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Speeding vehicle crushes minor boy to death in Doda

BHADERWAH, Nov 16 (Agencies): A nine -year-old boy was crushed to death by a speeding load carrier when he was crossing the road with his father at Khellani market on Batote-Kishtwar National Highway on Thursday morning, police said.

The incident took place in Khellani market, about 9 km from Doda town, at around 10:24 am when Mohd Iqbal and his son Nasir (9) were trying to cross the road at busy Khellani market, SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom

"The boy was crossing the road on the busy highway while his father was running after him to stop him. However, a load carrier bearing registration number JK17A-4586 hit the boy. Nasir was immediately rushed to GMC Doda in a serious condition where he succumbed to his injuries at 12.30pm," said the SSP, adding, "A case of rash and negligent driving was registered against the driver at Khellani police post, Driver has been arrest ed and the vehicle impounded.'

The incident comes just a day after a bus mishap left 39 people dead and 17 injured in the Trungal area of Assar on Batote-Kishtwar highway.

Earthquake of magnitude 3.9 strikes **Doda**

DODA, Nov 16 (Agencies): An earthquake of magnitude 3.9 on the Richter Scale hit Jammu and Kashmir's Doda on Thursday. according to the National Centre for Seismology (NCS).

As per the NCS, the earthquake occurred at 9:34 pm.

"Earthquake of Magnitude: 3.9, Occurred on 16-11-2023, 09:34:19 IST, Lat: 33.05 and Long: 76.18, Depth: Doda, Jammu and Kashmir." the National Centre for Seismology (NCS) posted on X (formerly Twitter).

Further details are awaited.

Over halfa-dozen structures damaged in major fire in **Doda**

DODA, Nov 16 (Agencies): At least half a dozen residential

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IAF helicopters deployed at site of bus accident in Doda' Assar



JAMMU, Nov 16 (Agencies): The Indian Air Force (IAF) helicopters on Thursday were deployed at the site of a bus accident at Assar in Doda, Jammu and Kashmir. The helicopters evacuated critically injured survivors to

As many as 38 people were killed and 19 others injured after a bus fell into a gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda. The bus, carrying 55 passengers, skidded off the road near Trungal-Assar on the Batote-Kishtwar national

highway and fell 300 feet downhill, Jammu Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar said on Wednesday.

Speaking on the accident Union Minister Jitendra Singh said the state administration would probe the cause of the accident.

" It is a very tragic accident...it is important to make sure this doesn't happen in the future and for that, I'm sure the local administration over there would try to find out the factors responsible for this, they have already announced constituting

a committee...how the traffic can be controlled in the accident prone terrains, is something the govt should address in the years to come" the Union Minister said.

Earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi condoled the loss of lives in the tragic Doda bus accident and announced an exgratia of Rs 2 lakh from the PM's National Relief Fund to the next of kin of each of the deceased and Rs 50,000 for the injured.

Union Minister Jitendra Singh also said a

Encounter breaks out in Kulgam

SRINAGAR, Nov 16 (Agencies): An encounter broke out between terrorists and security forces in Samnoo village of south Kashmir's Kulgam district on Thursday afternoon.

Official sources told the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that a joint team of Police, army's 34 RR and CRPF launched a cordon and search operation on specific information about the presence of terrorists in the area.

They said that as the joint teams of forces approached towards the suspected spot, the hiding terrorists fired upon them which was retaliated to, triggering an encounter.

As per the sources two to three militants are believed to be trapped in the area.

Despite winter setting in, no reduction in infiltration attempts along LoC: Army



BARAMULLA, Nov 16 (Agencies): The Indian Army on Thursday said despite winter setting in, there was no reduction in infiltration attempts made by the terrorists across the Line of Control (LoC) in Uri sector of Baramulla district.

Col Raghav Commanding Officer 8RR was briefing media persons about operation Kali wherein a major infiltration bid was foiled along LoC on November

The Army officer said that Operation Kaali, a joint effort between the Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police, successfully thwarted an infiltration bid in the Uri sector along the Line of Control (LoC) on November 15.

"This operation led to significant casualties among terrorists and the recovery of various warlike supplies," the Army Officer said.

He said that Operation Kaali was initiated based on intelligence from our sources and the Srinagar bureau. Upon receiving intelligence, the Indian Army strengthened its counter-infiltration and surveillance grids in the

"Joint operation parties were deployed, and in the early hours of November 15, our surveillance tracked the movement of terrorists across the LoC." he said Turn to page 9

SIA seizes orchard of **JeM OGW** in Pulwama

SRINAGAR, Nov 16 (Agencies): State Investigation Agency (SIA) Thursday attached seven Kanals and seven Marlas of orchard land belonging to a JeM OGW in Pulwama under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, officials said.

They told GNS that a orchard property measuring seven kanals and seven marlas under Khasra Number 207 at village Chitrat, Arigam Pulwama, belonging to one Ghulam Nabi Wani father of accused Ishfaq Ahmad Wani, resident of Chitrat Arigam Pulwama, have been seized by the State Investigation Agency.

"The property has been attached under section 25 of UA(P)A through an order dated 13.11.2023, by the competent authority", the official said fur-

Finance Deptt and SIDBI enters into agreement for availing of SIDBI **Cluster Development Fund**

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JAMMU, Nov 16: Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) signed Agreement for SIDBI Cluster Development Fund (SCDF) with UT of Jammu & Kashmir to accelerate MSME Cluster infrastructure development in UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

SIDBI and UT of J&K partnered for supporting modernization/upgradation or establishment of infrastructure / development of MSME Cluster related infrastructure in the Jammu & Kashmir region.

SCDF would facilitate to augment the low cost, longer repayment funds for holistic coverage of cluster development projects falling under three broad categories viz Industrial and Agri-allied sectors in the MSME eco-space, Social Sector projects in and around MSME clusters and Connectivity to MSME Clusters.

The Agreement was signed at office Honorable Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir in the august presence of Manoi Sinha, LG UT of J&K and S Ramann, CMD SIDBI. While SIDBI shall facilitate availability of SCDF to enhance infrastructure development of both greenfield (induced clusters) and brownfield clusters, Finance Department, Jammu & Kashmir would act as

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ITBP force initiates recruitment drive for constables

SRINAGAR, Nov 16 (Agencies): In a bid to bolster its ranks, the Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force (ITBP) has unveiled a significant opportunity for sports enthusiasts with the release of an official notification announcing the recruitment of 248 Constables under the Sports Quota. The recruitment drive, identified as ITBP Sports

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Rehana Batul presents certificates to GKET students at Sallan



Top News Report

KATHUA, Nov 16: Aligning with the commitment of PM Narendra Modi to mushrooming employment prospect for youth at regional level, Department of Employment and Counselling Centre Kathua in collaboration

with GK Educational Trust (GKET) had skilled candidates for Makeup Artist Course. The Tenure of the course Turn to page 9

Jharkhand | Three Policemen suspended for lapse in PM's security

RANCHI, Nov 16 (Agencies): Three policemen were suspended for security lapse during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Ranchi, a police officer said on Thursday.

The action was taken after a woman unexpectedly ran and came in front of PM's convoy while it was on its way to Bhagwan Birsa Munda Memorial Parkcum-Freedom Fighter Museum on Wednesday morning, the officer said.

The woman, however, was immediately caught by security forces deployed for PM's security and taken into custody.

Modi was on a two-day visit to Jharkhand on the occasion of the birth anniversary of tribal icon Birsa Munda.

"An ASI and two constables have been suspended for dereliction of duty during the prime minister's visit," a police statement said.

The policemen, who were suspended include ASI Abu Zafar, constable Chotelal Tudu and constable Ranjan Kumar.

The woman, who was caught while breaching PM's security, was identified as Sangita Jha, who was reportedly upset with her husband and wanted to lodge a complaint against him, police said.

Ranchi Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Chandan Kumar Sinha

told PTI, "During interrogation, the woman said that she was married to a man at Jamuni village in Jharkhand's Deoghar district in 2012. But, a dispute between them started in 2016." There was a regular

scuffle between them. "The woman wants the salary of her husband to be credited in her bank account. In this regard, she also went to Delhi in October this year to meet the prime minister and stayed there for 10 days. After failing, she also tried to meet the President. When all efforts went in vain, she returned to her in-laws' house in Deoghar," the

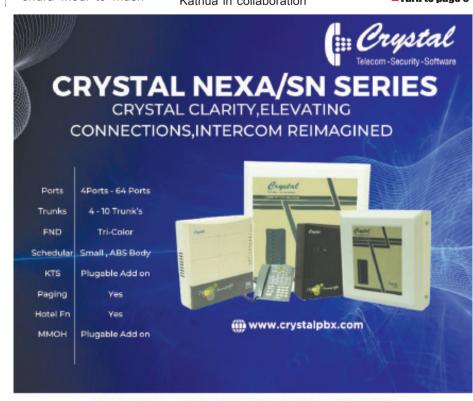
SSP said. Jha told police that she came to Ranchi after getting information that the PM was coming to the state capital.

As per the police, the woman tried to meet him during the roadshow on Tuesday night but failed and even made an effort to visit Raj Bhavan on Wednesday.

"She was returning disappointed from Raj Bhavan. But, she suddenly heard the siren of PM's convoy at Radium road and came suddenly in front of the convoy," Sinha said.

The prime minister on Tuesday held a 10-km roadshow and the next morning he paid floral tribute at the statue of Birsa Munda at

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CADNICA ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS

Contact Person Mr. Sanjeev Kumar

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TENTH DAY KRIYA

n 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.Soumendra K. Ghoshal

Grand Children: Abijay Bhat & Pooja Bhat (Daughter-in-law)

Deepali Bhat. Riptika Ghoshal. Jyotika Ghoshal Contact: 9622210700, 9149521469





SMT. SHIV KUMARI

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.

Sh Lok Raj Sangral

Sri Mohan Prakash

Sharma

Smt. Harnam

Gandotra

(Retd. TEO)

Grief Stricken:

WHOLE SANGRAL FAMILY Daughters & Sons-in-law

Smt Rachna Dogra & Sh Rajeev Dogra

Smt Sushma Rani & Sh Vijay Kumar

ਗੁਰਮੁਖਿ ਜਨਮੁ ਸਵਾਰਿ ਦਰਗਹ ਚਲਿਆ ॥ ਸਚੀ ਦਰਗਹ ਜਾਇ ਸਚਾ ਪਿੜ ਮਲਿਆ ॥

BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO NFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SARDARNI PEWETER KOUR BAKSHI W/O SR. SHAM SINGH BAKSHI JAWAHAR NAGAR SRINAGAR WALE) PRESENTLY RESID NG AT 92/A, PREET NAGAR, BEHIND GURUDWARA GURU ANGAD DEV JI(TENT WALA GURUDWARA) JAMMU, WHO EFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 9TH OF NOVEMBER 2023 ARAMBH SRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB JI AT RESIDENCE , ON SARDARNI PEWETER KOUR

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 GURUD-WARA 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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10th DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sadness we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother SMT. KRISHNA PANDITA W/o Late Sh. Arjan Nath Pandita (Akhoon) of Gushi Kupwara presently residing at 61/2, Anand Nagar Bohri Jammu on 11th November 2023.

Tenth Day Kriya shall be observed at 9:30 AM on Monday the 20th November at MUTHI GHAT near Director School Education Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Smt. Ratni Pandita W/o Late Sh. Janki Nath

Pandita (Sister-in-law)

Smt. Santush & Sh. Suresh Pandita (Daughter-in-law & Son)

Smt. Sangeeta & Sh. Vijay Pandita **(Daughter-in-law & Son**)

Smt. Sunita & Sh. Rajinder Pandita (Daughter-in-law & Son) Smt. Saroj & Sh. Banerji Pandita (Daughter-in-law & Son)

Smt. Pinki & Sh. Bal Krishan Pandita (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Smt. Kaushlawati Trakroo W/o Late Sh. RadhaKrishan Trakroo (Sister-in-Law) Smt. Sumiksha W/o Sh. Badal Bhat (Grand Children)

Smt. Shiksha W/o Sh. Pamposh Mohan Koul (Grand Children) Ms. Arushi, Chakshu, Tanvi, Shreya and Saksham Pandita (Grand Children)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

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

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform you that our beloved father Sri Mohan Prakash Sharma S/o Late Sri Nathji Sharma resident of Handwara left for heavenly abode on 10th November 2023

Tenth Day will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 19th Nov 2023, 9 AM. **GRIEF STRICKEN** Smt. Shama Raina (Wife)

Son & Daughter-in-law Pankaj Mohan & Priyanka Kumari Daughter & Son-in-law

Priya Sharma & Lakshya Sharma **Extended Family** Dr. Sharad Chandra Sharma & Dr. Neeta Sharma

Pankaj Kumar Singh & Anchala Singh 8904041148, 9663114123, 9149500944

UTHALA

Our beloved Smt. Harnam Gandotra (Retd. TEO) W/o Late Sh. C L Gandotra (Retd. Range Officer) left us for her heavenly abode on 13th Nov 2023. She was a bold and warm-hearted person who lived her life with purity, strength, descipline and integrity.

To celebrate her life, a Remembrance and Uthala meet will be held on 17th Nov 2023 (Friday) at Shiv Mandir, Housing Colony, Udhampur from 3-4 pm.

GRIEF STRICKEN: Usha Pachnanda (Bhabhi)

Daughter-in-law and Son Mini and Arun Gandotra (Manager JK Bank) 9596715501, 9419160016

Daughters and Sons-in law Prabha and Late Sh. T R Nargotra

Meena and Dr. Pankaj Abrol Anju and Harish Arora

Grand Children:

Prerna, Seema, Raiesh, Monika, Ankita, Vishesh, Sanchita, Sunil, Aditya, Purti, Ashima, Anoushka, Arjun

Great Grand Children

Tanvi, Namya, Navya, Omisa, Aadya



OBITUARIES

We are immensely grieved to inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Ashok Sharma S/o Late Sh. Nathu Ram Sharma R/o H.No. 113, Lane No. 2 Jawahar Nagar Talab Tillo, Jammu on 8 Nov, 2023.

TENTH DAY shall be performed at our residence on 17 Nov 2023 (Friday) at 11 AM. KRIYA shall be performed at our residence

on 18 Nov 2023 (Saturday) at 12 Noon. UTHALA shall be performed at Brahmin Sabha, Parade Road, Old City, Jammu on 18 Nov 2023 (Saturday) from 3 PM to 4 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN Smt. Sunita Sharma- Wife

Mr. Keshav Sharma- **Son**

Smt. Kanika Khajuria & Sh. Sahil Khajuria - Daughter & Son-in-law

Master Kyansh Khajuria - Grandson

PROP ANURADHA DUPATTA HOUSE LINK ROAD, OLD CITY, JAMMU MOB: 9419181741, 7006222373, 7006659966

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt Sharda Devi W/o Lt Sh Mohan Lal Gupta.

Tenth Day will be performed at our house 193, Lane No. 23 Rajpura Mangotrian Jammu on 17-11-2023 at 11 am to 12 Noon.

Grief Stricken: Son & Daughter-in-law Sahil Gupta & Renu Gupta

Sachin Gupta- Son Anirudh & Deenal- Grand Children



SH. ASHOK SHARMA

Smt Sharda Devi

Sh. Rajiv Gupta

MR. DILEEP KUMAR

All Nears & Dears

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Rajiv Gupta H/o Late Smt. Neelam Gupta on 14/11/2023.

FIFTH DAY

Fifth Day will be performed on 17/11/2023 (Friday) at Geeta Mandir, Upper Floor, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu at 11.00 am.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Brothers-in-law & Sisters-in-law

Sh. Rajinder Kumar & Smt. Jyoti Gupta Sh. Vinod Gupta & Smt. Suman Gupta

Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law Smt. Babita Gupta & Sh. Suresh Mahajan

Fashion Point, Talab Tillo, Jammu Fashion Fab Apsara Road, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu

Mob.: 9682343715, 9419185311

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 +919796622668

Radha Swami "Tenth Day Kriva"

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

Smt. Krishna Devi 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)** Aiit 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, Superviser, 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. (7006307522)(9868471507) (7006772316)(9906381580) Rampaul Dogra 7096307522

SH. BANSI LAL

Contact Nos

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father Sh. Bansi Lal S/o Lt. Sh Mool Raj R/o H.No. 439-A, Ambphalla, Jammu on 7 11-2023. Tenth Day will be performed on 15-11-2023 at 10 AM at our residence. Kriya will be performed on 18-11-2023 at 12 Noon at our residence.

GRIEF STRICKEN Son & Daughter-in-law

Sh. Vikas Kumar & Smt. Raman Devi Daughters & Sons-in-law Smt. Renu Bala & Sh. Anil Kumar

Smt. Sheetal Bala & Sh. Rajiv Jojra Sh. Bodh Raj - Brother Smt. Bimla Devi W/o Lt. Sh. Davinder Kumar - Sister

Smt. Pushpa Devi & Sh. Mohan Lal - Sister & Brother-in-law Smt. Nisha Rani & Sh. Pawan Jojra - Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law

Grand Children: Shashwat, Vrinda, Kamakashi, Sharanya, Shreyanshi (M): 9796660647, 9419706686, 9796202786



profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of the control of the same nally resident of Latishat, Sopore, Baramulla presently at Block 22, Flat 2, Lane 4, Jagti Township, Nagrota. **Tenth Day Krya** will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 17th o November, 2023 at 8.30 am and Mourning of 10th day will be bserved in Community Hall (Back Side Lane 24, Behin 162)
GRIEF STRICKEN
Sh. Madan Lal Bhat (Husband)
Ajay & Kusum - Son & Daughter-in-law
Sanjay & Sangeeta - Son & Daughter-in-law
Bharat Bhushan & Bharti - Son & Daughter-in-law

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

Soni Lata & R.L. Dhar - Daughter & Son-in-law ame Lata & Vijay Raina - Daughter & Son-in-law yoti Lata & Surinder Bhat - Daughter & Son-in-law

Contact : 8376842640 9871290010 8448828576

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY :

"Always in our Hearts" With profound grief and sorrow, we inform that ou beloved (Mata Ji) Smt Shakuntala Devi W/o Late Sul

Shri Chhattar Singh Charak R/o House No. 14 (private) Sec No. 2, Channi Himmat Jammu left for heavenly abode on 06.11.2023. 10th Day will be performed on 15th of Novembe (Wednesday) 2023 at our residence at 11 am.

Kriya will be performed on 18th November (Saturday)

2023 at our residence at 12 Noon.

