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#### BRIEFLY

#### Mother of noted endocrinologist Dr. Ashraf Ganaie passes away

SRINAGAR, Nov 18 (Agencies): In a somber event, the mother of renowned endocrinologist Dr. Mohammad Ashraf Ganaie, breathed her last on November 16 (Thursday).

Mst Taja Begum, the wife of Late Mohammad Shaban Ganaie from Dangarpora, Shadimarg (Pulwama), breathed her last on November 16, family sources said.

The final rites took place on November 17, 2023, as she was laid to rest at her ancestral graveyard in Dangarpora. A multitude of mourners, including friends, family, and well-wishers, gathered to bid their farewell and offer prayers for the departed soul.

Mst Taja Begum, survived by four sons and a daughter, was the mother of Dr. Mohammad Ashraf Ganaie, a distinguished Professor of Endocrinology & Metabolism at SKIMS

To pay respects and offer condolences, a congregational Fateh Khwani for the departed soul is scheduled for November 20, 2023 (Monday) at 11:00 am at the ancestral graveyard in Dangarpora, Shadimarg. Following this, a day-long condolence and prayer meeting will be held at the family residence in Dangarpora.

Dr. Mohammad Ashraf Ganaie will also be available to receive condolences in Srinagar at his residence, 82-A, Masjid Lane, Al-Farooq Colony, Sanatnagar, on November 21, 2023.

#### Teacher suspended after viral video shows him in drunken state in school

SRINAGAR, Nov 18 (Agencies): A government school teacher in Reasi has been suspended by authorities after a video capturing him in a drunken state at the school surfaced on social media.

The teacher, assigned to the Chasana zone in the district, faced swift action following the directives of the district administration.

In the wake of the video going viral, the district officials promptly ordered the suspension of the teacher and

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# 11 lakh children missing first measles dose "inaccurate": Health Ministry

NEW DELHI, Nov 18 (Agencies): Union health ministry on Saturday said that media reports claiming that an estimated 11 lakh children in India missed their first measles vaccine in 2022 are "ill-informed and innacurate."

A total of 2,63,63,270 children out of the eligible 2,63,84,580 children received their first dose of Measles Containing Vaccine in the Financ-There have been some media reports alleging that an estimated 11 lakh children in India missed their first measles vac-



cine dose in 2022, according to a report published by the World Health Organization and US Centres for Disease

Control and Prevention (CDC).ial Year 2022-23These reports are not based on facts and do not reflect the true

are based on the estimated number reported under WHO UNICEF Estimates National Immunization Coverage (WUENIC) 2022 report which covers the timeperiod from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, the ministry said in a statement.

However, as per the HMIS of Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, a total of 2,63,63,270 children out of the eligible 2,63,84,580 children received their first dose of Measles

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# Actress Hiba Nawab shares her experience of shooting in Kashmir

(Agencies): Actress Hiba Nawab, who essays the titular role in the show 'Jhanak', has shared her experience shooting in Kashmir, revealing how she learned to row a Shikara within two days.

Kashmir defines blissful beauty, comprising glaciers, lakes, mountains, and scenic the heaven on Earth. The green valleys of Kashmir have their own charismatic look and are surrounded by mountains, and enumerable

greenery.

The audience will get to witness the mesmerising and enthralling beauty of Kashmir in 'Jhanak'.
The show defies all

odds to make ends meet
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# **Kulgam Encounter: Army commander compliments troops for meticulous planning, execution**



SRINAGAR, Nov 18 (Agencies): Chinar Corps Commander on Saturday complimented troops for meticulous planning and execution of of Operation Samnu in Kulgam.

A spokesman of wrote on X (Formerly Twitter): Chinar Corps Cdr visits

SRINAGAR, Nov 18

South Kashmir'
#ChinarCorps Cdr visited 34 RR deployed in the Counter-Terrorism grid in South Kashmir today."

He complimented the troops for their meticulous planning & execution of OP SAMNU, #Kulgam.

On Friday, security forces killed five terrorists in Samnu village of Kulgam & recovered war-like stores.

Chinar Corps stands by its commitment to keep Kashmir terrorfree, the spokesperson said.

#### Altaf Bukhari Urges New Delhi to Respond to Peaceful Aspirations of People in J&K

(Agencies): Apni Party President Altaf Bukhari. on Friday, urged Prime Minister Modi to intervene and ensure that the necessary verifications for job applications and passport requests are not hindered on unjustifiable grounds. Bukhari also called upon New Delhi to respond to the peaceful aspirations of the people in Jammu and Kashmir by implementing positive initia-

tives. I Addressing party con-

vention at Gund Khawaja Qasim village in north Kashmir's Pattan Bukhari appealed to Prime Minister Modi to intervene for a smooth verification process for job and passport aspirants.

"The verifications for job and passport seekers are being hindered simply because some relative of the applicant was involved in some years or even decades ago. I request Prime Minister to intervene and ensure that verifica-

unnecessary grounds. People in Jammu and Kashmir have been contributing to peace and normalcy, realizing that peace has tremendous dividends in terms of prosperity and development. Therefore, New Delhi must reciprocate the peaceful aspirations of the people by initiating positive measures here," he pleaded.

tions are not hindered on

Apni Party leader urged people to reject the traditional political Turn to page 9

# Vehicles lacking fitness certificate, route permit to face suspension: RTO Kashmir

SRINAGAR, Nov 18 (Agencies): Regional Transport Officer (RTO) Kashmir on Saturday directed the suspension of all services for vehicles lacking valid fitness certificates and route permits.

"In view of the recent fatal accident in Chenab valley and with reference to the meetings held on the issue of road accidents at the highest level, all the passenger vehicles that do not possess a valid fitness certificate and route permit shall be suspended for all services," reads an order issued by RTO Kashmir.

An official said that decision has been taken to enhance road safety measures and ensure necessary regulatory requirements are operational by transporters.

The decision has come days after thirty-eight people were killed and 19 others injured after a bus fell into a gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda on Wednesday.

The bus, carrying 55 passengers, skidded off the road near Trungal-Assar on the Batote-Kishtwar national highway and fell 300 feet downhill.

# Cash, drugs, jewellery worth Rs 340 crore seized during model code of conduct period in MP



BHOPAL, Nov 18 (Agencies): Rs 40.18 crore in cash, liquor, drugs, jewellery and other items cumulatively valued at nearly Rs 300 crore were seized in Madhya Pradesh since the model code of conduct for the state assembly elections came into force on October 9, a top official has said.

Polls to 230 assembly seats in the state were held on Friday, while the counting of votes will be taken up on December 3. A voter turnout of nearly 76 per cent was recorded.

Talking to reporters on Friday, state Chief Electoral Officer Anupam Rajan said continuous action was taken by the

enforcement agencies across the state since the code of conduct came into force after the poll schedule was declared.

Illicit liquor, narcotic drugs, cash, precious metals, gold, silver, jewellery and other materials worth about Rs 339.95 crore have been

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# Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal sends L-G report demanding sacking of chief secretary

NEW DELHI, Nov 18 (Agencies): Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has sent Vigilance Minister Atishi's report accusing Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar of using his position to enable a "lucrative collaboration" between a company in which his son is a partner and the ILBS to the Lieutenant Governor, sources said on Saturday.

The report was submitted to Kejriwal by the Vigilance Minister on Thursday. The report recommended Kumar's suspension and a CBI investigation.

Sources close to the chief secretary have



claimed that his son is not a signatory of any MoU between the company and the ILBS. He is not connected to the company in question as a shareholder or director or partner or employee, they claimed.

The Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS) in a statement

on Thursday denied the allegations as "totally baseless and without merit".

"ILBS confirms that it did not issue any purchase order or made any payment to any Al software developer or company," said the ILBS statement.

It was alleged in the report that an MoU was signed between ILBS and the company of chief secretary's son on January 24, 2023, that provided "a huge scope for profiteering to the company by providing it with joint intellectual property rights for any intellectual property

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CADNICA ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS

Contact Person Mr. Sanjeev Kumar

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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

#### Radha Swami

"Tenth Day Kriya" With profound grief & sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother Smt. Krishna Devi (87) W/o Late. Sh. Sardari Lal, R/o village lhang,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

Smt.& Sh Rampaul Dogra, Son (EX.HMT Ltd. Senior Suptt.) Presently, working head, Jal Jeevan Mission, Samba & Sr. Journalist. Ashish Dogra, Grand Son,(Alumni IIT-Roorkee/CEO)

Smita Dogra-Grand Daughter-in-law -(Editor HT, New Delhi.) Garima Dogra (Grand Daughter) Bank Manager-Indian Bank (Chennai)

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

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.



Sri Mohan Prakash

Sharma

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

Contact Nos. (7006307522)(9868471507) (7006772316)(9906381580)

#### **10TH DAY**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Father Sh.Vinod Choudhary S/o Late Sh. Prem Nath R/o Sector A2, Laxmipuram Chinore Jammu.

**10TH DAY** will be performed on 19th Nov 2023 (Sunday) at 9 am at Muthi Ghat, Near Education Department, Muthi Jammu.

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Sh.Vinod Choudhary

SH. SUDERSHAN

**KUMAR GUPTA** 

SH. PARDUMAN

SINGH JAMWAL

**CHOUDHARY FAMILY** 

MOB: 9871827949, 9086160514, 9797361070

#### 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. The Tenth Day of Sh. Sudershan Kumar Gupta (S/o Lt. Sh Anant Ram Vaid R/o (At present) Air force officer's mess road Kotla Udhampur will take place at 12 noon on 18th November 2023 at K.D.N Palace near Women College Udhampur and Kriya will be performed on 21/11/2023 at Devika Ghat from 10 REGARDS:-

Sh Mohan Lal Gupta (Brother) Smt Geeta Devi (Sister)

(Daughters-in-law & Sons)

Smt Jyoti Gupta & Sh Sanjeev Gupta (9419160122) Smt Pooja Gupta & Sh Davinder Kumar Gupta (9419162965) Smt Anuradha & Sh Rakesh Gupta (9419158934)

Smt Sonika & Sh Raman Kumar Gupta (9419162534) (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Smt Anjana Gupta & Sh Manoj Gupta (9419161395) (Grand Daughter-in-law & Grand Son)

Chitvan Gupta & Sushant Gupta (9858830830)

(Grand Sons and Grand Daughters)

Dr. Astha, Danish Vaid, Ridham Vaid, Sonaksh Gupta, Akshat Jandial, Dhriti, Rudrakshi, Rudraksh

Gupta Sales Corporation, Udhampur Gupta Furniture House, Udhampur

#### **10TH DAY/KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Parduman Singh Jamwal S/o Sh. Bhag Singh (Birpur wale) R/o H. no 169 Sec C Sainik Colony Jammu.

TENTH DAY will be performed on Saturday 18-11-2023 at 11.00Hrs onward at Ram Mandir Sainik colony (Sec D) & KRIYA at our residence on 21-11-2023 (Tuesday).

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Smt Yogmaya Jamwal -Wife SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW

Pardeep Singh Jamwal & Meenakshi

Balkesh Sharma & Satpal Sharma

Madhu Chib & Swaran Singh Chib

Neetu Sambyal & Gagan Singh Sambyal

Grand Children: Tashu, Kanu, Shibu, Vibha, Manu, Sujiv, Rajeev, Advait.

#### UTHALA

**OBITUARIES** 

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of Smt. Manju Bali W/o Surinder Kumar Bali R/o Plot No. 316, Rehari Colony Jammu D/o Sh. Prithvi Raj Sharma, who left for her heavenly abode on 8-11-2023.

UTHALA will be held at Hari Mandir, Rehari Colony on 19-11-2023 (Sunday) from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Sh. Surinder Kumar Bali- Husband

Devar & Devrani

Sh. Narinder Kumar Bali & Smt. Nisha Bali

Rajat Bali, Nirkash Bali & Rahat Bali- **Sons** 

**Bali Family** Mob.: 9419124131, 9596949449

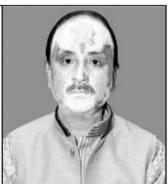
# **TENTH DAY / KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Ashok Kumar Koul S/o Lt. Sh. Soom Nath Koul R/o Paljan. Kulgam, who left for his heavenly abode on 10/11/2023.

The Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 19/11/2023 at 8.30 am at Muthi Ghat Near Education Office.

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Sh. Yograj Raina & Smt. Sunita Raina Grand Children: Jatin, Kirti, Mahi Mobile: 8899297681, 9646993663



Smt. Manju Bali

Sh. Ashok **Kumar Koul** 

# **TENTH DAY/KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Mr Vinod Kumar Gupta S/o Late Sh Madan Lal Gupta R/o Ward No. 3 main bazar Samba. Tenth Day on 19/11/23 (Sunday) from 12 to 2 pm at Luxmi Palace Bus Stand Samba and Kriya on Thursday 23/11/23 at our residence Samba.

**Grief Stricken** 

Son and Daughter in law

Dr Rahul Gupta and Dr Nidhi Mahajan

Daughter and Son in law

Arvind and Shivani Gupta Daughter and Son in law

9419152629, 7889553633

Nitish and Sakshi Rally BALAJI DENTAL CARE CLINIC MAIN BAZAAR SAMBA

#### TENTH DAY / 13TH DAY & KRIYA

We regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved and respected Sh Kewal Singh Charak (Retd JKBOSE) S/o Lt Sh Chatter Singh Charak on 13-11-2023 Resident of Mohalla Charkan,Thangar, Channi Himmat,

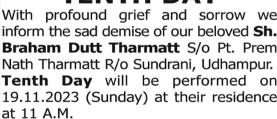
**TENTH DAY** will be performed at our residence on 22nd November, 2023 (Wednesday) at 11:00 am and KRIYA will be performed on 25th November, 2023

(Saturday) at 12:00 Noon followed by RASAM PAGRI at 1:00 pm at our Residence.

GRIEF STRICKEN : (Son & Daughter in Law) Bhopinder Singh Charak & Anju Charak Sh Onkar Singh Charak (Brother)

Sh Sehdev Singh Jasrotia (Brother in Law) Sh Balbir Singh Charak (Nephew) Sh Sandeep Singh Charak (Nephew) Mob 7889534335, 9419137043

TENTH DAY



**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Kewal Krishan Tharmatt - Brother

Raghuvinder Tharmatt, Nipun Tharmatt

**Nephews:** SHUBAM, Madhav

Tharmatt Family

#### ANTIM ARDASS GURMUKH JANAM SWAR DARGEH CHALEYA

SACHI DARGEH JAYE SACHA PID MALEYA IN THE LOVING MEMORY OF LATE SH HARVINDER SINGH BALI S/O SDN HARDEEP KOUR ( KATHUA) Computer Engineer IBM & SON IN LAW OF S B S MASTANA Rtd DC Excise (47 SEC I TRIKUTA NAGAR,) WHO MET WITH A FATAL ROAD ACCIDENT ON 8 TH NOVEMBER 2023, THE FOLLOWING RITUALS WILL BE PERFORMED AT GURUD-WARA, BALA PREETAM, TRIKUTA NAGAR JAMMU ON SUN-DAY,19 TH NOVEMBER 2023 BETWEEN 3 PM TO 5 PM.

(1) SUKHMANI SAHIB KA PATH (2) KIRTAN & ARDASS.

ALL RELATIONSHIPS & FRIENDS ARE REQUESTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE **FUNCTION** 

8492020690, 9419211858



**Mr Vinod Kumar** 

Gupta

LT. SH KEWAL SINGH (Retd S. O. JKBOSE)



Sh. Braham Dutt **Tharmatt** 

Contact No.: 9419164870

LATE SH HARVINDER **SINGH BALI** 

#### **TENTH DAY**

With profound grief and sorrow w nform the sad demise of our beloved 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 Muth Ghat Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN Brother & Sister-in-law Late Sh. Om Prakash Sharma &

Santosh Sharma Santosh Sharma Sisters and Brother-in-law Sheela Sharma W/o Late R.L Sharma Pushna Sharma W/o .LL Sharma

TENTH DAY will be performed on 19th of No (Sunday) 2023 at our residence at 11 am. GRIEF STRICKEN:

Sushma Ganjoo W/o Vinod Ganjoo Sunita Raina W/o P.K Raina 9419281330 8904041148



Smt. Shanti Devi -Wife Dr. Sonia Bhagat - Daughter Mr. Anil Bhagat - Son/Asst. professor)
Mr. Munish Kumar Bhagat - Son
Son -in -laws and Daughters
Mr Sideshwar Bhagat (Scientist NIC) and Mrs Reetu Bhagat (Bank PO)

Dr Sandeep Bhagat and Mrs. Jyoti Bhagat (Civil Judge Shri Gridhari Lal Bhagat (Retd IRS) and Smt. Sunita Bhagat

Shri Sardari Lal Bhagat and Smt Sunita Bhagat Brother in Laws and Sisters Mr. Darshan Lal and Mrs Rani Devi Mr. K P Singh and Mrs Kanta Bhagat

iwir. K F Singh and Mis Kahia Bhagat Late Shri Raj Kumar and Mrs Santosh Kumari **Grand children's** : Naman, Gehna and Kiku M NO : 9205314688, 9018984015, 7889860023

#### TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of Indrani (Rani) Dassi W/o Lt Piyare Lal Dass of Dassi Mohalla Anantnag at present H No. 10 Lane No. 4 Bharat Nagar Bantalab Jammu.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed a Muthi Ghat near Director School Education on 22-11-2023 at 9.30 AM. **GRIEF STRICKEN:** 

Mun Mohini Dassi- 9920980582 Raj Krishna & C J Dhar- Daughter & Son in law (9823631864) Rinku & Nakul Joshi- Daughter & Son in law (9811655479) Rakesh & Pooja - Son & Daughter-in-law (9820481177) Rahul, Lu Sun, Rishi & Advika - Grand Children

SAMAST DASSI, BHAT, RAZDAN PARIVAR

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you the sad demise of our beloved **Sdn. Davinder Kour** W/o Late S. Satwant Singh Behl R/o H.No. 437/A, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu who left for heav-enly abode on 13.11.2023.

Bhog Shri Akhand Path on Sunda 19th Nov 2023 at 10 AM.

Kirtan and Antim Ardaas will be held at

12.30 Noon followed by Guru Ka Langar, **GRIEF STRICKEN:-**

# Jaipreet Kour & Dr. Rajinder Sharma. PHONE 9419106171, 9419265811, 9419108148

10TH DAY/KRIYA With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sa demise of our beloved mother <mark>Smt. Shakuntala De</mark>v W/o Late Sh. Anant Ram Sharma R/o F-801, Nev

nt. Neelam Devi & Late Sh. Bishambar Khajuria

Smt. Neelam Devi & Late Sh. Bishambar Khajur Late Smt. Suman Devi & Sh. Sukhdev Sharma Grand Sons & Daughters-in-Law Mr. Pankaj Khajuria and Smt. Sangeeta Sharma Mr. Varun Sharma and Smt. Suruchi Sharma Mr. Devashish, Mr. Abhijeet Grand Daughters & Sons-in-Law Smt. Aneeta Devi & Sh. Sunil Sharma Smt. Rashmi Devi & Sh. Kulideep Sharma Smt. Anjil Sharma & Smt. Anjil Sharma & Sh. Nikhil Sharma Smt. Ankita Sharma & Sh. Nikhil Sharma



Devi

TENTH DAY/UTHALA/KRIYA With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Rajneesh Sharma (Mintoo) S/o Lt. Pt. Kalu Ram Sharma R/o EP 294 Mohalia Dalpatian, Jammu who left us for heavenly abode on 9th November, 2023.

