuggler along with illicit timber and vehicle in Chinner area of Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district.

A Police spokesperson
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LG inaugurates Pensioners Sammelan in Jammu We are marching ahead with the aim of progress, prosperity and quality life for all: Sinha



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 9: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday inaugurated the Pensioners Sammelan and

interacted with Pension beneficiaries at Jammu. In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the District Administration Jammu for its sustained campaign to

achieve the saturation in Integrated Social Security Scheme (ISSS) and reaching out to 63,919 beneficiaries in old-age, widow's and Divyang category.

"Our goal is to ensure social security net for all and better living standard to every citizen. Every section of society is getting benefits of Central and UT Schemes without discrimination," the Lt Governor said.

He reiterated the commitment of the J&K Administration to empower common man and bring the deprived sections of society into developmental mainstream.

We are marching ahead with the aim of progress, prosperity and quality life for all.

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Nitin Gadkari shares expansion work on Chenani-Sudhmahadev NH



JAMMU, Nov 9 (Agencies): Union Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari Wednesday announced having undertaken expansion of the Chenani-Sudhmahadev segment of National Highway (NH-244), transforming it into a 2-lane road with paved shoulders.

In Jammu & Kashmir, we have undertaken the expansion and enhance-

ment of the Chenani-Sudhmahadev segment of National Highway NH-244, transforming it into a 2-lane road with paved shoulders. This pivotal project, spanning a total length of 16.99 kilometers, marks the first phase of its development.

The improved highway is set to offer year-round connectivity, a game-changer for the local

economy and the people in the area.

This endeavor, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi Ji, stands as a testament to the commitment to establishing an efficient, seamless, and ecologically responsible mobility network in Jammu & Kashmir, Nitin Gadkari posted on X, formerly Twitter.

559 inducted in BSF at passing out parade held in Kashmir



SRINAGAR, Nov 9 (Agencies): 599 recruits on Thursday were inducted into the Border Security Force (BSF) after 44 weeks of training.

The recruits were inducted in passing out parade and attestation ceremony, which was held at Subsidiary Training Centre, BSF, Humhama in Budgam district. The trainees hail from Eastern and southern India, including 204 from Odisha, 208 from

Andhra Pradesh, 112 from Kerala and 75 from Telangana, a spokesman of the BSF said.

Director General of the BSF Nitin Agrawal was the chief guest at the parade.

Addressing the recruits, DG BSF, wholeheartedly appreciated the excellent display of self-confidence, skills and coordination which was the high point of the parade. He applauded the recruits for choosing

BSF as a career option and exhorted them to serve the nation with courage and enthusiasm.

In his address, DG BSF congratulated, Inspector General, Frontier BSF Kashmir and the instructional teams for successful efforts in achieving the objectives of molding the Recruits, as trained Seema Parhari, giving them self-confidence & turning them into disciplined

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BSF Jawan Martyred in unprovoked firing by Pakistani Rangers along IB in Jammu



JAMMU, Nov 9 (Agencies): A BSF jawan was martyred in unprovoked firing by Pakistan Rangers along the International Border (IB) in the Ramgarh sector of Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district early Thursday, officials said.

The firing targeting Border Outposts in the district is the third ceasefire violation in 24 days by Pakistan Rangers along the IB in the Jammu frontier. The BSF jawan suffered injuries and was evacuated to a local hospital. He was

later moved to the GMC Hospital in Jammu, the officials said.

The jawan succumbed to injuries, an official said.

"During night intervening 8/9 Nov 2023, Pakistan Rangers resorted to unprovoked firing in Ramgarh area which was befittingly responded to by BSF troops," the Border Security Force (BSF) said in a statement.

Ramgarh Community Health Centre Block Medical Officer (BMO) Dr Lakhwinder Singh said that one BSF jawan was injured in Pakistani

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TRF Militant Killed in Shopian Gunfight: Police

SRINAGAR, Nov 9 (Agencies): One terrorist associated with the proscribed terror outfit, The Resistance Front (TRF), was killed in the Kathohalan area of Shopian in Jammu and Kashmir on early Thursday morning.

According to the Kashmir zone police, incriminating materials, including arms and ammunition, have also been recovered from the possession of the terrorist.

The Kashmir Police Zone posted about the same on X and wrote, "One terrorist affiliated with the proscribed terror outfit TRF was neutralised. Incriminating materials, including arms and ammunition, were recovered. The search is going on."

Further details into the matter are underway.

Vidhi Kumar Birdi assume charge of IGP Kashmir



SRINAGAR, Nov 9 (Agencies): Senior IPS officer Vidhi Kumar Birdi on Thursday assumed the charge of Inspector General of Police Kashmir Zone.

An official said that Birdi assumed the charge today morning.

Birdi was posted as IGP Kashmir following the transfer of ADGP Vijay Kumar to ADGP (Law and Order), J&K.

Centre clears appointment of 3 High Court Chief Justices as Supreme Court Judges

NEW DELHI, Nov 9 (Agencies): The Ministry of Law and Justice has cleared the appointments of three Chief Justices of different High Courts as judges of the Supreme Court of India.

The Supreme Court Collegium on Monday recommended the names of three new judges for the appoint-

ment of apex court judges.

According to the Supreme Court Administrative Branch Circular, the swearing-in ceremonies of Justice Satish Chandra Sharma, Chief Justice, High Court of Delhi; Justice Augustine George Masih, Chief Justice, High Court of Rajasthan; and Justice

Sandeep Mehta, Chief Justice, Gauhati High Court, as Judges of the Supreme Court of India, are proposed to be held on November 9 at 4.15 pm at the auditorium of Supreme Court premises.

Adish C Aggarwala, Senior Advocate and President of the

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Mughal Road Closed Due To Fresh snowfall

SRINAGAR, Nov 9 (Agencies): Mughal road, connecting Kashmir Valley's Shopian district with twin districts of Rajouri and Poonch, was closed due to fresh snowfall on Thursday, officials said.

They said that there was fresh snowfall in 'Pir Ki Gali' and other adjoining areas, leading to the closure of the thoroughfare.

DySP PC Surankote Hamid Ali Bandey confirmed to news agency GNS about the closure of the road.

Earlier this year, the road, considered as alternative to

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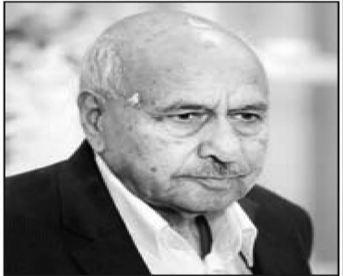
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10TH DAY/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad departure of our revered Papa ji, **Sh. Om Parkash Gupta**, R/o Akhnoor, for his Eternal Heavenly Abode on 31-10-2023.
10TH DAY, RASAM shall be performed in Kameshwar Mandir, Akhnoor on Thursday, 09-11-2023, at 11.A.M.
Rasam Pagri/Uthala shall be performed in Kameshwar Mandir, Akhnoor on Saturday, 11-11-2023, at 3.00 PM TO 4.00 P.M.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Brother and Bhabhi
Dr. KL Gupta and Smt. Mini Gupta
Sisters and Brothers-in-Law
Smt. Krishna Gupta W/o Lt. Sh. Joginder Pal Gupta
Smt. Vaishno Gupta and Sh. Raj Kumar Gupta
Smt. Shakti Gupta W/o Lt. Sh. Subhash Chander Gupta
Sons and Daughters-in-law
Badri Nath Gupta and Anu Gupta
Ram Lal Gupta and Anita Gupta
Brij Bhushan Gupta and Sabita Gupta
Rakesh Gupta and Rachna Gupta
Daughter and Son-in-Law
Anju and Rakesh Gupta (Eilora Textiles Jammu)

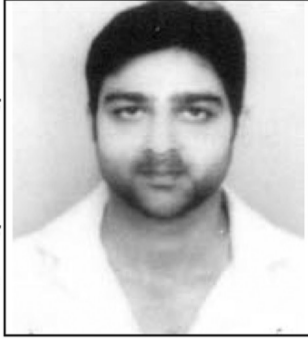


Sh. Om Parkash Gupta

M/s Dhani Ram Om Parkash, Akhnoor
M/s Om Parkash Ram Lal, 4A-Nehru Market Jammu
PHONE: 9419100102, 9419100103

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.



Sh Vinay Dhar

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 KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform that our beloved mother **Karamyogni Smt. Sohni Devi/ Sona Batni**, W/o Sh. Omkar Nath Kak, erstwhile resident of 8 Rawalpura Housing Colony, Srinagar now at 698, Residency Road Ext, Shahidi Chowk, Jammu left for heavenly abode on 1st November 2023 at Delhi.
Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat, on Friday 10th November '23 from 9 AM.



Karamyogni Smt. Sohni Devi/ Sona Batni

IN GRIEF:
Son & Daughter-in-law
Sanjay Kak & Rashi Kak
Daughter: Bitra Kak
Son-in-law & Daughter
Rajinder Rayu & Muni Rayu
Veer Jee Bazaz & Ruby Bazaz
All Nears & Dears
9796221991, 9560700107

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.

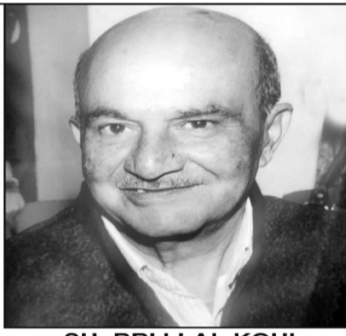


SMT. NANCY KHAROO

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

10TH DAY KRIYA

With deep sadness, we announce the passing away of our beloved **Sh. Brij Lal Koul**, son of the late Sh. Jia Lal Koul, and resident of Wahibugh, Pulwama, at present H.No-4 Vassant Enclave Trilokpur Gole Gujral Jammu on November 6, 2023.



SH. BRIJ LAL KOUL

The **10TH DAY KRIYA** will be performed at Muthi Ghat (near Directorate of School Education) Jammu on November 15, 2023 (Wednesday) at 9:30 am.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Smt. Nancy Koul (Wife)
Smt. & Shri H.K. Tickoo (Sister and Brother-in-Law)
Smt. & Shri A.K. Koul (Bhabhi and Brother)
Smt. & Shri M.K. Koul (Sister and Brother-in-Law)
Smt. and Shri Sanjay Koul (Daughter-in-Law and Son)
Smt. and Shri Ashok Raina (Daughter & Son-in-Law)
Smt. & Shri Ravi Raina (Daughter & Son-in-Law)
Smt. & Shri Arun Ambardar (Daughter & Son-in-Law)
Grand children: Harshit, Jaival, Shriya, Himanshu, Koushak, Aayana, and Pihu

Contact Numbers:
9469141363,
7889668353,
700642521,
9797325838.

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

We are immensely grieved to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Harsh Sharma** H/o Shamli Sharma who left us for heavenly abode on 01 November 2023. We request you all to gather for his **TENTH DAY** which will be performed on 10-Nov 2023 (Friday) at 11 AM at our residence.
RASAM KRIYA will be performed on 11- Nov 2023 (Saturday) from 11 AM to 1 PM at our residence.

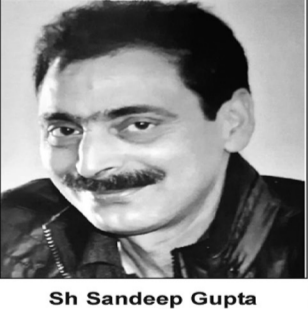


HARSH SHARMA
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UTHALA will be performed on 11-Nov 2023 (Saturday) at Lane No 26 Kailash Dham Shiv Mandir, Greater Kailash, Jammu from 4 PM to 5 PM.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Shamli Sharma W/o Late Sh. Harsh Sharma
Mr. Abhishek Sharma- Son
Smt. Apoorvi Sharma W/o Sh. Sahib Vaid - Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Shammi Sharma W/o Sh. Vijay Sharma
Smt. Anjali Sharma W/o Sh. Vipin Sharma
AND ALL THE FAMILY MEMBERS.
MOB: 7006639334, 9419149171, 9086008874

10TH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Sh Sandeep Gupta (Baby Shah)** son of late Amrit Sagar Gupta, R/o Shakti Nagar Kishtwar Ward No 10. **10th Day** will be performed on 9th November, 2023 (Thursday) at Shiv Mandir Kishtwar at 10 am.



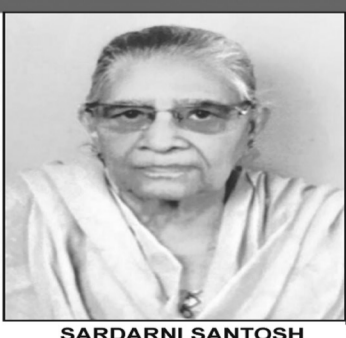
Sh Sandeep Gupta (Baby Shah)

Kriya will be performed on 11th November 2023 (Saturday) at our residence.
Uthala will be performed on 11th November 2023 (Saturday) at 3:30 P.M

GRIEF STRICKEN
Pramila Gupta (Mother)
Anju Bala (Wife)
Abhik , Rakshit (Sons)
7006217566, 7051032777, 9149707277, 7006120775

BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS

With Profound grief & sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sardarni Santosh Kour Ji Bedi (Toshi Ji)** W/o Late Sardar Jagmohan Singh Ji Bedi R/o H. No 2 Sector 3 Nanak Nagar Jammu, on 5 Nov, 2023
ARAMB SRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB - 08 Nov, 2023 (Wednesday) at 10 AM (At our Residence)
BHOG SRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB - 10 Nov, 2023 (Friday) at 10 AM (At our Residence).
KIRTAN & ANTIM ARDAS - Shall be held on 10 Nov, 2023 Friday from 1130 AM to 1 PM at Gurudwara Sri Singh Sabha Sahib, Guru Nanak Nagar Jammu followed by Guru Ka Langar.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Bhabhi & Brother
Sdm Ranjit Kour W/o Late S. Harjit Singh Johar.
Sdm Surjit Kour W/o Late S. Paramjit Singh Johar.
Sdm Darshan Kour W/o Late S. Sarbjit Singh Johar.
Kitty & Er JBS Johar CE (Retd)
Daughter in Law & Sons
Benu & Er Devinder Singh Bedi X En PDD (Retd)
Meetu & Parvinder Singh Bedi
Daughter & Son in Law
Neenu & Col Amrik Singh Dua (Retd)



SARDARNI SANTOSH KOUR JI BEDI (TOSHI JI)

Grand Children
Kanwal & Varun Dua
Chitwan & Mandep Kohli
Mehak & Maj Jaskaran Singh Bedi
Sana Dua Harsheen & Arjun.
Mob. 9419182784/ 8803403660 / 7006937044

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 (HP)



Dr Anil Bhatt

GRIEF STRICKEN:
Smt. Jeevika & Piyush 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)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and deep sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Shri Radha Krishen Mussa**, S/o Late Sh. Jia Lal Mussa, R/o Mattan (Martand), Distt. Anantnag, Kashmir, who left for heavenly abode on 03-11-2023 in Navi Mumbai.



Late Sh Radha Krishen Mussa 22-02-1938 to 03-11-2023

The **Mourning** will be held at H. No. 102, Adarsh Nagar, Paloura, Jammu (Landmark: J&K Bank Paloura) from 08-11-2023 (Wednesday)

TENTH DAY KRIYA shall be performed at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education, Jammu on 12-11-2023 at 9:00 am
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Smt. Vijanti & Sh. Avtar Krishan Mussa (Sister-in-law & Brother) Mob: 6005154632
Smt. Anjana & Sh. Raj Kumar Mussa (Daughter-in-law & Son)
Smt. Swati & Sh. Ashok Kumar (Daughter-in-law & Son) - 097699 86733
Smt. Renu & Sh. Sushil Kumar (Daughter-in-law & Son)
Aditya, Adarsh, Antra, Tsiya (Grandchildren)

10TH DAY/13 DAY KRIYA

Our heart still ache with sadness and so many tears. What is meant to lose you, no one will ever know, we hold you close in our hearts and there you will remain with us. The soul of our family passed away peacefully to merge with eternity on 30th of October 2023.



SMT. VIMLA PARGAL

10th Day on 08th November, 2023 at 12:00 Noon at SDS, Batote.
13 Day (Kriya) on 11th November, 2023 at our residence Batote.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Daughter-in-laws & Sons
Smt. Kheema & Sh. Ravi Pargal
Smt. Anu & Sh. Shashi Pargal
Smt. Kiran & Sh. Sanjeev Pargal
Smt. Lovely & Sh. Abhinandan Pargal
Daughters & Sons-in-law
Smt. Rama & Sh. Ashok Gupta
Smt. Rachna & Sh. Damresh Mahajan
Mob. No.: 9419166244, 9419994554, 8086145632, 9811680690

TENTH DAY / KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Smt. Sunita Gupta** W/o Er. Virander Kumar Gupta R/o Lane No. 3, Shivpuri, Near Dreamland Park, Kathua.



Smt. Sunita Gupta

Tenth Day shall be performed at our residence on Friday, 10th November, 2023 at 11.00 am.
Kriya shall be performed at our residence on Monday, 13th November, 2023 at 12.30 pm.
Grief Stricken
Husband
Er. Virander Kumar Gupta (Chief Engineer, DIQC)
Dr. Ayushi & Adv. Pankaj Sharma - Daughter & Son-in-law
Dr. Komple Gupta - Daughter
Smt. Shakuntla Devi - Mother-in-law
Devars & Devaranis
Er. Narender Gupta & Smt. Anju Gupta
Dr. Nareesh Gupta & Dr. Shivani Gupta
Dr. Sanjeev Gupta & Dr. Payal Gupta
Nanad & Nandoy!
Smt. Manju Bala & Er. Suresh Gupta
Mob:- 9419150447, 9419150355, 9469275511, 9419107895

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.