2023 at our residence at 12 Noon.
Uthala will also be performed on 18th of November
(Saturday) at our residence at 2 pm.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Late Subedar Shri Chattar Singh Charak-Husband
Devars and Devranis
Parth Singh Charak and Bimla Charak
Kehar Singh Charak and Neelam Charak
Sons and Daughters-in-law
Janak Singh Charak and Anuradha Charak
Charan Dev Singh Charak and Anuradha Charak
Dilawar Singh Charak and Anuradha Charak
Balbir Singh Charak and Anuradha Charak
Arjun Singh Charak and Priti Charak
Sons-in-law and Daughters
Vijay Singh Manhas and Kamlesh Kumari
Satish Singh Sumberia and Bandana Kumari



Smt Shakuntala Devi

Grand Children

Ritesh Charak, Satvam Charak Saksham Charak, Aryaveer Charak Rudransh Charak, Taniska, Swatika

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QURAN KHWANI "UJATMAI DUWA"

Five Years have passed but still, we do not pelieve that you have left us. Your memories are still fresh & remain always with us. May Allah grant eternal peace to your noble soul always.' Quran Khwani "lijatami Duwa" of our peloved Imran Hussain Tak (Sub-Inspector) S/o Mr. Abdul Latif R/o Kun Tehsil Basantgarh Distt. Udhampur will be performed on 17 November 2023 (Friday) 12.00 Noon at our residence.

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:

Abdul Latif (Father) Naseema Begum (Mother) Mizaffar Hussain (Brother) Gulnaz Akhter (Wife) Alishba Zain. Daughter Tak Family: MOB. NO-9906094733



(Sub-Inspector)

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we brother Sri Mohan Prakash Sharma S/o Late Sh. Nathji Sharma R/o Handwara Kashmir.

The 10th Day Kriya will take place or 19th November 2023, 9:00 AM at Muthi Ghat Jammu **GRIEF STRICKEN**

Brother & Sister-in-law
Late Sh. Om Prakash Sharma & Sisters and Brother-in-law Sheela Sharma W/o Late R.L Sharma Pushpa Sharma W/o J.L Sharma Sushma Ganjoo W/o Vinod Ganjoo Sunita Raina W/o P.K Raina

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Sri Mohan Prakash

Shanee Sharma W/o Chandrashekar Jvotshi

TENTH DAY KRIYA With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sag demise of our beloved mother **Smt Vijay Hak** w/o Lt. Sh. Girdhari Lal Hak originally residence of Kralyar, Rainawari Srinagar/Tophsherkhani, Jammu presen Iy at Aman Vihar Dehradun Uttarakhand on 9-1

2023. The cremation was performed on 10-11-2023 The TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 18-11 2023 at 9.30 AM at Raipur Ghat Dehradun.

SRICE STRICKEN

1. Surinder Hak & Smt Rajkumari Hak (Son & Daughter-in-law)

2. Smt. Veena Hak Raina & Sh. Bl. Raina (Daughter & Son-in law)

3. Grand Children:kita Koul & Suhail Koul

Rishab Raina & Vasbhi Raina Akshay Hak, Urvashi Hak, Advika, Neel & Shritik.

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SH. ASHOP BAKSHI (BABU) S/O LT. SH. SITA RAM BAKSHI R/C

COLONY, JAMMU.
TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON THURSDAY LENIH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON THURSDAY 16-11-2023 AT 10.00 AM ONWARDS.
KARAM WILL BE PERFORMED AT RAM MANDIR, SEC D, SAINIK COLONY,
RASAM PAGRI /UTHALA WILL BE PERFORMED ON FRIDAY 17-11-2023 AT RAM MANDIR, SEC D, SAINIK COLONY FROM 3.00 PM TO 4.00 PM ONWARDS.

GRIEF STRICKEN SMT. SUNITA BAKSHI (WIFE) SMT. SUNITA BAKSHI (WIFE)
(SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW)
MR. GORAV BAKSHI & RICHA
MRS. SANDHI MALHOTRA & ROBIN MALHOTRA (DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW)
MR.SHUBAM BAKSHI (SON)
AMARIS (GRAND DAUGHTER)
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10TH DAY KRIYA With profound grief & sorrow we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our eloved **Sh Dileep Kumar Shah** S/o Lt Sh Shamboo Nath Shah originally from Rainawari Srinagar presently at Shah

Niwaz H No. 4 Ajit Colony Gole Gujral Camp Road Jammu. 10th Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 18th Nov. 2023 (Saturday) Sh Dileep Kumar

at 9:00 AM. Grief Stricken : Smt Manju Shah (Wife) Smt Anjni & Sh Suresh Shah (Bhabi & Bhaiya)

Smt Vijay & Sh. Anoop Koul (**Sister & Brother-in-law)** Smt Rajini & Sh M K Safaya **(Sister & Brother-in-law**) Komesh & Anu, Nikhilesh & Shiwani, Prinika, Vaishali, Chetan. Harsh.

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh.** Surinder Pal Gupta S/o Late Sh. Des Raj Gupta R/o 33/7 Channi Himmat, Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 08-11-2023. TENTH DAY will be performed on 17-11 2023 (Friday) from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon at Panch Mandir, Channi Himmat, Jammu.

Sh. Surinder Pal

Daughters-in-law & Sons

Daughters-in-law & Sons Smt. Sushma & Sh. Ashok Gupta, Retd. CE(E) BSNL
Smt. Rama & Sh. Ajay Gupta
Smt. Urmil & Sh. Sanjeev Gupta, S.E. JDA
Smt. Sumedha & Sh. Rajeev Gupta
Daughters & Sons-in-law Smt. Anuradha & Sh. Ashok Gupta (Pathankot)
Smt. Jyoti & Sh. Sunii Gupta
And Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren And Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

M/S Des Raj Surinder Pal (Fruit Mandi Narwal) M/S Ajay Kumar & Co. (Fruit Mandi Narwal) Ph.- 9419120740, 9419145831, 9419123447, 9419145829



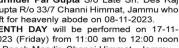


Sh. ASHOK BAKSHI









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Principal GDC Kathua felicitates winners of **Inter-college Tournament**

Top News Report

KATHUA, Nov 16: Principal GDC Kathua Prof. Seema Mir ON Thursday felicitated the winners of Jammu University Inter-Collegiate (M&W) Tournament organized by Directorate of Physical Education and Sports, University of Jammu from October 9, 2023 onwards.

The felicitation ceremony was organized by the Department of Physical Education and Sports, GDC Kathua.

Prof. Seema Mir in her address to the winner squads of GDC Kathua congratulated and appreciated the players for their overall excellent performances in their respective sport disciplines.

The Principal applauded the Sportspersons for their marvelous win in the university level tournament. She has highly applauded the team spirit of the play-



She also appreciated

the efforts of Physical Director for involving large number of students in the sporting activities. She also appreciated the efforts of team Incharges of various teams.

It is pertinent to mention that more than 58 colleges affiliated with University of Jammu participates in an Intercollegiate competitions and GDC Kathua got Runner-up position in the Sports disciplines of Hockey (M) and Cricket (W). GDC Kathua retained second position in Boxing (M&W), Kick Boxing (M&W), GDC Kathua saved third position in Hand Ball (M), Kho-Kho (M), and Chess (W) Teams. She also congratulat-

ed the Physical Director Dr Jogbinder Singh Soodan for the miraculous achievement of the students of the college. The Principal appreciated the members of

College Sports Board for their support. She has announced that Sports persons will

and Jersy in the name of GDC Kathua very soon. She also stressed upon the fact that he sports persons of the college are always bringing great laurels to this premier institute in University Inter-collegiate Competitions, All India Inter University, State level and National and

get official Track Suit

that the department of Physical Education and Sports under the supervision of Physical Director/PTI is showing out-

She also explained

Sr. National Level.

standing performance not only in the field of sports but, in academics also by organizing one International Certificate Course and two International Webinars in collaboration with Foreign Universities and International Organizations of the world. Principal was accom-

panied by the senior faculty members of the College including Dr Ram Singh HOD Education, Prof. Shivani Kotwal Convenor Sports Board, Dr Shub Kumar, HOD Sanskrit, Dr Prof. Manmohan Singh NSS PO and HOD History, Dr Amrik Singh, ANO Naval Wing, Dr Rachna, HOD Psychology, Dr Neha Bandral, NSS PO and HOD Economics, Prof. Kaurab Singh, Dr Kamaldeep Singh HOD Punjabi, Dr Poonam, HOD Dogri, Dr J S Soodan, Physical Director and Prof. Rohit.

Convener Sport Prof. Shivani Kotwal presented a vote of thanks.

Dimple leads protest against grenade attack on Shiv Temple

advocating for POK to

become part of India.

Dimple appealed for

communal harmony and

brotherhood among all

He warned against

attacks on religious

places, stating they

will not be tolerated.

Dimple alleged that the

grenade attack was the

handiwork of Pakistan

He also accused Paki-

stan of ceasefire viola-

tions and shelling on

residential areas along

Dimple criticized the

BJP government for

ISI and army.

the border.

religions.



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 16: Sunil Dimple, the President of Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir, led a protest rally against a grenade attack on a Shiv Temple in Poonch. Dimple demanded the liberation of POK, Gilgit, and Baltistan, urging the Indian government to take strong actions against Pakistan.

Effigies of anti-national elements and Pakistan ISI were burned in protest for ceasefire violations on the borders.

Dimple demanded the liberation of POK. strikes on Pakistan and resolve the issues permanently.

He urged the PM to issue a statement on Pakistan's ceasefire violations and the liberation of POK, Gilgit and Baltistan.

to Pakistan's ceasefire

Dimple called on

Prime Minister Modi to

initiate war or surgical

violations.

Dimple mentioned that incidents like target killings, attacks, and encounters in various regions of Jammu Kashmir have become routine.

He extended full support to POK and predicted that it would soon be part of Jammu Kashmir and India.

Notable leaders present at the rally include Nitin Saini, Dev Raj, Raju Kumar, Sudershan Sharma, Vipin, Mukesh Gupta, Ram Kumar Das, Jitender Gupta, Shafi, Nazier, Akbar Khan, and others.

Annual meet held at Bhairav Mandir Complex

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 16: The assembly meeting was organized by Bhairav Mandir Office Complex, Upper Bazar Jammu, under the supervision of Pandit Rumil Sharma. The arrangements and program were also discussed in the meeting. Mandir priest handed

over the Batch and Responsibility to each of his committee member for annual Bhandara of Kaal Bhairav Ashtami and said that them to



fulfill their duties with zeal and dedication.

In the end, priest said that this is possible only with the full support of members of Bhairav Mandir to make this Vishal Annual Bhandara successful.

He also appealed to all the devotees to attend Bhandara which starts at Bhairav Mandir on De4cember 6 and seeks blessings of Bhagwan Bhairay Nath Ji.

Consultative workshop on EWS for Students at Risk of Drop out held

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 16: School Education Department, Directorate of Samagra Shiksha J&K in collaboration with National Development Foundation Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir Association of Social Workers and UNICEF organized a One Day Consultative Rollout Workshop on Early Warning Systems (EWS) for Students at Risk of Dropping Out at

Royal Auditorium, Amar Singh Club, Bikram Chowk, Jammu.

Around 100 Education Officers and Members of NDF & JKASW participated.

The Programme was presided over by Administrator Samagra Shiksha Jagdeep Padha while Bilal Rashid Dy. Director Planning Samagra Shiksha participated as Guest of Honour.

Prominent among others spoke on the

occasion include Ajit Sharma, Raj Kumar Chadha, Vijay Singh and Onil Bhat (All Coordinators Samagra Shiksha), Rajiv Khajuria (President NDF), Danish Aziz (Education Specialist UNICEF India) and Ashfaq Matoo (Executive Director JKASW).

Raj Kumar Chadha presented welcome address while Nisha Pandita (Team Member NDF) acted as Stage Secretary.

Ganesh Nigam (Education Specialist UNICEF India) was the main Resource Person who sensitized the participants on various National and International Practices on Early Warning Systems.

Jagdeep Padha and Bilal Rashid expressed satisfaction with the ideas shared by Ganesh Nigam and assured that after discussing this with Project Director Samagra we will definitely incorporate this in the Education System so that we can prevent the children from dropping out in Jammu & Kashmir.

Rajiv Kumar Khajuria (President NDF) in his address thanked Project Director Samagra Deep Raj Kanethia and all stake holders for the successful implementation of the workshop. He stressed on the need of joint efforts by all agencies to step towards Zero Drop out in Jammu

Dogri Play 'Nayaan' enthralls audiences at **Theatre Festival**

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 16: In the ongoing second phase of the theatre festival being organized by the Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art Culture and Language, the Creative Crew, a distinguished theater group, delivered a captivating performance of the Dogri play "Nayaan" at the iconic Abhinav Theatre in Jammu.

The play "Nayaan" is written by renowned writer Padma Shri Mohan Singh Salathia.

Set against the backdrop of a middleclass family. "Navaan" revolves around the challenges faced by a retired father, a depen-

dent wife, and their two sons. The younger son shoulders the responsibility of supporting the family through his hardearned income, while the elder son remains unemployed, contributing nothing but his time to the household.

The storyline intricately weaves together the themes of responsibility, justice, and the impact of individual choices on the fabric of a family. The characters come to life on stage, resonating with the audience as they navigate the twists and turns of life's trials.

The cast, featuring seasoned actors and promising newcomers namely- Ravi Kant Sharma, Shiv Vohra,



Rohini Sharma, Rajan Katoch, Savita Pathania. Twinkle Raiput. Pranav Singh Vidhi Jamwal, Karan Naksh Sharma, Rajvardhan Suingh Slathia, Atharv Dev Singh Slathia Nirvaan Vohra, delivered

stellar performances, eliciting laughter, tears, and introspection from the audience. The use of the Dogri language added authenticity to the narrative, connecting with the local audience on a deeper level.

Back stage support by (Make up) Chhavi Rajput, (Costume) Twinkle Rajput, (music) Vishal Singh Bagal, (sound) Lokesh Sharma, (lights) Ravinder Sharma and (set) Varun Sharma.

Usha Salathia, the director of the play, who also played a lead role of Mother in the play, commented on the production, saying, " 'Nayaan" is a poignant exploration of the challenges faced by families in our society. Through this play, we aim to shed light on the importance of responsibility, understanding, and the pursuit of justice within the familial unit."

Webinar on "Financial skills **Enhancement Motivational and** Informative literacy" organized at **GDC Kilhotran**

Top News Report

DODA, Nov 16: Department of Economics GDC Kilhotran in collaboration with Excellence Global Skill, Raipur Chhattisgarh organised a webinar on the theme "Financial skills Enhancement Motivational and Informative literacy" under the overall supervision of the Principal of the

College Dr. Javid Iqbal. The event started with an introductory session by Prof. Majid Gani Zargar who in his address highlighted the need and skill in the business of Money Management.

One month basic computer course concludes

The resource person on the occasion was Jagdish Mane who was welcomed by Prof. Majid Gani Zargar who appreciated the efforts of excellence Global Skill for having such an innovative and relevant vision.

Jagdish Mane in his lecture elaborated various Money Management options available for better management of finances and risk-free returns in the long run.

The lecture was followed with an interactive query session in which students asked their doubts which were very clearly and precisely answered by the resource person.

The event was also coordinated by the members of Excellence Global Skill viz., Priyanka Kanwar and Khushbu Newra. Prof. Majid Gani Zargar thanked Dr. Barket Ali, Prof. Arshad Ayoub, Prof. Deepak Rai and Dr. Mohd Ashraf (Lecturer Urdu) for their technical assistance and coordination.

The event concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Javid Iqbal Principal of the college who lauded the efforts of the Deportment of Economics and Excellence Global Skill for such an informative and gracious programme.

Manjit Singh concerned over loss of property in Bhaderwah fire incident

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 16: Apni Party Provincial President Jammu, and Former Minister, Manjit Singh and other Party leaders have expressed their concern over the loss of property worth crores of rupees in Bhaderwah in an accidental blaze.

As per a press release, he said that the unfortunate fire incident has turned a dozen residential houses, a guest house and a foot point have been burnt into ashes causing losses

worth crores of rupees. "The authorities

should release compensation in favour of the affected families in Bhaderwah and they shall be rehabilitated in the wake of winter season," said Manjit Singh while appealing to the authorities to

He said that the authorities should also order an investigation into the incident that has caused huge losses although the loss of life did not happen.

He further stated that the cause of the fire incident needs to be investigated to unearth the factual situation whereas the victim families and owners of the business establishment should be provided immediate relief.

State Secretary, Mohinder Parihar; Provincial Vice President, Jammu, Shafi Sheikh; Provincial President Legal Cell, Vikram Rathore; District President Doda, Saleem Magray, District President Doda Rural, Anil Kumar and others have also expressed their concern over the fire incident.

at PTTI Vijaypur **Top News Report**

VIJAYPUR, Nov 16: One month "Basic Computer Course" organized by Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur was concluded in which 26 police personnel of various units of Police Department participated.

On this occasion a Valedictory function was organized which was graced by Shiv Kumar, Principal PTTI Vijaypur. While speaking on the occasion, Principal PTTI Vijaypur said that



the objective of course was to hone the skills of Police personnel and enhance their capabilities in handling/operating of Computer System and its function.

Principal assured that these courses would definitely help Police

personnel in performing their duties.

Besides, inauguration of "one Week Traffic Induction Course" and

rity Course" also held by Shiv Kumar, Principal PTTI Vijaypur and the trainees were briefed about the objectives of the said course. Among others, Zia-UI-

"15 days Special Secu-

Haq, DySP (Outdoor), Kuldeep Raj, DySP (Indoor/Tech.), Surrinder Paul DySP, Inspr. Javed Hussain RI/CDI, SI Sulinder Singh, ASI (T) Balbir Kumar, HC Narinder Kumar, HC Manoj Kumar, HC Gopal Singh were present on the occasion.

EDITORIAL

CHECK ON ROAD-RAGE

ggressive driving is not just a problem on the roadways for a while but can also put a question mark on our lives at times. Incidents of shouting, rude gestures and sometimes even violence are frequently recorded on our roadways to the point where road-rage has earned its name.

Road rage was named by local news station KTLA in Los Angeles after shootings occurred on several freeways in the city. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, road rage is when a driver "commits a traffic offense so as to endanger person or property; Assault with a motor vehicle or other dangerous weapon by the operator or passenger of a motor vehicle."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) explains the difference between road rage and aggressive driving. Where the first is a criminal charge and the second falls under the category of a traffic offence. This definition places blame on the driver.

If we discover that we have provoked another driver, whether the fault is actually ours or not, we should not react or resist the other driver on the road. Resistance only makes things worse. This only causes the situation to escalate. We just have to remind ourselves that the other driver is just bad to deal with the stress, avoid eye contact and continue to practice safe driving habits.

Unfortunately, it doesn't look like this problem will be going away any time soon. We can do this by being a considerate, aware driver and obeying the rules of the road as much as we can.

Although it may be extremely difficult, one should not foster feelings of anger or rage on the road.

Before blowing the horn, we should think twice or four times whether we are honking unnecessarily.

If you or I are stuck in a traffic jam, it would be foolish to honk at that time. We never know when unnecessary honking may cause the anger of the person sitting in the cars around us.

It is more important to reach home safely than teaching someone a dangerous lesson.

Road rage mostly occurs due to inattention and stress. If everyone follows the traffic rules, does not lose their temper over small things, exercises restraint and patience while walking on the road, then this can be dealt with in a very simple way.

There is a direct positive correlation between driving stress and road rage. As driving stress increases, however, the likelihood of a person developing road rage increases dramatically.

Additionally, teenagers are more likely to engage in road rage behavior than other types of people. Most cases of road rage occur due to cutting off traffic and violating traffic rules, parking spot disputes, rude gestures and lane changes.

