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Absconder held in cheating case in Rajouri

JAMMU, Nov 14 (Agencies): Police on Tuesday arrested a man who was absconding for the past four years in a case of cheating in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, officials said. Mohd Zabir was held during a raid in Rajdhan Thana area on Tuesday, they said. The accused was involved in a cheating case registered against him in 2019. He will be produced before the court, the officials said.

Earthquake of 4.4 magnitude jolts Ladakh's Kargil

LEH, Nov 14 (Agencies): An earthquake 4.4 magnitude on the Richter Scale hit Kargil in Ladakh, National Center for Seismology (NCS) informed on Tuesday. As per the NCS, the location of the earthquake was 314 km Kargil while the depth was 20 km. In a post on X, National Center for Seismology said, "Earthquake of Magnitude: 4.4, Occurred on 14-11-2023, 13:08:50 IST, Lat: 37.28 & Long: 75.21, Depth: 20 Km, Location: 314km NNW of Kargil, Ladakh, India."

Woman charged for dumping newborn in J&K Rivulet

SRINAGAR, Nov 14 (Agencies): A woman is facing charges for allegedly abandoning a newborn's body in a rivulet in the Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir, media reports said. The lifeless infant was discovered in a rivulet near Nabhan Mohalla in Rajouri, prompting authorities to register a case under Section 318 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), dealing with the concealment of birth through the secret disposal of a deceased body. Upon investigation, it was revealed that Parvaiz Akhtar, the wife of Naheem Ahmed and a resident of Rajouri's Niaka Panjgrian village, gave birth to the baby at GMC Associate Hospital in the district. Shockingly, on their way home from the hospital, the family

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Minimum 6-Month jail term proposed by Parliamentary Panel for those selling adulterated food

NEW DELHI, Nov 14 (Agencies): A parliamentary panel has recommended a minimum imprisonment of six months for those selling adulterated food or drinks along with a minimum fine of Rs 25,000. In view of the serious health issues that can result from the consumption of adulterated food, the punishment provided for the offenders under this clause is inadequate, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs headed by BJP MP Brijlal said. "The committee recommends that a mini-



mum punishment of six months be provided for the offence under this clause along with a minimum fine of Rs 25,000," it said. Referring to the sale of noxious food or drinks, the panel said the

offence has the potential to affect the public at large and that the punishment provided for the offenders under this clause is also inadequate. "The committee recommends that a mini-

mum punishment of six months be provided for the offence under this clause along with a minimum fine of Rs 10,000," it said. At present, the offence of food adulteration is punishable with a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to Rs 1,000, or with both. The committee also described as a "welcome step" the introduction of "community service" as one of the punishments under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). "This is a very commendable effort and a

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Uttarakhand Tunnel Collapse: Auger drilling machines at site to evacuate workers



UTTARAKHAND, Nov 14 (Agencies): A portion of the tunnel between Silkyara and Dandlgaon on the Brahmkhal-Yamunotri national highway collapsed in the early hours of Sunday. Nearly three feet diameter pipes will be pushed

through the heap of debris by drilling a hole using auger drilling machines in the tunnel where 40 labourers have been trapped arrived at the accident site where an under construction structure collapsed in Uttarakhand on Sunday

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Drug peddler held in Shopian with contraband, Rs 45 lakh cash

SHOPIAN, Nov 14 (Agencies): Police on Tuesday arrested a drug peddler and recovered 4.5 kgs of charas and cash from his possession in south Kashmir's Shopian district, police said. Senior Superintendent of Police, Tanu Shree told agency that the police raided the house of Farooq Ahmad Koka in Malhaura village and recovered 4.5 kgs of charas.

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Elections to Urban Local Bodies in J&K after completion of delimitation exercise of Wards: LG Sinha



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JAMMU, Nov 14: Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday said the election for urban local bodies would be held after completion of the delimitation exercise of wards and reservation of wards for other backward classes.

He said this while attending the felicitation ceremony of the councilors of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) whose five-year-term ends Tuesday. He commended all the councilors for selflessly serving people, fighting Covid pandemic and ensuring municipal services in respective

wards and reservation of wards for Other Backward Classes. Common public and elected representatives must work in synergy and focus on resource generation," Sinha said. He said despite delayed implementation of 73rd and 74th amendments in Jammu

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NIA attaches several properties in Pulwama

SRINAGAR, Nov 14 (Agencies): The NIA on Tuesday attached several properties in Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir under the anti-terror law, officials said. The immovable properties were attached under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) on the orders of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) special court in Jammu, they said. The NIA has so far attached two landed properties (orchards) measuring nearly 20,000 square feet in Kakapora tehsil of the district, they said. Further details of the attached properties were awaited.

Former J&K Minister Lal Singh's ED custody extended by 5 days in money laundering case

JAMMU, Nov 14 (Agencies): A court here on Tuesday extended the Enforcement Directorate (ED) custody of former Jammu and Kashmir minister Lal Singh in a money laundering case by five more days. Singh, the chairman of the Dogra Swabhiman Sangathan Party (DSSP), was arrested from a house in the Chawadi area of Sainik Colony here on November 7 after a special court dismissed his anticipatory bail application. He was under investigation by the ED in connection with a case against an educational trust run by his wife and former legislator Kanta Andotra.



Special public prosecutor Ashwani Khajuria said Singh was produced before the special court on Tuesday through video conference on the expiry of his seven-day remand. "The investigation of the case is at an initial stage... accused is involved in a serious and non-bailable offence, he is remanded to ED custody for a period of five days only from Novem-

ber 14 to 18," Khajuria said, quoting the court order. The court ordered the ED to produce the accused on November 18 through virtual mode only and also directed the investigating officer to expedite the investigation. Khajuria said the ED has filed a detailed objection in the court of the principal sessions

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Health Department detaches dozens of employees in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, Nov 14 (Agencies): The Health Department in the Kashmir division has detached dozens of employees who were informally attached by Heads of Departments (HoDs) across various health institutions. An official of the health department informed local news gatherer KNO that the Health and Medical Education (H&ME) Department directed the directors

of Health Services of Kashmir and Jammu, and Director Family Welfare, MCH, and Immunization to detach all staff attached by heads at their own level. The department has already executed the detachment of almost all employees informally attached by HoDs. In Kupwara district, 16 employees have been detached, while Ganderbal district witnessed the detachment of

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Minor brother-sister duo feared drowned in Tawi River

JAMMU, Nov 14 (Agencies): A minor boy and his eight-year-old sister are feared drowned after they were washed away in Tawi river in Jammu city, officials said on Tuesday. The police and SDRF

team have launched a rescue operation to trace Ismael (6) and his sister Nadiya, they said. The siblings were grazing cattle on the banks of the river on Monday night when they slipped

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BSF intercepts drone coming from Pakistan in Punjab's Ferozepur

FEROZEPUR (Punjab), Nov 14 (Agencies): The Border Security Force (BSF) intercepted another drone suspected to have come from Pakistan to Indian territory near the village of Tindi Wala in the Ferozepur District of Punjab on Monday. "As per the laid-down drill, BSF troops immediately reacted to stop the misadventure by smugglers," said BSF. There have been many instances of BSF-recovered drones, used by drug smugglers, that have come from across the Pakistan border in Punjab. On Sunday, BSF recovered a China-made quadcopter drone in the Bharopal village of Punjab's Amritsar. "Yet another attempt by smugglers to smuggle narcotics via drone was foiled by BSF and

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With profound grief and deep sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Karmyogi Girja Bhat (Sheela)** W/o Lt. Sh. Dwarka Nath Bhat originally from Khrew, Pampore, Kashmir at present H.No. 227, Amar Colony Extn. Camp Road, Talab Tillo, Jammu.

Tenth Day Kriya shall be performed at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of Education Deptt. on 14-11-2023 at 8.00 am.

Grief Stricken
Kalla's Parivar



Karmyogi Girja Bhat (Sheela)

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.

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



SH. BRIJ LAL KOUL

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TENTH DAY KRIYA

In loving memory of **SMT. SHIV KUMARI** W/o Sh. PRATHVI NATH RAINA of Lane-21, Block-116, Flat No.18, Jagti colony, Nagrota, Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 08th November 2023.

Your memories will forever stay with us. We will miss you. May god give peace to your noble soul.

Tenth Day Kriya

Day & Date : Friday 17th November.

Venue : Muthi Ghat near Directorate Education Office.

Time : 9:00 a.m.

GRIEF STRICKEN :

Daughters and Sons-in-law

Smt. Santosh Bhat W/o Lt. Sh. Pran Nath Bhat
Smt. Princy Raina Ghoshal W/o Sh. Soumendira K. Ghoshal

Grand Children:

Abijay Bhat & Pooja Bhat (Daughter-in-law)
Deepali Bhat, Riptika Ghoshal, Jyotika Ghoshal

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SMT. SHIV KUMARI

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved brother **Sh Rajinder Ganjoo (Raju Ji)** S/o Lt. Omkar Nath Ganjoo who left for heavenly abode on 6-11-2023.

10th Day Kriya will be performed on Wednesday 15th Nov. at Muthi Ghat at 7.30 AM.

Grief Stricken

Smt Rani Ganjoo -Mother

Smt Madhu Ganjoo -Wife

Brothers & Sisters-in-law

Mrs & Mr Pummy & Suresh Ganjoo

Mrs & Mr Archana & Mahesh Ganjoo

Sister & Brother-in-law

Mrs & Mr Sunita & Sunil Bhan

Namita -Daughter

Naman -Son

Ph. 7780909719, 9910723668



Sh Rajinder Ganjoo (Raju Ji)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

"No farewell words were spoken, no time to say goodbye, you were gone before we knew it and only God knows why."

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform you that our beloved father **Sh Lok Raj Sangral** R/o H No. 219, Sarwal Colony, Jammu, left for heavenly abode on 8th November 2023.

Tenth Day will be performed at Sarwal Colony Gurudwara on Friday 17th November 2023, from 12 pm onwards.

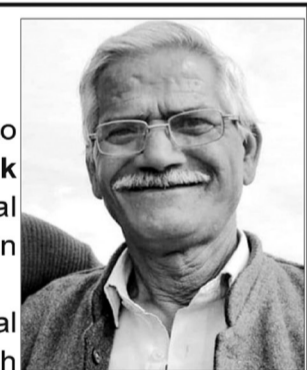
Grief Stricken:

WHOLE SANGRAL FAMILY

Daughters & Sons-in-law

Smt Rachna Dogra & Sh Rajeev Dogra

Smt Sushma Rani & Sh Vijay Kumar



Sh Lok Raj Sangral

BHOJ AND ANTIM ARDAS

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SARDARNI PEWETER KOUR BAKSHI** W/O SR. SHAM SINGH BAKSHI (JAWAHAR NAGAR SRINAGAR WALE) PRESENTLY RESIDING AT 92/A, PREET NAGAR, BEHIND GURUDWARA GURU ANGAD DEV JI (TENT WALA GURUDWARA) JAMMU, WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 9TH OF NOVEMBER 2023

ARAMBH SRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB JI AT RESIDENCE, ON 15TH OF NOVEMBER (WEDNESDAY) AT 10 A.M

KIRTAN AND ANTIM ARDAS SHALL TAKE PLACE ON 17TH OF NOVEMBER (FRIDAY) AT 12 P.M TO 1:30 P.M AT GURUDWARA GURU ANGAD DEV JI (TENT WALA GURUDWARA SAHIB), PREET NAGAR, JAMMU

GRIEF STRICKEN:

SR. SHAM SINGH BAKSHI JI (HUSBAND)

DAUGHTERS AND SONS IN LAW:

SURINDER KAUR AND SR. HARVINDER SINGH DUA

RAVINDER KOUR AND SR. AMARDEEP SINGH OBEROI

HARMEET KOUR AND SR. JASBIR SINGH RAINA

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SARDARNI PEWETER KOUR BAKSHI

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Sh. Chaman Lal Bhat** S/o Lt. Sh. Mahisher Nath Bhat of Raj Ghat Baramulla who left for heavenly abode on 07-11-2023 at present Lower Roop Nagar Muthi Sector 5/5.

The **10TH DAY** will be performed at Muthi Ghat Near Director School Education Office on 16-11-2023 Thursday at 8.30 AM

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt Girija Bhat - Wife

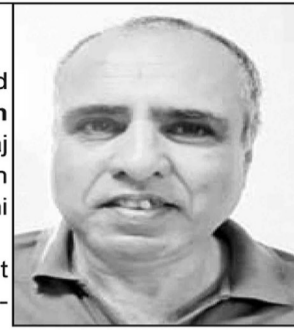
Sh. Ashok Kumar & Picha Bhat - Brother & Bhabhi

Sh. Naveen Bhat & Sneha Bhat - Son & Daughter in Law

Sh. Rahul Bhat & Neelam Bhat - Son & Daughter in Law

Saksham & Aratrika - Grand Children

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SH. CHAMAN LAL BHAT

UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Dr. (Prof) Subash Gupta** S/o Lt. Sh. Chundi Lal R/o 47 1-A Channi Himmat Jammu. **Uthala** will be performed on 15 Nov, 2023 (Wednesday) at Panch Mandir Sector- 2 Channi Himmat from 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Smt. Arti Gupta - Wife

Er. Sandeep Gupta - Son

Smt. Sunakshi Sharma - Daughter-in-law

Dr. Ashma Gupta - Daughter

Sh. Ankur Mahajan - Son-in-law

Smt. Champa Gupta - Sister

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DR. (PROF) SUBASH GUPTA

KRIYA & RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Savitri Devi** W/o Late Capt Sampuran Singh Pathania, House No. 420, Sainik Colony, Jammu.

Kriya will be performed on 14.11.2023, Tuesday at our residence at 12.00 Noon.

Rasam Pagri will be performed on 15/11/2023, Wednesday at our residence at 12.30 PM

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sons & Daughters-in-law

Sh. Sudhir Singh Pathania & Smt. Anjana Pathania

Sh. Randhir Singh Pathania & Smt. Ambika Pathania

Sons-in-law & Daughters

Sh. Avtar Singh Slathia & Smt. Kanta Devi

Sh. Jaswant Singh & Smt. Sunita Devi

All Grand Children

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Smt. Savitri Devi

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

Death is certain for one who has been born and rebirth is inevitable for one who has Died.

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the demise of a beloved husband, a supportive father and a loving brother **Mr. Dileep Kumar Shah** S/o Lt. Shri Shamboo Nath Shah from Rainawari (Reinwoor). Our hero, who was the anchor of our laughter, and the one who taught us to navigate life's journey with kindness.

In every cherished memory, he remains our king, guiding us even in his absence like an angel.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be held on 18-11-2023 (Saturday) at Muthi Ghat at 9.00 AM

GRIEF STRICKEN

Manju Shah- Wife

Shah's, Raina's, Kaul's, Safayas & Bhats

Residence: H. No 4 Ajit Colony Talab Tillo Camp Gole Gujral Jammu

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MR. DILEEP KUMAR SHAH

TENTH DAY

Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib JI shall take place on 12th Nov 2023 (Sunday) at 9.00 AM at our residence H. No 209, Sector E Sainik Colony Jammu

Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib JI shall take place on 14th of Nov 2023 (Tuesday) at 9.00 AM at our residence H. no 209 Sector E, Sainik Colony Jammu

Kirtan & Ardass shall take place on 14th of Nov 2023 (Tuesday) from 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM at Gurudwara Singh Sabha, Sainik Colony Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sdn Gurdeep Kour-Wife

Daughter in Law & Son

Sdn Rachanjit Kour & Brinder Pal Singh (Chief Engineer Merchant Navy)

Daughters & Son in Law

Er. Baljeet Kour & S. Davinder Pal Singh - Indian Navy

Dr. Balwinder Kour - Associate Professor, Physics, & Sr. Journalist

Dr. Gurinder Kour (Senior Lecturer, Physics, & S. Amneet Singh (Manager SBI Bank)

Sister in Law & Brothers

Sdn Mohinder Kour & S. Swarn Singh

Sdn Surjeet Kour & Late S. Darshan Singh

Sdn Avinash Kour & S. Rewail Singh

Sister & Brother in Law

Sdn Rewail Kour & S. Mohinder Singh

Nephews

S. Manjeet Singh (AEE, PDD)

S. Kuldeep Singh (SDAO)

S. Ranjeet Singh Tohra (President DGPC, Jammu)



S. BACHAN SINGH S/O LATE S. PHERA SINGH

Dr. Ravinder Singh- Associate Professor, SKUAST

Er. Surjeet Singh (Merchant Navy)

Er. Amandeep Singh

S. Hardeep Singh

Grand Children

Gurnidh Pal Singh, Simardeep Kour, Tejveer Singh,

Baanvi Kour, Tabjot Singh

Radha Swami

"Tenth Day Kriya"

With profound grief & sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother **Smt. Krishna Devi (87)** W/o Late. Sh. Sardari Lal, R/o village Jhang, Teh Ramgarh, Distt Samba, expired on 10/11/2023.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 19-11-2023

Venue: Shri Guru Ravidass Temple, Canal Road, Swankha Morh.

Satsang ..12: 30 to 1: 30 PM

Guru Ka Langer ..2:00 to 4:00 PM

Grief Stricken.....

Smt. & Sh Rampaul Dogra, Son (EX.HMT Ltd. Senior Supt.)

Presently, working head, Jal Jeevan Mission, Samba & Sr. Journalist.

Ashish Dogra, Grand Son, (Alumni IIT-Roorkee/CEO)

Smita Dogra-Grand Daughter-in-law -(Editor HT, New Delhi.)

Garima Dogra (Grand Daughter) Bank Manager-Indian Bank (Chennai)

Ajit Kumar, Grand Son-in-Law, Custom officer at Chennai. (International Airport)

Sh. Sham Lal Dogra, Son (Director Lok Sabha, Parliament House, New Delhi)

Smt. Manju Rana (Daughter in law)

Dr. Abhishek Dogra, Grandson (AIIMS)

Dr. Aditi Dogra, Grand Daughter GMC, Kathua

Sh. Tilak Raj, Supervisor, Cable Corporation, Jammu (Formerly at Centour Hotel, Srinagar)

Smt. Kanta Kumari (Aww)

Arushi (Grand Daughter), Aarav (Grandson)

Sushil Kumar (Kaka), Son

&

Daughters / Son -in-laws.

* SAMAST SHUKAKUL PRIVAAR.



