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BRIEFLY

3 flights delayed, operation resumes at Sgr Int'l **Airport**

SRINAGAR, Nov 21 (Agencies): At least three flights have been delayed at Srinagar Airport as dense fog caused low visibility on Tuesday morning. However, the officials said that the flight operation has now been resumed.

Director Airport, Javed Anjum said that three flights have got delayed this morning due to the foggy weather conditions

"However, as the visibility has improved, we have resumed the flight operations at the airport. Only three flights have got delayed," Anjum said.

Earlier, the fog morning continued to be witnessed in Srinagar and elsewhere in Kashmir while the Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir recorded coldest night of the season at minus 1.2 degree Celsius.

Several others areas including Anantnag, Pahalgam, Qazigund, Kupwara, Baramulla, Shopian, Pulwama and Budgam also recorded

coldest night of season. In Qazigund, the mercury settled at minus 0.8 degree Celsius, in Pahalgam, the mercury settled at minus 2.9 degree

In Kupwara, the coldest night of season was recorded at minus 0.8 degree Celsius.

Celsius.

A minimum temperature of minus 2.3 degree Celsius was recorded at Budgam while Pulwama also recorded a coldest night of season at minus

2.7 degree Celsius. Anantnag in South Kashmir also recorded the coldest night of season at minus 2.3 degree Celsius while the mercury in Shopian has settled at minus 3.9 degree Celsius.

However, the Meteorological department here has stated that the shallow to moderate fog would likely continue till

store damaged in fire in Srinagar's Gojwara

SRINAGAR, Nov 21 (Agencies) :A departmental store got damaged in a fire incident in Gojwara area of Srinagar on Tuesday morning, officials said.

An official said fire broke out in the departmental store "Pick N Save" today morning, resulting in massive

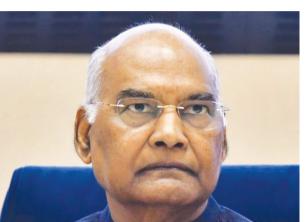
He said that there was, however, no report of any injury or loss of life in

'One Nation, One Election' In National Interest, Nothing to do with any Party: Kovind

RAE BARELI, Nov 21 (Agencies): Former president Ram Nath Kovind, who heads the committee to explore the possibility of "one nation, one election", said holding simultaneous polls is in the national interest and has got nothing to do with any particular political party.

"Holding simultaneous elections will be beneficial for the public as the revenue saved will be used for development work," the former president, on a private visit here, told reporters on Monday night.

"I am requesting all the political parties to cooperate as this is in



the national interest. No political party has got anything to do with it," he stressed.

The government constituted the high-level eight-member committee, headed by Kovind, earlier this year.

The former president said, "Many committees such as the parliamentary committee, Niti Aayog, Election Commission of India, and others have said that the tradition of

'one nation one election' needs to be revived in the country." "The government has constituted a committee for the purpose and made me its chairman. We are working with the people and will give suggestions to the government as to how we can implement this tradition again," he said.

"I have also contacted all registered national parties and sought their suggestions. At some point in time, all of them supported it. We request all the political parties to cooperate as this is in the national interest," he said.

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LG Manoj Sinha seeks investment from Industry; Says UT giving incentives to businesses



NEW DELHI, Nov 21 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday sought investments from the industry players, stating that the Union Territory is providing better incentives and business

JERUSALEM/NEW

DELHI, Nov 21: Israel on

environment than many other states.

He said that the business environment in the Union Territory is safe and secure.

Sinha said that the industry department of Jammu and Kashmir at present has business proposals worth over Rs 86,000 crore and work is underway to bring them on the ground.

These investment proposals from big and medium industries are there for both Jammu and Kashmir divisions, he said, adding that several FDI (foreign direct investment) proposals are there.

He informed that the UAE-based Emaar Group has announced plans to develop a shopping mall on 10 lakh sq foot of land and an IT tower in Srinagar.

"I request you to come and invest. Huge opportunities are there in

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BSF recovers 565 grams of Heroin airdropped Israel declares Lashkar-E-Taiba as by Pakistani Drone near IB in Amritsar

CHANDIGARH, Nov 21 (Agencies): The BSF on Tuesday said it has recovered 565 grams of heroin airdropped by a Pakistani drone from a field near the International Border in Punjab's Amritsar district.

Border Security Force (BSF) troops intercepted the drone on the intervening night of November 20 and 21. They also heard the sound of something dropping on the ground in Mode village, an official said.

E-Rickshaw

for allowing

Owner arrested

Minor to Drive

SRINAGAR, Nov 21

(Agencies): Police in

Bhaderwah area of Dis-

trict Doda in Jammu and

Kashmir, took firm action

against a traffic viola-

tion involving an e-Auto

Rickshaw owner who

allowed a minor boy to

drive, resulting in injuries

to two individuals in the

According to an official,

the police registered a

case against the vehicle

owner, Mohd Ismail,

under various sections

of the Indian Penal

Code and the Motor

Vehicle Act. The owner

was arrested, and the

Rickshaw was seized in

response to the incident.

this occurrence is part

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overloading

town.



BSF troops recovered a packet wrapped in vellow tape containing 565 grams of heroin, the official said.

returned after
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Tuesday listed Pakistanbased Lashkar-e-Taiba as a 'Terror Organisation' ahead of the 15th year anniversary of the 26/11 terror attack on

Major

tragedy averted as around 10 kgs IED recovered in

weighing around 10 kilo-

They said that on the basis of specific input from regarding presence of IED at Hasti Village, Shalimar Kishtwar, army and police launched an operation and recovered the explosives kept

Mumbai that killed over 160 people, including a number of Israeli nations

anniversary of 26/11 Mumbai attacks

'Terror Organisation' ahead of 15th

"To symbolise the marking of the 15th year of commemoration of the Mumbai terror

attacks, the state of Israel has listed Lashkar-e-Taiba as a Terror Organisation," the Israel Embassy said in a statement in New Delhi.

"Despite not being requested by the **Turn to page 9**

Kishtwar JAMMU, Nov 21 (Agencies): Police and army Monday recovered unassembled IED

grams in Kishtwar district, officials said.

under a culvert.

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Plot For Sale

Residential registered Plot 11.3 Marla for sale at Sari Rakwalan, Go Manasa Road Jammu. Contact: 9086207123

Shops Land For Sale 3 Shops Land for sale size

12'X20' per shop at Sari Rakwalan, Go Manasa Road Main Road Jammu.

Contact: 9086207123

November 27. **Departmental**

Subsequently, the minor boy was presented in the Juvenile Court to face charges related to the incident. A police officer told news agency KS that

of Doda Police's ongoing special drive against traffic violators. Several FIRs have been filed against drivers, and a substantial number damage to it. of vehicles have been seized and fined for various infractions, including

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Atal Dulloo repatriated to J&K; likely to be new CS

AMMU, Nov 21 (Agencies): Senior Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer Atal Dulloo Monday was repatriated to his parent (Union Territory) cadre on the request of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). As per well-placed

sources, Dulloo, who is currently serving as Secretary Department of Border Management, is tipped to be the next Chief Secretary of J&K. Present Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta will attain the age of superannuation by November end.

"The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved repatriation of Atal Dulloo, IAS (UT:89), Secre-



tary, Department of Border Management to his parent cadre on the request of Ministry of Home Affairs," read an order issued by the Secretary Appointments Committee of the Cabi-

net & Establishment Officer of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions. Dulloo, an IAS officer of erstwhile J&K (now AGMUT) cadre, had pro-

to replace Dharmendra Sangwar as Secretary, Border Management, who attained superannuation on June 30. Before proceeding on deputation, Dulloo was the Financial Commis-

sioner Agriculture Pro-

ceeded on central depu-

tation in June this year

duction Department in In the administrative circles, his repatriation to his parent cadre is being viewed as a move to clear the decks for his elevation to the head of

bureaucracy in J&K. The move came while the speculations were rife that the incumbent Chief Secretary could get an extension.

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336 Unexploded Shells Neutralised in Kargil in 2023

SRINAGAR, Nov 21 (Agencies): Army, in collaboration with the district administration of Kargil, has successfully neutralised a total of 336 unexploded ordnance (UXO) in the Kurbathang area this year, reported The Tribune. On November 17, Army officers disposed of 132

unexploded shells in the

The lingering aftermath of the Kargil war in 1999 continues to pose a threat to the local population, with unexploded shells being discovered sporadically. "In continued efforts

to ensure safety for all

and eliminate the threat

to life, the fearless Operations Division, in close coordination with the civil administration, disposed of 134 UXOs on November 17 at Kurbathang area, taking the total number of unexploded ordnance destroyed in the area to 336 this season," An

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CADNICA ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS

Contact Person Mr. Sanjeev Kumar

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TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Smt Bita Bhat W/o t. Sh Bushan Lal Bhat originally resident of Sogam, olab Kashmir and presently residing at H.No. 7 ane No. 1, Sharda Vihar, Santra Morh Jammu on 17-11-2023.

The Tenth Day Kriya shall be performed on Sunday 26-11-2023 at 9.00 AM at Muthi Ghat near Director Education Office.

Grief Stricken Sister-in-law

Grand Children:

Smt Dhanawati Bhat W/o Lt. Sh Omkar Nath Bhat

Smt Reeta Bhat W/o Lt. Sh Swaroop Nath Bhat Daughters-in-law & Sons

Smt Arti & Sh Anil Bhat Smt Sudha & Sh Sunil Bhat Smt Vijaylakshmi & Sh Vinod Bhat

Vaishali, Anshi, Arshi, Akshit, Tavish

Contact: 6006261168, 9797427288, 9541197122, 9419228669



Smt Bita Bhat

10TH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SMT. SHAMA KHER (KHOSA), W/O SH. JAI KRISHEN KHER, D/O. LATE SMT. SOOMAWATI KHOSA AND LATE SH. JAI LAL KHOSA, ERSTWHILE RESIDENT OF CHANNAPORA, SRINAGAR, PRESENTLY RESIDING AT FLAT NO. 304, TOWER N-01, PARAS IRENE, SECTOR 70A, GURGAON 122101, HARYANA, LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 14TH NOVEMBER 2023.

TENTH DAY KRIYA SHALL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER 2023 BETWEEN 07:00 AM AND 08:30 AM AT: GAURI SHANKAR MANDIR

BLOCK T, SECTOR 109 NEW PALAM VIHAR, PHASE - 1 (BEHIND DHVBN OFFICE) **GURGAON 122017**

WE WILL ASSEMBLE AT 09:30 AM AT OUR RESIDENCE, FLAT NO. 304, TOWER N-01, PARAS IRENE. SECTOR 70A, GURGAON 122101.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

JAI KRISHEN KHER - HUSBAND

RENU AND SUMEER KHER - DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AND SON SARIKA AND RATUL SHARMA - DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW AGRIM AND ARNAV KHER; ANJAS AND ARYAM SHARMA - GRANDSONS

SAMASTH PARIVAR: KHER'S, KHOSA'S, DHAR'S, KOUL'S, AND SHARMA'S MOB: +91-9971796824, 9711072001, 9654453929

10TH DAY KRIYA

It is with great grief and sorrow to inform that **Sh Brij** Lal Labroo S/o Late Sh Niranjan Nath Labroo original resident of Khanda Bhawan, Nawa Kadal, Srinagar Kashmir presently at 49, Durga Nagar Enclave, Sector 1, Jammu left us for heavenly abode on 18th Nov. 2023 at Jammu.

10th Day Kriya will be held at Muthi Ghat Camp Jammu at 9.30 AM on 27th Nov. 2023.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Smt Nancy Labroo (Wife) Smt Sheela & M N Labroo (Bhabi & Brother) Smt Lalita & Grp Capt M K Labroo (Bhabi & Brother) Smt Sunita Qazi W/o Lt Kanwal Qazi (Daughter) Smt Jyoti & Sanjay Qanoungo (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Smt Sonia & Rajesh Labroo (Daughter in law & Son)

& GRAND CHILDREN 9070217718, 9463960202, 9419138895



Smt. Shama Kher

(Khosa)

Sh Brij Lal Labroo

Er. Surjeet Kumar

Bhagotra (Mirpuri)

Sudhir Malla

Shri Daleep Kumar Koul

UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad & untimely demise of our beloved Er. Surject Kumar Bhagotra (Mirpuri) S/o Late Sh. Mulkh Raj R/o House No 26, Subash Nagar, Jammu.

Uthala will be held on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 a Arya Samaj, Bakshi Nagar Jammu at 4.00 to 5.00 P.M

Smt. Chander Prabha Gupta (Wife)

Bhabhis

Kanta W/o Lt. Sh. Vaishno Das Gupta Smt. Indu Gupta W/o Lt. Sh. S.S. Gupta Sakshi & Ashok Gupta - Daughter & Son -in-Law

Ankush Bagotra & Nidhi Gupta -Son & Daughter-in-Law Sister-in Laws & Brother-in-Laws Jyoti & Sunil Gupta (Jay Kay Law Reporter Pvt. Ltd.)

Kiran & M.K Chowdhar

Sushma & Vijay Gupta Sunita & Er. R.K Gupta

Seema & Sanjay Bahri Grand Children

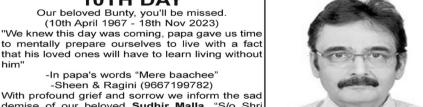
Arvan, Shervi, Athary, Nyssa

Sambadhan & Sambadhi

Chander Kanta & Vijay Gupta

Mob: 9419198599, 6006698017, 9419189244

10TH DAY



demise of our beloved **Sudhir Malla**, "S/o Shr Manmohan Nath Malla and Ritaji Malla, original esident of 21 Gogjibagh, Srinagar, Kashmir. Presently residing at Bl 43, (Ansal colony) Suryodaya Vihar, Shastri Nagar, Meerut. I will take care of the kids and our parents, you lool after us from heaven.

10TH DAY will be performed on 27th November at Choti Ganga, Muradnagar.

Reeta Malla- Wife (9456205105)

Dr. Nancy & C.N Malla- Aunty & Uncle

Dr. Saroj Kachroo- **Bua (**9177698558) Daizy (Khushu)-Vinod Kitchlu- **Sister in law & Co-Brother** (8800785551) Simi (Khushu) - Rajan Kachroo- Sister in law & Co-Brother (9871154310) Anju, Rajeev, Anu, Nilesh, Kapil, Alison, Sonam, Jane, Bulbul, Ricky, Ekum, Amu.

& ALL NEAR-DEAR ONES

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Shri Daleep Kumar Koul S/o Late Shri Nand Lal Koul residing at near tilku rice mill Gajansoo on 15th Nov. 2023.

Tenth Day will be performed at Muthi Ghat Directorate of Education on 23rd November 2023 at 8.30 AM.

Grief Stricken : Sanjaya Koul.

Shivasti and Aditya Raina (Daughter and Son-in-law) Roshan Lal Koul and Veena Koul (Brother & Sister in law)

Rajinder Koul and Bindu Koul (Brother & Sister in law) Shakti Koul and Daisy Koul (Brother & Sister in law)

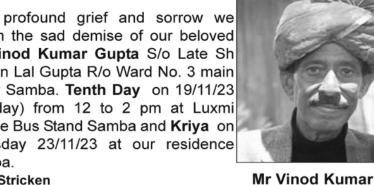
Smt Pushpa Trakroo W/o Late Arun Trakroo (Sister) Sumant Koul and Nancy Koul (Brother in law & Sister) Nephews & Nieces

Greeky & Deppak Tikoo, Vaishali & Mani Koul, Rajat, Surbhi, Rishi, Ashu, Kundan Chirag, Chetan & Manisha, Ankur, Sakshi & Saurab.

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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

Nitish and Sakshi Rally

BALAJI DENTAL CARE CLINIC MAIN BAZAAR SAMBA 9419152629, 7889553633

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, Jammu.

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

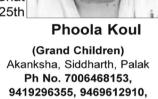
TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother Smt Phoola Koul W/o Lt Sh Durga Nath Koul R/o Kremshore, Badgam at present 742, 6 D, Suryavanshi Nagar, Muthi, 181205 who left for heavenly abode on 16th Nov' 23.

10th Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education on 25th Nov'23 at 9.00 am.

Grief Stricken:

Vijay & Anju Koul (Son & Daughter in law) Daisy & Jagdish Dua (Daughter & Son in law) Jyoti & Vijay Tickoo (-do-) Som Nath, Bushan Lal, Ashok (Brother) Pinky (Bhabhi)



Shri Choni Lal

Koul

Smt Raj Rani Anand

SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA

Gupta

LT. SH KEWAL SINGH

CHARAK

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10TH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father Shri Choni Lal Koul S/o Late Shamboo Nath Koul originally resident of Bonapura (Akingam), Anantnag A/P 3004-A, Kashmiri Colony, Jain Nagar, Karala, Delhi.

10th Day Kriya will be performed on 25th November 2023 at Sector 18, Rohini, Samaypur Badli (Near DTC Depot).

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt Phoola Kumari Bhat- Wife

Shri Vijay Koul and Smt Deepa Raina- Son & Daughter-in-law Shri Ashwani Koul and Smt. Rolley Raina- Son & Daughter-in-law Shri Bal Krishen Koul and Smt Vijay Koul- Brother & Sister-in-law Shri Moti Lal Raina and Late Tosha Raina- Brother & Sister-in-law Late Dulari Raina and Shri Rattan Lal Raina- Sister & Brother-in-law

Nysa, Navya, Tanishka & Myraa- Grand children Mobile nos. 6006283628, 8713926936, 9650619893



Bohri Jammu on 16th November 2023. Tenth Day Kriva shall be observed at 9.00 AM on Saturday the 25th November at Muthi Ghat near Director School Education Jammu.

Grief Stricken Sons & Daughters-in-law

Vijay Anand & Prerna Anand Shubhan Ji Anand & Seema Anand

Daughters & Sons-in-law Usha Suri & Shuban Lal Suri Raini Mawa & Raj Kumar Mawa

Mob. 9018310440 WE ARE DEEPLY SADDENED TO INFORM YOU OF THE PASSING OF



OUR BELOVED <mark>SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA</mark> S/O LATE SHRI MOHAN LAL SHARMA AND R/O 710/A LAST MORH GANDHI NAGAR, WHO PEACEFULLY DEPARTED FOR HIS HEAVENLY ABODE ON NOVEMBER 12, 2023.