We request you all to gather for his Tenth Day which will be performed on 18th November, 2023 (Saturday) at 11.00 am at our residence.

Uthala will be performed on 18th November, 2023 (Saturday) at 13.00 to 4.00 pm,

Kriya will be performed on 19th November, 2023

Sh. Rajneesh Sharma (Kindav) at 12.00 Noon at our residence.

(Mintoo)

GRIEF STRICKEN

GRIEF STRICKEN
Anita Sharma (Wife)
Bhabi and Bhaiya
Manju & Ramesh Chander Sharma
Siddhant Sharma (Son)
Niharika Sharma (Daughter)
Nidhainka Sharma (Daughter)
Nidhi and Hari Om Sharma (Niece & Nephew)
Lt. Rama & Uttam Dubey (Sister & Brother-in-law)
Baby and L.K. Baskhi
Mobile: 9419138308, 9419200444, 9419138249, 9796487722 **RASAM PAGRI UTHALA** With profound grief and sorrow, we inform th sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Tilak R**a **Sharma** S/o Late Sh. Mansa Ram Sharma o

Sharma S/o Late Sh. Mansa Ram On-Nov-2023.
Tenth Day will be performed on 18-Nov-2023 at our residence B-32, Vasant Vihar. Talab Tillo, Jammu at 11 am.
Kriya will be performed on 19-Nov-2023 at our residence at 11 am.
Rasam Pagri Uthala will be performed on 20-Nov-2023 at our residence at 09:30 am.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Kamla Sharma (Wife) Allef STRUCKEIN
It. Kamila Sharma (Wife)
others & Sister in laws
It. Darshana & Lt. Sh. Lal Chand Sharma
It. Shakuntla & Sh. Chaman Lal Sharma
It. Sheela & Sh. Raj Kumar Sharma
It. Veena & Sh. Krishan Lal Sharma
aughters & Son in laws
It. Sonia & Sh. Bharat Gubgotra

Course Managhta

KRIYA/UTHALA

ARE IMMENSELY GRIEVED TO INFORM THE D DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SH BALWANT J GHAI** S/O LATE SH RAM CHAND GHAI ISHOLI WALE) R/O HOUSE NO. 35 SEC 4 (BASHOLI WALE) RIO HOUSE NO. 35 SEC 4
UPPER ROOP NAGAR JAMMU.
KRIYA SHALL BE PERFORMED AT OUR RESIDENCE ON 19 NOV. 2023 (SUNDAY) AT 11 AM.
UTHALA SHALL BE PERFORMED AT AAP SHAMBU MANDIR, UPPER ROOP NAGAR JAMMU ON
20 NOV. 2023 (MONDAY) FROM 9 AM TO 10 AM.
GRIEF STRICKEN
SMT KAMLA GHAI -WIFE
VARUN GHAI -SON
DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW
SH VIKAS SHARMA & SHAVETA SHARMA
SH AKHIL SHARMA & SHIFALI SHARMA
BROTHER & BHABI
LATE SH SHIV KUMAR GHAI & SMT REKHA GHAI
SH JOSINDER GHAI & SMT PREM GHAI
AND ALL EXTENDED FAMILY



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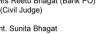
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Sri Mohan Prakash













Indrani (Rani) Dassi

#### **BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAAS**

Arambh Shri Akhand Path on Friday 17th Nov 2023 at our Residence 10.00 AM

Gurudwara Bakshi Nagar, Jammu on Sunday, 19th Nov 2023 from 11.30 am to

Sdn. Davinder Kou

Daughters & Son-in-Law
Adv. Jagmeet Kour & S. Harpreet Singh (A.E.E PWD).
Dr. Jaspreet Kour & Sarabjeet Singh. (JAEO, Agr. Deptt)

W/o Late Sh. Anant Ram Sharma R/o F-801, New Plots, Tali Morh, Jammu who left for the heavenly abode on 10-11-2023.

10th Day will be held on 19-11-2023 (Sunday) at 9.00 am at Nandni Village Lane opposite Yogashram near SOS School Gol Gujral Camp. Krija will be held on 20-11-2023 (Monday) at Nandni Village Lane opposite Yogashram near SOS School Gol Gujral Camp. Grief Stricken

Sons & Daughters-in-Law
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# **Shiv Sena wishes for World Cup victory for** Indian team, organizes Havan-Yagya



#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Nov 18: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit organized a 'Havan-Yagya' today at the party state central office, wishing victory of the Indian team in the World Cup final.

Senior party leaders including party state chief Manish Sahni performed Havan-Yagya and prayed at the feet of Mother Bhagwati for the resounding victory of the Indian team. Sahni said that the Indian team will set a record by winning

the World Cup while Ajay is there. He said that if we look at the performance of the Indian team, during the entire World Cup, the Indian team has completely dominated the team in

Australia will register

an emphatic win over South Africa on Sunday. Sahni said that Virat Kohli should set a new record by scoring his 51st century in the final

On this occasion General Secretary Vikas Bakshi and G I Singh, Chairman Rajesh Gupta, Vice President Sanjeev Kohli, President Kanghar Wing Raj Singh, Secretary Youth Rajesh Handa, Secretary Mehila Wing Geeta Lakhotra, Mamta Devi, Ishika Sharma, Simran, Shashipal, Dimple and others were present.

#### and Shami should again play an important role in giving a strong victory to the Indian team in the World Cup by taking five wickets.

#### GOC Leh Sub Area inaugurates bridge at Dak Stago village

#### **Top News Report**

LEH, Nov 18: In a significant development under Operation Sadhbhavna, unit of Headquarters Leh Sub Area has successfully completed the construction of a robust Reinforced Concrete Cement (RCC) bridge spanning 6.3 meters in Dak Stagio Village, Ladakh. The initiative aims to enhance connectivity and facilitate the daily lives of villag-

The inauguration ceremony, a momentous occasion, was graced



by the presence of the Mai Gen SS Bakshi. SM. General Officer Commanding (GOC) Leh Sub Area on Saturday, marking the official opening of this vital infrastructure. This bridge stands as a

testament to the commitment of the armed forces toward fostering goodwill and supporting local communities in the

The RCC Bridge not only addresses the Stagio Village but also aligns with the broader vision of Operation Sadhbhavna, emphasizing community development and strengthening the bond between the military and the local populace.

This project underscores the proactive role played by Headquarters Leh Sub Area in contributing to the socioeconomic progress of Ladakh and showcases the military's dedication to the welfare of the people it serves.

## **Horticulture Dept conducts Farmers' Training Cum Outreach Programme**

#### **Top News Report**

AKHNOOR, Nov 18: In a step forward to aware the public about the art of Fruit and Vegetable Preservation, the Department of Horticulture Jammu today conducted "One Day Farmers' Training Cum Outreach Programme" at village Maira Mandrian of Horticulture zone Akhnoor under the chairmanship of Director Horticulture / Agriculture Jammu Ram Savak, and DDC member Mera-Mandrian- Chouki choura Sh. Suresh Sharma was the Guest of Honour.

Joint Director Agriculture, Jammu Mahesh Kumar Verma; Chief Horticulture Officer Jammu Ashwani Sharma, Chief Agricul-



DL Subject Matter Specialist Sandeep Gupta, Manager cum Chemist Uttam Chand, SDAO Akhnoor, HDO Amit Saraf and Varinder Kumar besides Sarpanch Trilochan Dutt and large number of women farmers were present on the occasion. While addressing the gathering of women entrepreneurs and farm-

ers, Ram Savak emphasized on the need for establishment of individual processing units for fruit processing/ fruit drying/ spices preparation etc. for which the Department of Horticulture is providing 50-60 percent subsidy.

He said that women farmers should form their Farmers Club/ FPO's / Self Help

Group's so that they can establish processing units on community level and take this business as an entrepreneurship.

He said that the value addition of fruit products will not only reduce the post harvest losses of fruits, but also provide employment opportunities for the youth.

The director also briefed them about the various Centrally and UT sponsored schemes of the department, especially Holistic Agriculture Development Plan (HADP) and urged them to come forward, associate with the horticulture department and avail the benefits on different components.

# **Model Academy School hosts Annual Sports Meet**

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Nov 18: Model Academy School, a beacon of education and holistic development, successfully organized its Annual Sports Meet on November 18, 2023. The event was a testament to the school's commitment to fostering not only athletic prowess but also inclusivity across all levels of education, featuring participants from the pre-primary, primary, and inclusive school.

The school's sprawling sports grounds witnessed an exhilarating display of skill, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship as students from diverse backgrounds came together to compete in a variety of exciting races. The Annual Sports Meet served as a platform for students to showcase their talents, build camaraderie, and embrace the spirit of healthy competition.

Dr. Adit Gupta, Director MIER graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and Mrs. Rupa Gupta Jt. Director as the Guest of Honour. Dr. Gupta declared the Sports Meet open with an inspiring address to the young athletes, encouraging them to embrace the values of discipline, persever-

ance, and teamwork and motivated students to aim for greatness in both sports and academics.

The torch, symbolizing the spirit of competition and sportsmanship, was lit by the sports captains, creating a powerful visual representation of unity and shared goals.

Under the guidance of dedicated sports convener, Nisha Sharma, and physical instructors, Imran Ahmed and Sahil the Annual Sports Meet showcased a diverse array of races designed to test the agility, endurance, and teamwork of the participating stu-

The races that captivated the audience's attention included: Animal race, balloon pop race, relay race, ring on the cone, pyramid building race, super hero race, balancing race,

**MVD Kishtwar takes stringent** 

cycling race, hockey ball race, fruit market race, butterfly race and hurdle race. An energetic and thrilling aerobic dance performance kept audience on their feet. The dance was conceptualised by Ms. Mohini.

The event was graced by the presence of school dignitaries, staff and students who cheered on the young participants with enthusiasm and encouragement. The inclusive nature of the Sports Meet emphasized the school's commitment to providing a supportive environment for students of all abilities.

Principal, Pramod Srivastava, expressed his delight at the success of the event, stating, "The Annual Sports Meet is a celebration of not only athletic achievements but also the spirit of inclusion that defines our school. It's heartening to see students from different backgrounds coming together, competing, and supporting each other."

The Annual Sports Meet was a resounding success, with students exhibiting not only their physical prowess but also their ability to work together toward a common goal. The event encapsulated the school's commitment to holistic development and inclusive education

works:

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incomplete & invalid offer and for which contractor shall have no claim on Railway 3594/23

No. 27-TRD-GSU-T-105-2023-24, 27-TRD-GSU-T-106-2023-24 & 27-TRD-GSU-T-107-2023-24 Dated: 16.11.2023 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

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The Executive Engineer JAL SHAKTI (PHE) City Division No.II Jammu for and on behalf of The Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir invites fresh e-tenders by e-tendering from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Government, (U.T now) for the below mentioned

E-NIT No PHEC/II/47 OF 2023-24

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1	Shifting of 250 mm dia M.S.Pipe from Deep drain under Railway Bridge near Fruit Mandi Narwal under GIA	Rs. 851581.00	Rs.500/-	Rs.17032/-	60 Days.	A,B, C and Dee

Position of Funds: Available Date of Issue of Tender Notice. 13.11.2023 02.00 PM Date of Publishing. Period of Downloading of bidding documents. 13.11.2023 04.00 PM Bid Submission Start date. 13.11.2023 06.00 PM 21.11.2023 04.00 PM **Bid Submission End date** Date and time of opening of pre qualification bids (online). 22.11.2023 03.00 PM

The Tender can be downloaded from J&K Govt. website.

Cost of bidding document in shape of e-challan/single window challan of JMC pledged to Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE City Division No II Jammu /tender fee receipt through online payment through the JMC link http://www.jmcjammu.org/online-payment.html

Scanned copy of the EMD will also be required to be uploaded along with. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, Performance security @ 3% and relevant documents of Lowest Bidder (L-1) will be required to be submitted to the Executive Engineer JAL SHAKTI (PHE) City Division NO II Jammu within 07(Seven) days of opening of financial bids on-line. In case the original documents are not submitted by the Lowest Bidder (L-1) within 07 (Seven) days after opening of financial bid, the tender of lowest bidder will be rejected and the lowest bidder (L-1) will not be allowed to participate in any further /future tendering process in the Divisional office for a period of two years. The work can be offered to L-2 after necessary approvals etc. from competent authority.

4. The complete bidding process shall be online from 13.11.2023 to 21.11.2023 04.00 PM and shall be opened on 22.11.2023 at 3.00 PM or on any convenient date in the office of Executive Engineer JAL SHAKTI (PHE) City Division No.II Jammu. In case office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids due to holiday, bids shall be opened on the next working day or any other date convenient to the tender opening authority, particularly keeping in view the ongoing restrictions on account of COVID-19.

If any bidder quotes rates below than 25%, of the advertised cost his bids shall be rejected.

- The performance security shall be forfeited, if any bidder withdraws his onlinebid/tender during the period of bid validity or fails to start the work within stipulated period. No Engineer of Gazettedrank or other Gazetted officer employed in Engineering or Administrative duties in an Engineering Department of the State Government is allowed to work as a contractor for a period of two years after his retirement from Government service, without permission of the Government. The contract is liable to be cancelled if either the contractor or any of his employees is found any time to be such a person who had not obtained the permission of the Government as foresaid before submission of the tender or engagement in the Contractor's Service.
- The contractor or intending bidder are advised to understand the nature of job advertised in E NIT. He may contact this office for any further discussion in case of an If any, typographical error/ omission in respect of rate/ unit is found in the E NIT it shall be corrected as per sanctioned schedule of rates 2022.
- 10. Any item other than the advertised, required to be executed at site, shall be allowed to be executed by the contractor at par with the SSR 2022 Rates. 11. The work identified for execution shall to be started within 07 days from the date of allotment. Delay in completion of particular work within the stipulated
- period shall attract a penalty of upto 10% of the contract value for delay upto one month and @ 20% for the period exceeding one month shall be imposed
- 12. The accepting authority reserves the right of accepting or rejecting any or all e-tenders without assigning any reason. 13. Nothing extra shall be paid on the negotiated rates.
- 14. In case contractor fails to take up/ complete emergent/ urgent works in time ,the same shall be got executed at the risk and cost of the contractor and the allotment may be terminated without any notice besides, the CDR shall be forfeited. Any additional amount involved for execution of work shall be recovered
- 15. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened on the specified date or any other days convenient to the tender opening authority in the office of Executive Engineer JAL SHAKTI (PHE) City Division NO:II Jammu
- 16. The bidders are instructed to read the BOQ carefully, any items showing blank cells in the column of rates shall be treated as rates to be quoted. The bidder should accordingly bid rates for all the items.( unbalanced bids shall be rejected). Moreover, nothing extra than the advertised items shall be paid Instruction to the bidder regarding e-tendering process.

a) The interested bidder can download the NIT/bidding documents from the website www.jktenders.gov.in

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**Executive Engineer,** JAL SHAKTI (PHE) City Division No.II Jammu



#### **Top News Report**

KISHTWAR, Nov 18: A team of Enforcement agencies led by Azad **Hussain Inspector Motor** Vehicle Department (MVD) Kishtwar on Saturday undertook rigorous checking operations across various routes today, demonstrating a commitment to upholding vehicular regulations and ensuring public

#### safety.

During the day's operations, the diligent team inspected a total of 90 vehicles, unearthing multiple instances of non-compliance with vehicular laws. Out of the vehicles scrutinized. 21 were penalized for various offenses, while an additional 10 vehicles were promptly seized, reinforcing the department's zero-tolerance

policy toward violations. An impressive sum of Rs 52,000 was collected in fines from offenders, reflecting the department's unwavering stance on enforcing regulations and holding accountable those who flout the law.

In a further crackdown on unauthorized activities, the enforcement team took decisive action against three buses operating on the Poonch route. These vehicles were discovered to be engaging in illegal operations in conjunction with a construction company at Kawar Kishtwar. As a consequence of their unlawful activities, these buses

were promptly seized. The rigorous enforcement efforts of the MVD Kishtwar stand as a testament to the department's unwavering dedication to ensuring road safety and upholding the rule of law.

# **EDITORIAL**

# **WELL TASK**

Even small tasks need to be done well. If work is not done diligently, enthusiastically and cleverly, the work gets spoiled. Fulfillment of duty begins at home. The child has some duties towards his parents. Parents have duties towards their children. Similarly, husband and wife have mutual duties. Brother and sister have mutual duties. Only the one who performs his duties well at home has the strength to perform his duties outside.

We have certain duties towards our friends outside the home. There are certain duties towards neighbours. By following these duties man progresses. The one who performs his duties towards the locality, the locality starts loving him. The locality accepts him as its leader. Similarly, there are some duties of citizenship. One who pays taxes to the government on time is called a true citizen or a good city.

There is a power in the mind of all of us. She engages us in good deeds and stops us from bad deeds. We feel very happy when we perform our duties. If we fail to perform our duties, we feel very disappointed. Our mind tells us the right duty for the first time. If we then suppress our feelings and engage in bad work, then it is our own fault.

Only those people get the most respect in the world, who perform their duty properly. The caste whose people make a habit of performing their duties definitely progresses. The caste whose people shirk their duties falls down.

There is truth in the words and behavior of a person who follows his duty. He stands on a strong rock and has no fear of falling. A person who performs his duty does all his work properly and at the right time. One who does not perform his duty has to make a hundred excuses.

One has to take support of lies. The mother of lies is cowardice. By performing your duties on time, you start getting success in your work. Success becomes a habit. One who has the habit of following his duties consistently becomes successful in every task. He keeps progressing.

If we consider our duty as our responsibility, we will see many benefits from it. A person who performs his duty is clean and simple in mind and is fearless and courageous. The most important thing is that he has no enemies, rather his friends are his friends. Our history is full of many examples of dutiful people. Pannadhaya had sacrificed his son to fulfill his duty.

Despite enduring many hardships, Maharana Pratap did not bow down before the Mughal emperor Akbar. Maryada Purushottam Ram's life was for duties, that is why he even sacrificed his wife Sita to fulfill his duty. Mahatma Gandhi, Subhash Chandra Bose, Chandrashekhar, Jawaharlal Nehru, Bhagat Singh all passed away while performing their duties.

#### Diwali is over... let the celebrations continue

By: Shobhaa De

m writing this the morning after the night before, while **▲**India is still on a cricket high... and justifiably so. Cricket, that great equaliser, established forcefully how, when left to ourselves, without pesky politicians to spoil the pitch, we perform at optimum levels and do so with effortless grace. The semi-finals on Wednesday created memorable milestones which will be remembered in not just cricketing history, but history-history, as Team India whacked the ball out of the stadium. The game itself was secondary (sorry, cricket fans!). For me, it was the transformative subtext and subliminal messaging behind the tension-filled match that did the trick. Think of it -- a bunch of guys from very different cultural/ religious/economic backgrounds played harmoniously, seamlessly, beautifully... as one. And across India, that single echo of togetherness, unity and unfiltered pride in the country, aptly symbolised by our Men in Blue, generated more euphoria than almost any other public deed, act or announcement ever has or could.

