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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 Dangarpura, 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 Dangarpura. 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 Soura.

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 Dangarpura, Shadimarg. Following this, a day-long condolence and prayer meeting will be held at the family residence in Dangarpura.

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 inaccurate."

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 Finance. 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

picture. These reports are based on the estimated number reported under WHO UNICEF Estimates National Immunization Coverage (WUENIC) 2022 report which covers the time-period 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

MUMBAI, Nov 18 (Agencies): Actress Hiba Nawab, who essays the titular role in the show 'Jhanak', has shared her experience shooting in Kash-

mir, revealing how she learned to row a Shikara within two days.

Kashmir defines blissful beauty, comprising glaciers, lakes, mountains, and scenic

nature, and it is called 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 Operation Samnu in Kulgam.

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

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 terror-free, the spokesperson said.

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

SRINAGAR, Nov 18 (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 initiatives.

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-

tions are not hindered on 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.

Apni Party leader urged people to reject the traditional political

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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 AI 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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WELL TASK

The task before us is our duty. 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

I'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 bowling 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 bowling moment that will enjoy maximum recall whenever ODI World Cup 2023 is discussed.

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 Bollywood personalities who 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..."

On the few occasions I had briefly met him and his lovely, soft-spoken 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 before accepting lavish gifts from

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

Study 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 cutting-edge 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

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%.

Availability of Scholarships and Other Financial Aid Options

The applicants can also decide to 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:

Fullbright-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.

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ABVP reveals poster for national convention to be held in Delhi



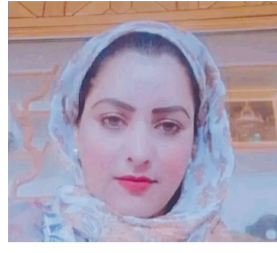
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JAMMU, Nov 18: In anticipation of ABVP's National Conference in Delhi, the unveiling of the official poster took place today at State Office Amphalla. The conference, themed "Amrit Mahotsav Year," will be hosted in the tent city named "Indraprastha Nagar" during December 7-10, marking the 69th 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 Mihirbhaj. The four day National Convention, occurring after 75 years of ABVP's organizational jour-

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 corner 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

of the current education sector and addressing social, youth, and education-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 Arman Khajuria.

Increasing of fire incidents in Kashmir Valley is alarming: Tasleema



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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 incidents 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

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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 party. 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.

GDC Darhal organizes awareness programme on "Fundamental Rights"



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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 premises jointly organised by NSS and Department of Political Science based on the theme "My Constitution My Pride" under the patronship 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 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, etc. 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).

Leh Sub Area hosts inspiring veterans outreach programme



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LEH, Nov 18: In a significant initiative towards bolstering support for our esteemed veterans, Leh Sub Area orchestrated a dynamic Veterans Outreach Programme. The event garnered participation from Block Presidents representing 14 Ex-servicemen Associations across Ladakh. Distinguished guests at the event included the Maj Gen SS Bakshi, General Officer Commanding (GOC) of Leh Sub Area, the Director of Rajya Sainik Board and the President of the Ex-servicemen League of Ladakh. Their presence underscored the

gravity of the occasion and showcased the collective commitment to the welfare of our brave veterans. Col Veteran, HQ Leh Sub Area took the opportunity to enlighten the attending veterans about the latest initiatives and policies crafted exclusively for their well-being. Maj Gen SS Bakshi, GOC Leh Sub Area engaged in insightful interactions with the Ex-servicemen, fostering a sense of camaraderie, mutual understanding and assured them all possible assistance. A poignant highlight of the event was the felicitation of five exem-

plary Ex-servicemen who have made commendable contributions to the welfare of their fellow comrades in Ladakh. This gesture not only recognizes their outstanding service but also serves as an inspiration for others to follow suit. The Veterans Outreach Programme stands as a testament to the unwavering dedication of Leh Sub Area and its partners in fostering a supportive environment for our veterans. As we express our gratitude, we look forward to continued collaborations that uplift and empower the heroes who have selflessly served our nation.

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



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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 Gulgam 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.

61st Anniversary of Battle of Rezag La observed



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LEH, Nov 18: The Battle of Rezag 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 Rezag La in Eastern Ladakh, under the dynamic leadership of Maj Shaitan Singh. Battle of Rezag 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 Rezag La in Chushul Sector, Eastern Ladakh, as part of 114 Infantry Brigade. The early hours of 18 November 1962 witnessed a fierce battle at Rezag 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 brave hearts 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 Rezag 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 Rezag La Memorial on Saturday. The Nation on this day remembers our brave-hearts and salutes them for their sacrifice.

Honda India Power Products launches attractive customer benefit scheme

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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

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JAMMU, Nov 18: With his stellar performance, Riyansh Mahajan has been selected for the National Roller Skating Competition (Quads) which will be held in Chennai in the month of December. He will represent Jammu and Kashmir in the national competition 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 Kumar.