THE TENTH DAY WILL BE HELD AT OUR RESIDENCE ON NOVEMBER 21, 2023, AT 11:00 AM, FOLLOWED BY THE KRIYA AT OUR RESIDENCE ON NOVEMBER 22, 2023, AT 12:00 PM. MAY RAM KUMAR SHARMA'S SOUL FIND ETERNAL PEACE IN THE

HEAVENLY EMBRACE OF OUR ALMIGHTY HE WAS IMMENSELY LOVED AND CHERISHED BY HIS FAMILY-LATE ANSUYA SHARMA **(WI**FE) SIDDHARTH SHARMA **(SON)**

AASTHA SHARMA (DAUGHTER)

MR. ASHWANI KUMAR SHARMA AND MRS. RENU SHARMA LATE MR. KRISHAN GOPAL SHARMA AND MRS. RAJNI SHARMA MR. SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

MR. LAKSHMI NARAYAN SHARMA AND MRS. SHASHI SHARMA MR. RAKESH SHARMA AND MRS. POOJA SHARMA

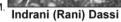
MR. SUBHASH SHARMA AND MRS. SUDHA SHARMA

MR. RAVI KANT SHARMA AND MRS. RADHA SHARMA **GRIEF STRICKEN - SHARMA FAMILY (9682600577)**



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

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



Mun Mohini Dassi- 9920980582

Rinku & Nakul Joshi- Daughter & Son in law (9811655479) Rakesh & Pooja - Son & Daughter-in-law (9820481177)

SAMAST DASSI, BHAT, RAZDAN PARIVAR

TENTH DAY KRIYA With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sac and untimely demise of our beloved **Smt Sham** Rani Bhat W/o Lt Sh. Sham Lal Bhat original esident of Malwan Kulgam Kashmir and pr esiding at H. No 07, Lane No 02 Shankar Viha nai Jammu on 18-11-2023. The TENTH DAY KRIYA shall be perform Monday 27-11-2023 at 9.00 AM at Muthi Ghat n Director Education Office. GRIEF STRICKEN:-

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to nform the sad and untimely demise of our eloved **Sh. Chaman Lal Pandita**, S/o Late Sh Sham Lal Pandita, R/o Erstwhile Badrah Deedarpora), Handwara, Kashmir, at present H lo. 224, Patel Nagar, Talab Tillo, eft for his heavenly abode on 16-11-2023

The **Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed on 25-11-2023 at 08:30 am at Muthi Ghat, near Directorate of School Education, Jammu.

Directorate of School Education, Jammu Grief Stricken: Savitri Pandita (Wife) Davitri Pandita (Wife) Davitri Pandita (Wife) Davitri Pandita Smt Sujata & Sh Rakesh Pandita Smt Sujata & Sh Rakesh Pandita Smt Ann & Sh Harish Pandita Sint Ann & Sh Harish Pandita Smt Prana Koul Wo Late Sh Jawahar Lal Koul Smt Sushma & Sh Hira Lal Bhat Shabhis & Brothers including their Sons/Daughters Late Smt Basanti & Late Sh Tej Krishan Pandita Smt Nancy & Sh Rattan Lal Pandita Smt Nancy & Sh Rattan Lal Pandita Smt Nancy & Sh Rattan Lal Smt Smt Nancy & Sh Rattan Lal Pandita Smt Nancy & Sh Rattan Lal Smt Smt Nancy & Smt Smt N

ENTIRE PANDITA PARIVAAR Mob No. 9419115718, 70066550 8860292692, 9596397495, 600538808

10TH DAY/13TH DAY (KRIYA AND UTHALA)

BRIEF STRICKEN SRIEF STRICKEN:
Jons and Daughters in law
Jijay Kr Abrol & Smt Shashi Abrol
Parshotam Kr Abrol & Smt Suman Abrol
Paughters and Sons in law
John Brom Lata Verma & Sh Brij Mohan Verma
John Geota Kumari Verma & Sh Pawan Kr Verma
Jorand Sons & Grand Daughters in laws
Joh Amit Kr Abrol
John Abrol
John

h Aryan Kr Abrol rand Grand Sons, Daughters ayush, Adveeka, Aneeka

TENTH DAY With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Tehzeeb Kour** D/o S. Balwinder Singh R/o

Sardarni Jeet Kour W/o Late Sarwan Singh- Dadi

Sdn. Satwant Kour & S. Randhir Singh- Mani & Nana Tabbu, Simar, Harveer, Dakash, Navroop, Prabreer, Agrim, Sehaj, Triptas, Nimrit & Jagraj- Small Kids



Manhasan, Nagrota Ward No. 7 on 13 Nov. 2023 Tenth Day will be performed at Ghou-Manhasan Nagrota on Wednesday 22 Nov, 2023 at 11.00 AM.

Kriya will be performed at our residence Thursday 23 November, 2023. Nirmala Devi - Wife

Harshit Sharma **- Sor** Sh. Madan Lal. Sh. Puran Chand, Sh. Kewal Krishan Contact: 9149692459, 8899708961



demise of our beloved Son in law Mr. Arun Kapoo AEE PHE Kot Bhalwal Jammu husband of Di Sonam Kohli Kapoor.

FIFTH DAY will be performed on 22.11.2023 Wednesday at JMC Community Hall Shant Nagar Janipur Jammu (Opposite Indira Public School) from 11 AM to 12 Noon.

Grief Sticken:-Smt. Anita and Sh. R.K. Kohli AEE Mech. Reto (Mother & Father-in-Law)
Smt. Shoba & Sh. Ramesh Chander Kohli

Smt. Shashi & Sh. Sudesh Kohli Smt. Neeru & Sh. Pawan Kohli Smt. Shashi & Ajay Abrol Smt. Heena & Sh. Aditya Suri (Sister & Brother-in-law)

Sh. Rakshit Kohli- Brothe Advitva, Aarnav, Anahita & Anvit.

FIFTH DAY With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved and dearest Smt. Veena Kesar W/o Sh. Sudesh Kesar R/o Toph

Nov. 2023. Fifth Day Ceremony will be performed on Wednesday the 22/11/2023 at Hari Mandir Rehari Colony, Jammu (11.00 am). DEEPLY MISSED & REMEMBERED BY

Raj Kumar Khajuria - Brother Khajuria Pariyar Mobile: 9149575250, 9419143520

Khajuria Traders, New Plot, Jammu



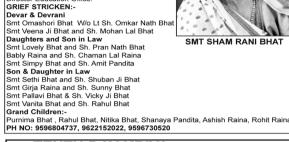
Smt. Veena Kesar

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Raj Krishna & C J Dhar- Daughter & Son in law (9823631864) Rahul, Lu Sun, Rishi & Advika - Grand Children





Sh. Chaman Lal







Tenth Day will be performed on Wednesday 22-11-2023 at Gurudwara Singh Sabha Bhour Camp Ward No. 1 from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. GRIEF STRICKEN

Sardarni Rajveer Kour & S. Balwinder Singh- Mother & Father Sardar Ravinder Singh & Sdn. Parvinder Kour- Chacha & Cha Sardar Manminder Singh & Sdn. Manpreet Kour- Chacha & Cha Sdn. Jasvinder Kour & S. Gurvinder Singh- Buji & Fufa Ji Sdn. Charandeep Kour & S. Jagieet Singh- Buij & Fufa Ji



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Inter-college symposium organized at MIER College

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JAMMU, Nov 21: To celebrate National Education Day, the Co-Curricular Committee of MIER College of Education organized an inter-college symposium on the theme "The Future of Education: Technology, Equity and Inclusion" The symposium was organised in collaboration with MOU and other colleges through hybrid mode.

The programme was convened under the patronage of Dr. Adit Gupta, Director and Principal MIER College of Education. Prof. Rohnika Sharma, Head of School of Education, Dr. Monika Bajaj, Head of School of Social Sciences and Humanities, faculty members and students of the BA Honours programme participated in the event. Twelve colleges and 24 participants from within and outside Jammu and Kashmir participated in the



symposium

The participants comprehensively elaborated their views on technology's transformative role, equity in access to education. inclusion and diversity in learning, global collaboration, and learning.

They highlighted that the future of education is a dynamic landscape where technology, equity, and inclusion are inextricably intertwined. Embracing technological advancements, while ensuring equitable access and fostering inclusive environments are the keys to preparing students for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century

Prof. Rohnika Sharma formally welcomed the participants and guests. The judges for the competition were Dr. Sonia Khajuria, Associate Professor, Dept. of English, GCW Parade Ground, Jammu, Dr. Shubra Jamwal, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, Govt. College of Education, Jammu, and Dr. Shakum Mahajan, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, Govt. PG College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

Based on the results declared by the jury, the first and second prizes went to Anmoldeep Kour and Sugandha Gupta from Govt. College for Women, Parade Ground, Jammu, the third prize was jointly bagged by Aditi Mahajan, from MIER College and Anisha Kour, from GCW Gandhi Nagar, Jammu Nandika, from MIER College, and Shaheen Bedi, from GHG Khalsa College of Education, Gurusar Sadhar, Ludhiana won the consolation prizes. Certificates of merit were given to the participants.

Arzoo Sharma, student of BA Honour English programme, Semester III compered the programme. Dr. Reeta Dwivedi, Convener, Co-Curricular Committee thanked all the participating colleges for the successful conduct of the event

Assembly Elections must address to public issues: Manjit Singh

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VIJAYPUR, Nov 21: Apni Party Provincial President Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh today demanded holding of Assembly Elections in Jammu and Kashmir to address growing public issues.

As per a press release, a meeting of Apni Party leaders and workers was organized here at Viiavpur which was chaired by Manjit Singh

In this meeting, Manjit Singh reviewed the political scenario and developmental issues confronted by the people in Samba and other Districts in Jammu Region.

"The people in J&K are facing great incontinence since August 5, 2019, in absence of an elected Govt. The authorities are



not working as per the expectation of the people. Therefore, this situation has given rise to the feeling of alienation," he said.

He said that "It appears that the authorities are not willing to fulfill the projected demands of the people and hence, the issues have multiplied with growing unemployment in private and Govt sectors. Unemployment has remained a major concern of the people especially because of the increasing number of

educated unemployed." He said that the scams in the recruitment process have created mistrust among the aspirants of different jobs.

He also raised the issue of demand of 5 marla plots to the border residents in safer places, water crises in kandi belt, construction of civilian bunkers, canal water supply system, electricity issues etc remained

unfulfilled. "The elected Govt could have handled issues carefully. Unfortunately, the Panchayati Raj elections. and Urban Local Body elections were scheduled, but

they were delayed without

citing reason," he said. He further stated that the Govt must hold Assembly Elections in Jammu and Kashmir without further delay. The situation is peaceful and there is no reason to delay Assembly **Elections**

He said that the development, employment, border resident's issues. Displaced Persons and farmer's concern need attention of the authorities, but they remain unaddressed for years.

Fire breaks out at factory in Gangyal area

JAMMU, Nov 21 (Agencies): A fire broke out in a factory in the Gangyal area of Jammu on Tuesday.

Fire tenders are engagated in efforts to douse the blaze

No casualties have been reported in the incident till the filing of this report. As of now, the cause of the fire is unknown

More details are awaited. Earlier this week, three tourists were killed and eight others had to be rescued after a fire broke out at a Houseboat on Dal Lake in Srinagar district on November 11.

According to officials, three tourists from Bangladesh who were staying in houseboat Safeena lost their lives in the devastating fire.

As per officials, the flames quickly spread and engulfed five houseboats namely Safeena, Sabreena, Young Gulshan, Lala Rukh, and Khar Palace. Moreover, seven residential huts and neighbouring houses in the vicinity were also gutted in the ensuing

JKPSC postpones several exams scheduled in Nov, Dec

JAMMU, Nov 21 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC) has postponed several exams scheduled in the ongoing month (November) and December.

"In continuation to this office notice dated 9-11-2023 and dated 16-11-2023 this is for the information of all the concerned candidates that the Written tal Examination(s) which were scheduled to be held on 26-11-2023, 04-12-2023, 10-12-2023, 12-12-2023 and 17-12-2023 are hereby postponed till further notice",

reads a notice. "The candidates in their own interest are also advised to be prepared for the exam which can be scheduled at a short notice on the direction of the Commission", reads

Army Public School Samba organizes Bal Mela

worked together to make

this event a memorable one

by establishing an array of

sumptuous eatable stalls,

joyful camel ride, lucky

draw, tambola and many

other exciting games which

were the main attractions

of the mela. The Chair-

man with other members

inspected the stalls and

relished the food and other

The programme also

included a variety of cultur-

al items like Talent Show,

Dance performances.

Nukkad Natak and a capti-

vating Orchestra. Children

had a extremely wonder-

ful time hopping from one

stall to another, taking part

in games and enjoying

items displayed for sale.



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SAMBA, Nov 21: The spirit of childhood was celebrated during the Bal Mela (children's Fest), which was organised at the premises of the Army Public School Samba. It was an opportunity given to the children to plunge into a world full of merriment and laughter, an effort made to keep the spirit of childhood alive within every individual.

The Bal Mela was inaugurated by Chairman APS Samba. After cutting the ceremonial ribbon. and declaring the event open balloons were also released.

The entire APS faculty

various eatables. Music on demand was the highlight of the fete. Many children could be seen, eagerly waiting for their songs to be played, dedicated to their friends, teachers or other members of APS family.

The event culminated with a raffle draw, in which many exciting prizes like LED TV, music system, microwave, wrist watches etc were awarded to the winners. The overall ambience was stunning, and fabulous.

The Chairman congratulated the winners and appreciated the effort put in by APS Samba towards giving children a chance to enjoy their childhood. He added that such events of fun and enjoyment help in honing the life skills of the children.

Sanjeev Pradhan, Principal APS Samba thanked the dignitaries and parents of children for gracing the occasion. He also expressed his gratitude towards the organising staff members for the good work done by them.

Doda bus accident: Owner booked for negligence as investigation unfolds

DODA, Nov 21 (Agencies): Doda Police has booked owner of Assar accidental bus for not properly following the procedures and traffic regulations being a owner of the bus.

This ill fated bus while on its way from Kishtwar towards Jammu met with an accident at Trungal Assar on 15.11.2023 in which (39) passengers were died and (17) were injured.

Acase FIR No. 21/2023 U/S 279/337/304-A IPC was registered at Police Station Assar and investigation has been taken

A Special Investigation Team (SIT) has also been constituted headed by Dy.SP DAR Doda under the supervision of Addl. SP Hqrs. Doda for carrying out the investigation of the case on day to day basis and to ascertain the cause of



accident.

During investigation, Police has booked owner of this ill fated bus namely Dheeraj Gupta S/o Kundan Lal Gupta R/o Narwal Pain Satwari Jammu for not properly following the procedures and traffic regulations being a owner of the bus.

Further, investigation is going on and all aspects of investigation are being examined by the SIT constituted to investigate the case.

NORTHERN RAILWAY Corrigendum

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/FS, Northern Railways, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India Invites Tenders (Two Packet System) for Development of GCT at Vijaypur Jammu, Railway Station, details as under: The date of pre-bid meeting which has been fixed as 11.12.2023 and written as 14.12.2023 in Tender Document is hereby corrected in Tender documents and the date of Pre-Bid Meeting may please be

Rest of the conditions provided on ireps.gov.in will remain same For further details please visit on Railway's website ireps.gov.in

No. 2-AC/Goods-GCT-VJPJ-FZR/23 Date: 20.11.2023

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Inter-district division level boxing competition begins at Poonch **Top News Report**

POONCH. Nov 21: Inter-district division level boxing competition, organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports District Poonch commenced at Poonch on Tuesday. The competition is being held

under the guidance of Director Department of Youth Services and Sports J&K Subash Chander Chibber, Deputy Director Central Jatinder Mishra and Joint Director YSS Suram Chand Sharma. In all, 130 girls and boys of

under 14 ,17 and 19 age group from six districts of Jammu Division took part in the competition held under the supervision of Mohd Qasim District Youth Services and Sports Officer Poonch.

The competition was declared open by the Chief Guest, Yasin Mohammad Choudhary, Deputy



Commissioner Poonch. He gave his best wishes to all the participants and advised them to play game with the true spirit of sportsmanship. He also congratulated Department of Youth Services and Sports for giving excellent platform to the youth by organising such events in district Poonch.

Earlier, the gathering was welcome by DYSSO Poonch Mohd Qasim, who also gave his best

wishes to all the participants. Today's bouts were held under the technical supervision of Musthaq Ahmed JKSC Boxing coach, Dalbir Singh Jamwal PET Samba, William Kapoor PET Youth Hostel Nagrota, Rajinder Singh PET, Sandeep Singh Chib ReK District Ramban, Parampreet Singh Senior Boxer, Gourav Sharma Senior Boxer and Rohit Sharma Khelo India Poonch Centre Boxing Instructor.

The winners of this competition will represent Jammu Division in UT level boxing competition

Prominent others present were Nirdosh Kumar I/c Manager Sports Stadium Poonch, Manieet Singh ZPEO Sathra, Narinder Singh ZPEO Poonch, Jatinder Tandon ZPEO Nangali, Amresh Sharma ZPEO Kuniyian, Rajinder Singh ZPEO Mandi, Ramesh Kumar PEM activities Incharge in DYSS office Poonch, Vijay Kumar PEM I/c Press and Publicity and Stage Secretary, Harjeet Kour PEM, Saurab Sharma PEM, Narinder Singh PEM, Ruchika Sharma PET, Neeraj Sharma PET, Jasbir Kour PET, Yasmin NYC, Puneet Kour, Pinki and all PEMs, PETs and ReKs of the department.

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Shortm term e-NIT NO. 28 OF 2023-24 Dated:- 18-11-2023

For and behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K Union Territory, Short Term (Item Rate Based) E-Tenders are invited by the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Udhampur, online from approved and reputed/registered contractors/firms/individual with GST No. & PAN No. dealing with job for hiring of private vehicle for the use of Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, Udhampur under two cover system, Cover 1 consisting of technical bid and Cover 2 consisting of financial bid having sufficient experience. The

| S. No | Name/make of the Vehicle | Cost of Tender document (In Rs.) | Earnest Money | Period | Tender receiving Authority |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| | Providing of Light inspection Vehicle such as Mahindra Bolero, Innova, Chevrolet Tavera, Scorpio etc. of make not before 2020 Model on hire charge including P.O.L. for an average run of 2000 Km per month, (mileage exceeding 2000 Km shall be paid extra at the quoted rates). Salary of Driver, Toll Tax and expenses for repair and maintenance etc. of Vehicle shall be paid by the Firm/individual, complete for the period of One Year, the quoted rate should be on monthly rent basis, for official use of Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Udhampur for inspection of Govt. works. | 500/- | 5000/- | 01 Year | Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Udhampur |

- 1. The bidding documents can be downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 20-11-2023 at 10.00 A.M to 29-11-2023 upto 4.00 P.M
- 2. The bids shall be uploaded/submitted in electronic format on the website http:/jktenders.gov.in from 20-11-2023 at 10.00 A.M to 29-11-2023 upto 4.00 P.M
- 3. The Complete bidding process will be online.

