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## BRIEFLY

### Encounter underway in Rajouri, two terrorists trapped

RAJOURI/JAMMU, Nov 21 (Agencies): Two terrorists were trapped in an encounter with security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district on Wednesday, police said.

The encounter broke out between terrorists and joint forces of the Army and J-K Police in Bajimaal area of Dharmasal following a cordon and search operation, they said.

### Three linked to Pak-Based terror module, held: Punjab Police

CHANDIGARH, Nov 22 (Agencies): The Punjab Police on Wednesday said it has arrested three people allegedly linked to a Pakistan-based terror module.

Eight weapons and 30 cartridges were recovered from their possession, Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav said, "In a major breakthrough, Counter Intelligence #Bathinda has arrested 3 persons linked to #SI-controlled #Pak-based terror module. Preliminary investigation reveals that the arrested persons were in contact with persons currently lodged in Sangrur Jail under UAPA cases," Yadav said in his post on X. "Recovery: 8 weapons, 9 Magazines & 30 Live Cartridges. FIR registered at PS Cantt Bathinda, Further investigations ongoing for unveiling forward & backward linkages," Yadav added.

### Kishtwar's Saffron gets GI Tag

JAMMU, Nov 21 (Agencies): Kishtwar saffron, which is cultivated and harvested in the higher reaches, has been given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag by the Geographical Indications Registry.

The news was shared by Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav on social media platform X with picture of certificate.

"Kishtwar Saffron brand gets GI tagged for the first time..."

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## Doctor, Policeman among 4 Govt Employees sacked for terror links in J&K

JAMMU, Nov 22 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Wednesday sacked four more Government employees, including a doctor and a policeman, for their alleged terror links in the Union Territory, officials said.

Assistant professor (medicine) at SMHS Hospital, Srinagar, Nisar-ul-Hassan, constable Abdul Majeed Bhat, laboratory bearer in the Higher Education Department Abdul Salam Rather, and teacher in Education Department Farooq Ahmad Mir were dismissed in terms of Article 311 of the Constitution of India, they said.

In the last three years, the Union Territory administration has invoked Article 311 (2)(c) of the Constitution to sack more than 50 employees, who were allegedly operating in shadows within the government and drawing a salary from the public



exchequer, officials said.

However, they were helping Pakistani terror outfits, providing logistics to terrorists, propagating terrorists' ideology, raising terror finances and furthering secessionist agenda, they said.

The General Administration Department, in separate

ified under sub-clause (c) of the proviso to clause (2) of Article 311 of the Constitution that in the interest of the security of the State, it is not expedient to hold an enquiry in the case of the employees, it said.

The officials said the dismissals were a part of the ongoing crackdown against the terrorist ecosystem and its key stakeholders who were surreptitiously inducted into the government machinery by previous regimes of different shades in the past.

The officials said Hassan, a self-styled president of Doctors' Association Kashmir (DAK) from Sopore in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, has been spearheading "secessionism brazenly and unabatedly" and had a "clear mission mandated from across and was instructed to orient the medical professionals in J&K, towards secession against India."

but almost identical dismissal orders, said the Lt Governor was satisfied with the action taken after considering the facts.

On the basis of the information available, the activities of the four employees are such as to warrant their dismissal from service. The Lt Governor is sat-

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## 2 Lashkar-E-Taiba terror associates arrested in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, Nov 22 (Agencies): Two terrorist associates of the Pakistan-based proscribed terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) were arrested, and arms and ammunition were recovered from their possession in Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar district, police said on Wednesday. According to officials, the arrested terror associates were arrested on November 21.

"Two terrorist associates, Mumtaz Ahmad Lone and Jahangir Ahmad Lone, both residents of Trehgam, Kupwara, were arrested on the spot and a huge cache of arms and ammunition was recovered from their posses-

sion, which included 2 pistols, 4 magazines, 2 filler magazines and 8 grenades," they said in a statement.

Police said that information was received on Tuesday about the movement of suspected terrorists along the National Highway bypass following which a joint team of Srinagar Police and a Quick Response Team of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) set up a strong checkpoint near the Sham Lal petrol pump, N R Colony, at the NHW bypass.

"During naka checking, a white-coloured Santro car bearing a J-K registration number coming from Parimpora and

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## India Resumes E-Visa Services To Canadian Nationals



NEW DELHI, Nov 22 (Agencies): India on Wednesday resumed e-visa services to Canadian nationals, according to Sources.

Earlier in September, the Indian Mission in Canada suspended

visa services until further notice, citing operational reasons, according to BLS International.