Fresh controversy for AAP as Delhi chief secy in flap over a land deal

By: Dilip Cherian

→n the never-ending tussle between the Narendra ▲ Modi Sarkar and Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, Delhi chief secretary Naresh Kumar finds himself embroiled in a fresh controversy. While his previous headline-grabbing act involved sending files directly to lieutenant governor V.K. Saxena on service matters, bypassing the CM's office, this time, the storm is over a dispute over the valuation of land earmarked for the Dwarka Expressway, and his alleged role.

The plot under scrutiny was set to be acquired from two Delhi businessmen, one of whom shares a marital connection with the promoter of a real estate firm that employs Mr Kumar's son. Despite concerns regarding a potential conflict of interest, Mr Kumar denies any wrongdoing.

According to sources, the dispute centres around the substantial increase in compensation awarded by the district magistrate of southwest Delhi, Hemant Kumar, which shot up from Rs 41.52 crores to Rs 353 crores for the same parcel of land.

Despite the chief secretary's attempts to distance himself from the controversy, doubts persist about this failure to declare the potential conflict of interest when the National Highway of India (NHAI) raised concerns.

For Mr Kejriwal, who is back

against the wall after the arrest of deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia and other senior leaders of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for what he calls a witch-hunt unleashed by the Modi Sarkar, this episode may be a chance to hit back. Mr Kejriwal has referred the matter to the vigilance department, and minister Atishi Singh has initiated an inquiry. Mr Kumar, meanwhile, denies the allegations and attributes them to a political agenda aimed at tarnishing his reputation. Meanwhile, some in the bureaucracy are also questioning Mr Kejriwal for signing off on the transfer of district magistrate Hemant Kumar. Hemant Kumar was among the 21 IAS officers to be recommended for posting, in his case, to the administrative reforms department.

Which way this will go is anybody's guess. But in all this, Delhi's bureaucracy has split down the middle, which is not a good sign for administrators. Public trust is at stake.

Election dynamics? Unpacking strategic babu changes

In a significant move, the appointments committee of cabinet (ACC) recently gave the nod to a major reshuffle of IAS and IRS officers, elevating several to the rank of additional secretary. As the dust settles on these appointments, observers cannot help but ponder the motivations behind the move, particularly in the middle of five critical state elections.

The list of newly appointed additional secretaries includes

seasoned babus from various cadres, each entrusted with crucial responsibilities across diverse ministries. Notable among them are Anurag Agarwal, now additional secretary and financial adviser at the ministry of external affairs (MEA) and Rupinder Brar, assuming the role of additional secretary at the ministry of coal.

The reshuffling extends to key domains such as health, petroleum, textiles and rural development, with officers like Deepti Gaur Mukerjee, Pallavi Jain Govil, and Carolyn Khongwar Deshmukh taking up key roles. Furthermore, the appointment of Amit Kumar Ghosh as additional secretary in the department of social justice and empowerment underscores Modi Sarkar's focus on key issues facing marginalised communities.

The question that arises is: what could be the underlying rationale behind these appointments, especially at a juncture when the stakes are high for the Central government in the states that are having elections? Is this a routine babu reshuffle or does it carry deeper political implications?

Notably, officers have been upgraded in situ to the rank of additional secretary, signifying recognition of their capabilities and the need for experienced hands in crucial positions. Only time will reveal the full picture behind these recent appointments.

Cadre distribution confusion

lands in court

Almost a decade after the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh and the creation of Telangana in 2014, babus in the state continue to grapple with the cadre distribution at that time. Current proceedings in the Telangana high court shed light on the enduring confusion surrounding the allocation of cadres, particularly for six IAS/IPS officers.

The Centre, however, reiterated its stance to the high court that the judgement pertaining to former Telangana chief secretary Somesh Kumar's case should be applied to the pleas filed by these six officers. The government's primary argument appears to be a straightforward one — there is nothing more to discuss! However, the officers in question, including director general of police Anjani Kumar, vehemently oppose this assertion, contending that their cases are distinct from the precedent set by the Somesh Kumar judgment.

The legal tussle is unfolding as the high court navigates through the contentions of 13 officers who express grievances regarding the Central government's decisions and cadre distribution process. While the Centre's counsel maintains that the cases of six officers align with the Somesh judgement, seven others necessitate further deliberation. The divergent claims of officers caught in the web of cadre confusion will need a nuanced approach to the issue.

Language cannot be a reason for mutual exclusion and antipathy

By: Vijay GarG

ommunication is central to all living enti-nicate; creatures and animals communicate; and, of course, human beings communicate. They communicate not only amongst themselves but also across different categories and species. The examples are many, the illustrations are numerous, hence, there is no need to over-emphasise this aspect of communication. The big concern is not with the act of communication but with the modes of communication. For example, the uses and

For example, the uses and anatomy of communication among plants are well mapped, but there are not many who attempted an extensive research study of plant communication.

Plants don't make sound in the way that animals, insects or some other creatures do. This makes the act of communication between insects and animals somewhat more sophisticated. The chirp of the insects of one variety or another is an act of communication, as indeed is the howling, barking, whining, and such acts of the animals among themselves and across species.

All these creatures make sounds through their throats and mouths, and depending on the kind of noise that comes out of the animal, it is encoded and decoded. There are sounds of fear, just as there are sounds of invitation. There are sounds of anger and the sounds of nothing more but peace and the invitation of an attempt to put together a group or give an alert about a danger. All put together, the derivation is obvious: 'communication' is not just a human phenomenon. It is as rich as the mind of the entity.

A dog, for example, communicates in multiple ways and is capable of sounds of aggregation, mating, warning, and more. The sound of a dog varies from species to species and from one breed to another. It is another matter that not many texts have been scripted on this theme, and hence there is little available on the language of the dogs.

Amongst human beings too, all races don't have a script, yet within the race, they communicate. The matter does not end there.

Amongst human beings too, as indicated, there are a large number of variations among those of human species that don't have a script for their

language but still communicate with each other. The difficulty with such a situation is the lack of standardisation and communication that the group needs when dealing with a new group. Thus, there is a geographical limit to the expanse and range of languages. In the more evolved type of human species, a script is available, and after a period of practice, the script is comparatively evaluated. In the times of yore, there was a Roman script, there was a Dravidian script, a Devanagari script, and there were Chinese scripts; there may have been a few other scripts that are no longer alive but must have existed. As time passed and the human species moved, mother scripts of Latin, and Sanskrit, acquired prominence and thus many modern languages were sprouted under their impact. It is not clear how many human languages exist on the planet today or, for that matter, how many languages are dead today.

Literature, as we understand it, is available in some of the languages.

The coming of writing was another phenomenon. It is reported that in the earlier stages of writing, the writing was on palm leaves, and pointed tips of hard material like bamboo branches were used to sketch an imprint on the leaves. The growth of writing is a specialisation in its own right, it is not feasible to attempt to document different stages of writing here. Put one clear thing, if that is the only clear thing, that the writing of the language adds to its durability.

Language is a binding force between individuals and groups. It also attempts to integrate a range beyond the sounds of languages and written scripts of languages.

In most parts of the world, among all human beings, there may be a struggle between human groups for dominance, but certainly no struggle over the value of any language. Any language within its range, growing along with each other, should be a binding force. It cannot be a force for mutual exclusion and antipathy. Put simply language is the vehicle of the mind.

(Vijay GarG Retired Principal Educational columnist Malout)

DIG Shakti Pathak honours Har Shikhar Tiranga Team head Col R S Jamwal

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 16: Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sanathan Trust organised a program at Jammu. On the occasion DIG Shakti Pathak was the chief quest. Trust honoured Har Shikhar

Tiranga Team head Colonel Ran-

veer Singh Jamwal. Shakti Pathak said Har Shikhar Tiranga team such a campaign has never happened in history. Climbing the highest peaks of all 28 states, this unprecedented feat was achieved under the leadership of Colonel Ranveer Singh Jamwal, the director of the National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports (NIMAS). This courageous endeavor received admiration and respect across India. with every state expressing love

and honor for this campaign. Guest of Honour Shri kailakh



jyotish avim Vedic Sanathan trust trustee & Former CEO and Managing Director of Jammu and Kashmir Bank, R K Chhibber said The team led by Col R S Jamwal comprising Nb Sub T Chosgail, Hav Rakesh Yadav, Hav Kewal and Amit Chowdhury.

On occasion trust President

nel Ranveer Singh also recently completed six countries cycling expeditions which started from Vietnam and completed at Singapore by passing through the four other countries including Laos, Cambodia, Thailand and Malaysia by covering the distance of around 5,374 kilometers.

"Before this expedition, he along with four cyclists, led by him had completed the 1100 kilometers cycling expedition of 'Seven Sister States' of North East and become the first team who paddled the Seven Sisters States for the first time in December last year,"

Col. Ranveer said Encouraging the young generation during his talk, he said that everyone can achieve the target but the only mantra is, he/she should be focused towards their goal and should stay away from the distrac-

OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER **POSHAN MARH**

Advertisement NoticeNo: -46 of 2023 Dated:-13.11.2023

Subject: Advertisement Notice of Sanginis (Anganwadi Worker) and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) (2nd Phase)

The applications forms on prescribed format are invited from the eligible female candidates of the below mentioned wards of the Panchayats/Municipality for engagement as **Sanginis(Anganwadi Worker)** and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers)(2nd Phase) in AnganwadiCentres of Poshan(ICDS)Project Marh, purely on honorarium basis, in pursuance to the Govt. Order No:- 222-JK(SWD) of 2022, dated: 30.11.2022 & 103-JK(SWD) of 2023, dated: 28.04.2023 and approval accorded by Mission Director, Poshan, J&K vide Letter no. SMD/ICDS/Recruitment/2022-23/27546-49 dated. 05.09.2023

As per the norms, the unit of selection of Sanginis/Sahayikas shall be the electoral ward of the concerned Panchayat/Municipality

Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers)

	S.No	Name of the Panchayat/Municipality	Ward No. of Panchayat/Municip ality	Name of the AWC	No. of post of Sanginis	Remarks
l	1.	Kana Chack	Ward No.4	Kana Chack-A	01	
l	2.	Kana Chack	Ward No.11	Lalyal Camp-A	01	
l	3.	Halqa	Ward No.2	Halqa-A	01	
l	4.	Halqa	Ward No.9	QaziTokerian	01	
١	5.	Suhagini	Ward No.7	KotheyManhasa n	01	

Sahayikas (Anganwadi helpers)

S.No	Name of the Panchayat/Municipality	Ward No. of Panchayat/Municip ality	Name of the AWC	No. of post of Sahayika s	Remarks
1.	Flora Nagbani	Ward No.2	Flora Nagbani-A	01	
2.	Rathua	Ward NO.2	Rathua-A	01	
3.	Rathua	Ward No.1	Rathua-B	01	
4.	Bhadrore	Ward No.4	BazigarBasti	01	
5.	Ward No. 75	Ward No. 75	Sangrampur-A	01	

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF SANGINIS (ANGANWADI WORKERS)

- Women candidate must be in the age group of 18-37 years as on 01-01-2023 shall be considered for the post.
- The candidate should be a domicile of the UT of J&K.

 The candidate should be a resident of the electoral ward where AWC is situated. Name in the voter list for the ward shall be considered as the proof of residence of the candidate. In case the name of the candidate appears in Voter list along with her parents, then she must provide certificate of being unmarried issued by the concerned
- Tehsildar. Wherever, there is any dispute of residence for any reason, then a residence proof certifying the ward of residence from the concerned SDM/ACR shall be considered.

 Minimum qualification for Sanginis shall be 10+2 and maximum graduation. In case no 10+2 pass candidate is available in the ward, 10+2 pass candidate from the adjoining ward shall be considered
- In case suitable candidate is not available from adjoining ward, candidate from the nearest ward within the
- Panchayat can be considered.

 Weightage shall be given on the basis of marks obtained in 10+2 and selection shall be done purely on merit basis and no other criteria to be considered.
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 In case any eligible candidate is available within the family of the retiring AWW/AWH, the said candidate shall qualify for additional two percent points while making selection.
- In case of tie in merit of the eligible candidate, candidate with higher age will be preferred. Candidates with qualification higher than graduation shall not be considered.

CRIETRIA FOR SELECTION OF SAHAYIKAS (ANGANWADI HELPERS)

- Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years as on 01-01-2023 shall be considered for the post. The candidate should be a domicile of the UT of 3&K.

 The candidate should be a resident of the electoral word where AWC is situated. Name in the voter list for the ward shall be considered as the proof of residence of the candidate. In case the name of the candidate appears in Voter list along with her parents, then she must provide certificate of being unmarried issued by the concerned Tehsildar. Wherever, there is any dispute of residence for any reason, then a residence proof certifying the ward of residence from the concerned SDM/ACR shall be considered.

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- Minimum qualification for Sahayikas shall be Matriculation.

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 As per Social Welfare J&K Administrative Department's directive no. SWD-ICDS/43/2022 dated. 14.08.2023 and Mission Director's Poshan J&K communiqué no. SMD/ICDS/Recuritment/2022-23/21349-72 dated. 14.07.2023, the sole criteria for selection of Sahayikas shall be marks obtained in class 10th. However in rarest of rare case where selection committee finds a widow headed household with no source of income are a completely destitute lady with zero source of income, preference shall be given to such candidates provided all other things are equal.

HOW TO APPLY:

The application forms complete in all respects as per the Performa given in Annexure "A" of this notice along with all the requisite documents as mentioned should be submitted in the **Office of the Child Development Project Officer Marh** by personal delivery or through registered Post during working hours against the proper receipt.The incomplete forms shall be rejected without any clarification/notice and the candidates shall have no right to claim for candidature.

Date of commencement for submission of Application Forms : Last date for submission of Application Forms

No application forms shall be accepted after the last date i.e. 30.11.2023

DOCUMENT VERIFICATION:

The shortlisted meritorious candidates shall be required to appear before the Document mmittee along with all the original documents whose copies have been attached with the Verification Committee along with all the original documents whose copies application form within a week after the last date of receipt of application forms

No. CDPO/M/903/2023 **DIP/J-11149/23**

Child Dev. Project Officer (Poshan) Marh (Member Secretary Selection Committee)

ANNEXURE A

APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF SANGINI(ANGANWADI WORKER)

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- Copy of Voter Card.
 Copy of Ration Card.
 Copy of Date of birth Certificate.
 Certified copy of the latest voter list as proof of residence. (Certified by the BDO/CEO Municipality concerned)
 Unmarried Certificate by the concern Tehsildar (In case of unmarried candidate)
 Affidavit in the prescribed format duly attested by Judicial Magistrate.

 Affidavit in the prescribed format and participation of Rs 5/- affixed

APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF SAHAYIKAS (ANGANWADI HELPER)

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Documents to be Attached:- (Self Attested)

- Copy of Domicile certificate
- Copy of Voter Card.
- Copy of Aadhar Card.
- Copy of Ration Card. (As proof of BPL Category)
- Copy of Date of birth Certificate. Unmarried Certificate by the concern Tehsildar (In case of unmarried candidate)
- Copy of Death Certificate of Husband. (In case of widow)
 Copy of Divorce Certificate. (In case of divorcee) Certified copy of the latest voter list as proof of residence. (Certified by the BDO/CEO Municipality
- concerned)
 Affidavit in the prescribed format duly attested by Judicial Magistrate. Self addressed envelope with postage stamp of Rs 5/- affixed

Mahant Rohit shastri said Colonel

Ranveer Singh Jamwal-an Indian Army officer from Jammu for scaling Mount Everest three times & has also the highest mountain of all seven continents. A feat no body has achieved in the state

except him.

He is a veteran of more than 50 mountaineering expeditions and has two Asian records and four tion and bad things.

IIM Jammu hosts SIDBI delegation led by Chairman and MD, SIDBI

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 16: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu hosted a delegation from the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) at its Srinagar Campus. The visit included Sivasubramanian Ramann, Chairman & Managing Director, SIDBI, Dr. Subhransu Acharva. Chief General Manager, SIDBI, Balbir Singh, General Manager, SIDBI and several other key officials from SIDBI.

The SIDBI team was received and welcomed by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu along with his IIM Jam-

mu's Srinagar team. On the occasion, Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, and Sivasubramanian Ramann, Chairman and Managing Director. SIDBI released the brochure and the posters of Skill to Enterprise

Module (STEM). During the visit, Prof B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, and Sivasubramanian Ramann, Chairman and Managing Director, SIDBI discussed the economy."

ongoing collaborations. possible future collaborations, including joint research projects, skill development programs, and outreach activities to empower aspiring entrepreneurs.

The meeting resulted in fruitful and productive discussion around future collaborations and joint efforts to propagate entrepreneurship and start up culture in the country.

Expressing his enthusiasm, Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, said, "IIM Jammu is committed to nurturing entrepreneurial talent and contributing to the economic development of the region. Our partnership with SIDBI is a significant step towards fostering innovation and supporting the growth of small businesses, which

Sivasubramanian Ramann, SIDBI remarked on the importance of

academia-industry partnerships, saying, "I am delighted to visit IIM Jammu and witness the enthusiasm for entrepreneurship and innovation among the students and faculty. Collaborations like these are essential to bridge the gap between academia and industry, fostering a holistic approach to business development.

IIM Jammu and SIDBI recently collaborated to launch Skill to Enterprise Module (STEM) which is a one-year long extensive program on entrepreneurship exclusively for youth of J&K and Ladakh. The program with 4-week residential training with 8-weeks virtual training is designed to equip the

youth with the necessary knowledge of business management, compliance, finance, planning and strategic aspects of business. The candidates for the upcoming programme will be selected by the experts based on the readiness of their ideas and will be provided guidance through industry mentorship and incubation. There will be two batches of STEM commencing from 4th December 2023 and 19th December 2023 at IIM Jammu's Srinagar and

Jammu campuses. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Mugbil

Burhan, Chairperson Srinagar campus IIM Jammu. This collaborative effort between IIM Jammu and SIDBI is poised to contribute significantly

to the development of a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem in the region, aligning with the Government's vision of promoting economic growth through Small and Medium enterprises

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Grass-root democracy yearning for justice: Ajay Sadhotra

are the backbone of our



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 16: Accusing the government for undermining the grass root democratic institutions by deferring polls, J&K National Conference observed that fearing defeat the party in power has been relying on unfounded alibis to deny the people their right to exercise franchise

for holding power. A meeting of Jammu District Urban JKNC was held at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan under the chairmanship of Chander Mohan Sharma, President Jammu District Urban.

In the meeting, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, Additional General Secretary of JKNC, Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President JKNC, Sheikh Bashir Ahmed. Pardeep Bali, Ayub Malik, Abdul Gani Telil, Vijay Lochan, Satwant Kour Dogra, Harshvardhan Singh and Ankush Abrol

were present. Sadhotra said the people's suffering under the present government as authoritative dispensation is taking decisions on its own without taking care of the people's aspirations. He said that people never felt so bad under any regime as they feel today under the so-called Achhe Din Sarkar.