No. IDU/- 4148-87

Dated- 18-11-23

The Technical bids & Financial bids uploaded on the website upto due date and same will be opened on 30-11-23 (11.00 Noon) in the office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Udhampur in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on account of holiday the date of opening of the bids

Executive Engineer

Irrigation Division

- 5. as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue, or any other day convenient to opening authority.
- 6. Bidding documents can be seen and downloaded from the website http:/jktenders.gov.in.

Sd/-DIP/J-11462/23

'One Act Play' conducted in 'Display Your Talent-2023' (Media Officer), Sumeet

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JAMMU. Nov 21: The event of 'One Act Play' was conducted on Tuesday in the ongoing 'Display Your Talent-2023' being organized by the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu. Prof. Prakash Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, Prof. Monika Chadha, Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, Prof. Sarika Manhas, Co-Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, Dr. Pritam Singh (Associate Dean SW), Dr. A.R. Manhas (Dy. Proctor), members of Campus Cultural Committee and office bearers of University of Jammu were present during the event.

Paying tributes to Mushtag Kak, an eminent theatre director/actor



left for heavenly abode recently, the Department of Students Welfare dedicated today's event to Mushtaq Kak.

The first position was secured by the team of GCW, Udhampur and the Team of PG Integrated secured second position. In the individual category, Diksha Pandita from PG Integrated, Rekha Devi from GCW, Udhampur and Jhanvi Sharma from

PG Integrated secured first, second and third positions respectively. The Certificate of Merit was awarded to Ritika Karthol from GCW, Udhampur. Anil Tickoo, Chakresh Kumar and Delight William were the adjudicators and Dr. Sandeep Dubey was the Teacher Incharge of the

event. The events of DSW are conceived, planned and organised by the team consisting of Prof.

Prakash Antahal (Dean Students Welfare), Prof. Monika Chadha (Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee), Prof. Sarika Manhas (Co-Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee), Dr. Pritam Singh (Associate Dean SW), Dr. Garima Gupta (Assistant Dean, SW), Dr. Shallu Sharma & Dr. A.R. Manhas (Deputy Proctors), members of Campus Cultural Committee, Mansi Mantoo Sharma (Drama Instructor) and Ifra Kak (Cultural Officer). The events were witnessed by the members of Campus Cultural Committee, teachers, students, scholars of the University of Jammu and prominent members of the civil society. The events were man-

aged by Mohneesh, Idrees Fahali, Kanya Sharma, Angraz Singh, Suriya Banoo, Rishika Sharma, Nighit Mir, Bipasha Raina, Vivek Soodan (Cultural Representatives), Sachin Sharma. The sound was looked after by Kulbhushan Thakur.

On 22nd November, the events of Mime, Mimicry & Skit would be conducted from 10 am onwards at Brig. Rajinder Singh Auditorium.

EDITORIAL

HEALTH IS WEALTH

f we are healthy then we are also an ordinary citizen of India. If we **L** are unhealthy then we are also poor, unfit and neglected. The progress of any country, caste, society and community is possible only when they are healthy and energetic. If we look at the history of the world and study which country has been progressive, prosperous, civilized and cultured, then it will become clear that any country can be great only when its citizens remain healthy.

This is also being proved by various reports of the World Health Organization. In reality the purpose of living is to remain healthy. Unhealthy people not only themselves remain unhappy, sick and neglected but they are also a burden for the entire society and the world. Due to this, everyone's progress stops or obstacles are created in their progress. In fact, a healthy person or society is aware and useful.

There is also a saying in Grazi which means – Health is wealth. In fact, one who has good health is fortunate. If someone has immense wealth, but is unwell, he cannot enjoy life. Similarly, if someone has knowledge, but is sick, his life is meaningless. In fact, health

The first condition to stay healthy is fresh air and pure water. Every moment we breathe in and out. Inhaling means that we take in air and exhaling means that we take out dirty air from our body. What is life after all?

This coming and going of breaths is life. Fresh air is available in villages. But it gets contaminated due to dirt. There are stares all around the village. There are heaps of garbage everywhere. People sit around the village for direction and water. This spreads dirt and makes one feel dizzy due to the smell.

Flies and mosquitoes breed due to garbage and dirty water being filled or spread in front of the house. Just imagine how one can remain healthy in such a situation. If the village is kept clean, the residents there will not yearn for fresh air and will be able to enjoy better health.

There is neither fresh air nor pure water in the city. Carbon dioxide in smoke is a kind of dirty air, which we keep releasing from our body regularly. Other cities also become dirty due to dense population. Because despite daily cleaning, piles of dirty dirt remain everywhere. If you wander through the streets of the city early in the morning, you will see hell in person.

Water is available from taps in the city, but due to not being cleaned properly, it does not remain pure. At some places, river water is cleaned and supplied to the public through pipes. But the water of the rivers has become so polluted that it has not been possible to clean it properly through water-works. They collect all the filth of the city and fall into the drains and rivers. The water released after use in factories is not only polluted but also poisonous. Scientists say that after some time the city will mean the home of death.

What this means is that whether it is a village or a city, both air and water have become polluted. It is having a bad effect on people's lives and the power of the person is decreasing. How can a country of powerless sick humans live happily and happily? Can this be heaven on earth?

A rebranded govt: BJP adopted Congress schemes, and gave them new names...

By: Aakar Patel

hen Congressman Shashi Tharoor complained in a tweet once that the BJP had merely changed the names of 23 Congress schemes, and said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was running a "name-changing" government and not a "game-changing one", his claim was put to the test.

It was found that he was right about 19 schemes. It turned out that the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana was the UPA's Basic Savings Bank Deposit Account; the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Yojana was the same as the National Girl Child Day programme; the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana was the Rajiv Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana; the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation was the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission renamed; the BJP's neem-coated urea was the same as the Congress' neem-coated urea; the Soil Health Card scheme was the National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility; the Atal Pension Yojana was the Swavalamban Yojana; and even Mr Modi's flagship "Make in India" was merely the National Manufacturing Policy (NMP) under a new name.

And it was not mere renaming; the entire policy framework in many cases was also a copy-paste job, as a comparison of the department for promotion of industry and internal trade's press note (2011) and the Make in India website page on national manufacturing showed.

The UPA's NMP scheme spoke of "enhancing the share of manufacturing in GDP to 25 per cent within a decade and creating 100 million jobs".

Make in India seeks "an increase in the share of manufacturing in the country's GDP to 25 per cent" and to "create 100 million additional jobs by 2022 in manufacturing". The UPA's NMP says it will "increase manufacturing sector growth to 12-14 per cent over the medium term". Make in India says it will "increase in manufacturing sector growth to 12-14 per cent over the medium term".

The NMP says the policy needs "creation of appropriate skill sets among the rural migrant and urban poor to make growth inclusive". Make in India says it needs "creation of appropriate skill sets among rural migrants and the urban poor for inclusive growth".

The UPA NMP policy says it will "increase domestic value addition and technological depth in manufacturing". Make in India says it will "increase domestic value addition and technological depth". In fact, the Make in India website not only reflected the Congress scheme but a broken download link also unsuccessfully directed readers to a 2011 document of the older policy.

Elsewhere, Digital India was the same as the earlier National eGovernance Plan; Skill India the same as the National Skill Development Programme; Mission Indradhanush was the Universal Immunisation Programme; and PAHAL the earlier Direct Benefits Transfer for LPG. BharatNet was the National Optic Fibre Network approved on October 25, 2011, aiming to provide broadband connectivity to all panchayats. When the Rajiv Awaas Yojana was renamed the Sardar Patel National Urban Housing Mission, it came with a claim from then housing and urban poverty alleviation minister M. Venkaiah Naidu that housing for all would come by 2022. A parliamentary committee, headed by BJD MP Pinaki Mishra, asked the government how merely changing the name could accelerate implementation. This went largely unreported.

The reality is that the UPA's schemes had anodyne and unmemorable names even though they had the same aims. Mr Modi's schemes have catchier names because he spends so much effort personally polishing coinage.

A friend observed that Mr Modi's schemes targeted at the wealthy had English names – Digital India, Skill India, Start-up India, Make in India – signalling aspiration.

However, the schemes for the poor were in Hindi - Ujjwala Yojana, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Beti Padhao Beti Bachao, Jan Dhan, Garib Kalyan, PM Kisan, Mudra Yojana – reflecting the branding priority.

Not as much effort on implementation though: Make in India's target was shifted from 2022 to 2025 as manufacturing collapsed in India, and instead of going from 16 per cent in 2014 to 25 per cent in 2022, in fact dropped to 13 per cent and remaining at 13 per cent in 2023. Make in India has a nice logo

Mr Tharoor's good-natured acceptance that such things represented continuity (Dr Manmohan Singh did not say a thing about the renaming) sat in contrast with the BJP's contempt for the very schemes they appropriated. Particular hostility was reserved for the UPA's Unique Identity scheme: Aadhaar. During the 2014 campaign, a top newspaper ran a headline on March 12, 2014: "Aadhaar a 'fraud', will review it if voted to power: BJP". The party alleged that Aadhaar was a criminal programme and it would have the CBI investigate it. "This is a dangerous programme to regularise the stay of illegal immigrants in the country.

Is Bharat Mata so open to illegal immigrants? The Aadhaar is also in contravention of Supreme Court directives," Meenakshi Lekhi said in Bengaluru while campaigning against Congressman and Aadhaar architect Nandan Nilekani. "The entire biometric data of people enrolled has been stored outside the country," she added. Mr Nilekani's opponent, Ananth Kumar (who would eventually win), said: "Aadhaar is the biggest fraud on the country".

The next month, Ananth Kumar said the BJP would scrap Aadhaar. Mr Modi himself weighed in against Aadhaar, saying the money spent on it was wasted, that NREGA was meant to line the pockets of the Congress and that the Right to Information Act was useless. As it turned out, the BJP under Mr Modi would not only embrace Aadhaar, it would also force it upon all Indians, willing or unwilling, as the NDA expanded India's social welfare schemes, many of which they had inherited and renamed to pretend they were

Complete Guideline for Preparation of UPSC exams during Graduation

By: Vijay GarG

If you are pursuing your graduation and wish to serve in the Lcountry's civil services, you would probably be wondering whether to start your IAS preparation now or wait till you finish your graduation. If you indeed feel ready to commence your UPSC civil services preparation right away, think no more. There is no better time than now. You are young, in touch with studies, and carry a novel dream. If your question is "How to start preparation for IAS during graduation", here is

IAS Preparation Tips for Beginners "It's what you do right now that makes a difference."

Everything you should know about

The first thing that you need to do is to know what exactly the UPSC is all about. UPSC stands for Union Public Service Commission and it is the body that conducts many exams including the civil services examinations (CSE). The CSE is conducted by the UPSC to recruit officers for the various central services in India like IAS, IPS, IFS, Indian Postal Services, Indian Audit and Accounts Service, Indian Information Service, etc.

Know the UPSC Examination Date Once you know about the UPSC, the next step is to get the UPSC exam schedule and plan when to give the exam. The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) announces the exam schedule a year prior.

UPSC Civil Services Exam Pattern The UPSC CSE is conducted in three stages. Each stage eliminates those candidates who fail to clear the round. The three stages are:

1. UPSC PRELIMS

Here there are two exams.

i) General Studies Paper I ii) General Studies Paper II (CSAT)

Both papers ask multiple-choice questions only. Both the papers carry negative marks for wrong answers. To know more about UPSC marking scheme in the prelims and how to beat negative marks click below.

The CSAT paper is a qualifying one and you have to score a minimum of 33% in it. Only then will your GS Paper I be evaluated. So, the merit ranking for eligibility to mains will be out of 200

(from the GS Paper I prelims) 2. UPSC MAINS

If you qualify in the UPSC prelims, you can take the mains exam. Here there are 9 papers and all are descriptive in nature.

The papers are:

1. Paper A

Modern Indian Language - 300 marks See the list of Indian languages for UPSC Paper A here.

2. Paper B

English - 300 marks

3. Paper I Essay – 250 marks

This paper can be written in the candidate's medium of the exam or a language of his/her choice.

4. Paper-II

General Studies I - 250 marks Topics: Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society

5. Paper III

General Studies II - 250 marks Topics: Governance, Polity, Social Jus-

tice and International Relations

6. Paper IV

General Studies III - 250 marks Topics: Technology, Economic Devel-

opment, Biodiversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management

7. Paper V General Studies IV - 250 marks

Topics: Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude

8. Paper VI

Optional Subject Paper I – 250 marks The candidate is allowed to take up literature as an optional subject without the condition of having it at the graduation level.

9. Paper VII

Optional Subject Paper II - 250 marks The English and Indian language papers are of qualifying nature and their marks are not counted for the total tally in the mains ranking. So, the mains total is out of 1750 marks.

3. UPSC Board Interview/Personal-

If you qualify in the UPSC mains, you will be called for the UPSC interview. Here, a panel will interview you and assess your knowledge, personality, aptitude, leadership qualities, clarity of expression, grasp of narrative or argument, reasoning ability, appreciation of different viewpoints, awareness and concern for socio-economic problems, range and depth of interests.

Check your eligibility

Before you embark on your IAS journey, ensure your eligibility to take the IAS exams.

Know and understand the vast syllabus of UPSC

If you want to crack the UPSC exams, you need to be well-versed with the UPSC syllabus. As understanding the UPSC Syllabus and knowing each and every topic and sub-topics of the subjects almost covers 20% of your preparation for Civil Services Exam.

Know the complete UPSC Syllabus

The next thing to be clear of is whether to go for coaching class or to study for IAS from home. Since the UPSC exams cover a vast and diverse range of topics it is recommended that you opt for some kind of guidance. You can go for classroom coaching after your college hours or go for online classes wherein you can have access to expert faculty lectures from the comfort of your homes.

In case if you have decided you prepare for IAS without joining a coaching centre then still here we are to help you with all the tips and tricks to crack the civil services exam, strategies for preparing for prelims, mains, and interview, and all the resources required that includes daily news analysis for UPSC Current Affairs, free NCERT books download and more to guide you and aid you to reach your destination.

Plan your daily regimen

Once you know the basics, it is time to schedule a daily routine to start your IAS preparation. Since you are pursuing both graduation and IAS preparation, you must optimise your use of time. Plan your day, week and your month. Make sure to stick to your study plan if you are serious about the IAS dream. Choose your optional subject

You must choose your optional sub-

ject. Since you are pursuing graduation, it would be prudent to select an optional subject that you are already studying. This way you can save time and energy. You don't need to learn anything new for your IAS exam.

Be cut and clear while choosing the optional subject and if you are still confused then read below to choose the right optional subject.

The list of books is very important in your UPSC preparation. There are a plethora of options and you don't have to buy or stock every one of them. Choose a few good books and read them thoroughly. Read more about

what books to read.

Books for UPSC Start your IAS studies

Once you have the entire ammunition ready, what are you waiting for? Get on with it! Plunge yourself into it and achieve your dream.

Assess yourself periodically

It is important to take regular tests and assess your preparation level and make necessary changes

IAS Preparation While in College Benefits of starting your IAS preparation during graduation:

Since you don't have a break in your education, your grasping power and ability to work for longer hours will be more compared to others.

By choosing the right optional, you can ensure that your graduation subject and at least one paper for the UPSC exams overlap, thus saving time for you.

You can make the best of your college facilities like free internet and books needed for IAS exams in the college or university library.

If you are pursuing graduation, chances are that your finances are taken care of by your family. This reduces the burden on you, unlike other IAS aspirants who have to shoulder other responsibilities as well.

You have age and time on your side. Make the most out of it!

Things to remember

You may have friends in your college who may mock you for your serious preparation. Remember to stay away from negative and discouraging people. Focus on your task at hand and your

dream - to become an IAS/IPS officer. Have a checklist of your short and long-term goals and tick them as you

achieve them. Take an occasional break and rejuvenate yourself.

You don't have to turn yourself into an ascetic to crack the UPSC exam. Balance your social life and IAS studies in a manner that benefits your IAS prepa-

There might be moments when you feel overwhelmed by the enormity of the task you have set yourself to do. At moments like these, take a deep breath and cool off for a while.

(Vijay GarG Retired **Principal Educational** columnist Malout)

DC Kathua inaugurates wheat sowing across the **Indo Pak IB in Hiranagar Sector**

Top News Report

KATHUA, Nov 21: DC Kathua Rakesh Minhas, Sanjeev Rai Gupta, Chief Agriculture Officer, Kathua along with Sub Divisional Magistrate, Hiranagar Manisha Koul on Tuesday inaugurated Wheat Sowing across the Indo Pak Border in Village Chack Changa of Hiranagar Sector

Rakesh Minhas, DC Kathua said, "We are encouraging the farmer to bring more vacant land under cultivation along Indo-Pak international Border. The farmers are also being motivated for integrated farming, use of latest machinery to reduce the cost of farming to enhance income in agriculture production".

He also said, "District Administration, Border Security Force and Department of Agriculture Kathua are working in coordination with farmers to facilitate safe and secure sowing of wheat crop across the fence." He also interacted with local



farmers upon his visit.

Sanjeev Rai Gupta, CAO Kathua said, "This year Department has set target of Wheat Sowing in 300 Acres of land during Rabi 2023-24 across the fence. Today, 200 acres of land across fence was sown involving 67 farmers from villages of Chack Changa, Karol Krishna, Karol Maithrian and Chann Tanda. For effective sowing across the fence, Department of agriculture has also provided machines such as Tractor, Cultivator to farmers actually involved in border sowing and

every aspect. He also said, "We are encouraging farmers to use mechanized methods for effective sowing of wheat crop by using Super Seeder, a highly mechanized machine which can perform multi-functions such as ploughing, sowing and planking of the field simultaneously

Team of officers/ officials from

the department are also techni-

cally facilitating the farmers in

, a revolutionary step, thereby saving input cost and time taken in comparison to old traditional methods."

Nanak Chand, President, Border Farmers' Association and, a progressive farmer, said "We, the farmers of the Border Area appreciate relentless efforts of Chief Agriculture Officer, Kathua for facilitating us in sowing our vacant lands across the Indo-Pak International border in both Rabi and Kharif Season."

It is pertinent to mention that Department of Agriculture has relentlessly supported farmers of the Border Areas since 2019 and more farmers owning vacant land along and across the Indo Pak international border has been motivated to sow their vacant land consistently in each season.

During the visit, officers and officials accompanied were Jamshed Singh, AEO Marheen, Narayan Singh, JAEO, Rajesh Sharma JAEO, Vishal JAEO and Sanjay Kumar AEA.