Smt. Krishna Devi

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10TH DAY & UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform sad and sudden demise of our beloved **Sh Balwant Singh Ji** R/o Channi Rama, Jammu near ITBP Camp who left us for heavenly abode on 03-11-2023. **Tenth Day** will be held on 11/11/2023 (Saturday) at Channi Rama, Jammu. **UTHALA** will be held on 15/11/2023 (Wednesday) at our residence Channi Rama, Jammu from 3. PM to 4 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Parvati Devi -Wife

Son & Daughter-in-laws

Sh. Jagdev Singh & Chanchal Devi

Sh. Ramesh Singh & Sweety Devi

Sh. Pritam Singh & Seema Devi

Sh. Joginder Singh & Sarika Devi

Sh. Ashok Singh & Niju Devi



Sh. Balwant Singh Ji (13/05/1940-03/11/23)

Grand Sons & Grand Daughters

Anupriya, Tarun, Diksha,

Sneha, Bhoomi, Vasu, Goku,

Aani, Anvi, Mani, Tanvi

Contact No. 9469132816

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Vijay Kumari Bhat** W/o Sh. Madan Lal Bhat originally resident of Lalshat, Sopore, Baramulla presently at Block 22, Flat 2, Lane 4, Jagti Township, Nagrota

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 17th of November, 2023 at 8.30 am and Mourning of 10th day will be observed in Community Hall (Back Side Lane 24, Behind Block 152)

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. Madan Lal Bhat (Husband)

Ajay & Kusum - Son & Daughter-in-law

Sanjay & Sangita - Son & Daughter-in-law

Bhanu Shushan & Bharati - Son & Daughter-in-law

Soni Lata & R.L. Dhar - Daughter & Son-in-law

Fame Lata & Vijay Raina - Daughter & Son-in-law

Jyoti Lata & Surinder Bhat - Daughter & Son-in-law

Smt. Phoda & Dr. Sudesh - Sister & Brother-in-law

Congress pays rich tributes to Pt Nehru

Nehru's role in Accession of J&K with India is historical: Bhalla

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JAMMU, Nov 14: Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress paid rich tributes to the first prime minister Pt Jawahar Lal Nehru and lauded his historical role, far-sightedness and efforts towards the rejection of two nation theory on Jammu & Kashmir leading to the accession of state with India.

Several functions at Districts and Block level were held all over J&K. An impressive function was organized by the District congress committee Jammu Urban led by Th. Manmohan Singh at PCC HQ, which was presided over by JKPCCC working President Raman Bhalla and attended by Sr. Vice President & Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, PCC Vice Presidents Ved Mahajan, Rajnish Sharma (Treasurer), Pranav Shagotra, PCC General Secretaries Pawan Raina, Shashi Sharma, Narinder Gupta, Amrit Bali, Suresh Kumar Dogra, S. Gurmeet Singh, Satish Sharma, Thomas Khokhar, PCC Secretaries Sanjeev Sharma, Rajveer Singh, Hoshyar Singh, Michael Wazir, Dwarka Choudhary, Vijay Shastri Dr. Ramakant Khajuria, Pritam Singh, Sonu Dogra, Ram Prakash Magotra, Vijay Singh Chib, Atul Sharma, Sat Pal Spolia, Com. Gurmeet Singh, Anil Kumar, Pawan Sharma, Camres David and other DCC and BCC functionaries.

Paying floral tributes, Raman Bhalla recalled the great contributions of Pt Jawahar Lal



Nehru in the freedom struggle and in laying the foundations of free India as a strong democratic, secular and progressive nation, for which he is rightly known as the architect of modern India.

Bhalla denounced attempts by the ruling party and its sister concerns to distort the historical facts about the role played by the great stalwart in the freedom struggle and in the building of modern India especially his historical contributions, in bringing Jammu and Kashmir into the Indian fold at the crucial times.

He lauded the visionary role played by Pt Nehru in defeating the designs of two nation theory by Mr. Jinnah over Kashmir. It was his far-sightedness and his great efforts which ultimately succeeded in lending the popular support in Jammu and Kashmir towards

its accession with India by Maharaja Hari Singh on 26th Oct, 1947.

Bhalla said that in recent times Nehru's legacy has been under attack from his detractors, who are the ideological descendants of the Non-participants in the freedom struggle and as leader of this nation, who not only shaped the future of India but played the very vital role in the world politics and was instrumental in the creation of third order in the world in the shape of NAM which emerged as a powerful block in the global politics.

Ved Mahajan (Vice President) said that the building of a democratic, social and political system was Pt. Nehru's principal objectives. For him political democracy was a means of solving social problems. He laid the foundation of Panchayati Raj and Commu-

nity development programmes because he believed that first objective of the state was social welfare and empowerment of the people. He started planning system paving way to growth of public sector with massive investment in basic and heavy industries and resolved into industrialization of the country.

Rajnish Sharma (Mian) described Pt. Nehru as a true democrat and nationalist with global outlook. He was a builder of institutions of excellence like IITs that truly empowered the younger generations of India to become the globally competitive and recognized.

AAP leaders express concerns over democratic erosion, institutional changes in India

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JAMMU, Nov 14: How soothing it meets the minds when we remember the authority of Election Commissioner of India-Mr. T.N. Seshan (Tirunellai Narayana Seshan) who an IAS bureaucrat of Tamil Nadu cadre, worked between 1990-1996 and virtually brought changes in electoral system and almost tamed every politician of the time so as to give due regard to the position bestowed by constitution of India.

This was stated by various Senior AAP leaders including Farooq Ahmed Banday, R.S. Chauhan, Nirmal Mahna, S.S. Jammwal, Kuldeep Kumar Rao, S. Ravinder Singh, Amit Langer, Agya Kour, Ram Pal Khajuria, Ramesh Lal Bhagat, Suresh Bhagat, Sandeep Parihar, Ashni Mattoo, Ranjodh Singh, in a meeting, while discussing the pros and cons of election to the Chief Election Commissioner of India through a panel consisting of Prime Minister, Leader of opposition and Chief Justice of India, through which the name of CJI has now been removed by the ruling Party in March, 2023 replacing by any other person nominated by Government of India.

The AAP leaders observed that this way the constitutional post of Chief Election Commissioner of India shall become rudimentary as majority of Commission (PM & Govt nominated) shall be with ruling Party and thus impartial, clean & transparent elections in the country shall remain a thing of past and there will be no body to talk of clean elections.

Under these circumstances, the Indian Democratic system shall be in clouds & countrymen cannot have free, fair & impartial elections, they said & added that it is the voice of the countrymen to vote through Belt papers & not EVMS

because in the countries who invented EVMS have already done away with EVMS process & have started belt paper system.

Are we not heading towards Presidential form of Govt or dictatorship? the AAP leaders wondered.

All these steps, the meeting observed with deep concern, including destroying of Constitutional Institutions, auctioning public owned units to friendly Industrialists, bribing Supreme Court of India Judges to be nominated as Rajya Sabha Members, silencing the electronic & print Media, taming the Foreign Minister, Finance or Defense Minister, enacting most obnoxious & anti-farmer laws & later on nullifying the same, remaining mum over Manipur - Hathras like heinous crimes & episodes, allowing unbridled price rise on kitchen by imposing irrational GST, letting lose the reign of terror through ED, CBI & IT in case of opposition leaders live example is of Ch. Lal Singh, two times MP & also two times Cabinet Minister in J&K government.

He has been made a scapegoat because Modi's washing powder had no effect on him and he refused to undergo the washing machine process, they maintained, etc are driving the country for a unitary system of governance which, in near times to come, shall prove very harmful for the countrymen and dangerous for the unity & integrity of the country, the AAP leaders warned.

The Sr. AAP leaders have appealed to the masses to read between the lines & judge for themselves, as to where the country is heading destroying democracy, democratic Institutions, the Constitution & its institutions and auctioning public property into the hands of friendly Industrialists & throwing away the most barbaric & harmful regime to save the country & Democracy.

NC ensures equal representation for women in political realm: Rattan Lal

Top News Report



JAMMU, Nov 14: Joginder Kour Retd from government service joined National Conference in presence of Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President Jammu Province at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhavan, here on Tuesday.

Welcoming Joginder Kour into the party fold, Rattan Lal Gupta described National Conference as a mass movement that has all along stood for the just cause of the people of Jammu and Kashmir strived for development and progress of the J&K with a sense of commitment.

Rattan Lal Gupta said that the National Confer-

ence during its regime in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir headed by Dr. Farooq Abdullah as well as later by Omar Abdullah left no stone unturned in fully empowering the women of this region.

He said that it is known to one and all the National Conference has during every phase of its rule worked relentlessly for providing equal rights to each and every section of the society.

The function of joining was organized by Birma Luthra former MLA and State Vice President Women wing while welcoming Joginder Kour in the party. She said that National Conference

committed for the welfare of the women folk in J&K specially ignored far-flung areas of UT.

Joginder Kour pledged to carry forward the mission of National Conference in transforming Jammu and Kashmir into a peaceful and progressive UT with devotion and dedication.

She joined the party because National Conference being a secular party and having great faith in the leadership of Dr Farooq Abdullah Former Chief Minister and President, JKNC and Omar Abdullah Former Chief Minister and Vice President JKNC.

Those who were present on this occasion: Satwant Kour Dogra Pro-

vincial President Jammu Province Women Wing, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, Pyare Lal Sharma, Dilshad Malik, Pinky Khalsa, Rita Gupta, S. Nirmal Singh, Latta Kumari, Santosh, Rekha Devi and Saroj Bala.

CUJ Four-Month Internship Program concludes

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 14: A four-month internship program has been completed by teacher-trainees of the Department of Educational Studies, Central University of Jammu.

Prof. Asit Mantry, Head of the Department said that the School Internship Programme is an integral part of the Four-year integrated B.A., B.Ed. Programme. He thanked Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, CUJ, and the principals of the collaborative schools who have facilitated to successful completion of the internship programme. In this event, the teachers of the respective schools, and faculty members of CUJ - Prof. J.N. Balya, Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Prof. Asit Mantry, Dr. Kiran, Dr. Aman, Dr. Ravi Vanguri, Dr. Yad Ram and Dr. Mohan Galgotra played a key role in mentoring the teacher-trainees.

A total of forty teacher-trainees of Four-year Integrated B.A., B.Ed. programs were allotted four schools for enhancing their teaching skills and getting exposure to school functioning both curricular and co-curricular activities in District Samba. The schools identified for undergoing the internship program were Kendriya Vidyalaya at Rahya-Suchani, Government Girls Higher Secondary School at Jakh, and

RSM Government Higher Secondary School at Rahya-Suchani.

The internship program was concluded by having interactive feedback sessions with Principals and teaching staff of concerned schools and the teacher educators from CUJ - Dr. Ravi Vanguri, and Dr. Yad Ram.

While interacting with Principals and teaching staff, Dr. Ravi Vanguri took feedback and suggestions for making an effective internship program for the upcoming teacher-trainees of the department. In this event, by addressing the teacher-trainees, The Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya of CUJ, said that the teaching profession should be chosen by choice, not by chance. The upcoming ITEP will provide more opportunities for those who intend to become teachers. He further said that the present teacher-trainees were very interested in teaching classes and actively participated in various school activities of day to day. The teaching staff also expressed that the teacher-trainees were cooperative in conducting various activities at the classroom level as well as the school level. They all expressed their gladness with a single tone and blessed them for their professional endeavor. The event ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Yad Ram, Co-coordinator of the Internship Program.

Court takes cognizance in defamation case filed against Ankit Love

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 14: Rajeev Kumar Tadyal, Special Railway Magistrate Jammu has taken cognizance in a criminal complaint filed by Vilakshan Singh, President J&K National Panthers Party against Ankit Love son of Lt. Prof. Bhim Singh.

In the complaint filed against Ankit Love and one Arun Sharma Incharge State Samachar District Udhampur, Vilakshan Singh had stated that the accused persons had leveled false and defamatory allegations against him to lower his image in the society.

The video containing the said allegations were uploaded on news portal "State Samachar TV" which is run on Social media platform facebook.com.

After filing of the case, the court had sent the matter for enquiry to the police authorities. The report filed by the police substantiated the claim made by Vilakshan Singh. Court, while directing issuance of summons to the accused persons, prima facie found that offence under section 500 IPC was made out against the accused persons.

The Court has directed the accused persons to cause their appearance before the Court on November 20, 2023.

MORE FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2023

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during Chhath Puja Festival, Northern Railway has decided to run the following additional Festival Special Trains as per details given below:-

| 02256/02255 Anand Vihar Terminal - Jaynagar - 02 Trips | | Anand Vihar Terminal Reserved Festival Special Express | | 02255 | |
|--|-------|--|------------|-------|--|
| Train No.: | 02256 | STATIONS | Train No.: | 02255 | |
| ARR. | DEP. | | ARR. | DEP. | |
| ---- | 15:30 | Anand Vihar Terminal | 15:15 | ---- | |
| 14:00 | ---- | Jaynagar | ---- | 17:00 | |

DAYS OF RUN: 02256 Ex Anand Vihar Terminal on 15.11.2023 and 02255 Ex Jaynagar on 16.11.2023.

STOPPAGES: Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara, Patna Jn, Mokama Jn, Barauni Jn, Samastipur Jn & Darbhanga Jn Stations.

ACCOMMODATION: AC 3 Tier Economy Class.

| 04640/04639 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - Kathihar Jn - 02 Trips | | Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Reserved Festival Special Express | | 04639 | |
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| Train No.: | 04640 | STATIONS | Train No.: | 04639 | |
| ARR. | DEP. | | ARR. | DEP. | |
| ---- | 21:30 | Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra | 23:00 | ---- | |
| 09:00 | ---- | Kathihar Jn | ---- | 11:00 | |

DAYS OF RUN: 04640 Ex Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra on 15.11.2023 and 04639 Ex Kathihar Jn on 17.11.2023.

STOPPAGES: Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan, Jammu Tawi, Pathankot Cantt, Jalandhar Cantt, Ludhiana, Ambala Cantt, Yamunanagar Jagadhri, Saharanpur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur Jn, Gonda Jn, Basti, Gorakhpur, Chhapra, Hajipur, Barauni Junction, Begu Sarai, Khagaria Jn & Naguchia Stations.

ACCOMMODATION: AC 3 Tier Economy Class.

| 04650/04649 Amritsar - Darbhanga - Amritsar Reserved Festival Special Express | | 04649 | |
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| 13:15 | ---- | Darbhanga | ---- |

DAYS OF RUN: 04650 Ex Amritsar on 16.11.2023 and 04649 Ex Darbhanga on 17.11.2023.

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ACCOMMODATION: AC 3 Tier Economy Class.

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UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION KATRA
SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Fresh e-NIT No. 115 of 2023-24 Dated 10-11-2023

(Single Cover System)

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

| S. No | Name of Work | Adv. Cost (in lacs) | Cost of doc't (in Rs.) | Earnest Money (in Rs.) | Time Allowed for completion | Class of Contractor | Head of Account |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 1. | JE Qtr. and Xen Quarter at Katra(Double Story),(Under M.H. 2216-Housing (A.R)2023-24) (3 rd time) | 4.92 | 600 | 9840 | 45 Days | D Class | M.H. 2216-Housing -AR 2023-24 |

Position of AAA:- Accorded.
Position of T.S :- Accorded
Position of funds :- Available

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

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| 1 | Date of Publishing of Tender Notice | 10-11-2023 |
| 2 | Period of downloading of bidding documents | From 10-11-2023 to 17-11-2023, 1700 Hrs |
| 4 | Bid submission Start Date | 10-11-2023 |
| 5 | Bid Submission End Date | 17-11-2023 up to 1700 Hrs |
| 6 | Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online) | 18-11-2023 on or after 1200 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Katra. |
| 7 | Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online) | To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed. |

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Katra uploading a copy of treasury challan and EMD/Bid Security in the shape of CDR/FDR (The date of Treasury Challan/Bid Security/Affidavits between date of start of bid submission and bid submission end date duly pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Katra, as mentioned in the bid documents.

2. The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address.

3. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division, Katra.

4. The earnest money of the unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of Treasury Challan.

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

6. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Katra. The date for same shall be intimated separately, No- 6024-29

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EDITORIAL

CRIMINAL
BACKGROUND

In the view of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, politics is a powerful medium of service and public welfare. He used to say that those who want to give something to the society, or want to sacrifice themselves for the society or the nation, only those with pure character should enter politics. But today all these things of Gandhiji have been buried. In today's era, politics has become a medium for politicians to attain power at any cost and fulfill their selfish desires.

It is not that all politicians are corrupt. But the way people with criminal background have and are entering politics since 1975 is a matter of deep concern. Political observers and enlightened people believe that the way people with criminal background started participating in electoral politics after 1975, the result is that the current politics has fallen into the grip of criminalization.

In fact, it is useless to blame anyone political party for this trend of criminalization in politics.

There is a saying that the water in the well will be in the bucket. Undoubtedly, after 1975, there were many negative changes in the thinking, attitude and outlook of the country's politicians. From the time we got independence in 1947 till more or less 1975, politicians did not use all kinds of tactics to win elections. He had confidence in his work and the service he did for the public.

Over time, politicians made winning elections by any means their only goal. In the backdrop of casteist politics of vote bank, people with criminal background got the opportunity to come closer to the politicians. Some politicians who did not have confidence in themselves also became accustomed to the tendency to win elections by hook or by crook.

People with criminal background could have been very helpful in looting ballot papers and intimidating voters and depriving them of voting. As a result, the participation of people with criminal background in politics started increasing.

At the same time, some leaders also started using such people to teach a lesson to their rivals or to humiliate them. On the other hand, such people with criminal background received protection from some politicians.

As a result, they became fearless and started carrying out their misdeeds. The Election Commission has also expressed its concern to curb the entry of people with criminal background in politics.

According to the guidelines of the Commission, a convicted person is ineligible to contest elections. But the burning question in this sequence is that in our country it takes years for any criminal case to be proven, even then the courts are able to give their verdict. Political parties should take initiative in solving this problem. If all political parties decide that they should not give election tickets to people with criminal background, then this problem can be easily solved. Similarly, the public should also not vote for people with criminal background in elections.

India's challenges amidst shifting global equations

By: K.C. Singh

The fifth 2+2 ministerial dialogue between India and the United States was held in New Delhi on Friday, November 10. This format gets the defence and foreign ministers of the two countries to engage in a wider discussion on bilateral and international issues, cutting across defence, diplomacy and national security.

Their joint statement notes "substantial progress" in transforming relations across multiple domains. Significantly, they met soon after the June 2023 state visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the US and President Joe Biden's visit to India in September for the G-20 summit. Thus, the meeting mainly reviewed implementation of earlier decisions rather than new themes. Additionally, the Israel-Hamas hostilities, which started on October 7, presented a new geopolitical context which needed appraisal. Bilaterally, the focus was more on consolidating defence cooperation. A roadmap was discussed for strengthening India's capabilities, enhancing indigenous defence production, facilitating technology sharing and promoting supply chain resilience. INDUS-X is envisioned to accelerate mutual collaboration of the defence eco-systems of the two nations. In simple language, it is to enable a public sector-dependent India to work with a private sector-dominated American defence industry. In the past, India and the Soviet Union, and Russia after its collapse, had easy systemic match due to state-to-state dealings.