Sh Vinay Dhar

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

SHADMOS/MASVAR

(10-11-2023 & 11-11-2023)
In remembrance of our beloved papa, who graced our lives with warmth, love and unforgettable memories, we invite friends, family, and loved ones to join us in commemorating their life as we mark the 6th month since their passing. Memories of your love, teaching & guidance as fresh as ever with us. We pay respectful homage and pray to Almighty for eternal peaceful place in heaven.
SHADMOS and MASVAR of our beloved father Late **Shri S K Tikoo** may be performed at our residence House No 50 Lane No 2 Saraswati Vihar Barnai behind Kangra fort Barnai Jammu. 181205.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt Shanta Tikoo -Wife
Sh Sanjay Tikoo & Smt Meenakshi Tikoo - Son & Daughter-in-law
Sh. Anil Tikoo & Smt Sunita Tikoo - Son & Daughter-in-law
Smt Dolly & Sh. Sanjay Dhar - Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt Purnima & Sh Ashok Saithu - Daughter & Son-in-law
Contact No- 7889323081, 9419124070



Late Shri S K Tikoo

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform sudden demise of our mother **Smt Rani Devi (Kishni Ji)** W/o Lt. Dina Nath R/o Drabiyar Hatbakadal at present Block-49 Flat 03 Lane No. 9 Jagti Township on 05-11-2023.



Smt Rani Devi (Kishni Ji)

10th Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 14-11-2023. Assembly will be held at Community Hall (Back Side) Lane No. 4 Jagti.
Grief Stricken
Smt Rastu & Sh. Rupa Krishen - Daughter-in-law & Son
Indu Kaw W/o Lt. B. Kaw - Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Rekha & Sh. Sunil Dhar - Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Pummy & Sh. Rajinder Raina - Daughter & Son-in-law
Shivani, Kartic, Vinayak, Sunny, Amit, Vikram, Anupam, Rishab & Ritik.
Contact No. 9796515705, 700652858

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you the sad demise of our beloved **SH. VIDHYA DHAR SHARMA** S/o Late Pandit SHANKU RAM R/O Miran Sahib, Teh. R.S.Pura who left us for the heavenly abode on 02.11.2023.



SH. VIDHYA DHAR SHARMA

Tenth Day will be performed on Saturday 11.11.2023 at 11:00 AM at our residence. **Kriya** will be performed on Sunday 12.11.2023 at 1:00 PM at our residence. **Uthala** will be performed on Monday 13.11.2023 at 4:00 PM at our residence, Miran Sahib, Tehsil R.S.PURA, Jammu.
GRIEF STRICKEN:-
Smt. Darshana Devi -Wife
Sons & Daughter-in-laws
Anil Sharma and Monika Sharma
Bharat Sharma and Minakshi Sharma
Daughters and Son-in-laws
Rita Sharma and Tarsem Sharma
Jyoti Sharma and Gopal Sharma
Veena Sharma and Tarsem Sharma

TENTH DAY/ KRIYA/ UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Father **Sh. Krishan Kumar Sharma** S/o Late Sh. Nand Lal Sharma on 1st Nov 2023.



Sh. Krishan Kumar Sharma

Tenth Day will be performed on 10-11-2023 at our residence H.No. 42A, Patoli Magotriar, Jammu at 11:00 am.
Kriya will be performed on 11-11-2023 at our residence.
Rasam Pagri/ Uthala will be performed on 11-11-2023 at Hari Mandir, Rehari Colony from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Chanchala Sharma (Wife)
Son & Daughter in law
Sh. Rajnish Kumar Sharma & Smt. Surekha Sharma
Sh. Rakesh Kumar Sharma & Smt. Kamini Sharma
Sh. Sanjay Kumar Sharma & Smt. Arunima Sharma
Contact No. 9419138136, 9419112395, 9419112240

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SKUAST-K concludes 7 day's A-ESDP on Mushroom Production Technology

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SRINAGAR, Nov 9: The Division of Plant Pathology, Faculty of Agriculture, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Kashmir (SKUAST-K), successfully concluded a week-long advanced entrepreneurship and skill development program on 'Mushroom Production Technology'.

The valedictory function of the program which aimed to empower the youth of Kashmir and Ladakh with knowledge and skills in mushroom cultivation was graced by dignitaries comprising Chief Guest Dr. M. Y. Zargar (Former Director Research SKUAST-K), Prof. R. H. Kanth (Dean Agriculture), Guests of Honour Tabasum Naz (Project coordinator Mushroom, Kashmir) and Yadwinder Singh (CAO Baramulla) and Heads of various Divisions. Dr. T. A. Wani (Program Coordinator) revealed that they had invited eminent scientists from reputed institutes across India who imparted valuable instructions and demonstrations to trainees who had come from different districts of Kashmir and Ladakh.



One of the program's highlights was the positive and motivating feedback shared by the participants, underscoring the program's success in fostering entrepreneurship and skill development in mushroom production.

They were thankful to SKUAST-K and MSME for arranging such events where educated youth are being guided towards employment generating enterprises.

Tabasum Naz in her address appreciated organizer and told that mushroom cultivation is a landless enterprise which is pivotal in earning livelihood and generating employment. She also talked about various schemes of Govt. under HADP through which skilled youth can be benefitted. She said that mushroom a business enterprise will shape the

future youth and that of nation and urged trainees to make most of this training programme.

Yadvinder Singh told that Govt. of India appreciates landless farming activity like mushroom cultivation and was proud to announce that Baramulla is a leading district in mushroom cultivation in Kashmir. He also told that efforts of the department in this regard have been appreciated at national level and are also being recognized at international level.

Prof. Ali Anwar, Head of the Division of Plant Pathology, acknowledged the efforts of programme coordinator and his team for such endeavors and also appreciated participating youth for showing interest towards such an enterprise.

Dean agriculture extended her gratitude

to MSME New Delhi for sponsoring such programmes for the wellbeing of educated youth across the country. She told that this 7 days training programme may not be enough for imparting whole knowledge about an enterprise but recognized this short training course as a stage where trainees should start building links with experts and govt. agencies for technical and financial assistance.

In his address, Dr. M. Y. Zargar while commending Division of Plant Pathology for hosting this skill oriented training program said that such trainings make people job seekers rather than job seekers as he quoted an example of one successful mushroom entrepreneur, the King of Mushroom in Kashmir namely Gowhar Ahmad of Tangmarg Kashmir who had also himself shared his experience early in the session.

Dr. Zargar said that agriculture is one of the strongest business enterprises and urged trainees to transform this knowledge into successful businesses. At the end all the 25 participants were awarded with certificates for successful completion of the training programme.

'Maharaja Ranjeet Singh Sadi Jaan' song released

Top News Report

JAMMU, Oct 9: Ex Minister and President of Jatt Sabha J&K Manjeet Singh released the Song 'Maharaja Ranjeet Singh Sadi Jaan' here on today.

The song was released at Press Club Jammu where Manjeet Singh was the chief guest accompanied by Ex MLC Choudhary Vikram Randhawa The Guest of Honour and other guests.

V Randhawa is the singer as well as the Lyricist of the song. The music of the song was composed by Taar E Beat Breaker (Punjab) whereas the video work done by Aman Rai.

While addressing media, Manjeet Singh said, "It is good to see that the young talents Jammu has been coming out to work on the glorious history of India and V Randhawa's song on Maharaja Ranjeet Singh



reflects his hard work not only in technical aspects but also on Historical research."

Ex MLC Choudhary Vikram Randhawa said, "I congratulate V Randhawa and his team for the beautiful song on Maharaja Ranjit Singh."

Singer V Randhawa said, "I dedicated this song to the Sher-e-Punjab Maharaja Ranjeet Singh and as early as possible i make a song on Baba Banda Singh Bahadur."

"I have already released 8-10 tracks and many

more are waiting for release whereas my first song was released in 2019 'Jatti'. It is pertinent to mention that 3 songs were released by Punjab famous company White Hills," he added.

My song Moosajatt was also released to pay tribute to Sidhu Moosewala post after 10 days of his death.

This is first official tribute song ever on YouTube by any singer in Punjabi Music Industry. It is my humble appeal to the audience to watch my new song at my youtube

channel VRandhawa Official, he added.

Additionally, Sampark North PR agency successfully managed a grand event that left attendees in awe. The team at Sampark North PR agency deserves applause for their hard work and dedication in making the event a memorable experience for all attendees. With Inderjeet Singh's leadership and years of experience in the industry, the event received widespread attention from top-tier media outlets and influencers.

GDC Vijaypur organises Lecture on "Right to Education"

Top News Report

SAMBA, Nov 9: As a part of the series of events being organized under the flagship banner of "My Constitution My Pride", a lecture on the theme "Right to Education" was on Thursday organized by the department of Political Science in collaboration with NSS Unit (KHIDMAT) here in Government Degree College Vijaypur . The lecture was attended by more than fifty students and NSS volunteers. The lecture was followed by a question-and-answer session.

Lecture was delivered by Prof. Ritu Bhagat, HOD Education. she briefed the students about Article 21(A) of the Indian Constitution. It states that "the state



shall provide free education to all children of the age of 6 to 14 years in such a manner as the state mean by law they determine."Our Indian Constitution is a document which is known to be committed to social justice. She further added that literacy forms the cornerstone for making the provision of equality of opportunity

a reality. The Indian Constitution has therefore recognized education as the essence of social transformation, as is evident from its education specific Articles like 21(A).

Principal of the College, Dr. (Prof.) Vandana Gupta articulated that educational inequality should be eradicated from a society so that

it can lead towards the path of progress. She further emphasized that education is a tool that can change a person's fortune.

The event was coordinated by Prof. Renuka Kundan, Lecturer Political Science and co-ordinated by Dr. Naseem Chowdhary, NSS PO and Dr. Priyanka Ganjoo, Lecturer Sociology.

GDC Kishtwar Campus Cleanliness drive aligns with Health & Nutrition Support Program of Dabur, SRCO



Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Nov 9: In a remarkable and impactful endeavor, Government Degree College Kishtwar on Thursday came together with the Social Reforms & Charitable Organisation Kishtwar (SRCO) and Dabur India Ltd to organise a grand campus cleanliness and Nutritional Juice Packets distribution event on the College Campus.

This initiative was executed with a dual purpose of promoting cleanliness and enhanc-

ing the Health and Nutrition Support Program of Dabur India Ltd.

The event, which aligns with the ongoing "Swachh Diwali Shubh Diwali Campaign," saw a convergence of efforts to underline the cultural significance of Diwali while advocating for eco-friendly practices and discouraging single-use plastics and adopting healthy eating protocol.

Dabur India Ltd. played a pivotal role by distributing nutritional juice packets to 350 enthusiastic students. This distribution was

part of their Health and Nutrition Support Programme, emphasizing the importance of consuming nutritious and healthy products during Diwali celebrations.

Dr. Jyoti Parihar, Principal of GDC Kishtwar, applauded the collaborative efforts of Dabur India Ltd. and SRCO and encouraged students to actively participate in various events throughout the Swachh Diwali Shubh Diwali campaign. She also stressed the significance of maintaining a clean and plastic-free campus.

Sanjeev Parihar, President of SRCO Kishtwar, expressed heartfelt gratitude to Dabur India Ltd. for their invaluable support and reaffirmed the organization's commitment to sustaining and expanding this noble initiative in the future.

The event also witnessed enthusiastic participation from distinguished faculty members, including Prof. Dr. Tariq Tamkeen, Prof. Satish Kumar, Dr. Munish Kumar, Dr. Vijay Kumar, Prof. Jaidheep, Dr. Sehrish Gazal, Dr. Madhu Bala, Prof. Sonika Sen, and Prof. Akshay Sharma, who played integral roles in the success of the cleanliness drive and Health and Nutrition Support Programme .

The "Swachh Diwali Shubh Diwali Campaign" continues to inspire students and communities to embrace cleanliness and the consumption of healthy products in line with the Health and Nutrition Support Programme of Dabur India Ltd.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, REW POONCH

TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 240 of REW POONCH 2023-24 Dated:- 06-11-2023 2nd Call

For & on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory, the Executive Engineer REW Division Poonch, as his representative invites tenders by e-tendering mode from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K Union Territory Govt/CPWD/MES for the following work under:

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Estt. Cost (Rs in lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs)	Earnest Money (in Rs)	Time Allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor	Position of Funds
1	Spring at W.No. 8 Moh. Barapora Nlo Moh. Khurshid Pyl. Janrdolla Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2 nd call	Executive Engineer REW Division Poonch	0.80	200	1600	30 days	(1000 Hrs) on or after 15-11-2023 in the office of Executive Engineer REW Division Poonch	DEE	Partially Available/ Demanded
2	Nallah Bund W.No. 9 Moh Taran NLO Arif Pyl. Janrdolla Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2 nd call		1.50	200	3000	30 days			
3	Nallah Bund at W.No. 1 Moh. Darzian NLO Jhangir Hussain Pyl. Janrdolla Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2 nd call		1.50	200	3000	30 days			
4	Spring at W.No. 1 Moh. Jabra NLO Abdul Ghani Pyl. Janrdolla Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2 nd call		0.80	200	1600	30 days			
5	Nallah Bund at W.No. 2 Moh. Malian Nlo Hanief Pyl. Janrdolla Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2 nd call		1.50	200	3000	30 days			
6	Nallah Bund at W.No. 2 Moh Nallah Moori NLO Mohd Bashir Pyl. Janrdolla Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2 nd call		1.50	200	3000	30 days			
7	Nallah Bund at W.No. 3 Moh. Kangrali Nlo Mohd Kabir Pyl. Janrdolla Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2 nd call		2.00	200	4000	30 days			
8	Nallah Bund at W.No. 3 Moh. Chamber NLO Khadam Hussain Pyl. Janrdolla Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2 nd call		1.50	200	3000	30 days			
9	Spring at W.No. 4 Moh. Khurliyan NLO Shokit Pyl. Janrdolla Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2 nd call		0.80	200	1600	30 days			
10	Spring at W.No. 5 Moh. Khatana NLO Mohd Farid Pyl. Janrdolla Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2 nd call		0.80	200	1600	30 days			
11	Spring at W.No. 8 Moh. Barwalan NLO Mohd Hussain Pyl. Janrdolla Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2 nd call		0.80	200	1600	30 days			
12	Spring at W.No. 9 Moh Bhaan NLO Mohd Bashir Pyl. Janrdolla Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2 nd call		0.80	200	1600	30 days			
13	Nallah Bund at Moh. Darzian W.No. 4 NLO Shaheen Pyl. Fatehpur Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2 nd call		1.50	200	3000	30 days			
14	Nallah Bund at W.No. 5 Moh. Peeran NLO Ashraf Shah Pyl. Fatehpur Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2 nd call	2.00	200	3000	30 days	(1000 Hrs) on or after 15-11-2023 in the office of Executive Engineer REW Division Poonch	DEE	Partially Available/ Demanded	
15	Nallah Bund at W.No. 1 Moh. Luparie NLO Ayaz Ahmed Pyl. Jandrolla Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2 nd call	1.50	200	3000	30 days				
16	Nallah Bund at W.No. 4 Moh. Darwala NLO Mohd Aslam Pyl. Jandrolla Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2 nd call	1.50	200	3000	30 days				
17	Nallah Bund at W.No. 5 NLO Mohd Sadeeq Pyl. Jandrolla Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2 nd call	2.00	200	4000	30 days				
18	Spring at W.No. 6 Moh. Kalsan Nlo Shait Hussain Pyl. Jandrolla Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2 nd call	0.80	200	1600	30 days				
19	Nallah Mund at W.No. 8 Moh. Barwalan NLO Hafeez Pyl. Jandrolla Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2 nd call	1.50	200	3000	30 days				

NOTE: The Contractors registered with DDC, Poonch in reference to GOVT. Order No: 238-F of 2021, Dated 07-09-2021 can participate upto an amount of Rs 3.00 Lacs, in local Panchayat works.

- The already defaulted contractors are not allowed to participate in any tendering work of REW Division Poonch.
- Subletting of allotted work is not allowed and will attract strict legal action, even cancellation of contract with imposition of costs and penalty etc, if any successful bidder is found involved in same at any stage.

NOTE: No PRI member shall be allowed to take part in Tendering process

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	06-11-2023.
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 06-11-2023 to 14-11-2023, 1855 Hrs
3	Bid submission Start Date	06-11-2023 from 1855 Hrs onwards
4	Bid Submission End Date	14-11-2023 up to 1855 Hrs
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online) (in case of holiday, the bid shall be opened on next day)	15-11-2023 on or after 1000 Hrs in the Office of the Executive Engineer REW, Poonch
6	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online) (of only successful technical bidders)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website <https://www.jktenders.gov.in/> to acquaint bid submission process. No:- XEN/REW/P/3574-80

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EDITORIAL

INDIA'S VAST CULTURAL

India is a vast cultural melting pot with its diverse habits and beliefs. Even though people are becoming more contemporary, they still continue to maintain moral principles and celebrate traditional holiday celebrations. That is why the epic texts of Ramayana and Mahabharata are still alive today. India is a religious country, where almost all the residents have deep faith in their respective religions. Religion permeates every corner of Indian culture as well as the soul of common people, resulting in strong and deep connections to Indian society, politics, economy, military, art and literature, among other things.

In every sphere of their lives, Indian people witness vast and irresistible compromises imposed upon them by religion. In short, if there was no religion, life would be meaningless.

At the beginning of Indian independence, the Nehru-led government adopted secularism as a fundamental policy to reduce conflict between different religious sects, to develop the economy, reduce poverty, and stabilize society.

It turns out that the language, literature, art, music, dance and sculpture of India are all influenced by religion in some way or the other, both in form and content. Religious influence can be seen in everything from the development of a country's law to the formation of personal morality as well as the traditional practices and habits of ethnic groups. It is widely accepted that religion is an integral part of Indian culture. In short, if religion does not exist there would be no Indian culture. The concept of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' is one of the most remarkable aspects of Indian culture. It follows the belief that the entire world is one family.

There should not be any kind of animosity or fight between family members. Everyone should be able to live in peace and harmony.

Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam is also called the spirit of Indian culture. Indian culture has always activated itself by absorbing and adopting elements from other cultures.

One of the most remarkable elements of the Indian cultural system is diversity. There are various cultural elements within this system, such as Hellenic culture, Islamic culture, Persian culture, English culture, and Chinese culture. There are many reasons for this diversity, but the most important element is the foreign cultures that invaders brought to India.

For example, Indian Islamic culture was born in 1526 when Babur fought Sultan Ibrahim Lodi, the ruler of Delhi, and formed the Mughal Empire. Babur was Mongolian by birth and a descendant of Timur, the Turkish conqueror of Central Asia.

British colonialists invaded India and established colonial rule for about 200 years, ending the transfer of English culture to India. It was only through peaceful means that Chinese culture spread throughout the subcontinent.

India is a land of rich culture and heritage. From ancient temples and monuments to beautiful art and architecture, there is so much to see and explore in India. The cuisine is also incredibly diverse, with each region having its own unique cuisine.

Indian culture is definitely the most ancient and flexible, but still today's young generation is forgetting their culture and following the western culture spread by the British, which is very worrying.

Of course, don't forget about the vibrant colors that are synonymous with Indian culture.

UPSC updates guidelines on choice of DGPs

By: Dilip Cherian

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has updated its guidelines for the selection of state director-general of police (DGPs). According to these amendments issued last month, only police officers with at least six months left before retirement will be eligible for consideration for the position. Moreover, IPS officers on central deputation will not be assessed for a state DGP's role if the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) informs the state government that they cannot be relieved.

These changes were made to clarify existing unwritten norms and discourage states from appointing DGPs on the brink of retirement or using acting DGPs to bypass the UPSC process and extend their tenure, as some states, including BJP-ruled states, have done. Sources say that states such as Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have all appointed "in-charge" DGPs or DGPs with "full additional charge". For instance, Uttar Pradesh has not had a full-time DGP since 2022.

Notably, former Punjab DGP V.K. Bhawra has gone to court against the appointment of Gaurav Yadav as acting DGP by the Aam Aadmi Party government of Bhagwant Mann. Mr Bhawra's transfer in the middle of his term, despite UPSC rules stipulating a

fixed two-year tenure for a state DGP, prompted this challenge. Earlier this year in June, Punjab passed legislation to independently appoint the state DGP. However, the Punjab Police (Amendment) Bill, 2023, is still pending the Governor's assent to become law.

Interestingly, in 2021, the Centre had proposed to amend the IAS cadre rules to depute IAS, IPS and IFS officers to the Centre without necessarily taking the state government's nod. At the time there were massive protests from the states, and the proposal was shelved. Wonder how the states will take to these new guidelines.

A puzzling U-turn on appraisal system

In a startling reversal, the Modi Sarkar has disavowed its own 360-degree appraisal system for senior civil servants, specifically for those at the level of joint secretary and above. This abrupt change in stance, now asserting that "no such system exists in the Government of India", raises some troubling questions about the Modi Sarkar's accountability and its commitment to a transparent and merit-based selection process.

At the time it was introduced in 2015, the government had gone to great lengths to extol the virtues of the 360-degree appraisal system. It stated that the new system was a comprehensive response to the shortcomings of the

previous process, which fell short of capturing the "essential" qualities of integrity and capability during the evaluation. In fact, the Delhi High Court upheld the new system in 2017, underscoring its legitimacy.

So, why this volte-face? The government's new-found denial of the system is a puzzling and concerning development and will be seen as signifying a lack of consistency and a willingness to change fundamental procedures without clear rationale. Why would the department of personnel and training (DoPT) file such an affidavit before the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) circuit bench?

Sources have informed DKB that this was done in response to a petition filed by Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer Sanjiv Chaturvedi of the Uttarakhand cadre who approached the tribunal claiming that he was not being empanelled as a joint secretary at the Union level. To junk an entire system to snub an individual officer, who even if he has been a bugbear for the government due to his whistleblower image, definitely sounds like overkill!

Railways' shake-up raises eyebrows

The upper echelons of the Railways underwent a transformative rearrangement. Ten senior railway officers from the Indian Railway Management Service (IRMS) have been cleared for appointment

as General Manager.

What's particularly intriguing is the reshuffling of two general managers, who held pivotal positions, into relatively low-key roles. This unexpected development has set tongues wagging within the close-knit railway circles. Rumours suggest that the roots of these decisions may perhaps be traced back to certain significant developments last month.

In a noteworthy departure from the established guidelines, S.K. Jha, previously the general manager of North-east Frontier Railways' Construction division, was laterally appointed as the director general of the Indian Railway Institute of Civil Engineering in Pune, displacing Ram Karan Yadav, who assumed Mr Jha's role. A similar deviation from the norm occurred as C.V. Raman, the general manager of North Eastern Railway, was transferred to the office of the secretary to the divisional personnel officer (railway stores), railway board. This move involved a temporary upgrade of the Level 15 post to Level 16, set to last until September 30, 2025.

Sources who are close to the situation have informed DKB that the decisions might be influenced by feedback from investigative agencies and undisclosed information. These undercurrents have, therefore, cast an enigmatic veil over the possible motives behind these lateral shifts.

Tips for Preparation of CAT for Non-Engineering students



By: Vijay GarG

The Common Admission Test is a highly competitive and prestigious entrance exam in India that opens the door to enrol in renowned management colleges in the country, including the IIMs.

Also, while there is a common belief that the examination is primarily for individuals from engineering backgrounds, students from diverse academic backgrounds can also ace the exam and achieve remarkable results with the right strategies and preparation. Let us delve deeper into the effective tips and approaches that students from non-engineering backgrounds can embrace to enhance their chances of cracking the exam:

1. CULTIVATING THE

RIGHT MINDSET

A significant number of non-engineering students often find the Quantitative Ability section to be very challenging.

However, it's necessary to approach this section with a positive mindset and confidence. Keep in mind that it's possible to achieve the sectional cut-off with only a few correct answers.

Hence, maintaining a positive attitude is crucial for success here.

2. MASTERING FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS

Prior to commencing your preparation for the QA section, it is vital to review fundamental mathematical concepts.

Focus on arithmetic topics like percentages, profit and loss, ratios, and proportions, as well as algebra.

A firm grasp of these elementary principles will provide a solid foundation for tackling more complex problems in the QA section.

3. RECOGNISING AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT

Some students may face challenges with certain topics covered in the QA section. These could include geometry, number systems, or any other topic.

It is, therefore, necessary to identify your weak points early on in your preparation and dedicate additional time to enhance your knowledge of these topics.

With consistent practice and a focused approach, you can overcome these challenges and improve your performance.

4. EFFECTIVE TIME MANAGEMENT

Effective time management is an essential aspect of preparing for the CAT exam, especially in the Quantitative Aptitude section.

In this regard, consistent practice with time-bound exercises can enhance your speed and accuracy. Furthermore, practising with a timer can mimic exam conditions and boost your time management skills.

5. IDENTIFYING AREAS OF STRENGTH

The sections on Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension and Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning can considerably add to your overall percentile.

Hence, students are advised to focus on practising and improving performance in these sections to enhance their overall score.

6. EMBRACING SHORTCUT METHODS

When working on quantitative problems, it's advantageous to learn shortcut methods and tricks.

There are often multiple methods to solve a problem, and students are advised to familiarise themselves with these shortcuts as they can save them the necessary time during the exam.

However, it is essential to note the underlying concepts as shortcuts are meant to optimise your knowledge, not replace it.

7. FOCUSING ON SELECTIVE TOPICS

Lastly, while it is necessary to cover all the topics in the CAT syllabus, it is equally important to allocate more time and effort to areas that hold more weight in the CAT exam.

Students who don't have an engineering background should lay emphasis on topics like arithmetic and algebra as they are likely to be included more often in the question paper.

*(Vijay GarG Retired
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GDC Boys Kathua organises Deepawali Fiesta

Top News Report

KATHUA, Nov 9: In sync with the theme of 'Swachh and Swasth Deepawali' Home Science Department of GDC Kathua organised a Diwali Mela on Thursday in the premises of the department.

Principal GDC Kathua, Prof. Seema Mir was the chief guest on the occasion, who along with other senior members of the college inaugurated the Mela cum exhibition with ribbon cutting ceremony.

Prof. Seema Mir appreciated the efforts of students who presented their creativity in both cooking skills and artistic innovation. She visited each and every stall and motivated students.

She along with other senior faculty members also purchased decorative Diyas and paintings from students to encourage them for more such



innovative entrepreneur activities which in future will help them to hone their aesthetic sense and establish their passion as their profession.

Prof. Raj Kiran Sharma, Department of Physics also appreciated students for their cooking and artistic skills. Prof. Shivani Kotwal, Department of English inspected each food stall in preliminary phase to

ensure hygiene levels adopted by students.

The fiesta provided a platform to students to showcase their creativity and talent. It was an opportunity to help them explore their entrepreneurship skills. A total number of 10 food stalls were organized by 96 students of Home Science (Food and Nutrition) which included variety from dogra cuisine, kashmiri

cuisine, champ, diet Chirwa, Damallu, Besan Laddoo, Samosas, Chaat, Panipuri, Rasmalai, Rasgulla, Mocktails, Jalebi, Aalutikki and many more.

Attention was paid to nutrition levels and hygiene maintenance.

Students also prepared decorative Diyas, Basohli paintings, clay models and interior decorations which were displayed for exhibition cum sale. The students from other disciplines also displayed their talent in the Mela.

Faculty both teaching and non teaching also graced the mela and applauded the efforts of students by purchasing various items of home décor for Deepawali.

The function was organised by Dr. Nitu Sharma, Head, Department of Home Science, Dr. Archana Bhat Sharma, Prof. Neha Mahajan, Dr. Eva Sharma and Dr. Nitasha Baloria.

Greenland Educational Institute organizes blood donation camp



Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 9: The Greenland Educational Institute on Thursday organised a blood donation camp in collaboration with Kashmir Blood donors group at Hawal area of Srinagar.

Chairman Kashmir Blood donors Group and Prominent Social activist, Dr Touseef Ahmed Bhat addressed the students, held active meetings with teachers, alumni and student body and encouraged them to inspire their friends and relatives to

join the blood donation camp.

The chairman of Greenland Foundation, Suhail Jan said we invited the parents of students also to enumerate the benefits of donating blood and requested them to be a part of this blood donation camp.

Valley's known Environmental activist Mr Amjid Rezvi said the staff members of school displayed true humanitarian spirit, a hallmark of humanity and participating in the camp enthusiastically. Even the residents of

localities in the vicinity joined the camp making our total tally of participants to 90.

Renowned Social activist Syed Aijaz Kashani while participating in the camp said it's a great initiative. Blood donation camps can save lives.

It's wonderful to see organizations like the Greenland Foundation collaborating with groups like the Kashmir Blood Donors to make a positive impact on the community.

A regular blood Donor, and blood man of Kashmir Shabir Hussain who has donated 185 blood points till date said the donors found it very happy to contribute in saving someone's life.

The Medical Staff from Jawahar Lal Nehru Hospital Rainawari were present in the prestigious blood donation camp.

Activists like, Ajaz langoo, Kaiser ahmad, and other volunteers from budgam also graced the occasion.

GDCW Kathua hosts three-day craft demonstration cum awareness program

Top News Report

KATHUA, Nov 9: Government Degree College for Women, Kathua, hosted a three-day Craft Demonstration cum Awareness Program (CDAP) from 7th to 9th November 2023.

This significant initiative was organized in collaboration with the Office of the DC Udhampur (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, dedicated to promoting craft and artisan-based activities.

On the first day, the inaugural session of this program began with the lighting of a lamp, and Romika Bassin, the Convener of Career Counselling and Placement and the IIC Cell, delivered the welcome address.

Dr. Savi Behl, the Principal of GDCW, addressed the audience during the inaugural session, emphasizing the importance of preserving and celebrating India's diverse handicraft traditions.

The primary goal of this Craft Demonstration cum Awareness Program (CDAP) was to create awareness and spread knowledge about the rich craft heritage of India. During the three-day Craft Development Awareness Program (CDAP), officials from HSC Udhampur visited and shared their expertise in various fields.

Surinder Pal, Senior Assistant Director of Handicrafts Service Centre Udhampur, Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts); Swati Matura, Assistant Director; and Saubh Sawhney, Chief Technical Officer (CTO), delivered lectures. They shared their experiences and emphasized the role of handicrafts in developing essential skills for the country's growth.

On the second day, artisans specializing in various crafts shared their expertise: Dharam Pal, NMC, specialized in Basholi painting. Sona Rupi, a state awardee, demonstrated Basholi painting techniques. Sardari Lal, MCP, focused on Cane & Bamboo craftsmanship. Shamina shared her expertise in paper machie art. These skilled artisans guided the participants on how to create traditional crafts, including Basholi painting, paper machie, and cane & bamboo art.

The program featured a series of demonstration sessions, workshops, and interactive activities, offering a unique learning experience to the students. On the third day, demonstrators provided a training session and shared further knowledge with the students.

Later, a competition was organized among the students



to display their talent and demonstrate how much they had learned from the three-day workshop. A prize distribution ceremony followed, with the first, second, and third-place winners selected in three categories: Basholi painting, Paper Machie, and Bamboo art.

In the Painting Competition, Pragati Sharma of the 3rd semester was declared the first; Gayatri Devi from the 1st semester secured the second position; Manisha Kumari of the 3rd semester achieved the third place.

In the Bamboo Art category, the winners were: Nikita from the 1st semester claimed the first-place position. Astha Jaggi earned the second place. For the Paper Machie competition, Shivali from 5th Sem was awarded the first place and Tamana secured the third position.

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Dr. Savi Behl, the principal of the college, delivered a concluding speech in which she expressed gratitude to all officials and demonstrators for imparting practical knowledge to the students, which would help them improve their skills.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks given by Dr. Vaishno Devi, from the Department of Dogri. The event was graced by various committee members, including Prof. Pallavi, Anuradha, Dr. Usha Kiran and Dr. Deepti Salotra. Their collective efforts ensured the successful organization of the program, promising an engaging and enlightening experience for all participants.

A total of 60 students participated and attended this awareness and craft demonstration program.

GDC Darhal organizes awareness programme on "Right to Education"

Top News Report

DARHAL, Nov 9: With a view to bring awareness about Right to Education (RTE) Act and to discuss the strategies on raising the awareness, a one-day programme was conducted in the college premises jointly organised by NSS and Department of Arabic, based on the theme "My Constitution My Pride" under the patronship of Prof. Mussaraf Hussain Shah, Principal of the college.

The programme saw the presence of 60 students consisting of teachers and non-teaching staff.

Resource person of the event Dr. Ahsan Ul Rehman Rizvi (H.O.D Arabic) said that Children's has a great significance in the upliftment of the society; it is mandatory to create awareness among people about the importance of the rights of education for the children. Education is the foundation of a child's future well-being. Children's education creates various opportunities to help them live. Education is one of the most powerful tools in lifting excluded children and adults out of poverty and is a stepping stone to other fundamental human rights.

It is the most sustainable investment. The right to quality education is already firmly rooted in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and international legal instruments.

In his address Prof Shah, Principal of the

College exhorted that the right to education is a human right and indispensable for the exercise of other human rights.

Quality education aims to ensure a fully-rounded development of the child. It is one of the most powerful tools in lifting socially excluded children and adults out of poverty and into society.

He further added that Education has been regarded in all societies and throughout human history both as an end

in itself and as a means for the individual and society to grow.

Its recognition as a human right is derived from the indispensability of education to the preservation and enhancement of the inherent dignity of the human person.

The formal vote of thanks was presented by Prof Tahir Mahmood and the faculty members whose presence graced the occasion were Dr. Mukhtar Hussain and Dr. Mehwish Bukhari.

Congress holds workers convention in Dak Banglow Kulgam

Top News Report

KULGAM, Nov 9: Congress Party on Thursday held a mega workers convention in Dak Banglow, here.

The outreach programme was led by Congress president Vikar Rasool Wani, former minister and Executive member Peerzada Mohd Syed, District President Kulgam Amanullah Mantoo, DDC Member Inayatullah Rather, DDC



Banihal Intiyaz Khanday and other party workers present on the

occasion. During the meeting various issues to

strengthen the party and membership were discussed and prevail-

ing circumstances were the center of the meeting.

Meanwhile, Congress party also felicitated newly nominated District President Amanullah Mantoo, and were greeted with bouquets by the senior leaders and gave a rousing welcome to the newly president.

President Viqar Rasool, while felicitating newly nominated district president admired and blessed him.

Chief Agriculture Officer Kathua starts "Seed Village Program" in Hiranagar Sector

Top News Report

KATHUA, Nov 9: Sanjeev Rai Gupta, Chief Agriculture Officer, Kathua started sowing of Wheat Crop under "Seed Village Program" during Rabi 2023-24 in 200 Acres of area in Village Mada and Village Paharpur along zero line of Hiranagar Sector, Kathua.

Chief Agriculture Officer, Kathua Sanjeev Rai Gupta said, "The Department is set to bring a total of 500 hectares of area under Seed Village Program during Rabi 2023-24 and the target will be achieved with in next few days. The department also provides Rs. 500/ quintal extra bonus in addition to Minimum Support Price as buy back incentive to farmers under Seed Village Program. The seed procured as certified seed by the Department is again refined and disbursed among farmers as a buy



back system".

Sanjeev Rai Gupta, CAO Kathua said, "We are encouraging farmers to use mechanized methods for sowing wheat crop by using Super Seeder, a highly mechanized machine which can perform multi-functions such as ploughing, sowing and planking of the field simultaneously, a revolutionary step, thereby saving input cost and time taken in comparison to old traditional methods."

It is pertinent to mention that, total area under Wheat Cultivation in the District is 45894 Hectare. Last year, Agriculture Department Kathua encouraged

farmers to cultivate 14000 hectare of land in line sowing by using Super Seeder.