DIET Doda organizes district level role play, folk song & dance competition



Top News Report

DODA, Nov 21: Under National Population/ Adolescence Education Program in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education Jammu, the District Institute of Education & Training (DIET) Doda on Tuesday organized a District Level Role Play, Folk Song & Dance competition at District Hqr Doda.

The event was graced and inaugurated by the Chief Education Officer Doda Parshotam Das Gouria who was the Chief Guest on the occasion whereas Principal DIET Doda Sandhra Malhotra and staff of DIET was also present.

In this competition a total of 10 teams from different Educational Zones of the District Doda participated in both the events, where the participants show cause and display their

In Role Play event, team from GHSS (Girls) Doda bagged Ist position while team from GHSS (Boys) Doda bagged 1st position in Folk Song/Dance competition.

Basit Masood Suharwardy of DIET Doda carried out the proceedings of the programme on stage while Jaffer Hussain Zarger and Ajit Babu, Lect Chemistry were the jury members for Role-Play besides Naseem UI Haq Butt acted as Jury member for Folk Song & Dance Competition.

The event was managed and coordinated by Sr Lect DIET Mussarat Jahan, who also presented the formal vote of thanks at the end of the event.

Later on Chief Guest along with other dignitaries distributed prizes among winning teams and certificates of participation to each participant of the event. Refreshment was also served to all the participants by the DIET Doda

Drug awareness program enlightens Doda community

Top News Report

DODA, Nov 21: In a proactive move towards combating substance abuse, the Government District Library in Doda hosted a compelling drug awareness program on November 21, 2023

Guests, including Shakeel Rahman (Additional SP Dadu), renowned anchor Fareed Ahmed Fareedi, and Muhammad Ayaz Ahmed Mughal, added gravitas to the event.

The programme witnessed active participation from diverse school children who passionately shared their perspectives on the pressing epidemic.

Under the adept organization led by Bilal Ahmed Zargar, Incharge of Government District Library Dadu, the event unfolded seamlessly, emphasizing the library's pivotal role as a community hub.



As the curtains drew on the enlightening program, heartfelt gratitude was extended to the distinguished guests and

the enthusiastic children for their invaluable contributions.

The initiative not only fostered awareness but also exemplified the collaborative spirit of the community in addressing crucial societal

Kulgam Police arrests notorious drug peddler, recovered contraband substance

Top News Report

KULGAM, Nov 21: Kulgam Police while continuing its unwavering efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society and the back to back actions against the drug peddlers are being taken out in the district with the aim of bringing drug peddling to the zero level.

In this regard, Police



party headed by SHO police station Kulgam during patrolling spotted a suspicious person at Buchroo who on seeing the police party tried to flee from the spot.

He was chased and apprehended tactfully by the alert police party. After checking officers present were able to recover 09 Bottles of Codeine phosphate like contraband substance from his possession.

His identity has been ascertained as:- Sabzar Ahmad Bhat Son of Mohd Ahsan Bhat Resident of Tarigam, Kulgam.

Regarding the incident, case with FIR No. 191/2023 under Section 8/21 of NDPS Act stands registered at Police Station Kulgam and investigation is in progress.

Vikasit Bharat Yatra reaches **Ufti-Pibiting Zanskar**

Top News Report

ZANSKAR, Nov 21: Vikasit Bharat Yatra reached Ufti Pibiting Panchayat today, to ensure saturation of flagship schemes of the government.

During the event, Block level officers of RD & PR, Agriculture, Health, PHE, Handloom, FCS & CA, besides other line departments were present.

Day Nodel officer Tsewang Rigzin (BDO) Zanskar briefed the participants on various beneficiary oriented schemes and highlighted the participant about the ideas behind VBSY. During the event Tsering Norboo SDAO zanskar spoke at length about various schemes being implemented through the Agriculture Department. Comprehensive health screening was conducted, including online registration of eligible beneficiaries of Ayushman Bharat.

A total of 6 Golden cards were distributed and 6 beneficiaries were registered as of now.

Besides 20 persons were screened for TB and samples were collected. During the programme the Agriculture Department has saturated the KYC of Beneficiary under PM Kissan and did Aadhaar seeding of 10 beneficiaries. The camp also focused to mitigate all the issues related to EKYC to avail the financial incentive of all the ongoing schemes of various departments. Sarpanch Stongday Panchayat Pasang lhawang along with all the officers and officials of line department including Panchayat members have enthusiastically greeted the IEC van.

The Day Nodal Officer expressed gratitude to the participants for their enthusiastic participation and cooperation to realised the envisaged dream of Central Government.



Awareness Programme on Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Work Place held



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Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Nov 21: The Eco-Club of GDC Kishtwar organized a highly informative and interactive awareness programme on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Work Place (POSH) today, under the guidance of Principal Dr. Jyoti Parihar and convener ship

of Dr. Sehrish Gazal. The event witnessed an enthusiastic participation of students and faculty members.

The programme featured distinguished resource persons, Aruna Rani, a Para

and Kajal Parihar, a Case Worker, from the Department of Social Welfare Shakti-One Stop Centre for Women Kishtwar. Both experts shed light on the topic of sexual harassment at the workplace, emphasizing the importance of establishing a CASH (Committee Against Sexual Harassment) committee in every institution. They provided comprehensive guidelines for the constitution of such committees.

Aruna Rani shared insights on local cases and highlighted successful resolutions

achieved by the department. Her expertise provided valuable perspectives on addressing issues related to women's dignity and safety in the local context.

The programme saw an active participation of approximately 70 students and faculty members, including Dr. Tariq Tamkeen, Prof. Swami Raj, Prof. Sonika Sen, Dr. Sehrish Gazal, and Prof. Asma Javed. Attendees gained a wealth of knowledge on sexual harassment and related matters, fostering a more informed and aware campus commu-

GOVERNMENT OF UNION TERRITORY JAMMU & KASHMIR JAMMU POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LIMITED OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, ELECTRIC DIVISION-III, JPDCL REHARI JAMMU CIN No: U40300JK2013SGC003898, E-mail:edthreedistribution@gmail.com} SHORT NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER e-Nit No: ED-III Jammu/60 of 2023-24 dated 17.11.2023

INVITATION: -

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, the Executive Engineer (Distribution), Electric Division-III, JPDCL Jammu, hereinafter referred to as 'Employer', invites online e- bids from reputed Companies or Class 'A' registered Electrical Contractors having a valid license and meeting eligibility criteria as per terms. conditions, technical specifications and schedules forming part of this tender document for "Providing, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 1x45 KVA, 3-Phase , Digital Microcontroller based Servo Voltage stabilizer at Primary

Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful/conscious study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications. Bidders are requested to visit the sites of work before participating in bidding process, so that they have clarity regarding topography of area of work.

1. The tender document is available at website http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested Bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below:

| A | Tender Document Sale/Download Start Date | 17-11-2023; 4.00 PM | | |
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| В | Tender Document Sale/Download End Date | 01-12-2023; 3.00 PM. | | |
| С | e-Bid submission (start) date & time | 17-11-2023; 4.30 PM. | | |
| D | e-Bid submission (end) date & time | 01-12-2023; 4.00 PM. | | |
| E | Submission of Hard Copy of Tender Fee | 01-12-2023 up to 4.30 PM. | | |
| F | Commercial and Technical Bid opening date & time | 02.12.2023; 2.00 PM. | | |
| G | Online financial e-Bid opening date & time (Only of the technically qualified Bidders) | Will be communicated to the Technically Qualifying Bidders. | | |
| Н | Venue of opening of techno-commercial Bids | Executive Engineer Electric Division-III, JPDCL Rehari, Jammu | | |
| ı | Tender Value | • | | |
| J | Cost of e-Bid document | Rs. 500 (Non-Refundable) | | |
| K | Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) | Rs. 5000/- | | |
| L | Technical Sanction | Under Process | | |
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2. The Bidders need to submit the proof/cost of e-Bid document as stated in the above table through e-Challan,

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On World Television Day, celebs tell us how the TV industry is shaping cultural narratives

The General Assembly of the United Nations declared November 21 as World Television Day in 1996. We ask television stars how much TV they watch on a regular basis, the changes in the industry they have witnessed over the years and how do they feel about the competition from OTT. Read on...

Mass medium Rashmi Gupta

I feel TV is catering to the masses. As an actor, I have to keep myself updated about what's going on in the industry, so I watch it regularly. Competition is always better, so I believe if OTT is rising because of its vast content and diversity, the TV industry is also progressing in terms of its content. I am proud to be an actor because of the amount of satisfaction I get when I am shooting. Competitive times

Ekta Saraiya
I think the television industry has evolved for the better. Today, when people need informa-

tion, they prefer watching television instead of relying on the internet because of the prevalence of fake news. Well, I have a hectic schedule, so I miss watching television as much as I would like to. Of course, OTT has provided stiff competition to TV, and people are increasingly turning to OTT platforms. I am proud to belong to the TV industry because people relate to me.

Changing landscape Megha Sharma

As an actor, I've observed significant changes in the industry. Shows now feature diverse and intricate stories. Due to my hectic shooting schedule, I don't find much time to watch TV, but I recognise the changing landscape, impacting how people enjoy shows. The surge of OTT platforms has increased the competition. Actors now have better opportunities to showcase their talents. I take pride in being an actor because I get to narrate compelling stories that resonate



with people, and the TV industry is always inno-

vating.
Shaping cultural nar-

ratives Mehul Vyas

Over the years, the TV industry has undergone

significant changes. Due to my demanding work schedule, I rarely watch TV, but I stay updated on the latest developments in my favourite shows. The emergence of OTT platforms has posed formidable competition to traditional TV. Two positive aspects of the TV industry include its role in shaping cultural narratives and providing a platform for diverse voices to be heard. For decades, TV has played a crucial role in family bonding, bringing families together to enjoy their favourite shows.

It's dynamic Angad Hasija

Television holds a crucial place in my life, especially as an actor. I consider myself fortunate to contribute to the dynamic television industry, participating in various projects ranging from TV shows to films.

Diverse content Aadesh Chaudhary I'm excited about celebrating Television Day, recognising the importance of TV as the primary medium for information and entertainment. Reflecting on the changes in the TV industry, there has been a shift from limited options to a more diverse landscape. This evolution has brought about a positive change, making television a dynamic platform catering to a wide range of preferences. I find that OTT platforms offer a better viewing experience due to their enhanced performance.

Women power Sheeba Aakashdeep

The television industry has evolved into something grander, with higher budgets and a shift towards creating mini-movies every day. Despite not being an avid TV viewer myself, as I prefer spending my free time reading, I acknowledge that TV faces strong competition from OTT. One aspect of television that makes me proud is the significant focus on women in the shows. Women are the main protagonists in

Ayushi Khurana reflects about her character's take on marriage in Aangan

Ayushi Khurana, who will be essaying Pallavi Sharma in the show Aangan — Aapno Kaa, has opened up on her character's take on marriage, saying her role's perspective is not a challenge to traditional values, but a gentle questioning of societal norms.

Aangan - Aapno Kaa promises to weave a narrative that not only celebrates the heartfelt bond between a daughter and her father but also introduces a unique perspective on marriage.

It brings a fresh and relatable approach to storytelling, led by Ayushi, and Mahesh Thakur as Jaidev.

Pallavi's journey is rooted in the love and support she received from her father through-



out her life

Now, as an independent and talented chef, Pallavi is determined to reciprocate that unconditional love. She defies the conventional narrative that suggests marriage should alter the dynamics of a daughter with her parents and instead embraces the idea that a woman can fulfill her duties as a daughter while being a supportive partner.

As Pallavi navigates through the complexities of familial responsibilities and societal expectations, Aangan promises to deliver a poignant and relatable narrative.

Talking about the same, Ayushi said, "Pallavi's perspective isn't a challenge to traditional values; it's a gentle questioning of societal norms. She isn't opposed to marriage but simply wonders why her priorities must change so drastically, and why she can't continue to devote herself to her father even after her marriage."

"This resonates deeply with many young girls, including myself. Having grown up in a family of only girls, I understand the concern about the potential loneliness my mother might face after my marriage.

Through Pallavi's journey, I hope to encourage contemplation on these issues and contribute to shifting the mindset that insists girls must abandon their families postmarriage," she added. The show will soon air on Sony SAB.

"Main toh funeral pe bhi nahi gayi..." Ankita Lokhande makes 'shocking' revelation about Sushant's death



Actress Ankita Lokhande has revealed why she could not attend late actor Sushant Singh Rajput's (SSR) funeral in the latest episode of 'Bigg Boss 17'.

The actress said, "Mein toh uske funeral pe bhi nahi gayi thi. Mei jaa hi nahi paayi. Muje laga mei nahi dekh sakti

yeh. Mei yeh dekh hi nahi sakti."

During the latest episode, when her cocontestant Munawar Faruqui shared a shayari on heartbreak, Ankita said that she was touched, but requested him to stop as it "hits badly".

The actress then proceeded to hum SSR-

starrer 'MS Dhoni: The Untold Story' song 'Kaun Tujhe' in the episode.

Ankita was also seen telling Munawar: "Bohot acha insaan tha woh. Main aise bolti hu na kabhi, tha, mujhe itna ajeeb lagta hai. Matlab abhi toh thik hai normal ho gaya hai. Vicky ka bhi dost hai na Sushant toh you know ab woh nahi raha is duniya mein is the worst feeling."

Ankita opened up about dealing with the untimely death of Sushant, who died by suicide in 2020.

Ankita and Sushant started dating on the sets of 'Pavitra Rishta' and called it quits after seven years.

Rahul Nagi, who acted in the video of the song Nazdeekiyon, shares his journey of becoming an actor



Rahul Nagi, who acted in the video of the song Nazdeekiyon and recently appeared in the web series Bajao, shares his journey of becoming an actor. "When I was 18, I worked in an IPO. One day, a colleague came in front of me and deliv-

ered a dialogue from a Shah Rukh Khan's movie. It inspired me so much that I thought of becoming an actor. I left my job and started doing theatre," says Rahul.

Talking about his struggling phase, Rahul says, "The struggles

are endless. There was a time when I faced financial crisis and loneliness. That was the time I thought of quitting and going back home. But then I believed that God had certain plans for me."

Rahul has a supportive family. He says, "Honestly, for the first two years, I struggled on my own. But when I told my family about the hardships, they helped me in every possible way."

Sharing his experience of working in the song Nazdeekiyon, he says, "The experience was good. Initially, I was really nervous. But the unit made me comfortable."

Rahul talks about his upcoming project Waiting for Summers, which is a web series. "My upcoming web series is titled Waiting for Summers. It will premiere on Amazon mini."

Arijit Singh wows Dubai audiences



Playback singer Arijit Singh's recent performance in Dubai left audiences wowed, as he dished out the track In Raahon Mein from The Archies, before the song's release where he brought the flair of classic rock.

The live-action musical by Zoya Akhtar of the popular American comic book series of the same name is something that has been in the making since 2022. Bringing the comic book series through an Indian perspective, the world of The Archies revolves around both teenage friendships, and rock and roll.

The sneak peek of his live performance in the Etihad

Arena in the UAE's skyscraper-filled capital city of Abu Dhabi brought out the familiar taste of rock music, but this time from an Indian style. Arijit was able to bring out the flair of The Beatles, Rolling Stones, Credence Clearwater Revival, Eric Clapton, Fleetwood Mac, Bruce Springsteen, Lynyrd Skynyrd, and U2 among others, infused with the carefree style of Bollywood music. A heartfelt coming-of-age tale set in the idyllic backdrop of the 1960s, The Archies draws viewers into the lives of a beloved group of teenagers.

The film stars Dot (real name Aditi), Agastya Nanda, Khushi Kapoor, Mihir Ahuja, Suhana Khan, Vedang Raina and Yuvraj Menda.

Bollywood diva Madhuri Dixit honoured with 'Special Recognition for Contribution to Bharatiya Cinema' award at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI)

Bollywood diva Madhuri Dixit was honoured with 'Special Recognition for Contribution to Bharatiya Cinema' award at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI).

The nine-day gala kickstarted with a star-studded ceremony at the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium on November 20. The guest list for the event includes Vijay Sethupathi, Sara Ali Khan, Pankaj Tripathi, Sunny Deol, Karan Johar, Shantanu Moitra, Shreya Ghoshal and Sukhwinder Singh, among others.

Catching Dust, a thriller by award-winning British filmmaker Stuart Gatt, has been selected as the opening film of the gala. About Dry Grasses, directed by French Director Nuri Bilge Ceylan, will be the Mid Fest Film and The Featherweight, directed



by Robert Kolodny, will be the closing film for the 54th edition of IFFI. Filmmaker Rajkumar Hirani will serve as the head of the five-member jury for the best web series (OTT) award at the festival. Divya Dutta, Prosenjit Chatterjee, and filmmakers Krishna DK and Utpal Borpujari are part of the jury panel for the inaugural category. A total of 32 entries across 10 languages from 15 OTT platforms have been selected for the inaugural best web series award.

Supreme Court tells Delhi govt to transfer Rs 415 crore from funds allocated for advertisements to transport project

You can't take this court for granted, says the Bench; keeps the order in abeyance for a week

NEW DELHI, Nov 21 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Tuesday ordered the Delhi government to transfer Rs 415 crore from its advertisement budget for the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) project after it failed to honour its promise made to the court in July this year.

A Bench led by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul -- which kept the order in abeyance for a week at the request of the Delhi government counsel – said, "If the funds are not transferred within a week this order will come into effect."

"You can't take this court for granted," said the Bench, which also included Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia.

It posted the matter for November 28.

The Bench noted that on July 24, senior counsel AM Singhvi had assured it on behalf of the Delhi government that funds would be made available for the RRTS project. "We are thus constrained to order that funds allocated for advertisements shall be transferred to this project," it said.

The top court took note of the fact that the Delhi government's spending on advertisements in the last three years was Rs 1,100 crore and in the current financial year also Rs 550 crore was earmarked for advertisements which was more than enough to cover its share of expenditure.

The RRTS project -- India's first semi-high-speed regional rail service project -- consists of semi-high speed rail corridors



connecting Delhi to Meerut in Uttar Pradesh, Alwar in Rajasthan, and Panipat in Haryana. Being executed by the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC), it's a joint venture between the Centre and the states concerned.

While the Delhi-Meerut project was already under construction and the Delhi government agreed to pay its share of the costs, it refused to share the financial burden for the remaining two stretches, citing a paucity of funds.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 17-km priority section of Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Trains of the RRTS Corridor on October 20.

Rapping the Delhi government over its huge advertisement budget, the Supreme Court had on July 24 directed it to provide an overdue amount of Rs 415 crore for the RRTS project in two months.