Due to the recent two earlier summit-level meetings, implementation was still incomplete on India acquiring MQ-9B high altitude long-endurance drones and establishing the manufacturing of GE's F-414 jet fighter engines for India's

Light Combat Aircraft (LCA).

It was noted with satisfaction that bilateral trade this year could cross \$200 billion. But the global economic environment being gloomy, especially with two wars raging in Ukraine and Gaza, the joint statement does not reveal what impact the two sides expect on their trade and economic cooperation.

According to the joint statement the two sides also discussed the latest developments in the Indo-Pacific region, Ukraine and the Middle East, and specifically the Gaza war. Interestingly, the positions of India and the US on Israel and Gaza are showing a gradual convergence.

While condemnation of Hamas' terror attack on October 7 was already a shared theme, India now accepts the US language on supporting Israel and its military action in exercise of self-defence, the release of hostages, observance of international humanitarian law and protection of civilians. India also joins the US "support for humanitarian pauses". Clearly, India did not insist on a ceasefire. Also, the Indian reiteration of a two-nation solution has been dropped, probably on US insistence, in favour of a "political solution and durable peace".

A day later, in a rare joint summit of the Arab League and Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) in Riyadh, the principal leaders of the region agreed to condemn Israel and seek an immediate ceasefire. Amongst those attending were Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and the Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, welcomed back to the Arab League this year. The host, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, affirmed "categorical rejection of the barbaric war against our broth-

ers in Palestine". He condemned the failure of the UN Security Council to stop the mayhem.

The Iranian President went a step further when he hailed Hamas for taking on Israel and urged the Islamic nations to impose oil and goods sanctions on Israel. The summit allowed Iran to counter the US attempt to isolate it. Mr Raisi's trip to Saudi Arabia is the first by an Iranian leader in over a decade. Last March, China brokered normalcy between the two nations. Indonesian President Joko Widodo, leader of the most populous Muslim nation, also joined in the chorus for the Israeli military action to be stopped.

Thus, India concurring with the US approach to the Gaza crisis is at variance with at least the public positions that the major Islamic nations are adopting. Even more ironic is the paragraph in the joint statement that there is growing "convergence of strategic interests" between India and the US "as natural and trusted partners with a shared commitment to advance democracy, human rights and pluralism". Considering the majoritarian trajectory of the BJP's domestic politics as it wrestles with anti-incumbency in crucial states and at the national level, these words appear incongruous. In the US also, the continuing dominance by former President Donald Trump over the Republican Party, despite his ongoing trial for subverting the US electoral system, casts doubt on the current and future health of American democracy.

The joint statement reiterates US support for India's ambition to be a permanent member of the UN Security Council. The US realises that this is probably undoable in the current geopolitical context. In the same paragraph, the US extends support to India's non-permanent

membership bid for 2028-29. When India was seriously pursuing UN Security Council reform and expansion in 2005-08, this columnist had represented India at the G-4 meetings of the four aspirants — Brazil, Germany, India and Japan. It was then the Indian position that as an aspirant for a permanent seat, India should not fight an election for a non-permanent seat. That has obviously been modified since then, perhaps realising that expansion of the UNSC was less likely today than it had appeared then.

The joint statement also reiterates support for "I2U2", a combination of India and Israel along the UAE and the United States. Also endorsed is the continuing relevance of the "Quad", coupling Australia, India, Japan and the US. Australian PM Anthony Albanese was in China on a four-day state visit at the beginning of November. This was also an attempt to thaw relations after China listed "14 grievances" as the cause of their discord. US President Joe Biden is also likely to meet Chinese President Xi Jinping in San Francisco later this week, on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) conference.

In conclusion, as the Indian government faces domestic electoral tests and tries to maintain the momentum in its ties with the US, Israel, US-aligned Gulf nations and Quad members, there are shifting alliances due to the disruptive impact of a slowing global economy and the Ukraine war, besides the Hamas-Israel confrontation. Time is running out for Israel to achieve its stated objective of decapitating the leadership of Hamas.

India may also discover that the anti-China alliances woven by the US are also losing their glue. The coming year will be a challenging one for India, the extended neighbourhood and the world at large.

Complete guidance for preparation of JEE mains 2024, How to Balancing Old & New topics

By: Vijay GarG

For JEE Main 2024, one important thing is to practice last year's question on a priority. Aspirants have already started preparing for JEE Main 2024, and while it may look like there is a lot of time, it is important to manage the time and schedule judiciously.

Time management is a critical skill for success in any competitive exam, and when it comes to preparing for the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE), it becomes even more crucial. Based on my experience in this field, I understand students' challenges when preparing for this highly competitive exam.

JEE is considered one of the toughest exams in the world. The students get the gateway to some of the country's top engineering colleges, including the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs). While nearly 11 lakh aspirants prepare for this exam, only a few can get into these esteemed colleges. These selected students have some common skills and strengths. One of the most common and important skills is their ability to manage their time well before and during exams.

Importance of time management

Increase in productivity: Time management allows students to maximise their study hours. They can cover the entire syllabus systematically by allocating time to specific topics and tasks. This ensures that no important or high-priority topic is left unattended.

For example, Organic chemistry can only be understood when we have worked well on General Organic Chemistry (GOC) and Reaction Mechanism. Sometimes, students provide equal time to all organic chapters without focusing more on the basics of organic. If your basics are not strong, you must provide at least double the effort required for understanding organic. In Inorganic chemistry, students generally study a particular topic and leave it untouched for about one or two months. After that interval, the memory of that

particular topic almost vanished, and they have to start from the beginning again. So, for that, in Inorganic Chemistry, students should use the method of "spaced repetition". This is a very efficient and scientifically proven method of memorising things.

Reducing stress: Effective time management minimises the stress and anxiety associated with JEE preparation. Students with a well-structured study plan are less likely to feel stressed by the material they must cover. This ultimately helps them to feel more relaxed and stress-free.

Balancing new and old topics: JEE preparation involves studying new concepts and revising previously learned material. Time management helps allocate adequate time for both, ensuring students have a strong base before moving on to more advanced topics. Also, students can revise their old topics with the help of the current topics. In physics, there are some topics in Class 12 where the mechanics concepts are applied. Similarly, in chemistry, Electrochemistry uses the concepts of Equilibrium and Thermodynamics.

Building temperament and confidence: Regular and consistent study habits, providing at least 3-4 hours daily apart from their school and coaching hours, facilitated by time management, leads to increased confidence. Now, the question arises about what to study in those 3-4 hours. Students should divide their time into two parts, one for theory and one for practice.

Aspirants should provide at least 70-80 per cent of this time for question practice. If you don't practice many questions for JEE, you will not feel confident in any topic. Second, this practice increases your speed, which is crucial for the JEE exam. When students see their progress while doing these things, it boosts their self-assurance, motivation and confidence. The six-hour exam of JEE Advanced not only checks your hard work and preparation but also your temperament and confidence.

Some tips for mastering time manage-

ment

Make a study schedule: Divide your study time into dedicated slots for each subject: physics, chemistry, and mathematics. Allocate more time to subjects or topics you find challenging. For example, if somebody is feeling weak/not confident in Chemistry, they can provide half an hour to an hour extra (daily) for practising Chemistry questions. Include short breaks between study sessions to refresh your mind. During those breaks, you can take a walk, listen to music or do any other activity which calms your mind.

Select high-priority topics: Identify the most important and high-priority topics based on past exam trends and weightage. Analyse the past five years' JEE papers to get an idea of the exam. It also helps you understand the questions asked in the exam. For example, for JEE Main, some of the high-priority topics have been listed below:

Mathematics- Vectors and 3D, Matrices and Determinants

Physics- Current Electricity, Modern Physics, Semiconductors, Mechanics

Chemistry- Alcohol, Phenol and Ethers, Aldehyde, Ketone and Carboxylic Acids and p-block

Focus on mastering these high-priority topics before delving into less important ones.

Make achievable goals: Set achievable daily, weekly, and monthly goals for your study sessions. Don't make unrealistic goals, or it will soon lead to discontinuation of following the plans. Target for any specific small topic for a day; don't push yourself for a lengthy chapter or topic in a day. For example, Thermodynamics is a big topic; you can divide it into 3 to 4 parts and revise or practice it according

Practice regularly: Solve previous years' JEE question papers and practice problems regularly to improve problem-solving skills. The more questions you practice at home, the more you gain confidence in exams and the better you manage your time during the exams.

One important thing is to practice

last year's question on a priority basis. For example, solve all 24 papers of JEE Main 2023 first and then 2022 and 2021. Allocate time for mock tests to simulate exam conditions and assess your readiness.

Be disciplined: Identify your distractions and take steps to minimise them during study hours. Avoid TV, music and other activities while studying or solving questions, as it will just decrease your problem-solving speed and waste your time.

Try to complete the task on the planned day unless something urgent arises.

Talk to mentors and teachers: Don't hesitate to ask teachers or mentors to clarify complex concepts. They will help to understand a difficult concept in a short and quick method.

Join study groups or discussion forums to share knowledge and resolve doubts. Get the best use of your peer group for memory-based topics. For example, Inorganic chemistry can be best memorised by discussing with the peer groups. Make mnemonics with the help of your peer group and discuss it with them while you are moving or going somewhere with them.

Take care of your health: Maintain a balanced diet and get enough sleep to stay physically and mentally fit. A fit and healthy mind has higher retention power, which avoids repeated revision of topics. Regular exercise and relaxation techniques can help reduce stress. Devote some time to these physical activities, but don't overdo it; it will again exhaust you and disrupt your study schedule. You can try meditation, swimming, play carrom, Table Tennis or any other game to relax your mind.

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Dhai Aakhar Prem: National Cultural Jatha unveils journey of mission of peace, harmony in J&K

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 14: In a press conference today, the 'Dhai Aakhar Prem: National Cultural Jatha' revealed its transformative journey and outlined the cultural events planned for its visit to Jammu.

Speakers, including Dr. Baljeet Raina, President Punjabi Lekhak Sabha, Deepak Kumar, Director Rangyug Seema Anil Sehgal, Renowned Singer, Anil Sehgal, Veteran Journalist, Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Principal IMFA, and Sanjiv Bhasin, Vice President Hindi Sahitya Mandal, and representative from Dogri Sanstha Jammu graced the occasion, offering valuable insights and perspectives on the cultural movement, reinforcing the Jatha's commitment to spreading messages of love, peace, equality, justice, harmony, and brotherhood.

The media received a thorough briefing on the National Cultural Jatha's itinerary, emphasizing the significance of its transformative journey across countless villages, towns, and cities in India.

It was highlighted that



the 'Dhai Aakhar Prem: National Cultural Jatha' commenced its transformative journey on September 28, 2023, the birth anniversary of Shaheed Bhagat Singh from Rajasthan.

The journey holds symbolic significance, aiming to culminate in Delhi on January 30, 2024, marking Martyr's Day in remembrance of Mahatma Gandhi.

The National Cultural Jatha, comprising artists, writers, and activists, is a collaborative effort with progressive, democratic, social, and cultural organizations, as well as individuals dedicated to the cause of humanity. Starting from Rajasthan and traversing through Bihar, Punjab, Uttarakhand,

Orissa, the Jatha is engaging in public dialogue and walking the path of cultural enlightenment.

Scheduled to arrive in Jammu from November 15, the Jatha's visit will span two days, showcasing cultural events and fostering meaningful interactions. This initiative aims to create a platform for dialogue and artistic expression, emphasizing the importance of cultural movements in fostering positive social change.

Key events in Jammu, scheduled for November 15 & 16, 2023, were detailed during the press conference. On November 15, the activities commence at 11 a.m. with a procession from Panjbaktar Mahadev

Mandir to Peer Mitha Sahib Dargah, followed by another procession from Maharaja Hari Singh Park to Abhinav Theatre via Jewel Chowk at 2:30 p.m.

The day concludes with a program at K.L. Sehgal Hall (Abhinav Theatre Complex) at 3:30 p.m., featuring talks on the life and role of Comrade Dhanwantri, an interaction with Prasanna and Tanveer Akhtar, a question/answer session, a song of peace by Seema Anil Sehgal, and a performance by the artists of IPTA, Patna.

On November 16, the activities begin at 11 a.m. with a floral tribute to the statue of Comrade Dhanwantri at Dhanwantri Park, Tri-

kuta Nagar (Opp.RBI) Jammu. This is followed by a street play performance by IPTA, Patna, at Bahu Plaza Complex, Jammu, at 11:15 a.m., another street play performance at Rani Park, Jammu, at 12:45 p.m., and an acting workshop with Prasanna, a renowned theatre director of India, at Rangyug, Lower Dogra Hall Road, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

An exceptional opportunity awaits theatre enthusiasts and local artists from UT of Jammu & Kashmir to participate in an exclusive workshop on theatre conducted by Prasanna himself. This workshop offers a platform for interaction, learning, and collaboration, providing a rare chance to engage with the esteemed personality of theatre. All theatre lovers and local artists are encouraged to join, learn, and contribute to this cultural celebration.

"We extend a warm invitation to all cultural, theatre, and literary organizations, artists, writers, intellectuals, thespians, and peace activists to join us on this extraordinary journey," stated the organizers of National Cultural Jatha, Jammu Chapter.

Munish calls on MD Housing Board



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 14: BJP senior leader and former Vice Chairman JAKFED, Munish Sharma, on Tuesday met MD Housing Shabir Ahmed Keen in his office chamber and reviewed the implementation of Centrally Government flagship scheme like Housing for All and the major achievements made by the respective boards in creating affordable shelter to all, developing housing colonies in urban areas as well as rural areas of J&K, construction of commercial complexes.

Managing Director Housing Board gave a detailed briefing about the achievements made

under the scheme, so far under which affordable houses will be provided to the urban poor which would be constructed through a technology that is eco-friendly as well. Setting up of housing colonies in Jammu Divisions and Kashmir J-K Housing Board, a semi-government, autonomous and statutory organisation, has so far developed and allotted plots of different sizes in various colonies at Jammu division & Kashmir division under the self-financing schemes for the purpose of satisfying the housing needs.

He also informed that the major housing projects presently undertaken are flatted accom-

modation at Birpur, Samba, mega project at Gole Market Jammu, development of housing colony at Chak Bhalwal, Jammu, regularisation of satellite township at Chani Rama, and many more are in the pipeline.

Housing Corporation has played a vital role in providing affordable houses to its members who represent cross sections of the society.

Expressing satisfaction about the implementation of PMAY scheme, Munish Sharma said that scheme is making a real difference in the lives of the people.

Hailing the Modi Government's vision of 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan' and objective of "Housing for All" by 2023 through vision of ARHCs for urban migrants/ poor, Munish Sharma said the decision of converting government-funded housing in cities into Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHC) proves to be a game changer for migrant workers, Street vendors, Labourers, Rickshaw puller at a reasonable cost and will encourage prevention of future unplanned growth of slums.

Sharma also hailed the J-K Housing Board MD for the allotment of EWS and LIG flats on the outskirts of Jammu under the (ARHC) scheme.

Waste to Wealth Eco Gallery "Eco-Giri" concluded at CUJ



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 14. The Department of Environmental Sciences at the Central University of Jammu (CUJ), in collaboration with Students for Development (SFD), has successfully concluded a two-day event titled "Eco-Giri."

This event marked the pioneering initiative of a larger campaign focused on upcycling waste into wealth and using the proceeds for the education of underprivileged children residing near the campus.

The "Ecogiri" event took place at CUJ and showcased a remarkable collection of items made from waste materials collected from the campus and adjoining villages, skillfully crafted by PG students of the department. The event aimed to demonstrate how waste materials can be creatively transformed into valuable resources, aligning with the principles of sustainable living and environmental conservation.

The event attracted stu-

dents, faculty, and environmental enthusiasts from the university and beyond, serving as an inspiring platform for the promotion of eco-friendly practices and community engagement. Attendees had the opportunity to witness and purchase a wide array of upcycled products, which ranged from handcrafted home decor to fashion accessories, and more. The upcycled items not only showcased the innovative potential of waste materials but also contributed to the promotion of a circular economy and sustainable consumption.

Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain appreciated the collaborative efforts of the Department of Environmental Sciences and Students for Development, emphasizing the importance of such initiatives in promoting environmental awareness and community welfare. The Vice-Chancellor expressed hope for the continued success of this campaign and its lasting impact on both the

university and the local community.

Prof. Richa Kothari, Head of the Department of Environmental Sciences at the Central University of Jammu, expressed his enthusiasm for the "Eco-Giri" event and the broader campaign, stating, "We believe that this initiative is not only an environmental responsibility but also a social one. By upcycling waste materials and supporting the education of underprivileged children, we are taking steps towards a more sustainable and equitable future."

The success of the "Eco-Giri" event has set the stage for ongoing efforts to promote waste reduction, sustainable living, and community development at the Central University of Jammu. The collaboration between the Department of EVS, Central University of Jammu (CUJ) and Students for Development (SFD) underscores the power of partnerships in driving positive change.

NHM employees delegation calls on Mission Director NHM J&K

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 14: In a proactive move towards addressing long-standing concerns and advocating for the rights of National Health Mission (NHM) employees in Jammu and Kashmir, a delegation comprising prominent NHM representatives on Tuesday met with Babila Rakwal, the newly appointed Mission Director NHM J&K.

The delegation, consisting of dedicated individuals like Rohit Seth Vice President All India NHM Association, Dr. Nazir Hussain, MO, District President NHM Employees Association Kishtwar, Dheeraj Singh, District President NHM Employees Association Kathua, Afzal Khan, District President NHM Employees Association Rajouri, Sajjad Malik,



District President NHM Employees Association Poonch, Dr. Raman, All India NHM Association Secretary, Rishi Kumar, Block President Dansal Jammu, Vishal Kumar, DTC Jammu, Sahil Kumar Jammu, and Ujwal Verma, Rajouri, conveyed their collective concerns to Babila Rakwal.

The delegation underscored the indispensable role of NHM in the healthcare system and pressed for the regu-

larization of NHM staff as regular government employees with wages equivalent to their counterparts in other departments.

They also drew attention to the salary disparities among NHM staff in different states, emphasizing the need for equitable compensation.

Furthermore, considering the challenging geographical terrain of certain districts, the delegation proposed the classification of

these areas as "Hard to Reach," urging for additional incentives to uplift the economic status of NHM employees.

The memorandum also included requests for leave benefits, echoing agreements made with other states, and the prompt release of pending salaries for the agitation/termination period.

Dr. Nazir Hussain, District President NHM Employees Association Kishtwar, expressed optimism about the

meeting, stating, "We welcome Babila Rakwal to her new role and are hopeful that under her leadership, our genuine concerns will be addressed promptly. NHM employees have been diligently serving the community, and resolving these issues will only strengthen the healthcare delivery system."