Rattan Lal Gupta, in his address, said that there is a big difference in what the BJP government speaks and what it executes on ground. He said that saying that democracy is under siege under the incumbent

government is in no way wrong because population in J&K is feeling suffocated under the present proxy rule of the central government in which there is no one to listen to the plight of common man as directions have been broadcasted from New Delhi and implemented in J&K, with no say of people or even the local representatives including those belonging to the ruling party also as number of times BJP leadership raised the issue before its

higher command. He said the claims of distributing power among 30,000 people in J&K also seems to be a hollow promise as the tenure of elected representatives has ended and the incumbents have failed to restore democracy by not holding the elections.

Expressing shock and grief over the tragic incident, Rattan Lal Gupta said that government should improve road infrastructure on ground because such tragedies are the testimony to the fact that a lot more has to be done to stop deaths on roads as people are struggling to cope up with poor edifice and insensitive Babugiri prevalent in J&K today

Before the culmination, the meeting also observed two minutes' silence for people killed in the Doda Accident and prayed to the departed souls rest in peace and National Con-

ference stands in solidarity with the bereaved families. Those who were present Raghvir Singh Manhas

District President Jammu Rural A, Lakhshmi Datta, Dilshad Malik, Rakesh Singh Raka, Rashida Begum, Som Raj Taroch, Dr. Vikas Sharma, Farman Ali, Anoop Sharma, Shabir Sambyal, Ashwani Charak, Gurnam Singh, Parvinder Singh, Dharminder Sharma, Nirmal Singh, Sardar Tejinder Singh, Sandeep Singh Wazir.

Sahil Kerni and others. **Affidavit** _D/o/w/o/wd/o_ R/o_ do hereby solemnly affirmas under: Panchayat_ 1. That I belong to the Ward no._ for which application of Sangini/Sahayika is invited.

2. That no forged/fake documents have been enclosed with the application form.

3. That if at any later stage, it is found that I am in possession of qualification higher than the prescribed qualification, my engagement shall be liable for cancellation without any notice.

4. That the contents of the application given above are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

5. In case above statement is found incorrect, the selection committee shall have the right to reject the application form without any notice and further in case under any circumstances I change my residence (physical) outside the Panchayat/Municipal Ward (whichever applicable) the department shall have the right to terminate my services.

Signature of Applicant

The adaptation of revolutionary poet Kazi Nazrul Islam's song Karar Oi Louho Kopat by renowned musician

Karar Oi Louho Kopat... Bhenge Fel, Kor Re Lopat... Rokto Jomat Shikol-Pujar Pashan-Bedi...

(Break down those iron gates of the prison, completely destroy them, let the stone altar where the blood-clotted shackles are worshiped disappear)

TheSE lines were once part of the song of revolution, but have now been accused of being misinterpreted by AR Rahman in the latest OTT release Pippa. While the film received positive feedback from the viewers and critics alike, at the same time the song Karar Oi Louho Kopat did not go down well with Bengalis across India as well as Bangladesh

Apparently it is a rendition of the song sung in 1922, written and composed by revolutionary poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. And, most importantly, it wasn't expected from Oscar-awardwinning music composer Rahman!

About the original

Considered as a sacred anthem, it was then directed against the British rulers and the lyrics have stood the test of time. The late poet, writer and musician is revered as the national poet of Bangladesh. So, fans of Nazrul and his book Nazrulgeeti found it to be a mockery of the patriotic song. They immediately called for its removal from the film. Amongst the opposing groups were Nazrul's grandson and granddaughter, Anirban Kazi and Anindita, who felt that



the rendition by Rahman has spoilt the feel and music of the original.

Apology analysis

In their defence, the makers of Pippa issued an apology that read, "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 Kazi Nazrul Islam, whose contribution to the musical, political and social landscape of the Indian subcontinent is immeasurable. This album was created as a tribute to the men and women who dedicated their lives to the liberation of Bangladesh and keeping in mind the sentiments of their struggle for freedom, peace and justice. 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 the late Kalyani Kazi and witnessed by 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. 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." Rahman is yet to comment on

this issue. Know the difference

After the controversy caught the attention of more listeners, fans compared the original song with the recent release, and found Rahman's version as a romantic and folksy number, which is poles apart from the original. Nazrul Islam's grandkids even refused to accept the public apology issued by the makers and asked them to remove their names from cred-

its. They claimed that while their mother Kalyani Kazi did give permission for the rendition, it didn't allow the composer and the maker to completely change the composition. According to Nazrul's fans, Rahman's composition is almost celebratory and as such is entirely different from the one composed by Kazi Nazrul Islam.

Fact check

The original song was composed by the legendary poet Nazrul as an ode to freedom, and to fight the barriers of oppression. It was written for the legendary freedom fighter Chittaranjan Das upon his wife's request after the former was imprisoned by the British rulers. It was first published in 1922 in the magazine Banglar Katha (Stories of Bengal) and later included in Nazrul's book Bhangar Gaan (Songs of Breaking Free). Recorded in 1949, the song is a sacred anthem for Bengalis in both India and Bangladesh. The revolutionary Nazrul was also arrested the following year. Nazrul's song was first recorded in June 1949 and folk singer Girin Chakraborty sang it.

On the other hand, in Pippa, this song has been used in the context of the Battle of Garibpur, which took place on November 20, 1971. This was during the Bangladesh Liberation War where the citizens of the erstwhile East Pakistan had rebelled against West Pakistan.

'Anti-Hindu'? Are you 'out of your mind?'; Rubina Dilaik snaps back at users who threaten to boycott her over Diwali tweet



Actor Rubina Dilaik shared a video on Instagram from her maternity photoshoot.

She captioned the post, "(Crown emoji) Raani (queen)."

However, people in the comments section asked her to delete her "anti-Hindu" tweet on Diwali or else they would start her boycott campaign.

The actor slammed the section of internet users who threatened her over her tweet on Diwali.

Taking to X, Rubina wrote, "To whomsoever it may concern! Diwali is over, stop bursting crackers. She also added, "Since 10th November, nonstop crackers are being burnt till 3 am in the morning (enraged face emoji)...... enough now.... air pollution toh hai hi (exists) Noise pollution is killing our

Later, Rubina tweeted a screenshot where people asked her to delete the post.

sleeps'

A comment read, "Delete your anti-Hindu propaganda tweet on Diwali ASAP or else we will start your boycott campaign."

"Stop your anti-Hindu

propaganda, delete this tweet right now you Bollywoodiya. Stop using AC in your rooms. Stop using BMW/Audi Cars for personal use," read another comment.

She shared it and wrote, "Anti-Hindu??? Are you guys seriously out of your mind (face with rolling eyes emoji)."

Sharing another screenshot, she wrote, "Don't come and comment on my Instagram..... it's not gyan (knowledge), Mr Intelligently Dumb Vipul Shrisath! Aapse se zyaada hum tyohaar manaatein hain, par doosron ko takleef dekar nahi (We celebrate more festivals than you but not by causing pain to people)...."

Rubina also tweeted, "Diwali, is a festival of lights, celebration of Shree Ram returning to Ayodhya! Well, Ramayan mein bursting crackers for 10 days was never mentioned, so all you pseudo-Hindu propaganda agents, go and find someone else to highlight your paid accounts and fake IDs! Dare not (raised hand and stop sign emojis)."

Radhika Madan's Sanaa to be screened at IFFI

Radhika Madan and Pooja Bhatt-starrer Sanaa is all set to be screened at the 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI). The film's production banner Four Line Films took to Instagram and wrote, "#Sanaa comes home! Elated to announce that Sanaa will have its Indian premiere at the 54th @iffigoa on November 23! We are one of the 20 films that have been handpicked as a part of the Indian panorama at the International Film Festival of

The cast and crew cannot wait to see you there! #IFFI2023 #IFFI54."

The film will be screened under the 'Indian Panorama' category on November 23. Honoured with the film's premiere at The International Film Festival



of India 2023, director Sudhanshu Saria said, "Being selected by my government to represent the finest cinema being made this year is no ordinary honour

and the entire team was thrilled when we received the news.

We are excited to finally flag off our Indian journey with this premiere at IFFI."

When Alia Bhatt was told Ranbir Kapoor being called 'toxic hubby', 'out of hand jaa raha hai', this is what her reply was

Bollywood actress Alia Bhatt, who graced the latest episode of the popular chat show 'Koffee With Karan' along with her sister-in-law Kareena Kapoor Khan, reacted to the "wipe it off" controversy surrounding her actor husband Ranbir Kapoor.

A few weeks ago, Alia Bhatt mentioned that Ranbir asked her to wipe her lipstick off because he doesn't like her wearing lipstick. This led to a huge controversy on social media with a section of the Internet users calling Ranbir an "apparent red flag" and a "toxic" partner. Some people also called Alia "blinded by her love" for Ranbir.

However, now Alia has reacted to the controversy saying that her husband is the exact opposite of what the people have perceived him to be.

The 'Udta Punjab' actress told the show host Karan Johar, "I have a very candid way of speaking. So when I talk about



anything in my life, I like to imitate the person, give anecdotes, and make it personal. I feel a lot

of things get picked out of context, which happened recently with the video. My team told me

'Ye kuch out of hand jaa raha hai'. I was like, okay theek hai jaane do".

She continued, "Then I realised that there were serious articles written about how he was a toxic man, and I thought, 'are we serious?' There are many issues in the world to give more attention to."

She further mentioned that there was a line that was crossed but there was nothing that could be said about it. "As long as your movies are doing well please don't complain sitting in your apartment in Bandra," she added.

Meanwhile, Alia registered a massive success with her last film 'Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani'. Ranbir is currently gearing up for his upcoming gangster gangster film 'Animal' which will clash with his 'Sanju' co-star Vicky Kaushal's 'Sam Bahadur' on December 1.

'Koffee with Karan' Season 8 streams on Disnev+ Hotstar.

Young Sheldon to end with Season 7

According to reports, The Big Bang Theory spinoff will conclude with the upcoming seventh season, which will consist of 14 episodes. Young Sheldon will air a one-hour series finale on May 16.

The upcoming Season 7, which premieres on February 15, is the last in a three-year pickup Young Sheldon received in 2021. The finale of Young Sheldon brings the journey of the Sheldon Cooper (played by Iain Armitage) character to an end after 14 years across two series. The single-camera comedy takes viewers through his childhood as he gradually becomes the person fans got to know and love on the multi-camera The Big Bang Theory, where Jim Parsons played the adult Sheldon. The series also stars Zoe Perry, Lance Barber, Annie Potts, Montana Jordan, Raegan Revord and Parsons (as the voice of Sheldon). Lorre, Molaro, Holland, Nick Bakay, Parsons and Todd Spiewak serve as executive producers. "Being able to tell the origin of Sheldon Cooper, and expanding the story to include the entire Cooper family has been a wonderful experience," said executive producers Holland, Molaro and Lorre. "We are grateful to our fans for embracing this chapter of the Coopers these past six seasons, and on behalf of the entire Young Sheldon family, we're excited to share this final season with you.



Rachel Zegler opens up about her character Lucy Gray Baird



She's a songbird or is she? Rachel Zegler is known for her soulful singing voice and stupendous acting prowess, but as she delves into a fan-favourite franchise for the first time, will she emerge a victor?

All set to star as the eloquent Lucy Gray Baird in Lionsgate's The Hunger Games:

The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes, Zegler opens up about bringing the character to life. Alongside award winners Viola Davis and Peter Dinklage, the film also sees Tom Blyth, Hunter Schafer, Josh Anders Rivera and Jason Schwartzman in titular roles and will hit theaters near you on November 17.

acter, Rachel Zegler said, "The words that come to my mind are 'mercurial' and 'witty'. The way I approached Lucy Gray was that she's only there for her family, her friends, and herself. That's why her relationship with Coriolanus is so interesting. We're led to believe, by the lyrics of her songs, that she's been wronged by many people, particularly by men. So, she is hesitant to trust, and challenges Snow to rise to her level of intimida-

Talking about her char-

The actor added, "Lucy Gray starts to see what it's like to put someone else's needs before her own, and she's living with her whole heart. But when she starts to see traits in Coriolanus that she may not find trustworthy, she must

put herself first."

'Grace is a quality few have, you have none': Masaba Gupta slams Ramiz Raja for laughing at racist remark against her parents



Fashion designer and actor Masaba Gupta slammed former Pakistan cricketer Ramiz Raja for laughing at a racist comment directed towards her parents, West Indies batting great Vivian Richards and veteran actor Neena Gupta, saying he had no grace.

Masaba's reaction

came after a twomonth-old clip of Raja laughing at the quip made on a Pakistani TV news channel started circulating on social media.

"Dear Ramiz Raja (sir) grace is a quality few have.

My father, mother and I have it in spades. You have none.

"Sickening to see you laugh on national TV in Pakistan at something the world stopped laughing at about 30 years back.

Step into the future. All 3 of us are here with our chin up. #ramizraja," Masaba wrote in an X post.

In the video, Raja, the former Pakistan Cricket Board chief, can be seen sniggering when a comic on the show made the objectionable remarks after saying that Richards broke her heart when he started dating Gupta.

The episode of the Pakistani cricket-based news show aired on September 12 during the Asia Cup 2023.

Committed To Navigation Freedom, Overflight: India Amid South China Sea Row

In an address at a meeting of 10-nation ASEAN and some of its dialogue partners in Jakarta, Rajnath Singh also underlined the importance of dialogue and diplomacy to ensure enduring peace and stability in the world.

NEW DELHI, Nov 16 (Agencies): India is committed to freedom of navigation, overflight and unimpeded lawful commerce in international waters in accordance with global norms, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Thursday against the backdrop of China's increasing military muscle flexing in South China Sea.

In an address at a meeting of 10-nation ASEAN and some of its dialogue partners in Jakarta, Mr Singh also underlined the importance of dialogue and diplomacy to ensure enduring peace and stability in the world.

The defence minister reaffirmed India's message to the world at large, that "this is not an era of war", and spoke about the imperative to give up the "us

versus them" mindset. Mr Singh said India is commitment to freedom of navigation, overflight and unimpeded lawful commerce in the international



waters in accordance with international laws, including United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) 1982.

There have been growing global concerns over China's sweeping claims of sovereignty over all of the South China Sea,

a huge source of hydrocarbons. Several countries in the region including Vietnam, the Philippines and Brunei, have counterclaims.

and called for concerted efforts to deal with it. The ADMM-Plus is a platform comprising 10-nation ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) and its eight dialogue

partners -- India, China, Aus-

In his remarks at the meeting

of ASEAN Defence Ministers'

Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus),

the defence minister described

terrorism as a serious threat to

international peace and security

tralia, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Russia and the United States.

Indonesia is hosting the meeting as the current chair of ADMM-Plus.

The defence minister called for regional security initiatives that are consultative and development-oriented to reflect the larger consensus among various stakeholders.

He committed towards nurturing practical, forward-looking and result-oriented cooperation with ADMM-Plus for enhancing maritime security in the region, the defence ministry said here. India became the dialogue partner of the ASEAN in 1992 and the inaugural ADMM-Plus was convened in Hanoi in October 2010. Since 2017, the ADMM-Plus ministers have been meeting annually to bolster regional security coopera-

BJP Promises 2 Lakh Savings Bond For Girl Child, 'Mahila Thana' In Rajasthan



JAIPUR, Nov 16 (Agencies): The BJP on Thursday released its manifesto for the Rajasthan assembly polls, promising to provide LPG cylinder for 450 each to Ujjawala scheme beneficiaries, 2.5 lakh government jobs in five years and increasing the financial assistance to farmers under the PM-Kisan scheme.

Releasing the 'sankalp patra' here, party chief J P Nadda also said that if the BJP forms the government in the state, a Special Investigation Team will be formed to probe paper leaks and other alleged scams in the Congress government.

The manifesto said an arrangement to procure wheat at 2,700 per quintal, including bonus above MSP, will be made and financial assistance under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi will be increased to 12,000 per year.

Under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan), which aims to support farmers in meeting their agricultural and other incidental needs, a financial assistance of 6,000 per year is at present transferred to bank accounts

of farmers in three equal installment. The manifesto also promises completion of the Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP) in a time bound manner

in collaboration with the Centre. The Congress has been demanding national project status to the ERCP which was envisaged by the former BJP government to address irrigation and drinking water problems in a 13 eastern Rajasthan districts.

Mr Nadda said a compensation policy for farmers whose land was auctioned will be brought and noted that land of 19,400 farmers was auctioned.

Pledging a slew of schemes for girls and women, he said a 'mahila thana' will be set up in every district and 'mahila desk' in every police station besides an anti-romeo squad in every city.

He also announced a savings bond of 2 lakh on birth of girl child under Lado Protsahan Yoina, skill training to nearly six lakh rural women under Lakhpati Didi scheme, scooty to meritorious girls on clearing class 12 exam, free education from KG to PG to girls of poor families, three Mahila Police Battalions and increase in financial assistance under the PM Matru Vandan scheme from 5,000 to 8,000 For the youth, the party announced 2.5 lakh government jobs in five years, annual assistance of 12,000 for students of poor families to purchase school bags, books and uniform and setting up of Rajasthan Institute of Technology and Rajasthan Institute of Medical Sciences in every division, In the health sector, the party pledged an investment of 40,000 crore through the Bhamashah Health Infrastructure Mission and appointment of 15,000 doctors and 20,000 paramedical staff.

Besides a white paper on corruption cases of the Congress government and strict action, the party promised roundthe-clock electricity supply in domestic sector, expansion of Jaipur Metro, transparent transfer policy, free ration to poor families under PM Garib Kalyan Yojna for five years, increase in old age pension and pension of 1500 per month for the disabled.

The party said in the manifesto that it is committed to make Rajasthan a 350 billion dollar economy.

In the manifesto, the party also promised to set up the Rajasthan Economic Revival Task Force for the revival of the state economy.

"We will make Jaipur, Udaipur, Kota, Ajmer, Bharatpur, Jodhpur and Bikaner smart cities in collaboration with the central government," the manifesto

A special police cell for investigating sleeper cells of anti-national forces and anti-gangster task force to stop gang wars was also among the promises made.

For minority welfare, the party announced land allotment for 'Chaturmas' related events of Jain monks and adequate police protection, conservation and development of historical Sikh religious places, CM Sharnarthi Kalyan Yojna for Hindu migrants, colonies for Hindu migrants in Jodhpur whose houses were demolished by the Congress government and subsidised loans to start business, scholarship for school

and college students. For OBC welfare, the party promised distribution of OBC certificates in a time bound manner, collateral free education loan up to 15 lakh and a welfare board to redress problems.

Various other announcements for tribal welfare, street hawkers and gig workers, auto drivers, SC and ST welfare, were also made.

Before releasing the manifesto, Mr Nadda attacked the Congress, charging it was known for corruption, crime against women, insult to farmers, paper leaks and scams and said the precious time of Rajasthan has beeen wasted.

Mr Nadda also alleged that in the name of "pseudo-secularism", bulldozers were run on religious places of some people.

He claimed that those who raised slogans like 'sar tan se juda' - threatening beheading - were encouraged. The apparent reference was to the murder of an Udaipur tailor Kanhaiya Lal for allegedly insulting Islam.

The BJP chief charged that the Congress made new records in corruption and scams and that the family of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot got contracts.