This year, the department has set target to cultivate, all low lying plain area under wheat, to be sown, using Super Seeder and encouraged the farming community of the District for the same.

During the whirlwind tour, officers and officials accompanied the Chief Agriculture Officer Kathua were Murari Lal, District Agriculture Officer (Ext) Kathua, Sanjiv Chib, AEO Airwan Narayan Singh, JAO and Sanjay Kumar, Agriculture Extension Assistant.

CANCELLATION / PARTIAL CANCELLATION / RESCHEDULING AND REGULATION OF TRAINS

It is notified for the information of rail passengers that Northern Railway will undertake the Power and traffic block for crossing of 132 KV transmission line over railway track at Kms 143/23-25 and 143/26-24 between Nilokheri-Amin stations and shadow block for launching of protection plates at KMs 88/35A-88/37A & 88/38A-36A between Panipat-Babarpur stations involving UP & DN lines both at a time on Delhi-Ambala section. To execute these works there will be blocks of different durations on 10.11.2023. During this period following trains will be effected as under :-

CANCELLATION OF TRAINS		
Train No. & Train Name	Date(s) from Originating Station	
12460/12459 Amritsar-New Delhi-Amritsar Express	10.11.2023	
04449 New Delhi-Kurukshetra EMU	10.11.2023	
04452 Kurukshetra-Delhi Jn. EMU	10.11.2023	

PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF TRAINS			
Train No. & Name	Short Terminate at/ Short Originate from	Partially Cancelled between Stations	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
11841 Khajuraho-Kurukshetra Exp.	at Panipat	Panipat-Kurukshetra	09.11.2023
11842 Kurukshetra-Khajuraho Exp.	from Panipat	Kurukshetra-Panipat	10.11.2023

RESCHEDULING OF TRAINS	
Train No. 22451 Bandra (T)-Amritsar Express will be rescheduled from Bandra (T) at 15.00 hrs. (180 minutes late) on 09.11.2023	
Train No. 12046 Chandigarh-New Delhi Express will be rescheduled from Chandigarh at 14.05 hrs. (120 minutes late) on 10.11.2023	

REGULATION OF TRAINS		
Train No. & Train Name	Regulation period between stations	Date(s) (from originating station)
12925 Mumbai Central-Amritsar Exp.	120 minutes between Adrsh Nagar Delhi-Panipat	09.11.2023
22685 Yesvantpur-Chandigarh Exp.	70 minutes between Adrsh Nagar Delhi-Panipat	08.11.2023
12715 H.S. Nanded-Amritsar Express	20 minutes between Adrsh Nagar Delhi-Panipat	09.11.2023
12926 Amritsar-Bandra (T) Express	80 minutes between Mohri-Kurukshetra	10.11.2023
15708 Amritsar-Kathihar Express	60 minutes between Mohri-Kurukshetra	10.11.2023
22430 Pathankot-Delhi Jn. Express	50 minutes between Mohri-Kurukshetra	10.11.2023
22706 Pathankot-Delhi Jn. Express	40 minutes between Mohri-Kurukshetra	10.11.2023

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Bring on the bling: Bright hues, statement jewels, mixing contemporary with classy, celeb designers list festive-wear for the season

Some glitter, more glamour, the 'Festival of Lights' has to be bright! Now as much about parties to presents, Diwali says that time of the year when fashion takes the front row. As you put together your ensembles for the card game parties and family puja, we enlist the help of celebrated designers to put together a few rocking festive ensembles.

Razzle dazzle

S&N by Shantnu Nikhil offers a fusion of contemporary elegance and traditional style. From daring saree gowns that hug the curves to co-ord sets that evoke a sense of dream-like elegance, they make a case for fusion-wear. "From signature drape-kurtas and saree gowns to jackets, the party outfits are embellished with intricate crystal details for dazzling nights. The silhouettes reflect bright hues, prints and textures, seamlessly blending contemporary elegance and style with celebration," shares the designer duo.

Jewel it up

Elevate your outfit with the right choice of accessories. Studded brooch or statement jewellery can add a touch refinement to your personality this festive season.

Festive bright

"I am seeing a lot of joyous colours, festive brights as well as soft and elegant pastels this season. Lightweight but impactful, festive dresses like shararas, capes and jacket sets as well as classic kurtas are trending. Vibrant florals and tonal embroidery is the flavour of the season," says designer Nachiket Barve. "Follow fashion but create your own style," tips the designer. "Pastels as well as bright work, pick as per your skin tone and mood. Organza, silk and chanderi are all wonderful to ring in the festive season. Invest in natural fabrics," he adds. His new collection Lightness of Being caters to the fes-



tive needs of the season with lightweight yet exquisite options. "I champion Indian craftsmanship and fashion that's sustainable and classic," he avers.

Solid investment

Curate looks from designers who are on the same aesthetic spectrum as yours. Invest in the highest quality to pick clothes that will last you over the years. Colour full

A burst of vibrant colours, embroideries featuring traditional motifs, and ensembles that blend modern and ethnic styles, Sarika from Pinkcity lists out the dos for this season.

"Incorporate rich and festive colours like deep reds, royal blues, and emerald greens. Opt for intricate embroidery, mirrorwork, and traditional prints. Choose fabrics like silk, brocade

and satins for a luxurious feel. Don't forget statement accessories like jhumkas and kadas," says Sarika.

Mix and match

Consider mixing traditional and contemporary elements in your outfits. Experiment with unique drapes or pair traditional clothing with modern footwear.

Elegance and ease

There is marked shift in women's fashion trends, points out designer Ridhi Mehra. "While embellished sarees, flowing Anarkalis and cape tunics remain popular choices, what's truly trending is the embrace of comfortable silhouettes. Women are opting for styles that offer both elegance and ease, reflecting a desire for festive fashion that's as comfortable as it is beautiful. With this in mind, our new collection fits in festive dressing while still remaining comfortable," says Mehra.

Chintz prints adorned with exquisite embellishments offer a fusion of elegance and opulence; light lehenga sets paired with chic jackets look great. As for colours, rich jewel tones and earthy shades like emerald green and rust are in vogue. "Layered chokers make a bold statement, adding a touch of sophistication. For fabrics, look for flowing silhouettes that blend comfort with grace, offering a delightful fusion of style and ease," offers Mehra.

Elevate the look

A simple, well-fitted base outfit can serve as the perfect canvas for bold, eye-catching accessories. Whether it's statement jewellery, a unique bag or striking footwear, these can instantly elevate your look. The festive fever isn't limited to India alone. Many major brands have rolled out their festive collection. Jimmy Choo's Diwali global campaign has Ananya Panday don blingy shoes and bags! Game for it?

Empowering narrative: Sanya Malhotra-starrer Mrs. selected for Critics' Pick Competition at Tallinn Black Nights Film Fest



Actress Sanya Malhotra's upcoming film Mrs. has been selected for the 27th edition of POFF — the Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival. The film also stars Nishant Dahiya and

Kanwaljit Singh in key roles. Additionally, the film has also secured a spot in the esteemed Critics' Pick Competition category at the festival. The festival is currently being held in Estonia's

capital city of Tallinn. Mrs. has been directed by Arati Kadav, who is known for films like Cargo and The Astronaut and His Parrot.

The film presents an empowering narrative taking audiences on Richa's (Sanya Malhotra) journey, as she embarks on a pursuit to discover her identity while navigating the demands of the kitchen and the household.

About the film, Sanya Malhotra said, "I am overjoyed to share the news of Mrs. being selected for the Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival. This film is very close to my heart, as it is a reminder that women have the strength to shatter the chains of patriarchal norms. My character's determination as an aspiring dancer in the face of patriarchal expectations reflects the resilience of women."

She added, "Working with Arati Kadav (the director) was an incredible experience, her vision and direction brought this story to life in a powerful way. I hope this film sparks important conversations and resonates with audiences as we present it on such a prestigious platform."

Presented by Jio Studios in association with Baweja Studios, the films has been produced by Jyoti Deshpande, Pammi Baweja and Harman Baweja.

Kareena Kapoor back in blazing new avatar as Avni Bajirao in 'Singham 3'

Bollywood star Kareena Kapoor is now back with fire as she will be making her return as Avni Bajirao in superstar Ajay Devgn's upcoming 'Singham 3'.

Superstar Akshay Kumar also revealed the poster and wrote: "Avni Bajirao Singham returns...mess at your own risk!"

Revealing the poster of her character, director Rohit Shetty wrote: "Meet the strength behind Singham...Avni Bajirao Singham..."

He added: "We first worked together in 2007...3 blockbuster films till now. 'Golmaal Returns', 'Golmaal 3', 'Singham returns... And now we are working on our fourth project... 'Singham Again'. 16 year long association. Nothing has changed, Bebo is still the same, simple, sweet, and hard-working."

In 'Singham Returns', Kareena played the character who was Bajirao Singham's love interest and in 'Singham 3' she will now be playing his wife as the movie takes place 10 years after the previous film.

A powerful woman in her own right, Kareena's poster sees her in a bright flaming light with shades of dark, as her character is blazing with collected confidence.

Covered in some wounds on her forehead as well as her lips, the '3



idiots' actress is shown having a cold killer like gaze, similar to that of an experienced cop as she is pointing her pistol. Behind her covered in the shadows are what look like police commandos wearing technical gear.

Part of Rohit Shetty's

'Cop Universe', his upcoming 'Singham Again' (or Singham 3) will star Akshay Kumar, Ajay Devgn, Deepika Padukone, Kareena Kapoor, and Ranveer Singh in pivotal roles. The movie will hit theatres on Independence Day.

Akshay Kumar to start shooting for 'Housefull 5' in January 2024

Loved watching 'Housefull' franchise? If yes, then there's an update for you all. As per a source, Akshay is expected to start shooting for the fifth instalment from January 15, 2024 in London. Starring Akshay Kumar and Riteish Deshmukh along with other actors, the film is all set to be released during Diwali in 2024.

In June this year, Akshay announced the fifth instalment of his hit comedy franchise 'Housefull'. Taking to Instagram, Akshay shared a poster of 'Housefull 5'



captioning it, "Get ready for FIVE times the madness!. Bringing to y'all #SajidNadiadwala's

#Housefull5 Directed by @tarun_mansukhani.

See you in cinemas on Diwali 2024! 'Housefull 5' marks the first-ever franchise film in Indian Cinema to have five installments. The first part of 'Housefull' was released in the year 2010 and starred Akshay, Riteish, Lara Dutta, Deepika Padukone, Arjun Rampal and Boman Irani.

The film was declared a hit, followed by another hit sequel 'Housefull 2' which was released in the 2012 and included a stellar cast of Akshay, Ritesh, John

Abraham, Shreyas Talpade, Jacqueline Fernandez, Rishi Kapoor, Randhir Kapoor, Mithun Chakraborty and Asin.

Both parts were helmed by director Sajid Khan. Sajid was replaced in the third instalment of the film by director duo Sajid Samji and Farhad Samji. The film was released in 2016. Director Farhad Samji helmed the fourth part of the franchise which was a reincarnation comedy film.

The fifth part will be helmed by Tarun Mansukhani. Sajid Nadiadwala is producing it.

Oops moment: Pankaj Tripathi ends up having memory slip while interacting with fans on Instagram

Actor Pankaj Tripathi recently did a live chat on his Instagram about making a big announcement. However, in an unexpected twist, the actor ended up having a bit of a memory slip, completely forgetting why he went live on his social media in the first place.

Talking to his fans, the Mirzapur actor said, "Hello everyone, I thank you all, and I don't remember why I came live today. It is a frequent habit of mine, those who know me can testify on my behalf (laughs)."

Commenting on a fan's compliment who said he's from Chandigarh, Pankaj said, "Thank you very much, I have been

to your city before and it is exquisitely beautiful and feels really good in the winters. But now I have forgotten my purpose for coming live, I frequently forget."

Laughing at his own forgetfulness, the actor said, "I mean it really is something, you come live and then you forget why. Well never mind it, (laughs) I am extremely sorry for this."

"Whenever I remember why I will immediately either come live or just post it on social media. Until then please keep giving me all your love. Once I remember I think I'll immediately post that I indeed have remembered what I was going to say. Thank you



everyone."

This new twist ended up leaving fans wondering if the actor was okay. Some even questioned his slip, calling it a deliberate tease. Whatever be the truth, the excitement from the interaction has built up a lot of anticipation regarding his mysterious revelation, before he suddenly dissipated into a cloud of confusion.

Fresh off the success of his films Oh My God 2 and Fukrey 3, Pankaj Tripathi will next be seen portraying the role of Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in his upcoming film Main Atal Hoon. He will also be seen in the films Metro In Dino and Stree 2.

My govt made 4 crore pucca houses for the poor but I haven't made one for myself: PM Modi

Referring to the construction of the Ram temple at Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh, Modi said, "Wherever I go nowadays, there is talk of Lord Ram's temple being built in Ayodhya."

SATNA, Nov 9 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said every vote of the electorate in Madhya Pradesh has the power of "Trishakti", to help the BJP form government again in MP, strengthen the PM at the Centre and keep the "corrupt" Congress away from power in the state.

Addressing a rally in Satna ahead of the November 17 assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh, Modi said his government has made four crore pucca houses for the poor, but he has "not made even one house for himself."

"Your one vote is going to help the BJP form government in MP again. Your vote will strengthen Modi in Delhi and it will also keep the corrupt Congress a hundred miles away from power in MP. That means one vote, three wonders. It is like Trishakti," Modi said.

The PM said after his government came to power in the country, it removed from records



10 crore fake beneficiaries created by the Congress who were taking benefits of government schemes.

Modi said that is why Congress leaders were abusing him these days, as his government's move hit them hard. The government has thus saved Rs 2.75 lakh crore for the people, he said.

Referring to the construction of the Ram temple at Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh, Modi said, "Wherever I go nowadays, there is talk of Lord Ram's temple being built in Ayodhya. There is a wave of happiness all over the

country."

The prime minister also said, "If we have got a new Parliament building constructed, we have also built 30,000 panchayat buildings. I am happy that due to the double-engine government of the BJP, Madhya Pradesh is one of the states where lakhs of houses were built for the poor."

In Satna, the poor people have got 1.32 lakh houses, he added. Modi said he has resolved to extend the free ration scheme for the poor, which started during the COVID-19 crisis, for the next five years after December.

He further said two leaders were involved in "tearing clothes" of each other, an apparent reference to MP Congress chief Kamal Nath and Rajya Sabha member Digvijaya Singh over Nath's recent "tear clothes" jibe.

Both the leaders are telling their supporters to "tear clothes" off each other, the PM said.

"They are fighting to see whose son will take over the MP Congress after getting defeated on December 3 (vote counting day). They are upsetting Madhya Pradesh in a bid to set their sons," he said.

Praising a musical group from Satna that played a bhajan before his address, Modi said, "It is the strength and power of tunes of music which is coming out from the barrel of a gun."

When the world is in the midst of crises, the sounds of bombs and guns are being heard all around, and countries like India are trying to create an impact of their idea in the world today, he said.

Yogi Adityanath chairs key cabinet meeting in Ayodhya



AYODHYA, Nov 9 (Agencies): The Uttar Pradesh cabinet meeting began here on Thursday.

It is expected that several important proposals related to the city's development would be approved, officials said.

Ahead of the meeting, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath along with his cabinet ministers offered prayers at Hanuman Garhi and the Ram Temple.

The meeting is being held at the Ramkatha Mandap (auditorium) located on the banks of the Saryu river.

Several important proposals related to the development of Ayodhya are likely to be approved at the cabinet meeting, the officials said.

Have nothing to hide, cooperated with ED in its probe into school jobs scam: TMC's Abhishek Banerjee

KOLKATA, Nov 9 (Agencies): TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee, after coming out of the ED office here, on Thursday said he has nothing to hide and is always ready to cooperate with the central agency in its probe into the alleged school jobs scam in West Bengal.

Banerjee appeared before ED officers around 11.10 AM and came out of the central agency's office just after noon.

The TMC MP said



he submitted around a 6,000-page reply to the agency and all the documents demanded by it.

"I have always cooperated with the probe. I have nothing to hide.

I will appear before the ED if I am summoned again. I have submitted my detailed reply with all necessary documents," he told reporters outside the ED office.

Delhi's air quality severe; slight relief likely ahead of Diwali

NEW DELHI, Nov 9 (Agencies): The air quality in Delhi was recorded in the 'severe' category on Thursday morning, with a marginal improvement expected just ahead of Diwali as meteorological conditions are likely to become slightly favourable.

The city's Air Quality Index (AQI) stood at 420 at 8 am on Thursday, compared to 426 at 4 pm on Wednesday. The AQI map prepared

by the Central Pollution Control Board showed clusters of red dots (indicating hazardous air quality) spread across the Indo-Gangetic plains.

Neighbouring Ghaziabad (369), Gurugram (396), Noida (394), Greater Noida (450), and Faridabad (413) also reported very bad air quality.

According to officials at the India Meteorological Department, a change in wind direction from



northwest to southeast due to a fresh western disturbance affecting northwest India will help reduce the contribution

of smoke from stubble burning, but slow wind speed will counteract this.

However, once the

western disturbance passes, the wind speed will increase from around 5-6 kmph, at present, to around 15 kmph on November 11, which will help disperse pollutants ahead of Diwali, the official said.

In view of the worsening air pollution, the Delhi government on Wednesday rescheduled the December winter break of all schools, which will now be from November 9 to November 18.

Mobile internet ban lifted in four Manipur district HQs unaffected by violence: Officials

IMPHAL, Nov 9 (Agencies): The Manipur government has lifted the mobile internet ban in four hill district headquarters which have not been affected by ethnic strife, officials said on Thursday.

The internet ban was withdrawn on a trial basis in the district headquarters of Ukhrul, Senapati, Chandel and Tamenglong, which are Naga-majority areas, they said.

The move comes after the Manipur High Court had directed the state government to operationalise mobile towers, on a trial basis, in all those district headquarters that have not been affected by the ethnic clashes.