The delegation commended Rakwal for her commitment to public health and eagerly awaits positive developments in response to the memorandum presented.

The NHM Employees Association remains dedicated to working collaboratively with the Mission Director and relevant authorities to ensure the well-being of NHM employees and, by extension, the communities they serve.

Black Auto Union holds protest against operation of e-rickshaws

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 14: Jammu Kashmir Black Auto Union on Tuesday held a protest against the operation of e-rickshaws in areas that they claim have been allotted to traditional black autos.

The Jammu Kashmir Black Auto Union organized a protest rally with around five hundred auto drivers and owners at Bus Stand Jammu, BC road.

They are demanding the J&K government to control the movement of e-rickshaws and ensure that they operate only in the zones allotted to them by the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Regional Transport Officer (RTO), and Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) of Jammu.

Addressing the protesters, Sunil Dimple, the patron/Chairman of the Jammu Kashmir Black Auto Union and president of Mission Statehood, urged Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and the J&K government to take action to control the movement of e-rickshaws.



Dimple specifically demanded the SSP Traffic to set up check posts (nakas) in Jammu city to ensure that e-rickshaws are operating within their designated zones.

Dimple also gave a one-week ultimatum to the J&K government to address their concerns regarding e-rickshaws.

If not addressed, he threatened to organize protest marches, rallies, and agitation in Jammu city, involving five thousand autos, drivers, and owners.

Dimple highlighted the concerns of the 50-year-old Jammu Kashmir black auto industry, claiming that it is on the verge of starvation due to the competition from e-rickshaws.

Dimple alleged that the introduction of battery buses, Ola services, and small battery autos is negatively impacting the traditional black auto, mini-bus, matador, and diesel bus transport industry.

Dimple pointed out that, as a result of these changes, the

traditional black autos are struggling to meet financial obligations such as installments, insurance, and passing fees.

Dimple accused the government of destroying the 50-year-old auto and matador transport industry by introducing new modes of transport.

Prominent leaders supporting the protest include Sanjay Sethi, Haneef Chodry, Ajiyet Singh, Amar Jeet Singh, Pawan Kumar, S Vikram Singh, Ranjeet Singh, S Taran Singh, Ramesh Kumar, Madan Lal, Rameshwar Kumar, and Ashok Kumar.

Residents suffer due to dilapidated condition of road in Kulgam village

Top News Report

KULGAM, Nov 14: The residents of Maldar area of Devsar in Kulgam district are suffering due to dilapidated condition of road from Mashkhud to Maldar.

As per reports, the road from Mashkhud to Maldar in Devsar Tehsil is in dilapidated condition since long and no one from the administration is initiating any steps to construct or repair this road.

Due to the dilapidated condition of the road,

the people living in the area are suffering a lot and have appealed to the administration to repair this road as soon as possible.

The inhabitants said that the road is in worst condition since long and is full of muddy patches and potholes putting the lives of the locals in great risk.

They said that during rainfall, the commuters have to suffer a lot as sometimes their vehicles get stuck in this muddy road.

Local residents said

that common masses have been forced to walk on this rough road which causes inconvenience to them.

They appealed to the district administration Kulgam to direct the concerned department to repair this road at the earliest for the convenience of the people.

Meanwhile, Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) R&B said that the road has been taken up under NABARD and work is expected to commence soon.

When Amitabh Bachchan cycled from Delhi to Chandigarh for his college admission

Veteran actor Amitabh Bachchan has opened up on his struggle to find admission in college, and shared how he travelled to Chandigarh on a bicycle from Delhi, in order to get an admission in a university.

In episode 66 of the quiz-based reality show, host Amitabh welcomed Shaikh Ajmat from Balasore, Odisha, to the hot seat.

During the episode, Big B asked the contestant: "All right. Shaikh Sir, you're a teacher. You teach kids. What's the subject?"

The contestant said: "Sir, I teach everything but I enjoy teaching mathematics and geography. And I believe that children find mathematics to be tough. So I try to find new tricks and entertaining ideas so that kids don't find it to be a burden."



The contestant then displayed an interesting mathematical trick on a white board, leaving Amitabh amazed with his skills.

The actor went on to say, "Where were you in 1956? I was studying maths and didn't know this. Had you been there,

I would've learned something. I think you weren't even born. I'm saying so because I don't understand math."

"I took up BSc in university. As I wasn't getting admission elsewhere. I went to a couple of more places. I didn't get admis-

sion in Delhi. So, someone told me that I might get it in Chandigarh. So, I went to Chandigarh on a cycle from Delhi. It didn't take me long to cycle. I boarded the bus to Chandigarh and hung on the backside. And it dragged me all the way and I finally reached it. Then I got admission in Delhi in BSc," said the 'Don' actor.

The actor added: "The first lecture for 45 minutes made me realise that I made a blunder. Science is a terrifying subject. So, I suffered for three years and then that book... What's it called? A guide book. I memorised it and somehow became a graduate. But I don't remember anything. So, had I found you then I would've probably been guided well."

'Kaun Banega Crorepati 15' airs on Sony.

Kapil Sharma to have new comedy show on Netflix



Comedian Kapil Sharma has partnered with streaming service Netflix for a brand new comedy show.

Sharma, who ruled the Indian television scene with his popular celebrity chat series 'The Kapil Sharma Show', is entering the streaming bandwagon to bring a "fresh, new and an exciting comedy extravaganza for his fans around the world", a Netflix press release said.

Joining him on the new adventure

are his fellow members from 'The Kapil Sharma Show'—Archana Puran Singh, Krushna Abhishek, Kiku Sharda and Rajiv Thakur.

Sharma also made the announcement on social media through a video skit that also featured Singh, Abhishek, Sharda and Thakur.

While not a standalone comedy special, the new series promises double the laughter and heightened entertainment in every episode. The show vows to bring back the quirks and, most importantly, the incredible warmth that the Kapil family was known for, Netflix said.

Monika Shergill, vice president, Content, Netflix India, said Kapil Sharma is a huge entertainer whose legacy and comedy has made him a household name across India for years.

"We're proud to bring the King of Indian Comedy, alongside his beloved and well-known castmates, to Netflix. Kapil will continue to make India laugh and also entertain millions of his viewers globally now, from his new address-Netflix," she added.

Sophie back on social media

Game Of Thrones actress Sophie Turner has returned to social media for the first time since her split from Joe Jonas. The 27-year-old actress, who has more than 14 million Instagram followers, has taken to the photo-sharing platform to help raise awareness about environmental issues.

She told her followers: "Hi everyone! I have been asked to spread the word about positive power. And on doing the research and noticing the very clear effects of global warming, it's something that I really wanted to raise awareness about." The actress subsequently encouraged fans to 'switch over, move over to renewable energy and let nature provide us with power'.

Turner later added: "We need to let our leaders know that this is the future that we want for ourselves and for those we love — our children and our grandchildren." The actress captioned the Instagram post as: "#PositivePowerPartner."



It's time we all spread the word and push for a positive power plan. The time to transition to clean energy is now. When we speak out together, we can accelerate positive power. Check out the link in my bio to learn more. @wearepositivepower (sic)."

Sophie and Joe announced their split in September. The celebri-

ties, who tied the knot in 2019, said in a joint statement, "After four wonderful years of marriage we have mutually decided to amicably end our marriage. There are many speculative narratives as to why, but truly this is a united decision and we sincerely hope that everyone can respect our wish for privacy for us and our children."

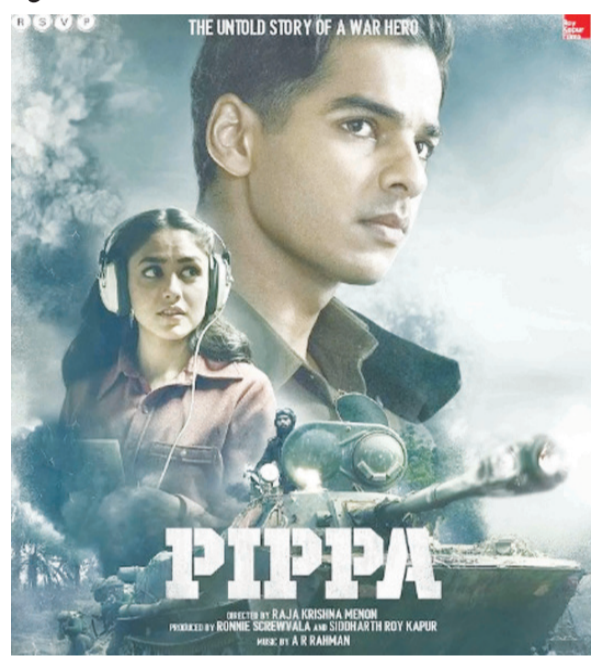
Row over Kazi Nazrul Islam's song: 'Pippa' makers say secured necessary adaptation rights

The new rendition of "Karar oi louho kopat" in "Pippa" is a sincere artistic interpretation and done after securing necessary adaptation rights, the film's team said, days after A R Rahman's version of the beloved Kazi Nazrul Islam poem attracted controversy for its alleged "distortion".

The poet's grandson and painter Kazi Anirban claimed that the family had given the makers permission to use the song but not to change the tunes and rhythm.

In a statement, the team behind "Pippa", produced by RSVF and Roy Kapur Films, said they have "deep respect" for the original composition, Islam and his immeasurable contribution to the "musical, political and social landscape of the Indian subcontinent".

The album, they said, was created as a tribute to those behind the liberation of Bangladesh.



"In light of the current discourse surrounding the song 'Karar Oi Louho Kopat' the producers, director and music composer of the film Pippa wish to clarify that our rendition of the song is a sincere artistic interpretation, embarked upon only after securing the necessary adaptation rights from the estate of the Late Mr. Kazi Nazrul Islam," the

statement read.

The film, starring Ishaan Khatter and Mrunal Thakur, is set during the 1971 India-Pakistan war and is directed by Raja Krishna Menon.

"We approached the making of this song by faithfully following both the letter and the spirit of the license agreement for the lyrics, as duly signed with Late

Mrs. Kalyani Kazi and witnessed by Mr. Anirban Kazi. Our intent was to pay homage to the cultural significance of the song while adhering to the terms set forth in our agreement, which permitted us to use the lyrics with a new composition," it added.

Islam, popularly known as the 'rebel poet', was born in 1899 in present-day West Bengal's Paschim Bardhaman district. His songs, known as 'Nazrul geeti', are probably second in terms of popularity after those of Rabindranath Tagore in Bengal. He later became the national poet of Bangladesh. Islam died in 1976.

The makers said while all art is subjective, they apologise if their version hurt the sentiments.

"We understand the emotional attachment that audiences may have to the original composition, and while all art is inherently subjective, if our interpretation has hurt sentiments

or caused unintended distress, we offer our sincere apologies."

The poem's new iteration by Rahman has angered not just the family of the poet but also the artistic community in West Bengal and Bangladesh.

Islam's grandson Kazi Anirban, granddaughter Anindita Kazi, popular Bengali singer Haimanti Shukla and Khilkhil Kazi, another granddaughter of the poet living in Bangladesh, have slammed the filmmakers for "distorting" the poet's creation, which they say is outrageous.

The song was first published in 'Banglar Katha' (Stories of Bengal) magazine in 1922 and included in Islam's book of poems 'Bhangar Gaan' (Songs of breaking free). It was first recorded in 1949 by a famous label and then in 1952 by another record label.

Rahman is yet to comment on the issue.

Falguni Shah's song Abundance of Millets bags a Grammy nomination



The song about millets featuring Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been nominated in the Best Global Music Performance category for Grammy awards 2024. The track, titled Abundance of Millets, talks about the health benefits and the government's efforts to promote the cereal. The song fea-

tures Indian-American Grammy-winning singer Falu (Falguni Shah) and her husband and singer Gaurav Shah.

Abundance of Millets is nominated alongside Arooj Aftab, Vijay Iyer and Shahzad Ismaili's Shadow Forces, Burna Boy's Alone, Davido's Feel, Silvana Estrada's track Milagro Y Disas-

tre, Béla Fleck, Edgar Meyer and Zakir Hussain featuring Rakesh Chaurasia for Pashto, Ibrahim Maalouf featuring Cimafunk and Tank and the Bangas's 'Todo Colores'. Mumbai-born singer-songwriter, Falguni Shah, known more by her stage name, Falu, and her husband and singer Gaurav Shah, released Abundance of Millets in June.

In June, she was quoted as saying that PM Modi has written the song along with her and her husband.

Falu, while posting the song on X, had tweeted, Abundance of Millets, a song inspired by PM Narendra Modi's proposition to the UN to declare 2023 as the International Year of Millets. Honoured to collaborate with him, write a song to promote millet, help farmers grow it and help end world hunger." The Prime Minister encourages listeners to include millets into their diet to lead a healthier life. While sharing the song, he had also shared on X, "Very creative and will inspire more people to embrace millets for healthy living!"

Arshad loves to dance



Arshad Warsi has proven his versatility on screen time and again. While he has effortlessly dabbled into various genres and roles, this fluency in his craft seems to come from his initial journey in the dance arena.

Not many know that Arshad started his professional life as a salesman and later took up some other jobs. But having a keen interest in dance, life had other plans for the Munna Bhai actor, from joining Akbar Sami's dance group in Mumbai to dancing and choreographing in Bharat Dabholkar, Alyque Padamsee, and Firoz Khan's plays, it all seemed like a plan falling into place. He even choreographed ads for some brands.

In 1991, Arshad won the Indian dance competition, followed by a fourth prize in the Modern Jazz category in the 1992 World Dance championship, London, at the age of 21. Fueling his passion for dance further, he started his own dance studio, Awesome, and also formed a dance troupe where he met his wife, Maria Goretti. In 1993 he got an opportunity to choreograph the title track for Roop Ki Rani Choron Ka Raja.

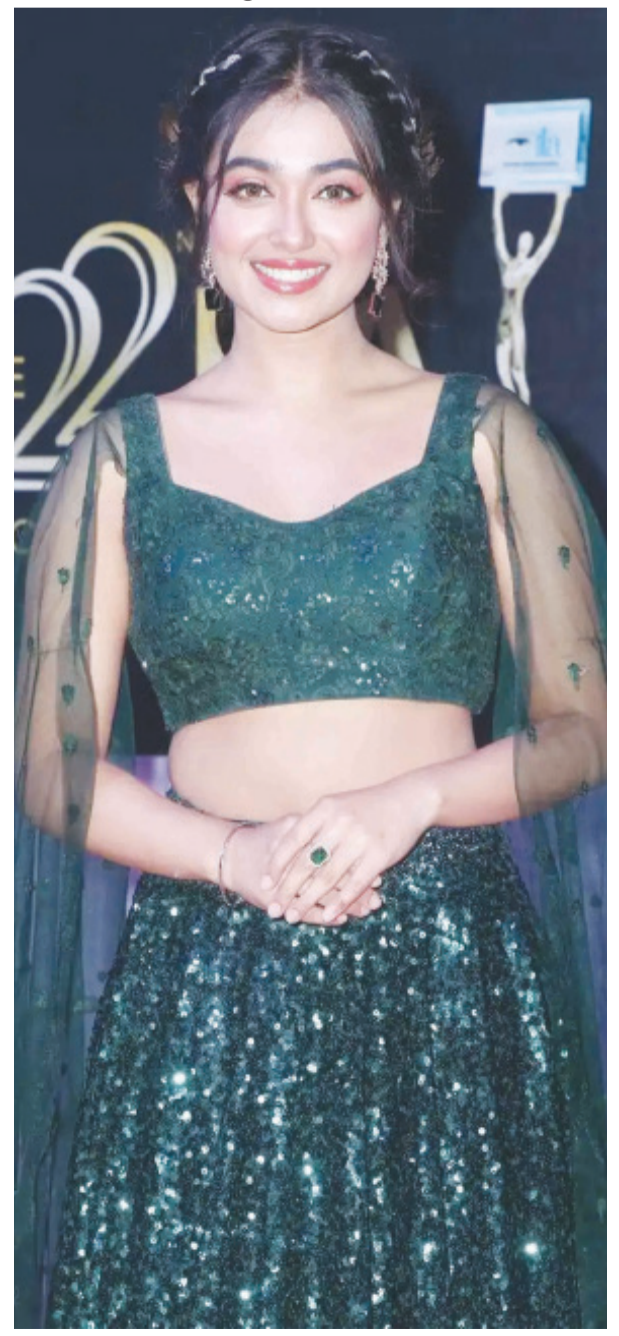
His journey seems to have come a full circle with him turning judge for Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa Season 11 now. Arshad says, "It just all feels surreal. When I go into flashback, it just feels like it was all meant to be. I always had a special liking for dance and life gave me the chance to get associated with it. Now, I am in a seat where I will be judging dancers, so it is sort of unbelievable, but a great feeling too." In fact, Arshad, who is in Goa mostly, flies down to Mumbai to only shoot for Jhalak!

Neeharika Roy on her acting journey

The lead actress of Zee TV's Pyaar Ka Pehla Naam Radha Mohan, Neeharika Roy, has impressed everyone with her acting skills. But acting was not something that she wanted to pursue.

Neeharika, who belongs to a family of engineers, wanted to become a doctor but destiny had other plans for her. In fact, it was her parents, who wanted her to try her luck in the entertainment industry.

Neeharika says, "I come from a family of engineers, and keeping that in mind, I always wanted to choose a different profession, hence, I wanted to become a doctor. But life doesn't always happen according to our plans and that's how acting happened to me. In my childhood, I have been inclined towards extracurricular activities and that is why my parents asked me to try my luck in acting. I gave a few auditions and fortunately, I got selected in the very first audition I gave. I never thought of becoming an actor but here I am today. I would like to thank all who have accepted me and showered their love on me."



“BJP Storm In Madhya Pradesh Will Uproot Congress”: PM Modi

Attacking the Congress party, the Prime Minister said that your love for us is disturbing the sleep of a lot of people.

SHAJAPUR (MADHYA PRADESH), Nov 14 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday asserted that the storm of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will uproot Congress in Madhya Pradesh.

“I have met people in various parts of MP in the past few days and sought their blessings. The trust being shown in the BJP is amazing. Those making electoral calculations while sitting in Delhi could not make their assessment. Because of people’s tremendous support, BJP storm in Madhya Pradesh will uproot Congress,” PM Modi said while addressing a rally in Madhya Pradesh’s Shajapur.

Attacking the Congress party, the Prime Minister said that your love for us is disturbing the sleep of a lot of people.

“Your love is disturbing the sleep of a lot of people. Smiles have disappeared from the faces of a few people. They seem very sad. Look at their TV interviews, listen to their words—what have you made of Congress,” PM Modi said.

He further said that nobody in the country can forget Congress’ exploits.

“Wherever Congress came, it brought havoc. Nobody in the



country can forget Congress’ exploits. With great difficulty, the BJP has pulled Madhya Pradesh out of a deep well. Congress has just one agenda - loot, corruption, atrocity on public and lies after lies. This is their tactic,” he added.