"Either you pay or we will attach your advertising budget... If Rs 1,100 crore can be spent for advertisements in the last three financial years, certainly

contributions can be made to infrastructure projects," the Bench had told the Delhi government. "Your one-year advertising budget is more than what you are giving for the project," it

"We were constrained to pass the last order only on account of the fact that the Delhi government had thrown its hand up for contributing their proportionate amounts," it had said.

had noted.

The top court had on July 3 directed the Arvind Kejriwal government to furnish details of funds spent on advertisements after it expressed inability to contribute funds for construction of the RRTS project and it was surprised to know that it spent Rs 1,073 crore on advertisements in the last three years.

The top court had questioned the Delhi government over its spending on advertisements after it expressed its inability to contribute funds for construction of RRTS project and directed it to furnish details of funds spent on advertisements in the last three financial years.

While hearing environmental

issues arising out of PILs filed by activist-lawyer MC Mehta, the top court was informed on the last date of hearing that the Delhi government was unwilling to contribute funds towards the project, particularly for the Delhi-Alwar and Delhi-Panipat corridors, and that it had earlier taken a similar stand on releasing funds for the Delhi-Meerut corridor.

The top court had directed the Delhi government to shell out Rs 500 crore from the Environment Compensation Charge (ECC) to the 82.15-km RRTS corridor being constructed between Delhi and Meerut at an estimated cost of Rs Rs 31.632 crore.

The corridor, with 24 stations, will cover the distance from Sarai Kale Khan in Delhi to Modipuram, Meerut, in 60 minutes. Of the 82.15 km-long corridor, Delhi will have around 13 km with stations at Sarai Kale Khan, New Ashok Nagar and Anand Vihar.

Earlier, it had directed the AAP government to file an affidavit giving details of funds spent on advertisement in two weeks after the Delhi government counsel talked of budgetary constraints. "If you have money for advertisements, why don't you have money for a project that will ensure smooth transport?" it had asked.

"You want us to get into what funds you are spending where... All funds for advertisement shall be diverted for this project. Do you want this kind of order? You are asking for it," the Bench had said.

Caste census is 'X-ray' of country, Congress will conduct it: Rahul at Rajasthan poll rally



JAIPUR, Nov 21 (Agencies): Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday raised the caste census pitch, describing it as an 'X-ray' of the country.

"If it is not known whose population is how much, then how will we talk about participation," he said while addressing an election rally in Vallabhnagar in Udaipur.

Gandhi said the Congress will conduct caste census in Rajasthan if it comes to power and also do so at the national level if the party forms the government at the Centre.

Attacking Prime Min-

ister Narendra Modi on the issue, he said earlier the PM used to say he is from OBC but the day he (Gandhi) raised the demand of caste census, Modi started saying there is only once caste in India- the poor.

"Modi said there is only one caste in the countrythe poor but he did not say that there is another caste of billionaires also. That is Adani, Ambani's caste. They have a special caste," he said.

The former Congress president charged that Modi's job is to divert public attention while Adani pickpockets and added that "they are a team".

Air quality deteriorates in Delhi

NEW DELHI, Nov 21 (Agencies): Pollution levels in Delhi and its suburbs increased further overnight with the Air Quality Index (AQI) in the capital recorded at 365 at 9 am on Tuesday, according to the Central Pollution Control Board.

The city's AQI stood at 348 at 4 pm on Monday, deteriorating from 301 on Sunday.

The 24-hour average AQI, recorded at 4 pm every day, was 319 on Saturday, 405 on Friday and 419 on Thursday.

Neighbouring Ghaziabad (340), Gurugram (324), Greater Noida (306), Noida (338) and



Faridabad (336) also recorded 'poor' air qual-

The Centre on Saturday removed stringent curbs, including a ban on construction work related to linear projects and the entry of polluting trucks into Delhi in view

of a drop in pollution levels due to favourable wind speed and direction

These measures constitute the final stage --Stage IV -- of the Centre's air pollution control plan called the Graded Response Action Plan.

4 die, 11 injured in bus accident on highway in Gujarat

GODHRA, Nov 21 (Agencies): Four people died and 11 injured when a private luxury bus rammed into a stationary bus on a highway near Godhra town in Gujarat's Panchmahal district on Tuesday, an official said.

The deceased included two children, he said.
The accident took place on Dahod-Godhra highway at

around 3.30 am when

THRISSUR, Nov 21

(Agencies): An 18-year-

old boy opened fire in

a school in Kerala's

Thrissur on Tuesday.

No casualties were

The Thrissur police

took the teen into cus-

tody when he tried to

reported.



'Will burn school': Former student points

gun at teachers, opens fire, detained

an Indore-bound bus was undergoing repairs on the roadside after the vehicle stopped due to a technical issue, Godhra

The boy, a former stu-

dent of the school, is

believed to have been

under the influence of

drugs when he entered

the classroom and

pointed a gun at the

He had earlier entered

the school office at

teachers.

SDM Pravinsinh Jaytavat said.

"The driver of another luxury bus coming from Dahod couldn't spot the

ing into the staff room,

he threatened teachers,

saying he wanted to

School teachers

pointed out that former

students are usually

allowed into the school

by the security for

burn the school.

paperwork.

and rammed his vehicle into the parked bus from behind. Four passengers - two women and two children - were killed in the accident," he said. Eleven passengers received injuries.

stationary bus ahead

While nine of them were undergoing treatment at a civil hospital in Godhra, two other seriously injured were referred to Vadodara, the official said.

for two teachers," said

school teacher Unni-

"We tried to calm him

down, but he ignored us

and barged into class-

rooms and pointed a

gun at students. We

understand that he was

under the influence of

krishnan.

Congress releases manifesto for Rajasthan polls, promises farmer and youth welfare schemes

Announces reservation to minorities on population-basis after caste census

JAIPUR, Nov 21 (Agencies): The Congress on Tuesday released its manifesto for the Rajasthan Assembly polls, promising a caste survey and a slew of schemes for farmers and youth, including 10 lakh job opportunities, and a new scheme for recruit-

ment at panchayat level. Doubling the amount for beneficiaries under the Chiranjeevi Health Insurance Scheme from Rs 25 lakh to Rs 50 lakh annually and interest-free loan up to Rs 5 lakh to small traders are among the other announcements made in the Congress manifesto for Rajasthan elections

The party also promised reservation to minorities on the basis of their population after the caste census.

Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, PCC chief Govind Singh Dotasra, Chairman of the Manifesto Committee CP Joshi and former Deputy CM Sachin Pilot jointly released the manifesto at the party office here. Highlighting the salient points of the manifesto, Joshi said the Congress wants to create a cadre of Panchayati Raj like state and central services and a new policy for recruitment at the panchayat level.

He said 10 lakh jobs will be created and four



lakh among them will be in the government sector.

For farmers, interest-free loan up to Rs 2 lakh will be given from cooperative banks and minimum support price will be given as per the Swaminathan Commission's recommendations.

The party promised

150-day employment under MGNREGA in place of present 125 days annually, inclusion of taxi drivers in Gig Workers Act, Accountability and Auto Service Delivery Act for accountable and good governance, formation of inclusive policy think tank and monthly honorarium to Panchayati Raj public representatives.

The manifesto lists seven guarantees that have already been announced by Gehlot, which include an annual honorarium of Rs 10,000 to women head of family, LPG cylinders for Rs 500 to 1.05 crore families, purchase of dung from cattle rearers for Rs 2 per kg, law for old pension scheme for

government employees, laptop or tablet to students taking admission in government colleges, insurance cover up to Rs 15 lakh per family to compensate losses due to natural calamities and school education in English medium.

Kharge said all promises made in the manifesto will be fulfilled on formation of the Congress government.

"We make promises which we can fulfil," he asserted.

Accusing the prime minister and BJP of lacking in commitment, Kharge said despite the fact that Modi was the chief minister of Gujarat for over 13 years and is the Prime Minister for the last nine years, there are many "shortcomings" in Gujarat even today and the reason is

"lack of commitment".

"There are many shortcomings in Gujarat where a person remained the Chief Minister for 13 years and the same person is the Prime Minister. The reason is lack of commitment," he said.

allegation that he had abused the Prime Minister's father, dubbing him as 'Jhooto ka Sardar' (leader of liars). Modi tries to gain sympathy by putting words

pathy by putting words in others' mouths, he claimed.

Gehlot said Rajasthan has progressed in the last five years and stands at number two in the country and first in north India in terms of economic growth.

The economy of Rajasthan will be Rs 15 lakh crore by the end of this year and the target has been set to take it to Rs 30 lakh crore by 2030, he said.

He said the per capita income in Rajasthan has increased while the sectors like manufacturing have also seen growth under the Congress rule.

Gehlot said that when he became the Chief Minister for the first time in 1998, the election manifesto was made a government document by passing in the first cabinet meeting and the same practice has been followed by him later on.

The Congress government in Rajasthan works on the basis of the election manifesto and fulfils the promises made in the manifesto.

Rajasthan is going to polls on November 25 and results will be declared on December 3.

3 dead, 1 injured after Bihar government official's car runs over them

A car belonging to the Madhepura District Magistrate ran over some people in Bihar's Madhubani district, killing three people, including a child, and leaving one person injured.

PATNA, Nov 21 (Agencies): Three people, including a child, were killed and another was critically injured on Tuesday after a speeding car of Madhepura District Magistrate (DM) mowed them down in Bihar's Madhubani district

The incident occurred on National Highway 57 in Madhubani. The

vehicle, after running over the four people, rammed into a divider.

Madhepura District Public Relations Officer (DPRO) claimed that the District Magistrate was not in the car at the time of the accident. "He was present in the headquarters," he said.

The official also added that the vehicle had some technical prob-



lems and was about to be sent for repair. According to initial

reports, the DM's car was going from Patna to Madhepura.

North Korea will try again to launch a military spy satellite in the coming days

Satellite to launch sometime between November 21-30

TOKYO, Nov 21 (Agencies): North Korea told Japan on Tuesday that it will make a third attempt to launch a military spy satellite in the coming days, prompting its neighbours to issue an urgent request for the North not to perform the launch in violation of UN Security Council resolutions.

Japan's coast guard said North Korea notified Tokyo of its plan to launch the satellite sometime between November 21 and November 30.

The notice identified three maritime zones where debris from the rocket carrying the satellite may fall. Two are in the waters between the Korean Peninsula and China and the third in the Philippine Sea, Japanese coast guard spokesperson Kazuo Ogawa said.

Ogawa said the areas are the same as North Korea identified for its failed satellite launches in May and August, implying the third attempt would have a similar flight path. North Korea has given Japan the launch information because Japan's coast guard coordinates and distributes maritime safety information in East Asia.

The North's notification came a day after rival South Korea warned it to cancel its launch or face consequences. South Korea's military suggested Seoul would suspend a 2018 inter-Korean agreement to reduce tensions and resume front-line aerial surveillance and live-firing drills in response to a North Korean satellite launch.

UN Security Council resolutions ban any satellite launches by North Korea because they



are seen as a cover for testing its missile technology. North Korea says it needs a spacebased surveillance system to better monitor its rivals, but South Korea says the North's launches are also designed to enhance its long-range missile programme.

Since 2022, North Korea has carried out about 100 missile tests as part of its efforts to modernise its arsenal of nuclear-capable weapons targeting the United States (US) and its allies. Many foreign experts say the North still has the few remaining technological hurdles to possess functioning nucleartipped missiles.

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida asked officials to coordinate with other countries to ask North Korea to cancel its launch. He said Japanese destroyers carrying Aegisclass radars and PAC-3 missile defence systems on Okinawa have been activated to stand by in case of an unexpected development.

"Even if the purpose is to launch a satellite, if ballistic

missile technology is used, it is a violation of the UN Security Council resolutions, and this is a matter that greatly affects the safety of the people," Kishida

During trilateral phone talks, senior officials from Japan, South Korea, and the US affirmed their cooperation to "strongly request North Korea to cancel" its launch plan, according to Japan's Foreign Ministry. South Korea's Unification Ministry said separately that it strongly urged North Korea to scrap the launch plan because it would pose a serious threat to regional peace.

After the second launch failure, North Korea had vowed a third launch would take place in October, but failed to follow through with the plan without giving any reason. South Korean officials recently said the delay happened likely because North Korea is receiving Russian technology assistance.

North Korea and Russia are pushing to expand their relationships in the face of separate confrontations with the West —

North Korea over its nuclear ambitions and Russia over its invasion of Ukraine.

Foreign governments and experts say North Korea is seeking Russian technologies to enhance its nuclear and other military capabilities in return for supplying conventional arms to support Russia's war efforts in Ukraine. Such transfer would violate UN Security Council resolutions that ban any weapons trading to and from North Korea.

"I will just say that our position is very clear, which is that Russia should not supply North Korea with technology that would violate UN Security Council resolutions," US State Department spokesman Matthew Miller said on Monday. "North Korea should not supply Russia with arms that it can use to prosecute its war of aggression against Ukraine." Both Russia and North Korea dismissed the alleged weapon transfer deal as baseless. But when North Korean leader Kim Jong Un travelled to Russia in September, President Vladimir Putin told state media that his country would help North Korea build satellites.

On Tuesday, the USS Carl Vinson aircraft carrier and its battle group arrived at a South Korean port in a show of the allies' firm readiness against North Korea's evolving nuclear threats, South Korea's navy said.

Earlier this year, the US flew nuclear-capable bombers and deployed a nuclear-armed submarine in South Korea as well.

Hamas Chief Says "Close To Reaching" Truce Deal In War With Israel



DOHA, Nov 21 (Agencies): Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh said on Tuesday his movement was nearing a truce agreement with Israel, according to a statement posted on Telegram.

"We are close to reaching a deal on a truce," Haniyeh said, according to the post.

Negotiators have been working to seal a deal to allow the release of around 240 mostly Israeli hostages seized on October 7, during the deadliest assault on Israel in its history.

Hamas fighters also killed around 1,200 people during their cross-border assault, most of them civilians.

Israel launched a relentless bombing campaign and ground offensive in retaliation for the attack, vowing to destroy Hamas and secure the release of the hostages.

According to the Hamas government in Gaza, the war has killed more than 13,300 people, thousands of them children.

Intense negotiations mediated by Qatar, where Hamas has a political office and where Haniyeh is based, have been under way.

Qatar's prime minister said Sunday that a deal to free some of the hostages in return for a temporary ceasefire hinged on "minor" practical issues.

On Monday, US President Joe Biden said he believed a deal to free the hostages was close.

"I believe so," Biden said when asked whether a hostage deal was near.

Biden then crossed his fingers to signal he hoped for good luck.

Two sources familiar with the talks told AFP a tentative deal includes a five-day truce, comprised of a ceasefire on the ground and limits to Israeli air operations over southern Gaza.

In return, between 50

and 100 prisoners held by Hamas and Islamic Jihad -- a separate Palestinian group -- would be released.

They would include Israeli civilians and captives of other nationalities, but no military personnel.

Under the proposed deal, some 300 Palestinians would be released from Israeli jails, among them women and chil-

The White House said the negotiations were in the "endgame" stage, but refused to give further details, saying it could jeopardise a successful outcome.

Separately, the International Committee of the Red Cross said Monday that its president had travelled to Qatar to meet Hamas's Haniyeh "to advance humanitarian issues related to the armed conflict in Israel and Gaza".

In a statement, the Geneva-based organisation said it was continuing "to appeal for the urgent protection of all victims in the conflict, and for the alleviation of the catastrophic humanitarian situation in the Gaza strip".

It also said it had "persistently called for the immediate release of hostages".

Imran Khan 'ruined my happily married life', says Bushra Bibi's ex-husband

ISLAMABAD, Nov 21 (Agencies): The former husband of Bushra Bibi, the third and incumbent wife of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief Imran Khan, has alleged that the latter forcefully ended his 28-year-long marriage.

In a TV interview, Khawar Farid Maneka has leveled serious allegations against Imran Khan, accusing him for manipulating the divorce process to expedite his marriage to Bushra Bibi.

Bushra Bibi, who had been married to Maneka for 28-years and had at least five children, became a "peer" or spiritual healer after becoming part of the Maneka family, well-known for having a religious and spiritual background.

Bushra, aka Pinki Peerni, later was connected to Imran Khan through her sister in Dubai with an intent to heal the former Prime Minister from the depression and trauma he was facing after his divorce with Reham Khan.

Later, the connection between Pinki and Khan led to her separation and divorce with Maneka and marriage to

"Imran Khan ruined my 28-years-long marriage with Bushra. We were happily married. Imran Khan would come to my house in my absence and sit there for hours with Bushra. They would talk for hours on mobile during the night. All of this was happening without my permission. And whenever I questioned Bushra, she would say that it is a matter related to spiritual healing. said Khawar Maneka.

"One time, I called my servant and asked him of why Bushra's phone is not being received. He told me that Imran Khan is here. So I told him to go in the room while I stayed on the call. I scolded Bushra and Imran Khan and told khan to leave my house. I told my servant to make sure he leaves immediately," he added.

Khawar Farid Maneka also revealed that Bushra had left his house at least six months prior to their divorce, relocating to her residence in Pakpattan city in Puniab.

Till that time, it was a separation and was not a divorce and Maneka had tried to reconcile with Bushra asking her to return home.

"My mother asked me to bring Bushra back home because she had serious doubts over Imran Khan's character,"

Talking about his alleged forced divorce, Khawar Farid Maneka said that Bushra's friend Farhat Shahzadi aka Farah Gogi, called him and told him that Bushra is not going to come back home, stressing that he should divorce her.

"After Farah Gogi's call, I went to Bushra and asked her of what is going on. She did not respond to my questions and kept her head down. Farah and some other people to divorce Bushra again called me. On November 14, 2017, I got frustrated and gave a written divorce, sent it to Gogi and told her to give it to Bushra."

Adding more to the startling revelations, Khawar Farid Maneka said that Bushra sent him a text message through Gogi to change the divorce date to facilitate Imran Khan's Nikkah (marriage) ceremony on January 1, 2018. "I was furious and shocked to see her audacity to contact me and ask me to change the divorce date."

According to Islam, a woman cannot get remarried after her divorce for at least three months

In the case of Bushra Bibi, as Khawar Farid Maneka divorced her on November 14, 2017, she could not get remarried to Imran Khan on January 14, 2018.

The case of Imran Khan's marriage with Bushra has also been raised in the courts as the cleric, who solemnised the Nikkah ceremony has stated that it was not as per Islamic Shariah, which was why the former Prime Minister had contacted him during February 2018, requesting him to conduct the ceremony again.

Political analysts who were aware of the developments said that they were informed that an alleged "spiritual revelation" to Bushra Bibi had directed her to marry Imran Khan and that he would become the country's Prime Minister.