It's tempting to say that this euphoria will only get amplified a thousand-fold if the team lift the World Cup on Sunday, November 19. But... it's important to remind ourselves that cricket is just a game at the end of the day. And like in any other game, there will always be winners and losers. Yes, we are cricket mad and it is we who have elevated cricket to a quasi-religion, with impassioned followers ready to sacrifice themselves at the altar of cricket. Fanaticism can be alarming for those not as invested in the game

-- someone like myself, for example. Of course, I did watch Virat Kohli's moment of glory... and relished every bit of the post-century emotional drama, with Virat deliberately removing his gloves, helmet, placing his bat carefully on the ground, and bowing deeply to Sachin Tendulkar in the stands, effusively acknowledging his reverence and respect for the Bharat Ratna sports star. I could be mistaken, but such a grand gesture from one sportsperson towards another sportsperson is unprecedented in living memory. It made me wonder -- had Virat planned the tribute to the last detail, in case he created that staggering record? Did he discuss it with his wife in advance? Was it agreed he would blow her a kiss only after he'd finished worshipping his idol? Did he know the full impact of the gesture? Or, was he truly one with the moment right then, and oblivious to the thunderous roar of his fans that could be heard across Marine Drive? But when he finally acknowledged their presence, the only optic that mattered was the one of him bowing to the Master Blaster. And sure enough, it was this photograph that was instantly transmitted globally, and made the front page of every newspaper. Whether or not India lifts the Cup tomorrow after the spectacular 10/10 record thus far, it's Virat's bowing moment that will enjoy maximum recall whenever ODI World Cup 2023 is discussed. So powerful was the feel-good

So powerful was the feel-good factor generated by India's win over New Zealand that a lot else got side-tracked and received comparatively paltry coverage. Like the passing of "Biki" Oberoi and Subrata Roy Sahara -- both household names but for entirely

different reasons. Hospitality and chit funds are worlds removed. While rich tributes started to pour in minutes after the news of Biki's death flashed, Subrata's obituaries were some of the harshest in recent memory. One newspaper titled its obit "The OG chit-fund hustler who destroyed millions..." Other newspapers gave Roy a one-column treatment, indicating that Roy did not warrant much more. Roy's ponzi scheme cheated the poorest of the poor, and made him one of the wealthiest men in India... till the law caught up with him. It was game over. Surprisingly, Sebi could never prove whose money it was... where it came from... and who Roy was shielding. He was asked to cough up approximately Rs 60,000 crores -- dubbed the most expensive bail bond in the world. Ironically, not a single group of Sahara investors went public with their grievances! Sadly, it was only a handful of

spoke up about their benefactor and praised his generosity. "None who sought his help went back disappointed...." said his former COO at Sahara India Motion Pictures, while Madhur Bhandarkar, who had met the ailing Roy in hospital a few months ago, added: "He would light up the room with

his cheerful spirit...."

Bollywood personalities who

On the few occasions I had briefly met him and his lovely, softspoken wife Swapna during their heyday, I had watched with some amusement as Mumbai's so-called movers and shakers sucked up to the duo and fell over backwards to get face time with Roy. He was feted and celebrated by some of India's most prominent industrialists, who didn't think twice

the man. I recall a prima donna mocking him after enjoying his hospitality over a bizarre dinner at which he'd hired a foreign quartet and a well-known singer to croon to the lady, who later boasted that Roy had gifted her a rare, diamond-studded watch as a back present, before dropping her off in his private helicopter.

That's life!

Biki was born with a golden spoon (no, an entire cutlery set) in his mouth. His was a life of untold privilege and wealth -- a charmed life. Which in no way takes away from his tremendous contribution to the rarefied world of luxury. Roy came out of nowhere and tragically ended up nowhere, even after being named the tenth Most Influential Businessman by India Today in 2012. Roy's parents were zamindars from Dhaka, so Roy's wasn't exactly a rags-to-riches saga. Despite it all, Roy was never granted entry into the snooty, snobby "PLU" club. And whatever led to his sudden fall from grace, the consequences were as terrible for him as they were for those who he had supposedly swindled. A case of karma biting back, said the very people who had used him while the going was good.

My plan this weekend involves watching Tiger 3. Just to keep the adrenalin level high during the run-up to the World Cup finals. And yes ... it must have been a first for David Beckham to play second fiddle to not just one, but two incredible sportspeople who got 1.4. billion people together... and on their feet. Thank you, Virat Kohli and Mohammed Shami, for the unmatched magic. Yeh Mera India... I love my India!

# A Complete Guidelines to Indian Students for Studies Abroad

By: Vijay GarG

tudy Abroad - Over the last decade, the pursuit of international education has undergone a profound transformation in India. Traditionally, study abroad programs were predominantly opted by the affluent class due to high cost, the reputation linked to renowned universities, and limited accessibility.

According to the Ministry of External Affairs, over 1.3 million Indian students pursued their studies abroad under various education programmes in the year 2022. The surge in Indian students pursuing their studies overseas has led to an increase in the number of education loans disbursed. This has ultimately added to the cycle of growth of the Indian economy.

Additionally, it has led to significant growth in the number of international institutions in India leading to the availability of an increased number of opportunities for global education without even leaving the country.

This article aims to provide valuable information on the factors driving this transformation and offer insights into the strategies and resources available for students aiming to pursue their studies abroad.

Why are the Indian Students Opting to Pursue their Studies Abroad?

Indian Students Studying Abroad

In recent years, there has been a growing interest among the Indian students to pursue their studies overseas. This trend is contingent upon a number of factors, including global exposure, better career prospects, and an improved quality of education.

Global Exposure: One of the main reasons why Indian students choose to pursue their studies abroad is to gain global exposure. Pursuing studies overseas allows students to experience interactions with different cultures, scholars, mentors, students from all over the world helping them expand their horizons.

Better Career Prospects: Many international universities offer high-quality education and specialised programmes that are not available in India. Additionally, international degrees are often valued highly by employers in India and around the world.

Improved Quality of Education: Top international universities offer cutting-edge research facilities, world-class faculty, and academic programmes rich in quality. This helps students develop the skills and knowledge they require in the pursuit of success.

Some of the specific domains and the benefits accruing to Indian students pursuing their studies abroad are as follows:

Career Assessment Test

Engineering: Students who pursue their studies overseas in the engineering domain gain exposure to cuttingedge research projects and latest technology. They have the opportunity to learn from world-renowned professors and scholars. This helps them develop the required knowledge and skills for matching employment opportunities in India as well as overseas.

Business and Management: Students who pursue their business or management studies abroad have the opportunity to learn from experienced business leaders while gaining exposure to best global practices. This leads to honing of skills and sharpening of knowledge required to start their venture or land a job in a multinational corporation.

Medicine: Students who pursue their overseas studies in medicine have the opportunity to learn from world-class doctors, scholars and researchers. This enhances their overall skills and knowledge in medicine which is key to becoming an accomplished medicine practitioner in India or abroad.

Impact of COVID-19 on Indian Study Abroad Ecosystem

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According to a report by the Indian Ministry of External Affairs, the number of Indian students studying abroad decreased from 7,57,273 in 2019-20 to 4,47,255 in 2020-21 leading to a downturn of over 40%.

While 5.8 lakh Indian students went to pursue their studies in other countries in 2019, it dipped to 2.59 lakh due to the pandemic in 2020. Even though the number rose in 2021, it was yet to catch up with the pre-pandemic levels.

The factors that contributed to this downturn in international education include the following:

Travel restrictions: Many countries imposed travel restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic, making it difficult for Indian students to travel abroad.

Online learning: Universities switched to online learning, which was not an ideal scenario for all students.

Financial difficulties: The pandemic caused financial hardship for many Indian families, making it difficult for them to afford the cost of overseas education.

However, of late, the number of Indian students pursuing their studies abroad has revealed an upward trend since 2021-22, with 6,82,223 students heading overseas. This represents an increase of over 50% over the data available for previous year. Key factors include eased travel restrictions, hybrid learning options, and improved financial stability.

Financial Aspect to Study Abroad

The cost of studying abroad can be a major barrier for Indian students. However, there has been an increase in loan applications for overseas education in recent years.

According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the outstanding portfolio under education loans grew 17 per cent at Rs.96,847 crore in the year 2022-23 as

against Rs. 82,723 crore in the previous year.

The total value of education loans disbursed for overseas education increased from Rs. 15,445.62 crore in 2021-22 to Rs. 23,576.02 crore in 2022-23. This represents an increase of over 50%.

Financial Aid Options

The applicants can also decide to explore alternative sources of financial

Availability of Scholarships and Other

explore alternative sources of financial support, such as scholarships and other forms of financial aid, to fund their international education. Some of the opportunities are listed below:

Fulbright-Nehru Fellowship Programme: This program is offered by the US government to Indian scholars and professionals who wish to study, research, or teach in the United States.

Chevening Scholarships: These scholarships are offered by the UK Government to Indian students who wish to pursue postgraduate studies at a recognized university in the UK.

Aga Khan Foundation International Scholarship Programme: This program is offered by the Aga Khan Foundation to students from developing countries who wish to pursue postgraduate studies at a recognized university abroad.

Rhodes Scholarship: This scholarship is awarded to meritorious students from all over the world who wish to pursue postgraduate studies at the University of Oxford.

In addition to scholarships and grants, there are a number of other financial aid options available to Indian students pursuing their studies abroad. These financial aid options include student loan programmes, work-study programmes, and teaching assistantships.

(Vijay GarG Retired Principal Educational columnist Malout)

#### Football championship concludes in Dialgam



#### **Top News Report**

ANANTNAG, Nov 18: Indian Army's 19 Rashtriva Rifles organized a football tournament for the first time in Dialgam Anantnag at Government Higher Secondary School Dialgam in which eight teams from Anantnag district participated.

The final match of this championship was played between Cresent Public School and FC Dialgam on Saturday.

The championship was inaugurated by Commanding officer Col. Anjeet.

The main objective of this tournament was to

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encourage and recognize sportsmanship among the youth".

Commanding officer Col. Anjeet while addressing the players said that Army organized this tournament for football players to bring out the hidden talents of the players.

He said, "The game of football is of great importance and the sole purpose of organizing this event has truly been fulfilled with great enthu-

Anjeet said that sports is a great way to channelize the energy of the youth in a positive direction and help build character and make the youth a better human being.

On this occasion, Sarpanch Bilal Ahmad while talking to the media said that the youth should focus on sports and utilize their hidden talents in all sports activities and make their future bright. He further said that the youth should shun the path of illegal activities like drugs and pursue a

career in sports. He also appreciated the players for participating in this sports event.

In final ceremony Sarpanch Bilal Ahmad, Company Commander Major Samir Jagtap including locals and school children were participated.

# Physics Wallah expands its Tech-Enabled Offline Vidyapeeth Center in Jammu

#### Announces Rs 200 crore Scholarships with PWNSAT 2023 Phase II

Problems (DPPs) with

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Nov 18: Physics Wallah (PW), a leading Ed-Tech company that has played a pivotal role in democratizing education at scale in India, is expanding its presence in Jammu with the tech-enabled new offline center, PW Vidyapeeth

Students have the

opportunity to secure up to 100% scholarships through PWNSAT 2023 phase II (Physics Wallah National Scholarship cum Admission Test), through which PW is offering scholarships worth Rs 200 crores to meritorious students. The exam will be conducted in both offline and online modes and will be open to students from class 8 to 12, as well as droppers aspiring to study for JEE or NEET.

The PWNSAT exam will be held on November 26th, December 3rd & 10th December, 2023, in offline mode, and students can take the exam from 26th November to 10th December, 2023, in online mode. Registration for the exam can be completed through the PW website, app, or at the nearest offline Vidyapeeth centre. The results of the exam will be announced on 15th

December. Furthermore, PW Vidyapeeth's offline center offers a unique opportunity for students to enroll in their Fastrack courses on November 18. These courses provide comprehensive support, including access to offline lectures, recorded lectures, assistance with NCERT materials, offline doubtsolving, Daily Practice

video solutions, specialized modules, Previous Year Questions (PYQs), and PW-AITS (fortnightly Tests). In addition, students can actively engage in their learning journey through Interactive Classroom Quizzes accessible through the Dangal platform, Classes for the current academic session have already commenced, ensuring that students can get a head start on their education. For information regarding admissions, scholarships, registration, available courses, fees, counseling, and other pertinent details, students can find valuable resources by visiting the Vidyapeeth Center.

PW Vidyapeeth Jammu boasts state-of-the-art infrastructure, featuring 22 tech-enabled classrooms with a capacity to accommodate 3,000 students. Its classrooms are led by top faculty members recruited from various parts of the country. Students will also get an opportunity to avail a 25% early bird scholarship during the launch of admissions for the next

Ankit Gupta, CEO of Vidyapeeth Offline, PW, said, "Students now seek the benefits of both online and offline learning. At PW, we firmly believe in the hybrid approach as the way forward. By expanding our tech-enabled offline Vidyapeeth Centres across cities, we aim to ensure students in their towns have access to quality education, eliminating the need for them to relocate to education hubs in distant cities and reducing the financial burden on parents. To further support our students, we aim to give back and help them achieve their dreams of studying engineering or medicine through our PWNSAT exam. Last year, 1.1 lakh students benefited from the PWNSAT scholarships, which were worth over 120 Crores. Continuing the same, this year, we are providing scholarships worth Rs 200 Cr."

PW Vidyapeeth currently operates 74 centers across India, with a student base of nearly 15 lakh students. The offline Vidyapeeth centers offer a comprehensive curriculum covering everything students need to learn for JEE/NEET, and Physics Wallah consistently delivers exceptional results.

#### **FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2023**

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during Chhath Puja Festival, Northern Railway, in association with other zonal railway, has planned to run the following Festival Special Trains as per schedule given below:-

LIST OF FESTI	VAL SPECIAL T	RAINS ORIGINAT	'ING/TERMINATIN	G IN NORTHERN RAILWAY

Spl. Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time		Frequency / Day	Period
03255	Patna Jn	22:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:00	ekly	Thursday, Sunday	23.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
03256	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:30	Patna Jn	17:20	Bi-weekly	Friday, Monday	24.11.2023 to 11.12.2023
02391	Patna Jn	22:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:00	Weekly	Saturday	25.11.2023 to 09.12.2023
02392	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:30	Patna Jn	17:20	Wee	Sunday	26.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
03635	Gaya Jn	14:15	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:00	sekly	Mon, Wed, Fri	20.11.2023 to 08.12.2023
03636	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:00	Gaya Jn	20:45	Tri-weekly	Tue, Thu, Sat	21.11.2023 to 09.12.2023
05557	Jaynagar	06:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:00	Weekly	Tuesday	21.11.2023 to 05.12.2023
05558	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:30	Jaynagar	06:30	Wee	Wednesday	22.11.2023 to 06.12.2023
04678	Firozpur Cantt Jn	13:25	Patna Jn	17:00	Weekly	Wednesday	upto 29.11.2023
04677	Patna Jn	18:45	Firozpur Cantt Jn	22:40	_	Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
04012	New Delhi	19:20	Darbhanga Jn	16:45	Bi-weekly	Tue, Friday	upto 28.11.2023
04011	Darbhanga Jn	18:00	New Delhi	16:40	_	Wednesday, Saturday	upto 29.11.2023
04518	Chandigarh	23:15	Gorakhpur	18:20	Weekly	Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
04517	Gorakhpur	22:05	Chandigarh	14:10	-	Friday	upto 01.12.2023
04530	Bhatinda Jn	20:55	Varanasi Jn	17:30	Bi-weekly	Sunday, Wednesday	upto 29.11.2023
04529	Varanasi Jn	20:40	Bhatinda Jn	19:10	_	Monday, Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
04060	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:30	Jaynagar	15:15	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Friday	upto 28.11.2023
04059	Jaynagar Anand Vihar Terminal	17:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	19:55	-	Wednesday, Sat	upto 29.11.2023
04488 04487		23:15 17:25	Gorakhpur  Anand Vihar Terminal	14:00	Weekly	Saturday	upto 25.11.2023 upto 26.11.2023
04487	Gorakhpur Anand Vihar Terminal	23:45	Jogbani	05:20	_	Sunday Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
04009	Jogbani	09:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	16:05	Weekly	Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
01664	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:10	Saharsa Jn	11:20	_	Monday	upto 30.11.2023
01663	Saharsa Jn	14:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	13:55	Weekly	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
03257	Danapur	07:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	00:30	_	Sunday	26.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
03257	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:00	Danapur	20:45	Weekly	Monday	27.11.2023 to 11.12.2023
05577	Saharsa Jn	19:10	Ambala Cant Jn	23:15	_	Friday	24.11.2023 to 08.12.2023
05578	Ambala Cant Jn	03:40	Saharsa Jn	09:45	Weekly	Sunday	26.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
05531	Raxaul Jn	22:25	Anand Vihar Terminal	18:00	_	Sunday	26.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
05532	Anand Vihar Terminal	20:00	Raxaul Jn	14:30	Weekly	Monday	27.11.2023 to 11.12.2023
05273	Muzaffarpur Jn	18:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:00		Wednesday, Saturday	22.11.2023 to 09.12.2023
05274	Anand Vihar Terminal	13:25	Muzaffarpur Jn	07:00	Bi-weekly	Thursday, Sunday	23.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
05005	Gorakhpur	14:40	Amritsar Jn	09:30		Friday	upto 01.12.2023
05006	Amritsar Jn	12:45	Gorakhpur	08:50	Weekly	Saturday	upto 02.12.2023
04049	New Delhi	23:30	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:25	Bi-weekly	Monday, Saturday	upto 27.11.2023
04050	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	18:30	New Delhi	06:25	Bi-₩e	Tuesday, Sunday	upto 28.11.2023
04080	New Delhi	19:20	Varanasi Jn	09:45	Tri-weekly	Mon, Thu, Sat	Upto 30.11.2023
04079	Varanasi Jn	18:35	New Delhi	09:00	i≛	Tue, Fri, Sun	upto 01.12.2023
01654	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	23:20	Varanasi Jn	23:55	Weekly	Sunday	upto 26.11.2023
01653	Varanasi Jn	06:20	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:20	We	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
04646	Jammu Tawi	05:45	Barauni Jn	12:10	Weekly	Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
04645	Barauni Jn	15:15	Jammu Tawi	22:30		Friday	upto 01.12.2023
04047	Purnea Jn. (Unreserved Spl.)	16:55	Anand Vihar Terminal	17:50	Date wise	Saturday	18.11.2023
04051	Saharsa Jn. (Unreserved Spl.)	07:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:30	Date wise	Sunday	19.11.2023
04058	Anand Vihar Terminal (Unreserved Spl.)	08:30	Jaynagar	07:00	wise	Saturday	18.11.2023
04057	Jaynagar (Unreserved Spl.)	11:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:00	Date	Sunday	19.11.2023
04066	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:00	Patna Jn.	16:00	Bi-weekly	Monday, Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
04065	Patna Jn.	17:45	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:35	-	Tuesday, Friday	upto 01.12.2023
04062	Delhi Jn.	08:05	Barauni Jn.	06:30	Weekly	Sunday	upto 10.12.2023
04061	Barauni Jn.	08:00	Delhi Jn.	05:50		Monday	upto 12.12.2023
01676	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:15	Muzaffarpur Jn.	21:15	Bi-weekly	Monday, Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
01675	Muzaffarpur Jn.	23:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:30	_	Tuesday, Friday	upto 01.12.2023
01678	New Delhi	08:10	Gaya Jn.	00:30	Bi-weekly	Monday, Friday	27.11.2023 to 04.12.2023
01677	Gaya Jn.	07:35	New Delhi Patna Jn.	23:35	_	Tuesday, Saturday	28.11.2023 to 05.12.2023
02250 02249	New Delhi (Rajdhani Spl.)  Patna Jn. (Rajdhani Spl.)	19:10 09:00	New Delhi	07:30 21:00	Date wise	Sun, Tue, Thu, Sat, Mon, Wed Sat, Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun, Tue, Thu	19, 21, 23, 25, 27 & 29.11.23 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 & 30.11.23
05283	Muzaffarpur Jn.	18:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:00		Wed, Sat	upto 18.12.2023
05283	Anand Vihar Terminal	13:25	Muzaffarpur Jn.	07:00	Bi-weekly	Thursday, Sunday	upto 19.12.2023
09097	Bandra Terminus	21:50	Jammu Tawi	08:35	_	Sunday	upto 26.11.2023
09098	Jammu Tawi	23:20	Bandra Terminus	10:10	Weekly	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
09523	Okha	10:00	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	10:10	_	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
09524	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	13:20	Okha	13:50	Weekly	Wednesday	upto 29.11.2023
03435	Malda Town	09:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	12:30	_	Monday	20 & 27.11.2023
03436	Anand Vihar Terminal	18:30	Malda Town	23:30	Weekly	Tuesday	21 & 28.11.2023
02246	New Delhi (Gati Shakti Spl.)	23:45	Patna Jn.	15:50	wise	Sat, Sun, Mon, Thu	18, 19, 20 to 30.11.2023
02245	Patna Jn. (Gati Shakti Spl.)	19:00	New Delhi	10:30	Date	Sat, Sun, Mon, Tue, Fri	18, 19, 20, 21.11.23 to 01.12.23
05734	Katihar	07:50	Amritsar	00:05	Weekly	Saturday	upto 25.11.2023
05733	Amritsar	12:45	Katihar	03:30		Monday	upto 27.11.2023
04525	Saharsa Jn.	19:00	Ambala Cantt.	22:20	e wise	Sat, Tue, Fri, Mon, Thu	18, 21 24 27 & 30.11.2023
04527	Saharsa Jn.	19:00	Ambala Cantt.	22:20	Date	Mon, Thu, Sun, Wed	20, 23, 26, 29.11.2023
04528	Sirhind	11:25	Saharsa Jn.	16:00	Date	Sun, Wed, Sat, Tue	19, 22, 25, 28.11.2023
02259	Bhagalpur	20:00	New Delhi	17:00	Date wise	Saturday	18.11.2023
04490	New Delhi	19:35	Darbhanga	16:45	wise	Sat, Tue, Fri, Mon, Thu	18, 21, 24, 27, 30.11.2023
04489	Darbhanga	18:00	New Delhi	16:40	Date	Sun, Wed, Sat, Tue, Fri	19, 22, 25, 28.11.2023 & 01.12.2023
04115	Prayagraj Jn.	21:25	Anand Vihar (T)	08:15	wise	Tue, Thu, Fri	21 & 23.11.23
04116	Anand Vihar (T)	10:15	Prayagraj Jn.	20:00	Date	Wed, Fri, Sat,	18, 22 & 24.11.23
05023	Gorakhpur Jn.	20:55	Delhi Jn.	12:30	Weekly	Sunday	upto 03.12.2023
05024	Delhi Jn.	14:30	Gorakhpur Jn.	07:30	_	Monday	upto 04.12.2023
05115	Chhapra Anand Vihar (T)	17:45	Anand Vihar (T)	11:50	Weekly	Wednesday	upto 29.11.2023
05116 05306	Lai Kuan	14:45 22:00	Chhapra Chhapra	09:30 07:10		Thursday Tue, Wed, Fri, Sun	upto 30.11.2023 upto 29.12.2023
05306	Chhanra	08:55	Lal Kuan	18:00	ate wise	Wed Thu Sat Mon	upto 29.12.2023