“Congress has only hostility, despair and negativity to give you. Out of its nature, Congress encourages appeasement, hooliganism, rioting and corruption. Congress neither has strength nor intentions,” the PM said.

He further gave a guarantee that in his third term, India will be among the top three economies in the world.

“Today, India is the fifth largest

economy in the world. Experts across the world believe that we will soon be the third-largest economic power. I have given you the guarantee that when I sit for the third time (on the position as the Prime Minister), I will bring our economy to the third position,” PM Modi said while addressing a rally in Madhya Pradesh’s Shajapur.

The Prime Minister further said that India is a country that is going ahead rapidly and investors across the world want to invest in India.

“Big companies in every sector are eager to come to India. India is going to become a big manufacturing hub for the world. The

energy of India that was suppressed for centuries and its strength is now going ahead on its correct path. At this crucial time, it is necessary for there to be a BJP government in Madhya Pradesh. You have to remember that Congress is the party that chases away investors, it is a party that does corruption of thousands of crores of rupees; it is a party that works for just one family. It is not concerned about your families,” he said.

Madhya Pradesh is set to undergo polls on November 17 and the counting of votes will take place on December 3. Voters will choose legislators from 230 Assembly constituencies.

In the last 2018 assembly elections, Congress won 114 seats with a vote share of 40.89 per cent while the BJP came in second and managed to win 109 seats. Its vote share was 41.02 per cent.

The Congress came to power with Kamal Nath taking oath as the chief minister but Jyotiraditya Scindia, along with 22 loyalist MLAs, switched over to BJP in 2020. The BJP later formed the government with Shivraj Singh Chouhan as Chief Minister.

Rajnath Singh to attend ASEAN defence ministers’ meet in Jakarta on November 16



NEW DELHI, Nov 14 (Agencies): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will attend a two-day Association of South-east Asian Nations (ASEAN) defence ministers’ meeting in Indonesia’s Jakarta from November 16.

During the 10th ASEAN Defence Ministers’ Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus), Singh will address the forum about regional and international security issues. Indonesia is hosting the meeting as it is the chair of ADMM-Plus.

On the sidelines of the ADMM-Plus, Rajnath Singh will hold bilateral meetings with the defence ministers of the

participating countries and discuss defence cooperation matters to further strengthen mutually beneficial engagements. The ADMM is the highest defence consultative and cooperative mechanism in ASEAN. The ADMM-Plus is a platform for the ASEAN members (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam) and its eight dialogue partners (India, US, China, Russia, Japan, South Korea, Australia, and New Zealand) to strengthen security and defence cooperation.

India became the dia-

logue partner of ASEAN in 1992 and the inaugural ADMM-Plus was convened in Hanoi, Vietnam on October 12, 2010. Since 2017, the ADMM-Plus ministers have been meeting annually to bolster cooperation between the ASEAN and the Plus countries.

The ADMM-Plus progresses practical cooperation amongst member countries through seven Experts Working Groups (EWGs), Maritime Security, Military Medicine, Cyber Security, Peacekeeping Operations, Counter Terrorism, Humanitarian Mine Action, and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR). During the 10th ADMM-Plus, the next set of co-chairs for the cycle 2024-2027 will also be announced. In the present cycle from 2021-2024, India is co-chairing EWG on HADR along with Indonesia.

Sand mafia: Bihar Police SI dies, home guard injured as tractor mows them down in Jamui

PATNA, Nov 14 (Agencies): A police sub-inspector was killed and a home guard jawan critically injured as a tractor transporting illegal sand mowed them down in Bihar’s Jamui district on Tuesday.

Prabhat Ranjan, the sub-inspector who was part of a drive against sand mafia in the district, was patrolling in the area under Garhi police station when a sand-laden tractor rammed him and home guard jawan Rajesh Kumar Saw with a view to killing them.

“Our police team



headed by SI Prabhat Ranjan was on patrol duty when they saw a tractor laden with sand coming at a high speed. When they signalled it to stop, the driver mowed them,” said the official

spokesperson of Jamui police station.

The driver of the tractor left the vehicle on the spot and escaped. “We have identified the driver. He will be arrested soon,” he added.

Odisha: 80-yr-old woman dies after falling into borewell

BHUBANESWAR, Nov 14 (Agencies): An 80-year-old woman died after falling into a borewell in Odisha’s Sonepur district, officials said on Tuesday.

The woman, identified as Dukhi Negi, was taken out of the 20-feet-deep borewell in a critical condition after a five-hour-long rescue operation and rushed to a hospital where doctors declared her brought dead.

The elderly woman had slipped and fallen into the abandoned borewell in a forested area near Kainphula village in Sadar block on Monday evening, a police officer said, adding her family claimed she was deaf and mute.

Locals searched for the woman the entire night and also informed the police. She was found in the borewell on Tuesday morning, following which the Fire Services and Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force



(ODRAF) launched the rescue operation.

The rescue team supplied oxygen into the borewell to help the woman breathe and dug a parallel hole to bring her out.

After being brought out of the borewell in a critical condition,

she was taken to Sonepur district hospital, where treating doctors declared her brought dead.

“She had died before being brought to the hospital,” Somi Purohit, a doctor at the Sonepur hospital said.

Sonepur Superintendent of Police Amaresh Panda said the woman’s pulse rate was very low when she was brought out of the borewell.

A snake was also found along with the woman but it is yet to be confirmed whether she was bitten by the reptile, he said.

Gopabandhu Nayak, a member of the rescue team, said the woman was in a sitting position with her hands pressed against the wall of the borewell.

“We dug another hole close to the borewell to rescue her. During the search operation, we could see her but she was not responding to commands,” Assistant Fire Officer Dhananjay Mallik said.

Health Minister Niranjan Pujari, who represents Sonepur constituency, said a proper investigation will be conducted into the incident.

6 Delhi residents die as their car collides with truck in UP

The bodies have been sent for post-mortem



MUZAFFARNAGAR, Nov 14 (Agencies): Six people were killed when their car collided with a truck at Rampurtiraha on the Delhi-Haridwar national highway early on Tuesday, a police official said.

Circle officer (Sadar) Vinay Gautam told PTI that the accident took place when the victims, who hailed from Shahdara in Delhi, were on way to Haridwar.

The bodies have been sent for post-mortem.

Woman dies as fire breaks out at building in East Delhi’s Shakarpur



NEW DELHI, Nov 14 (Agencies): A 40-year-old woman died in a major fire at a building in East Delhi’s Shakarpur on Tuesday while 26 people were rescued,

officials said here.

They said the fire started in its parking area in the early hours of the day and engulfed the entire structure.

A woman died in the

fire while 26 people, along with two pets, were rescued by the Delhi Fire Service, the officials said, adding that some people jumped off the windows to save themselves.

All of them were rushed to a hospital, they said.

“We got a fire call at about 1.05 am. We immediately pressed three fire engines into service. Later, five more fire engines were rushed to the spot. The matter was informed to the police immediately,” an official of the Delhi Fire Service said.

Sachin Tendulkar recalls mischievous childhood antics on Children’s Day



NEW DELHI, Nov 14 (Agencies): In a nostalgic tweet, cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar shared a glimpse into his mischievous child-

hood. Tendulkar reminisced about his youthful days, where he and his friends engaged in a playful yet daring act of flattening

tyres of cars parked at the housing society, Sahitya Sahawas.

The cricket maestro mentioned about the professionalism they brought to their mischief, emphasising that the job was not considered complete until all four tyres of a car were flattened.

Tendulkar’s tweet resonated with many, striking a chord with those who fondly recalled their childhood adventures on Children’s Day.

Nehru’s progressive ideas advanced India’s social, economic development, says Congress

NEW DELHI, Nov 14 (Agencies): The Congress leadership on Tuesday paid rich tributes to India’s first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru on his birth anniversary, describing him as the prime architect of modern India.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, former party chief Sonia Gandhi, and AICC treasurer Ajay Maken were among the party leaders who visited Nehru’s memorial at Shanti Van here and paid homage to him.

“Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was the prime architect of modern

India. In his understanding, only a Democratic structure which gave space to various cultural, political, and socio-economic trends to express themselves could hold India together,” Kharge said in a post on X.

“Today, as we gather at Shanti Van, to pay our revered tributes to him, we must preserve, protect and defend India’s Constitution and our long-cherished Democratic institutions and principles - his enduring legacy,” he said.

In another post in Hindi, Kharge recalled the words of Nehru, who

said, “Citizenship is in the service of the country.”

“Humble tribute on the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru ji, who took India from zero to the pinnacle, the creator of modern India, the fearless guardian of democracy and our source of inspiration,” he said.

“His progressive ideas advanced India’s social, political and economic development despite all the challenges and encouraged the people of the country to live together at every moment, without any discrimination, always keep-

ing the country first,” the Congress chief said.

Paying tributes to Nehru on his 134th birth anniversary, AICC general secretary Jairam Ramesh recalled “the gentle colossus who shaped 20th century India so very decisively.”

“His legacy lives on. He continues to resonate in numerous ways, even as the self-styled Vishwaguru. His drum-beaters do their worst to deny his monumental contributions and distort, damage, denigrate, demean, and defame him,” he said.

Today, as the nation awaits India’s victory in the cricket World Cup final five days hence, let us recall Nehru the cricketer. On September 12th and 13th, 1953 the Prime Minister’s XI played a two-day match against the Vice President’s XI in New Delhi to raise funds for flood relief in different states, he noted.

Nehru, he said, was on the field throughout. He bowled, fielded, and batted.

“Nehru found time to speak on the radio for a few minutes while the game was on. Later, he served as the auctioneer selling off cricket

bats and score books presented to him in November 1948 by the West Indies and Indian cricket teams that had just played a test match in Delhi then, and also by the Commonwealth and Indian cricket teams that had played a test match in February 1951 in Kanpur,” Ramesh said.

“Fortunately, what he said on both occasions in Hindi was captured for posterity. They make for wonderful reading even today,” he recalled citing a news report of the time.

Biden says Gaza hospitals 'must be protected' as Israeli tanks take up positions

GAZA, Nov 14 (Agencies): US President Joe Biden said hospitals in the Gaza Strip must be protected and he hoped for "less intrusive" action by Israel as Israeli tanks advanced to the gates of the besieged enclave's main hospital.

Israeli tanks have taken up positions outside Al Shifa Hospital, Gaza City's main medical center, which Israel says sits atop tunnels housing a headquarters for Hamas fighters who are using patients as shields.

Hamas denies the Israeli claim.

Israel launched its war against Hamas after the Islamist Palestinian group's October 7 rampage into southern Israel. Around 1,200 people died in that attack and 240 were dragged to Gaza as hostages, according to Israel's tally.

The armed wing of Hamas said it was ready to free up to 70 women and children held in Gaza in exchange for a five-day truce in the war, in which Gaza medical authorities say more than 11,000 people have been confirmed killed, about 40 per cent of children.

Roughly two-thirds of the densely populated Mediterranean strip has been made homeless by Israel's military campaign, in which it has ordered the northern half of Gaza evacuated.

Gaza health ministry spokesperson Ashraf Al-Qidra, who was inside Al Shifa hospital, on Monday said 32 patients had died in the previous three days, including three newborns, because of the siege of the hospital in northern Gaza and a lack of power.

The Israeli military said early on Tuesday it had "initiated a



humanitarian effort to coordinate the transfer of incubators" from Israel to Al Shifa but made clear none of the devices, often used to keep pre-mature newborns warm, had been received by the facility.

There was no immediate comment from Al Shifa or from Hamas.

At least 650 patients were still inside Al Shifa Hospital, desperate to be evacuated to another medical facility.

In his first comments since the weekend's events, including patient deaths reported at Al Shifa, Biden said hospitals must be protected.

"My hope and expectation is that there will be less intrusive action relative to hospitals and we remain in contact with the Israelis," Biden told reporters at the White House on Monday.

"Also, there is an effort to get this pause to deal with the release of prisoners and that's being negotiated, as well, with the Qataris... being engaged," he added. "So I remain somewhat hopeful but hospitals must be protected."

Israel launched its campaign last month against Hamas, the Islamist group that runs the Gaza Strip and that is officially

dedicated to the destruction of Israel, after Hamas militants invaded southern Israel, killing civilians and soldiers.

Israel says Hamas uses hospitals for military purposes and Israel's military on Monday released video and photos of what it said were weapons the group stored in the basement of Rantissi Hospital, a pediatric hospital specializing in cancer treatment.

HOSTAGES FOR CEASE-FIRE?

Al-Qassam Brigades, the armed wing of Hamas, posted an audio recording on its Telegram channel saying the group was ready to release as many as 70 women and children hostages in return for a five-day ceasefire, an offer Israel is unlikely to embrace.

"We told the (Qatari) mediators that in a five-day truce, we can release 50 of them and the number could reach 70 due to the difficulty that the captives are held by different factions," said al-Qassam Brigades spokesman Abu Ubaida said, saying Israel had asked for 100 to be freed.

Israel, which effectively blockades Gaza, has rejected a ceasefire, arguing that Hamas

would simply use it to regroup, but has permitted brief humanitarian "pauses" to allow food and other supplies to flow in and foreigners to flee.

White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan told reporters Washington would "like to see considerably longer pauses - days, not hours - in the context of a hostage release."

Speaking on condition of anonymity, another US official said the release of dozens of hostages could lead to a several-day pause but said negotiations were extremely delicate.

There was also fighting on Monday at a second major hospital in northern Gaza, al-Quds, which has stopped functioning.

The Palestinian Red Crescent said there was heavy gunfire around the hospital and a convoy to evacuate patients and staff could not get through.

Israel said it killed "approximately 21 terrorists" at al-Quds in return fire after fighters shot from the hospital entrance. It released footage it said showed men at the hospital gate, one of whom appeared to carry a rocket-propelled grenade launcher.

Israel's military and security services also said they had killed a number of Hamas commanders and officials in the last day, including Mohammed Khamis Dababash, who they described as the group's former head of military intelligence.

Hamas media said more than 30 people were killed and scores injured in an Israeli airstrike on the Jabalia refugee camp in northern Gaza. An Israeli military spokesperson said the army was checking the report on Jabalia.

Cambodia Accused Of "Forced Evictions" From Around Angkor Wat Complex

PHNOM PENH, Nov 14 (Agencies): Rights group Amnesty International on Tuesday accused Cambodia of breaking international law through the eviction of 10,000 families from around the Angkor Wat temple complex.

Phnom Penh has over the past year increased the relocation of families living within the sprawling UNESCO world heritage site to a new community being built on former rice paddies 25 kilometres (15 miles) away since last year.

Officials have long maintained that families are moving voluntarily, but in a report released Tuesday Amnesty says many are receiving "direct and subtle threats" to move.

"They must immediately cease forcibly evicting people and violating international human rights law," said Montse Ferrer of Amnesty.

Cambodian government spokesman Pen Bona said the report was "not right", insisting that the relocation of villagers was done on a "voluntary" basis and in line with UNESCO rules.

UNESCO said it was "deeply concerned" by the report, which comes on the eve of a regular intergovernmental conference on Angkor at the culture body's headquarters in Paris.

The temple complex dating back to the ninth century is Cambodia's top tourist attraction, and pre-pandemic drew more than two million foreigners every year.

The tourists spawned a micro-economy of stallholders, food and souvenir sellers and beggars, and the local population exploded from an estimated 20,000 in the early 1990s to about 120,000 by 2013.

Cambodian authorities say they are acting to protect the ruins by moving squatters whose informal settlements are damaging the local environment by producing rubbish and overusing water resources.

Officials say that only unauthorised settlements -- often ramshackle huts without proper sewage, running water or in some cases electricity -- have been targeted.

UNESCO concern

The Amnesty report calls on UNESCO to condemn Phnom Penh's actions and warns of further escalation if it should fail to do so.

"Unless there is serious pushback from UNESCO, conservation efforts may increasingly be weaponised by states to their own ends, at the expense of human rights," Ferrer said.

The rights group alleges that officials from Apsara National Authority -- the body which manages the archaeological park -- and the land ministry are using UNESCO to justify the relocations.

One resident said Cambodian authorities told her explicitly that "UNESCO wants you to leave" or lose the site's world heritage status.

At least seven villagers who live around Angkor Wat have been sued by Apsara, for allegedly inciting and obstructing public work, according court summons seen by AFP.

The lawsuits were filed after hundreds of villagers protested against an attempt by Apsara officials in August to demolish allegedly illegal structures inside the archaeological park.

"UNESCO is deeply concerned about the population relocation programme in Angkor carried out by the Cambodian authorities," the UN body said in a statement, adding that it had "never requested, nor supported, nor was a party to this programme".

UNESCO called on Cambodia to take "corrective measures" and to respond to Amnesty's allegations in its next report on Angkor.

Government spokesman Pen Bona said the government was acting in line with UNESCO rules.

"Cambodia must respect conditions imposed by UNESCO," he told AFP, adding that the conditions required that there were no structures, constructions, or people living at the site.

"There could be a few villagers who may not be happy and they (Amnesty) interviewed them and said that the government conducted forced evictions," he said.

Foxconn founder Terry Gou to run for Taiwan president

TAIPEI, Nov 14 (Agencies): Terry Gou, the billionaire founder of major Apple supplier Foxconn, has collected three times the amount of signatures needed to qualify to run in Taiwan's presidential elections, the government said on Tuesday.

In a statement, Gou thanked his backers for their "enthusiastic support" and vowed to work hard to achieve "peace across the Taiwan Strait".

Gou announced his bid in August, saying he wanted to unite the opposition and ensure the island did not become "the next Ukraine", blaming the ruling Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) for taking Taiwan to the



brink of war by antagonising China which claims the island as its own territory.

Gou, who stepped down as Foxconn chief in 2019, had to gather around 300,000 voter signatures by Nov. 2 to qualify as an independent candidate, according to election regulations.

The election commission said he got more than 900,000 valid signatures.

Gou, 73, is one of four candidates in the election. Opinion polls show he is the least favoured candidate, well behind front-runner, Lai Ching-te of the DPP and who is currently vice president.

Nikki Haley's presidential campaign gains momentum, Trump continues to lead

WASHINGTON, Nov 14 (Agencies): The 2024 presidential election campaign of Indian-American politician Nikki Haley seems to have gained momentum as several key donors from rival camps have switched to her side as she announced a USD 10 million media blitz in the early primary states of New Hampshire and Iowa, hoping to further propel the momentum.

Former US president Donald Trump, however, continues to be the most popular leader in the Republican Party with an approval rating of over 60 per cent.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis comes second with nearly 14 per cent. But his popularity, which once was earlier in the



30s, has been declining over the past few months.

On the other hand, riding on her impressive performances in the Republican presidential debates, Haley's popularity has been on the upswing with her approval rating now

crossing double digits.