Convener of the manifesto committee and union minister Arjun Ram Meghwal said suggestions from individuals across all 200 constituencies in digital and physical mode were taken and discussions with various groups, professionals were also held in order to make a comprehensive manifesto.

BJP's election in-charge for Rajasthan and union minister Pralhad Joshi, BJP in charge for Rajasthan Arun Singh, state president CP Joshi, former chief minister Vasundhara Raje and other leaders were present during the release

of the manifesto. Rajasthan goes to polls on November 25 and the results will be declared on

Enforcement Directorate issues fresh summons to American millionaire Singham in NewsClick money-laundering case

NEW DELHI, Nov 16 (Agencies): The **Enforcement Director**ate has issued fresh summons to American millionaire Neville Roy Singham for questioning in connection with a money-laundering investigation linked to online news portal NewsClick, official sources said on Thurs-

The businessman, who is accused of spreading Chinese propaganda in India, is stated to be currently based in Shanghai, China.

day.

The ED has issued fresh summons to Singham under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). This is a

fresh notice issued to him after the agency got issued Letters Rogatory (LR) from a local court seeking to record his statement, sources said.

The summons has been sent to Singham on his email id and through the Chinese government channels, after the ED routed them through the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

This is understood to be second summons issued to Singham by the ED after one was issued last year after the investigation was launched in 2021.

Singham's name hit the headlines again a few months back in a New York Times article. The Delhi Police, fol-

lowing this news piece and some "evidence" shared by ED, had also filed an FIR against him and the founders of NewsClick after this news report came to

In a statement issued to The Hindu newspaper in October, Singham had said that the language used in the FIR filed by the Special Cell of Delhi Police "strongly suggests" that the claims were "influenced by misinformation from an article published by The New York Times".

"The NYT intentionally chose not to publish all the factual rebuttals that I provided to them on July 22, 2023, prior to their publication date,"

Singham had charged.

He also rejected the allegation of fraudulent infusion of funds through a "complex web of several entities" as mentioned in the FIR and in the NYT article.

The New York Times report claimed that NewsClick was part of a global network that received funding from Singham, who allegedly works closely with the Chinese government media machine.

The Enforcement Directorate had first raided the premises of NewsClick in Saidulajab area of the national capital in September 2021 on charges of moneylaundering.

The agency has recorded the statements of around 25 people in this case, including that of NewsClick founder and Editor-in-chief Prabir Purkayastha.

It last year attached a flat in south Delhi's Saket worth Rs 4.52 crore, which is linked to Purkayastha apart from fixed deposits worth Rs 41 lakh as part of this investigation.

NewsClick had said the allegations being made against it "by certain political actors and sections of the media are unfounded and without basis in fact or law".

21 injured as train catches fire in UP's Etawah

ETAWAH, Nov 16 (Agencies): Twenty-one people were injured in a fire in a coach of a passenger train early on Thursday in Uttar Pradesh's Etawah district

The fire was reported around 2.40 am when the Delhi-Saharasa Vaishali Express was passing through an area under the Friends Colony police station, Etawah SP Sanjai Kumar said

Fire tenders were rushed to the spot and the fire in the train's S-6 coach was doused, police said.

The 21 injured passengers were taken to different hospitals, according to the Office of the Uttar Pradesh Relief Commissioner.

Of the injured passengers, 13 were admitted

to a hospital in Saifai and seven are under treatment at the district hospital.

One passenger was discharged after being administered first aid, the UP relief commissioner's office said.

Seventeen of the injured are natives of Bihar, three are from Uttar Pradesh's Gonda and one is from Rajasthan, it said.



Earlier on Wednesday, around 5.30 pm, a fire broke out in the New Delhi-Darbhanga Special Express train, damaging three coaches and injuring eight passengers, according to officials.

The cause of the fires is yet to be ascertained, police said.

IAF developing means to station Apache attack helicopters at extreme altitude bases

CHANDIGARH. Nov 16 (Agencies): The Indian Air Force is developing equipment that will enable its recently acquired Apache attack helicopters to be stationed at extreme high altitude in areas along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

The challenge in stationing aircraft at extreme altitude is starting the engines because of rarefied air and low temperature. Attack helicopters are primarily designed for supporting mechanised formations in the

"What we are looking at is developing a starting aggregate that can produce the required electrical, hydraulic and pneumatic output for helicopter engine start-up at an altitude of 16,000 feet," an IAF officer said. The equipment would be transportable in an Mi-17 helicopter.

"This will enable attack helicopters to be stationed and several places closer to the LAC, thereby cutting down on reaction time in an emergency situation, enhancing operational flexibility and giving the machines greater



area," he added.

The AH-64 Apache helicopters, acquired from the US, have been operating in Ladakh since the 2020 stand-off with China to provide tactical fire support, when required, to ground troops manning forward positions.

In 2021, the IAF also first

Pradesh that have a contentious border with China.

These helicopters are equipped with machine guns, rockets and air-to-ground missiles and have been featuring, along with other combat platforms, in training exercises focused on conducting operations along the LAC.

The Apache has a service ceiling of 20,000 feet, but has to be stationed at bases like Leh, Thoise and Nyoma or other helipads in the region that are

at lower altitude and some distance away from the frontline. Even fixed wing aircraft line AN-32, when operating to and from airstrips like Nyoma and Fukche keep one engine running during the stop-over period.

The IAF has an inventory of 22 AH-64E Apache helicopters that began service in September 2019 with the IAF's No.125 Helicopter Squadron based at Pathankot Air Force Station in Punjab. These were meant to replace the aging Soviet-origin Mi-25/35 attack helicopters.

The Indian Army, too, is procuring six Apache helicopters that are expected to enter service with the Army Aviation Corps in the spring of 2024. These are expected to be based in the Desert Sector.

India is the 16th country to have inducted the Apache. In fact, the fuselages for the AH-64 are being manufactured globally by Tata Boeing Aerospace Limited, a joint venture between Boeing and Tata Advanced Systems Limited, Hyderabad.

Bengaluru horror: Husband shares chilling story after woman harassed, car hit by hooligans

BENGALURU, Nov 16 (Agencies): Software professionals, including three women, returning home late at night in a car were chased and threatened by hooligans in Bengaluru's Sarjapur.

The incident came to light on Thursday when the husband of one of the women, Srijan R Shetty, took to social

He posted on X, "If it wouldn't have been for her wits (his wife) of calling the cops and then calling us 10 of her friends to immediately join her at her location, the incident could have taken a different turn.

"I have never felt unsafe in Bengaluru - I know my privilege of being a Kannada speaking male - but last Thursday night I felt how unsafe certain parts of the city are post 10 pm.

"I've seen those horrific videos of fake accidents in Sarjapur where hooligans have tried to blackmail people in the car.

"On 8th November, my wife offered to drop off some other colleagues (2 females, one male) considering it was hard to get a cab from Sarjapur. Their car was chased down by a bunch of men for a few kilometers – she was smart enough to stop only on the main road and inform the cops as soon as possible.

"The men demanded that they step out of the car - which she didn't - for alleged damage during the chase. A few tempo drivers hit her car from the backside and joined the man in the green shirt in trying to pressurise people who couldn't speak Kannada. None of the bystanders helped the three women and a guy in the car.

"This city deserves better than this, we need security and we need it now. Sarjapur has been a hotspot for these incidents and we need to figure out a solution to curb this menace.

"The cops arrived at the spot in 20 minutes and did their job.

"But we should figure out how to avoid these issues in the first place," Srijan stated. "The car driver tried to bruise the car from the left multiple times. The tempo driver was one who later bumped her car from behind and joined the car driver in harassing her," he stated.

Srijan has said that he would want to take the matter up with the police after

"Again, this is not to blame any government. This has been happening for a few years and we need to just ensure lighting, infrastructure and patrolling to make the situation better," he said.

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deployed the Apache in the north-east, operating out of north-Sikkim. There are several high-altitude airstrips and helipads in Sikkim and Arunachal

Joe Biden says he still believes Xi Jinping is a dictator

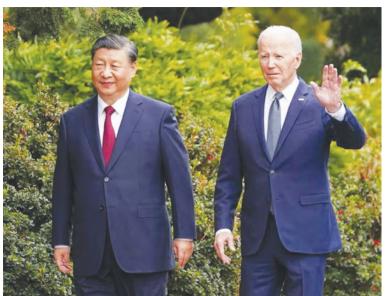
The two leaders met on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in San Francisco

WOODSIDE (CALIFORNIA), Nov 16 (Agencies): US President Joe Biden has once again called his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping a "dictator", just hours after they met for the first time in more than a year and held candid and productive discussions to revive bilateral ties.

The two leaders met on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific **Economic Cooperation summit** in San Francisco.

"Well, look, he is (a dictator)," Biden told reporters in response to a question when reminded about the similar remarks he had made about Xi earlier this year.

"I mean, he's a dictator in the sense that he is a guy who runs a country that is a communist country that's based on a form of government totally different



than ours," Biden, 80, said. "Anyway, we made progress," he said about the four-

Biden previously compared Xi, 70, to dictators during a June political fundraiser in California as he discussed Xi's reaction to US fighter jets shooting down a Chinese spy balloon over American airspace in February.

The latest remarks could spark a possible backlash from China. The last time Biden called Xi a dictator, at a June fundraiser in Northern California, Chinese officials called the remarks absurd and a provoca-

Biden's comment could also threaten to derail the positive energy coming out of the meeting, which Biden described earlier in the news conference as "some of the most constructive and productive discussions

person summit since they met on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Bali, Indonesia, in we've had". hour-long meeting, the first in-November 2022.

Facing 'heavy assault' from insurgents in three states, says Myanmar junta

NAYPYIDAW, Nov 16 (Agencies): Myanmar's junta has reported "heavy assaults" by insurgents and told government staff to get ready for emergencies, an official said on Thursday, while media reported a call for those with military experience to prepare to serve.

Myanmar's military has battled ethnic minority and other insurgencies for decades but a 2021 coup has brought unprecedented coordination between antimilitary forces that are mounting the biggest challenge to the army in years.

Junta spokesperson Zaw Min Tun said the military was facing "heavy assaults from a significant number of armed rebel soldiers" in Shan State in the northeast, Kayah State in the east and Rakhine State in the

Zaw Min Tun said some military positions had been evacuated and the insurgents had been using drones to drop hundreds of bombs on military posts

"We are urgently taking measures to protect against drone bomb attacks effectively," the junta spokesperson said late on Wednesday.

In the capital, Naypyitaw, government staff have been ordered to form units to respond to "emergency" situations, said Tin Maung Swe, secretary of Naypyitaw Council.

He denied that the order was in response to the security situation, saying the capital was

"This is the plan to help in the event of an emergency, especially natural disasters," Tin Maung Swe told agency.

A parallel government formed by pro-democracy politicians to oppose the military, and allied with some insurgent factions, has launched a "Road to Naypyitaw" campaign which it says is aimed at taking control of the capital.

Separately, the military's State Administration Council (SAC), in an order on Wednesday, said all those with basic military training should be ready to go and serve, Khit Thit media reported. Agency could not independently verify the document.

UN CONCERN Myanmar has been in turmoil since the 2021 coup, when the military ousted a government led by Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, ending a decade of tentative democratic reform.

The military ruled Myanmar with an iron fist for 50 years after seizing power in 1962, insisting it was the only institution capable of holding the diverse country together.

The 2021 coup dashed hopes for reform and triggered a groundswell of opposition that has united pro-democracy activists in towns and cities with ethnic minority forces fighting for self-determination in hinter-

Clashes have sent refugees into all of Myanmar's neighbours, including thousands who



fled into India in recent days from fighting in Chin State in the northwest.

Western governments have re-imposed sanctions on the Myanmar junta in response to the coup and crackdowns on protests and demanded the release of Suu Kyi and other pro-democracy politicians and activists.

Myanmar's Southeast Asian neighbours have tried to encourage a peace process but the generals have largely ignored their efforts.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres was deeply concerned by the "expansion of conflict in Myanmar" and called for all parties to protect civilians, a spokesperson said.

"The number of displaced people in Myanmar now exceeds 2 million," the spokesperson said.

The Arakan Army (AA) rebel group fighting for autonomy in Rakhine State said that dozens of police and military men had surrendered or been captured as its forces advanced.

The junta spokesperson denounced the group saying it was "destroying" Rakhine State.

Separately, a video posted on social media by anti-military forces in Kayah State, and verified by Reuters, showed wounded junta troops surrendering to insurgents, who were seen offering medical help.

"We are ready to shoot you right now but we won't do that. You raise the white flag and walk out, nothing will happen to you," a fighter who identified himself as the vice commander-in-chief of the rebel Karenni National Defence Force is heard telling the junta soldiers.

Facing global dismay at Gaza situation, UN Security **Council finally votes for** humanitarian pause



UNITED NATIONS, Nov 16 (Agencies): At its fifth attempt, the UN Security Council has adopted a resolution calling for an extended humanitarian pause in the war in Gaza after the US under growing international dismay at the inaction over the tragedy in the territory withheld its veto while criticising it.

The resolution adopted on Wednesday also demanded the release of the hostages taken by Hamas when it attacked Israel on October 7 and called for a humanitarian corridor to ferry relief supplies to Gaza.

Russia and the UK joined the US in abstaining from voting on the resolution allowing it to be adopted with the support of the other 12 Council members. including France and China, the other permanent members.

Although the Security Council has enforcement powers and its resolutions are legally binding, this resolution will be merely symbolic as it does not include any penalties for ignoring it - which would be impossible to enforce anyway.

An amendment proposed by Russia to call for a "humanitarian truce leading to a cessation of hostilities" - in other words, a ceasefire failed to pass because it did not get the minimum of nine votes, and the sole vote against it by the US did not translate into a veto.

The resolution proposed by Malta was a desperate attempt to get the Security Council to act on the worsening humanitarian situation in Gaza where Israeli troops had taken over a hospital after sustained bombing that, according to the Gaza health ministry, has killed more than 10,000 people.

It comes 46 days after the Hamas' October 7 attack on Israel that killed about 1,200 people and took about 240 people as hostages, many of whom are still in captivity.

Israel began its continuing retaliation the next day through relentless bombing and started a ground invasion this week.

United Arab Emirates Permanent Representative Lana Zaki Nusseibeh said that the Security Council's failure to act on Gaza till now had created the impression "outside this building, and in our region in particular, the Council appears indifferent to the carnage and dismissive of the suffer-

ing". Although abstained on the resolution, US Permanent Representative Linda Thomas-Greenfield echoed a similar sentiment.

"I think many had given up hope that we would ever speak on this conflict. But that's exactly what we just did," she said.

Two of the resolutions did not get the required minimum of nine votes to pass because of the abstentions of many members, and one was vetoed by the US and another by China and Russia.

Pictures of suffering children and other civilians in Gaza wounded in the Israeli bombing gave rise to international demands for a pause if not a ceasefire that brought pressure on Washington, which had earlier vetoed an almost similar resolution, to allow the resolution to

The resolution demands that "all parties comply with their obligations under international law, notably with regard to the protection of civilians, especially children".

It called for the creation of a safe route for "full, rapid, safe and unhindered humanitarian access" to get relief supplies, including fuel, from the UN and aid organisations to the people of Gaza.

It said the humanitarian pause in fighting should be for enough days to get the relief through, for rescue efforts and to repair essential infrastructure.

The resolution does not condemn Hamas or mention Israel's right to defend itself, which the US has cited as the reason for vetoing the earlier resolution.

Thomas-Greenfield said, "I am horrified that a few members of this Council still cannot bring themselves to condemn the barbaric terrorist attack that Hamas carried out against Israel on October 7."

"What is stopping them from unequivocally condemning the actions of a terrorist organisation that is determined to kill Jews and that gunned down civilians, burned families alive, and executed children," she

"Ultimately, the United States could not vote yes on a text that did not condemn Hamas or reaffirm the right of all Member States to protect their citizens from terrorist attacks," she said, adding that Washington, however, supports "many of the important provisions" in it.

Blaze in north China coal mine company claims 25 lives

The building belongs to the private Yongju coal mine company, which has a production capacity of 120 tonnes a year.



TAIYUAN, Nov 16 (Agencies): Twenty-five people have died and dozens sent to hospital after a fire tore through a building in northern China's Shanxi province on Thursday, agency reported quoting state media.

The fire broke out Thursday morning at a building of a coal mine company in north China's Shanxi Province, the Shanxi branch of the National Mine Safety Administration was cited as saying by the Chinese news agency Xinhua.

The fire broke out at 6:50 a.m. at the four-story Yongju Coal Industry Joint Building in China's top coal-producing hub of Shanxi, agency quoted the state broadcaster China Central Television as report-

The cause of the fire was still under investigation,

The fire ripped through the second floor of the fivestory building located in Lishi District of Lyuliang City. Rescue efforts are underway, according to local

authorities Xinhua said The building belongs to the private Yongju coal mine company, which has a production capacity of 120 tonnes a year, the report added.

Israel Bombs Home Of Hamas' Political Chief Ismail Haniyeh, Shares Video

GAZA, Nov 16 (Agencies): Israeli troops have struck the house of top Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Gaza. The Israeli Defence Forces shared a video today of fighter jets bombing a house, which they claim is Ismail Haniyeh's.

Haniyeh is the head of Hamas' political bureau and among the highest-ranking officials in the organisation that governs Gaza. He is regarded as the head of Hamas by several countries.

Israel claims Haniyeh's house was "used as terrorist infrastructure" and was being used as a meeting point by senior Hamas leaders to direct terror attacks against Israeli civilians and IDF



Haniyeh came into the limelight in the late 1990s and was the righthand man to the Hamas founder, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, in Gaza before the cleric was assassinated in 2004. He was elected as the Palestine Prime Minister after leading Hamas to victory in 2006. Haniyeh was chosen as the Hamas leader in 2017 and has

largely controlled his group's political activities from outside Gaza.

Israeli troops today also located and destroyed a Hamas naval forces weapons cache, containing diving gear, explosive devices and weapons, the IDF said.

Israel has vowed to eradicate Hamas in retaliation for the attacks of October 7, which killed 1,200 people, most of them civilians.

Hamas also took around 240 people hostage, among them elderly people and young children. But with the Hamas-run health

ministry claiming the death toll from the offensive has now topped 11,500, including thousands of children, calls for a truce are mounting.

Israel military says weapons found in Al Shifa hospital, Hamas denies claim

JERUSALEM, Nov 16 (Agencies): Israeli troops found weapons and terror infrastructure during an on-going raid within Al Shifa hospital in the Gaza Strip, a senior military official

He did not spell out what had been found or provide any visual evidence, but said this would be presented declined to be named, told reporters that there had been no fighting inside the hospital complex after the soldiers arrived during the night, and that there was no friction with medical staff or patients. Hamas rubbished the

claim. "It is nothing but

a continuation of the lies

The official, who

and cheap propaganda, through which (Israel) is trying to give justification for its crime aimed at destroying the health sector in Gaza," it said.

Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan said Israel was a "terror state" committing war crimes and violating international law in Gaza, sharpening his repeated criticism of

Israeli leaders and their backers in the West. Speaking two days before a planned visit to Germany to meet Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Erdogan said Israel's military campaign against Palestinian militant group Hamas included "the most treacherous attacks in human history" with "unlimited" support from the West.