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	04003	Sitamarhi (Unreserved Festival Spl.)	02:00	New Delhi	01:30	Date wise	Saturday	18.11.23
726	04016	New Delhi	14:55	Saharsa Jn.	15:50	wise	Sat, Tue	18 & 21.11.23
ı	04015	Saharsa Jn.	18:00	New Delhi	19:20	Date v	Sun, Wed	19 & 22.11.23
ı	02248	Anand Vihar Terminal	00:30	Patna Jn.	16:30	wise	Sat, Thu	18, 23, 25, 30.11.23
ı	02247	Patna Jn.	19:10	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:50	Date v	Sat, Thu	18, 23, 25, 30.11.23
Т	09129	Vadodara	19:00	Haridwar	14:30		Saturday	Upto 25.11.2023
Т	09130	Haridwar	17:20	Vadodara	11:25	Weekly	Sunday	upto 26.11.2023
ı	05065	Gorakhpur Jn.	23:00	New Delhi	12:00	kly	Wednesday	29.11.2023
ı	05066	New Delhi	14:00	Gorakhpur Jn.	04:15	Weekly	Thursday	30.11.2023
Т	05069	Gorakhpur Jn.	08:00	New Delhi	22:05	kly	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
Т	05070	New Delhi	00:30	Gorakhpur Jn.	14:45	Weekly	Wednesday	upto 29.11.2023
ı	05071	Gomti Nagar	23:00	New Delhi	08:15	kly	Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
ı	05072	New Delhi	10:00	Chhapra Jn.	04:15	Weekly	Friday	upto 01.12.2023
Т	05159	Chhapra Jn.	23:55	New Delhi	20:00	kly	Saturday	upto 25.11.2023
ı	05160	New Delhi	00:30	Chhapra Jn.	19:25	Weekly	Monday	upto 27.11.2023
Т	09557	Bhavnagar	10:10	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	08:50	kly	Friday	24 & 01.12.23
Т	09558	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	13:20	Bhavnagar	10:00	Weekly	Saturday	18, 25.11 & 02.12.2023
Т	05527	Darbhanga Jn.	13:15	Delhi Jn.	13:30		Thursday	23.11.2023 to 07.12.2023
ı	05528	Delhi Jn.	15:30	Darbhanga Jn.	15:45	Weekly	Friday	24.11.2023 to 08.12.2023
Т	03227	Ara Jn. (Unreserved Spl.)	15:45	Anand Vihar (T)	07:15	wise	Mon, Wed, Sat	18, 22, 25, 29.11 & 02.12.23
Т	03228	Anand Vihar (T) (Unreserved Spl.)	09:30	Ara Jn.	04:00	Date	Tue, Thu, Sun	19, 23, 26, 30.11 & 03.12.23
Т	04018	New Delhi	14:55	Bapudham Motihari	12:15	wise	Sat, Tue, Fri, Mon	18, 21, 24 & 27.11.2023
ı	04017	Bapudham Motihari	15:00	New Delhi	13:15	Date v	Sun, Wed, Sat, Tue	19, 22, 25 & 28.11.2023
ı	04028	Anand Vihar (T)	01:00	Bapudham Motihari	23:30	wise	Sat, Tue, Fri, Mon	18, 21, 24 & 27.11.2023
ı	04027	Bapudham Motihari	02:30	Anand Vihar (T)	23:45	Date v	Sun, Wed, Sat, Tue	19, 22, 25 & 28.11.2023
ı	04534	Sirhind	20:20	Saharsa Jn.	23:45	wise	Sunday	19.11.2023
Т	04533	Saharsa Jn.	03:00	Ambala Cantt.	05:00	Date v	Sat, Tue	18 & 21.11.2023
Т	04536	Chandigarh	23:55	Katihar Jn.	05:00	wise	Sunday	19.11.2023
Т	04535	Katihar Jn.	07:00	Chandigarh	12:30	Date	Sat, Tue	18 & 21.11.2023
	02351	Patna Jn.	16:00	Anand Vihar (T.)	06:00	Wise	Tue, Thu, Sat, Mon, Wed, Fri	21, 23, 25, 27, 29.11.23 & 01.12.2023
	02352	Anand Vihar (T.)	08:00	Patna Jn.	21:55	Date Wise	Wed, Fri, Sun, Tue, Thu, Sat	22, 24, 26, 28, 30.11.23 & 02.12.2023
Т	05315	Chhapra Jn.	11:15	Delhi Jn.	11:20	Date Wise	Tuesday, Friday	upto 01.12.2023
Т	05316	Delhi Jn.	14:00	Chhapra Jn.	13:20		Wednesday, Saturday	upto 02.12.2023
Т	05089	Banaras	21:00	Anand Vihar(T.)	15:30	Weekly	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
ı	05090	Anand Vihar(T.)	18:15	Banaras	09:50		Wednesday	upto 29.11.2023
Т	05464	Varanasi City	10:40	Jaunpur	13:00	6 Days in a week	except Friday	upto 30.11.2023
ı	05463	Jaunpur	13:20	Varanasi City	15:30		except Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
ı	02365	Rajgir	20:00	Anand Vihar (T)	15:00	Bi-weekly	Saturday & Tuesday	21.11.2023 to 09.12.2023
ı	02366 05473	Anand Vihar (T) Jaunpur Jn	23:45 13:20	Rajgir Aunrihar Jn	19:10 14:40		Sunday & Wednesday Thursday	22.11.2023 to 10.12.2023 upto 30.11.2023
Т	05474	Aunrihar Jn	11:35	Jaunpur Jn	13:00	Weekly	Friday	upto 30.11.2023
ı	09623	Ajmer Jn	16:10	Barauni Jn	19:00	_	Saturday	18.11.2023
	09624	Barauni Jn	11:00	Ajmer Jn	13:35	Date Wise	Monday	20.11.2023
ı	05073	Gorakhpur	20:55	Anand Vihar (T)	12:30	9 9	Tuesday & Friday	21 & 24.11.2023
ı	05074	Anand Vihar (T)	14:30	Gorakhpur	07:30	Date Wise	Wed & Sat	22 & 25.11.2023
ı	05075	Chhapra	17:45	Anand Vihar (T)	14:00	se te	Monday & Thursday	20 & 23.11.2023
Т	05076	Anand Vihar (T)	16:00	Chhapra	09:30	Date Wise	Tuesday & Friday	21 & 24.11.2023
	05041	Chhapra Kacheri	09:30	Amritsar	14:00	Date Wise	Tuesday & Saturday	21 & 25.11.2023
Т	05042	Amritsar	17:45	Chhapra Kacheri	22:00	ĕ	Wed & Sun	22 & 26.11.2023
	02261	Darbhanga Jn.	22:00	New Delhi	18:15	Date Wise	Saturday	18.11.2023
	02263	Saharsa Jn.	23:45	New Delhi	21:45	Date Wise	Saturday	18.11.2023
	05575	Saharsa Jn	19:10	Ambala Cantt Jn.	23:15	Date Wise	Wednesday	22.11.2023
	05571	Jaynagar	06:00	Anand Vihar (T)	05:00	Date Wise	Thursday	23.11.2023
	02265	New Delhi	17:00	Sabarmati	07:15	Date Wise	Saturday	18.11.2023
	02266	Sabarmati	02:30	New Delhi	19:05	ÖŽ	Monday	20.11.2023
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ı	05575	Saliaisa sii	19.10	Ambaia Canti Jii.	23:15	Wig	Wednesday	22.11.2023
l	05571	Jaynagar	06:00	Anand Vihar (T)	05:00	Date Wise	Thursday	23.11.2023
ı	02265	New Delhi	17:00	Sabarmati	07:15	se se	Saturday	18.11.2023
ı	02266	Sabarmati	02:30	New Delhi	19:05	Date Wise	Monday	20.11.2023
l	LIST (	OF FESTIVAL SPECIA	L TRA	INS PASSING THRO	UGH N	NOF	RTHERN RAILV	<b>VAY NETWORK</b>
ı	09075	Mumbai Central	11:00	Kathgodam	14:30	÷	Wednesday	upto 29.11.2023
l	09076	Kathgodam	17:30	Mumbai Central	20:55	Weekly	Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
ı	07651	Jalna	23:35	Chhapra	05:30	kly	Wednesday	upto 29.11.2023
ı	07652	Chhapra	22:15	Pune	04:00	Weekly	Friday	upto 01.12.2023
ı	05063	Chhapra	16:15	Lokmanya Tilak (T.)	07:25	Weekly	Friday	upto 01.12.2023
ı	05064	Lokmanya Tilak (T.)	12:45	Siwan Jn	03:15	Wee	Sunday	upto 03.12.2023
ı	09417	Ahmedabad Jn	09:10	Patna Jn	21:05	Weekly	Monday	upto 27.11.2023
ı	09418	Patna Jn	23:45	Ahmedabad Jn	11:20	Wee	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
ı	05616	Guwahati	18:00	Udaipur City	21:05	kly	Sunday	upto 26.11.2023
ı	05615	Udaipur City	13:45	Guwahati	23:30	Weekly	Wednesday	upto 29.11.2023
ı	05537	Darbhanga Jn	13:15	Daurai	22:30	Weekly	Saturday	upto 09.12.2023
ı	05538	Daurai	23:45	Darbhanga Jn	06:50	Wee	Sunday	upto 10.12.2023
ı	09183	Mumbai Central	22:50	Banaras	10:30	Weekly	Wednesday	upto 29.11.2023
ı	09184	Banaras	14:30	Mumbai Central	04:35	Š	Friday	upto 01.12.2023
ı	09525	Okha	22:00	Naharlagun	16:00	Weekly	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
ı	09526	Naharlagun	10:00	Okha	03:35		Saturday	upto 02.12.2023
ı	02575	Hyderabad	21:05	Gorakhpur	06:30	Weekly	Friday	upto 24.11.2023
ı	02576	Gorakhpur	08:30	Hyderabad	16:20		Sunday	upto 26.11.2023
۱	01053	Lokmanya Tilak (T.)	12:15	Banaras	16:05	Weekly	Monday	upto 27.11.2023
۱	01054	Banaras	20:30	Lokmanya Tilak (T.)	23:55	Wee	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
۱	01431	Pune	16:15	Gorakhpur	21:00	ekly	Friday	upto 01.12.2023
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Gomti Nagar

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For any kind of information such as arrival/departure timings and stoppages enroute etc., passengers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or may visit Indian Railways website https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or NTES App.

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# SRK hosts 'icon' Beckham at Mannat; footballer invites 'great man' to his home

Beckham was in India in his role as a UNICEF goodwill ambassador

Superstar Shah Rukh Khan shared a picture of himself with footballer David Beckham, and penned a note for the "icon", sharing how he has always been an admirer of the "absolute gentleman".

SRK had hosted a private party for the former English footballer, at his residence Mannat, here.

Taking to social media, SRK posted a happy picture with David, wherein we can see SRK in a black t-shirt and blue denim pants. He accessorised the look with a black pearl chain.

On the other hand, David looked handsome in an olive green tee shirt, and paired it with a black striped coat and matching pants.

In the caption, the 'Jawan' star wrote: "Last nite with an icon... and an absolute gentleman. Have always been a big admirer but meeting him and seeing how he is with kids made me realise that the only thing that out does his football is his kindness and his gentle nature. My love to your family. Be well and happy my friend and get some sleep...@Davidbeckham."

The post has garnered more than 25 lakh likes.



Kareena Kapoor Khan wrote in the comment section: "Two GOATS," followed by a red heart emoji.

Ridhi Dogra said: "What do women want? In a photograph". Pratik Sehajpal dropped a fire emoii.

Beckham, who was in India in his role as a UNICEF goodwill

ambassador, was seen with cricket icon and fellow UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Sachin Tendulkar during the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 semifinal between India and New Zealand at Wankhede Stadium

in Mumbai.

Later, he was hosted by Bollywood actress Sonam Kapoor

and her husband Anand Ahuja in a star-studded lavish dinner party.

The party was also attended by Farhan Akhtar, Shibani Dandekar, Adar Poonawalla, Arjun Kapoor, Karisma Kapoor, Sanjay Kapoor, Maheep Kapoor, Shahid Kapoor, Mira Rajput, Malaika Arora and many others. David also took to his Instagram handle and shared pictures with SRK, Sonam and Anand.

The soccer champion wrote a thank you note: "Honoured to have been welcomed into this great man's home. To enjoy a meal with @iamsrk, @ gaurikhan, their beautiful children and close friends - what a special way to end my first visit to India...Thank you my friend - you and your family are welcome any time in my home..."

The note further read: "@ sonamkapoor and @anandahuja - you hosted me with such warmth and kindness this week, thank you for the amazing evening you created at your home - see you again soon."

Sonam commented on David's post: "You're extremely gracious and a thorough gentleman."

#### Salman Khan's 'kissing scene' with Emraan Hashmi at 'Tiger 3' success event, video goes viral



Superstar Salman Khan who is currently flying high on the success of his recently released action thriller film 'Tiger 3' caught fans' attention with his attempt to kiss co-actor Emraan Hashmi.

'Prof BN Goswamy was the soul

The makers of 'Tiger 3' organised a special success event of the film in Mumbai where actors Salman Khan, Katrina Kaif and Emraan Hashmi marked their presence.

The celebs were seen

interacting with fans at the event and also thanked the audience for showering love on their film.

During the event, Salman Khan said, "Katrina hai iss film mein, toh thoda toh romance banta hi hai." He then looked at Emraan and added, "Agar Emraan ka role Aatish ka nahi hota, toh yeh toh ho he jata" and then appears to plant a kiss on Emraan as the crowd burst into laughter.

Hashmi has become famous for his kissing scenes in several Bollywood films.

Helmed by Maneesh Sharma, Salman's film 'Tiger 3' was released on Diwali. The film has entered the Rs 300 crore club at the global box office.

The 'Dabangg' actor was also seen shaking a leg with Katrina on the song 'Leke Prabhu Ka Naam' at the event.

However, Salman has still not announced his next project.

#### On global stage: Nora Fatehi set to embark on World Tour in 2024

Nora Fatehi will embark on a grand World Tour in early 2024, during which she will not only perform her Bollywood solos but also unveil a new international track, solidifying her status as a stellar performer, bringing Bollywood's glamour, colours, and magic to international audience.

The tour will also showcase her vocal talents, as well as see her dish out some of her more eclectic dance performances. Reaching out to international levels on this front is something that marks a turning point in the Batla House alum's career.

As the course of her professional life is taking a new turn due to her world tour, Nora Fatehi is also gearing up to star in a roster of upcoming



films. She is poised to make her Telugu debut in actor Varun Tej's film Matka. In the Bollywood realm, Nora is set to grace the screen alongside Vidyut Jammwal in the high-octane thriller Crakk, showcasing her acting prowess.

# of the Chandigarh' His life was gentle; and the

elements
So mixed in him, that Nature
might stand up

And say to all the world, THIS WAS A MAN!

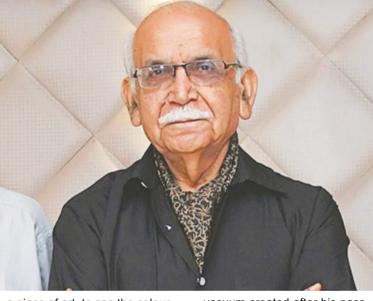
...wrote William Shakespeare about Julius Caesar. These are the words that were incanted to describe Prof BN Goswamy, who bid adieu to this world on Friday, time and again through the day. He was 90. A muchloved and revered figure in Chandigarh, art historian Prof Goswamy's acclaim is spread the world over. His loss, mourned like no other. As the shock of his passing away registered, who's who of the city headed to the cremation ground in Sector 25 to pay their last respects.

Born Brijinder Nath Goswamy, in Sargodha, Punjab Province under the British India, he started his professional career with Indian Administrative Service that he left to pursue his passion for arts. He authored about 26 books on the subjects of Pahari, miniature paintings, court painters and masters of Indian paintings among others. How he traced and reconstructed detailed genealogies of several families of Pahari artists with a great deal of accuracy gathering information from Haridwar and Pehowa to Kashmir and Varanasi — wherever people from Kangra went to perform the last rites of their family members is a feat people talk about.