Over the past week, several donors from the rival camps have moved to her side. Prominent among them include Harlan Crow and Bruce Kovner of Caxton Alternative Management. Ken Griffin who previously supported her rival

Senator Tim Scott has also announced extending his support to Haley.

Encouraged by the development, the Nikki Haley for President campaign announced on Monday that it would book USD 10 million in TV, radio and digital advertising across Iowa and New Hampshire from the first week of December.

Haley is the only candidate devoting major resources to both Iowa and New Hampshire, and the only Republican hopeful other than Donald Trump who is positioned to do well in both the states as well as in South Carolina, according to a media release.

Haley for President campaign manager

Betsy Ankney said, "Nikki Haley's momentum and path to victory are clear. The same can't be said for Ron DeSantis, who, even with a decent showing in Iowa, can't afford a cup of coffee at the Red Arrow Diner in New Hampshire and is a mere tourist in South Carolina."

"Nikki's campaign is built to win the primary against Donald Trump and all polls show she is by far the strongest Republican against Joe Biden in the general. After Republican losses in 2020, 2022 and 2023, it's time to leave behind the chaos and drama and nominate a new generation of conservative leadership," Ankney said.

Imran Khan also arrested in Toshakhana, Al-Qadir corruption cases

ISLAMABAD, Nov 14 (Agencies): Former prime minister Imran Khan, who is already imprisoned in Adiala Jail in the cipher case, has also been arrested by Pakistan's top anti-corruption office in the Al-Qadir Trust case and Toshakhana gifts case, media reports said on Tuesday.

The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) arrested Khan on Monday after Accountability Court Judge Mohammad Bashir ratified the arrest warrants and directed the Adiala Jail superintendent to execute them, the Dawn newspaper reported.

"Khan was arrested in Al-Qadir Trust case also on Monday when a NAB team, led by Assistant Director Muhammad Asif and Waqarul Hasan

visited District Jail at Rawalpindi, and executed arrest warrants through the jail superintendent," The News International reported.

It said the execution of the arrest warrants meant that Khan, former Prime Minister and chief of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party, was also arrested in Toshakhana and Al-Qadir cases. He would be investigated in jail by a NAB team after obtaining his physical remand from a court of law.

Khan, 71, has been lodged in the Adiala Jail in connection with the cipher case, months after his arrest in August. The Al-Qadir Trust case was about the settlement of 190 million pounds, about Rs 50 billion, which the United Kingdom's



National Crime Agency sent to Pakistan after recovering the amount from a Pakistani property tycoon.

Khan being the prime minister then, instead of depositing it in the national kitty, allowed the businessman to use the amount to partly settle a fine of about Rs 450 billion imposed by the Supreme Court some years ago. Reportedly, the tycoon

in return gifted about 57 acres of land to a trust set up by Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi to establish the Al-Qadir University in the Sohawa area of the Jhelum district of Punjab.

During the hearing on Monday, the judge had earlier asked the NAB prosecutor about the status of Khan's pleas to revive his bail petitions in the two cases, to which he replied that

the pleas were pending in the Islamabad High Court and there was no restraining order issued so far, the Dawn report said.

The court had also issued Khan's arrest warrant in the Toshakhana gifts case, which was a different case from the one he was convicted in August and arrested but later granted bail. That case was filed by the Election Commission of Pakistan for hiding the proceeds of sale from the gifts he got from the Toshakhana.

The latest arrest warrant was issued in the case filed by the NAB, which approached the court to issue arrest warrants against Khan because he needed to complete an investigation in the two cases.

Former Fox News reporter says in lawsuit he was fired after challenging January 6 coverage

WASHINGTON, Nov 14 (Agencies): A former Fox News reporter says in a lawsuit he was targeted and fired for pushing back against false claims about the riot at the US Capitol on January 6, 2021.

In the suit filed in federal court on Monday, producer Jason Donner said he was part of a "purge" of employees who refused to only report information that would "appease" former President Donald Trump and his supporters.

Donner was inside the Capitol when the mob of Trump supporters breached the building. When he heard Fox News reporting that rioters were "peaceful" and "severely disappointed", he called the control room, using expletives as he said, "you're gonna get us all killed," the suit states. A spokeswoman for Fox News did not immediately return an email message seeking comment on the lawsuit. Donner also debunked Tucker Carlson's "Patriot Purge", a programme on the Fox Nation streaming service that argued January 6 was used as a pretext for persecution of conservative Americans. Fox managers, though, were focused on wooing

viewers who supported Trump, and as Donner pressed his complaints he was eventually targeted by a manager who accused him of being irresponsible for calling in sick once while he was recovering from a Covid-19 vaccine, the lawsuit claimed. He was fired in 2022. A longtime Republican who affiliated with Democrats more recently, Donner said he was illegally discriminated and retaliated against because of his political views. He is seeking unspecified damages. The lawsuit was first filed in Washington's Superior Court on September 27 and subsequently moved to federal court. Fox also faced a lawsuit from Dominion Voting Systems and paid nearly \$800 million this year to settle the case alleging that Fox knowingly promoted false conspiracy theories about the security of its voting machines. It is also facing a suit from a second voting-machine company. The network also paid USD 12 million to settle with Abby Grossberg, another former producer who claimed that she faced a discriminatory workplace and that the network coerced her into giving false or misleading testimony in the Dominion suit.

P Mark, 98.3 Radio Mirchi spread joy, light to underprivileged through 'Mirchi SMILES wali Diwali'

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 14: In a heartening initiative to bring the spirit of Diwali to the underprivileged, Radio Mirchi 98.3, in collaboration with PBI India Pvt Ltd - P Mark, launched the "Mirchi Smiles Wali Diwali" campaign. The initiative took a unique approach by sourcing handmade diyas and candles from a self-help group of women, adding a personal touch to the festive season.

The project aimed to make Diwali special for those in need, transcending the boundaries of privilege. The team distributed these carefully crafted treasures not only among prominent personalities of Jammu but also at a local orphanage, ensuring that the light of Diwali reached every corner of the community.

Members of the self-help group poured their creativity and craftsmanship into each diya and candle, making them not just artifacts but symbols of hope and joy. The initiative not only supported local



artisans but also created a bridge between different sections of society, emphasizing the true spirit of Diwali – the festival of lights and sharing.

A particularly touching aspect of the initiative was the visit to a local orphanage Balgram Channi Rama, where the team spread cheer among the children by gifting them these beautifully crafted tokens of light, making Rangolis together, had a musical jamming session and played fun games with them, followed by a delicious dinner. The smiles on the faces of the youngsters illuminated the room, underscoring the impact such initia-

tives can have on creating lasting memories and fostering a sense of belonging.

The "Mirchi Smiles Wali Diwali" initiative stands as a testament to the power of community-driven efforts to make a positive impact during special occasions. As the handmade diyas and candles lit up both homes and hearts, Radio Mirchi 98.3 and PBI India Pvt Ltd - P Mark succeeded in bringing the true essence of Diwali to every doorstep, proving that a small gesture can go a long way in making a difference in the lives of all.

Shwetima Jamwal, Programming head of 98.3 Mirchi said, 'I

was amazed to see the dedication of these rural women who have been making Cow-dung Diyas, ensuring a Eco-friendly Diwali for all and it's a moment of pride for us to be able to deliver specially crafted gift items to the Who's Who of city and then sharing smiles with the super talented little kids of orphanage made it an even more complete Diwali for us'.

Keeping the promise to keep the entertainment intact to the people of Jammu, the RJs of Radio Mirchi 98.3, RJ Chaitanya, RJ Tani and RJ Rohit interacted with the listeners through radio and asked them to share their stories about

their favourite moments of Diwali with their loved ones and delivered a box of happiness to the ones who shared most emotional and heart touching stories.

The campaign was majorly led by Shobhit Vaid, Account Manager at 98.3 Mirchi.

Sanjay Puri, Anjali Puri, Archit Puri, Shubham Puri, Aditi Chopra Puri and Vijijisha Seth Puri from the PBI India Pvt Ltd - P Mark family also said, 'We haven't had a more beautiful Diwali than this. We are a brand that believes in building bonds as our products ensure happy and healthy family times, and this celebration felt like extending our own family.'

Chaitanya Gupta, Station head of 98.3 Mirchi's Jammu Station also said, we are thrilled to be able to share the joy of Diwali with the people of Jammu, especially the Under privileged Women and the special children. Diwali is a time of coming together, and we hope to keep that celebration going through our little initiatives.

Sandhya Gupta to organise Mahraja Hari Singh Dogra Samman Award 2023 on Nov 16



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 14: A prestigious event 'Mahraja Hari Singh Dogra Samman' dedicated to the various dignitaries is being organized in Jammu.

The award function is being organised by the Sandhya Gupta, Chairman of Women Club Meri Pehchan.

Sandhya Gupta, while addressing a press conference, briefed about the award function.

The function is being

organised on November 16 at Amantran Farms near Jammu Airport. The award function will witness various eminent personalities.

Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Ramdas Athawale will be the Chief Guest, Sadhvi Ritambara will be the chairperson.

The awardees of the function will be Shankar Sahney Singer, Dr Radhika Chopra Gazal Singer, Padma Shri Gulabo Sapera Indian Dancer, Padma Shri

Prof. Vishwamurti Shastri Padma Singer Anup Jalota, Dr Harvinder Mankkar Cartoonist and Illustrator, Dr Prakash Tata International Spiritual Guru Ayurveda and Yoga Specialist, Sargam Koushal Mrs World 2022, Mushtaq Kak Indian Film Actor, Para Archer Sheetal Dev, Actor Lokesh Tilakdhari, Vishal Batra brother of Vikram Batra, Ashok Kumar President Teacher Award-ee, Actor Ali Khan, Narinder Singh Jassel Social Activist, Satyadev Prasad Olympian Archery, Surinder Farishta Comedian, Vikas Manhas Soldiers Storyteller.

Sandhya Gupta said she is organizing this function since 2018 by herself with the support of her son Sidhant Gupta who is a well known actor and Jeet Saluja which are also sponsors of the award function.

Sandhya Gupta welcomed all the awardees and dignitaries in the award function. Sandhya Gupta appealed people to support her for the noble cause.

Natrang stages Hindi play 'Jaal' at Nagrota & Marh

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 14: Jammu and Kashmir Excise Department in collaboration with Natrang presented two shows of Balwant Thakur's Hindi play 'Jaal' under the direction of Neeraj Kant here on Tuesday at Youth Services and Sports Centre, Nagrota and Village Parwah of block Marh.

In a very effective manner this powerful play innovatively show-

cases as how the Drug-menace is ruining the generations like a rapid fire, crippling the developing nations like India.

The youth of the country, the largest energetic and productive human resource of the country, sometimes unknowingly slip into the trap of drug menace.

Pankaj Kumar Sharma, Excise Commissioner was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Prominent amongst those who graced the occasion included

Sukriti Sharma Deputy Excise Commissioner Accounts Jammu, Dr Anil Chandan ETO North Jammu, Sarpanch and Panches of Panchayat Parwah of Block Marh, Jammu.

The play was not based on one story-line but as an experiment Balwant Thakur has woven multiple stories in one theme focusing the spread of drug menace like a mesh, thus taking the toll of the strongest workforce of the country. In a

sequence a young boy is shown struggling for a good company after his passing of the school and entry in the college. He is isolated for not being the consumer of various intoxications. All around him treat him like a child which really frustrates him and to prove that he has grown-up as a young man now, he finds the easiest way and demonstrates his coming of age by consuming a variety of intoxications to join their company.

In another sequence a rural inhabitation particularly the men-folk is shown drowned in the menace of alcohol.

All the miseries of the village like poverty, domestic violence, and other ailments are attributed to the constant growth of the massive consumption of alcohol in the village. In a sequence the daily routine of a villager is shown who consumes the whole of his daily earnings in seeking alcohol. Being drunk

completely he has lost his way home. By the time a local escorts him to his place where in the middle of the night this drunken man starts beating his sleeping wife and kids for failing to him on his arrival. When the escort intervenes to save and shelter the poor lady and children, he is blamed for having bad intentions towards his wife.

This fight further messes up when a drunken man after losing senses damages

the entire house and his household belongings as well. The play unfolds a series of incidents where people under the influence of drugs, alcohol and other intoxications create hell for themselves as well as for others. Many precious lives are being vanished in this rapid fire of drug menace which is to be fought unitedly to bring them out of the mesh of drug menace.

Through this play Bal-

want Thakur has tried to make an appeal to save mankind from this dragon which is consuming the lives of the majority population.

Actors who outshined in their respective performances and left an impact of their acting included Neeraj Kant, Aadesh Dhar, Kananpreet Kour, Vishal Sharma, Abhimanyu Choudhary, Sanket Bhagat, Kushal Bhat, Sumit Bandaral and Mohd. Yaseen.

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Minimum 6-Month jail term proposed by Parliamentary Panel for those selling adulterated food

reformatory approach to tackle the delinquent. Its introduction as a punishment was appreciated by all stakeholders as it shall not only reduce the burden on the prison infrastructure by reducing the number of prison inmates but also improve the management of prisons in the country," the panel said.

However, the committee said, the term and nature of community service has not been specified. The committee observes that the community service represents a form of unpaid work that offenders might be obligated to undertake as an alternative to incarceration.

"The committee, therefore, recommends that the term and nature of community service should be specified and suitably defined," it said. The panel also recommended that while inserting definition of the phrase "community service" in the proposed law, a provision may also be made with regard to making a person responsible to supervise the punishment given in the form of community service.

The committee also undertook a detailed examination of the text of each clause and noted that the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita contains some typographical and grammatical errors.

"The committee is of the view that even a single typographical or grammatical error in the Sanhita has the potential to be misinterpreted and diluting the intent of the provision. The committee, therefore, recommends the Ministry to rectify such typographical and grammatical errors," it said.

The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS-2023) bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha on August 11 along with the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS-2023) and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA-2023) bills.

The three proposed laws seek to replace

the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, 1898, the Indian Penal Code, 1860, and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, respectively.

The reports of the parliamentary panel were submitted to the Rajya Sabha on Friday last.

Uttarakhand Tunnel Collapse: Auger drilling machines at site to evacuate workers

night, a National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) senior official said on Tuesday morning.

The official said, "These three feet diameter pipes arrived early this morning from Haridwar. We will now push them through the piled up debris to create a hole to evacuate the trapped workers."

He, however, didn't give the expected time that the process will take to complete.

A total of eight pipes have arrived at the spot from Haridwar in trucks, while more will arrive later.

The rescue teams involving National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), police and other teams were able to cut through around 20 meters of debris of the total 55-60 metres but due to unforeseen circumstances the soil fell again due to which the excavation was reduced to just 14 metres.

Officials said the trapped workers are safe and have access to oxygen through cylinders and a pipe inserted through the debris.

They have also been provided with food items through the water pipe with compression.

The Uttarakhand government on Monday formed a technical committee under the chairmanship of the director Uttarakhand Landslide Mitigation and Management Center to study and investigate the causes of the collapse.

The committee has been mandated to prepare a report on the incident and submit the same to the state government.

According to officials aware of the matter, the committee will have experts from the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, the Central Building Research Institute, the Geological Survey of India, and the State Disaster Management Authority.

Drug peddler held in Shopian with contraband, Rs 45 lakh cash

She said that a cash amount of around Rs 45 lakh was also recovered from the residence of accused.

The SSP said that the accused had concealed the contraband and cash in his cowshed and the residence.

Elections to Urban Local Bodies in J&K after completion of delimitation exercise of Wards: LG Sinha

and Kashmir, the Union territory administration has ensured basic principles of decentralization of decision making and development by transferring more departments and works to elected representatives after Aug 2019, the day when the Centre revoked Article 370 and bifurcated the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir into two Union territories.

He also said ULBs of Jammu and Kashmir are provided with greater financial resources for strong and accountable self-government and to ensure holistic ecosystem for last-mile access to services.

According to officials, the housing and urban development department is actively pursuing a communication from the office of the chief electoral officer (CEO), which, among other things, suggested transfer of mandate to conduct the municipal electoral processes to the State Election Commission (SEC) in accordance with constitutional provisions.

In Jammu and Kashmir, the chief electoral officer (CEO) is the authority to hold

ULB elections in addition to Lok Sabha and assembly polls, while the SEC — headed by a state election commissioner — is mandated to conduct elections to Panchayati Raj institutions.

In a letter to the housing and urban development department last month, the CEO's office said consequent to the appointment of a full-time state election commissioner, the mandate to conduct the municipal electoral processes needs to be transferred from the CEO to the SEC.

"For this, the election authority under the municipal acts needs to be changed from chief electoral officer to the state election commissioner. The constitutional provisions also mandate this," the letter read.

The last ULB and panchayat elections were held between October and December 2018 after a long delay.

Health Department detaches dozens of employees in Kashmir

approximately 61 employees, and Bandipora recorded the detachment of 16 more employees.

In other districts, all employees attached by HoDs on their own have been detached, and strict action under norms will be initiated against those found violating the orders, as well as the concerned HoDs, the official added.

The recent directives from the H&ME Department also call for the implementation of transfer and posting orders issued by the administrative department. These measures aim to rationalise staff deployment in the interest of patient care.

BSF intercepts drone coming from Pakistan in Punjab's Ferozepur

Punjab Police," said BSF which is responsible for guarding the 3,323 km India-Pakistan border running along Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab, the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and the Union Territory of

Ladakh.

In a similar incident on Sunday itself, a joint team of the Border Security Force (BSF) and Punjab Police recovered a drone in the Nesta village of Punjab's Amritsar.

According to BSF, the China-made Quadcopter was recovered from the outskirts of the Nesta village in Amritsar.

Minor brother-sister duo feared drowned in Tawi River

into it while playing near Harki podi area, they said.

Former J&K Minister Lal Singh's ED custody extended by 5 days in money laundering case

judge, Jammu, to a post-arrest bail plea by the accused.

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

Based on this, the trust acquired multiple pieces of land of about 329 kanals vide three gift deeds executed on January 5 and January 7, 2011, the CBI charge sheet claimed.

Woman charged for dumping newborn in J&K Rivulet

allegedly discarded the newborn's body into the nearby rivulet. The exact cause of the infant's tragic demise is still under scrutiny, and the police are actively pursuing additional leads in the incident.

India's hospitality industry icon Prithvi Raj Singh Oberoi no more

The death of the hotel magnate, who embodied fine living, brings to an end two generations of the family that built the Oberoi Empire into an Indian hospitality powerhouse

NEW DELHI, Nov 14 (Agencies): Prithvi Raj Singh Oberoi, the 94-year-old veteran corporate hotelier who redefined India's hospitality industry, passed away on Tuesday.

The Chairman Emeritus of The Oberoi Group, popularly known as 'Biki', built a sprawling chain comprising 32 hotels during his lifetime. EIH owns the eponymous Oberoi and Trident hotel chains.