The mobile internet services



in the four hill district headquarters resumed on Tuesday, the officials said.

Asked about the resumption of mobile internet services, an official of the Ukhrul district administration said, "Only in district headquarters, a few selected mobile towers have been operationalised. But the connectivity is poor. The restoration will be

done on a trial basis."

At a recent function in Ukhrul, state Transport Minister Kashim Vashum had said the services would resume in the four districts.

Barring a few days in September, mobile internet has remained banned in Manipur since May 3 when ethnic clashes broke out. Manipur has

remained gripped by recurring bouts of violence since ethnic clashes first erupted in May.

More than 180 people have been killed since then.

The clashes have occurred over several grievances that both sides have against the other, however, the flashpoint of the crisis has been a move to give Meiteis Scheduled Tribe status, which has since been rolled back and an attempt to turf out tribals living in protected forest areas.

Meiteis account for about 53 per cent of Manipur's population and live mostly in the Imphal Valley, while tribals, which include Nagas and Kukis, constitute 40 per cent and reside mainly in the hill districts.

Senior UP BJP leader Ashutosh Tandon dies at 63

He was suffering from illness for long

LUCKNOW, Nov 9 (Agencies): Former Uttar Pradesh minister and the BJP's sitting MLA from Lucknow (East) Ashutosh Tandon died of heart failure at a private hospital here on Thursday.

He was 63.

"Honorable MLA and former minister of Uttar Pradesh Ashutosh Tandon passed away today at 12.07 pm due to heart failure," Dr Rakesh Kapoor, medical director, Medanta Hospital-Lucknow, said in a statement.

He was suffering from illness for long and was being treated at the hospital, Kapoor said.



In a post on X in Hindi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, the sitting MP from Lucknow, said, "I am deeply saddened by the demise of former UP Minister and Lucknow East MLA Ashutosh Tandon 'Gopal ji'."

His political life was dedicated to the service of the people of

Lucknow and he also played an important role in strengthening the party, he said.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, in a post on X in Hindi, said, "The demise of Ashutosh Tandon 'Gopal ji' is extremely sad. He will always be remembered as a popular and hard-working politician."

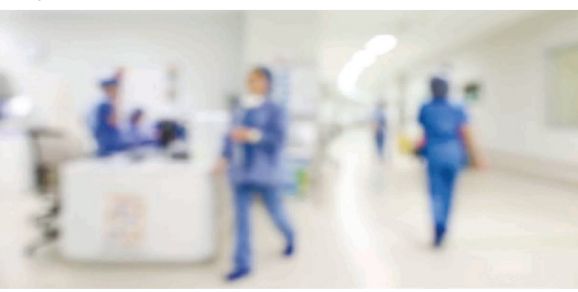
Man in UP's Ballia urinates on female patient inside hospital

BALLIA (UP), Nov 9 (Agencies): A man has been arrested for allegedly urinating on a female patient inside a ward of the district women hospital here, police said on Thursday.

"We have arrested one Vikas Singh of Shahpur village for urinating on a woman inside the district hospital. An FIR regarding the incident has also been registered at Kotwali police station," Circle Officer Vaibhav Pandey said.

According to the complaint of the victim, a resident of Sukhpura village, the incident happened Tuesday night. A man, who was later identified as Vikas Singh, entered the ward she was admitted in and urinated on her as she lay on bed.

The woman alleged that Singh hurled abuses at her when she opposed him. Singh was arrested Wednesday, police said.



2 Dead, 29 Injured After Deadly Bus Fire On Gurugram Jaipur Highway

NEW DELHI, Nov 9 (Agencies): A deadly fire erupted on a moving double-decker sleeper bus along the Delhi-Gurugram Expressway Wednesday night, leaving two passengers dead and 29 others with severe injuries, police said today. The blaze, which broke out at 8:30 pm, plunged the bus into a blazing inferno, leaving those on board scrambling for survival.

Those injured were admitted to Gurugram's Civil Hospital in Sector 10.

"All injured have suffered 30 to 50 per cent burns but are stable," a doctor at the hospital



said. The incident took place on the main expressway connecting Delhi and Jaipur, near the Jharsa flyover.

"Three fire engines were rushed to the spot after we received information that a sleeper bus with registration

number AR 01 K 7707 had caught fire on the carriageway," Fire Department Deputy Director Gulshan Kalra told news agency.

Horrifying visuals from the incident showed the bus engulfed in flames, with plumes of smoke rising into the night sky.

US carries out new airstrikes at 'Iran-linked weapons site' in Syria

45 US troops have suffered traumatic brain injuries or minor wounds

WASHINGTON, Nov 9 (Agencies): The United States, for the second time in recent weeks, carried out strikes against a weapon storage facility in eastern Syria that the Pentagon said was used by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and affiliated groups.

As tensions soar over the Israel-Hamas conflict, US and coalition troops have been attacked at least 40 times in Iraq and Syria by Iran-backed forces since the start of October.

Forty-five US troops have suffered traumatic brain injuries or minor wounds.

In a statement, US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin said the strikes were conducted by two US F-15 fighters and were in



response to the recent attacks against US forces. Austin said the attacks against US troops must stop.

"If attacks by Iran's proxies against US forces continue, we will not hesitate to take further necessary measures to protect our people," Austin added.

A senior US military official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the military had watched the location in Deir al Zor province for some time and was confident there were no civilian casualties.

The official said the military had tracked a "couple" of people

near the facility overnight, though they were not believed to be civilians and an analysis was ongoing to see if anyone was killed.

The United States has occasionally carried out retaliatory strikes against Iranian-backed forces in the region after they attack American forces.

On October 26, US forces attacked two facilities used by the IRGC and groups its backs.

The United States has 900 troops in Syria, and 2,500 more in neighbouring Iraq, on a mission to advise and assist local forces trying to prevent a resurgence of Islamic State, which in 2014 seized large swathes of both countries but was later defeated.

Joe Biden team says election night wins show path to 2024 victory

WASHINGTON, Nov 9 (Agencies): A sense of vindication swept through the White House and Biden campaign after Democrats' strong showing in off-year elections, despite a slew of recent polls showing US President Joe Biden's popularity is low.

"Pollsters, pundits, if I had \$1, for every time they've counted Joe Biden or the Democrats out, I probably wouldn't have to work anymore," Sam Cornale, executive director of the Democratic National Committee, told Reuters. Democrats "won time and again, and we will next November," he predicted.

Biden faced questions this week, including from some in his own Democratic Party, about the wisdom of his 2024 re-election bid after a series of weak polls. Some segments of the diverse Democratic coalition have lost faith in Biden, frustrated by his Israel stance, the lack of movement on climate change, or high prices.

A Sunday New York Times/Siena College

poll showed Biden behind Republican front-runner Donald Trump in five of six battleground states. Reuters/Ipsos polls show Biden's popularity has fallen to 39%, its lowest level since April.

Tuesday's victory by Democratic incumbent Governor Andy Beshear in Kentucky over a well-regarded Republican opponent, the passage in Republican-voting Ohio of a constitutional amendment guaranteeing abortion rights and Democratic wins in the battleground state of Pennsylvania showed the overall strength of the positions of Biden's party.

The Ohio result shows abortion rights remain a winning political issue for Democrats after the conservative majority on the US Supreme Court ended the constitutional right to an abortion, overriding public opinion.

Whether victories for Democrats this week are a definitive sign of strength for Biden's re-election is unclear.

Voters who turned up on Tuesday in state and local elections and

those who will vote in the presidential election in November 2024 could be vastly different, exit polls suggest. In Ohio, for example, exit polls from NBC showed voters skewed Democratic on Tuesday, although Trump won the state by 8 percentage points in 2020.

Republican political strategist Mary Anna Mancuso said polls today offer little indication of what will happen in 2024 but that Tuesday's results may spell trouble for her party.

"There's a margin of voters, specifically suburban women, who are defecting from the Republican Party," she said. "They are protecting their bodies over their tax cuts." Vice President Kamala Harris made a sudden appearance on the White House driveway on Wednesday to highlight the abortion issue and offer a fresh glimpse of Democrats' coalescing 2024 message - their party, not the Republican party, will protect Americans' personal rights.

"Last night, I think the American people made clear that they are pre-



pared to stand for freedom and for the individual freedoms and the promise of freedom in America, and by extension, it was good night for democracy," said Harris.

The election results showed that "the government should not be telling a woman what to do with her body," Harris said.

Biden, who turns 81 this month, currently faces no serious primary challengers and has raised tens of millions of dollars for his re-election campaign. His fundraising has surpassed that of Trump, 77, the current Republican frontrunner, who backed the losing Kentucky governor candidate.

"At every turn, MAGA Republicans have embraced Donald Trump's agenda to restrict our freedoms,

and voters aren't going to have it," Cornale said.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre, who earlier this week noted that polls predicting a "red wave" for the Republicans in the 2020 midterms were misleading, said the latest election results bolstered Biden's re-election argument that his policies matter most.

"We don't put much stock in polls," she said. Harris, who appeared in the White House driveway so abruptly that she interrupted Jean-Pierre's scheduled press conference, closed with an optimistic prediction about next November.

"It was a good night and the president and I obviously have a lot of work to do to earn our re-election," she said. "But I'm confident we're going to win."

India remains a strategic partner, free to decide its stance on any particular crisis: White House



WASHINGTON, Nov 9 (Agencies): India, which remains a strategic partner for the US, is free to decide on its stance on any particular crisis or contingency around the world, including in the Middle East, the White House has said.

The remarks by John Kirby, Coordinator for Strategic Communications at the National Security Council in the White House, came in response to a question if the US sees any role for India in resolving the Middle East crisis given that New Delhi has good relations with both Israel and Pales-

tine.

Hamas gunmen launched an unprecedented assault on Israel from the Gaza Strip on 7 October, killing more than 1,400 people and taking more than 200 hostages.

Israel has been carrying out strikes on Gaza since then in response and has now also launched a ground offensive. More than 10,500 people have been killed in Gaza, according to the Hamas-run health ministry.

"India is a key strategic partner, and I think you saw that on full display when Prime Minister

(Narendra) Modi was here," Kirby told reporters at a news conference on Wednesday, referring to the Indian Prime Minister's state visit to the US in June.

"But we'll leave it to the Indian government and to the prime minister to decide what their stance is going to be on any particular crisis or contingency around the world, to include the Middle East," Kirby said.

India had described Hamas's multi-pronged attack on Israeli cities on October 7 as terror strikes but at the same time called for strict observance of the international humanitarian law following concerns over civilian casualties in Gaza in view of Israel's counter-offensive.

"They (India) remain a key strategic partner. And we're dedicated to advancing that partnership every single day," Kirby said.

Woman sues ex-Grammys CEO for sexual assault, accuses Recording Academy of negligence

NEW YORK, Nov 9 (Agencies): A woman filed a lawsuit against former Grammy Awards CEO Neil Portnow, accusing him of a 2018 sexual assault, and against the Recording Academy for negligence.

The woman, who was not named, filed the lawsuit in state Supreme Court in Manhattan under the Adult Survivors Act.

The measure, passed last year, created a temporary window for those who allege sexual assault to file past the state's usual deadlines.

In the lawsuit, the woman, described as an internationally known musician who once played at Carnegie Hall, said she met Portnow in early 2018 and had set up a meeting to interview him at his hotel in New York City later that year.

She said he gave her something to drink at the meeting that made her intermittently lose consciousness and that he then proceeded to assault her.

A spokesperson for Portnow, who stepped down as the CEO in 2019, said in an email that the accusations were "completely false" and "undoubtedly motivated by Mr. Portnow's refusal to comply with the Plaintiff's outrageous demands for money and assistance in obtaining a residence visa for her."



the lawsuit that she had reached out to the Academy in late 2018 about Portnow. In a statement, the Academy said, "We continue to believe the claims to be without merit and intend to vigorously defend the Academy in this lawsuit."

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"US Can't Get Tough With China Because...": Vivek Ramaswamy

WASHINGTON, Nov 9 (Agencies): The US cannot "get tough" with China because it depends on it for a modern way of life, Indian-American Republican presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy has said, asserting that Washington needs to declare economic independence from Beijing.

The 38-year-old multimillionaire biotech entrepreneur made the comment on Wednesday during the Republican Party's third presidential debate in Miami, Florida.

Indian-American presidential candidate Nikki Haley, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, and South Carolina Senator Tim Scott participated in the debate. Former US president Donald Trump, who is leading the race, did not participate in the debate again.

"Here's why we can't get tough with China. It's because we depend on them for our modern way of life. And we have to declare economic independence from our enemy," Mr Ramaswamy said.

"That's the Declaration of Independence that Thomas Jefferson, at the age of 33, would have signed. And today, if he were alive, that's the Declaration of Independence that I will sign as the next president," Mr Ramaswamy said in response to a question.

Underlining that the actual defence industrial base of the US depends on China for the supply chain, he said, "For the F-35 jets,

for the ships that we're building. Think about this. Why are we stockpiling that if it isn't to actually be strong against our enemy, China? We depend on them for that. Just like we depend on them for pharmaceuticals. Just like we depend on them for semiconductors."

"We need politicians who are independent of the forces that increase our dependence on China. My message to Xi Jinping is this, you are done buying land in this country. You will not donate to universities in this country. US businesses won't expand into the Chinese market until you play by the same set of rules," Mr Ramaswamy said.

He added that the US needs to increase its naval capacity by at least 20 per cent over the next several years.

"I think we have to, at minimum, be able to meet our AUKUS agreement standards. Right now, we are at risk of not even being able to meet our AUKUS standards with Australia and the UK. So, what we need to do is have a plan that reverses the trajectory of the divest to invest programme by 20 per cent over the next three years," he said.

The AUKUS pact is a trilateral alliance between the UK, the US and Australia, seen as a counter to an aggressive China in the strategic Indo-Pacific region.

During the debate, Mr Ramaswamy alleged that fellow Indian-American Republican presidential



candidate Haley called China a great friend of America while serving as the US Ambassador to the UN. "When she was UN Ambassador, called them literally her words, not my, 'Our great friend'. You can't be fair-weather fans of the right policy. Get to the root cause. Even US companies in Silicon Valley are regularly doing it," he said.

Haley denied the allegations. "When he talks about me praising China, he doesn't know the fact that the reason China was praised was because I negotiated with China and Russia the largest set of sanctions against North Korea in a generation," she said.

"That is literally the reason North Korea stopped testing ballistic missiles. So, I said China did good on their part. That was a negotiation you could never -- had fought against China my entire career at the United Nations," she added.

"You've brought them to South

Carolina. ... Look at the actual hard facts. You brought them to this country," Mr Ramaswamy alleged.

"By making sure no one could get any agency heads in the UN. I did it by making sure that we called them out on human rights. I did it by making sure that we held them accountable for everything that they did. That's the reason we got out of the Human Rights Council. That's the reason we called them out," Ms Haley said in defence.

The two Indian Americans clashed on the debate stage multiple times. It started when Ramaswamy called Haley, former US vice president Dick Cheney in three-inch heels. The former South Carolina governor was the only woman on the debate stage.

"You have the likes of Nikki Haley, who stepped down from her time at the UN, bankrupt or in debt is -- was her family. Then, she becomes a military contractor. She joins the

board of Boeing and otherwise. And is now a multi-millionaire. So I think that that's wrong when Republicans do it or Democrats do it. That's the choice we face," he alleged.

"Do you want a leader from a different generation who's going to put this country first, or do you want Dick Cheney in three-inch heels?" Mr Ramaswamy said.

Haley blasted Mr Ramaswamy when her turn came soon thereafter.

"Yes. I'd first like to say they're five-inch heels, and I don't wear them unless you can run in them. The second thing that I will say is: that I wear heels. They're not for a fashion statement. They're for ammunition," Ms Haley said amidst cheers from the audience.

She also blasted Mr Ramaswamy, asking him not to bring her daughters into the debate.

Mr Ramaswamy mentioned her daughter during the portion of the debate that discussed the ban on TikTok.

"I want to laugh at why Nikki Haley didn't answer your question, which is about looking at families in the eye. In the last debate, she made fun of me for actually joining TikTok, while her own daughter was actually using the app for a long time. So, you might want to take care of your family first before preaching to anybody else," he said.

"Leave my daughter out of your voice," a furious Ms Haley

responded. "Adult daughter," Ramaswamy said as he was booed. "And that's actually the point. You have her supporters propping her up. That's fine. Here is the truth," he said.

Talking about the multiple bills signed in August by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis prohibiting Chinese citizens from purchasing land in the state, Mr Ramaswamy said, "Bring in the CCP to South Carolina. What he left out though, Ron, and to be honest about it, there was a lobbying-based exemption in that bill that allowed Chinese nationals to buy land within a 20-mile radius of a military base lobbied for by one of your donors. So, I think we have to call a spade a spade." Ramaswamy also asserted that his administration would ban any US company from transferring data to the Chinese.

"Here is a story most people don't know. Airbnb hands over US user data to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). Now, that's a US-owned company. So, this is the problem when you have Republicans that temporarily go the way the winds blow, and now it's popular to talk tough on China," he said.

Speaking about TikTok, he said, "Cut the virtue signalling. The fact of the matter is Democrats are on TikTok today. The only person, one of the few people who is putting up content the way the actual algorithms work, speaking for pro-Israel views or others, is me."

Raina begins 3-day tour of Udhampur for "Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyaan"

Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Nov 9: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir led by its President Ravinder Raina held various programmes under the "Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyaan" in Jammu & Kashmir.

J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina today began his 3-days tour in Udhampur area where he addressed general masses in 4 programmes today itself. He addressed first programme in Kambal Danga Panchayat, Jib Rehambal Mandal, second programme in Malad Panchayat of Tikri Mandal, third programme in Gandala Panchayat of Krimchi Mandal and 4th programme in Narso Panchayat of Udhampur.