Fondly called BNG in art circles, he also set up the Department of Fine Arts in Panjab University. Recipient of Jawaharlal Nehru Fellowship, Sarabhai Fellowship and Mellon Senior Fellow of the National Humanities Center, North Carolina; Prof Goswamy was a recipient of Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan.

Calling him a 'national trea-

sure', theatre thespian Neelam Mansingh Chowdhry, shares, "I just feel privileged to live in the same city, same century to meet a man like him, to have him as a teacher one dreams about." She recalls how she first met him through his wife Karuna Goswamy, and showed him some paintings she drew, "Pretty bad they were, and how he saw them so carefully, with such delicacy and dignity as if they were a piece of art." Neelam Mansingh later joined the Department of Fine Art as a student. "His classes were magical. He taught us to look at



a piece of art, to see the colour, composition and how to think in abstract manner. One learnt new terms every day."

When Neelam Mansingh came to Chandigarh post her Delhi, Mumbai, Bhopal sojourn to call it her home, Karuna and Prof Goswamy took her under their wings. "He treated everyone with such respect and made them feel important. In the world of art, he was the force of nature. He was a rock star."

Artist Diwan Manna, president, Punjab Lalit Kala Akademi, calls this a personal loss. "To me he was the soul of city. He brought grace, dignity, elegance, eloquence to whosoever he touched. He was a man of high intellect who exuded grace. He was dignity moving around in shape of human being. He brought Indian art to the forefront single-handedly. He focused on Indian art that drifted towards the Western influence and managed to put a break to it. He showed the Indian way of consuming, producing art, our cultural legacy, our own stories, lived experiences, cultural moorings. His going is a huge personal loss.'

"The passing away of Dr BN Goswamy is a colossal loss the world of Indian art," said painter and art historian Vijay Sharma. "He was a scholar class apart equal to the rank of Ananda Coomaraswamy and Rai Krishandas. Although he is known internationally as a scholar of Indian painting, yet his specialization was in Pahari miniature painting. I know him since 1983 when he visited Chamba Museum to participate in a seminar. His scholarly works were path breaking with new approach to appreciate the merits of miniatures. The vacuum created after his passing away cannot be filled."

"What a terrible loss to the world of art and history. My deepest sympathies to Dr Goswamy's family. Dr Goswamy's presence will live on in the tremendous contribution he has made to the world of Indian Art History. His work is a treasure gifted to current and future generations of readers and students. Thank you Dr Goswamy for expanding my mind," shared author-artist Belinder Dhanoa.

Our easy accessibility to Prof Goswamy, at times, made us forget his global presence. Yashaswini Chandra, lecturer in South Asian Art History at University of Edinburgh, was shocked and dismayed at his demise. "As a student of art history, you know Prof Goswamy even before you actually know him. I had a chance to discuss my work with him about a decade back, and he was so encouraging. His scholarship is so seminal. He is a master of aesthetics concerning Pahari paintings, very much dedicated to its social dimension. He was a pioneer in emphasising the role of artists notwithstanding the social status looking beyond the elite patronage.

The outlook he gave to us is important. He was strongly rooted, basing self in Chandigarh and yet ensuring the interest of the world in Indian art. In him, we have lost a giant."

Expressing profound sorrow, Banwarilal Purohit, Governor of Punjab and the Administrator of UT, Chandigarh extended his deepest condolences on the passing of Dr Goswamy. "The contributions of Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan awardee Dr Goswamy to the understanding and appreciation of art

were immense. His dedication and scholarship as an art historian and an art critic were unparalleled, leaving an enduring legacy that will continue to inspire generations to come. The loss of Dr Goswamy is an immeasurable blow to the Indian art and culture. During this time of mourning, I extend my heartfelt sympathies to the family, friends, and admirers of Dr Goswamy. May the Almighty grant solace to his departed soul and bestow strength upon those affected by this irreparable loss. May the memories of Dr Goswamy's extraordinary life bring comfort to all who mourn his loss, and may his contributions always be remembered and cherished," said the Governor.

He will be hugely missed
Devastated to hear of the
death of my beloved friend and
mentor, BN Goswamy, India's
greatest art historian and one
of the wisest and most brilliant
men I ever met.

He was a kind friend, a generous mentor, a rigorous scholar, a fabulous writer and an entrancing speaker who every year hypnotised the audiences @JaipurLitFest with his wit, subtlety and erudition. He was irreplaceable and will be hugely missed. Om shanti! William Dalrymple, Historian

Words of wisdom

Prof BN Goswamy specialised in Pahari painting and Indian miniature paintings but wrote and spoke on variety of themes. His most recent book The Indian Cat: Stories, Paintings, Poetry, and Proverbs looks at all the varied ways in which cats have made themselves a home in our art, literature, and speech, and our hearts.

Nainsukh of Guler: A Great Indian Painter From a Small Hill-State (1997), Wondrous Images: Krishna seen as Shrinath-ji (Pichhwais of the Vallabha Sampradaya) (2014), Indian Costumes In The Collection Of The Calico Museum Of Textiles 2013, Ranga Roopa: God. Words.Images (2010), Piety and Splendour: Sikh Heritage in Art (2000), Krishna - The Divine Lover: Myth and Legend Through Indian Art (1982) are amongst his celebrated tomes that talk of his wide range.

He engaged readers through his column Art & Soul in The Tribune writing of course on art alongwith eclectic topics right from vaccines fragrances to more recently nursery rhymes!

# 'Too much, too young': Jessica Alba on her 'awkward phase' styling



Actress Jessica Alba has reflected on her past style decisions. In a new TikTok clip, the actress talked about having an 'awkward phase' while growing up.

As the video started, Althoff, 26, insisted Alba had skipped her 'awkward phase' while the actress stated that the assumption was incorrect. Still, Althoff felt that the Dark Angel alum had the liberty of missing out on 'a normal person's awkward stage.'

Alba then shed light on how she actually got an early start on the socalled cringe rite of passage. "It's so weird that I started using a curling iron and hairspray at age, like, five," she confessed.

"And no wonder I had so much asthma." She added that she was 'doing too much, too young,' while reminiscing about how she also 'went through the coloured eyeshadow phase' in her past.

He also accused the party of giving a free hand to criminal elements with its policy of appeasement.

JAIPUR, Nov 18 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday lambasted the Congress government in Rajasthan, alleging the party sent the state to the top in the number crimes and riots by letting antisocial elements loose with its policy of appeasement.

Addressing a rally in Bharatpur, PM Modi taunted state Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, saying the people have decided not to vote for the "jadugar" and that Congress will vanish from the state after the election. "3 December, Congress 'chhoo mantar." Before he entered politics, Gehlot, the son of a professional magician, toured the country performing magic

Assembly polls are due to take place in Rajasthan on November 25 and counting of votes will



be done on December 3. "On the one hand, India is becoming a leader in the world. On the other hand, you all know what happened in Rajasthan in the last five years. Congress has made Rajasthan a leader in corruption, riots, and crimes. That's why Rajasthan is saying

- Magician ji, you won't get any votes," PM Modi said.

He also accused the party of giving a free hand to criminal elements with its policy of appeasement.

"Wherever Congress come to power, terrorists, criminals and rioters are let loose. Appeasement is everything for Congress. Congress can go to any extent for appeasement, even if it means putting your life at stake," PM Modi said.

He said that the state under Congress' five years' rule has seen a maximum number of crimes against women and Dalits.

"Be it Holi, Ram Navami, or Hanuman Jayanti, you people could not celebrate any festival peacefully. Riots, stone pelting, curfew, all this continued in Rajasthan," he said.

The PM said the Congress has shattered the confidence of the women of Rajasthan.

"The Chief Minister is saying that women file fake rape cases. Can he protect women? Does such a Chief Minister have the right to remain in chair even for a minute?" PM Modi asked.

# Rajnath lays wreath at INA memorial at Singapore

He also offered prayers at the Sri Srinivasa Perumal temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu



**NEW DELHI / SINGA-**PORE, Nov 18 (Agencies): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, on way back from his visit to Indonesia, made a brief halt at Singapore and paid tributes to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

by laying a wreath at the Indian National Army (INA) marker there.

Construction of a monument to commemorate the "Unknown Warrior" was proposed by Netaji himself and he had laid the foundation stone in

July 1945. In 1995, the National Heritage Board of Singapore erected the INA marker on the same spot as the original memorial.

The Minister also offered prayers at the Sri Srinivasa Perumal temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu, which is among the oldest Hindu temples in Singapore dating back to 1855.

He also visited the Indian Heritage Centre in Little India.

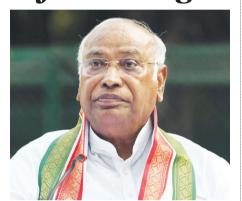
The Centre was set up under the National Heritage Board in 2015 documenting the story of the journey of Singaporean Indians. It houses five permanent galleries.

# BJP has no policies, copied Congress' guarantees for its agenda: Mallikarjun Kharge

NEW DELHI, Nov 18 (Agencies): Congress president Mallikariun Kharge on Saturday accused the BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi of copying Congress' original guarantees and include in their agenda to serve up in the elections to the people.

"The BJP has neither the intentions, nor policies. The Congress has given concrete programmes for public welfare in the form of guarantees in Rajasthan and other states," Kharge said on X. "After a lot of efforts, Modi ji and the BJP thought it better to copy our original guarantees... And has made an unsuccessful attempt to hastily serve the agenda before the elections," he said in his post in Hindi.

"The people of Rajasthan know that the Congress has worked and will also fulfil our seven guarantees on



the ground," Kharge said, using the hashtag #Congress\_again.

Kharge will address election meetings in Vair Assembly of Bharatpur district and Tijara of Rajasthan on Saturday for the upcoming November 25 assembly

# 5 injured in fire from LPG cylinder explosion fire incident in Mumbai

MUMBAI, Nov 18 (Agencies): Five people sustained burns after a fire broke out in Mumbai's Bandra area on

Saturday, officials said. It is suspected that the fire was caused by an explosion in a cooking gas cylinder, officials informed

The injured were identified as Nikhil Jogesh Das (53), Rakesh Ramjanam Sharma (38), Anthony Paul Thengal (65), Kalicharan Majilal Kanojiya (54) and Shan Ali Zakir Ali Siddiqui (31), according to officials.

Sharing further details of the incident, an offi-



cial in the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) said, "As soon as information about the fire was received, we rushed firefighters and engines to the spot. They brought the fire under control." The

injured were admitted

to the Bhabha Hospital

in Bandra for treatment

officials added

Dr. Rohan, the authorised medical officer (AMO) at Bandra Bhabha Hospital, informed that five people were injured in the incident and no fatalities were reported.

An official in the Mumbai Fire Brigade (MFB) said, "The incident took place in the Bandra area of Mumbai around 6.19 am on Saturday. We believe that the fire was caused by an LPG cylinder explosion.

"Fire was confined to electric wiring, electric installation, a stock of clothes, and one upper-floored structure. The blaze was doused around 6.40 am," the fire official added.

Earlier, on Friday, a fire broke out on the 11th and 12th floors of a building near the Grant Road area of Mumbai.

According to the police, the fire was confined to electric wiring, electric installation, furniture, doors, and household articles on the 8th and 12th floors.

Fire services personnel, who responded to the incident, said it was a level-2 blaze.

No injuries were reported in the incident.

## Tamil Nadu assembly re-adopts 10 bills returned by Governor Ravi

CHENNAI, Nov 18 (Agencies): The Tamil Nadu Assembly on Saturday re-adopted 10 Bills returned by State Governor RN Ravi recently.

The bills, covering different departments including Law, Agriculture and Higher Education, were passed by the House during a special sitting, convened in the wake of Ravi returning them on November 13.

The main opposition AIADMK and the BJP separately walked out. Earlier, Chief Minis-

ter MK Stalin moved a resolution to take up for reconsideration, the 10 bills passed earlier by the House and returned by Ravi.

Without giving any reasons, Ravi had returned the Bills, mentioning "I withhold Assent" to them, Stalin said. While 2 bills each were

adopted by the House in 2020 and 2023, six others were passed last

He said the House takes note that under the proviso to Article 200 of the Constitution said Bills are passed again and presented to the Governor for assent, he "shall not withhold assent therefrom."

of India if the above

"This House resolves that under rule 143 of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly rules the following Bills may be reconsidered by this Assembly," the resolution moved by Stalin said.

The CM also made a stinging attack on Ravi, alleging the Governor was keen to block the government's initiatives.

He alleged that non-BJP-ruled states were being targeted through Governors, apparently by the Centre.

Stalin said if a "power" that can stop the House from enacting legislation emerges, it will severely hamper democracy and that this was his apprehension.

He noted that it was the duty of a Governor to give assent to Bills passed by a House that has an elected govern-

"He can seek legal or administrative clarifica-

tion from the government if required and the government has to give it," he said, adding such clarifications have been given in the past.

"At no instances have such clarifications been not given.

In such a situation, him (governor) not giving assent to the Bills passed by the Assembly due to his whims and fancies and returning them amounts to insulting the people of Tamil Nadu and this House," Stalin said.

#### 6 die as SUV hits roadside tree in Jharkhand



GIRIDIH, Nov 18 (Agencies): Six people died and three were injured as an SUV carrying them hit a roadside tree in Jharkhand's Giridih district on Saturday, police said.

The accident took place at Baghmara in Mufassil police station area around 3 am on Saturday when the vehicle carrying nine people was returning from a wedding ceremony.

Mufassil police station in-charge Kamlesh Paswan told agency, "Five people

died on the spot, while the injured were taken to Sadar hospital. From there, a seriously injured person was referred to Saheed Nirmal Mahto Medical College and Hospital in Dhanbad, where he succumbed to his injuries."

The condition of the two children, who were injured in the accident, is said to be stable, he said.

The deceased were identified as Sagir Ansari (31), Md Yusuf Miyan (72), Imtiyaz Ansari (47), Subhan Ansari (31), Yakub Ansari (62) and Aftab Ansari (35)

Giridih Sadar Sub-Divisional Police Officer Anil Singh said the car occupants had come from Thoria village in Birni police station area to attend the function at Tikodih, around 40 km away, and were returning home when the accident took place.

The driver might have dozed off, he

### Woman beaten up by husband and in-laws for wearing fashionable bangles

THANE, Nov 18 (Agencies): Police have registered an offence against a man and his two relatives at Digha in Navi Mumbai for allegedly beating up his wife as they were against her wearing fashionable bangles, an official said on Saturday.

The Rabale MIDC police filed the case based on a complaint lodged by the 23-yearold woman, he said.

As per the complaint, the victim's husband Pradeep Arkade (30) was against her wearing fashionable bangles and argued with her.

On November 13, during an argument with her, the woman's 50-year-old mother-inlaw pulled her by the



hair and slapped her several times. Her husband thrashed her with a belt, while his female relative also joined in and pushed her to the ground before beating her up, it said.

"After the incident, the victim went to her parents' house in Pune and lodged a complaint

there The case was then transferred to Navi

Mumbai for a probe," he said

The case against them was registered under Sections 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 324 (voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons or means), 34 (common intention), 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the IPC, the police said.

#### Woman, 5-Year-Old **Daughter Found** With Throats Slit At **Bihar Home: Cops** which have been sent

BUXAR, Nov 18 (Agencies): A woman and her five-year-old daughter were found dead with their throats slit in Bihar's Buxar district, police said on Saturday.

The two bodies were found in their residence in Ballapur village, Buxar Superintendent of Police Manish Kumar said, adding it appeared that they were "killed with a sharp weapon".

They were identified as Anita Devi (29) and her daughter Soni Kumari.

"Investigators have

recovered certain

objects from the spot,

not known. A case has been registered and further investigation is on," the SP said. When the incident took

for forensic examina-

tion. The exact cause is

place Anita's husband, Babloo Yadav, was not present there as he had gone to Ara in Bhojpur, the officer said. "Anita Devi's father-

in-law, Lala Yadav, told police that his other sons found them dead inside their room.. and they immediately informed the police. We have recorded the statement of Yadav," Kumar added.

### Khalistani terrorist Pannun threatens to 'shut down' World **Cup final in Ahmedabad**

NEW DELHI, Nov 18 (Agencies): Khalistani terrorist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun has released yet another video, threatening to 'shut down' the ICC World Cup final between India and Australia on Sunday in Ahmedabad. In the video, the found-

er of the banned Khalistani outfit 'Sikhs for Justice' could also be seen talking about the 1984 anti-Sikh riots and the 2002 Gujarat riots, thus making an attempt to incite the Muslim and Christian communities.

The Khalistani terrorist could also be heard talking about India's stand on the ongoing Israel-Hamas war.

This was not the first



time Pannun released a threat video.

Earlier in October, Pannun threatened Prime Minister Narendra Modi to learn from the Israel-Palestine war lest a similar "reaction"

Pannun, who is the chief of the banned USbased Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) outfit, said,

unravels in India.

"People under illegal occupation from Punjab to Palestine will react. And violence begets violence.' In September, a First

Information Report (FIR) was registered against him on charges of issuing threats and promoting enmity ahead of the India-Pakistan ICC World Cup 2023 match.

# 'Shooting hospitals, killing children not in Torah': **Erdogan slams Israel amid war**

Turkish President Erdogan has said actions like targeting hospitals or killing children are inconsistent with the Torah. Erdogan also slammed Germany's support for Israel in the Gaza conflict.

ANKARA, Nov 18 (Agencies): Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan spoke about the ongoing Israel-Hamas war and said "Shooting hospitals or killing children does not exist in the Torah."

(The Torah is the compilation of the first five books of the Hebrew Bible. It is known as the Pentateuch or the Five Books of Moses by Christians. It is also known as the Written Torah in Jewish tradition.)

"Look, places of worship are hit, churches are hit, hospitals are hit. But shooting hospitals, killing children, these things are not in the Torah, you can't do that. It's not the Declaration of Human Rights, you cannot do it. That's why we shouldn't look at the Israel-Palestine war with the psychology of indebtedness. Speaking further at a joint



news conference with Chancellor Olaf Scholz, before the two leaders held private talks, Erdogan suggested Germany supported Israel in the Gaza war out of guilt over the Holocaust.

The Turkish President also drew a contrast with Turkey, which he said was able to speak without bias.

"Those who feel indebted to Israel cannot speak freely. We did not go through the Holocaust process, we don't have such a situation, because our respect for humanity is different," the

"Look, we can talk freely because we don't owe Israel anything," Erdogan said.

Turkish president said.

It is to be noted that Germany has seen an uptick in antisemitism and Islamophobia since the conflict began and has faced criticism for making it hard to hold pro-Palestinian protests, which the government fears might be antisemitic.

During World War Two, Germany systematically killed 6 million Jews and 5 million other victims and its post-war identity is based on deep atonement for the Holocaust. Modern Israel was founded in 1948 as a safe haven for Jews.

On October 7, Hamas terrorists surged into Israel, killing 1,200 and taking some 240 hostages.

In retaliation, Israel invaded Gaza with the goal of eliminating Hamas.

According to the Palestinian authorities, more than 12,000 have so far died in the war.

# Israeli forces order Al-Shifa hospital evacuation in 'next hour'



GAZA CITY, Nov 18 (Agencies): Israeli troops ordered the evacuation of Al-Shifa hospital "in the next hour" over loudspeakers on Saturday, an agency journalist at the scene reported, as troops combed the facility for Hamas hideouts.