Son of late Rai Bahadur MS Oberoi, the founder of The Oberoi Group, PRS Oberoi had also been instrumental in developing the Trident chain of hotels. His father, the man who started it all in 1934, passed away in 2002 and Tilak Raj, his older son, reportedly died prematurely in 1984.

Since then, PRS Oberoi steered the hospitality chain through its ups and downs. A hotel magnate who embodied fine living, his death brings to an end two generations of the family that built the Oberoi Empire into an Indian hospitality powerhouse.

"It is with deep sadness that we inform the peaceful passing of PRS Oberoi, Chairman Emeritus of The Oberoi Group, earlier today. A luminary in the hospitality industry, Oberoi's legacy transcends borders, leaving an indelible mark on the global landscape," a statement said.

PRS Oberoi was born in New Delhi on February 3, 1929. He served as chairman of the company since 1988 until he stepped down in May last year due to ill health.

"PRS Oberoi has decided to relinquish his position as chairman and director of the EIH Associated Hotels Ltd effective May 2,



2022 due to his deteriorating health," a press release had said that time.

Under his leadership, the company expanded from its first hotel, 'The Trident Chennai', opened in 1988, to become one of India's most reputable hotel companies.

He is reportedly survived by three children, son Vikramjit Singh Oberoi - Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of EIH Hotels, and daughters Natasha and Anastasia.

In 2014, it was reported that PRS Oberoi decided not to choose his successor to run EIH Ltd, after years of intense speculation over who he would choose as successor, son Vikramjit or nephew Arjun, who currently serves as Executive Chairman of EIH Ltd. Arjun is the son of PRS Oberoi's late elder brother, Tilak Raj.

A recipient of India's second highest civilian

honour -- Padma Vibhushan -- in 2008, PRS Oberoi was also awarded the 'Corporate Hotelier of the World' by HOTELS magazine in 2010.

PRS Oberoi was educated in India, the UK and Switzerland. In addition to providing leadership for the management of luxury hotels in several countries, he had been instrumental in pioneering the development of Oberoi Hotels and Resorts.

The Oberoi brand has come to represent fine luxury hotels. Business India magazine adjudged PRS Oberoi the Businessman of the Year 2008. He received this award for building a world-class premium hospitality brand. In November 2008, he was conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Awards for redefining design standards in luxury hotels.

In October 2005, the Hotel Investment Conference Asia Pacific (HICAP), which is the preeminent gathering of hotel investors, investment bankers and leading industry professionals in the region, honoured him with the Lifetime Achievement Award at its annual conference in Hong Kong.

This award was given in recognition of his contribution to the hospitality industry and his pioneering leadership in making The Oberoi Group a global brand by taking the concept of luxury to a new paradigm.

In February 2013, PRS Oberoi was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award for Management by The All India Management Association.

IEA raises oil demand forecast despite global economic slowdown: Report



NEW DELHI, Nov 14 (Agencies): The International Energy Agency (IEA) has revised its oil demand growth forecasts for 2023 and 2024, challenging expectations of a global economic slowdown, reported news agency.

Despite projections of economic deceleration, the IEA anticipates that voluntary supply cuts from Saudi Arabia and Russia, set to continue until the end of this year, will maintain supply tightness.

The IEA suggests that while demand growth is expected to slow, the market could shift into

surplus at the beginning of 2024. Despite an overall expectation of waning economic and oil demand growth in the coming year, resilient US deliveries and record-breaking demand from China in September have provided support for 2023.

Forecasts for 2024 are underpinned by the anticipation of interest rate cuts and recent declines in crude prices. The IEA, serving as an energy adviser to industrialised nations, warns of potential market imbalances and increased volatility ahead due to economic

and geopolitical risks.

"For now, with demand still exceeding available supplies heading into the Northern Hemisphere winter, market balances will remain vulnerable to heightened economic and geopolitical risks -- and further volatility ahead," IEA said.

It may be noted that Brent oil prices have retreated to approximately \$82 per barrel from their September 2023 peak near \$98. Despite OPEC supply cuts and geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, concerns about economic growth and demand have exerted downward pressure on prices.

The IEA has adjusted its 2023 growth forecast to 2.4 million barrels per day (bpd), moving closer to OPEC's forecast of 2.46 million bpd. And for 2024, the IEA has raised its growth forecast to 930,000 bpd from 880,000 bpd, still below OPEC's forecast of 2.25 million bpd.

Sharechat co-founders launch robotics start-up

BENGALURU, Nov 14 (Agencies): Sharechat at co-founders Farid Ahsan and Bhanu Singh have launched their new robotics start-up General Autonomy, and have raised \$3 million in seed funding.

The two founders left Sharechat earlier this year, and this announcement comes at a time when start-ups are struggling to raise funds. Venture capital firms India Quotient and Elevation Capital have led the round with participation from other prominent angel investors.

"Join us on this thrilling journey as we build AI driven machines to automate the toughest parts of labour workflows in factories," Ahsan announced the



new start-up plans on X. "We LOVE robots! Especially industrial ones—they help us 'make' things! With a vision to make mass manufacturing agile and distributed like software development, we're in Bengaluru but working globally," he added.

According to a report by Tracxn, there are 57 Industrial Robotics start-ups in India which include CynLr, Pari Robotics, Systematics, Qualitas Technologies and DreamVu.

In 2023, the projected revenue in the Robotics market for India is expected to reach \$810.50 million, according to Statista. The dominant segment in this market is Service robotics, which is projected to have a market volume of \$582.20 million in 2023. The report added that India's robotics market is experiencing rapid growth, driven by increasing demand for automation in industries such as manufacturing and healthcare.

BSNL's Rs 1,000 cr telecom gear order may go to HFCL

NEW DELHI, Nov 14 (Agencies): Telecom gear maker HFCL is likely to get telecom equipment order worth Rs 1,000 crore from state-owned Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL).

The contract is meant for supplying and deploying optical transport network (OTN) equipment to the company. According to top officials of BSNL, the company is most likely to get the purchase order as it quoted the lowest price.

"First of all I would like to inform you that the company always follows the government guidelines for the tender process... in this process L1 company was HFCL and L2 company was Tejas. However, I won't say the award will go to



the country. HFCL right now as it is still under process," said the official.

The telco has been procuring indigenous telecom gear for its networks. The telco is procuring indigenous devices for its 4G services too. It has placed an order worth Rs 19,000 crore with the TCS consortium and ITI for deploying 100,000 4G tower sites across

the country.

However, there was a report that BSNL is set to outsource its equipment from Nokia. The official refuted these claims, and said it is following DPIT guidelines for the tenders.

"Let me clarify one thing BSNL has not purchased or placed any order from Nokia. We have issued a tender, and many companies

including HFCL and Tejas participated in it. As per the guidelines in this tender process, the price quotations difference between L1 and L2 companies is over 20%, and in this scenario, as per the rules, the tender should ideally be awarded to the L1 company.

The report of BSNL using Nokia products for its networks had irked homegrown telecom gear makers. A Delhi-based domestic industry group has also written to telecom minister Ashwini Vaishnaw seeking his intervention.

As per their complaint, state-owned Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT) for core, Bengaluru-based UTL participated in the bidding process, but was declined on the basis of awaited 'trust-

ed source' approval and the absence of bank guarantee (BG). C-DoT is a part of the Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)-backed consortium, and is currently supplying core equipment to BSNL for 4G deployment.

HFCL quoted lowest price for supplying equipment

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Your coronary calcium scores too can predict risk for heart disease

NEW YORK, Nov 14 (Agencies): While high cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes and smoking are well known heart disease risks, not everyone who has a heart attack has them.

A new study finds that these patients had one thing in common: they all tended to have high levels of coronary calcium.

Previous research showed that 14 per cent to 27 per cent of heart attack patients have none of the standard risk factors high cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes and smoking.

The new study by researchers at Intermountain Health in the US show that scans that detect this kind of plaque buildup should be considered as part of their standard care, even in the absence of the four standard modifiable risk factors, so that these patients can be diagnosed and treated before their first heart attack event occurs.

"Measuring coronary calcium could have a major impact on how we identify who is at

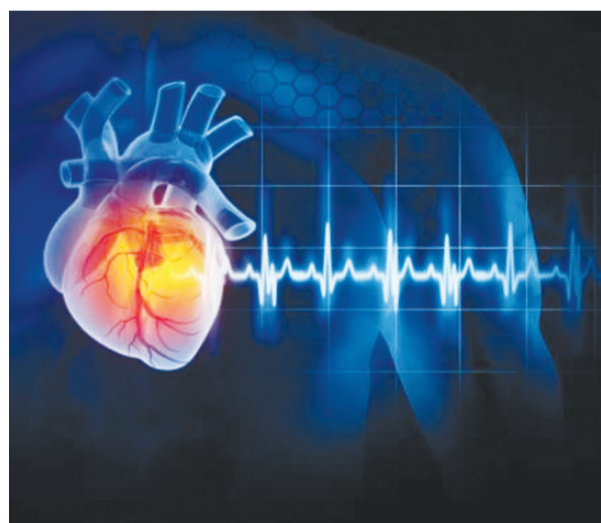
risk for heart disease," said lead author Jeffrey L. Anderson, research physician at Intermountain Health.

"We need to go beyond just the four major modifiable risk factors because there are risk factors we don't yet recognise or understand about what's causing increased risk of heart attack in these patients," he added.

The findings were presented at the American Heart Association's Scientific Sessions 2023 in Philadelphia, US.

In the study, researchers identified 429 heart attack patients who also had coronary artery calcium scans. Of those, 369 had standard modifiable risk factors (SMuRF), like a diagnosis or treatment of hypertension, hyperlipidemia, diabetes, and/or smoking; and 60 did not (SMuRF-less).

Researchers examined these patients' calcium artery scan scores, and then also major adverse cardiovascular events, like another heart attack, stroke, or death, at 60-days and long term.



Researchers found that SMuRF-less patients had high rates of, and higher percentile of, coronary calcium scores.

They also found that 77 per cent of these patients met their criteria for preventative therapy, like statins and/or aspirin. Patients with SMuRF, as expected, also had high CAC scores and percentiles.

Outcomes were more favourable overall for SMuRF-less patients and for those patients with lower coronary artery calcium scores. While coronary artery calcium scans

are becoming more common and affordable, they're still not part of guideline-directed standard of care.

"We're missing about a quarter of people who are at risk for heart attack events because we're still relying on just the standard risk factors," said Dr Anderson.

"We haven't been doing scans in low-risk patients that don't have these common risk factors, but that may need to change given our findings, so that we can identify these seemingly low-risk patients who care not, and provide preventative therapy."

1 in 3 children worldwide exposed to life-threatening water scarcity: Unicef

GENEVA, Nov 14 (Agencies): One in three children, or 739 million worldwide, already live in areas exposed to high or very high water scarcity, with climate change threatening to make this worse, according to a new Unicef report.

According to findings of the report -- titled 'The Climate Changed Child' -- the greatest share of children are exposed in the Middle East and North Africa and South Asia regions, meaning they live in places with limited water resources and high levels of seasonal and interannual variability, ground water table decline or drought risk

The report also provides an analysis of the impacts of three tiers of water security globally -- water scarcity, water vulnerability, and water stress.

Far too many children -- 436 million -- are facing the double burden of high or very high water scarcity and low or very low drinking water service levels -- known as extreme water vulnerability, leaving their lives,



health, and well-being at risk. It is one of the key drivers of deaths among children under 5 from preventable diseases, it said.

The report shows that those most affected live in low- and middle-income countries in sub-Saharan Africa, Central and Southern Asia, and Eastern and South-Eastern Asia.

In 2022, 436 million children were living in areas facing extreme water vulnerability.

Some of the most impacted countries include Niger, Jordan,

Burkina Faso, Yemen, Chad, and Namibia, where eight out of 10 children are exposed.

"The consequences of climate change are devastating for children," said Unicef Executive Director Catherine Russell.

"Their bodies and minds are uniquely vulnerable to polluted air, poor nutrition and extreme heat. Not only is their world changing -- with water sources drying up and terrifying weather events becoming stronger and more frequent -- so too

is their well-being as climate change affects their mental and physical health.

"Children are demanding change, but their needs are far too often relegated to the sidelines," she added.

The report outlines other ways in which children bear the brunt of the impacts of the climate crisis, including disease, air pollution, and extreme weather events such as floods and droughts.

From conception until adulthood, the health and development of children's brains, lungs, immune systems and other critical functions are affected by the environment they grow up in.

According to the report, children are more likely to suffer from air pollution than adults.

Generally, they breathe faster than adults and their brains, lungs and other organs are still developing.

The report was released ahead of the COP28 climate change summit, beginning in the United Arab Emirates on November 30.

IND vs NZ, World Cup semi-finals: ICC tournament history favours New Zealand

MUMBAI, Nov 14 (Agencies): India have look invincible in the home World Cup. After having faced criticism in the lead-up to the marquee event, India have stepped up like a champion team, winning all 9 matches in the league stage of the World Cup. It looks as if India would end up with the World Cup by doing what Australia did in 2003 and 2007 - remaining unbeaten throughout their campaign.

Everything seems to be clicking at the right time for India. Rohit Sharma has led from the front in a sensational campaign as captain, and more importantly, as a ruthless opening batter. Virat Kohli has piled up the runs, scoring 594 in 9 matches. The middle-order, unlike 2019, is looking strong with Shreyas Iyer and KL Rahul among the runs.

Hardik Pandya's absence has not led to panic but the team has only gained more clarity in terms of player roles as they have gone in with 5 frontline bowlers, including all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja. India's bowling has fired on all cylinders with Mohammed Shami, Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj rattling the opposition teams before Jadeja and Kuldeep Yadav's masterful show of spin.

However, India have to start afresh on Wednesday when they face New Zealand in the semi-finals at the Wankhede Stadium. Yes, Rohit Sharma's men have the advantage of playing in front of a packed crowd, but history doesn't favor the Men In Blue.

India and New Zealand have



played each other 13 times in ICC events in white-ball cricket, but they have managed just 4 victories. Yes, India defeated New Zealand in Dharamsala a couple of weeks ago but it was the BlackCaps that gave India their toughest test in their dominant run in the league stage.

Not many would have forgotten the 2019 World Cup semi-finals. India headed into the semi-finals in Manchester after having topped the league stage. And New Zealand, much like 2023, sneaked through to the semi-finals at the 4th spot. However, Kane Williamson and his men battled past a Virat Kohli-led side into the final.

New Zealand did not do anything extraordinary. Like always, they did the basics right. Reading the pitch wonderfully well, New Zealand posted 239 on the board after winning the toss and opted to bat. Despite the game slipping into the Reserve Day due to rain, New Zealand kept their nerves under check and perfectly executed their bowling

plans against India.

India's top-order was blown away as Matt Henry and Trent Boult ran riot in overcast conditions. India slipped to 5 for 3 after losing Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and KL Rahul for 1 each. Ravindra Jadeja battled hard with 77 and MS Dhoni nearly pulled it off with a 50 but the former captain's heartbreaking run-out sealed the deal - an 18-run win for New Zealand.

In the other knockout match that India and New Zealand have played in an ICC tournament (white-ball), New Zealand successfully chased 265 against a Sourav Ganguly-led side in Nairobi.

New Zealand, led by Stephen Fleming, won the toss and opted to field. India rode on a 117 from Sourav Ganguly and 69 from Sachin Tendulkar to post 264. The total could have been much more but India collapsed from 202 for 1, losing their last 5 wickets for just 62 runs.

India's bowling attack, led by Venkatesh Prasad, got the early

wickets but a sensational 102 not out from all-rounder Chris Cairns helped New Zealand win the ICC Knockout trophy.

IND vs NZ in ICC WHITE-BALL TOURNAMENTS

1975 World Cup: India lost by 4 wickets in Manchester

1979 World Cup: India lost by 8 wickets in Leeds

1987 World Cup: India won by 16 runs in Bengaluru

1987 World Cup: India won by 9 wickets in Nagpur

1992 World Cup: India lost by 4 wickets in Dunedin

1999 World Cup: India lost by 5 wickets in Nottingham

2000 Champions Trophy: India lost by 4 wickets in Nairobi (Final)

2003 World Cup: India won by 7 wickets in Centurion

2007 T20 World Cup: India lost by 10 runs in Johannesburg

2016 T20 World Cup: India lost by 47 runs in Nagpur

2019 World Cup: No result

2019 World Cup: Lost by 18 runs in Manchester (semi-final)

2021 T20 World Cup: Lost by 8 wickets in Dubai

2023 World Cup: Won by 4 wickets in Dharamsala

India will certainly head into the semi-finals of the 2023 World Cup as favourites but count New Zealand out at your own peril. The BlackCaps have not had a dominant run in the World Cup as they lost 4 matches on the trot before beating Sri Lanka in a must-win game to qualify for the semi-finals. However, they will be prepared to hand India another tough challenge.

“Shameful, Terrible”: Internet Blasts Ex Pakistan Star’s ‘Aishwarya Rai’ Reference In Criticising Team At World Cup



NEW DELHI, Nov 14 (Agencies): The Pakistan cricket team had a rather forgettable campaign at the Cricket World Cup 2023. With just four wins in nine matches, the Babar Azam-led Pakistan cricket team was knocked out from the round-robin stage of the ODI Cricket World Cup 2023. There were high expectations from the 1992 Cricket world Cup champions as they were ranked among the top teams going into the 2023 edition. However, their display on field was not up to the mark as they lost to India, South Africa, Australia among other teams.

The criticism, following the World Cup debacle, has been quite harsh.

From questioning Babar Azam's captaincy of the Pakistan cricket team to their spinners' poor display to the role of the Pakistan Cricket Board, none have been spared.

Former Pakistan star Abdul Razzaq was also among those who criticised the team. One of his statements, as he talked about changing the 'neeyat' or motive of the team, has come under heavy criticism as he namedroped popular actor Aishwarya Rai while making a statement.

Pakistan's batting show, in their last round-robin stage match against England, brought out some raw emotions from former Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Ramiz

Raja, who is also an ex-Pakistan cricket team skipper.

“Even the batting performance of today was a specimen of the 80s kind of cricket. Pakistan cannot exist thinking they can beat good sides, who have advanced in aggression, thinking and strategy, by playing cricket of this nature. I just hope the negative, fault-lines are addressed. This team needs a mental lift. Because most of the nucleus will remain the same till the next World Cup. Shaheen Afridi and Babar Azam are quite young,” Ramiz Raja said on Star Sports.

“The worst thing that lack of bowling performance. The spin department looked absolutely bare to what other produced. Their ability to play spin was also questionable. A sub-continent team playing spin so insidiously was a big new to me. I never expected Pakistan to be so flat against spinners. Losing to Afghanistan and India hit them. Whenever there was a need to be aggressive, Pakistan failed.”