Hostages If...": Thai Politicians' Big Claim BANGKOK, Nov next two to three days,' 16 (Agencies): Thaihe added. Lepong is part of a

"Hamas Will Release

Muslim politicians said on Thursday they had received assurances from the Palestinian group Hamas that all the Thai hostages being held would be among those released if mediators succeed in brokering a truce in Gaza.

The Islamist operatives took some 240 people hostage on Oct.7, when they rampaged through southern Israel killing 1,200 people, according to Israel. Thailand's Foreign Ministry says 25 Thais were among those abducted and 39 were among those killed that day.

"Any ceasefire either 3 days or 5 days ... Hamas will release hostages, including all Thais being held, which they promised," Lepong Syed, the president of the Thai-Iran alumni association, told reporters in Bangkok's parlia-

than ten days or in the

team formed by Thai-Muslim politicians, headed by House Speaker, Wan Muhamad Noor Matha, that has been in contact with the Hamas since Octo-

Qatari mediators were seeking a deal that would include a three-day truce, with Hamas releasing 50 of hostages and Israel releasing some women and minors from among its security detainees, an official in the Middle East briefed on the negotiations told Reuters on Wednesday.

Over 30,000 Thais were working in agriculture in Israel, according to Thai government estimates, but more than 7,200 have been repatriated since the crisis erupted. About 90% of Thailand's 70 million people are Buddhist and have co-existed largely peacefully with its Muslim minority.

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JTFRP significant in raising critical infra and livelihood creation: CS

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 16: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Thursday chaired the 5th Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting of the World Bank funded Jhelum & Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP) implemented by J&K Economic Reconstruction Agency (ERA) here.

Besides the Secretary Tourism & CEO, ERA the meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, H&UDD; Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce; DG, Planning; and others concerned.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary reviewed the pace of the ongoing projects and stressed on further enhancing it for projects nearing completion so that these are dedicated to public before the onset of winter season. He further instructed for completing the infrastructure projects in all respects so that people do not face any kind of inconvenience in their smooth utilization

Dr Mehta called JTFRP very pivotal in improving public utilities like schools, colleges, hospitals and other disaster mitigating assets. He asserted that project has also revived the traditional handicrafts which has directly and indirectly provided employment to thousands of our artisans and craftsmen.

Regarding the unutilized funds lend by the World Bank to JTFRP the Chief Secretary directed for looking into the ways and means for securing extension of the project, if possible. He made out that the projects completed under it have proved lot more beneficial for the people and the funds can be used to bring about further improvement in critical infrastructure and livelihood opportunities for

Dr Mehta took note of the delay caused in 2019 & 2020 due to unforeseen Covid-19 situation. He asked for making best use of the time window available with them. He also advised them to prioritize the projects that can be implemented in a short span of time.

The Chief Secretary reviewed the detailed progress of all the sub-projects and directed that the ones under execution through JKPCC shall be taken over by the Public Works (R&B) Department on priority basis.

The Chief Secretary asked the Public Works Department to take-up the incomplete infrastructure projects for executing them within the deadline. He also directed the respective line departments to take over all the completed sub-projects under JTFRP within a weeks time.

He asked for bringing in innovation and further augment the productivity of these projects poised to create livelihood opportunities for our people. He called for examining the projects completed till date so that their functionality is ascertained afresh especially that of the Storm Water Drainage projects around the Srinagar city.

The Chief Secretary also reviewed the budget and audit report of the agency during the meeting. He directed the CEO to rework the cost of the AMC of the projects beyond the project completion period. He also gave directives for increasing the efficiency of projects besides broadening their scope for encompassing people from other walks of life.

In his presentation, the CEO, ERA, Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah highlighted

the performance of the agency made from 2019. He gave out that out of 213 works, 174 stands completed and 39 are currently at the advanced stages of completion. He further informed that contracts worth ₹1763 Cr stands awarded against which a

cumulative expenditure to

the tune of ₹1320 Cr has

been incurred till October

this year. It was revealed that the JTFRP focused on recovery and mitigating risks linked to occurrence of floods here and it has largely achieved this goal. It was given out that the restored and improved public buildings have served 2,185,798 people,

Moreover the infrastructure works completed under JTFRP includes 52 Schools, 4 higher education buildings, one fire station, 80 km of roads, 4 bridges 75 km drainage network and 33 storm water drainage pumping stations

way above the target of

It was added that critical medical equipment and supplies to 36 hospitals. augmenting 100- Helpline with 68 critical care ambulances, commissioning of 30 oxygen generation plants covering all districts of Jammu and Kashmir was also achieved under this project.

With respect to livelihoods augmentation it was said that market access for 600 families associated with cocoon rearing, enhanced cocoon procurement capacity and production capacity has already been created. In addition to these interventions similar developments were made in wool, handloom and handicraft sectors of the UT, as was given out in the

Minister for Finance Uttar Pradesh calls on LG Sinha



Top News Report SRINAGAR, Nov 16: Suresh Kumar Khanna, Minister for Finance and

Parliamentary Affairs, Uttar Pradesh called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan on Thursday.

Dr Rohit Gupta visits GMC Jammu to enquire about condition of **Doda accident victims**



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 16: Apni Party Provincial Secretary Dr Rohit Gupta along with other leaders of the Party visited Govt Medical College and Hospital, Jammu to enquire about condition of critically injured persons who were airlifted to Jammu from District Doda following a road mishap that consumed enormous lives when a passenger plunged into a gorge on November

Dr Rohit Gupta was accompanied by Daljit Singh and Om Prakash Dansalia during their visit to the GMC&H Jammu.

They met the family members of injured persons to enquire about their present condition while the hospital authorities were requested to provide them better medical care.

He demanded ex-gratia relief in favour of the affected families in the road mishap

Meanwhile, demanded that overloading of the passenger vehicle plying on Doda - Kishtwar roads should be checked and the licenses of the drivers should also be checked.

He said that the old vehicles should not be allowed to ply on the roads of Chenab Valley as they pose a serious threat to the commuters and passengers.

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 16: In a joint statement, President Sanjay Dhar, Piarav Lal Pandita Chairman, Raj Kumar Tickoo General Secretary and other Leaders of Kashmiri Displaced People Wing of Democratic Progressive Azad Party J&K have paid their deepest condolences to the families, who have lost their dears and nears in the unfortunate tragic bus

their kiths and kins. and dears.

Kesri demands stricter enforcement of traffic rules in hilly areas

Top News Report

JAMMU. Nov 16: Shiv Sena Hindustan J&K President Pt Rajesh Kesri in a press conference in Jammu today expressed serious concern over devastating accident which claimed 38 lives and left 19 others injured in Doda district saying that this tragedy is not just a standalone incident. It is a stark reminder of the recurring problem that has plagued our UT for years - the lack of proper road safety measures, especially in hilly and remote areas. Addressing media

persons, Kesri said that reasons behind the accidents in hilly areas are poor vehicle maintenance, reckless driving, and hazardous road conditions. In Jammu and Kashmir, where the terrain is challenging, the stakes are drastically higher, and the margin for error is perilously thin. It is high time the concerned authorities take a hard look at the system that allowed such a disaster to happen, added Kesri.

Kesri further said that government and transport authorities must come together



to address this issue. He demanded stricter enforcement of traffic rules, including those relating to overloading of vehicles. Overloading not only strains the vehicle's mechanical integrity but also makes it harder to control, especially on steep, curving mountain roads. Also, the condition of the vehicles themselves must be regularly monitored. Vehicle fitness checks should be compulsory and thorough, added

Kesri. Kesri observed that older vehicles in poor condition should not be allowed to ply, especially in challenging terrains. Furthermore, investments in road infrastructure are essential. He said better road construction, regular maintenance, safety barriers, and signage can go a long way in preventing accidents He said many accidents can be avoided with better driving skills and awareness of safety measures. Drivers need to be trained to navigate the challenging terrains that are so common in this region. Kesri maintained that

Doda accident is a tragic reminder of the price we pay for negligence. As we mourn the loss of lives, it is important that we also strive to ensure that such incidents do not recur. Every life is precious, and it is our collective responsibility to safeguard them by making our roads safer. In that regard Government and the concerned authorities share the prime responsibility for making roads safer and prevent such heartwrenching tragedies in the future, added Kesri.

Akshay Deep qualifies Ph.D

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 16: Akshay Deep, son of Vishno Sharma and Kamlesh Sharma, resident of House No 35, Ward No 10, Bishnah, district Jammu has been declared qualified for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philoso-



phy (Ph.D) in Agricultural Economics by the SKUAST-Jammu, Main

Campus Chatha.

He worked on the topic "Economic Analysis of Direct Seeded Rice and Transplanted Rice in Irrigated Sub-tropics of Jammu Region" under the supervision of Dr. Anil Bhat (Assistant Professor, Div of Agricultural Economics & ABM, SKUAST-Jammu).

CCI expresses shock over tragic Assar accident



Top News Report

JAMMU. Nov 16: In a meeting of the office bearmerce & Industry (CCI) held on Thursday at Chamber House, Arun Gupta President CCI expressed deep shock, anguish and sadness over the tragic Bus Accident that occurred Assar in Doda district yesterday in which 39 people including women and children have lost their precious lives and 17 persons have been injured.

The meeting also expressed heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved families and also prayed for the speedy recovery of those injured in the Bus accident.

Arun Gupta, President CCI expressed thanks to Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India for announcing Rs 2 lakh each for the next of the kin of the deceased and Rs. 50 thousand for the

injured from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund. Arun Gupta also thanked Manoj Sinha, LG UT of J&K for announcing exgratia relief of Rs. 5 lakh each for the next of the kin of the deceased and Rs. 1 lakh for the injured besides every possible help.

The meeting also called on the State Administration to take effective steps so that such unfortunate incidents does not take place in future.

The other office bearers present in the meeting include Anil Gupta, Sr. Vice President, Rajeev Gupta, Jr. Vice President, Manish Gupta, Secretary General, Rajesh Gupta, Secretary and Rajesh Gupta, Trea-

Kashmiri Displaced People Wing of DPAP expresses grief over Assar accident

accident at Assar Doda and have prayed for the eternal peace to the victims, with bestowing the courage to the families to bear the losses of

The leaders prayed for earliest recovery of the injured and have appealed the Govt to favour the injured with specialized treatment for recovery and have demanded immediate compensation to the families, lost their nears

Zaffar Manhas, other Apni Party leaders visit residence of Shabir Reshi's to condole demise of his parents

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 16: Apni Party Vice President and District President Shopian Zaffar day visited the residence of DDC Harwan and Party's Provincial Organiser, Kashmir, Shabir Ahmad Reshi to condole the demise of his parents.

As per a press release, Manhas led delegation extended their sympathies and solidarity with the bereaved family members, especially to party colleague Shabir Ahmad Reshi over the death of his parents, on behalf of the Party.

While meeting the family members, Zaffar Igbal Manhas prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul and courage to the bereaved family members to bear the irreparable loss.

NOTICE

It is to inform the general public at large that Mr Sumit Kerni and Mr Mani K Kerni, both sons of late Sh Surinder Kumar Kerni, R/o House No 1, Link Road Jammu are going to mortgage a shop and residential house Chand Nagar, Jammu. If anybody having any objection, kindle intimate the concerned Branch Office, J&K Bank Branch, Chand Nagar, Jammu within 7 days from the publication of this notice.

IAF helicopters deployed at site of bus accident in **Doda' Assar**

helicopter service was being arranged to airlift the injured.

"Injured being shifted to District Hospital Kishtwar and GMC Doda as per requirement. Helicopter service to be arranged for shifting the more injured ones. All possible help, as required, is being provided," Singh said on X (formerly Twitter).

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha also approved an exgratia of Rs 5 lakh each for the next of kin of those who have lost their lives due to the

unfortunate bus accident in Assar, Doda. Additionally, he has also approved an amount of Rs 1 lakh for those injured and assured all possible assistance to the

affected families.

In a tweet, he stated, "An ex-gratia of Rs 5 lakh each would be given to the next of kin of those who have lost their lives due to the unfortunate bus accident in Assar, Doda. Rs 1 lakh would be given to those injured. J-K UT Administration will provide every possible assistance to the affected families."

The accident took place on a remote mountain road in Doda area, about 200km southeast of Srinagar city.

Despite winter setting in, no reduction in infiltration attempts along LoC: Army

The Army Officer said that upon infiltrating, the terrorists were engaged, leading to a exchange of gunfire.

"Following the exchange, a detailed search of the area revealed numerous terrorist casualties, though the exact number remains unconfirmed due to the proximity to the LoC." he said.

The officer said two bodies were recovered, along with warlike stores, including AK series rifles, two pistols, few Chinese grenades, ammunition, medical supplies, eatables, Pakistani currency, and identification papers.

"A significant outcome of the operation was the elimination of Bashir Ahmad Malik and his companion Ahmad Gani Sheikh,"

He said Malik, a prominent figure in crossborder terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. served as a launch commander aiding infiltrations for the past three decades.

"He played a key role in facilitating infiltrations across the LoC, resulting in the loss of numerous Indian lives, including those of the armed forces. Malik's demise deals a severe blow to the terror infrastructure operating across the LoC," he said.

He said the recent incident shows the desperation of terrorists to infiltrate to this side despite winter season setting in.

"But Indian Army is well prepared to foil all their attempts," he said.

Finance Deptt and SIDBI enters into agreement for availing of SIDBI **Cluster Development**

Fund

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nodal agency to coordinate and submit the proposals to be considered under

On this occasion Sivasubramanian Ramann, Chairman and Managing Director of SIDBI said, "We are poised to be an ever strong and vibrant MSME ecosystem in the country and more so in Jammu and Kashmir. To further strengthen the infrastructure gap, SIDBI join hands with State government and Union Territories and transforming both hard and soft infrastructure shall be mainstay of such collaborations. This structured support will lend impetus to the culture of enterprise development in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir."

Dr S.S. Acharya, CGM SIDBI while signing the Master Agreement reiterated SID-BI's commitment for MSMEs and vision to take forward the industrial growth in the country. We envision that by creating such focused MSME infrastructure development fund, States and Union Territories may improve the ease of doing business and aspire youth to become entrepreneurs and be a job creator than job seeker.

Santosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary to Govt., Finance Department expressed happiness at the signing of Agreement with SIDBI and said that "this partnership with SIDBI shall lead to many innovative infrastructure improvement and development in the UT and in overall growth of the entrepreneurship ecosystem in Jammu & Kashmir. It will be an endeavor to build processes and systems with the support of SIDBI to utilize SCDF by key departments supporting MSMEs like Industries and Commerce, Tourism, Power and Skill

Development etc."

ITBP force initiates recruitment drive for constables

Quota Recruitment 2023, has set the stage for eligible candidates to apply online through the official portal recruitment.itbpolice.nic.in

A total of 248 vacancies have been advertised in India. The online application process commenced on November 15, 2023 and will close on November 28, 2023.

Rehana Batul presents certificates to GKET **students at Sallan**

was three months.

Chief Guest Rehana Batul, Commissioner/Secretary, Labour & Employment Department, Naresh Kumar (Assistant Director Employment) and other officials were present.

Rehana Batul congratulated the students for passing out in the respective skill course and presented certificates to them.

GK Educational Trust is committed to create opportunities and improving the lives of people in the community by skilling them in particular field.

Ammar Nehvi (Director GK Educational Trust), Pritpal Kour(Centre Incharge) and other staff members were also present. Jharkhand | Three

Policemen suspended for

He said that soon after the incident fire tenders rushed to the spot, however, half

have started investigation into the matter, but as per preliminary probe short circuit seems to be the reason behind the fire.

lapse in PM's security

Bhagwan Birsa Munda Memorial Parkcum-Freedom Fighter Museum, near Jail Chowk in Ranchi.

Later, he visited Birsa Munda's birthplace Ulihatu village in Khunti district on Wednesday on the occasion of the third Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas and paid tribute to the tribal

He also launched a Rs 24,000-crore project aimed at the development of the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).

The PM also flagged off the 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra', released the 15th instalment of Rs 18,000 crore under the PM-KISAN scheme, and inaugurated and laid the foundation of projects worth Rs 7,200 crore in the state.

Over half-a-dozen structures damaged in maior fire in Doda

houses, a guest house and a food point were gutted in a major fire that broke put in Bhaderwah town of Doda district, officials said on Thursday.

An official said that the fire broke out in Chinote locality of Bhaderwah town in the wee hours today.

a dozen residential houses, a guest house, a food point were reduced to ashes by the time they reached. SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom said that police

Sensex, Nifty open lower tracking weaker financial stocks; Bajaj Finance falls

The S&P BSE Sensex was down 134.68 points at 65,541.25 at 9:25 am, while the NSE Nifty 50 fell 37.50 points to 19,637.95.

NEW DELHI, Nov 16 (Agencies): Benchmark stock market indices opened lower on Thursday, dragged down by shares of financial companies.

The S&P BSE Sensex was down 134.68 points at 65,541.25 at 9:25 am, while the NSE Nifty 50 fell 37.50 points to 19,637.95. The broader market indices were mixed, signalling an increase in volatility.

It may be noted that both the benchmark indices, Sensex and Nifty, gained over 1 per cent in yesterday's trading session, supported by a decline in domestic and US inflation. This helped them register their best closing in nearly a month.

Sectoral indices were also mixed in early trade, with Nifty Financial Services falling nearly 0.3 per cent. Nifty Bank was also trading marginally in negative territory. Nifty Oil & Gas and Nifty Auto were the only two prominent indices that registered decent gains.

The top five gainers on the Nifty 50 were NTPC, ONGC, BPCL, Coal India and Hero MotoCorp. On the other hand, the top losers were Bajaj Finance, Bajaj Finserv, Hindalco, Grasim and JSW Steel.

Bajaj Finance shares fell sharply by 3 per cent in early trade after the



Reserve Bank of India directed it to immediately stop lending via two products – 'eCOM' and 'Insta EMI Card'. Bajaj Finserv shares also fell over 1 per cent as a result. The Bajaj twins were the top losers on the Nifty 50.

"We wish to submit that Key Fact Statement ('KFS') are being issued for the loans booked under the above mentioned two lending products," Bajaj Finance said in a stock exchange filing.

"However, based on the supervisory concerns raised by the RBI, we will undertake a detailed review of the KFS and implement requisite corrective actions to the satisfaction of the RBI at the earliest," it added.

However, according to analysts, domestic markets are likely to gain momentum despite the weak opening.

Ahead of the market opening, Aditya Gaggar, Director of Progressive Shares, said, "On the daily chart, the Index has made a long-legged DOJI candlestick pattern and not only breached its falling trendline but also gave a convincing close above its 50DMA (19,580) which shows bullishness in the markets."

"Now the next critical hurdle for the Index stands at 19,840 while the downside is protected at a strong support zone of 19,550-19,580," he added.

Meanwhile, Mandar Bhojane, research analyst at Choice Broking said, "Analyzing the daily chart, Nifty displayed a gap-up opening, followed by a sustained upward movement, forming a hammer candlestick pattern with substantial volume."