Al-Shifa hospital -- Gaza's biggest -- has become the focus of the Israel-Hamas war, now entering its seventh week after the October 7 attacks on southern Israel

Israel claims Hamas operates a base underneath Al-Shifa, a charge the militants deny.

The United Nations estimated 2,300 patients, staff and displaced Palestinians were sheltering at Al-Shifa before

Israeli troops moved in on Wednesday. The Hamas health ministry in Gaza has announced dozens of deaths there as a result of power cuts caused by fuel shortages amid intense combat.

Israel has made repeated calls for the hospital to be evacuated to the south, however medical professionals say the patients cannot be moved.

Hospital director Mohammed Abu Salmiya told agency Israeli troops instructed him to ensure "the evacuation of patients, wounded, the displaced and medical staff, and that they should move on foot towards the seafront".

#### Families of missing in Mexico urge authorities to dig at spot where dogs were seen with body parts

MEXICO CITY, Nov 18 (Agencies): After dogs were seen nibbling at human body parts, activists in western Mexico demanded that authorities keep digging at what appears to be a clandestine burial site.

A group representing families of some of Mexico's more than 112,000 missing people said they were concerned police would leave the site on the outskirts of the city of Guadalajara due to a long holiday weekend.

The site had already been disturbed by dogs, and there were fears more evidence could

The Light of Hope is a volunteer search group that represents families of missing people in the western state of Jalisco. The group said 41 bags of human remains had been recovered at the site, which was discovered earlier this month after dogs were seen trotting off with a human leg and a skull.

"It is outrageous that the authorities, who can't keep pace, take the weekends and holidays off and don't work extra shifts to continue with this investigation," the group said in a statement.



Officials have not commented on how many bodies the bags may contain.

Guadalajara has long suffered from turf battles between factions of the Jalisco cartel, and hundreds of bodies have been dumped at clandestine sites there.

Drug cartels often put the bodies of executed rivals or kidnapping victims in plastic bags and toss them into shallow

Dogs or wild animals can disturb the remains and destroy fragile pieces of evidence such as tattoos, clothing fragments and fingerprints that can help identify victims.

Animals have led authorities to bodies before in Mexico.

Last November, police in the southern state of Oaxaca found a dismembered human body after spotting a dog running down the street

with a human arm in its mouth. The discovery led investigators to find other parts of the dismembered body in a neighbourhood on the outskirts of Oaxaca, the state capital.

> Days earlier, clandestine graves holding human remains were found in the central state of Guanajuato after neighbours reported to volunteer searchers that they had seen a dog with a human leg.

Weeks before, residents of a town in the north-central state of Zacatecas saw a dog running down the street with a human head in its mouth. Police eventually managed to wrest the head away from the

In that case, the head and other body parts had been left in an automatic teller booth in the town of Monte Escobedo alongside a message referring to a drug cartel.

# IMF revises Pak's foreign loan requirement to USD 25 billion: Report

ISLAMABAD, Nov 18 (Agencies): The IMF has revised down Pakistan's foreign loan requirements to USD 25 billion for the ongoing fiscal year -reducing it by USD 3.4 billion in a big relief for its cash-starved economy, according to a media report on Saturday.

The Washington-based global lender also lowered the economic growth projection to just 2 per cent, turning down the government's external as well as macroeconomic forecasts, The Express Tribune newspaper reported.

The International Monetary Fund's delegation wrapped two-week-long talks with Pakistani officials on November 15 and announced that a staff-level agreement has been reached to enable it to release USD 700 million in the second tranche of an already agreed USD 3 billion loan

The report said that in comparison with July this year, the IMF lowered the foreign loan requirements for this fiscal year from USD 28.4 billion to USD 25 billion.

In four months, the government has already borrowed USD 6 billion while it expects rollovers of USD 12.5 billion.

The remaining needs are about USD 6.5 billion in addition to the efforts for timely securing the USD 12.5 billion debt rollovers, said the sources.

Finance Secretary Imdadullah Bosal on Thursday said the interim government was comfortable that it would secure the needed financing to remain



However, there will not be much respite for the government as the estimated available financing has also been cut by USD 3.7 billion because of the problems in acquiring loans through floating Eurobonds and from foreign commercial banks.

The sources said that the IMF did not agree to Pakistan's projection of USD 4 billion to USD 4.5 billion current account deficit during this fiscal year against the earlier projected figure of USD 6.5 billion.

They added that the IMF had now projected a deficit of USD 5.7 billion -- a reduction of about USD 770 million in comparison with its old estimates.

The finance ministry sources told the newspaper that the IMF had further reduced its economic growth projection for Pakistan to 2 per cent from July's estimate of 2.5 per cent.

The lender's fresh forecast is now in line with the World Bank and Asian Development Bank's projections. The IMF did not

accept Pakistan's forecast of 3 per cent to 3.5 per cent economic growth in this fiscal year.

The IMF also did not accept the finance ministry's projection of imports worth USD 54.5 billion during this fiscal year. The lender has now estimated it at USD 58.4 billion, but its revised figure is USD 6.3 billion less than what it estimated in July this year.

Some of the gains that Pakistan will make because of the low imports are expected to be lost because of a reduction in the projected remittances. As against the old forecast of USD 32.9 billion, the IMF has now projected the foreign remittances at USD 29.4 billion -- a reduction of USD 3.5 billion, the sources revealed.

The exports have been marginally adjusted downwards to USD 30.6 billion, they added. The estimates of foreign direct investment also increased from USD 173 million to USD 700 million.

The IMF also has cut the infla-

tion rate forecast from 25.9 per cent to 22.8 per cent -- a move that should provide space for lowering the interest rates at least in January's monetary policy announcement, according to the paper.

The IMF did not accept the finance ministry's projections for the current account deficit, imports, economic growth, inflation and gross financing require-

It quoted finance ministry sources as saying that the IMF had also lowered its inflation projection for the country to 22.8 per cent for this fiscal year -- reducing it from 25.9 per cent.

However, it adjusted all these numbers during the first review talks in comparison with the estimates of July this year.

The revisions to the gross external financing requirements -- a sum of money needed to fill the CAD as well as the repayment of maturing debt --- and to the macroeconomic projections were made during this week's first review of the USD 3 billion

bailout package. It also brought the purview activities of the Special Investment Facilitation Council, a joint civil-military forum set up this year to expedite investment and development.

The IMF remained successful in acquiring a date for the general elections and in return ignored a few critical areas, which in the past had become a cause for the failure of the previous USD 6.5 billion bailout package, the report said.

#### **ChatGPT-maker Open AI** pushes out co-founder and CEO Sam Altman, says he wasn't 'consistently candid'

It has appointed Mira Murati, OpenAI's chief technology officer, to an interim CEO role



SAN FRANCISCO, Nov 18 (Agencies): The board of ChatGPTmaker Open AI said it had pushed out its cofounder and CEO Sam Altman after a review found he was "not consistently candid in his communications" with

the board

"The board no longer has confidence in his ability to continue leading OpenAI," the company said in a statement.

It has appointed Mira Murati, OpenAl's chief technology officer, to an interim CEO role effective immediately.

# X Corp To File Case Against **Media Watchdog For Pausing Ads: Elon Musk**

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov 18 (Agencies): X Corp will be filing a lawsuit against Media Matters and those who attacked social media platform X, Elon Musk said on Saturday in a post on the social media platform, soon after major U.S. companies paused their advertisements on his social media site.

Media watchdog Media Matters earlier this week said it found that corporate advertisements by IBM, Apple, Oracle and Comcast's Xfinity were being placed alongside antisemitic content.

"The split second court opens on Monday, X Corp will be filing a



thermonuclear lawsuit against Media Matters and ALL those who colluded in this fraudulent attack on our company," Musk said in a post on X, formerly known as

Musk on Wednesday agreed with a post on X that falsely claimed Jewish people were stoking hatred against white people, saying the user, who referenced

the "Great Replacement" conspiracy theory, was was speaking "the actual truth."

"This week Media Matters for America posted a story that completely misrepresented the real experience on X, in another attempt to undermine freedom of speech and mislead advertisers," a statement posted by Musk said.

# Philippine quake death toll rises to five

MANILA. Nov 18 (Agencies): The death toll from a strong earthquake off the southern Philippines rose to five on Saturday as authorities reported more casualties across two provinces

The 6.7-magnitude quake that struck the Mindanao region midafternoon on Friday caused part of a shopping mall ceiling to collapse, triggered power cuts and sent people fleeing into the streets.

Falling debris from the mall in General Santos City crushed a woman to death, while 19 other people were treated for shock, city police captain Ari Noel Cardos told agency.

Police earlier reported the death of a couple

pinned under a collapsing concrete wall in General Santos, where about 30 students were also treated for breathing difficulties.

Another person was killed by a falling steel structure in the municipality of Glan, in Sarangani province, police officer Paul Mesalido told agency.

Glan police were dispatched on Saturday to check on a reported landslide in a nearby village, Mesalido added.

In neighbouring Davao Occidental province, an elderly man was struck dead by a large rock that rolled down a hill near his house, said police officer Patrick Laurente.

The state seismology service said the quake was likely generated by the movement of the earth's crust along the Cotabato trench, a long, narrow depression on the seafloor that forms the boundary of one tectonic plate pushing against another. Quakes are a fre-

quent occurrence in the Philippines, which sits along the Pacific "Ring of Fire", an arc of intense seismic as well as volcanic activity that stretches from Japan through Southeast Asia and across the Pacific basin.

Most are too weak to be felt by humans, but strong and destructive ones can come at random, with no technology available to predict when and where they will happen.

and reducing theft inci-

dents in neglected yards

Regular traffic jams on

and lanes," he said.

#### Jammu, Saturday, November 18, 2023

# MPDA urges LG Sinha for timely upgradation of **Transport Nagar Narwal**

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Nov 18: A review meeting was conducted by the Motor Parts Dealers Association (MPDA) Transport Nagar Narwal Jammu, presided over by Rajinder Parshad Kakkar to discuss the challenges and issues related to the upgradation of Transport Nagar Narwal Jammu.

"We appreciate the initial allocation of Rs.35 crores plus funds for the project and the efforts made by the authorities involved. However, it is a matter of concern that, as of now, only 35 percent of the project has been completed within the stipulated one-year deadline. The progress, as per technical norms, is not satisfactory, and numerous yards remain



untouched by essential provisions such as blacktopping, drainage, and street lights," Kakkar said.

Despite the inauguration in November 2022, he said, the progress has been slow, with only 35 percent completion.

Several yards lack essential infrastructure like blacktopping, drainage, and street lights,

leading to dissatisfaction within the Transport Nagar community, he said adding that there is a pressing need to regularize the Power Development Department (PDD) connections for illegal and unregistered

Additionally, he also expressed concerns about illegal encroachments on Jammu Devel-

main roads, especially during morning and evening hours, have become a routine issue, he said and added that a consistent supervision mechanism and antiencroachment drive are needed to ensure smooth traffic flow and allow the general public to access their respective shopkeepers without inconvenience.

He requested to UT Government to issue time-bound directions to the concerned authorities to expedite the completion of the upgradation project and assign responsibility to the relevant authorities to ensure the timely and effective resolution of the mentioned issues.

#### NDS organises music programme for elders

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Nov 18: Programme titled "Dogri Music For Elders" was organised for inmates of "Vridh Ashram" by Nami Dogri Sanstha (NDS) Jammu .

ID Soni President The Home For Aged And Affirm was Chief Guest on the occasion whereas Vinjay Kumar Bhagotra former Superintending Engineer presided over. S.H.S.Manhas a social activist was guest of honour and Prof. Anupama Sharma also shared

Sanjay Vidrohi Renowned Dogri and Hindi Poet was Special Invitee. Famous Singers of Jammu and Kashmir who gave their voice to the programme include Prof. Suraj Singh, Chanchal Dogra, Veena Dogra and Sham Manyal. Amit Anand on Tabla and Suraj Singh on Harmonium were at their best.

Capt. Lalit Sharma Convener NDS in his opening remarks sought blessings of the elders for endeavours of NDS.

He said our senior citizens are enriched source of Dogri Vocabulary and invaluable asset of rich Duggar Culture and we should establish a continuous link with our elders to further propagate our mother tongue and cul-

The Dogri Music programme was comprised of Bhajans, Dogri Folk and Gazals which enthralled one and all.

I.D.Soni said that apart from entertainment, music charges us with renewed positive energy and lifts our moods and efficiency with its divine power.

He appreciated NDS for their such like noble gestures to boost the ashram inmates. Vijay Kumar Baghotra said that music smoothens our minds, spiritualise us, cures diseases, inculcates positivity and divinity in us.

He lauded the artists for a wonderful performance. S.H.S Manhas said that music when blends with sweet Dogri, penetrates our minds to mesmerize us.

Sanjay Vidrohi observed that music is vital part of the universe. He said music does not believe in boundaries and unites the humanity.

Advocate Dogra Harish Kaila President NDS said that music is like a ocean and it depends upon the talent of an artist that how deep he goes and takes out the gems and pearls.

Yash Pal Yash General Secretary NDS compeered the programme and Advocate Arjun Sharma General Secretary Youth Wing extended Vote of

#### Karar Hashmi gives best wishes to team India in ICC World Cup final against Australia

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Nov 18: The prominent sociopolitical activist Syed Karar Hashmi wished Team India all the best in the upcoming final of the ICC World Cup against Australia at the Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad on Sunday. With Team India needing every bit of backing and support, it's time to get behind the Men in Blue and cheer them on so that it would be wonderful to see India lift the trophy on home soil tomorrow Sunday at Ahmedabad Gujrat.

He observed that he firmly believes that

team India will rewrite a golden history on Sunday at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, with a brilliant win, as all the players are going to play their hearts out, and we're confident that they're going to bring back the World Cup to

With the game only a few hours away, anticipation is already at its peak as fans on both sides support their teams online as they get ready for the big game. They're taking to social media to share their quotes, messages, and well wishes for their

He added that Indian students in Iran have organised a get-together on Sunday in Tehran and other places to watch this important match, wishing and wishing the best of luck to the India team in bringing pride to the country and happiness in the face of the 130

# Khatana advocates inclusive politics in Rajasthan

**Top News Report** 

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thereby safeguarding

government revenue

POKHRAN, Nov 18: Bharatiya Janata Party MP Rajya Sabha(Nominated), Er. Gulam Ali Khatana emphasized the stark contrast between the BJP's commitment to inclusive politics and the divisive tactics employed by the Con-

gress and its allies. Addressing a series of public rallies in support of BJP candidate Mahant Pratappuri ji Maharaj in the Pokhran Assembly constituency Khatana highlighted the core principles of the BJP-led government under Prime Minister



Narendra Modi.

He stressed the party's dedication to inclusive growth and development. He stated that while the Congress and its allies rely on divisive politics, the BJP is focused on fostering unity and ensuring that every section of society benefits from the government's positive policies.

Khatana specifically noted the positive impact of the BJP government's initiatives on scheduled tribes and pasmanda minorities,

asserting that these communities are reaping the benefits of the party's commitment to inclusive governance. He cited examples of various welfare schemes and development projects that have contributed to the wellbeing and progress of these marginalized groups.

"Growth and development are the key words of governance under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The BJP believes in positive politics that brings people together, transcending barriers and ensuring the welfare of every citizen,"

Khatana declared.

He further urged the residents of the Pokhran Assembly constituency to support BJP candidate Mahant Pratappuri Maharaj, emphasizing that the candidate embodies the party's vision for inclusive development and represents the aspirations of the people.

The public rallies addressed by Gulam Ali Khatana communicated the BJP's message of unity, growth, and development, while also contrasting it with what Khatana described as the divisive politics pursued by the Congress and its allies.

#### Civil Defence Jammu organizes awareness programme

crore population.

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Nov 18: Awareness-cum-demonstration was organized at Indra Gandhi Govt. Dental College & Hospital Amphalla, Jammu under close supervision of DySP Anita Pawar, Dy. Controller Civil Defence, Jammu. (100) Faculty/Para Medical Staff/ Para Dental Staff/ Security and Sanitation Staff of the Hospital participated the said awareness programme.

During the programme knowledge about First Aid, Fire fighting, CPR and other improvised emergency rescue methods were given by the Civil Defence experts.

A demonstration on the above said topics were also presented



by the Civil Defence team. The main aim of the awareness programme was to make aware the staff members with regard to preventive measures during road accidents and natural or manmade disaster.

On the occasion Dy. SP. Anita

Pawar delivered valuable lecture on the topics of Disaster Management and highlighted the role and importance of Civil Defence organization. Dr. Rakesh Krishan GuptaPrincipal & Dean, Indra Gandhi Govt. Dental College & Hospital, Jammu appreciated the role of Civil Defence in spreading awareness about disaster management.

Beside others Paramjit Kumar Chief Warden CD Jammu, R. Vijay Magotra Dy. Chief Warden CD Jammu, Dr. Azhar Malik Professor & HOD, PG Deptt. of Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics IGGDC, Jammu, Vinod Kumar Sub. Inspector I/ C CD Trainings and other Doctors / Staff of the IGGDC, Jammu also present on the occasion.

### Devotees pay obeisance to Sai Peer Gonspak Ji at Surya Vihar



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Nov 18: Devotees offered Chadar at the Mazaar of Sai Peer

Gonspak Ji at Surya Vihar Bohri and prayed for peace and prosperity of all.

R.L. Kaith mentioned

to devotees that Sa Peer Gonspak was such personality that his impression was there extremely and widely on human beings. He was firm a believer in the unity and oneness of Allah.

He was all the time in deep meditation with Almighty. He had no relation with both of the worlds.

Kaith further mentioned that a large number of devotees attend the Ziyarat here daily and get their problems solved.

#### 11 lakh children missing first measles dose "inac**curate**": **Health Ministry**

Containing Vaccine (MCV) in the FY 2022-23 (April 2022 to March 2023) and only 21,310 children missed their first dose of Measles Containing Vaccine (MCV) in 2022-23, the ministry said. Besides this, several initiatives have been undertaken by the Government of India in coordination with the States to ensure that all children, either unvaccinated or partially vaccinated receive all missed/due doses of Measles Containing Vaccine (MCV).

The catch-up vaccination age for the administration of Measles Containing Vaccine (MCV) has been increased from 2 years to 5 years in the periodic immunization intensification activities. Intensified Mission Indradhanush, (IMI) 3.0 and 4.0 were carried out in 2021 and 2022 to vaccinate all unvaccinated/partially vaccinated children with missed/due doses of vaccines. Besides this, IMI 5.0 was carried out in 2023 with a special focus to increase the coverage of MR vaccine in children up to the age of five years.

The MR campaign was carried out in Delhi and West Bengal wherein all children in the age group of 9 months to 15 years (nine months to five years in Delhi) were vaccinated with campaign dose of MR vaccine. The coverage of both the States reached more than 95 per cent.

#### **Cash, drugs, jewellery** worth Rs 340 crore seized during model code of conduct period in MP

seized by the joint team of Flying Surveillance Team (FST), Static Surveillance Team (SST) and police, he said.

"From October 9 to November 16, these joint teams seized Rs 40.18 crore in cash, 34.68 lakh litres of illicit liquor worth Rs 65.56 crore, narcotic substance worth Rs 17.25 crore, gold, silver and other precious metals worth Rs 92.76 crore and other materials worth Rs 124.18 crore," Rajan said.

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#### **Kejriwal sends L-G report** demanding sacking of chief secretary

developed through the project and 50 per cent share of profits by both parties for any future commercialisation of work".

"Prima facie it appears that Naresh Kumar has acted in violation of the All India Services Conduct Rules and has used his position to enable a lucrative collaboration for his son's company at a loss to the public exchequer," the report alleged.