BLS International Services Limited is an Indian outsourcing service provider for government and diplomatic

missions worldwide. The company manages visa, passport, consular, attestation and citizen services.

"Important notice from Indian Mission: Due to operational reasons, with effect from September 21, 2023, Indian visa services have been suspended till further notice. Please keep checking the BLS website for further updates," the BLS website said.

However, in October, India decided to resume visa services in Canada for four categories after

a considered review of the security situation, which "takes into account some recent Canadian measures in this regard".

Entry visa, business visa, medical visa and conference visa were four categories in which India decided to resume visa services in Canada with effect from October 26.

Following the development, Canada welcomed India's decision to partially resume visa services calling it a "good sign" and

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## Cold wave sweeps Kashmir, Pahalgam records low of minus 3.3 degrees celsius

SRINAGAR, Nov 22 (Agencies): Srinagar city recorded the coldest night of this season as the minimum temperature settled below the freezing point across Kashmir, officials said here on Wednesday.

Fog engulfed the valley in the morning hours, disrupting incoming air traffic to Srinagar international airport.

However, normal flight operations resumed soon as the fog dissipated due to increase in temperature.

The dense fog cover in the mornings is due to

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## NIA raids suspects in Punjab linked to banned terror group Sikhs for justice

NEW DELHI, Nov 22 (Agencies): The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday conducted raids at the premises of suspects in Punjab having links to outlawed 'unlawful Association' Sikhs for Justice (SFJ), sources said.

The raids are underway in close coordination with the Punjab Police.

The NIA sleuths conducted the raids based on specific inputs about some suspects having



links to the SFJ, and started raids since early Wednesday morning.

The move comes two days after the NIA announced to register

a case against 'listed individual terrorist' Gurpatwant Singh Pannun of the SFJ over his latest viral video threatening the passengers flying in Air India and the airlines with a global blockade and closure of its operations from November 19. The anti-terror agency made the announcement on Monday. The NIA has booked Pannun under various sections Indian Penal Code and sections Unlawful Activities

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## J&K Admin considering winter vacation for schools in view of cold wave

JAMMU, Nov 22 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir administration is "seriously" considering winter vacation for schools in the valley in view of the minimum temperatures dropping below the freezing point over the last three days, a senior official said on Wednesday.

"I cannot say anything definitely till a formal announcement is made but we are seriously considering it (winter vacations). A proposal



has been submitted in this regard (to the administration)," Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, V K Bhiduri told reporters here.

Bhiduri said while it is easy for the administration to announce winter vacations, it also has to ensure that the students do not suffer academically.

"We have to balance both things. The academic session of schools is planned and we have to figure in several

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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 Lt. Sh Bushan Lal Bhat originally resident of Sogam, Lolab Kashmir and presently residing at H.No. 7 Lane 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**  
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  
**Grand Children:**  
Vaishali, Anshi, Arshi, Akshit, Tavish



Smt Bita Bhat

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**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

AGRIIM 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

Smt. Shama Kher  
(Khosa)**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 (Bhabhi & Brother)  
Smt Lalita & Grp Capt M K Labroo (Bhabhi & 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



Sh Brij Lal Labroo

**10TH DAY**

Our beloved Bunty, you'll be missed.  
(10th April 1967 - 18th Nov 2023)

"We knew this day was coming, papa gave us time to mentally prepare ourselves to live with a fact that his loved ones will have to learn living without him"

-In papa's words "Mere baachee"

-Sheen & Ragini (9667199782)

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sudhir Malla**, "S/o Shri Manmohan Nath Malla and Ritaji Malla, original resident of 21 Gogjibagh, Srinagar, Kashmir. Presently residing at B1 43, (Ansal colony) Suryodaya Vihar, Shastri Nagar, Meerut. I will take care of the kids and our parents, you look after us from heaven.

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

**IN GRIEF**

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



Sudhir Malla

**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 near Directorate of Education on 23rd November 2023 at 8.30 AM.

**Grief Stricken :**

Sanjaya Koul. (Wife)  
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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Shri Daleep Kumar Koul

**TENTH DAY/RASAM PAGRI/UTHALA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Kanta Puri** W/o Late Sh. Chaman Lal Puri (Retd. Asst. Director Food Supply) R/o 34, Resham Ghar Colony, Jammu.

TENTH DAY will be performed on 23rd November, 2023 (THURSDAY) at 11:00 AM at Shiv Durga Mandir, Resham Ghar Colony, Jammu.

KRIYA will be performed on 26th November, 2023 (SUNDAY) at 12:00 Noon at our residence.