BJP Udhampur District President Arun Gupta, former Minister Pawan Gupta, former MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia, former MLA & party Spokesperson Adv. Ranbir Singh Pathania, DDC Chairman Lal Chand Bhagat, Seh-Prabhari Sheel Mangotra, DDC Poorav, DDC Ashu, DDC Balwan Singh BDC Chairper-



son Jeevan, Vipan, Mandal President Subhash, Mandal President Shashi Pradhan, Sarpanches, Panches besides the general masses participated in these programmes.

"BJP is organizing massive 'Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyaan' programmes on daily basis in every Panchayat to have direct interaction with people and apprise them of the major achievements of Modi government in the last 9.5 years and also seek feedback of common masses at the same time", said Ravinder Raina.

Raina said that the BJP leaders in these programmes are reporting that the people are

praising the Modi government for splendid development works and numerous public welfare schemes.

Raina mentioned that DDC, BDC and other elected representatives are also attending the meetings, who are themselves taking serious note of the public issues and doing whatever is needed to fulfil the aspirations of people at the earliest.

Raina enumerated the benefits of Ayushman Gold Health Cards, benefits to the farmers under Kissan Samman Nidhi, homes to the needy under PM Awas Yojana, scholarships for higher studies, Ladli Beti Yojana, Pension Yojana, Jal

Jeevan Mission etc. He said that the PM Modi is serving the nation selflessly and asked the people to support BJP in strengthening the hands of PM Modi in upcoming elections to continue with the fast paced development works and the welfare of the needy people.

Terming the Modi government as "Gareebon Ki Sarkar", Raina said that people are chanting the mantra of "Fir Ek Baar, Modi Sarkar". Today, Raina said, that BJP is conducting massive rallies in the remotest areas where no other political party is able to hold such events.

Similar programmes were held in booth no1, Panchayat Dreri and booth no 2 in Panchayat Dabrote in Mandal Manajkote, Thannamandi Assembly Constituency in District Rajouri.

Another programme was held in booth 32 & booth 41 in ward 5, in Municipal Council Rajouri. A programme of booth 106, 107 & 108 in Panchayat Sawani of Mandal Doongi in Rajouri Constituency was also held in this connection.

Nitish Kumar should seek apology and resign: Sanjita Dogra



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 9: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Mahila Morcha, Jammu & Kashmir held a massive protest demonstration against the derogatory remarks on women by the Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

Led by J&K Mahila Morcha President Sanjita Dogra, the Morcha office Bearers and activists had assembled at Kachi Chawni Chowk to express their anger

and resentment against Nitish Kumar. They were holding placards with slogans condemning the vulgar and insulting utterances against the women. They were also raising slogans "Nitish Kumar Sharam Karo, Sharam Karo (Shame on you Nitish Kumar)" and "Nitish Kumar Istifa Do".

Sanjita Dogra while speaking on this occasion said that whatever Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has said is insult of the entire

female community and need to be condemned in the strongest words. She said that the CM should immediately seek unconditional apology and step down to maintain the dignity of the chair.

Sanjita Dogra said that Nitish Kumar is a seasoned politician and prominent social figure and his remarks have lowered his stature and brought widespread shame on him. She said that the Mahila Morcha in entire J&K UT is holding protest on the issue and will not sit quite till Nitish Kumar do not resign as Chief Minister.

Anita Gandotra, Bipna Manhas, Reema Padha, Reeta Kotwal, Meenakshi Jamwal, Neeru Anand and others were amongst the prominent women leaders present on the occasion.

DFSS holds protest against Pakistan for ceasefire violations



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 9: The workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS) under the leadership of president Ashok Gupta held a massive protest and burned the Pakistan flag against the martyrdom of our BSF Jawan in Ramgarh.

The party workers raised slogans against Pakistan and demanded sting action against the terror nation.

This is the third ceasefire violation along the IB in Jammu since October 17 this year. Four BSF jawans and two civilians were injured in these violations earlier.

India and Pakistan renewed their pledge

to abide by the 2003 ceasefire pact in February 2021. The agreement was holding by and large in the last two years.

The party president stated that when Pakistan was begging money from IMF than Pakistan made a ceasefire agreement with India in 2021 and now when they have received the funds from IMF they have again started with the there nefarious activities.

War is now the only option to teach Pakistan a lesson. Holding talks with Pakistan is futile as it has never listened to the language of peace. Our jawans are

being mutilated. How long are we going to tolerate this? Time has come to teach Pakistan a lesson. Modi government must declare war against Pakistan. The entire nation will back him.

All ties should be decimated with Pakistan. No cricket matches shall be played with Pakistan. He stated that they are killing our soldiers and we are playing cricket with them how is this even possible.

The party people present during the protest were Abhishek, Prem, Ashish, Vikky, Bantu, Rampal, Ganesh, Aman, Charan, Akul and Ravneet.

Chander Mohan listens to public grievances at BJP headquarter

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 9: Chander Mohan Gupta, J&K BJP Vice-President & former Mayor, JMC, accompanied by party secretary Vikas Choudhary and Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan Incharge Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal, listened to the grievances of people during weekly public darbar at party headquarter, Jammu.

Chander Mohan Gupta, while interacting with the people, said that the party has initiated several measures



to provide an easy access to the public to share their issues, which, otherwise they are not able to communicate effectively at the appropriate platform. He said that they have made a sincere effort to give solution to the maximum issues presented and have communicated telephonically and in written to the concerned departmental officials for the other issues.

Deputations and individuals from Bhaderwah, Bhalwal, Janipur, New Plot, Sunderbani,

Raipur Nardani, Bhalwal Karwanda, Talab Tillo, Shakti Nagar, Raipur Khairi, Kishtwar, Akhnour, RS Pura, Samba Sangali Mandi and other places presented issues related to transformers, electric poles, improvement/ upgradation of water supply, road connectivity, black topping, repair of link road, new sewerage system, lane & drain repair, street light repair and new installation, repair of public toilet, gate entrance issue of Sarwal Hospi-

tal, hand pump repair & new installation etc.

Vikas Choudhary said that the public Darbar has further given boost the party's motto to provide masses with one easier platform where they can share their genuine issues to get their solutions.

Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal said that BJP leaders are always standing with the public, committed to resolve their issues. He laid importance on these grievances camps in meeting out this goal.

Shaurya of DPS Jammu becomes youngest official in 26th J&K UT Taekwondo Championship

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 9: Shaurya Sharma (VIII-D), a student of Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu brought laurels to the school and their parents by clinching 1st position and gold medal in 26th J&K UT ITF Taekwondo Championship-2023 organized by All J&K Taekwondo Association held from 27-28 October, 2023 at Jammu.

He has also becomes the



youngest official in the said championship.

The other students who also

won medals include Anirudh Sharma (IV-A) – 1st position and gold medal; and Dhruv

Sharma (IX-B) – 3rd position and bronze medal

The Management DPS Jammu, President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC-Dr. Ritu Singh, Director- S.S Sodhi along with Principal-DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chabra and faculty congratulated the winners and their proud parents for the achievements.

They also extended their best wishes to them for all their future endeavours.

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We are marching ahead with the aim of progress, prosperity and quality life for all: Sinha

The administration has ensured more rights and resources for poor, marginalised and vulnerable, the Lt Governor said.

At the Pensioners Sammelan, the Lt Governor shared various Social Welfare initiatives of the government. He said under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, these initiatives have removed the developmental imbalances in Jammu Kashmir.

The Lt Governor observed that the administration has taken all decisions without fear and favour in the interest of the poor and the deprived. Saturation of several schemes highlights impressive manifestation of proper execution of programmes, he added.

The Lt Governor called for collective efforts from public representatives, officials and civil society members to connect all eligible beneficiaries with social security schemes and bring meaningful change in their lives.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor handed over scooters, sanction letters and other benefits to the beneficiaries.

The beneficiaries also shared their experiences and expressed gratitude to the administration for the seamless extension of benefits under various social welfare schemes.

Bharat Bhushan, Chairman, District

Development Council Jammu; Rajinder Sharma, Mayor, Jammu Municipal Corporation; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Anand Jain, IGP Jammu; Sachin Kumar Vaishya, Deputy Commissioner Jammu, senior officers and beneficiaries were present.

BSF Jawan Martyred in unprovoked firing by Pakistani Rangers along IB in Jammu

firing and reported to the centre for treatment around 1 am.

Mohan Singh Bhatti of Jerda village said that the firing started around 12.20 am and later escalated into shelling. "A fear psychosis is prevailing along the IB due to firing and shelling," he said. On October 28, Pakistan Rangers indulged in heavy firing and shelling for around seven hours, resulting in injuries to two BSF jawans and a woman.

On October 17, two BSF personnel had been injured in unprovoked firing by the rangers in the Arnia sector. It is the sixth overall violation since the two sides signed a ceasefire agreement on February 25, 2021.

Centre clears appointment of 3 High Court Chief Justices as

Supreme Court Judges

Supreme Court Bar Association, while confirming the development to ANI, thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for accepting the recommendation of the Collegium of the Supreme Court for the appointment of three judges in 48 hours.

Delhi High Court Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma, Rajasthan High Court Chief Justice Augustine George Masih and Gauhati High Court Chief Justice Sandeep Mehta were recommended for elevation to the Centre for Supreme Court judges.

The Collegium, comprising Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai, and Surya Kant, said the Supreme Court has a huge backlog of cases and in view of the ever-mounting pendency of cases, the workload of judges has increased considerably.

The Supreme Court of India has a sanctioned strength of 34 judges and is presently functioning with 31 judges.

"The Supreme Court has a huge backlog of cases. In view of the ever-mounting pendency of cases, the workload of judges has increased considerably. Bearing in mind the above, it has become necessary to ensure that the Court has full working judge strength, leaving no vacancy at any point in time. Bearing in mind the above, the Collegium has decided to fill up all the three existing vacancies by recommending names," the recommendation stated.

It stated that the Collegium deliberated on and discussed the names of Chief

Justices and senior puisne judges of the High Courts eligible for appointment to the Supreme Court.

"Judgements authored by those falling in the zone of consideration for elevation to the Supreme Court were circulated among the members of the Collegium well in advance for a meaningful discussion on and assessment of their judicial acumen. The Centre for Research and Planning of the Supreme Court has prepared a compilation of relevant background material to assist the Collegium," it added.

559 inducted in BSF at passing out parade held in Kashmir

Jawans. He wished the Recruits with a bright future in their life and professional service ahead.

The Chief Guest awarded medals to Recruits who performed exceptionally well in various indoor & outdoor training activities. The parade was commanded by Const P. Narendra.

The spokesman said over the course of 44 weeks of training, the recruits gradually gained proficiency in handling different types of weapons, firing skills, law, drill and border management.

"Apart from this, due to the hard work of the trainers of the STC BSF, Kashmir their physical efficiency also increased manifolds, as a result of which they are prepared physically, mentally and professionally to serve the nation during peace

& as well as in war. Besides above, the recruits were imparted training in field engineering, field craft, tactics, anti-terrorism, counter-insurgency operations, law & order and human rights etc," he said.

After the passing out parade, brass band show, South Indian ancient martial arts (kalaripayattu) and the BSF song by the recruits won the hearts of the spectators which electrified the atmosphere.

Mughal Road Closed Due To Fresh snowfall

Jammu-Srinagar Highway, was closed on two occasions due to snowfall, particularly in 'Pir KiGali' and its adjoining areas.

Police foils timber smuggling bid, arrests smuggler in Ganderbal

said that a Snap Naka was laid at Chinner by Police Party led by SHO PS Kangan under the supervision of SDPO Kangan. During checking one load carrier bearing Regd. No. JK16B-5996 was asked to stop, but the driver tried to flee from the spot. The Police Party acting swiftly caught hold of the accused alongwith the vehicle. During search, the illicit timber laden in the aforementioned load carrier was seized & the driver of the vehicle who disclosed his identity as; Kaiser Ahmad Magray S/O Fayaz Ahmad Magray R/O Satrina Kangan was arrested on the spot. "In this regard Case FIR No.126/2023, under relevant sections of law stands registered at PS Kangan and further investigation taken up", he said.

Sensex, Nifty trade lower as FMCG stocks slip; M&M jumps over 2%

The S&P BSE Sensex was down 41.44 points at 64,874.50 at around 9:50 am, while the NSE Nifty 50 fell 33.90 points to 19,409.60.

NEW DELHI, Nov 9 (Agencies): Benchmark stock market indices opened marginally lower on Thursday as FMCG shares slipped in early trade.

The S&P BSE Sensex was down 41.44 points at 64,874.50 at around 9:50 am, while the NSE Nifty 50 fell 33.90 points to 19,409.60. Broader market indices were mixed in early trade as volatility rose slightly, signalling uncertainty. Among sectoral indices, Nifty Bank, Nifty IT, Nifty Financial Services fell along with Nifty FMCG, which was the top loser. However, auto stocks gained nearly 0.8 per cent and provided support to the benchmark indices.

The top five gainers on the Nifty 50 were M&M, Hero MotoCorp, Apollo Hospitals, BPCL and IndusInd Bank. On the other hand, the top drags in early trade were Tata Consumer Products, Tech Mahindra, ONGC, Hindalco and Reliance.

Aditya Gaggar, Director of Progressive Shares, said, "Indian equities continued to advance but with a weak/rangebound



movement, a strong bullish candle above the hurdle of 19,500 will boost the conviction in the momentum. The immediate resistance stands at 19,500 while the downside is protected at 19,315."

He highlighted that crude oil has given a breakdown from the "Head and Shoulder formation" which indicates further downside, adding that a correction in crude oil is beneficial for the Indian economy as a whole and for the specific industries as well (OMC's, Paints, Tyres, and so on). The stocks from the mentioned industries will remain in focus, Gaggar added.

"Another overhang was a rising bond yield but from the past couple of days, a correction was witnessed in it also and that gives room for the equities to advance

further. Sector-wise, we are bullish on the Pharma space as it's on the verge of giving a major consolidation breakout in the form of a bullish flag and pole pattern, post the breakout, one can expect out-performance from the sector," he noted.

He went on to say that railway stocks (Iron, IRFC, Railtel, and RVNL) are also giving an early sign of another round of rally.

Meanwhile, Deven Mehata, research analyst at Choice Broking, said: "A decrease in FII sales has been observed, which will support an increase in market prices. The markets may rise towards the next resistance, which are the 19,750-19,800 zones. Around the 19,300 support level, traders should maintain long positions with a trailing stop loss."

Go First lenders to challenge move that allow lessors to reclaim planes: Report

NEW DELHI, Nov 9 (Agencies): Lenders of grounded low-cost airline Go First are planning to legally challenge a move that could allow lessors to reclaim aircraft, reported news agency. Quoting sources with direct knowledge of the matter, the report suggested that Go First lenders are planning to challenge the Directorate General of Civil Aviation's (DGCA) interpretation that would retrospectively apply changes to bankruptcy law, allowing lessors to reclaim planes.

The government had last month modified its bankruptcy laws to exclude leased aircraft from assets subject to freezing during bankruptcy proceedings. This change has sparked a dispute between Go First's lessors, who are eager to recover their planes, and the airline's lenders, who fear the value of the airline will deteriorate if the planes are released. It may be noted that Go First owes its lenders over Rs 6,500 crore.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has stated that the law changes will apply retrospectively, providing relief to the lessors. However, Go First's lenders argue that the changes should only apply prospectively, as the

airline was already under bankruptcy protection when the law was amended.

Lenders are concerned that releasing the planes could diminish interest from potential bidders for the airline and put their own recovery of funds at risk.

"Without the planes, the value of the airline will deteriorate. The amended law seems to have deterred bidders already," a banker at a state-run bank with exposure to Go First told agency.

The Delhi High Court is scheduled to hear the ongoing dispute between lessors and Go First next Friday. Lenders' plea, if allowed by the court, would be a setback for lessors and mean that more than 50 Airbus planes of Go First would continue to be grounded in India.

In a previous court hearing, Dubai Aerospace Enterprise Capital and ACG Aircraft Leasing alleged that some of their plane parts had gone missing and that some jets were corroding.

Go First's bankruptcy filing lists Central Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, IDBI Bank, and Deutsche Bank among its lenders.

Meanwhile, the airline received an expression of interest from Jindal Power last month. The last day to submit bids for the airline is November 21.

RBI chief warns about India's 'recurring' food shock problem

India has experienced periodic surges in the prices of essential food items such as tomatoes, onions, milk, cereals, and pulses throughout the year.

NEW DELHI, Nov 9 (Agencies): Despite recent declines in retail inflation, India remains susceptible to "recurring and overlapping" food price shocks, cautioned Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das.

Addressing a gathering in Japan, Governor Das said the need for monetary policy to remain vigilant and actively disinflationary to gradually align inflation with the target while supporting economic growth.

"In these circumstances, monetary policy remains watchful and actively disinflationary to progressively align inflation to the target, while supporting growth," Governor Das said in a speech delivered in Japan.

India has experienced periodic surges in the prices of essential food items such as tomatoes, onions, milk, cereals, and pulses. While retail inflation eased to a three-month low of



5.02 per cent in September, sharp price spikes in certain food items remain common.

Earlier this year, tomato prices skyrocketed, exceeding Rs 300 per kg in some regions. Similarly, onion prices soared 70-100 per cent in most areas just a month ago, despite the government's efforts to sell buffer stocks at subsidized rates.

Persistently high prices of cereals and pulses further

worsen India's food shock woes, disproportionately affecting poorer households.

Given the already upward trend in inflation due to rising global crude oil prices, sudden price spikes of essential food items pose a significant risk of further inflationary pressures in the coming months.

Nevertheless, the central bank projects an average inflation rate of 5.4 per cent for the

current year, notably lower than last year's 6.7 per cent. This projection, however, hinges on the government's effectiveness in addressing production shortages of essential food items.

While buffer stock sales have helped bring down tomato and onion prices, the same cannot be said for cereals and pulses.

Governor Das underscored the central bank's heightened vigilance and readiness to take measures necessary to align inflation with its medium-term target.