Indian Army doctor wins 5 gold medals at 50-nation Health Games meet

NEW DELHI, Nov 14 (Agencies): Indian Army Medical Corps officer Lt Col Sanjeev Malik, who is currently posted in the President's Body Guards at Rashtrapati Bhawan, has scripted history by winning five gold medals at the 42nd World Medicine and Health Games in Colombia.

His victories in the 800m, 1,500m, 3,000m, 5,000m, and cross-country events make him the only athlete to achieve this feat in 2023 and one of a select few since the games began in 1978, the Defence Ministry said.

The World Medicine and Health Games, often regarded as the Olympic Games for health professionals, have evolved into the most prestigious global sporting event within the medical community.

With a legacy dating back to 1978, the Games annually attract over 2,500 participants from more than 50 different nations.

These health care professionals



engage in approximately 20 sports disciplines, both individually and collectively, all while upholding the core values of Olympism.

Lt Col Sanjeev's success not only highlights his personal excellence but also showcases the dedication of health care professionals globally, blending their medical expertise with athletic achievements.

The DG of the Armed Forces Medical Services Lt Gen Daljit Singh has congratulated Lt Col Malik for his spectacular performance.

Cummins open to Australia ODI captaincy extension, to put his name in IPL auction

KOLKATA, Nov 14 (Agencies): Pat Cummins expressed his desire to stay on as Australia's One Day International (ODI) captain following the ongoing World Cup.

Cummins, who was initially handed reins of the Test team, was made ODI skipper following the sudden retirement of Aaron Finch in 2022.

Having guided Australia to the World Cup semifinals on the back of seven straight wins after opening two losses, Cummins has made a strong case for captaincy extension.

Asked about his future as ODI captain, the 30-year-old said, “Potentially, yeah. We'll chat about it. We've been pretty open; me, coach Andrew, and selector George; around different times in the year you're going to have different priorities. This is a bit of a one-off year where there's three or four big



off-season events. After here, the focus shifts back to Test cricket for a fair while. Probably like we've done in the past, at times white-ball cricket is going to have to shift so we fully focus on Test cricket. There's no end date in sight. I feel like I've been

managed really well and looked after in a really busy year where you don't really want to give up any cricket,” said the fast bowler.

Cummins to put His Name in IPL Auction
Cummins, who had opted out of the IPL 2023 to focus on his

international commitments, would put his name in the auction ahead of the 2024 edition.

The IPL would be played before the T20 World Cup in the United States and the Caribbean, serving as ideal preparation for the global event.

Kolkata Knight Riders had bought Cummins for Rs 7.5 crore in the 2022 IPL auction.

“I feel like I haven't played a heap of T20 cricket and in some ways I feel like I haven't played my best T20 cricket for a little while,” he said.

“I'm really excited. I'm probably going to go into the IPL auction for 2024 to get some games before that World Cup and push a case to not only make the side but get back to how I feel like I can bowl in T20 cricket,” he said.

Mitchell Marsh is expected to lead Australia in the T20 World Cup.

No, Rachin Ravindra Was Not Named After Rahul Dravid And Sachin Tendulkar. Father Says “Didn't Spend..”

MUMBAI, Nov 14 (Agencies): Rachin Ravindra, the latest New Zealand sensation at the 2023 Cricket World Cup, is in great form. If India are to do well in the semi-final of the ODI Cricket World Cup 2023, then the hosts' bowlers will have to take his wicket right at the beginning. With 565 runs in nine innings, Rachin Ravindra is the third-highest scorer in the Cricket World Cup 2023. He has scored three centuries and two half-centuries. His current average is 70.62.

When Indian cricket team gets down to action in the Cricket World Cup semi-final against New Zealand at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai on Wednesday, it is needless to say that Rachin Ravindra will be a top target.

Rachin Ravindra is an Indian origin player. His grandparents live in Bengaluru. He even visited them during the Cricket World Cup 2023. There is a popular story that the name 'Rachin' is a mix of names of Rahul Dravid and Sachin Tendulkar.

However, Rachin's father has now clarified that the given name was not intentional.

“When Rachin was born, my



wife suggested the name, and we didn't spend a lot of time discussing it,” said Ravi Krishnamurthy, Ravindra's father, to The Print.

“The name sounded good, was easy to spell, and short, so we decided to go with it. It was only some years later that we realised the name was a mix of Rahul and Sachin's names. He wasn't named with the intention to make our child a cricketer or anything of the sort.”

Youngster Rachin Ravindra recently talked about his journey of breaking into the New Zealand team and living his childhood dream of the crowd chanting his name while he was performing on

the field of cricket.

In the time frame of the past year to six months Rachin was not even close to breaking New Zealand's playing XI, but now has emerged as a talent to watch out for by scoring three tons in the ongoing World Cup and featuring in the Top-5 run scorers in the tournament.

His 42 against Sri Lanka took the Kiwis a step closer to qualifying for the semi-finals. While talking to Star Sports after the game, the 23-year-old youngster talked about his journey which has been nothing short of a fairy tale.

“It's a pretty surreal feeling. Grateful for the support, especially playing in Bangalore. Crowd chanting my name is something I will never take for granted. Dreamt of it as a child. Very happy to be here, lucky enough it worked out. Six to 12 months ago, I was not even in the frame. Good to get the job done and get into the playoffs. Lucky enough to have come here in my teenage years on club tours. That has helped me a lot. Nice wickets to bat on. If you play positive cricket, you get rewarded. The guys have adapted well. You talk to Kane, Devon, who are legends,” Rachin said.

Football Legend David Beckham Likely To Attend India vs New Zealand Semifinal Clash In Mumbai



MUMBAI, Nov 14 (Agencies): Former England footballer David Beckham is likely to be in attendance alongside India icon Sachin Tendulkar and a host of celebrities watch the India vs New Zealand semi-final clash at Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai on Wednesday. The football legend

is on a three-day visit to India and is likely to mark his presence at the Wankhede. Several other former cricketers, film personalities and sports stars are also likely to be in the VVIP gallery as India clash with New Zealand.

Beckham is in India as a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador. The Inter-

national Cricket Council has entered into a partnership with

UNICEF to empower women and girls and promote inclusion and gender equality through cricket.

Hosts India have displayed a quality performance at the ongoing extravagant tournament and maintained their nine-game winning streak. Rohit Sharma's side ended the league stage at the top of the ODI World Cup 2023 standings with 18 points. They had a net run rate of 2.570.

After finishing at the top of the standings, India will take on the Kiwis, who finished in fourth place on the points table.

India started their campaign after defeating Australia. The 'Men in Blue' then went on to defeat Afghanistan,

their arch-rival Pakistan, Bangladesh, New Zealand, England, Sri Lanka, South Africa, and the Netherlands.

The 'Men in Blue' finished the league round with a resounding 160-run victory over the Dutch side, keeping their perfect unbeaten record in the ongoing tournament intact.

On the other hand, New Zealand finished fourth, knocking Pakistan and Afghanistan out of contention. The semi-final encounter will be a huge test for the Indians, who have struggled in big competitions over the last decade.

The Men in Blue have won nine consecutive matches at this year's World Cup, putting them in position to add a third trophy to their collection after previous triumphs in 1983 and 2011.

PM Modi's vision for development will transform Rajasthan: MP Khatana

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JAMMU / POKHRAN, Nov 14: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Rajya Sabha, Er. Gulam Ali Khatana emphasized the stark contrast between the developmental vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the historical legacy of corruption and nepotism associated with the Congress party.

Addressing a number of public meetings in support of Mahant Prat-

appuri Ji Maharaj, BJP assembly candidate from Pokhran, Er Gulam Ali Khatana said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is synonymous with development, citing the numerous initiatives and transformative policies that have propelled the nation forward under his leadership. He highlighted the government's commitment to economic progress, infrastructure development, and social welfare, showcas-

ing the transformative impact of these initiatives across the country.

Khatana expressed confidence that if the people of Rajasthan choose to vote for the BJP in the upcoming elections, they will witness a profound transformation in the state's development and economic progress.

Drawing parallels between the Modi-led government's success at the national level and

the potential for change in Rajasthan, Khatana underlined the need for a government that prioritizes development over corruption and nepotism.

"Prime Minister Modi's leadership has been instrumental in shaping a new era of progress for our nation. His commitment to development is unwavering, and we believe that by aligning with the BJP, Rajasthan will experience a simi-

lar surge in prosperity. Our focus is on creating a Rajasthan that is a model of development and economic growth," stated Khatana.

He urged the citizens of Rajasthan to consider the track record of the BJP government at the national level and envision the positive impact it could have on the state. He emphasized the need for a government that is transparent, accountable, and dedicated to the welfare of the people.

Keshav distributes disability certificates



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JAMMU, Nov 14: Chairman Samvedna Society Keshav Chhokra distributed Disability Certificates among Divyang.

Keshav Chhokra lauded the work of Health Department who is working under the guidance of Secretary Health and Medical Education

Bhupinder Kumar and his team for Organising such regular camps at different Locations so that Divyang people can apply for their Disability Certificate at one place.

This Certificate is required to apply for the disabled Pension and now they can take advantage of pension and other benefits of government sponsored

schemes.

Motive of the Samvedna Society is to provide the benefits of Government Sponsored schemes to the needy people at their doorstep, Keshav further added.

Divyang Jan's thanked the Samvedna Society for helping them to get Disability Certificates at one place.

ASSOCHAM J&K Council delegation holds meeting with MD JKTPO

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JAMMU, Nov 14: A delegation from the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) J&K Council, led by Manik Batra, Chairman of ASSOCHAM J&K Council and Director of Batra Group, recently met with Khalid Jahangir, Managing Director of Jammu & Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO).

The delegation, which included Bhupesh Gupta, Co-Chairman of ASSOCHAM J&K Council and Managing Partner of Hotel Radisson Blu Jammu, and Amit Khajuria, Assistant Director of ASSOCHAM J&K, Ladakh, discussed various issues related to trade promotions and explored initiatives to attract investment in Jammu & Kashmir.

The meeting, held at the JKTPO office, provided an opportunity for ASSOCHAM and JKTPO to collaborate on strategies aimed at boosting trade



and economic development in the region.

The delegation expressed its commitment to fostering a conducive business environment and leveraging the potential of Jammu & Kashmir as an investment destination.

Key highlights of the meeting included discussions on trade promotion initiatives and the exploration of innovative programs to attract investment to Jammu & Kashmir. The delegation, with its wealth of expertise

and industry insights, engaged in constructive dialogue with Khalid Jahangir, MD JKTPO, Imran Mehmood, Financial Advisor, and Megha Boagia, General Manager, JKTPO.

Manik Batra, Chairman of ASSOCHAM J&K Council, emphasized the importance of collaboration between the private sector and government agencies to drive economic growth. He highlighted the role ASSOCHAM plays in promoting trade and commerce and

expressed the council's commitment to supporting JKTPO's initiatives.

Khalid Jahangir, MD JKTPO, acknowledged the valuable contribution of ASSOCHAM in promoting economic development and discussed the organization's plans to facilitate trade and attract investments to Jammu & Kashmir. The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to ongoing collaboration and the implementation of strategic initiatives for the benefit of the region.

The interaction between ASSOCHAM J&K Council and JKTPO marks a significant step towards fostering partnerships that can positively impact the economic landscape of Jammu & Kashmir. The collaborative efforts aim to create a conducive environment for businesses, promote trade, and attract investments that will contribute to the overall development of the region.

Heroine like substance recovered, three notorious drug paddlers arrested

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Nov 14: Kishtwar Police in it's continuous drive against the anti-social elements, detained 03 more notorious drugs smugglers and recovered 11 gms Heroine.

SSP Kishtwar Khalil Poswal, while sharing the details, said that a specific information was developed and leads from previous information and accordingly special Nakas were established at Sarthal Morh Kishtwar.

The Naka was led by Insp Parvaiz Ahmed Khanday SHO Kishtwar

assisted by PSI SI Ali Mohd under the supervision of Dy. SP Hqrs Dr. Ishan Gupta.

During the checking of vehicles and pedestrian, Naka party stopped one Eco vehicle bearing registration No. JK17-8837 and while checking of said vehicle, luggage and personal check, Police party recovered heroine like substance from their possessions weighing about 11 gms and arrested them on spot.

The arrested persons have been identified as Mohd Wasim, son of Mohd Ramzan, resident of Kulna Patimhal

(Driver of said vehicle), Mohd Ashraf, Mudasir Ahmed, both son of Mohd Iqbal, resident of Buddhi Bhalessa District Doda.

Accordingly a case FIR No. 257/2023 under relevant sections of law has been registered at PS Kishtwar and investigation taken up.

SSP Kishtwar Khalil Poswal appealed the general public to come forward with any information related to drugs in your neighborhood and share with Kishtwar police on this number 9906154100, identity of informant shall be kept under secret.

Awareness camp organized by Civil Defence Jammu

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JAMMU, Nov 14: One day awareness programme was held at Janipur Colony, here, which was organized by Civil Defence, Jammu under the supervision of DySP, Anita Pawar, Dy. Controller Civil Defence Jammu.

Large number of civilians of the area attended the programme.

Awareness about the basic knowledge of First Aid, CPR, Chocking, Fire fighting and drugs addiction were given by the Civil Defence experts to the civilians.

During the programme demonstration on the

aforsaid topics was also presented by the Civil Defence team.

The main aim of the awareness programmed was to educate the civilians with regard to preventive measures during natural or man-made disasters.

Besides, Paramjit Kumar, Chief Warden CD Jammu, Anil Kohli Chairman Main Stop Market Association Janipur, Er. Ravinder Sharma, Manju Ram Social Worker, Vinod Sharma Divisional warden CD Jammu, SI Vinood Kumar I/C Trainings CD Jammu were present on the occasion.

Five J&K Sport Climbers to represent North Zone in National Competition



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JAMMU, Nov 14: Five J&K Sport Climbers have been selected to represent North Zone Sport Climbing Team in the National Sport Climbing Competition to be held at Bengaluru from 21st to 24th December, 2023

Whereas Shilpa Charak, Kafeel UI Haq, Arun Deep Singh and Ankit Singh have been selected on the basis of their performance in the North Zone Sport Climbing Competition Shivani Charak has been given a direct entry in the National Competition as she was representing the country in the 19th Asian Games, Hangzhou when the North Zone Competition was held.

It may be mentioned here that J&K team had

given a creditable performance in the North Zone Sport Climbing Competition winning 1 Gold medal, 4 Silver medals and 3 Bronze medals.

Besides a Gold and a Bronze medal in Lead and Speed Climbing by Arun Deep Singh Kafeel UI Haq had won bagged two silver medals in Speed climbing and Bouldering and a Bronze medal in Lead climbing.

Similarly Shilpa Charak had bagged two silver medals in Speed and Lead climbing and Ankit had grabbed a Bronze medal in Speed Climbing.

Accordingly, while Shivani Charak and Kafeel UI Haq shall compete in all the three forms of climbing in the National Championship,

Arun Deep Singh shall compete in Lead Climbing and Bouldering.

However, Shilpa Charak and Ankit Singh shall compete only in Lead climbing and speed climbing respectively.

Meanwhile, Shivani Charak has come back to India after participating in an Olympic Qualifying Competition in Indonesia in which, despite her best efforts, she could not qualify for the Paris Olympics -2024. However, she shall remain at Delhi for almost a month for practice and training on the international standard climbing walls so as to prepare herself adequately for the forthcoming National Championship due to be held at Bengaluru from 21st to 2th December, 2023.

Cooperative Schools celebrate Children's Day in collaboration with NGO Support

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JAMMU, Nov 14: Rtn Dr Navneet Kour Founder Chairperson of NGO Support celebrating the Children's Day organised a workshop campaign on the importance of Activism of Children's Movement for Civic Improvement where children of four Cooperative Schools of Deeli, Amphala, Jainipur & Talab Tillo participated under the guidance of Principal Jyoti Chib.

Teaching civic sense in schools empowers students to grow and actively participate in the processes. Children's movement for civic improvement is very important tool for nurturing a strong democracy.

A strong democracy requires active citizen participation. Initiatives taken in the schools can encourage students to participate in social initiatives, community service, and local governance programs.

The session started on teaching cleanliness to the children with a broader aspect of developing civic

sense in them. Checking the secondary board syllabus of the two popular boards of India, I was disturbed to find only a few chapters hidden in Social Science in CBSE and History, Civics, and Geography in ICSE, that too mere narration of the structure of our governance system and our rights and responsibilities.

A few quick calls disclosed that most of the time, the history teacher teaches the chapters! This is disheartening because irrespective of the stream the child takes for higher studies, the child must develop a civic sense stated the teachers.

Dr Navneet Kaur said, "Civic means city or town and the word sense means being aware, Civic sense is thus an awareness of the norms of our society, like respect for the law and other members of the society, maintaining etiquette while dealing and interacting with others, and discharging our duties as citizens of the country. Only through our responsible behaviour and aware-



ness can the nation achieve collective well-being. By instilling these values early in life, our schools will play a crucial role in grooming responsible citizens who contribute positively to their communities and the nation."

Taking a few examples here, chil-

dren spoke on the basic aspects of civic sense is to respect public infrastructure. Unfortunately, despite the Swachh Bharat campaign, littering, vandalism, and graffiti are common in India. Improving the civic sense lessons in schools can help children get

a sense of ownership and responsibility towards public spaces. India has a high rate of road accidents.

Improving road safety is an urgent priority. But how many of us, even those with driving licenses, know the rules? Imparting knowledge about traffic rules, pedestrian safety, and responsible driving practices will teach these values from an early age.

Principal Jyoti Chib said, "our next generation will learn responsible behaviour on the roads and have respect for fellow commuters. Students who understand road safety regulations become careful drivers and pedestrians, contributing to a safer traffic environment".

Out of 1500 students from the Cooperative School 33 children were made the Ambassadors for the this campaign so that this movement could continue to spread awareness & activism among the children for civic improvement.

Children also spoke upon the importance of the day and its importance and

celebrated addressing the teachings of Chacha Nehru.

Through this campaign children learnt that a strong democracy requires active citizen participation. Teaching civic sense in schools empowers students to grow and actively participate in the processes. Initiatives taken in the schools can encourage students to participate in social initiatives, community service, and local governance programs.

Many organisations such as, Care foundation and charitable trust, Rotary Baahu 3070, IRCS, ISBTI, YBA, Creative Self Employed Entrepreneurs Cooperative Ltd, Pioneers Design ltd supported the cause.

33 Children were awarded by Medals and were titled as the ambassadors for this Activism campaign. Eminent people present were Principal Jyoti Chib, Jyoti Manhas, Amandeep Kour, Sanjay Kumari, Chairperson NGO Support Dr Navneet Kour, Co-founder Narinder Singh, Director Gurneet Singh.