"This pattern signals a bullish momentum in the index. Presently, the 19,500 level serves as immediate support for Nifty. On the higher side, resistance levels are identified at 19,850 and 19,900," Bhojane added

'Sahara matter will continue': Sebi chief after Subrata Roy's death

NEW DELHI, Nov 16 (Agencies): Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch said on Thursday that the market regulator will continue its pursuit of the Sahara case despite the death of the conglomerate's founder Subrata Roy.

Roy died on Tuesday aged 75 due to cardiorespiratory failure, following a prolonged illness.

While speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a FICCI event, news agency PTI quoted her as saying that the Sahara matter was about an entity's conduct and added that it will continue regardless of whether an individual is alive or not.

The Sebi-Sahara case is a long-standing legal battle, involving allegations of financial irregularities and violations of



securities laws by two Sahara Group entities – Sahara India Real Estate Corporation Ltd (SIRECL) and Sahara Housing Investment Corporation Ltd (SHICL)

The case originated in 2008

when Sebi launched an investigation into Sahara's fundraising practices, particularly the issuance of Optionally Fully Convertible Debentures (OFCDs), which Sebi deemed to contravene securities regulations. In 2011, the Sebi issued directives to Sahara Group entities, SIREL and SHICL, ordering the refund of funds raised from approximately 3 crore investors through OFCDs. Sebi, citing violations of its regulations, prompted a protracted legal battle.

On August 31, 2012, the Supreme Court upheld Sebi's decision, instructing the two firms to refund the collected amount with a 15 per cent interest.

As a result, Sahara was mandated to deposit an estimated Rs 24,000 crore with Sebi for further investor reimbursements, despite the group's claim of having already directly refunded over 95 per cent of the investors.

Merchandise trade deficit hits record high in October



NEW DELHI, Nov 16 (Agencies): Merchandise trade deficit expanded to a record high at \$31.46 billion in October, driven by a increase in gold imports during the festive season and a rise in oil prices.

Official data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry revealed imports in October stood at \$65.03 billion, while exports at \$33.57 billion.

On a year-on-year

(YoY) basis, there has been nearly 20% rise in trade deficit. In October 2022, it was at \$26.31 billion, with imports at \$57.91 billion and exports at \$31.60 billion. Interestingly, in September 2023, the trade deficit was significantly lower at \$19.37 billion, with merchandise exports at \$34.47 billion, and imports at

According to Satya Srinivas, additional sec-

\$53.84 billion.

retary at Department of Commerce, the large trade deficit was on account of a 95% YoY increase in gold imports during October, during Diwali festival. Gold imports was at \$7.23 billion for the month. Commerce secretary Sunil Barthwal said the disparity in dates between Diwali celebrations in October this year and November last year contributed to the surge

in gold imports in 2023.

Despite falling commodity prices, Barthwal expressed optimism about stabilising "green shoots", which bodes well for India's exports.

Brent crude prices during October rose to \$92.63 per barrel, up from \$89.00 per barrel in the same period last

Manipal group tries its hand at test prep app



CHENNAI, Nov 16 (Agencies): Karnataka-based Manipal Education and Medical group has recently launched MedAce, a mobile-first app focusing on students preparing for National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET PG), Foreign Medical Graduate Examination (FMGE), INICET and National Exit Test (NEXT).

It also provides basic science classes as supplementary education for first and second year medical graduates. Speaking to the media in the city, Ravi Panchanadhan, MD and CEO of Manipal Global Education Services said there is no focus on the subscription in next 15 months. It is currently focusing on adoption, improving content quality, building the app, taking feedback and rebuilding, he said.

When asked about the post-pandemic dip in online course enrollment, he said online courses are here to stay. Students learn best when they do surgical and clinical projects and audio visual mediums and it is a very good supplement to medical students apart from learning from faculty, he said.

Yearly heat-related deaths to see fivefold rise by mid-century: Lancet report

NEW DELHI, Nov 16 (Agencies): The yearly heat-related deaths are likely to increase nearly fivefold the current numbers by mid-century if current temperature trends continue and there is no substantial progress on adaptation, according to a report of the Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change.

Against this backdrop of climate inaction, the Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change in its eighth annual global report projects heat-related labour loss might increase by 50 per cent.

Heatwaves alone could lead to 524.9 million additional people experiencing moderate-to-severe food insecurity by 2041-60, aggravating the global risk of malnutrition, it said.

The report further projects an increased spread of life-threatening infectious diseases by mid-century, with the length of coastline suitable for Vibrio pathogens expanding by 17-25 per cent, and the transmission potential for dengue increasing by 36-37 per cent.

Vibrio pathogens are responsible for food-borne diseases such as cholera.

The Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change is an international, multidisciplinary collaboration and is published yearly, according to the British journal's website.

The collaboration monitors the "evolving health profile of climate

"independent assessment of the delivery of commitments made by governments worldwide under the Paris Agreement", the website says. Climate inaction is

change" and provides an

costing lives and livelihoods today and the new global projections reveal the grave and mounting threat to health of further delayed action on climate change, the 2023 report said.

With 1,337 tonnes of CO2 emitted every second, each moment of delay worsens the risks to people's health and survival, it said.

The projections are an indication of what the future looks like because as "risks rise, so will the costs and challenges of adaptation," according to the report, which drew on the expertise of 114 scientists and health practitioners from 52 research institutions and UN agencies worldwide.

The analysis showed that of the total days reaching health-threatening high temperatures in 2020, human-caused climate change made over 60 per cent of them more than twice as likely to occur.

Further, heat-related deaths in people older than 65 years increased by 85 per cent compared with 1990-2000, the analysis found.

The report said that this was "substantially higher than the 38 per cent increase that would have been expected had temperatures not changed".

Despite such instances, the 2023 report

found that the world is "often moving in the wrong direction", even as the 2022 Lancet Countdown report highlighted an "opportunity to accelerate the transition away from health-harming fossil fuels in response to the global energy crisis".

The latest report found

nies are further reducing their compliance with the Paris Agreement, driven in part by record profits. As of early 2023, the strategies of the world's 20 largest oil and gas companies will result in emissions surpassing levels consistent with the Paris Agreement goals by 173 per cent in 2040, an increase of 61 per cent from 2022, the

that oil and gas compa-

report predicted.

Meanwhile, global fossil fuel investment increased by 10 per cent in 2022, reaching over USD 1 trillion, with oil and gas extractive activities being supported through both private and public financial flows, the report found.

With little progress in transitioning to clean energy, the persistent use and expansion of fossil fuels will ensure an increasingly inequitable future that threatens the lives of billions of people alive today, it said.

Only 2.3 per cent of electricity in low Human Development Index (HDI) countries comes from modern renewables, against 11 per cent in very high HDI countries, the report said, attributing this to structural global inequi-

ties in the development of, access to, and use of clean energy.

It further said that 92 per cent of households in low HDI countries still relied on biomass fuels to meet their energy needs, against 7.5 per cent in very high HDI countries and that deaths had increased in medium HDI countries, where access to nonpolluting energy and air quality control measures

were lagging.
In the 62-country analyses that included India, the report found household air pollution to result in 140 deaths per 1,00,000 in 2020.

In this context, the transition to renewables can enable access to decentralised clean energy, which could help avoid deaths due to exposure to dirty-fuel-derived, outdoor, airborne, fine particulate matter pollution as well as indoor air pollution, the report said.

The report acknowledged that scientific understanding of the links between health and climate change is rapidly growing.

Also, the health dimensions of climate change are increasingly acknowledged in the public discourse, with 24 per cent of all climate change newspaper articles in 2022 referring to health, the report said, adding that these trends "signal what could be the start of a life-saving transition."

The report, however, found few signs of the urgently needed progress, in a world still bound to fossil fuel ambi-

tions and thus, called for "a people-centred transformation: putting health at the heart of climate action".

The pace and scale of mitigation efforts continued to fall very far short of those required to safeguard people's safety, with current policies putting the world on track for a potentially catastrophic 2.7 degrees Celsius of heating by 2100, the report warned.

Revealing a way forward to a healthy future, the report suggested "redirecting subsidies, lending, investment, and other financial flows away from fossil fuels".

Health-centred urban redesign can promote safe active travel, reduce building and transport-based air pollution and emissions, and increase resilience to climate hazards, it said.

Increasing urban green spaces can also offer local cooling, increase carbon sequestration, and provide direct benefits to physical and mental health, it said.

With climate change claiming millions of lives annually and its threats rapidly growing, seizing the opportunity to secure a healthier future has never been more vital, it said.

Ensuring that a thriv-

ing future remains within reach will require coordinated action and a "science-driven approach" of health professionals, policymakers, corporations, and financial institutions, the report concluded.

Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease spreads tentacles in state: Study

More prevalent among residents of Solan, Sirmaur, Shimla districts



SOLAN, Nov 16 (Agencies): Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) is becoming increasingly prevalent in the hilly areas with a study on 500 residents from Solan, Sirmaur, Shimla, Bilaspur and Kinnaur districts showing its high incidence.

Dr Sanjay Aggarwal, a Solan-based laproscopic gastro surgeon from a local hospital, who conducted the study said: "One third of the patients were from urban areas and the rest from rural areas. It was found that people who were not consuming alcohol also suffered from various stages of fatty liver."

Elaborating upon the study, Dr Aggarwal said the survey was

conducted on 541 persons. As many as 70 of the 220 persons residing in urban areas had NAFLD while out of 321 rural residents, 78 had NAFLD.

He said, "The first stage of fatty liver is a pathological finding, in which the cells of liver have a higher percentage of fat. The second stage involves inflammation of the liver and a bit of fibrosis develops in the liver tissue in the third stage."

The fourth and most critical stage includes cirrhosis in which the patient starts having swelling in the body and also experiencing symptoms like loss of weight, loss of appetite, upper gastrointestinal bleeding and other signs similar

to an alcoholic liver disease "

Dr Aggarwal said the main criterion to detect the disease was an ultrasound of the liver. It was found that the prevalence of fatty liver was more in the families consuming more vegetable oil. "More than 3 to 4 litres of vegetable oil consumption in a family of four in a month invites risk," the doctor said.

The disease had little relation to age though it was found more in the elderly. It was equally prevalent among males and females. It was, however, found that people involved in hard manual work had lesser incidences of the disease. Also, if alcohol was consumed, the progression of fatty liver to the extreme stage was seen

"A random analysis, revealed that about 50 per cent of individuals having this condition were in stage one. About 35 per cent of persons from urban areas had the disease while the rural population had a lesser incidence," observed Dr Aggarwal.

He also stressed on the need for regular physical activity for at least 30 to 45 minutes with vigorous exercise, yoga or meditation to prevent the disease.

Final destination: Kohli, Iyer tons & Shami's 7-star show take India into 4th final

MUMBAI, Nov 16 (Agencies): The Kiwis fought like tigers, but the job at hand demanded a miracle, and there was no miracle man in the New Zealand camp tonight.

Daryl Mitchell may have fancied himself as one, but when, at 10 minutes past 10 in the night, he drove the ball high towards the midwicket fence, going for his eighth six, the hopes of a miracle were over — the game was as good as over. The ball was caught by Ravindra Jadeja close to the rope, and the valiant Mitchell had to trudge off the turf, his ears ringing with shrieks of triumph from the Indian partisans in the stands.

Now, New Zealand needed 92 off the final 28 balls and, with seven wickets gone, the hopes of a miracle evaporated.

India's total of 397, starring Virat Kohli's 50th ODI century, but in effect powered by a 70-ball 105 by Shreyas lyer, proved to be more than enough, though Mitchell (134 off 119) and Kane Williamson (69 off 73) did make the capacity Wankhede Stadium crowd go quiet a bit during their stand of 181 off 149 balls.

But there was a mountain — perhaps not much different from Mt Everest, which captain Williamson was reminded of yesterday by a sharp reporter — to climb. Mitchell and Williamson had got together in the eighth over, at 39/2, when the asking



four fours before Bumrah got

him with a slower ball — New

Zealand five down, needing

103 from 43 balls. Off the last

six overs, the Kiwis needed

98, but those overs were to be

bowled by the quality pace trio

of Bumrah, Shami, and Moham-

med Siraj. Mitchell fell to Shami,

and it was only a matter of time

before the lower order panicked,

flailed, fell. Shami made a kill-

ing, ending up seven for 57 off

India's innings had Kohli in

the top billing, but in fact it was

turbo-powered by an lyer spe-

cial, his second consecutive

century of the tournament, and

by innings of no lesser impor-

tance by Rohit Sharma (47 off

29) and Shubman Gill (80 off

66). KL Rahul's cameo of 39

off 20 ensured India reached a

total that would shock and awe

the opposition, though the Kiwis

refused to be awed — Mitch-

rate was 8.52 an over; over the course of the next 27 overs, they kept the team in the game with cool aggression, driving and lofting the ball over the fielders, finding the gaps; when even Jasprit Bumrah went for 14 runs, in the 31st over, New Zealand were 185 runs from the target, needing to score at 9.73 off the final 19 overs. The crowd was restive, even worried, despite the 397 on board.

Two overs later, the tide turned — first ball of the 33rd over, from Mohammed Shami, Mitchell got to 100 off 85, but then Williamson, going for a six, struck the ball right into the lap of Suryakumar Yadav right at the midwicket boundary. Next man Tom Latham survived one ball before Shami got one to dart into him, trapping him in front of the wicket — the most clear of all LBW decisions. Glenn Phillips heaved two sixers and

ell and Williamson, especially, fought as if they were fighting for their lives.

The pitch wasn't responsive, and the big New Zealand pacemen didn't have a clue where to put the ball — Trent Boult began by bowling at Rohit's pads and was punished. Tim Southee did the same with Gill, and India were off. Rohit then put Boult in the stands over extra cover, and struck Southee for a four and six, and Boult for another over long leg — 47 in five overs! Mitchell Santner, the left-arm spinner, was hit for 4-6 off consecutive balls in his first over by Rohit. The captain fell when he sliced a slower ball from Southee, and it went up high towards long off, and Williamson ran back, made a last-second adjustment and caught the ball. Gill attacked, nevertheless. The Kiwis tried to take the pace off the ball by bowling slower ones. bringing on the spinners, but Gill took a heavy toll of them before he walked off due to cramps.

lyer, in the form of his life, was merciless against the spinners and pacers alike — sixers off Rachin Ravindra, Southee, Phillips, Boult, everyone! — playing his role of destroyer to perfection, allowing Kohli to play the aggregator.

What they aggregated would have frightened any team, and the Kiwis tried to soar — but not high enough.

50AT: Kohli eclipses Sachin's 49 tons

MUMBAI, Nov 16 (Agencies): 'Kohli, Kohli, Kohli...' screamed thirty thousand people at the Wankhede, and Virat Kohli screamed, too... He leapt up and punched the air and sank down to his knees. Then he looked up — the second run that he'd run, in the 42nd over of India's innings, had put him in a perfect position to celebrate his feat, for he looked up and saw his idol clapping, his wife blowing kisses to him. Kohli took off the helmet and raised his arms and bowed with a flourish to Sachin Tendulkar, and blew kisses to Anushka Sharma.

Kohli's wait for his 50th ODI century wasn't even a fraction as painful and torturous as his idol's wait for his 100th international century; just 10 days after scoring his 49th ODI century in Kolkata, which put him at par with Tendulkar, Kohli set the new record during the run-fest after India won the toss and elected to bat first. Kohli's timing was impeccable — his 49th was made on his 35th birthday, the 50th in the biggest match so far in the tournament, the first knockout.

The timing was near-perfect in the middle, too; after Rohit Sharma's blitz at the top had created the perfect launch pad, in walked Kohli at 71/1 in the ninth over. He was beaten on the second ball by Tim Southee, but the ball took the inside edge and went for four.

Kohli was scarcely beaten after that, never hurried or harried, as he could afford to take his time to get going, because at the other end Shubman Gill was driving and pulling the ball with authority, lobbing it over the infield to repeatedly hit the fence or clear it. Kohli was a sedate 29 off 39 balls, while at the other end Gill galloped to 78 off 64, India 157 after 22 overs; Kohli struck his third four on the 41st ball he faced, smashing a short one from Mitchell Santner to the boundary.

Gill walked off the field just then, with cramps, indicating that his leg from thigh down was in pain; in came Shreyas Iyer. Three quiet overs followed, but then lyer turned to be a force-multiplier, exceeding Gill's scoring rate. The unfortunate Rachin Ravindra got struck for the first of lyer's eight sixers of the day. Kohli was on a relatively quiet 52 off 63, but when Trent Boult, premier left-armer, came in for his second spell, first ball, Kohli skipped down the track and lifted the ball over the man at mid-off, four. Next over, Southee was brought on for a wicket or respite — and Kohli stepped out and swung him, with that whippy swish of his, for six over wide long-on.

It was Iyer's show after that, but the limelight was on Kohli — he went past Tendulkar's record of most runs in a single World Cup, 673, set in 2003. While Iyer was smashing sixers, Kohli, to move from 84 to 100, took 20 balls, in the interim getting treatment for pain in his right thigh, which he got strapped.

He then got that couple that took him to 100, and then changed gears — next ball from Lockie Ferguson, Kohli ran two, and pulled the next to the midwicket fence. Southee came back and bowled four balls that brought joy and gloom to those shouting his name third ball of the 43rd over, Glenn Phillips ran hard but dropped Kohli near the midwicket fence; next ball, Kohli sent the ball flying over Phillips over the fence — his second six. After running two, Kohli tried to clear the fence at deep square leg — he failed, caught by Devon Conway; 117 off 113 balls, 48 off boundaries, but 69 run hard in his usual hectic manner, not bad for a man in his mid-30s.

Kohli walked off, perhaps the one time he walked happy and grinning after getting out, and yet another Kohli show, the latest in an amazing series, was over.

A David vs Goliath contest

Can perennial 'chokers' South Africa tame powerhouse Australia?

KOLKATA, Nov 16 (Agencies): South Africa sense an opportunity to finally get rid of the choker's tag but the onerous task entails getting the better of the most successful team in the history of 50-over World Cup, Australia, in today's semifinal here.

Hurt by a combination of bad luck and nerves in the business end of the show-piece event, South Africa are pitted against a powerhouse who thrive in those big moments as Australia have demonstrated with five titles.

The Proteas need to be in control of their nerves to be in control of their destiny, and barring the batting meltdown against India, they have looked formidable finishing second in the group stage behind the hosts.

There is plenty of firepower in their top-order and Australia got their fingers burnt when Quinton de Kock's rapid hundred secured the Proteas' comprehensive victory in a group match in Luckney.

South Africa, who have never progressed beyond the last-four, are fretting over the availability of skipper Temba Bavuma, who is nursing a hamstring strain. "Obviously not 100%... I'm

quite confident, but it's not a unilateral decision that will be made," Bavuma said today.

Should he miss the semifinals, Aiden Markram would lead the side, while Reeza Hendricks is likely to open along-side de Kock, who has smashed four hundreds in his final ODI tournament.

They have looked more comfortable setting targets than chasing one though, and they will expect more penetration from their bowlers against a resurgent Australia.

Regardless of how their group stage campaign ebbed and flowed, it came as no surprise when Australia hurled towards the knockout stages by stringing together seven wins in a row following that defeat by South Africa.