Despite inflationary challenges, India's economy remains relatively strong compared to the global scenario, the RBI chief indicated.

He pointed to India's on-track growth and "eminently manageable" current account deficit. Additionally, he highlighted the healthy balance sheets of banks and corporates.

To help 2024 voters, Meta says it will begin labeling political ads that use AI-generated imagery

WASHINGTON, Nov 9 (Agencies): Facebook and Instagram will require political ads running on their platforms to disclose if they were created using artificial intelligence, their parent company announced.

Under the new policy by Meta, labels acknowledging the use of AI will appear on users' screens when they click on ads. The rule takes effect sometime in the new year and will be applied worldwide. A specific date has not been set.

Microsoft unveiled its own election-year initiatives on Tuesday, including a tool that will allow campaigns to insert a digital watermark into their ads. These watermarks are intended to help voters understand who created the ads, while also ensuring the ads can't be digitally altered by others without leaving evidence.

The development of new AI programs has made it easier than ever to quickly generate lifelike audio, images and video. In the wrong hands, the technology could be used to create fake videos of a candidate or frightening images of election fraud or polling place violence.

When strapped to the powerful algorithms of social media, these fakes could mislead

and confuse voters on a scale never seen.

Meta Platforms Inc. and other tech companies have been criticized for not doing more to address this risk. Wednesday's announcement by Meta — which came on the same day House lawmakers held a hearing on deepfakes — isn't likely to assuage those concerns.

While officials in Europe are working on comprehensive regulations for the use of AI, time is running out for lawmakers in the United States to pass regulations ahead of the 2024 election.

Earlier this year, the Federal Election Commission began a process to potentially regulate AI-generated deepfakes in political ads before the 2024 election. President Joe Biden's administration last week issued an executive order intended to encourage responsible development of AI. Among other provisions, it will require AI developers to provide safety data and other information about their programs to the government.

Democratic U.S. Rep. Yvette Clarke of New York is the sponsor of legislation that would require candidates to label any ad created with AI that runs on

any platform, as well as a bill that would require watermarks on synthetic images, and make it a crime to create unlabeled deepfakes inciting violence or depicting sexual activity. Clarke said the actions by Meta and Microsoft are a good start, but not sufficient.

"We stand at the precipice of a new era of disinformation warfare aided by the use of new A.I. tools," she said in an emailed statement. "Congress must establish safeguards to not only protect our democracy but also curb the tide of deceptive AI-generated content that can potentially deceive the American people."

The U.S. isn't the only nation voting a high-profile vote next year: National elections are also scheduled in countries including Mexico, South Africa, Ukraine, Taiwan, India and Pakistan.

AI-generated political ads have already made an appearance in the U.S. In April, the Republican National Committee released an entirely AI-generated ad meant to show the future of the United States if Biden, a Democrat, is reelected. It employed fake but realistic photos showing boarded-up storefronts, armored military patrols in the streets, and waves

of immigrants creating panic. The ad was labeled to inform viewers that AI was used.

In June, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis' presidential campaign shared an attack ad against his GOP primary opponent Donald Trump that used AI-generated images of the former president hugging infectious disease expert Dr. Anthony Fauci.

"It's gotten to be a very difficult job for the casual observer to figure out: What do I believe here?" said Vince Lynch, an AI developer and CEO of the AI company IV.AI. Lynch said some combination of federal regulation and voluntary policies by tech companies is needed to protect the public. "The companies need to take responsibility," Lynch said.

Meta's new policy will cover any advertisement for a social issue, election or political candidate that includes a realistic image of a person or event that has been altered using AI. More modest use of the technology — to resize or sharpen an image, for instance, would be allowed with no disclosure.

Besides labels informing a viewer when an ad contains AI-generated imagery, information about the ad's use of AI will be included in Face-

book's online ad library. Meta, which is based in Menlo Park, California, says content that violates the rule will be removed.

Google unveiled a similar AI labeling policy for political ads in September. Under that rule, political ads that play on YouTube or other Google platforms will have to disclose the use of AI-altered voices or imagery.

Along with its new policies, Microsoft released a report noting that nations such as Russia, Iran and China will try to harness the power of AI to interfere with elections in the U.S. and elsewhere and warning that the U.S. and other nations need to prepare.

Groups working for Russia are already at work, concluded the report from the Redmond, Washington-based tech giant.

"Since at least July 2023, Russia-affiliated actors have utilized innovative methods to engage audiences in Russia and the west with inauthentic, but increasingly sophisticated, multimedia content," the report's authors wrote. "As the election cycle progresses, we expect these actors' tradecraft will improve while the underlying technology becomes more capable."

New Covid variant JN.1 could be more infectious

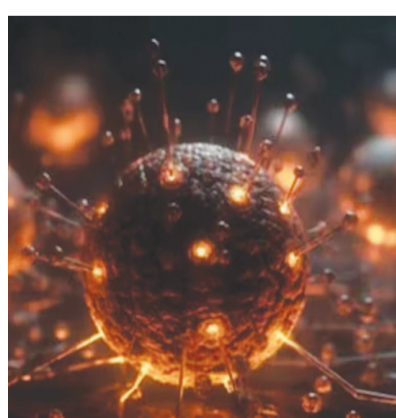
NEW DELHI, Nov 9 (Agencies): A US health agency has unveiled a new Covid variant called the JN.1. Scientists are worried that JN.1 could be more infectious and even resist vaccine immunity.

The JN.1 strain was recently detected in the United States in September and has now been discovered in 11 other countries, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

What is the JN.1 strain?

The JN.1 strain is a descendant of the BA.2.86 Covid variant, also known as Pirola, which came from Omicron. As per the CDC, the BA.2.86 has a total of 20 mutations on the spike protein, which is a concern because viruses use spike proteins to latch onto the cells of the host.

The health agency explained that there is only a single change between JN.1 and BA.2.86 in the spike protein. "Because of this, the spike protein is also part of a



virus that vaccines target, meaning vaccines should work against JN.1 and BA.2.86 similarly. For example, initial scientific data show that the updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccines help our immune systems block BA.2.86. We expect JN.1 will be similar," wrote the CDC in the last week of October.

The agency added that while new variants like BA.2.86 and JN.1 are attracting attention, right now, 99 per cent of SARS-CoV-2 variants are part of the XBB group of the

Omicron variant. And JN.1 makes up less than 0.1% of the SARS-CoV-2 variant.

"Neither JN.1 nor BA.2.86 is common in the United States right now. In fact, JN.1 has been detected so rarely that it makes up fewer than 0.1 per cent of SARS-CoV-2 viruses," CDC wrote on its site.

The agency stated that treatment and testing by the SARS-CoV-2 Interagency Group (a group of scientific experts representing many government agencies) will remain effective against both BA.2.86 and JN.1.

As long as we have Covid-19, we'll have new variants. "Nearly all represent relatively small changes compared with previous variants," wrote CDC, adding, "Regardless of the variant, all SARS-CoV-2 viruses spread the same way. So it's important to protect yourself and others by staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccines, improving ventilation and staying home when you're sick."

Record 7.5 million people globally diagnosed with TB in 2022: WHO

NEW DELHI, Nov 9 (Agencies): 7.5 million people were diagnosed with tuberculosis (TB) in 2022, the highest recorded since World Health Organization (WHO) began global TB monitoring in 1995, according to a report featuring data from 192 countries and areas.

The WHO 2023 Global Tuberculosis Report also shows that globally, an estimated 10.6 million people fell ill with TB in 2022 from 10.3 million in 2021.

The report underscores a significant worldwide recovery in the scale-up of TB diagnosis and treatment services in 2022. It shows an encouraging trend to reverse the detrimental effects of COVID-19 on TB services.

The increase in diagnosis is attributed to good recovery in access to and provision of health services in many countries, WHO said.

India, Indonesia and the Philip-

ines, which together accounted for over 60 per cent of the global reductions in the number of people newly diagnosed with TB in 2020 and 2021, all recovered to beyond 2019 levels in 2022, it said.

"For millennia, our ancestors suffered and died with TB, without knowing what it was, what caused it, or how to stop it," said Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General in a statement.

"Today, we have knowledge and tools they could only have dreamed of. We have political commitment, and we have an opportunity that no generation in the history of humanity has had, the opportunity to write the final chapter in the story of TB," Ghebreyesus said.

Geographically, in 2022, most people who developed TB were in the WHO Regions of South-East Asia (46 per cent), Africa (23 per cent), and the Western Pacific (18 per cent), with smaller proportions in the Eastern Mediterranean (8.1

per cent), the Americas (3.1 per cent), and Europe (2.2 per cent).

The total number of TB-related deaths (including those among people with HIV) was 1.3 million in 2022, down from 14 million in 2021, according to the report.

However, during the 2020-2022 period, COVID-19 disruptions resulted in nearly half a million more deaths from TB. It continues to be the leading killer among people with HIV, it said.

The report noted that multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB) remains a public health crisis. While an estimated 4,10,000 (4.1 lakh) people developed multidrug-resistant or rifampicin-resistant TB (MDR/RR-TB) in 2022, only about two in five people accessed treatment.

There is some progress in the development of new TB diagnostics, drugs and vaccines. However, this is constrained by the overall level of investment in these areas, according to WHO.

Final batch of tickets for World Cup knock-outs to go on sale on Thursday night

The first semifinal will be played in Mumbai on November 15 and second in Kolkata on November 16

NEW DELHI, Nov 9 (Agencies): A final set of tickets for the World Cup knockout games including the semifinal and final will go on sale on Thursday night.

The first semifinal will be played in Mumbai on November 15 and second in Kolkata on November 16. The final will be held in Ahmedabad on November 19.

"The tickets for the three marquee games – first semi-final (November 15), second semi-final (November 16) and the all-important final on November 19



will go live at 8 pm on November 9 on the official ticketing website 'tickets.cricketworldcup.com'.

"This will be the last chance for cricket fans wanting to experience the magic and thrill of the World Cup and to witness in person the crowning of a new champion," the BCCI said in a release.

India, South Africa and Australia have qualified for the semi-finals. The battle for the fourth spot is between New Zealand, Pakistan and Afghanistan who all have four wins from eight games.

Big Ben turns back clock

PUNE, Nov 9 (Agencies): England snapped their five-match losing streak at the World Cup, as a century by Ben Stokes set the tone for a 160-run victory over Netherlands that kept his team's Champions Trophy qualification hopes alive.

Netherlands got off to a sluggish start chasing 340 as England reduced them to 104/5 midway through the innings before they eventually folded for 179 in 37.2 overs.

Wesley Barresi (37), Sybrand Engelbrecht (33), skipper Scott Edwards (38) and Teja Nidamanuru (41 not

out) all got starts but the Dutch were unable to keep the momentum going in the face of some superb spin bowling.

Adil Rashid claimed 3/54 while spin partner Moeen Ali bagged 3/42 with seamer David Willey claiming 2/19.

The win lifted England off the bottom to seventh in the 10-team standings with four points, above Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and the Dutch on net run rate. All teams now have a game remaining.

Stokes earlier hit an 84-ball 108 for his first World Cup ton while Dawid Malan (87) and Chris Woakes (51

smashed half-centuries as beleaguered England's batting clicked into gear again to get them to 339/9 in 50 overs at Pune's MCA Stadium.

"I'm more pleased for us to get a victory, to be honest," said Stokes, who was named the Player of the match. "Tough World Cup and it's nice to get back on winning terms today. It was (a typical Pune pitch). It was a nice wicket to bat on. The only thing was just on back of a length a bit of tennis-ball bounce. I tried to take it deep as I possibly could and cash in at the end."

Kiwis look to take off against Sri Lanka

BENGALURU, Nov 9 (Agencies): New Zealand's bowling unit has been underwhelming at the World Cup, and skipper Kane Williamson today hoped returning pacer Lockie Ferguson could impart some fire to their attack alongside new ball pair Trent Boult and Tim Southee.

Ferguson had missed the last couple of games with right Achilles injury. His presence could be vital for New Zealand as they face Sri Lanka in a must-win match here today.

"He (Ferguson) balances out our attack nicely and made some really valuable contributions in the tournament and brings a bit of experience as well. So naturally comes in and bowls with that high pace and it complements our new ball bowlers. We'll have to have a look at the surface and decide on our balance," Williamson said today.

Williamson backed left-arm pacer Boult to come good in the crunch game against the Lankans.

Boult has taken 10 wickets from eight matches but has not been able to make an impact with the new ball as he often does.

"He's world class. The second half (of the tournament) or a few of these games that we've had, the pitches have been very good and players have been playing well. It can be quite dependent on the assistance you might get as well with the new ball. He's very experienced and done that on a number of occasions," he added.



Williamson praised batter Rachin Ravindra for his consistent efforts in the showpiece. "He is clearly an amazing talent and just entered the side and walk into a World Cup and not just any World Cup but here in India and do what he's done is amazing, he said."

A forecast for rain has added an unknown element to New Zealand's final World Cup group stage match against Sri Lanka, captain Kane Williamson said.

New Zealand occupy the last semi-final slot available but only by virtue of having a better net run-rate than Pakistan and Afghanistan, with all three teams tied on eight points after eight games. "We'll still have to very much see what the pitch is like.

There's been a lot of weather around and it could look different tomorrow," said Williamson. "There's lots of things that we can't control and the weather is one of those."

Team Director Seeks 'Divine Help' To Save Pakistan's Cricket World Cup 2023 Semifinals Dream

NEW DELHI, Nov 9 (Agencies): The race for the semi-finals have intensified. Three teams - Pakistan, New Zealand, Afghanistan - are on eight points from as many matches. With only one spot left in the top-four, the three side's last game will be crucial. Not even a win may be enough if the other team is ahead on run-rate. Pakistan team director Mickey Arthur sought "divine help" on Monday as the 1992 champions braced for one last push to squeeze into the World Cup semi-finals before piling on the praise for "game-changing" opener Fakhar Zaman.

Pakistan have recorded back-to-back wins over Bangladesh and New Zealand to reignite their campaign with Zaman returning from a knee injury to hit 81 and then a blistering 81-ball 126 not out against the Kiwis. With eight points from as many games, Pakistan not only need



to beat England in their last game in Kolkata on Saturday but also hope New Zealand lose to Sri Lanka in Bengaluru two days earlier or that the match is washed out.

Afghanistan can also edge out Pakistan depending on result in the last match.

"Who knows how we are going to go in this competition," said Arthur, who is in his second stint in charge of Pakistan after a spell between 2016-2019.

"I have a real feeling we're going to get to the semi-finals but let's see what happens. What we do know is that it will in our hands come Satur-

day. "Sometimes in campaigns like this it takes something to just ignite it and Fakhar certainly ignited that for us.

"We know when he plays well he is exceptional. I have always been a massive backer of Fakhar because I think he can change games."

Chasing a daunting 402-run target to beat New Zealand -- revised to 342 in 41 overs after rain -- Zaman lifted his team to 200-1 before the match was halted with Pakistan 21 runs ahead of DLS system.

Zaman hit 11 sixes and eight boundaries in his 11th ODI hundred, his first in two World Cups.

"Obviously, Fakhar coming into the side breathed a new lease of life into us. It was tough not having him at the start. His form coming into the competition was a little bit patchy."

Zaman scored just 65 runs in four Asia Cup matches and 12 against the Netherlands in the

World Cup before he was benched.

He then had a recurrence of a knee injury that forced him to withdraw mid-way through last year's Twenty20 World Cup in Australia.

"He (Zaman) changes games whenever he bats, the longer he bats the more dominant we become," said Arthur.

"So, it is really important for us that we keep Fakhar in this type of form and it's really important that he takes this form and aggression and precision with his batting into the game against England."

Arthur said his team need to bring their best game against England, despite the defending champions' having lost six of their seven matches.

"Let's hope we are saving ourselves for a batting, bowling and fielding performance against England and then what will be, will be."

Who Will India Face In World Cup Semi-finals: All Three Scenarios Explained

New Zealand, Pakistan and Afghanistan are on eight points each and are separated only by Net Run-Rate.

NEW DELHI, Nov 9 (Agencies): Following Australia's sensational victory on Tuesday night that sealed their last-four clash against South Africa, it will largely be a three-way battle among New Zealand, Pakistan and Afghanistan to identify hot-favourite India's semifinal rival. New Zealand, Pakistan and Afghanistan are on eight points each and are separated only by Net Run-Rate. The Kiwis, who face the struggling Sri Lanka in their last group match at Bengaluru on Thursday boast the highest NRR of 0.398 among the three teams.

The last edition's runners-up need to win by a handsome margin and hope that Pakistan (0.036) and Afghanistan (-0.038) do not win.

The Black Caps' late struggle -- they have lost four matches in a row with poor bowling -- and a rain forecast for their match in Bengaluru has added some more spice to the intriguing scenarios.

India-Pakistan semifinal at Eden?

An India-Pakistan semi-final clash on Thursday at Eden Gardens is still possible. For this to happen, Pakistan will have to play out of their skin against England here on Saturday.

The Babar Azam-led side, which is slowly getting its rhythm back, need to win big and will have the advantage of playing after New Zealand and Afghanistan's game.

Afghanistan, the tournament's most improved team had Australia on the mat before snatching defeat from an advantageous position, take on title-contenders South Africa in Ahmedabad on Friday.

So when Pakistan take on England at Kolkata on Saturday they will have the advantage of knowing the exact run-rate equation. For Afghanistan to qualify as the fourth team, they have to win against power-packed South Africa by a huge margin to eclipse the NRR of New Zealand and Pakistan.

But if New Zealand

and Pakistan lose against Sri Lanka and England respectively, then just win against South Africa will do it for Afghanistan.

Minnows Netherlands, who produced two stunning results defeating South Africa and Bangladesh in this tournament, also have have an outside chance in terms of mathematical probability.

They are on four points and, with two matches in hand, can go to eight points.

The Dutch take on England in Pune later in the day before clashing with table-toppers India in their concluding group league match in Bengaluru on November 12.