RASAM PAGRI/UTHALA will be performed on 27th November, 2023 (MONDAY) from 03:00 PM to 04:00 PM at Gurudwara Tahli Sahib Opposite Bee Enn Hospital, Talab Tillo Jammu.

**Grief Stricken:**

Smt. Santosh Pandoh - Sister-in-Law

Daughter-in-Law & Son

Smt. Meenu Puri & Sh. Ashwani Puri

Smt. Neetu Puri & Sh. Sanjeev Puri

Smt. Ritu Puri & Late Sh. Prashant Puri

Daughter & Son-in-Law

Smt. Sneha Lata & Sh. Sunil Shingari

Smt. Nisha Sondhi & Sh. Madan Mohan Sondhi

Smt. Renu Malhotra & Sh. Vinod Malhotra

Smt. Geeta Abrol & Sh. Pushkar Abrol

Smt. Romi Vohra & Sh. Yash Pal Vohra

Grand Children

Anuj, Atul, Tushar, Tanish, Ananya, Harshika

MOB: 9419146656, 9697220000.



SMT. KANTA PURI

**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

Mr Vinod Kumar  
Gupta**TENTH DAY / 13TH DAY & KRIYA**

We regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved and respected **Sh Kewal Singh Charak (Retd SO, 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

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



Phoola Koul

(Grand Children)

Akanksha, Siddharth, Palak

Ph No. 7006468153,

9419296355, 9469612910,

7006688434

**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 Toshia 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

Shri Choni Lal  
Koul**10TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt Raj Rani Anand** W/o Late Sh Chuni Lal Anand of Amira Kadal, Srinagar (Kmr) presently residing at H.No. 9, Lane No. 0, Anand Nagar Bohri Jammu on 16th November 2023.

Tenth Day Kriya 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

Rajni Mawa & Raj Kumar Mawa

Mob. 9018310440



Smt Raj Rani Anand

**10TH DAY KRIYA**

In Loving Memory of **Smt. Makhni Gupta** (W/o Sh. Ishar Dass Gupta) Gupta Traders, Court Road, Udhampur.

Tenth Day will be performed on Thursday, 23rd Nov., 2023.

Venue : Raj Palace, Dhar Road, Udhampur, at 11.30 am.

Karam will be held at Devika Ghat on Sunday 26th Nov., 2023.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

Des Raj Gupta (Jeth) Retd. PWD Deptt

Sushma Gupta (Devrani) (W/o Lt. Ram Lal Gupta)

Retd. Social Welfare Deptt

Vipan Gupta (Devrani) Shobha Photostat, Court Road

Abhay Gupta (Devar) Retd. Civil Sectt.

Nisha Rani (Devrani) Master HS BH Khalsa

Vishav Kishore & Aditi Gupta (Son & Daughter-in-law)

Sumit & Shweta (Son & Daughter-in-law)

Preetima Mukti & Sanjay Gupta (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Rashmi & O.P. Gupta (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Nisha Gupta & Suneet Mahajan (Daughter & Son-in-law)

MOB.: 9796020239, 9797633342



Smt. Makhni Gupta

**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Smt Sham Rani Bhat** W/o Lt. Sh. Sham Lal Bhat originally resident of Malwan Kulgam Kashmir and presently residing at H. No. 07, Lane No. 02 Shankar Vihar, Lower Barnal Jammu on 18-11-2023.

The TENTH DAY KRIYA shall be performed on Monday 27-11-2023 at 9.00 AM at Muthi Ghat near Director Education Office.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:-**

Devar & Devrani

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

Smt Veena Ji Bhat and Sh. Mohan Lal Bhat

Daughters and Son in Law

Smt Lovely Bhat and Sh. Pran Nath Bhat

Babli Raina and Sh. Chaman Lal Raina

Smt Simpy Bhat and Sh. Amit Pandita

Son & Daughter in Law

Smt Sethi Bhat and Sh. Shuban Ji Bhat

Smt Gija Raina and Sh. Sunny Bhat

Smt Pallavi Bhat & Sh. Vicky Ji Bhat

Smt Vanita Bhat and Sh. Rahul Bhat

Grand Children:-

Purnima Bhat, Rahul Bhat, Nitika Bhat, Shanaya Pandita, Ashish Raina, Rohit Raina

PH NO: 9588804737, 9622152022, 9596730520



SMT SHAM RANI BHAT

**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Sh. Chaman Lal Pandita**, S/o Late Sh Sham Lal Pandita, R/o Erstwhile Badrah (Deedarpora), Handwara, Kashmir, at present H No. 224, Patel Nagar, Talab Tillo, Jammu, who left 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.