The report also recommended immediate termination of the MoU.

#### **Actress Hiba Nawab** shares her experience of shooting in Kashmir

and fulfil her dream, but a tragedy strikes her family, which leaves her world upside

Talking about the same, Hiba shared:

"It was a different experience to shoot in Kashmir, it was the very first time that I had visited this beautiful place. It is like a dream come true for me. Since childhood, I have always wished to visit Kashmir, and

"The portrayal of Kashmir in the show is something the audience should look forward to. In order to get perfection for the role of Jhanak, I learned how to row a shikara within two days," said the 'Jijaji Chhat Per Hain' fame actress.

The actress further shared: "Initially, I was scared about it, but with practice, I think now I can call myself a professional. It was a fun experience to shoot in Kashmir, the natives there are supportive and loving."

"The difficulties shooting there were all worth it. No pain, no gain. It is going to be a visual treat for the audience," added Hiba.

'Jhanak' is the story of a young girl who wants to make her parents proud and achieve her goals, but some unforeseen circumstances unfold in her life. Krushal Ahuja plays the role of Anirudh,

and Chandani Sharma will play the char-

Produced by Leena Gangopadhyay, the show will air on Star Plus from November

#### **Altaf Bukhari Urges New Delhi to Respond to Peaceful Aspirations of People in J&K**

parties that have been deceiving them for years and decades. "You must tell these deceptive politicians that enough is enough. Don't allow them to further exploit innocent people through deceptive slogans and fake promises. They have always kept you allured with fake promises for their own political gains."

#### Teacher suspended after viral video shows him in drunken state in school

instructed him to report to the office of the Deputy Commissioner in Reasi without any delay.

# RBI's new loan norms aimed at protecting unsuspecting consumers

Tightened capital norms also signify support for better asset quality for lenders

NEW DELHI, Nov 18 (Agencies): The Reserve Bank of India tightened norms for consumer credit/personal loans. It asked banks and NBFCs to assign a higher risk weight for unsecured personal loans, a move aimed at making lenders more cautious and at the same time also protect consumers.

The decision hit non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and certain banks with their shares tanking.

Easy loans/credit

There may not be many who can claim to have not received unsolicited calls and messages offering easy personal loans requiring "minimum documentation".

Experts say that in today's world, providing loans is a good business, especially with youngsters focused on consumerism—new cars, mobiles and what not-in the credit card culture. The lure is high and temptation hard to resist. There are additional tricks, reward points through credit card bills, 'buy now pay later' options, loans for holidays, etc. There have been instances where banks have offered to convert credit payment into loans and "easyto-pay" instalments.

Due to the slowdown in corporate loans, banks, too, have



been chasing retail customers for loans, they add.

"At times, the lure of top loan is presented before the existing loan gets over. Top-up loan is also a sort of an unsecured credit. The temptations are hard to resist as people mostly need money and many times the top-up is offered at the same rate. Through top-up also, banks and NBFCs push new loans to borrowers," the experts explain.

What it means
Now with the RBI increasing
risk weights on unsecured personal loans, credit cards, and
lending to NBFCs by 25 percentage points, lending rates
are expected to go up.

But while lending rates may rise, lowering credit growth may end up countering inflation, a

major headache for the Narendra Modi government ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

However, the immediate effect is expected to be higher interest rates for borrowers, slower loan growth for lenders, reduced capital adequacy, and some hit on profits, according to reports.

The move is also aimed at curbing riskier lending, especially by the non-bank sector. In the longer run it means increased emphasis on risk management and support for asset quality, which will be good for the Indian banking system.

Quite naturally, the new norms are not applicable on housing loans, education loans, vehicle loans and loans secured by gold and gold jewellery—loans that are supported by good assets.

Reasons behind

According to reports, banks and NBFCs had been giving out too many unsecured personal loans which was also flagged by the central bank on several occasions. One particular concern has been consumer lending, small personal loans of less than Rs 50,000 and credit card debt.

By tightening capital norms, the RBI appears to have tried to curtail the aggressive loan push to consumers. Experts believe it will now be tougher for financial institutions to disburse loans as easily and freely as they used to.

"Easy personal loans are driving the credit culture, which proved to be a peril of many countries eventually. Some people are living beyond their means because of easy loans. High rate of delinquency and default has also been noticed in the unsecured loan segment," they say.

A loan becomes delinquent when the borrower makes payments late or misses a regular instalment payment. A loan goes into default when the borrower fails to keep up with ongoing loan obligations or does not repay according to the terms in the agreement.

#### Dell, HP, Foxconn, Lenovo among 27 firms granted approval under new IT hardware PLI scheme: Vaishnaw

NEW DELHI, Nov 18 (Agencies): The government on Saturday said 27 companies, including Dell, HP, Foxconn, and Lenovo, have been granted approval under the new production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for IT hardware.

The move comes at a time when India is wooing IT hardware players with policy sweeteners and incentive schemes, making a determined push to position itself as a global hub for hi-tech manufacturing.

"I am happy to announce that 27 companies have been approved under the PLI IT hardware scheme. About 95 per cent of these 23 companies are ready to start manufacturing from day-zero," Minister for Electronics and IT Ashwini Vaishnaw said.

"This will set us up for being a big force in manufacturing of PCs, servers, laptops, and tablets," he added.

These 27 companies will invest Rs 3,000 crore.

Other international players, including Dell, Foxconn, HP, and Lenovo, are among the companies whose applications have been approved.

#### Vivo PMLA case: Delhi court seeks ED's response on Lava MD's bail plea

NEW DELHI, Nov 18 (Agencies): A court here on Saturday sought a response from the Enforcement Directorate on an application filed by the MD of Lava International Company seeking bail in a money-laundering case against Chinese phone-maker

Special Judge Tarun Yogesh issued a notice to the ED on the application filed by Hari Om Rai and directed the central probe agency to file its reply by November 29, when the court will further hear the matter.

The court passed the direction after hearing arguments from Advocate Nitesh Rana, who, appearing for the accused, claimed that since Rai was not required for further custodial interrogation, no purpose will be served by keeping him in custody.

"Accused has no role

in money laundering and in the schedule offence.

He is just an entrepreneur," Rana told the judge.

Rai was arrested last month with a few others under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

The ED has alleged that Vivo "illegally" transferred Rs 62,476 crore to China in order to avoid payment of taxes in India.

# Amazon lays off hundreds in its Alexa division as it plows resources into AI

NEW YORK, Nov 18 (Agencies): Amazon is cutting hundreds of jobs in the unit that handles its popular voice assistant Alexa as it plows more resources into artificial intelligence.

In a note to employees, Daniel Rausch, Amazon's vice president of Alexa and Fire TV, wrote that the company is eliminating certain roles because it is ditching some initiatives.

"As we continue to invent, we're shifting some of our efforts to better align with our business priorities, and what we know matters most to customers --

which includes maximizing our resources and efforts focused on generative AI," Rausch wrote.

He said 'several hundred' positions would be cut but did not give a

more precise figure.
Seattle-based Amazon is in fierce competition with other tech companies rushing to capitalize on the generative Al

The company has been implementing a host of Al initiatives in the past few months, from infusing the technology into customer reviews to providing services that allow developers to build their own Al tools on its AWS cloud infrastructure.

In September, Amazon unveiled an update to Alexa that infuses it with more generative Al features.

The job cuts announced will impact employees in the U.S., Canada and India. It follows more recent

layoffs in Amazon's gaming and music teams and also adds to the 27,000 employees the company laid off during the later parts of last year and earlier this

Amazon's Alexa unit was also impacted by those cuts.

# UP, Bihar replace Kerala as top supplier of blue-collar workforce to Gulf nations

MUMBAI, Nov 18 (Agencies): Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have begun replacing Kerala, which was a significant contributor of the blue-collar workforce, from India to the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region, a report said.

Over the last decade, there was a notable shift in migration patterns with Kerala witnessing a 90 per cent drop in workforce going to the Middle East nations, according to a report by blue-collar worker placement platform Huntr.

However, this void left by Kerala was filled by Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Bihar, which are emerging as the top two contributors to the Gulf migration landscape, said the report.

The top five labour-sending states include UP, Bihar, Kerala, West Bengal, and Tamil Nadu, while the preferred destinations



remained Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, and Oman, it added.

According to the report, there has been a 50 per cent increase in the migration of blue-collar workers from India to the GCC in the first seven months of 2023.

The report by Huntr is based on data on its platform.

The report further revealed that the demographic profile of Indian migrants to Dubai in 2023 reveals a workforce primarily concentrated in the 20-40 age group, indicative of individuals in their prime working years.

Historically male-dominated,

Historically male-dominated, the workforce landscape is evolving with a notable increase in women migrants, particularly in the hospitality sector, it noted. Qualifications among migrants vary widely, ranging from mini-

vary widely, ranging from minimal formal education to vocational training, with skillsets tailored to specific job roles, the report said, adding that the majority of these migrants hail from lower-income backgrounds, propelled by the aspiration for enhanced financial conditions through opportunities in Dubai's robust job market.

The employment landscape of 2024 is projected to surge

in job roles in Dubai, including construction workers, manufacturing technicians, hospitality staff, and healthcare support staff, it said.

This forecast aligns seamlessly with the UAE's substantial investment in manufacturing and infrastructure, indicating a strategic move to accommodate the influx of skilled workers from India, the report stated.

"Amid these opportunities, blue-collar workers often grapple with challenges such as financial and contractual issues, which collaborative efforts between India and the UAE are diligently addressing to ensure fair recruitment practices," Huntr CEO Samuel Joy said.

To counter the vicious debt cycle, we play a pivotal role by eliminating middlemen, fostering transparency, and promoting fair recruitment, he added.

# Does screen time impact your child's thinking skills NEW DELHI, Nov 18 (Agen performance in individuals with

NEW DELHI, Nov 18 (Agencies): Integrated seamlessly into our daily routines, screens have become indispensable tools for work, education, and leisure, enriching our lives in various ways

Despite these benefits, the potential impact of screen time on cognitive abilities is often overlooked.

In a recent meta-analysis of numerous studies, a clear correlation has been identified between "disordered screen use" and diminished cognitive functioning.

The results suggest taking caution when it comes to advocating for increased screen time and incorporating screens into more aspects of daily life.

The rise in screen time among young people is a growing con-

A group of scientists and researchers looked at many studies about kids using screens, like phones and TVs, and found different results. They wanted to see if screen time affects the health and happiness of children.

They checked 2,451 studies with almost 2 million kids up to age 18. After removing studies with problems, they had 681 left.

When they looked at these studies, they saw that the impact of screens on kids was mixed. For example, watching TV made test scores lower unless an adult was watching too. Also, spending a lot of



time on screens made reading scores lower.

Ads on devices made kids choose unhealthy food, and using social media sometimes made kids feel sadder.

But the important thing is that all these effects were small. This means parents might not need to worry too much about how much time their kids spend on screens. The researchers say the impact is not as big as people might think.

These results are published in the journal Nature Human Rehaviour

A 2020 report from the UNSW Gonski Institute for Education revealed that 84% of Australian educators believe digital technologies are distracting in a

learning environment.
The 2021 Common Sense

Media report found that tweens (kids between the ages of 10-14) spend an average of 5 hours and 33 minutes on screen-based entertainment daily, while teenagers devote a staggering 8 hours and 39 minutes.

The surge in screen use has led to the development of screen-related addictions, including gaming disorder affecting 2-3% of the population.

This raises questions about the concept of 'disordered screen use' and its impact on cognitive abilities, encompassing attention, memory, language, and problem-solving skills.

According to the recent metaanalysis published by The Conversation, which included 34 studies examining various forms of screen use, revealed consistently poorer cognitive disordered screen use.
What is disordered screen use?

Disordered screen use means the dual effect screen use has on our brains. If we look at content, screens have boosted student engagement. Many tech companies also market their products as tools to help you enhance your problem-solving

and memory skills.

On the other hand, some researchers claim screen use can have negative effects, such as health problems, shortened attention spans and hindered development.

However, as per the studies, the most affected cognitive domain was attention, specifically sustained attention, followed by notable differences in executive functioning, particularly in impulse control.

The findings raise two possible interpretations. One suggests that disordered screen use leads to poorer cognitive function, potentially due to constant exposure to attention-capturing algorithms.

The other states that people with pre-existing cognitive issues are more likely to engage in disordered screen use due to addiction to screens.

The responsibility for addressing this issue is multifaceted. Research indicates that individuals with impaired cognitive functioning may struggle to self-regulate screen time.

# Doctor shares ways to eliminate sugar cravings NEW DELHI, Nov 18 and packaged foods. ings," said Dr Sethi.

(Agencies): Indulging your sweet tooth may seem harmless, but the bittersweet reality is that sugar's role in our health is complex.

While naturally occurring sugars in fruits, vegetables, grains and dairy are inherent in a balanced diet, excessive added sugar poses severe health risks, including obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular issues.

A 2014 study in JAMA Internal Medicine unveiled a correlation between a high-sugar diet and an increased risk of heart disease-related mortality.

The repercussions of frequent sugar indulgence extend to conditions like obesity, heart disease, fatty liver and type 2 diabetes. Previous studies have shown that added sugar spikes the body's natural blood glucose level pushing several Indians to become prediabetic.

Sugar often sneaks into our diets through added sweeteners in beverages, desserts

and packaged foods. Therefore, it is important to understand why we crave sugar and what should be done to curb it.

Gastroenterologist Dr Saurabh Sethi, a Harvard-trained expert, recently shared insights on inhibiting sugar cravings through an Instagram Reel.

Dr Sethi explained that imbalances in gut bacteria are a primary driver of sugar cravings. An overgrowth of harmful bacteria can intensify cravings for sugary substances, creating a challenging cycle to break free from.

"The main reason for sugar cravings stems from imbalances in the gut bacteria. When there is an overgrowth of harmful bacteria, it can lead to heightened cravings for sugary substances. As these microbes thrive on sugars influencing our cravings. Creating a cycle that can be challenging to break free from the vicious cycle opt for high fibre fruits to address sugar cravings," said Dr Sethi.
To combat this, the expert recommend-

ed high-fibre fruits, addressing cravings while promoting a healthier gut microbiome. Choosing fruits over refined sugars contrib-

utes to restoring gut microbiome balance. Dr. Sethi emphasised that this shift helps in overcoming sugar addiction over time. Some high-fibre fruits include apples, pears,

raspberries, bananas, oranges, kiwi, strawberries, peaches, plums, fog, mangoes, watermelon, guava and prunes, among others.

Meanwhile, if you must add refined sugar

Meanwhile, if you must add refined sugar to your diet, the World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends limiting daily sugar intake to under six teaspoons.

Embracing lifestyle modifications, including reducing sugar consumption, adopting a balanced diet, and regular physical activity, can mitigate the risk of lifestyle diseases.

# India vs Australia, World Cup 2023: Air show to musical symphony, stage set for grand finale in Ahmedabad

AHMEDABAD, Nov 18 (Agencies): The BCCI announced the full schedule of the stellar performances that will take place during the World Cup 2023 grand finale between India and Australia in Ahmedabad on Sunday. "It doesn't get any bigger than this. The ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 Final is filled with stellar performances and an experience of a lifetime," BCCI posted on X.

As India and Australia gear up for their final face-off at Ahmedabad's Narendra Modi Stadium on November 19, Sunday, the BCCI is all set to enthrall fans with an array of spectacular events at this iconic venue. Airshow at 1.35 pm for 15 min-

The Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team from the Indian Air Force is all set to elevate the World Cup final's thrill with a stunning 15-minute airshow. Under the



guidance of Flight Commander and Deputy Team Leader Wing Commander Sidhesh Kartik, a formation of nine aircraft will depart from Ahmedabad's airport, showcasing an awe-inspiring vertical airshow above the Narendra Modi Stadium. This performance promises to craft an unforgettable experience for

both fans and players attending the event.

Musical Symphony in Innings and Drinks Break

Bollywood music director Pritam will grace the World Cup stage with performances, joined by a lineup of talented singers such as Jonita Gandhi, Nakash Aziz, Amit Mishra, Akasa Singh,

and Tushar Joshi. Together, they'll present a diverse range of songs to captivate the Ahmedabad audience during the innings break. The musical extravaganza will include hits like "Dil Jashn Bole," featuring renowned tracks including "Lehra Do," "Deva Deva," and "Kesariya" as part of the showcase. In addition to Pritam, the music showcase will highlight Aditya Gadhavi and several other artists.

Laser and Light Show

A mesmerizing laser magic production will showcase the name of the victorious team along with the trophy, illuminating the Ahmedabad skies with over 1200 lights. Following this spectacle, a spectacular fireworks display will mark the grand conclusion of this momentous occasion in international cricket.

#### 'Australia 450/2, India All Out For...': Mitchell Marsh's World **Cup Final Prediction Goes Viral**

AHMEDABAD, Nov 18 (Agencies): The stage is set for the world cricket's biggest prize with India set to square off against five-time champions Australia in the final of the Cricket World Cup 2023 on Sunday at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad. India are unbeaten in the tournament, having won all of their 10 matches so far, including a 70-run triumph agaisnt New Zealand in the semi-final. Australia, on the other hand, have turned their fortunes after losing their first two games of the group stage. The Pat Cummins-led side defeated South Africa in the second semi-final on Thursday, setting up a final date against Rohit Sharma and his men.

Earlier this year, Australia all-rounder Mitchell Marsh had predicted that his team will make it to the final and beat India on their soil. Marsh had made a

bizzare prediction that Australia will score 450/2 in the final, and bowl India out for 65 to lift the title. With Australia entering

the final after a hardfought win over the Proteas, Marsh's prediction has now gone viral.

"Australia undefeated, defeating India. Australia 450/2 in the final, India all out 65," Marsh had said on the Delhi Capitals podcast in May 2023

Notably, India are without an international title since the 2013 Champions Trophy and expectations in the cricket-crazy nation of 1.4 billion people have reached fever pitch.

However, the hosts are up against an Australian side who have won eight matches in a row and will be playing in their eighth World Cup final.

But, India handed Australia a six-wicket mauling in the group stage in Chennai four weeks ago where Pat Cummins' side were bowled

# India's 1st indoor athletics stadium in Bhubaneswar

Italian firm Mondo SpA has set up a first-of-its-kind 10,000 sq m track in the stadium

BHUBANESWAR, Nov 18 (Agencies): In yet another spectacular achievement in sports arena, Bhubaneswar will have India's first indoor athletics stadium by the end of this year. Italian firm, Mondo SpA has set up a 10,000 sq metre track in the stadium which is going to be the first-of-its-kind in India.

While construction of the stadium is already over, the company's officials will arrive here in the last week of November for track marking. In the first week of December, representatives of World Athletics Federation are likely to certify the stadium.

The athletics stadium will help athletes train throughout the year without any external disturbances or hindrances. The facility can host national and international athletic events,



providing a major boost to development of athletics in India.The estimated cost of the project is around Rs 120 crore. The stadium can accommodate 120 athletes for full-time coaching. It also has a classroom for studies. medical facilities and a dedicated pantry for inmates.

The track encompasses multiple elements such as a long jump, triple jump, 100m, 200m track, polo vault and shot-put, each with its own specific requirements. The facility has two 110 m practice tracks, spectators gallery, press box and a broadcast arena.

"Odisha has achieved vet another milestone in the field of sports infrastructure. This indoor stadium is not only the first in India but also the largest in South Asia. This stadium will help athletes practice anytime and in any weather," said Sports and Youth Services secretary R Vineel Krishna.