For them to make the cut, Dutch have to produce two more massive upsets so that they can improve their negative net run-rate (-1.504), which seems too unrealistic and also hope that New Zealand, Pakistan and Afghanistan lose their respective matches by significant margins.

World Cup 2023: Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj focus on batting in India nets ahead of semi-final clash

BENGALURU, Nov 9 (Agencies): India pacers Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj focused on their batting ahead of India's semifinal fixture in World Cup 2023, reported Star Sports from Bengaluru on Thursday, 9 November. India have not had a good record in the knockout fixtures of ICC tournament since their win in 2011 and for the most part, it has been India's batting that has failed them. In recent times, India were knocked out of the Super 12 stage in the 2021 edition of the tournament due to their poor top-order display. In the 2022 T20 World Cup, India were blown away by England in the semi-final of the tournament after another meek display from the openers.

The India team, however, has been dominant throughout the tournament with the bat with captain Rohit Sharma taking the onus on himself and putting in some blazing starts. But it looks like the Indian team management

wants to keep all bases covered and if push comes to shove, they are preparing the tail for putting up a resilient display.

The Indian team has been dominant throughout the World Cup 2023. Rohit Sharma's side have won 8 straight games in the tournament and would look to cap off group stage undefeated.

India will face the Netherlands in their final group stage games on November 12, at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru.

Star Sports further revealed that India captain Rohit Sharma skipped the training on Wednesday, but spent a long time talking to India batters Shreyas Iyer and Shubman Gill. Recently crowned as the world No. 1 in the ODI format, Shubman Gill batted four times in the nets, focusing on playing aggressive shots against fast throw-downs.

Shubman took on the short balls and focused on hitting every ball for a four or a six.

Women's Premier League 2024 Auction Likely To Be Held On December 9 In Mumbai



MUMBAI, Nov 9 (Agencies): The players' auction for the 2024 edition of the Women's Premier League (WPL) will be held in Mumbai on December 9, reported ESPNcricinfo. Also, an additional purse of Rs 1.5 crore will be made available to all the five teams besides the balance they are all left with from the last auction as well as after the recent player releases. 30 slots, including nine overseas, will be filled at the auction. Recently, teams had released their retention lists and overall 60 players were retained. Out of these 60 players, 21 were overseas stars. 29 players were released from their squads.

In the inaugural season of WPL, each team was given Rs 12 crore to build their squads. Only two teams, the cham-

pions Mumbai Indians and UP Warriorz were able to make full use of this money. Coming to the other three teams, Gujarat Giants had Rs 5 lakhs, Delhi Capitals had Rs 35 lakhs and Royal Challengers Bangalore had Rs 10 lakhs (approx. US \$12,015) left as balance.

Giants, who attained a bottom-place finish in the inaugural season, have the highest purse of Rs 5.95 crore, as they had released half their squad. They have ten slots, including three overseas to be filled. Warriorz, who finished mid-table and qualified for playoffs, have Rs 4 crore as their purse, which they can use to fill up five slots, including an overseas player.

Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB), a star-studded unit consisting of Smriti Man-

dhana, Sophie Devine and Ellyse Perry, which failed to make an impact last year, has Rs 3.35 crore in their purse to fill up seven slots, including three overseas players. Delhi, the runners-up, have a purse of Rs 2.25 crore to fill three slots, including one overseas.

Mumbai has the smallest purse left, with Rs 2.1 crore. They have five slots to fill, including one overseas.

The inaugural WPL held earlier this year was a huge success as many top cricketers from across the world participated in the 22-match affair, played at three venues in Mumbai. There has been no communication from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) about dates for the next season and whether it will be played in a home-away format or not.

During last year's auction, there were seven players who attracted bids as high as Rs 2 crore and three crossed the three-crore mark, namely Smriti Mandhana (Rs 3.4 crore for RCB), Ashleigh Gardner (Rs 3.2 crore for Gujarat Giants) and Nat Sciver-Brunt (Rs 3.2 crore for MI).

CUJ empowers students through community outreach initiatives



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 9: The Department of Educational Studies, Central University of Jammu on Thursday organised a community outreach program for the students pursuing Master of Education (M.Ed.) program in the third semester, at Jammu Institute of General Education and Rehabilitation (JIGER). JIGER is a notable Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) with a specific focus on offering free education, grooming, encouragement, and empowerment to disabled and underprivileged children from all sections of society. The program took place at JIGER NGO in Gangyal, which was led

by Nari Shakti Awardee Sandhya Dhar.

These community outreach programmes are being organised by the University with the vision and support of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, CUJ. He encouraged the departments to arrange such field visits so that students can get real experience from the ground.

The event commenced with an introduction and briefing by Dr. Kiran- Assistant Professor setting the stage for the students' visit. Students had the opportunity to interact with Sandhya Dhar and the dedicated staff of JIGER, as well as engage with the beneficiaries, comprising marginalized and disabled children

and women.

Dhar provided a comprehensive overview of JIGER's mission, emphasizing their commitment to the welfare and education of these underprivileged groups. She also shared inspiring success stories from JIGER's initiatives, shedding light on the organization's impactful work. The students actively participated by asking questions and seeking clarification on various aspects, which Dhar graciously addressed.

Prof. Asit Mantry, Head of the Education Department said that to visit various educational institutions is an integral part of the teacher education programmes such as four-year Integrated B.A.B.Ed. and M.Ed. being run by the Central University of Jammu.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks extended by Ms. Monika, Research Scholar. This community outreach initiative provided valuable insights into JIGER's commendable efforts and motivated the students to consider how they can contribute to the cause and strengthen JIGER's outreach in the community.

Vilakshan condemns action driven by political vendetta against Ch. Lal Singh

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 9: Vilakshan Singh President, J&K National Panthers party strongly condemned politically motivated action against Ch. Lal Singh Ex-Minister and founder of Dogra Swabhiman Sangthan.

Singh said that as per media reports action is being taken against Ch. Lal Singh for some acts alleged to have been done in the year 2011.

Singh said that Ch. Lal Singh had been a cabinet minister in the PDP-BJP government formed in 2014.

If some wrong had been committed by him in the year 2011, then why BJP inducted him as minister in 2014, Singh questioned.

Singh said that the timing of action taken by the enforcement directorate against Ch. Lal Singh also raises question marks on the genuineness of action taken against him.

Singh said that parli-

amentary elections are due in April next year and in order to curb the pro Dogra voices, BJP is misusing various institutions and is targeting Dogra leaders. Singh said that Ch. Lal Singh had become an eyesore for NC and PDP after he raised demand for CBI inquiry in the Rasana incident.

Vilakshan said that BJP in order to please NC and PDP seems to have got Ch. Lal Singh inducted in a false and frivolous case in order to keep its false hope of forming a coalition government with NC or PDP alive.

Singh said that actions driven by political vendetta undermine the democratic principles.

Singh said that all the Dogra leaders need to come upon one platform and fight against the anti Dogra policies of BJP tooth and nail so that further deterioration of the Dogra community can be stopped.

Nowshera Forest Division addresses Human-Wildlife Conflict in Sunderbani Forest Range Workshop

Top News Report

NOWSHERA, Nov 9: The Nowshera Forest Division on Thursday hosted a one-day workshop to tackle the pressing issue of human-wildlife conflict here at Sunderbani Forest Range.

The event brought together key stakeholders, including Vinod Baniyal, Additional Deputy Commissioner Sunderbani, Rajesh Jasrotia, SHO Sunderbani, Dheeraj Naib Tehsildar Thanda Pani, and Dr. Rakesh Verma, Range Officer Sunderbani, alongside members of the wildlife department, PRIs and other villagers.

This collaborative effort aimed to equip attendees with the knowledge and strategies necessary to effectively address and manage human-wildlife conflicts in the region.

The workshop featured insightful discussions, practical demonstrations, and the sharing of best practices.

Vinod Baniyal, Additional Deputy Commissioner Sunderbani, expressed his commitment to mitigating human-wildlife conflict and protecting both the local community and the region's diverse wildlife. He emphasized the importance of coexistence and sustainable solutions.

Rajesh Jasrotia, SHO Sunderbani, highlighted the role of law enforcement in safeguarding communities from wildlife-related risks and ensuring the peaceful cohabitation of humans and animals.

Dheeraj Naib Tehsildar Thanda Pani underscored the importance of close cooperation between different administrative bodies to develop effective conflict resolution mechanisms.

Dr. Rakesh Verma, Range Officer Sunderbani, emphasized the significance of understanding the behavior and needs of local wildlife species and shared

insights on implementing preventive measures to minimize conflicts.

The workshop served as a platform for open dialogue and knowledge sharing. Attendees had the opportunity to learn from each other's experiences and the expertise of the wildlife department. The event aimed to create a community committed to resolving human-wildlife conflicts in a humane and sustainable manner.

Satinder Mourya Divisional Forest Officer Nowshera appreciated the active participation of all stakeholders and looks forward to continued collaboration in the conservation of wildlife and the welfare of the local community.

The whole event was conducted under the direct supervision of Vivek Verma Conservator of Forests West Circle Rajouri and Satinder Mourya Divisional Forest Officer.

2-Day Hindi writers Conference begins at JKAACL Jammu

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 9: The Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL) on Thursday organized a 2-Day Hindi writers Conference here in Jammu Academy premises.

The conference on "Ikki Sadi Ke Dusre Dashak Mein Jammu Kashmir Ka Hindi Sahitya" was inaugurated in a traditional way by presentation of Shaloka by Dr. Chanchalshama and Saraswati Vandana by Suksham Guleria & group, followed by lighting of ceremonial lamp by Dr. Adrash Prakash, Prof. Raj Kumar Sharma, Dr. Satish Vimal, Dr. Om Goswami and Bharat Singh, Secretary, JKAACL.

At the outset, the Secretary JKAACL, Bharat Singh extended a cordial welcome to the guests and audience. "Writers are the face of society, they represent the inner thoughts of the social fabric through their ink; it is indeed a special skill," he maintained. He said Hindi is still a common medium of language to express your thoughts, just like English which is common at International Level. These languages work as a connecting medium among people.

Prof. Raj Kumar presented keynote address on Ikki Sadi Ke Dusre Dashak Mein Jammu Kashmir Ka Hindi Sahitya.

Chief Guest, Dr. Adrash



Prakash, in his address, hailed Secretary Bharat Singh for taking JKAACL to the new heights by organising such literary and cultural activities. He said that a Litterateur always serve his duty to impart values to the society.

In his presidential address, Dr. Satish Vimal appreciated the efforts of Secretary, JKAACL for taking Cultural Academy to new heights. He said that we have programed our vision of writing by reading the English literature and forgotten our Vedas. He stressed upon totality in literature.

Dr. Shah Nawaz, Editor Cum cultural Officer, JKAACL presented Vote of thanks. After the inaugural session paper reading session was organised in which Dr. Shiksha Rani and Naresh Udas presented their papers on "Ikki Sadi Ke Dusre Dashak Mein Ka HindiKatha Sahitya" and "Hindi Laghu Katha ka Vartmaan Roop". The session was presided over by Dr. Om Goswami and Dr. Adrash Prakash, both renowned

Hindi writer and Historian.

The paper reading session was followed by Paper reading session in which Sheikh Mohd Kalyan and Arti Devi presented their papers on "Ikki Sadi Ke Dusre Dashak Mein J&K ki Hindi Kavita" and "Ikki Sadi Ke Dusre Dashak Mein J&K ki Hindi Ghazal". This session was presided over by Padam Shree Prof Jitender Udhampuri and Kiran Bakshi.

At the conclusion of the event, Light Hindi music programme was presented by the renowned artists of Jammu and Kashmir like Dr. Chanchal Sharma, Supriya Sharma and Dr. Rakesh Kalotra. They were equally supported by Parshotam Lal on Tabla, Anil Raina on Flute, Rakesh on Dholak and Krishan Kumar on Synth. Mayank Raina upcoming talented artist from J&K presented Classical flute recital he was accompanied by Saptak Sharma on Tabla. The was conducted by Uma Salathia.

Manjit Singh condemns unprovoked firing along IB in Ramgarh

Says Pakistan trying to disturb peace by targeting civilian areas

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JAMMU, Nov 9: Apni Party Provincial President Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh has strongly condemned the unprovoked firing by Pakistan Rangers along the International Border in which a Border Security Force (BSF) jawan was martyred in Ramgarh sector in Samba District.

He expressed his sympathy with the family members of a martyred BSF jawan who laid down his life while responding to the unprovoked firing of Pakistani Rangers.

As per a press release, the Former Minister expressed serious concern over the breach of peace with the violation of cease fire by Pakistan targeting the forward villages at the time at the peak of harvest season.

"It's an attempt to disturb the peaceful atmosphere in Jammu's border belt in a bid to spread fear among the farmers with ulterior motives to support subversive activities. However, our defence forces / BSF are well prepared to deal with the situation and keep the peaceful atmosphere while confronting the anti-national

elements," he said.

He further stated that the situation on the International Border was peaceful for a long time, but Pakistan is trying to disturb peace for the second time within a short time i.e., earlier in Arnia and now in Ramgarh where civilian areas were targeted.

"The border residents are living under constant fear of being shelled from across the border. Their crop is ready after the BSF along with the Agriculture and Civil Administration helped them in Jammu, Samba and Kathua Districts for agricultural activities," he added.

Principal PTTI Vijaypur holds interaction with trainees, staff



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VIJAYPUR, Nov 9: In order to know about the problems being faced by the trainees and staff in carrying out their day to day activities, Shiv Kumar, Principal PTTI Vijaypur held interaction programme with trainees and staff of the PTTI Vijaypur.

During interaction programme, Principal PTTI Vijaypur briefed the trainees that the purpose of this interaction programme is to bring improvement in facilities in the training centre.

Trainees expressed their satisfaction with trainings being imparted

to them and also appreciated both indoor and outdoor staff for their good cooperation and excellent training.

They also reflected their satisfaction with existing infrastructure of the institute.

Principal PTTI Vijaypur stressed upon all staff and trainees to maintain good discipline and take care of their well being and physical fitness.

They were also told to avoid use of cell phones while on duty as well as training. Principal stressed upon all staff and trainees to ensure zero tolerance towards corruption in their life and give stress upon

physical / sports activities to enhance their physical fitness as well as to de-stress themselves.

Among others, Dushyant Sharma, Vice Principal, Zia-ul-Haq, Dy. SP Outdoor, Devinder Gupta, DySP (R&D), Khushwant Singh, DySP (Admn), Inspr. Javed Hussain (CDI/RI), Inspr. Surrinder Paul (CLI/CTI), Inspr. Anil Kumar, Inspr. Vivek Kalsotra, Inspr. Mulkh Raj, Inspr. Kanwal Raina, Inspr. Ram Lal, Inspr. Bhopinder Singh, Inspr. Hemanshu Dutta, SI Sulinder Singh, SI Balwan Singh were present on the occasion.

Vipul Bali congratulates Nishant for winning bronze medal in 37th National Games

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JAMMU, Nov 9: Apni Party Provincial President, Youth Wing, Jammu, Vipul Bali today congratulated Nishant Bali for winning the bronze medal in the 37th National Games Goa in Netball while representing Jammu and Kashmir.

As per a statement to the press, Vipul Bali said that Nishant Bali's wining of bronze medal has shown path to the diverted youth who become drug addicts and indulge in illegal activities.

"The drug addiction has become a menace that needs to be removed with the collective efforts of the society, families, and younger generation with the help of awareness campaigns in all the areas within Jammu City and villages," he said.

He said that the youth have lost their lives due to the drug addiction and they also get demotivated from the studies which takes them on the right track.

"The families should speak to their young

children regularly and monitor their activities. The counselling of the younger generation is essential for the bright future of J&K as well as of the country," he added.

He stated that the rehabilitation centers are full of the drug addicted youth, but the drug addiction menace has not stopped.

"The police should investigate the drug addiction cases and arrest the kingpin that has led to multiple criminal and terror activities in J&K," he added.

He suggested that sports can be a path breaking way for the young generation to remain healthy and keep themselves motivated towards the right direction.

"The Govt should establish well equipped sports stadiums in each block in Jammu province and within the cities and accordingly, sports tournaments should be organized to encourage the students towards sports-manship," he added.

Six month short term course in Domestic Data Entry Operator concludes

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JAMMU, Nov 9: Six month short term course in Domestic Data Entry Operator under CDTP scheme concluded on Thursday at Extension Centre, Jagti, Nagrota.

This course was started in the month of May 2023 at the facility provided by Helpline Humanity (NGO) who provided the space and infrastructure for smooth conduct of the course at this place. 25 students completed the course at this centre.

On the concluding function today Er.Suket Gupta, Principal while interacting with the students advised them to make use of knowledge attained during the course in earning their livelihood and become self-employed, rather than running for Government jobs.

Er. Naresh Gupta HOD and internal coordinator CDTP Scheme also exhorted upon the trainees to choose Self-Employment/ Entrepreneurship as their career and take maximum benefit of the Government schemes in the offing in this regard.

He also thanked M.K Bhat of the Helpline Line Humanity for providing the facility and monitoring support.

Agriculture Deptt team visits border areas to take information about harvesting of Paddy crop

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JAMMU, Nov 9: Team comprising of Chief Agriculture Officer Jammu Vinod Kundal and District Agriculture Officer Ashu Kakoria visited Border Panchayats of Trewa, Arnia & Jabowal, which experienced unprovoked heavy shelling across the border in the recent past, to take first hand information about the ongoing harvesting of Paddy crop.

Pertinent to mention is that the Department of Agriculture and Farm-

ers Welfare Jammu has put into service Combine Harvester Machines to harvest the Paddy crop for the farmers of border areas as instructed by Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar. Sarpanch Trewa Balvir Kaur, PRI members and farmers of the border areas also accompanied the visiting team and shared their gratitude for the timely support by the department of agriculture Jammu.

Anil Salgotra AEO Arnia and team also accompanied the visiting team.