"I have serious doubts about what Khawar Menaka claims. I am more certain that he was well-aware of what was going on between Bushra Bibi and Imran Khan under the umbrella of spiritual healing process," said senior journalist Javed Chaudhry.

"Very reliable sources told me back then that Bushra Bibi had proposed Imran Khan to marry her daughter. Imran Khan refused because there was a huge age difference. Later, Bushra Bibi offered him to marry her, adding that if he does so, he would become Pakistan's Prime Minister," he added.

But what Khawar Farid Maneka claims it that he was threatened by Imran Khan's close aids in Zulfi Bukhari and Gogi to stay silent and prevented him from speaking against the PTI chief.

"Farah Gogi conveyed to me that Imran was not their devotee and the future Prime Minister," Khawar Farid Maneka said.

While Khawar Farid Maneka's revelation have come as a major shock, many believe that such statements are being given at a time when legal cases of severe corruption in the Punjab province by him, Farah and then Chief Minister (CM) Usman Buzdar are being investigated in the courts.

Eruption of Papua New Guinea volcano subsides, though thick ash is billowing 3 miles into the sky

CANBERRA, Nov 21 (Agencies): The eruption of Papua New Guinea's tallest volcano subsided on Tuesday, but thick ash still billowed into the sky and coated roofs and palm trees nearby.

One of the South Pacific nation's most active volcanoes, Mount Ulawun erupted on Monday afternoon, spewing ash as high as 15 kilometres.

The alert level for the volcano on the north-eastern island of New Britain was downgraded by Papua New Guinea's Geohazards Management Division to Stage 3, which means a moderate-to-strong eruption. It had been at Stage 4 on Monday, indicating a very strong erup-

But the volcano, which stands 2.334 metres above sea level. remained active and the eruption could continue indefinitely, the division said.

The Volcanic Ash Advisory Centre in Darwin, Australia, reported volcanic smoke rising as high as 15,000 metres on Monday.

The Papua New Guinea division reported the ash plume rising at least 5,000 metres on Tuesday before becoming lost in atmospheric cloud.

The small volcanic particles in ash plumes can be carried long distances by wind and can threaten aviation. A thick plume extended tens of kilometres to the northwest of Mount Ulawun on Tuesday.

The Civil Aviation Safety Authority of Papua New Guinea did not immediately respond to an email asking if air travel was

being affected. The FlightAware tracking website showed normal activity Tuesday at the nearest large airports, in the national capital Port Moresby and in

Honiara, the Solomon Islands

The nearest large town is Bialla, which is established among palm oil plantations on Ulawun's slopes 47 kilometres to the southwest, the division said. Hargy Oil Palm Ltd., a

capital.

request for comment. The division said heavy coatings of black ash were causing leaves to droop in palm oil plantations near the volcano and

company based in Bialla, did not

immediately respond to an email

were accumulating on roofs. Bialla has a population of more than 13,000 people, according to the World Bank.

The eruption had prompted Japan to assess the risk of a possible tsunami on Monday, but none occurred and Papua New Guinea's division said the threat was "nil"

Papua New Guinea sits on the "Ring of Fire," the arc of seismic faults around the Pacific Ocean where much of the world's earthquake and volcanic activity occur. Ulawun has repeatedly erupted since 1700s, and its last major eruption in 2019 led to more than 5,000 people being evacuated.

The division said there were no known casualties from Ulawun's history of eruptions.

But major impacts in terms of population displacement, infrastructure damage and disruption to services were common, the division said.

"From Gutter To Sky": Chinese Company Plans To Turn **Used Cooking Oil Into Jet Fuel**

CHENGDU, Nov 21 (Agencies): At an upmarket restaurant in the hotpot-loving Chinese city of Chengdu, diners plunge sliced meat and vegetables into cauldrons of spicy, oily broth, largely unaware that their leftovers are set to take on a second life as jet fuel.

With around 150,000 tonnes of used hotpot oil thrown out by restaurants in the city each year, local business Sichuan Jinshang Environmental Protection has found a niche processing the greasy waste and exporting it to be turned into aviation fuel. "Since the company was incorporated in 2017, our overall volume has been increasing year by year," Ye Bin, the company's general manager, told agency.

"Our motto is, let oil from the gutter soar in the sky." Ye said his company was now producing up to 150,000 tonnes of industrial-grade oil annually from a combination of hotpot restaurants and other eateries across Chengdu, including KFC outlets. On a typical night, collectors hired by Jinshang visit hundreds of these restaurants around the southwestern metropolis. The process begins right after customers leave, with waiters emptying their hotpot broth -- so rich it is used purely as a cooking medium -- into a special filter that separates oil from water.

Donning thick aprons and elbow-length rubber gloves, collectors then arrive to pick up jerrycans of the scarlet grease. "It's a great job -- I play mahjong during the day and work at night," one collector named Zheng told as he packed a minivan with containers of the pungent sludge. That sludge is then ferried to a business park on the city's outskirts where Jinshang's mostly spotless plant is based.

The only trace of the oil there is a faint scent of hotpot at the unloading dock and telltale orange stains at the bottom of some equipment.

The oil is piped into massive vats and undergoes a refining process that removes remaining water and impurities, resulting in a clear, yellow-tinged industrialgrade oil. That is exported to clients based mainly in Europe, the United States and Singapore, who further process it to make what industry insiders call "sustainable aviation fuel" (SAF).

SAFs are critical to decarbonising the aviation sector, which of global energy-related CO2 emissions in 2022, according to the International Energy Agency. But they are still not widely used -- making up less than 0.1 percent of all aviation fuels consumed -- because of processing costs and the relatively small number of suppliers.

was responsible for two percent

The International Air Transport Association estimates their widespread adoption could "contribute around 65 percent of the reduction in emissions needed by aviation to reach net-zero in 2050". Jinshang has plans to expand into its own SAFproducing facility soon, using equipment from US firm Honeywell to produce 300,000 tonnes annually. Jinshang's business model is part of wider efforts in China to tackle the mountains of food waste generated by its population of 1.4 billion.

Around 350 million tonnes of farm produce -- over a quarter of annual output -- goes to waste in the country each year, discarded by restaurants, supermarkets or consumers, according to a 2021 Nature study. In landfills, rotting food waste emits atmospherewarming methane gas more quickly than most other materials, according to the US Environmental Protection Agency. It's a massive headache for Chinese cities and a major

threat to global climate goals -one Beijing has vowed to tackle in a recent methane emissions plan that calls for the construction of innovative food waste processing projects across the country in the next few years.

In Shanghai, municipal waste treatment facilities have turned to the humble black soldier fly to turn tonnes of food waste each year into fertiliser and animal feed. At the Laogang waste treatment plant, a cavernous sealed room houses 500 million maggots, which chomp their way through up to 2,500 tonnes of food waste each day, according to plant deputy director Wu Yuefeng. The wriggling grubs excrete a fine, black, dirt-like substance that is repurposed as fertiliser, while the larvae themselves are killed and harvested at peak plumpness to be turned into livestock feed. Back in Chengdu, the thought that his dinner will have a long, productive afterlife brings comfort to hotpot fan Dong. "This utilisation and circulation of waste throughout the whole of society is more beneficial," he told agency.

Trikuta Nagar Welfare Society holds protest against drinking water mismanagement



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 21: Residents of Trikuta Nagar under the banner of Trikuta Nagar Welfare Society (Regd.) Jammu on uesdau held a protest under the Presidentship of Rajinder Parshad Kakkar to address the critical issue of mismanagement in drinking water supply in Ward 54.

The residents have collective-

ly decided to raise their voice against the prevailing problems.

'There should be a reserved stock of pumping motors in every pumping station of Trikuta Nagar colony, Jammu. This measure aims to minimize downtime and ensure a swift response to motor failures," They said adding that prior information regarding drinking

water supply cuts should be disseminated in the public domain through print and electronic media that will allow residents to plan their water usage accord-

Recognizing the essential nature of water supply for human beings, concerned

ages, they said and demanded the installation of one more borewell in Ward 54 to address the low water levels

Residents have reported a lack of drinking water supply in Sector 5, 6, and 7 of Ward 54 for the last three days. Authorities are urged to address this serious problem promptly.

Residents have approached the concerned authorities, who cited pumping station motor repairs as the cause for the delay.

However, the residents are now compelled to take to the streets, demanding the urgent intervention of LG J&K UT.

The residents urged LG Sinha for immediate directions to the concerned authorities, with sufficient funds allocated and clear accountability assigned to prevent such issues in the future.

T.P. Singh, K.K. Mahajan, Er. Varinder Suri, Er. Ashok Kumar Arora and Deepak Daftari were

authorities should make alternative arrangements before the also present on the occasion.

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 21: Government Polytechnic Jammu organized a two-day Handicrafts Demonstration Workshop in collaboration with Handicrafts Service Centre Jammu, for the students of the institution.

The main objective of the Phulkari art

and improve their qual-Ambika Sambyal, Assis-During the program, all the government departments distributed pamphlets showcasing diverse welfare strated their skills.

schemes to the partici-

Various artisans present were Sanchaita Pradhan-Shilpkari Bazaar, KhushiBasohli Painting.

Top News Report

JAMMU / CHANDI-GARH, Nov 21: To mark Gurpurab and to celebrate its 16th Foundation Day, Ivy Group of Hospitals is organizing free mega health checkup camps on November 25 at its all 5 hospitals in

The camps will be held

Mohali, Khanna, Nawanshahr, Hoshiarpur & Amritsar.

During the camp free provided free of cost. A

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Smoking, air pollution common

causes of COPD: Dr Bhullar

Top News Report

JAMMU / BATHINDA

Nov 21: "Max Super

Specialty Hospital,

Bathinda is taking a pro-

active approach to raise

awareness about chron-

ic obstructive pulmonary

disease (COPD) and

observe pneumonia.

These initiatives aim to

educate the community

on the prevention, early

detection, and manage-

ment of respiratory dis-

Dr. Swarnjeet Singh

Bhullar, pulmonologist

at Max said, "COPD is

a group of lung condi-

tions that cause breath-

ing difficulties, includ-

ing chronic bronchitis

and emphysema. It

is a leading cause of

morbidity and mortality

worldwide. The common

causes are smoking and

He further said. "In

India Bacteria infection

continues to remain a

major cause of pneumo-

nia especially amongst

people with low socio-

economic status and

those with impaired

air pollution."

eases".

immunity. It is observed that a higher incidence of pneumonia is reported amongst those who are smokers or have a history of alcohol intake or other illicit substance abuse or those with underlying chronic respiratory conditions like COPD.

Talking about its symptoms Dr. Bhullar said that most patients with pneumonia generally experience high-grade fever with or without chills and rigor. They may have a cough with yellowish or green-colored sputum. They may feel breathlessness. In addition, few patients may also experience chest pain, occasional coughing out of blood or loss in appetite. In

severe cases, patients may also develop bloodstream infections and may even require an advanced life support system, he informed.

An effective way of preventing the occurrence of pneumonia is to adhere to timely vaccination, especially amongst the high-risk groups, opined Dr Bhul-

He said, "Various adult vaccines like influenza and pneumococcal are proven to be successful in reducing the incidence and severity of bacterial pneumonia in adults. With the pandemic going on, ensuring adequate vaccination with COVID 19 is mandatory. Other lifestyle modifications like abstinence from smoking and drinking, adequate nutrition, routine physical activity, avoiding overcrowding, and maintaining appropriate blood sugar levels amongst diabetic patients can decrease the chance of acquiring a pneumonia".

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camp held at Mushkoo, Gindiyal **Panchayats in Drass**

the region. One of the aspects of the event

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and resources designed

to uplift the community

During the program,

BDO Drass, Shahid

Sultan, briefed the gen-

eral public about the

goal of Viksit Bharat

Sankalp Yatra and

underlined its mission.

The VBSY camp wit-

nessed huge participa-

The officials expressed

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Viksit Bharat pledge

was also taken by the

officials and participants

at both the Panchayats.

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Top News Report

KARGIL, Nov 21: To ensure saturation of flagship schemes of the government, Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camp was on Tuesday organized at in Mushkoo Panchayat and Gindiyal Panchayat in Drass.

BDC Chairman participated in the program as chief guest. **BDO Drass/Day Nodal** Officer Shahid Sultan, Agricultural Scientist, SKUAST, Dr Maheshwar, Agriculture Officer Drass, Mohammad Shah, TSO Drass Gh. Rasool, JE PDD Sadio Microbiologist Sajida Bano and officials of RD&PRD. Handloom, Agriculture, JJM, and representatives of other line departments took part in the program.

During the event, villagers were briefed on various beneficiary-oriented schemes designed to enhance their lives.

The camp also focused on Jal Jeevan Mission initiatives, offering guidance and support to mitigate waterrelated challenges in

Govt Polytechnic Jammu organizes "handicrafts demonstration workshop"

Workshop was to aware the students about the various local handicrafts like miniature Basohli Painting, Bamboo craft, crochet designing, Embroidery,

tant Director Handicrafts introduced the various local artisans who then briefed the students about their journey and also demon-

Er. Arun Bangotra, Prinic-

pal Government Polytechnic Jammu also welcomed the artisans and emphasized upon conducting such hands on training cum awareness programmes in the institute so as to promote the local emerging

talents.

Happy hearts by khushi, Suresh- Bamboo artisan, Renu Billowria- Embroidery, Antima Manhas-

The workshop was coordinated by Er. Sakshi Kapahi Incharge Basohli Painting, Ar. Manu Rajput demonstrator Architecture Assistantship.

Foundation Day: Ivy Group to hold health camps across Punjab

Punjab including Mohali.

from 10 am to 3 pm at the group's hospitals at consultation across 16 health specialties and free tests of ECG, vital testing, blood sugar and bone density will be provided. The dietary consultation, screening ECHO and physiotherapy consultation will also be

specialist team of doctors will conduct camps at all locations

There will be a special discount of Rs 2000 on the booking of angiography and 20% discount on all laboratory and radiology services. The patients are advised to carry their previous medical records, including scans, angiography CD, and MRI to the

Delhi Modern Public School Pampore celebrates Annual Day



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SRINAGAR, Nov 21: Delhi Modern Public School Pampore celebrated its Annual Day with grandeur and splendor at Tagore Hall, Srinagar, showcasing a spectacular of talent, culture and achievement.

The event, held today, brought together students, parents, faculty, and distinguished quests to commemorate another successful academic year.

The Tagore Hall came

alive with vibrant performances, ranging from mesmerizing dance routines to soul-stirring musical presentations.

The school's principal, Shaheena Mushtag, expressed pride in the achievements of the students and emphasized the school's dedication to providing a holistic education that goes beyond academics.

Distinguished guests, including G N Var President PSAJK, graced the occasion and commended the school for its commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals equipped for the challenges of the future.

As Delhi Modern Public School Pampore looks forward to another successful academic year, the Annual Day celebration at Tagore Hall stands as a testament to the school's unwavering dedication to fostering a conducive learning environment and reaffirmed its commitment to excellence in education and holistic

'One Nation. One Election In National Interest. Nothing to do with any **Party: Kovind**

Asserting that no particular political party will be benefitting from "one nation, one election", Kovind said, "If implemented, the party which is in power at the Centre will benefit, be it the BJP or the Congress or any other party. There is no discrimination." The biggest beneficiaries will be the common people as the revenue saved will be utilised for development works, Kovind

In the first meeting of the committee in September, the panel outlined the modalities of the committee and decided to invite recognised national parties, parties having government in states, parties having their representatives in Parliament, and other recognised state parties to seek their suggestions/viewpoints on the issue of simultaneous elections in the country.

In addition, it said the Committee will also invite the Law Commission of India to make their suggestions/viewpoints on the issue.

Over the years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has pushed strongly for the idea of simultaneous Lok Sabha and state assembly polls, and the decision to task Kovind to look into it underscores the government's seriousness as a host of elections approach.

LG Manoj Sinha seeks investment from Industry: Says UT giving incentives to businesses

different sectors. We are providing better incentives than other states to set up industry," Sinha said, while awarding engineering sector exporters here.

The incentives include cheap power tariffs, capital investment incentives and interest subvention, he added.

He also said that tourist inflow has increased and it is expected to reach over 2.25 crore this year, as against 1.88 crore

"Jammu and Kashmir is offering you endless possibilities and partnership... If you are looking to capture new segments, then Jammu and Kashmir is the new destination," he said, adding the number of trains and flights connecting the Union Territory are also increasing.

Sinha further said that the UT administration is taking steps to promote industrialisation.

After independence till 2021, Jammu and Kashmir only attracted investments worth about Rs 14,000 crore in the private sector, he said, adding in 2021, a new industrial scheme was announced with the central government.

At present the Union Territory is giving better incentives for setting up new industries than any other state in the country,

Referring to pollution in the national capital, he said that there is a better environment in Jammu and Kashmir.

Citing data of the Union Home Ministry, the Lieutenant Governor said incidences of crime are also low. "I want to assure you that... stone pelting and blockades have

become a thing of the past," he said. On the connectivity front also, several steps have been taken such as a train between Kashmir to Kanykumari.

Work is on fast track for Katra-Delhi greenfield expressway and in the coming 1-1.6 years, it will be completed. It would

help to reach Delhi from Katra in 5-5.30

On the air connectivity front, he informed that from Srinagar, 126 flights are being operated and from Jammu, the number is 44 and it will increase further.

Work for an Inland container depot will also start soon, he said.

BSF recovers 565 grams of Heroin airdropped by Pakistani Drone near IB in Amritsar

dropping the packet, according to the

In a post on X, the BSF said, "In a search operation, based on specific input about drone intrusion, @BSF_Punjab troops seized 565 gms of heroin from the outskirts of the village - Mode, District - Amritsar. The troops swiftly responded to the #drone intrusion, which dropped the contraband before returning back to #Pakistan." "#AlertBSF troops successfully thwarted yet another attempt by Pakistani smugglers to smuggle drugs into Indian territory," it

Israel declares Lashkar-E-Taiba as 'Terror **Organisation' ahead of** 15th anniversary of 26/11 **Mumbai attacks**

Government of India to do so, the state of Israel has formally completed all necessary procedures and has satisfied all required checks and regulations to the result of introducing Lashkar-e-Taiba into the Israeli list of illegal terror organisations," the statement said

Ten Pakistani terrorists entered south Mumbai areas through sea route, attacked a number of places, including a Chabad House, a Jewish centre, and indiscriminately killed 166 people, including 18 security personnel, and a number of Israelis on November 26, 2008.

"Lashkar-e-Taiba is a deadly and reprehensible terror organization, responsible for the murder of hundreds of Indian civilians as well as others. Its heinous actions on November 26, 2008 still reverberate in force, through all peace seeking nations and societies," the statement added.