"I think what helps us is we've got a lot of guys that have been in this situation before, that have won the Oneday World Cup, T20 World Cup, various other tournaments in big moments," Australia captain Cummins said on the eve of their clash.

Travis Head's return from a hand injury has rejuvenated their batting lineup, allowing others to play with more freedom

Why would you go and help Virat when he had a cramp?: Ex-Aussie bowler questions Kiwis

MUMBAI, Nov 16 (Agencies): Cricket fraternity the world over might be cherishing Virat Kohli's record-setting 50th ODI century but former Australian pacer Simon O'Donnell has flayed New Zealand's gesture of helping the batting great when he was suffering from cramps during the World Cup semifinal here.

Kohli, was seen struggling with cramps during his 113-ball 117, which powered India into the World Cup final at the Wankhede Stadium here on Wednesday.

A few New Zealand players opted to assist the star India batter while he was struggling with cramps, and O'Donnell said he had a "problem" with that gesture.

Kohli's century and pacer Mohammed Shami's sevenwicket haul helped India maul the Blackcaps by 70 runs.

"I had a problem a couple of times last night. Virat Kohli gets



cramp, they're (India) heading for 400 (runs) and (New Zealand) blokes go over and help him," O'Donnell, who played 87 ODIs for Australia primarily as a pace bowler, said on Sen Radio.

"Why would you go and help Virat Kohli when he had a cramp? When they're heading for 400. In a World Cup semifinal. Spirit of the game is playing within the laws. Virat Kohli is tearing your country apart and you want to go over and give him a hand."

On whether it made any difference to the outcome of the match in the end, O'Donnell indicated the Kiwi players shouldn't have gone anywhere near Kohli when he was cramping.

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"Don't care. Under no circum-

stances should you have gone within 20 metres of Virat Kohli when he had a cramp.

"He (Virat) threw his bat away and one of the Kiwis went and picked it up. Go and pick your own bat up while you've got a sore hamstring and a cramp. Stop hitting us for sixes and fours."

"That's not a big deal. That's not outside the spirit of the game. It's being competitive and saying, 'Ok, he's being physically challenged, why are we assisting him to stay physically ok to belt the crap out of us?'

India opener Shubman Gill had retired hurt due to cramps when on 79 and Kohli too was seen struggling during the later part of his 149-minute stay at the crease.

"I don't get it, I just don't get it. Stuff helping him out, he's made 50 One-Day hundreds, why help him make the 50th against you in a World Cup semi-final? Give me a spell."

Rohit Sharma "Fearless Captain, His Body Language Is Infectious": Shreyas Iyer

MUMBAI, Nov 16 (Agencies): Following his team's 70-run win over New Zealand in the semifinals of the ICC Cricket World Cup, Indian middle-order batter Shreyas lyer has said that the backing from coach Rahul Dravid and skipper Rohit Sharma has been pivotal for him and he faces Jasprit Bumrah in the nets for preparation. Mohammed Shami's seven-wicket haul and Virat Kohli's record 50th ODI century were the highlights as India secured a 70-wicket win over New Zealand in the semifinals of the Cricket World Cup at Wankhede Stadium on Wednesday.

"Rohit sets the template, gives us the starts where we have to just go and carry forward from the base he gives. He is a fearless captain. You can see that in his body language and it's kind of infectious, rubs off on all the players," told lyer to Star Sports.

"(On the backing from the management) It is pivotal, coming from the captain and coach. I did not have a great start to the World Cup. They told me not to worry about the outside noise, we are backing you, so you just got to go out there and express yourself. (About handling pressure) To be honest, in pressure situations, you tend to get nervous but at the same time it is also fun playing in front of so many people and if you perform they lift you up. (How intense are the net sessions given the quality of the bowling attack) It is definitely intense. We see to it that we play the most difficult bowler. Whenever Bumrah comes with the new ball I face him because you know it's going to be difficult and it helps you for the matches," he added.



Shreyas Iyer on Wednesday made history, becoming the first middle-order batter to smash 500 runs or more in a single edition of the ICC Cricket World Cup.

With his second successive century in the tournament during the semifinals against New Zealand, Shreyas broke plenty of records and continued his purple patch in ODI cricket.

In the match, Iyer was at his most fierce. He smashed 105 in just 70 balls. His knock consisted of four boundaries and eight sixes. He struck his runs at a strike rate of 150.

In this tournament so far, lyer has smashed 526 runs at an average of 75.14 and a strike rate of over 113. He has scored two centuries and three fifties, with the best score of 128*. The batter is the fifth-highest run-getter in the tournament so far.

The previous best-run tally by a middleorder batter in a single World Cup was by New Zealand's Scott Styris. In the 2007 edition of the tournament, Styris smashed 499 runs at an average of 83.16, with one century and four fifties in nine innings.

This century by Iyer, which he reached in 67 balls, is the fastest-ever in a Cricket World Cup knockout match. He has surpassed legendary Australian wicketkeeper-batter Adam Gilchrist, who smashed a 72-ball ton against Sri Lanka in the 2007 WC final.

lyer is also only the third Indian batter to score two or more successive WC tons, with other two being Rohit Sharma (three in 2019) and Rahul Dravid (two in 1999).

lyer smashed eight sixes in his knock, which is the highest by an Indian batter in their World Cup innings. He has overtaken Sourav Ganguly, who smashed seven sixes during his knock of 183* against Sri Lanka in 1999.

Also, Shreyas lyer reached his 4,000 international runs. In 116 matches, he has scored 4,036 runs at an average of 42.48, with six centuries and 29 fifties in 113 innings. His best score is 128*.

lyer has scored 666 runs in 10 Tests at an average of 44.40, with one century and five fifties in 16 innings.

ODIs are lyer's best format. In 57 ODIs, he has scored 2,327 runs at an average of 50.58, with five centuries and 17 fifties in 52 innings.

In 49 T20Is, Iyer has made 1,043 runs at an average of 30.67, with seven fifties in 45 innings. Coming to the match, India opted to bat first and scored 397/4 in their 50 overs. Skipper Rohit Sharma (47 in 29 balls, with four boundaries and four sixes) and Shubman Gill (80 in 66 balls, with eight fours and three sixes) delivered a fine start with a 71-run opening stand.

Waugh-supported centre for children bat for Australia



KOLKATA. Nov 16 (Agencies): Legendary former Australian captain Steve Waugh got associated with Udayan, a residential centre for the rehabilitation of leprosy patients' children on the outskirts of Kolkata, 25 years ago. A meeting with Mother Teresa in the city in 1996 inspired him to begin charity work and a couple of years later he decided to help out children of leprosy patients through the non-government organisation.

Since then the association as one of the patrons of the NGO has only grown with the World Cup-winning captain also making sure he visits the centre whenever he is in the country. The last visit he made to the centre located at

Sewli Telinipara village, Barrackpore, was in 2020 when the centre celebrated its 50th anniversary.

With Australia playing South Africa in their all-important semifinal in the city on Thursday, the children have decided to cheer for the team from Down Under which once was led with great pride by their philanthropist. "The children are not visiting the stadium for the match. Instead, they will watch it live on a projector at our recreation centre," Dipak Sahu, director of

Udayan, told this daily.
As Waugh is not here at the venue, where his team once famously won its maiden World Cup with him being an integral part of it, the children wanted to send a message saying they

are standing firm behind the team from his country. "At the moment, the NGO is supporting 113 girls and 157 boys. All of them along with us will watch the match and cheer for the Aussies. We have been certified by the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) India and Waugh donates around Rs 40 lakh to `50 lakh every year through it to Udayan," informs Sahu.

The centre aims at providing children quality education including tertiary study and training like nursing, mechanics and physiotherapy which in turn provides them job opportunities. Waugh's donation ensures the children get involved with tertiary study and vocational training. "His donation helps us impart employment-based training to children which in turn helps them land jobs and make a living out of it. He is one of our patrons and his continued support is one of the reasons we are able to deliver year after year," signed off Sahu.

Oil Tanker Union demands amendment in BPCL'S carriage tender



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 16: All Jammu And Kashmir Oil & LPG Tank, Truck Drivers & Cleaners Union have expresses serious concern over the terms and condition mentioned in a recent tender notification for Road Transportation of Bulk (POL) Petroleum, Oil and Lubricant issued by the BPCL, Bhartiya Petroleum Corporation Limited for J&K.

Addressing a press conference here on Thursday, Ranjit Singh Raina, the President of All Jammu and Kashmir Oil & LPG Tank, Truck Drivers & Cleaners along with Harasis Singh another senior member of the Union informed the mediapersons that BPCL in its tender notification dated November 1, 2023 have completely ignored the welfare and interest of the transporters of Jammu and Kashmir which would ultimately affect the drivers and cleaners.

They apprised that in the road transportation tender of the BPCL, in comparison to past tender of year 2017, this time the number of vehicles(tank lorries) have been decreased from over 300 to 225 and the capacity of requisite tanker have also been increased.

The terms and conditions of the tender requires new model vehicles whereas the rate bracket in the tender have not been increased in comparison to the inflation rate of last five years for the same route.

The Drivers union President said they would not accept this injustice and they would stand with the Oil Tanker Owners Association because already the transport sector in J&K is going through a very difficult time.

He said the rates of maintenance of vehicles including cost of insurance, tyres, taxes have increased manifold but the rates provided in the BPCL tender does not match even the input cost of the transporters and labour of the drivers of the tankers

The Drivers union warned that if the BPCL authorities does not amend the terms and conditions of the tender notification so that even the marginalized transporters get a fair opportunity to participate in the tendering process then they would be compelled to adopt the democratic method including holding protest demonstration against the BPCL authorities who formulated such ant-transporters tender.

It is pertinent to mention here that after every 5 years such tender for road transportation of POL is issued by the BPCL, HPCL and IOCL for transportation from Jammu Depot to Kashmir and other different locations of Jammu.

Besides President Ranjit Singh Raina and Harasis the other Union members present during the press conference include Swindles Singh.

Farooq, Omar conveyed condolences

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 16: National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Omar Abdullah expressed grief over the passing away of Khan Mohd Khan former Provincial Secretary Jammu Province who passed yesterday at Bhaderwah and conveyed condolences to the bereaved family.

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

In the condolence mes-

sage, General Secretary Haji Ali Mohammed Sagar, Dr Sheikh Mustafa Kamaal Ajay Kumar Sadhotra Additional General Secretaries, Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President Jammu, Khalid Naieev Suharwardhy former minister and Provincial Vice President, Qazi Jalal Ud Din Ex-MLA, Sajjad Ahmed Kichloo former minister and Zone President Chenab Valley, Saiiad Shaheen District President Ramban, Dr. Chaman Lal Bhagat Ex-MLA, Tanveer Ahmed Kichloo District President

Kishtwar, Mehboob Iqbal, Abdul Qayoom Baghwan District President Doda Rural Bhaderwah, Zaffarullah Rather District President Doda, Arif Mir, Abid Magrey have also expressed grief and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

Meanwhile, National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Omar Abdullah expressed grief over the sudden passing away of Sheroo Kumar Son of Bahadur Lal Vice President JKNC District Jammu (Urban) and conveyed condolences to the bereaved family.

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

In the condolence message, General Secretary Haji Ali Mohammed Sagar, Dr Sheikh Mustafa Kamaal, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra Additional General Secretaries, Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President Jammu and Provincial committee members have also expressed grief and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

GDC Darhal organizes Essay Writing Competition on "Women's Right"

Top News Report

DARHAL, Nov 16: With a view to bring awareness about Women's Right and to discuss the strategies on raising the awareness, an essay writing Competition was conducted in the college premises jointly organised by NSS and Department of Political Science, based on the theme "My Constitution My Pride" under the patornship of Prof. Mussaraf Hussain Shah, Principal of the College.

The main aim of the competition was to raise voices about the issues that women face on a

daily basis. Spark up conversations through words and make people aware if they are misinformed.

In essay writing competition the first position was secured by Hibza Malik of Sem first, second position was secured by Danish Ali of Sem first while the third position was secured by Sayra Jabeen of Sem Fifth.

Consolation prize was given to Ummar Khalil of SEM Third.

ege. In his address Prof the Shah, Principal of the aise College, exhorted that women rights are very important for everyone all over the world. It does not just benefit her but every member of society.

When women get equal rights, the world can progress together with everyone playing an essential role. If there weren't any women rights, women wouldn't have been allowed to do something as basic as a vote.

Further, it is a gamechanger for those women who suffer from gender discrimination. The event was coordinated by Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch (NSS PO) and Dr. Mehwish Bukhari (HOD Pol Science).

Breaking Taboos, Empowering Lives: LFO-BHF 'Mission R-SAP' to transform J&K



Top News Report

RAJOURI, Nov 16: Live For Others- Being Helpful Foundation (LFO-BHF) announced a significant milestone in their joint initiative with J&K Bank, "Mission R-SAP (Remove Shy-

ness Apply Pads)."
This Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project aims to provide access to menstrual hygiene by distributing 5,00,000 sanitary napkins and conducting 100 awareness seminars, benefiting 50,000 people across all 20 districts of Jammu & Kashmir and remove the taboo regarding menstruation

from the society.

The 4th district to successfully complete this mission is Rajouri, where more than 25,000 sanitary napkins were distributed, comple-

mented by eight impactful awareness lectures targeted more than 2500 people. The resource person for these seminars was Jyoti.

These activities were carried out in government as well as private schools located in peripheral areas, namely New National Public School, Nowshera; Ambica Public School, Nowshera; TMP Higher Secondary School, Nowshera; Govt Girls Higher Secondary School, Nowshera; Govt. Girls Hr. Sec. School, Kalsian; Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Bhawan, Rajouri; Govt. High School, Dabber, Potha: Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Seri, Rajouri.

"We are thrilled with the progress of 'Mission R-SAP' and the positive impact it's having on women's health and hygiene and currently we are looking forward to others districts and our team is simultaneously working on it," said Vivek Parihar, CEO & Founder of LFO-BHF.

LFO-BHF extends their gratitude to the Director School Education Jammu, C.E.O Rajouri & Principals of all the schools and Sukhmeet Kour appointed coordinator for these seminar by CEO office Rajouri for giving their full support in organising such seminars on this important topic and as well as students for showing their active participation and support said Shubam, President Jammu Prov-

Members who were present are Jyoti, Shubam, Gagan, Aaghav, Tushar and Zrafat

Army Goodwill School Faroona conducts 15 days National Integration Tour



Top News Report

KARGIL, Nov 16: Sata Battery Unit under the banner of 8 mountain DIV Khumbathang conducted National Integration Tour for the students of Army Goodwill School Faroona,

Kargil.

A group of 25 students including with two male teachers and one female teachers and three Army Staff accompanied Army Major Himaliya for a national Integration Tour.

During the tour, these students

are visits Srinagar Jammu ,

Chandigarh, Delhi and Agra.
The tour aims to broaden their horizons by showcasing various facets of India to gain first-hand experience of varied cultures, traditions, development, and technological & eco-

nomic advancements across the Nation.
This will motivate them to

achieve better jobs and careers through education and contribute towards nation-building.

The students of Army Goodwill School Faroona called with the president of India Droupadi Murmu during their National Integration Tour at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 14 November 2023. During the interaction Presi-

shared her thoughts and good wishes to the students on occasion of children's day. Archoo Hakima and Nissar Ali shared their experience and

dent of India Droupadi Murmu

Ali shared their experience and expressed their gratitude to the Indian Army for conducts such national Integration Tour.

All students participated with great amount to zeal and enthu-

MSME sponsored A-ESDP Training programme started at GDC Sopore

Top News Report

SOPORE, Nov 16: Faculty of Agriculture, Wadura inaugurated week long Existing Management Development Programme (E-MDP) on "Statistics, Big data Analytics and Machine Learning in Agriculture and Allied Sciences" at Government Degree College - Sopore on 16th November, 2023.

The training programme was organised by Division of Agri. Economics & Statistics, Faculty of Agriculture, SKUAST-K, Wadura campus in collaboration with Govt. Degree College, Sopore under the sponsorship of the Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Salma Ahad, Principal, Govt. Degree College Sopore, who was the Chief Guest of the training programme.

The training programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Rameesa Jan from the Department of Statistics, GDC-Sopore, followed by the keynote address by Dr. Showkat Maqbool, Coordinator of the programme, from Faculty of Agriculture, SKUAST-K, Wadura.

He highlighted upon the topic journey of statistics to data science. He enjoined upon the par-

ticipants to develop interest in the subject of Machine Learning, Artificial Neural Networks, Artificial Intelligence, Data Mining, Deep Learning and Cloud computing to keep pace with the changing times.

He also impressed upon the participants to get familiar with R and Python Software Languages which forms the core of the Data Science. The participants were enthused to learn the technical skills of Data Science for improving their field of livelihood like Agriculture, Business Management and any other Entrepreneurship.

The training Programme was coordinated by Dr. Nazir Ahmad Khan, HOD Statistics and Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Shah, HOD Computer Sciences.

Dr. Faheem Jeelani Wani, Assistant Professor (Agri. Statistics), emphasized on students to perform and conduct data driven investigation by managing and visualising all types of data and gain ample experience in the training, so that they can be considered for diverse international projects in marketing, healthcare, and other areas

The Former Head of the Division, Prof. Tariq Ahmad Raja deliberated upon the use of Statistics, Big Data Analytics, Machine Learning and related aspects in order to under-



stand the problem on phenomenon with respect to a set of real world data.

He emphasized on the main purpose of the programme that is to provide both theoretical & practical knowledge to the students in the field and subfields of data science.

The training programme is based on the basic computer science studies incorporated with advance

data science field and its applications.

Prof. Bilal A. Bhat, Head of the Division of Agri. Economics & Statistics, Faculty of Agriculture congratulated the Division for initiating such a programme for students that would expose them to the broad areas and subjects of Applied Statistics, Data Mining, Predictive Modelling, Big Data

Analytics, Machine Learning, data Visualization across various sectors using hands-on experience and avail the opportunity to grow their career prospects.

The inaugural event was attended by Prof. M. S. Pukhta, Head Division of Agri. Statistics, Faculty of Horticulture, SKUAST-K Shalimar, who deliberated on importance of Machine Learning and

Data Science in the present scenario, besides various Dignitaries, Scientific Staff Members, Faculty Members of the Department of Statistics, Mathematics and Computer Sciences and Participants of the programme.

Prof. Salma Ahad, Principal GDC - Sopore thanked SKUAST-K Faculty of Agriculture, Wadura and the organising team for conducting the training programme at GDC Sopore and hoped that such events will continue to happen in future for the betterment of students.

The inaugural function concluded with formal vote of thanks by Dr. Farheen Nagash, Lecturer (Agri. Economics). She thanked the Principal Govt. degree College Sopore for her coordination in this training programme and the Organising Team of the College and the Division which included Prof. Tariq Ahmad Raja (Former Head of the Division of Agri. Econ & Stat); Prof. Bilal Ahmad Bhat, Head of the Division of Agri. Econ & Stat; Dr. Sajad A. Saraf Assistant Professor Agri. Economics; Dr. Showkat Siddique, Assistant Professor, Mathematics, and all the non-teaching staff members of Govt. Degree College Sopore, for their efforts to conduct the training programme.

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