**Grief Stricken :**

Savini Pandita (Wife)

Daughters-in-law & Sons

Smt Eve & Sh Rajesh Pandita

Smt Sujata & Sh Rakesh Pandita

Smt Ann & Sh Harish Pandita

Sisters & Brother-in-law including their Sons/Daughters

Smt Prana Koul W/o Late Sh Jawahar Lal Koul

Smt Sushma & Sh Hira Lal Bhat

Bhabhis & Brothers including their Sons/Daughters :

Late Smt Basanti & Late Sh. Tej Krishan Pandita

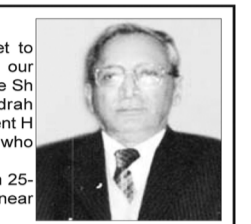
Smt Nancy & Sh Rattan Lal Pandita

Smt Doly & Sh Ajit Pandita

Smt Meena & Sh Rajender Pandita

Grand Children

Vishmaksh, Dikshaya, Oshin, Cedric, Arabella





# CCI delegation calls on the Commissioner/ Secretary I&C Dept

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 22: A delegation of Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCI) led by its President Arun Gupta on Wednesday called on the Commissioner/Secretary Industries and Commerce Department, Vikramjeet Singh, and apprised him about the difficulties being faced by Industrial units.

While interacting with the Commissioner Secretary Industries and Commerce, Arun Gupta said that the J&K UT is at the dead end of the country and is effected by militancy and cross border terrorism due to which our industry has to bear high input cost and high cost of production.

To provide a level play field the J&K UT government as well as central government has provided certain incentives for sustenance and survival of existing industry as well as to bring in fresh investment from outside the UT, but some hurdles are being faced which needs to be removed at the earliest, he said and requested that steps should be taken to remove the hurdles to provide hand holding and healing touch for the industry.

Further, he demanded the extension in the validity period of provisional registration benefit to the units holders who could not commence the production within stipulated time due to non availability of road connectivity, electricity supply and



water supply due to which they are unable to get the financial help from the banks and other financial institutions.

Arun Gupta apprised the Commissioner Secretary Industries and Commerce that the government has announced a turnover incentives for the existing Industries for their survival and become viable but till date no turnover incentives has been given to any Industrial unit.

He requested that this incentives for the year 2021-22 and 2022-23 be released for the industries at the earliest.

Arun Gupta further briefed the Commissioner Secretary that Sometimes due to some unavoidable circumstances some Industrial Units are not able to file their SGST refund claims in time to avail the incentives provided by the Industries/finance department. Due to non-filing of SGST refund claims in time by some industrial units, they are debarred from taking

the benefit of SGST refund. He requested that additional suitable time be granted to such units for filing their SGST refund claims.

Gross GST reimbursement incentive be provided to the existing Industries under substantial expansion program for their survival and become viable.

Since the commercial notified rates are too high, there is urgent need to introduce separate market value/stamp duty rates for Industrial Category.

He requested to include a separate clause of Land value / Stamp duty rates in respect of land which is to be registered for Industrial Units

There should be no negative list for the Industrial products being manufactured by the registered industrial units for their survival and become viable.

The Govt. should formulate a scheme allowing ownership rights of lease hold industrial

land to local sons of the soil' entrepreneurs after a period of more than 25 years of the first/original allotment of land after charging a nominal amount as conversion fee.

Arun Gupta further said that while developing the land for industries 50% land should be kept reserved for Micro Industries.

Arun Gupta demanded that for the survival of local Micro and small Industrial units price/purchase preference should be given to these units, besides Reimbursement of road freight incentives for inward and outward supply for raw material and finished products across India.

While reacting to the issues raised in today's meeting Vikramjeet Singh said that the turnover incentives shall be provided to the existing unit holders as per the policy of the government.

Regarding the issue of not filing the SGST refund claims he said that we will look into the issues and sort out the matter.

He also said that while developing the land for Industries department will see that new Micro and Small Industrial Units will get their due share.

The other office bearers who accompanied the delegation include Anil Gupta, Sr. Vice President, Rajeev Gupta, Jr. Vice President, Manish Gupta, Secretary General and Rajesh Gupta, Secretary.

# Army Recruitment Rally commences at Akhnoor



## Top News Report

AKHNOOR, Nov 22: The recruitment rally in the Jammu region is a great opportunity for the youth to showcase their skills and determination to join the Indian Army.