Atal Dulloo repatriated to J&K; likely to be new CS

A seasoned bureaucrat, Dulloo, in the bureaucratic circles, is known for his amiable, non-confrontational style of functioning. Dulloo also served as the Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary) Finance department, J&K for a long period.

Major tragedy averted as around 10 kgs IED recovered in Kishtwar

SHO Kishtwar Parvaiz Khanday confirmed the recovery of the explosives and said that a major tragedy was averted due to timely detection of the explosives. "It was an unassembled IED. we have registered a case and started further investigations."

336 Unexploded Shells **Neutralised in Kargil in** 2023

Army official said, while speaking to The Tribune. Prior to commencing demining

activities, the local administration is duly informed, cautioning the populace to refrain from entering the area. During the sanitisation process, a magistrate, tehsildar, and police officials are stationed in proximity to monitor the exercise. Notably, Kurbathang features a football ground frequented by

development.

Highlighting the potential dangers, in April of this year, a tragic incident occurred when a minor boy lost his life, and two others were injured after coming into contact with an unexploded shell. The area, reportedly a former firing range for the Army, is believed to harbor remnants from the Kargil war era. Kargil Tehsildar Kacho Asgar acknowl-

ground. He commented. The population is asked to remain away from the area where the de-mining exercise starts. It takes hours for the drive to complete before we open the area for the people."

edged the isolated nature of the area but stressed its popularity due to the football

E-Rickshaw Owner arrested for allowing **Minor to Drive**

and surpassing seating capacity. The officer emphasised that the police have issued a warning to vehicle owners and parents of minors. Regardless of the vehicle type, if found being driven by unauthorized drivers or minors, strict legal action will be taken

against the owners and parents. **Departmental store damaged** in fire in Srinagar's Goiwara

"The cause of the fire is under investigation." The store got completely gutted while some adjacent shops suffered partial damage," the official said.

Markets rebound in early trade after two days of fall

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbs 268.31 points to 65,923.46 in early trade

MUMBAI, Nov 21 (Agencies): Equity benchmark indices rebounded in early trade on Tuesday after two days of decline, mirroring a bullish trend in global markets along with buying in Reliance Industries and HDFC Bank.

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 268.31 points to 65,923.46 in early trade. The Nifty went up by 85.1 points to 19,779.10.

Among the Sensex firms, JSW Steel, Tata Steel, Titan, Reliance Industries, HDFC Bank and Infosys were the



biggest gainers. Larsen & Toubro, Maruti, Nestle and Hindustan Unilever were

among the laggards.

In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong were trading with gains. The US markets ended in the positive

territory on Monday. Global oil benchmark Brent crude declined 0.44 per cent to USD 81.96 a barrel.

Byju's has been under the Enforcement Directorate's scanner for potential foreign NEW DELHI, Nov 21 (Agen-

cies): The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday found forex violations amounting to Rs 9,000 crore by struggling edtech company Byju's.

The allegation against Byju's comes after the ED had conducted searches and seizure operations at 3 premises in Bengaluru in a case related to founder and CEO Byju Raveendaran and his company 'Think & Learn Private Limited' under the provisions of the FEMA in May.

During the search and seizure operation, the probe agency unearthed various incriminating documents and digital data. The searches also revealed that the company has received foreign direct investment (FDI) to the



Byju's faces heat over alleged forex violation

of Rs 9,000 crore

exchange violations since April 2023.

tune of approximately Rs 28,000 crore during the period from 2011 to 2023.

Further, the company has also remitted roughly Rs 9,754 crore to various foreign jurisdictions during the same period in the name of overseas direct investment. The company has booked around Rs 944 crore in advertising and marketing expenses, including the amount remitted to foreign jurisdictions.

The company has not prepared its financial statements since the financial year 2020-21 and has not had its accounts audited, which is a mandatory process

The probe agency suspects the genuineness of the figures provided by the company and these are now being crossexamined by banks. It may be

noted that the investigation against the platform was initiated on the basis of various complaints received from various private persons.

During the investigation conducted by the ED, several summons were issued to Byju Raveendran. However, he has never appeared during the investigation.

Byju's has issued a statement denying reports that have linked it to violations under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA).

"Byju's unequivocally denies media reports that insinuates Byju's of any FEMA violations. The company has not received any such communication from authorities," said a spokesperson for the edtech company.

Tata Tech IPO sees 70% grey market premium

NEW DELHI, Nov 21 (Agencies): Tata Technologies, the first initial public offering (IPO) by the Tata Group in 20 years, is attracting a very high premium in the unofficial grey market, indicating a blockbuster listing on the stock exchanges.

According to iPOWatch, shares of Tata Technologies were available at Rs 850 apiece in the grey market, which is 70%, or Rs 350, premium over the upper price band of Rs 500 per share. The high demand for Tata's latest share comes even as four other companies are also launching their IPOs this week.

They are - Gandhar Oil Refinery, Flair Writing, IREDA and Fedbank Financial Services. Last checked, shares of these companies were commanding

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a premium of 6-30% in the grey market. Adding to the euphoria, the latest IPO of the salt to airline conglomerate has also received a thumbs up rating from brokerages.

Prashanth Tapse, research analyst at Mehta Equities, said they like the company's strong established brand and diverse product portfolio across different product categories from traditional OEMs to new-age energy vehicles like EVs. "We think outsourcing business model would be in great demand going forward in engineering services and digital transformation services to global manufacturing clients helping clients to conceive, design, develop and deliver

better products. By looking at the financials historically, Tata Tech has delivered a strong revenue and margin growth in the last 3 years and expect the growth would remain similar going forward," said Tapse.

He added, "On valuation per se at upper price band of Rs 500 and based on annualised earnings and fully diluted post-IPO paid-up capital, the issue is asking for a market cap of Rs 20,283 crore with P/E of 29x on consolidated basis, which seems the issue is reasonably priced when compared industry peers which are trading 60x." Tata Tech has proposed to open its IPO of up to 60,850,278 equity shares on Wednesday, November 22, 2023. Bid/offer closing date will be Friday, November 24, 2023.

UK outsourcing firm Capita to cut 900 jobs to reduce costs: Report



NEW DELHI, Nov 21 (Agencies): British outsourcing firm Capita intends to trim approximately 900 jobs globally as part of its ongoing cost-cutting initiative, primarily affecting roles related to indirect support functions and overheads, the company announced on Tuesday.

Capita, with operations in the UK, Europe, India, and South Africa, currently employs around 50,000 people, and the potential layoffs constitute less than 2 per cent of its workforce.

While the company stated that its performance aligns with expectations, the job reductions are a strategic move to enhance cost efficiency and achieve a doubling of profit margins over the medium term.

"We continue to identify further areas of cost efficiency and will pursue these during 2024," said CEO Jon Lewis, who is set to retire by the year's end.

Capita, a provider of services to both public and private sectors, faced challenges this year following a significant cyber incident in March.

The London-listed firm disclosed plans to initiate consultations with employees regarding the job reduction program, anticipating annualised savings of £60 million starting from the first quarter of 2024. This exceeds their previous target of £40 million in cost savings.

Capita shares experienced a 5 per cent increase in early trading.

Dr SS Badrinath, founder of one of India's biggest charitable hospitals, dies at 83

NEW DELHI, Nov 21 (Agencies): Dr SS Badrinath, founder of the eye hospital Sankara Nethralaya, died on November 21. He was 83

"Our visionary Founder, a legend and compassionate leader Dr. S.S. Badrinath passed away early this morning. The last rites will be held after 9.30 A.M. today at the Beasant Nagar crematorium. SN is deeply saddened by the demise of our Founder," a note from the institution reads.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi condoled Dr SS Badrinath's death in a post on X and wrote. "Deeply saddened by the passing of Dr. SS Badrinath Ji, a visionary, expert in ophthalmology and founder of Sankara Nethralaya. His contributions to eye care and his relentless service to society have left an indelible mark. His work will continue to inspire generations. Condolences to his family and loved ones. Om Shanti." Who was Dr SS Badrinath?

Born in Triplicane, Chennai, in 1940, Dr Sengamedu Srinivasa Badrinath lost both his parents when he was a teenager and completed his medical studies from the life insurance policy money he received following the death of his

As a child, Dr SS Badrinath was deeply affected by the "helplessness" of a relative who was visually-impaired. He had said, "Seeing the helplessness of a person without eyesight became deep-rooted



in the child's memory," according to an article on the ophthalmologist.

This prompted him to take up the practice and graduate from Madras Medical College in 1962. After completing his

medical studies, Dr Badrinath began pursuing the area further in the United States of America at Grasslands Hospital, New York University Postgraduate Medical School and Brooklyn Eye and Ear Infirmary.

In 1970, he set up a private practice in ophthalmology and vitreoretinal surgery (conditions that affect structures called the retina and the vitreous in the eye) at HM Hospital.

Dr Badrinath and Sankara Nethralaya

In 1974, Kanchi Mutt Acharya Jayendra Saraswathi ignited Dr Badrinath's spiritual and professional journey, emphasising the urgent need for affordable hospitals in India that also provided world-class

amenities. This vision, highlighted by medical sociologist AP Irungovel, aimed to impart quality care to all citizens.

Dr Badrinath's connection with Sankara Math deepened when he performed cataract surgery on spiritual guru Chandrasekerendra Saraswathi Swamigal.

Following guidance from mentors, Dr Badrinath established Sankara Nethralaya in 1978 under the Medical Research Foundation.

The institution became a symbol of progress in modern medicine, combining medical education, pioneering research and compassionate patient care, drawing people from across regions.

Sankara Nethralaya is now one of India's biggest charitable nonprofit ophthalmic organisations.

In 1996, the legendary ophthalmologist received the Padma Bhushan, the country's third-highest civilian award for his contributions to the healthcare industry.

Dr Badrinath married Dr Vasanthi Iyengar, a paediatrician and hematologist in Brooklyn, New York, in 1967. They have two sons.

Nanoplastics promote conditions for Parkinson's, dementia: Study

NEW DELHI, Nov 21 (Agencies): Nanoplastics interact with a particular protein naturally found in the brain creating changes linked to Parkinson's disease and some types of dementia, a study has found.

The research, published in the journal Science Advances, paves the way for a new area of investigation, fuelled by the timely impact of environmental factors on human biology.

"Parkinson's disease has been called the fastest growing neurological disorder in the world," said principal investigator, Andrew West, a professor at Duke University School of Medicine, US.

"Numerous lines of data suggest environmental factors might play a prominent role in Parkinson's disease, but such factors have for the



most part not been identified," West said.

Improperly disposed plastics have been shown to break into very small pieces and accumulate in water and food supplies, and were found in the blood of most adults in a recent study.

"Our study suggests that the emergence of micro and nanoplastics in the environment might represent a new toxin

challenge with respect to Parkinson's disease risk and progression," West said.

"This is especially concerning given the predicted increase in concentrations of these contaminants in our water and food supplies," the researcher added.

The team found that nanoparticles of the plastic polystyrene -typically found in single use items such as disposable drinking cups and cutlery -- attract the accumulation of the protein known as alphasvnuclein.

The study's most surprising findings are the tight bonds formed between the plastic and the protein within the area of the neuron where these accumulations are congregating, the lysosome.

Researchers said the plastic-protein accumulations happened across three different models performed in the study - in test tubes, cultured neurons, and mouse models of Parkinson's disease.

West said questions remain about how such interactions might be happening within humans and whether the type of plastic might play a role.

"While microplastic and nanoplastic contaminants are being closely evaluated for their potential impact in cancer and autoimmune diseases, the striking nature of the interactions we could observe in our models suggest a need for evaluating increasing nanoplastic contaminants on Parkinson's disease and dementia risk and progression," West added.

Covid vaccines reduced risk of sudden death in young adults, study finds

spanned from Octo-

ber 1, 2021, to March

31, 2023, involved 47



NEW DELHI, Nov 21 (Agencies): A comprehensive study by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has concluded that COVID-19 vaccination does not increase the risk of unexplained

sudden deaths among young adults in India. On the contrary, the study suggests that receiving at least one dose of the vaccine may actually reduce the likelihood of such fatalities. The research, which

tertiary care hospitals across the country and focused on people aged 18-45 years who were apparently healthy with no known comorbidities and died suddenly from unexplained causes. The analysis included 729 cases and 2,916 controls, revealing that those who had received two doses of the vaccine had lower odds of experiencing unexplained sudden death, while a single dose did not have the same protective effect.

However, the study identified several factors that increased the risk of sudden death. These include a history of hospitalization due to Covid-19, a family history of sudden death, binge drinking within 48 hours prior to death, the use of recreational drugs or substances, and engaging in vigorous-intensity physical activity within 48 hours before death.

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya had earlier cited the findings of the ICMR study, particularly cautioning those with a past history of severe Covid-19 infection against overexertion. His advice came in response to inquiries about a series of deaths reported in Gujarat during Navratri celebrations. The ICMR's investiga-

tion has provided crucial insights into the factors contributing to sudden deaths among young adults, ruling out any connection between COVID-19 vaccination and such incidents. Instead, it points to other health and lifestyle factors as playing a more significant role in these unexpected events.

Video: PM Modi cheers up Indian players in dressing room after World Cup finals loss; hugs Shami, asks **Bumrah if he speaks Gujarati**

The PM speaks to a number of players, including Kohli, Rohit, Bumrah, Jadeja and Mohammed Shami

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AHMEDABAD, Nov 21 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday released a video from the Indian dressing room after ICC World Cup finals loss where he is heard having a pep talk with the players.

Trying to lift their spirits, the PM spoke to the players, including Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma, Jasprit Bumrah, Ravindra Jadeja and Mohammed Shami.

"Aap log poora 10-10



game jeet ke aaye ho, yeh toh hota rehta hai. Muskuraiye bhai, desh aap logon ko dekh raha hai. Maine socha mil lun sab ko." Modi said.



Speaking to Ravinas Bumrah replied thori dra Jadeja, the PM thori)". said, "Kya babu," and to Jasprit Bumrah he asked: "Tum Gujarati

The Prime Minster also praised Mohammed Shami who ended

the tournament as the

top wicket-taker. "Arrey Shami, bahut accha kiya iss baar," and he hugged

The Indian cricket team lost the final battle against Australia by 6 wickets on Sunday at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

PM Modi was present at the stadium to watch the Indian team take on Australia in a bid to end the 12-year wait for the ODI World Cup.

Suryakumar Yadav to lead **India in five-match T20I series** against Australia



NEW DELHI, Nov 21 (Agencies): Suryakumar Yadav was named as India captain for the upcoming five-match T20I series against Australia, which begins from November 23 at Visakhapatnam.

Pakistan chief selector Riaz issues stern

Opener Ruturaj Gaikwad has been named as vice-captain for the series against the newly-crowned ODI champions, as the hosts only picked three players from the recent World

Cup squad - Prasidh

Krishna, Ishan Kishan and Suryakumar himself.

However, Shreyas Iyer will join the squad for the last two T20Is in Raipur and Bengaluru and he will take over the role of vice-captain from Gaikwad.

India squad: Suryakumar Yadav (Captain), Ruturaj Gaikwad (vicecaptain), Ishan Kishan, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Tilak Varma, Rinku Singh, Jitesh Sharma (wk), Washington Sundar, Axar Patel, Shivam Dubey, Ravi Bishnoi, Arshdeep Singh, Prasidh Krishna, Avesh Khan, Mukesh Kumar.

David Warner rested for T20s against India, says his ODI World Cup career not yet over

MELBOURNE, Nov 21 (Agencies): The selectors have decided to rest David Warner for the five-match T20 series in India following Australia's ODI World Cup triumph in Ahmed-

Warner, who was Australia's leading run-getter with 535 runs in the triumphant campaign, was originally part of the squad to be led by Matthew Wade. The squad, for the series beginning in Visakhapatnam on November 23, was announced last month. All-rounder Aaron

joined the squad as Warner's replacement. "Selectors decided Warner would return home on the back of a successful yet demanding World Cup campaign," Cricket Australia

Hardie has already

Tuesday. Earlier this year, Warner hinted that the home series against Pakistan could be the

said in a statement on

but remains determined to carry on in the shorter formats.

on social media signalling the southpaw had played his last ODI World Cup, the 37-year-old on Tuesday said: "Who said I am finished?"

Warner's absence from the T20s means that only seven members of Australia's World Cup winning squad will remain in India. They are Sean Abott, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Glenn Maxwell, Steve Smith, Marcus Stoinis and Adam Zampa.

squad on Monday night and only three players from the World Cup Reacting to a post were picked for the T20s -- skipper Suryakumar Yadav, Ishan Kishan

> and Prasidh Krishna. Shreyas Iyer will be available for the last two games in Raipur and Bengaluru.

Australia T20 squad: Matthew Wade (c). Aaron Hardie, Jason Behrendorff, Sean Abbott, Tim David, Nathan Ellis, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Glenn Maxwell, Tanveer Sangha, Matt Short, Steve Smith, Marcus Stoinis, Kane Richard-

warning to Haris Rauf after pacer pulls out of Australia tour

Says players willing to stand up for the country will be given preference in future when it comes to team selection

KARACHI, Nov 21 (Agencies): Pakistan fast bowler Haris Rauf pulled out of the Test series against Australia, driving chief selector Wahab Riaz to issue a warning to players to prioritise national duties and any non-compliance will lead to them getting sidelined.

Riaz announced an 18-member squad for the three Test series in Australia and said Rauf needed to make a sacrifice and play for Pakistan.

"Two days back he (Haris) told us that he was available for the Test series and last night he said he had worries over his workload and fitness issues so he was not available," said Riaz.

The former fast bowler said he along with Muhammad Hafeez, the



tor of Pakistan team, had a detailed chat with Rauf.

"I and Hafeez spoke to him (Rauf) in detail and told him that both the captain and coach wanted him to play in Australia, as he was an impact bowler.

"We assured him that he would not bowl more then 10-12 overs in a day in Australia," Riaz explained.

team physio and trainer and they said Rauf had no fitness issues and there would be no problem with him in Australia. As a centrally contracted player we felt he should have not taken a step

Riaz said in the absence of a few injured topline players, Rauf would have been handy Down Under.

back."

"We felt that with Naseem

Muhammad Hasnain and Ehsanullah unavailable due to injuries, Rauf, if he wanted to play for Pakistan, should have made a sacrifice and played for the team," said Riaz.

Riaz made it clear that players who are willing to stand up for the country will be given preference in future when it comes to team selection.

"Any player, no matter who he is or how big a player he is, if he is not giving priority to the Pakistan team then he will not feature in our future plans," he added.