## The 'changed' pitch for the final could be on the slower side, and the spinners could play a role in the second innings

AHMEDABAD, Nov 18 (Agencies): Inside the awe-inspiring stadium - reminiscent of the big ones in Melbourne or China — the focus is on the pitch for the final. Rahul Dravid, chief Indian coach, spent a lot of time giving it a serious look-over in the company of batting coach Vikram Rathour and bowling coach Paras Mhambrey.

The coaches and Indian captain Rohit Sharma stood by pitch-side for long, and had a long conversation with BCCI's chief of ground staff Ashish Bhowmick and his deputy Taposh Chatterjee.

A heavy roller was used on the pitch designated for the final, indicating that the surface would be on the slower side, and the spinners could play a role in the second innings.

The portly Andy Atkinson, the International Cricket Council's (ICC) pitch consultant, was conspicuous by his absence. He is reported to have left the country following the end of his assignment for the World Cup.

Atkinson, it may be recalled, had suggested that many



matches in the tournament had not been played on pitches designated for them; more seriously, in an email to the ICC, he had expressed the apprehension that the pitch for the final could be changed to suit the home team.

Atkinson, it's reported, wanted the final to be played on pitch No. 5, used only once previously in the tournament; but he feared that it could be moved to pitch No. 6, which shows signs of wear and tear as two matches have been played on it. This

switch could help India's superior spinners; it must be noted, too, that Australian leg-spinner Adam Zampa has picked up 22 wickets, six more than Ravindra Jadeja and seven more than Kuldeep Yadav. How will he fare against India's batters, especially Shreyas Iyer? The India No. 4 has simply annihilated spin specialists, hitting 24 sixers in 10 innings, most of them against the spinners.

Atkinson has expressed the apprehension that "one must speculate if this will be the first

ever ICC CWC final to have a pitch which has been specifically chosen and prepared to their stipulation at the request of the team management and/or the hierarchy of the home nation board".

Meanwhile, former captain Sunil Gavaskar has criticised the doubters, saying: "Even if the pitch was changed, it was there before the toss for both the teams. It wasn't changed in the mid-innings. It wasn't changed after the toss was done. The pitch was the same for both teams."

The ICC later confirmed that the semifinal in Mumbai wasn't played on the designated pitch, adding that Atkinson had been informed of the change. It was reported that the Indian team management had asked the BCCI's curators to shave grass off the pitch — if true, this would seriously dent the image of Dravid among his peers; among fans and the public in general, the former captain enjoys an impeccable reputation, which is likely to remain unsullied, though.

#### **Cricket World Cup - In Final "Hope Rohit Sharma Does...": Ex-India Star Hits Back At 'Baseless' Coin Toss Theorists**

AHMEDABAD, Nov 18 (Agencies): The Indian cricket team will get down to action in its most important match in the last few years in the Cricket World Cup final in Ahmedabad on Sunday. The Rohit Sharma-led Indian cricket team will face five-time champions with an eye on a third ODI World Cup title. It Rohit Sharma lead the Indian cricket team to a win in the title clash, he will be the third India skipper to win the ODI Cricket World Cup after Kapil Dev and MS Dhoni. India have been unbeaten at the Cricket World Cup so far with a 10-match winning steak. While the Indian crick-

et team's on-field display has been smooth, there have been a couple of conspiracy theories regarding their results. Ahead of the India vs New Zealand Cricket World Cup semifinal there were allegations of pitch swapping. Before that, an ex-Pakistan player alleged that India were getting 'different balls'. Apart from that, former Pakistan cricketer Sikandar Bakht said that Rohit Sharma was deliberately throwing the coin far to win the toss to gain advantage

During an appearance on Geo News, Bakht claimed that India captain Rohit Sharma was deliberately throwing



the coin far to win the

"Shararat kar sakta hoon? Mai ek sawal kar raha hoon agar hum dikha sake toss ke want Rohit Sharma jab toss karte hai vo dur fenkte hai aur dusra captain jaa ke kabhi nahi dekhta ki vo sahi usne call kiva (Can I be allowed a little mischief? At the time of the toss, Rohit Sharma

throws the coin far from the range of any opposition captain. Thus. the opposition captain cannot go and cross-

saying on-air. Former India star Wasim Jaffer has hit back at the coin toss 'baseless theorist' in his witty style. He posted a

check about the call),"

Bakht was heard as

video of player throwing the coin far away during toss on his 'X' account, along with the captain. "Hope @ImRo45 does this at the toss tomorrow just to make fun of all the baseless theorists #INDvAUS #CWC-2023Final"

Earlier, former Pakistan captain and legendary pacer Wasim Akram put an end to the controversy, slamming Bakht for making 'embarrassing' claims.

"Who decides where the coin should land? The mat is just for sponsorship! I feel embarrassed. I can't even... I don't even want to comment on it," a fuming Akram said on A Sports.

# Pitch perfect this year for team India

NEW DELHI, Nov 18 (Agencies): Team India's exceptional run in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup reached a new high as they clinched their tenth consecutive win in the tournament. In the gripping semi-final against New Zealand at Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium on October 15, Mohammed Shami's bowling was a highlight, as he became the first to achieve four five-wicket hauls in World Cup history. Virat Kohli's batting prowess was on full display as he notched up his 50th ODI century, surpassing Sachin Tendulkar's record for the most hundreds in ODIs. As the final looms,

anticipation is mounting for India's clash with Australia at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad. Fans, from the die-hard to the casual, are united in their hope for India to secure its third World Cup victory.

Cricketer K Goutham, who plays for Karnataka and has previously represented India on the international stage, believes the final will be a 'cracker of a match'. "They've played really

well, not just as a team, but also as individuals. They've been strong across all aspects of the game as well," he says assessing the team's performance so far. Going into the final, Goutham believes the team needs to put out their best performance yet and not get complacent. "I think we have waited nearly 20 years for this moment. It was in 2003 when India lost against Australia in the final and we now have a chance for payback," he adds.

Similarly, filmmakerthespian Abhishek Ivengar draws a contrast between the 2007 World Cup when the current coach Rahul Dravid captained the team and faced defeat. "I am excited for the coach Rahul Dravid! He was bogged down in 2007 as the captain; but in 2023 he has returned like a phoenix. It's like a script from the film Chak De!" Iyengar shares. He hopes that the team's form continues on Sunday, but concedes that it won't be an easy feat. "I am expecting a little nervous start and mostly a nail biter, Aus-

tralia won't let off easily,"

he adds.

Meanwhile, veteran rally driver Chetan Shivram is optimistic about Team India's chances. "The Final is obviously gonna be the most difficult, stressful match of the entire tournament, especially when you are going up against an excellent team like Australia. So I'm hoping the boys keep their calm and do what they do best," says Shivram.

Sharing the opti-

mism, Violinist Aneesh Vidyashankar believes the World Cup is firmly within Team India's grasp given the high bar for performance that they have set so far this season. "Winning every single match they have played is no simple feat. Even though Australia is a formidable opponent, I think the team would do well to continue what they have done so far, instead of changing any tactics. Even in the last match against New Zealand, the pressure was enormous and there were moments when it seemed like India was on the backfoot. But ultimately they managed to pull off the win," he remarks.

# Vinicius to miss Argentina World Cup qualifier due to injury

SAU PAULO, Nov 18 (Agencies): Brazilian attacker Vinicius Junior will miss Tuesday's World Cup qualifier against Argentina with an injury to his left thigh, national team officials said after he limped off against Colombia.

The 23-year-old Real Madrid star "underwent imaging exams that confirmed an injury to

his posterior left thigh muscle," the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) said in a statement.

It said Vinicius, a key piece of Brazil's attacking arsenal, had been ruled out of next week's match against archrivals and 2022 World Cup champions Argentina in Rio de Janeiro.

Vinicius had earlier

good for him to be fit to face Argentina. "Based on what the

doctors have told me, it will be a bit difficult," he said after Brazil went down 2-1 in Barranquilla.

said the outlook was not

Vinicius left the field in the 27th minute of the World Cup qualifier against Colombia, with his side leading 1-0.

"I think it's the same injury as before. I felt a pain at the back of my thigh," he said.

The Brazilian star missed a month of action after he injured his right thigh at the end of August in a league match for Real Madrid.

He missed Brazil's first two South American qualifying matches against Bolivia and Peru

in September.

Brazil take on Argentina, who top the qualification standings, on Tuesday in Rio's Maracana Stadium.

The home side, in fifth place, are already without goalkeeper Ederson, defender Danilo, midfielder and captain Casemiro and star attacker Neymar, all through injury.

## **ABVP** reveals poster for national convention to be held in Delhi



#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Nov 18: In anticipation of ABVP's National Conference in Delhi, the unveiling of the official poster took place today at State Office Amphalla.

The conference, themed "Amrit Mahotsav Year," will be hosted in the tent city named "Indraprastha Nagar" during December 7-10, marking the 69" National Convention

The main auditorium will be named after the former National Organizing Secretary and senior RSS Pracharak, Late Madandas Devi.

The entry gates will bear the names of Maharaja Surajmal and Samrat Mihirbhoj The four day National Convention, occurring after 75 years of ABVP's organizational jour-

**Top News Report** 

LEH, Nov 18: In a

significant initiative

towards bolstering sup-

port for our esteemed

veterans. Leh Sub Area

orchestrated a dynamic

Veterans Outreach Pro-

The event garnered

participation from Block

Presidents representing

14 Ex-servicemen Asso-

ciations across Ladakh.

Distinguished guests

at the event included

the Maj Gen SS Bakshi,

General Officer Com-

manding (GOC) of Leh

Sub Area, the Director

of Raiva Sainik Board

and the President of the

Ex-servicemen League

of Ladakh. Their pres-

ence underscored the

gramme.

ney, aims to familiarize students with the significant milestones and contributions of ABVP showcasing the unity in diversity through the participation of youth from every comer of the country.

ABVP plans to celebrate its 75th organizational journey by organizing an interstate student life exploration focusing on understanding the natural diversity, family structures, and social fabric of various states.

This initiative has started with the Northeast Study Expedition from Guwahati, Assam, on November 5 and will conclude on November 20 in Guwahati.

Akshi Billowna emphasized that the conference will play a pivotal role in highlighting the transformative aspects

Leh Sub Area hosts inspiring

**VETERANS OUTREACH PGME: LEH** 

gravity of the occasion

and showcased the col-

lective commitment to

the welfare of our brave

Col Veteran, HQ Leh

Sub Area took the

opportunity to enlighten

the attending veterans

about the latest initia-

tives and policies craft-

ed exclusively for their

Maj Gen SS Bakshi,

GOC Leh Sub Area

engaged in insightful

interactions with the Ex-

servicemen, fostering a

sense of camaraderie.

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and assured them all

A poignant highlight

of the event was the

felicitation of five exem-

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of the current education sector and addressing social, youth, and edu-

cation-related issues. State Secretary Akshi Billowria expressed that ABVP's 75-year journey has not only kept pace with modernity but also aims to understand the continuous journey of India as a nation. She highlighted the importance of the upcoming events in bridging the gap between the diverse regions of India.

She invited students, educators, and intellectuals from all sectors to actively participate in the National Convention, shaping ABVP's future initiatives through constructive dialogue and engagement.

In this press conference and posters launch event State Joint Secretary Chahat Anandi and Sanak Shrivats. Jammu Mahanagar Secretary

plary Ex-servicemen

who have made com-

mendable contribu-

tions to the welfare of

their fellow comrades

in Ladakh. This gesture

not only recognizes their

outstanding service but

also serves as an inspi-

ration for others to follow

The Veterans Out-

reach Programme

stands as a testament to

the unwavering dedica-

tion of Leh Sub Area and

its partners in fostering a

supportive environment

for our veterans. As we

express our gratitude,

we look forward to con-

tinued collaborations

that uplift and empower

the heroes who have

selflessly served our

nation.

suit.

#### **Increasing of fire** incidents in Kashmir Valley is alarming: Tasleema



**Top News Report** 

SRINAGAR, Nov 18: Tasleema Akhter, UN Human Rights International Socio-Political Activist and DPAP State Secretary Jammu and Kashmir has expressed concern over the increasing of fire inci-

dents in Kashmir Valley. In a statement, Tasleema Akhter said that

the LG administration should issue orders to take steps to prevent fire incidents and direct the concerned department to check fire extinguishers in hospitals, schools, colleges, offices, houseboats etc.

While using electronic appliances in their home people should take precautions to prevent from fire incident, she advised.

Tasleema Akhter appealed to LG Union Territory J&K Manoj Sinha to take the matter seriously so that incidents of fire in Kashmir valley can be avoided.

#### **Court summons Harsh** Dev in defamation case filed by Vilakshan Singh

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Nov 18: 2nd Additional Munsiff Jammu, Shama Sharma has taken cognizance in a criminal complaint filed by Vilakshan Singh, President J&K National Panthers Party against Harsh Dev Singh, Ex-Education Minister, Ankit Love son of Lt. Prof. Bhim Singh and Ashish Kohli.

The order was passed after hearing Advocate Pinki Thakur. In a complaint filed against Harsh Dev Singh and others, Vilakshan Singh had stated that he was the legally elected President of J&K National Panthers Party but Ankit Love wanted to project Harsh Dev Singh as the president of the party and Harsh Dev Singh also wanted to become the President of JKNPP.

Vilakshan had also stated in his complaint that Harsh Dev Singh and Ankit Love knew that they could not get successful in controlling JKNPP without removing him from the post of the President of the

Vilakshan had further stated that Harsh Dev Singh and Ankit Love hatched a conspiracy to defame him and got a defamatory video uploaded against him on social media to lower his image in the society.

Vilakshan Singh had also asserted that Harsh Dev Singh had not only conspired to defame him but had also shared a defamatory video made against him on facebook.

The Court had sent the matter for enquiry to the police authorities. The report filed by the police substantiated the claim made by Vilakshan Singh.

Court while directing issuance of summons to the accused persons found that there was sufficient ground for proceeding against the accused persons under section 500 r/w 34 IPC. The Court has directed the accused persons to appear before the Court on December 5, 2023

# All tall claims made to crush militancy in JKUT proved to be bogus: TMF



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Nov 18: Team Mask Force (TMF) Chairman Vijay Sharma in a press release here said that all tall claims made in statements issued from time to time by government authorities prove to be bogus.

Only recently 5 militants were killed in an ambush by security personnel in Kulgam and one in Rajouri is ample proof of grown militancy in JKUT but hats off to security personnel who at the cost of their lives crush these militants.

Strict vigilance needs to be exercised to control and intelligence inputs geared up to sweep these militants activities.

Public at large has to be taken into confidence to provide inputs of militants hideout to clear them without any harm to public at large, said Sharma chairman TMF.

# **GDC** Darhal organizes awareness programme on "Fundamental Rights"



#### **Top News Report**

DARHAL, Nov 18: Fundamental rights play a very significant role in the life of any citizen. These rights can defend during the time of complexity & difficulty and help us grow into a good human being and that's why all the rights are the needs of people.

With a view to bring awareness about Fundamental Rights and to discuss the strategies on raising the awareness, a one-day programme was conducted in the college permises 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.

Dr. Mehwish Bukhari,

HO D Political Science give a brief on the topic by saying that in the absence of fundamental rights, a man's existence would be worthless.

So, the political institution's role and responsibility mainly emphasized on empowering the people, especially the minorities to live in dignity with rights of equality, dignity and religious

freedom, he said. Fundamental Rights have been classified into 6 categories that are Right to Equality, Right to Freedom, Right against Exploitation, Right to Freedom of Religion, Right to Cultural and Educational, Right to Constitutional Remedy, he added.

Further the students of the department spread awareness among the masses by sharing their views in the form of posters.

In his address Principal of the College exhorted that Fundamental rights are the basic human rights enshrined in the Constitution of India which are guaranteed to all citizens. They are applied without discrimination on the basis of race, religion, gender,

He further added that it protects the liberties and freedom of the citizens against any invasion by the state, and prevent the establishment of authoritarian and dictatorial rule in the country. They are very essential for the all-around development of individuals and the country.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch (NSS PO)and Dr. Mehwish Bukhari (H. O. D Political Science).

# 61st Anniversary of Battle of Rezang La observed



#### **Top News Report**

LEH, Nov 18: The Battle of Rezang La is etched in the annals of military history as one of the greatest last stands of all times. The Battle stands out for extraordinary valour, grit and dogged determination of C Company of 13 Kumaon that fought to the last man, in 1962 war against China, defending Rezang La in Eastern Ladakh, under the dynamic leadership of Maj Shaitan Singh.

Battle of Rezang La, an epic battle of all times, has immense inspirational value for the entire nation. In November 1962, 13 KUMAON was deployed at Magar Hill and Rezang La in Chushul Sector, Eastern Ladakh, as part of 114 Infantry Brigade. The early hours of 18 November 1962 witnessed a fierce battle at Rezang La. Against all odds and despite being overwhelmingly outnumbered, the valiant soldiers of 'C' Company, 13 KUMAON, repulsed a series of attacks launched in waves by the Chinese.

Despite heavy artillery shelling and fierce assaults, Maj Shaitan Singh and his 113 bravehearts delivered mighty blows to the adversary.

The brave soldiers of 13 KUMAON were honoured with one Param Vir Chakra, eight Veer

Chakras, four Sena Medals and one Mention-in-Dispatches. These names will forever remind the future generations of the brave men who laid down their lives fighting for our country on 18 November 1962.

On the occasion of the 61st Anniversary of the Battle of Rezang La. Maj Gen MS Mokha. Sena Medal, Chief of Staff, Fire and Fury Corps, alongwith other distinguished guests of Fire and Fury Corps, paid their tributes to the 114 Bravehearts of the Chushul Brigade at the Rezang La Memorial on Saturday.

The Nation on this day remembers our bravehearts and salutes them for their sacrifice.

#### **Honda India Power Products launches** attractive customer benefit scheme

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Nov 18: Honda India Power Products Limited unveiled the 'Honda Festive Dhamaka', a range of captivating festive offers on the company's proven line-up of agricultural products specifically on water pump, tillers, brush

cutter, engines.

With the launch of this campaign, the company fortifies its stance of being a customer-first brand and offers unparalleled advantages and rewards for its extensive range of agricultural products to add impetus to the festive season offerings.

The scheme under the 'Honda Festive Dhamaka' can be availed till November 30. The customers get a free gift and stand a chance to scratch and win exciting prizes either through the HIPP e-commerce portal on the official website or at the nearest authorized dealer outlet.

#### Riyansh selects in J&K team for national rolling championship at Chennai **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Nov 18: With his stellar performance, Riyansh Mahaian has been selected for the National Roller Skating Competition (Quads) which will be held in Chennai in the month of Decem-

He will represent Jammu and Kashmir in the national compe-

tition in 5 to 7 years age group. Jammu and Kashmir Roller skating Association organised competitions for different age groups of players belonging to various districts of the Union Territory from Monday to Friday (13 to 17 Nov) at the MA Stadium in Jammu.

A total of three rink races were held for participants in the age group of 5 to 7 years old, in which

Riyansh Mahajan performed better and won medals in all three categories. Top three players are selected for national roller skating championship

The 61st National Rolling Skating Championship is scheduled to be held in Chennai from December 15 to December 25 where teams from all the states and Union Territories of the country

will participate.

Earlier, a few days ago, Riyansh had won a gold medal and a silver medal in the District Level Roller Skating Competition held in Jammu. Riyansh Mahajan is student of Delhi Public School, Jammu. He is skating under the supervision of coach Suresh

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