The former left-arm quick said he wanted to prepare a pool of good standby players and not have to depend on just 15-16 players as happened before the World

He said more young players would be given exposure in T20 cricket so that there would be more players to choose from for next year's T20 World Cup.

Riaz said Naseem Shah would be ready to start bowling again at 50 to 60 percent after three to four weeks. "He is still in rehab recovering from his shoulder surgery." Pakistan squad for

Australia series: Shan Masood (captain), Aamir Jamal, Abdullah Shafique, Abrar Ahmed, Babar Azam, Faheem Ashraf, Hasan Ali, Imam-ul-Hag, Khurram Shahzad, Mir Hamza, Mohammad Rizwan (wk), Mohammad Wasim Jnr, Noman Ali, Saim Ayub, Salman Ali Agha, Sarfaraz Ahmed (wk), Saud Shakeel and Shaheen Shah Afridi

Stop such behaviour: Harbhajan Singh slams trolling of families of Australian players after **World Cup Final**

NEW DELHI, Nov 21 (Agencies): World Cupwinning former India spinner Harbhajan Singh condemned the trolling of a few Australian players and their families by a section of fans of the sport after the World Cup 2023 final. India lost to Australia by 6 wickets in a one-sided final as Pat Cummins's men went on to lift their 6th World Cup trophy at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Sunday, November 21.

Harbhajan Singh took to social media to stress that "sanity and dignity" are important after a fantastic World Cup in India and urged the trolls to stop targeting the players and their families.

"Reports of trolling of family members of Australian cricket players is

completely in bad taste. We played well but lost the final to better cricket by the Aussies. That's it. Why troll the players and their families? Requesting all cricket fans to stop such behaviour. Sanity and dignity are more important," Harbhajan Singh said in a social media post.

Cup Final, Vini Raman, the wife of Australian cricketer Glenn Maxwell, found herself at the center of a social media storm. As Australia celebrated their triumph over India, Vini Raman faced a barrage of hateful and vile direct messages from a section of fans.

After the Cricket World importantly, the team for which her husband plays.

Taking to Instagram, Raman shared a carousel of photographs documenting her journey and the Australian team's success

However, it was her message that caught significant attention. In a powerful rebuke to the trolls, she underscored the absurdity of the vitriol directed at her, emphasising that one can have Indian roots and still support Australia, the country where she was born and raised, and more

The abuse wasn't limited to Raman. Travis Head, whose matchwinning century was crucial in securing Australia's victory, and his family also became targets of online harass-

Vini Raman's Instagram post was a defiant stand against this negativity. She called for perspective, urging people

to focus their energy on more pressing world issues rather than spewing hate over a game of

Travis Head emerged as the hero of Australia's World Cup final triumph as he hit a sensational 137 off just 120 balls, helping the eventual campions chase down 241 on a tricky pitch in Ahmedabad against the powerful indian bowling

Glenn Maxwell came up with an all-round show, chipping in with both bat and ball throughout the tournament. His double hundred against Afghanistan in a crunch game after Australia were reduced to 92 for 7 in their chase of 201 is being regarded as one of the greatest ODI

knocks.

India vs Qatar, FIFA World Cup qualifiers: Nothing to lose, a lot to win for us, says coach Igor Stimac



NEW DELHI, Nov 21 (Agencies): India football team coach Igor Stimac urged his players to give it their all in their big-ticket FIFA World Cup 2026 qualifier against heavyweights and Asian champions Qatar at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneshwar. Stressing on consistency and keeping their focus on the job in hand, Stimac expressed confidence that the Blue Tigers will put up a good show in front of what is expected to be a sell-out crowd.

The Indian football team, buoyed by the recent 1-0 win over Kuwait, steps onto the pitch with an air of confidence and a streak of resilience that has seen them remain unbeaten at home throughout the

India start as the underdogs

against Qatar but the backing of the home crowd is expected to spur the team on in their FIFA World Cup 2026 and AFC Asian Cup 2027 Preliminary Joint Qualification Round 2.

"It's a game, where there is nothing to lose for us but a lot to win for. So let's go for it all out," said Stimac at the pre-match press conference. "We cannot control the external factors. We can only control our performances at the individual level and as a team. The only thing for us to do is to give our best for 90 minutes when the first whistle sounds," Igor Stimac said.

Earlier in the month, on November 16, the Blue Tigers secured a narrow yet significant 1-0 victory against Kuwait. It was a match that showcased India's grit and tactical acumen, with Manvir Singh delivering the decisive blow. This win not only bolstered the team's morale but also fortified their position in Group A, alongside Kuwait, Qatar, and Afghanistan.

The significance of the upcoming match against Qatar is manifold. Not only does it serve as a litmus test for India's progress on the international stage, but it also offers a chance to draw inspiration from the past. The Indian team seeks to channel the spirit of their famous 2019 stalemate against Qatar, where they held the Asian champions to a goalless draw despite the absence of their talismanic captain, Sunil Chhetri.

India missed making it to Round 3 as they withered off after the draw to Qatar after being held by Bangladesh and Afghanistan.

"When you play high-level games consecutively without losing, facing Kyrgyzstan, Kuwait three times, Lebanon twice, Iraq and you don't lose matches and keep clean sheets, it's quite evident that you are consistent," "Stimac said.

"I said to our players immediately after the Kuwait game in the dressing room that the best thing is to forget this game immediately. Save your energy from celebrating, being over-confident and getting into euphoria. No, forget it. Let's get preparing for the Qatar game. That's the only way forward," he added.

Virat Kohli says goodbye to long-standing manager Bunty Sajdeh after World Cup final NEW DELHI, Nov earliest clients of Bun-

21 (Agencies): Indian batter Virat Kohli and his long-standing manager, Bunty Sajdeh, have reportedly parted ways after years of close association. Kohli was one of the

ty's talent management company Cornerstone.

"Yes, Kohli and Bunty have parted ways after a very long and successful partnership. Over the years, there are a lot of other cricketers

who've parted ways with Cornerstone. Rohit, KL Rahul, Ajinkya, Shubman and others. But Virat and Cornerstone were inseparable. Now, that relationship is over too," an industry source told CricketNext.

Reportedly, the split is amicable and Kohli is planning to start his own company and will register it soon.

Bunty Sajdeh is the cousin of cricketer Rohit Sharma's wife Ritika Sajdeh.

World Fisheries Day celebrated by GDC Kathua



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KATHUA, Nov 21: World Fisheries Day was celebrated by the Department of Industrial Fish and Fisheries of Govt. Degree College Kathua on Tuesday, as the day is celebrated worldwide annually by Fisheries community to raise awareness about the importance of fisheries and the role they play in providing food, livelihoods, and economic opportunities for many communities around the world.

The whole programme was celebrated under the guidance of worthy Principal, Prof. Seema Mir who appreciated the role of Department of Industrial Fish and Fisheries.

She congratulated and appreciated the efforts of Dr. Jageshwar Dutt Saroch, Dr. Rumeet Kour, and Prof. Humaira Afshan (Faculty of the department). Dr. Jageshwar told media that the overall programme was carried out under the guidance of Principal, Prof. Seema Mir and the students of all the running semesters participated in the event which included poster making competition depicting the theme of sustainable fishing and making the people aware of importance and problems of aquatic resources.

He said that the day is cel-

ebrated every year with the flying colours as such events are crucial for fostering a sense of responsibility and promoting actions that ensure the longterm health of fisheries and aquatic environments.

Further the department organized an educational field trip to a Community pond located in the premises of Sankat Mochan Shiv Temple, Shastri nagar, Kathua. Students of the Department participated in the field trip which was flagged off by Prof Raj Kiran Sharma and the esteemed senior faculty of

The students were overwhelmed and told media that after the event boosted their morale and they are looking forward to make use of their resources and to put their efforts by learning about Fisheries in the college in order to become self employed and can provide employment to others too.

Painting competition held under **Audit Diwas programme**

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JAMMU, Nov 21: As a part of ongoing week long Programme of Audit Diwas, Painting competition held at 3 pm in the lawns of Office of the Pr. Accountant General, Jammu and Kashmir, Jammu.

The Painting competition was inaugurated by the Chief Guest on the occasion Jagbir Singh,

Dy. Accountant General in presence of Surinder Kumar, Asstt. Accountant General. Sangeeta Kaul, Sr. AO and Riya Saproo were invited as jury members.

A Total of 52 children from nursery to 10th class participated in the painting competition. Children acquiring 1st second and 3rd position in each category were awarded medals along

with certificates. Participation certificates along with Chocolate boxes were distributed among all the participants. At the end of the event a light refreshment was served amongst the participants and spectators.

The programme was coordinated by Rozy Wali, Sr Audit Officer and Nodal officer Painting competition and her

Special Satsang in loving memory of Late Shamaro Devi held



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JAMMU, Nov 21: Special Satsang in loving memory of Late Shamaro Devi was organised in Dr B.R Ambedkar Community Hall at Krishna Nagar here today, in which a large number of people participated.

Addressing the people, the religious teacher said, Death teaches us not to

place our reliance on the flesh but on God. Therefore Death is a friend. We should not grieve unduly about the passing of our loved ones. It is selfish to desire that they always remain near us for our pleasure and comfort. Rather, rejoice that they have been summoned to advance toward soul

freedom in the new and

better environment of the astral world.

Among others who listened the Satsang were Messrs R.L.Kaith. Bhushan Lal, Sat Paul, Sham Lal, Ram Lal, Mohinder Lal, Uttam Chand Sandhu, Hari Chand Tugga, Bishan Dass, Ravi Kumar, Naresh Kumar, Bharat Bhushan, Girish Kumar and Rajesh Kumar

Governor Haryana to grace Aryans 12th Convocation on 25th November in Chandigarh



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JAMMU, Nov 21: Bandaru Dattatraya, Governor, Harvana will grace the 12th Convocation of Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, near Chandigarh on November 25th in PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Sector 31, Chandigarh.

Prof. Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary, All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi would be the Guest of Honor. Regarding this,

Group led by Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group met with Governor in Haryana Raj Bhavan, Chandigarh & he has consented to be the Chief Guest of this graduation

The meritorious students of B. Tech, Pharmacy, Law, MBA, BBA, BCA, Paramedical, B.Ed etc. will be felicitated on their accomplishments. Eligible students can register through College website www. aryans.edu.in or can call on 98781-08888.

SMVDU faculty members present papers at University of Kashmir

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KATRA, Nov 21: Dr. Satish K. Tiwari, Assistant Professor, School of Philosophy & Culture, Keshav K. Pandey, Guest faculty, Vaidik Studies, and Krishna K. Pandey, Guest faculty, Vaidik Studies presented papers in a Three-Day National Seminar on "Relevance of the Vedas in the Modern Context", dated 6th to 8th November 2023, organized by Department of Sanskrit, University of Kashmir, Srinagar, in collaboration with Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Vedavidya Pratishthan, Ujjain (MP).

Dr. Satish K. Tiwari deliberated on the topic 'Philosophical Analysis of Vaidik Concept of Rashtravad'.

He emphasized the difference between the concept of 'Nation' and 'Rashtra' The concept of Nation developed in the context of the struggle between church and state. The state uses the concept of Nation to connect the people in



favor of it. So, the concept of Nation is supported and created by the State, and the concept of Rashtra is developed by the will of common consciousness. Vaidik literature presents a journey from 'Sva' (self) to 'Sarva' (all) Rashtra is the aim in the form of a global family (Vasudhev Kutumbkam): "Ayam Nijah Paro Veti Gaņanā laghucetasām ludāracaritānām Tu Vasudhaiva Kuţumbakam II."

Krishna K. Pandey talked about zoology in Vaidik Literature). He discussed zoological content in Vaidik Literature, In Vaidik Literature, there are references to zoological concepts and observations. The Rigveda



mentions various animals and their significance. Animals were often associated with deities and their char acteristics were sometimes used as metaphors.

sented on (botany in Vaidik Literature). He explored the references to plants and botanical concepts that reflect the significance of flora in ancient Indian cultures. Plants are important in rituals, medicinal practices, and daily life. They are considered sacred and used in religious ceremonies and sacrifices. The Head, School of Philosophy & Culture applauded the efforts of faculty members of the department.

declared winner of NHPC (state level) painting competition

Vrindalika of DPS Jammu

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JAMMU, Nov 21: As a part of National Awareness Campaign to promote Energy Conservation in the country, National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd. (NHPC), Ministry of Power, Govt. of India organized a prestigious State **Level Painting Competition** on 20th November, 2023 at NHPC Regional Office, Jammu wherein Vrindalika Sharma (Class IX-C) of Delhi Public School Jammu bagged the coveted 1st position and a cash prize of Rs. 50,000 in Category-B while Vanshika Dutta (X-J) won 3rd prize of cash Rs. 20,000 in Category-B. Chief Guest, Bikram Singh,

The competition was organized by NHPC for classes V, VI, & VII under group-A and for VIII, IX &

ED, RO felicitated both the

X under group-B. Around 6000 students

from J&K U.T had par-

ticipated in the said competition out of which 800 students were from DPS

Vrindalika and Vanshika having won the coveted 1st & 3rd positions have also been selected for the national level painting competition to be held later in the month of December-2023.

Ruchi Chabra, Principal-DPS Jammu congratulated both the students and said that it was a proud moment for the school to stand out as a state level winner of J&K out of thousands of students across J&K.

The Management DPS Jammu, President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC-Dr. Ritu Singh and Director- S.S Sodhi congratulated Vrindalika, Vanshika, their parents and teacher in-charge, Suresh Kumar Sharma for their achievements. They also extended their best wishes to them for all their future national competition

JU's Department of Education conducts induction programme the programme



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JAMMU, Nov 21: P.G. Department of Education University of Jammu organized induction programme for the students of M.A. 1st semester.

Prof. Renu Nanda, Prof. Rajiv Rattan Sharma. Dr. Kajal Devi Manhas Dr. Ana Bali, Dr. Sheetal Sharma, Dr. Upasana Sharma, Dr. Anuradha Rani and Dr. Minakshy Sharma were present in Students were wel-

comed and encouraged to work hard to achieve their goals in life and follow rules and regula-

The students were assured of full support for their academic growth and other related activi-

The students were apprised of the infrastructural facilities in the department and introduced with the teaching and non-teaching staff members. All the faculty members interacted with the students.

GDC Darhal organizes awareness program on mental health

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Keshav K. Pandey premental health as part of "Constitution Dav" cele-

DARHAL, Nov 21: The NSS Unit of Govt. Degree College (GDC) Darhal organized an awareness program on

brated here on Tuesday. In order to raise awareness about mental health, the NSS unit organised a seminar on the theme "My Constitution My Pride" under the patronage of Prof. M.H.

Shah, Principal of Govt.

While speaking on the occasion, Prof. Shah underlined the need of augmenting the mental health by integrating positivity in attitudes.

He spoke about signs and symptoms of mental health and addressed mental health challenges, the significance to break the stigma surrounding mental health and encouraged individuals to seek help and

He further said that abiding the fundamentals rights and duties could not only be an antidote for mental health but a step forward towards disciplined life. development of personality and nation building at large.

The students and staff members of the college spoke on differ-

Compulsion of BJP & Congress to emulate Delhi &

ent aspects of mental the healthy society and nation. The event provided a platform for students and faculties for question-answer session which was very interesting and provoked

Earlier, Dr Mohd Akhlaq Malik, NSS Programme Officer of the College, introduced the audience about the program and conducted

in-depth discussions.

the proceeding of the

Dr. ImtiyazHussain Shah, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of Urdu presented the formal vote of thanks.

A large number of students and staff members participated in the seminar. Prominent among others were Dr. Ahsan UlRehman Rizvi, Prof. Tahir Mahmood Qureshi, Dr. Mohd Riaz, Dr. Mehwish Bukhari and Dr. Mukhtar Hussain .

DSRS organizes induction programme for newly admitted students



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JAMMU, Nov 21: The Department of Strategic and Regional Studies (DSRS), University of Jammu, held an induction programme for the second batch of postgraduate students enrolled in the MA in Defence and Strategic Studies on Tuesday. During the program, the

Director of DSRS, Prof. Virender Koundal, provided an overview of the history and objectives of the department and explained the scope and opportunities of the MA program to the students.

Prof. Koundal encouraged the students to participate in academic, cultural, and sports activities and advised them to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the University of Jammu for their career growth.

Faculty members of the DSRS, including Dr. Mohd. Monir Alam, Dr. Suneel Kumar, Dr. Surinder Mohan, Dr. Ganesh Malhotra, and Ranjan Sharma also shared their insights with the students.

It is worth mentioning that the MA program in Defence and Strategic Studies was launched by DSRS in the 2022-23 academic session, and the recent admission process was completed under the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) system under which 21 students have taken admission to this programme.

Top News Report JAMMU, Nov 21: Kuldeep Kumar Rao, Sr.

AAP leader J&K-UT, Jammu in a press statement issued here, said that time has come when all political Parties have been compelled to dole out Delhi Model of welfare schemes in the poll bound states in times to come sensing the mood of public who are badly fed up with the lies & JUMLAS of BJP, price rise, unemployment, selling of ancestral assets to the friendly industrialists,, corruption, acute price hike in Diesel, Petrol & LPG, Atta, Milk & other kitchen items etc Mr.

Rao said and added that almost all people seemed angry & disappointed over the situation. He said that people were smartly befooled in 2014 & 2019 Parliamentary elections also in state elections in this duration.

Rao further said that the promise of providing 2 crore jobs annually to the youths of the country in 2014 and 50,000 jobs to the youths of J&K after abrogation of Art. 370 still haunts the minds of young highly educated youths here, which never saw the light of the day. Adding fuel to the fire, several thousands of youths engaged on contractual



basis, ad-hoc basis, daily wagers or need based arrangements in all departments be it Home guard, Education, PDD, PHE, Health, Food & civil supplies & so on so forth has compounded the miseries of frustrated youths with every passing day as scores of them are crossing age limit or nearing the same without any hope

of Achhe Din.

Rao further appealed the masses to read between the lines and judge for themselves as to the false claims of VIKAS and throw away the age old tested spent forces in times to come, he said and added that Delhi type of governance is a death blow to communalism and hate policy of certain Political

Parties. He further affirmed that all Political Parties in the country have now admitted that they will have to deliver on the issue of power, water, quality education in government Institutions and quality Health services in government Hospitals, if they want to rule the country and this is Delhi Model of governance.

Rao appealed the masses to read the writings on the wall as AAP is the only alternative before them for all round development on Delhi pattern if they are voted to power because people have already been badly exploited by all Conventional Political Parties for last 74 years and now they need a change.

He added that all Traditional Political Parties are the chips of the same block and cannot befool the masses by adding old wine in new

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