The support provided by the civil administration, including the ADC Jammu, Ansuya Jamwal, and SDM Akhnoor, Akhil Sadgotra, is crucial in ensuring the smooth conduct of the rally. Their assistance in maintaining law and order, security, and providing essential services demonstrates the close coordination between the military and civil authorities.

The presence of Major General Sharad Bikram Singh, ZRO Recruitment

Zone (Punjab & J and K), and Brigadier Rakesh Pachora, highlighted the significance of the event.

Their leadership and presence serve as a source of motivation for the candidates participating in the rally. The participation of candidates from ten districts of Jammu and Kashmir reflects the widespread interest and enthusiasm among the youth to serve in the Indian Army.

The Indian Army is known for its high standards of discipline, commitment, and bravery.

The recruitment rally provides a platform for young individuals to fulfill their aspirations of serving the nation while upholding these values. The comprehensive selection process ensures that only the most competent and dedicated candidates are chosen to join the ranks of the Indian Army.

The support and encouragement extended by the local community, as well as the proactive involvement of the civil administration, demonstrates the cohesive effort to facilitate the successful conduct of the recruitment rally. Such collaborative efforts reflect the collective determination to ensure that the aspiring candidates are provided with the best possible opportunity to demonstrate their potential to serve in the Indian Army.

The vibrant atmosphere at the recruitment rally is a testament to the enduring spirit and dedication of the youth in Jammu and Kashmir to contribute meaningfully to the defense of the nation.

It is a reflection of the deep-rooted respect and admiration for the Indian Army, which continues to inspire generations to uphold its legacy of service and valor.

# Govt Polytechnic Jammu organizes webinar on Career Guidance

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 22: Government Polytechnic Jammu organized a webinar organized on "Career Guidance and Financial Wellness Enhancement, Educational and Motivational" in collaboration with Excellence Global Skill, training and development organization, New Delhi for the students of this institution.

The webinar was conducted under the guidance of Er. Arun Bangotra Principal, Government Polytechnic Jammu.

While speaking on the occasion, he said that the main objective of webinar was to spread awareness to the students on how to set goals in their life of financial management, wellness and enhancement.

Er. Sanjay Kaul H.O.D Computer Engineering was the program coordinator of this webinar.

The webinar was attended by the staff and students of Govt. Polytechnic Jammu and Jagdish Mane (Corporate Trainer) was the resource person of this webinar.

He explained in detail about the financial management, how to convert liabilities into assets, how to save

their self from cyber-crimes and how to make career brighter with success keys shared by the trainer.

During the webinar, the participants were educated about the aspects of achieving financial wellness by proper planning at the

right time, besides discussing various career options in financial planning.

The webinar was concluded with emphasis upon conducting more such webinar so as to promote awareness on financial Management from the young age.

# KPDCL official arrested while taking Rs 5,000 bribe in Shopian

SRINAGAR, Nov 22 (Agencies): An official of Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) was caught red handed while accepting bribe of Rs 5,000 by Anti-Corruption Branch of CBI Srinagar.

An official said that one Muzaffar Ahmad Shah, an employee of KPDCL was caught red handed by ACB in Shopian town.

He said that a case FIR No.03 (AM2023 under section 7 of the Prevention of corruption act, 1988 has been registered against him.

# "NCERT committee decision hailed" Teaching Ramayana, Mahabharata in schools will inculcate spirit of nationalism, responsibility: Raman

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 22: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K Executive Member Raman Suri, while welcoming the recommendation of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) committee to include epics like Ramayana and Mahabharata in textbooks and to write the Preamble of the Constitution on classroom walls, said that the whole world gives references from these holy Sanskrit epics on different occasions and their inclusion in textbooks will help raise a good society with ample moral values. Raman Suri said, earlier also a high-level NCERT committee for social sciences had sought replacing

the name 'India' with 'Bharat' in textbooks and introducing 'classical History' instead of 'ancient History' in the curriculum, which was also a great decision. We Indians were always connected to our roots but somehow, the wrong curriculum and nomenclature diverted us from our roots. Now that the NCERT is taking an initiative, the government must adhere to its recommendations and start teaching Ramayana and Mahabharata in schools.

The BJP leader said, epics like Ramayana and Mahabharata contain so many valuable lessons that after going through them, one can understand one's connection with motherland, learn ways to deliver or rule and adhere to ethics, and also learn

strengthening bonds with brothers, sisters and other relations besides respecting mother nature and standing for righteousness. Having learnt these moral values, one can never get cowed down by anyone.

Suri said, a virtual invasion by irrelevant content in the textbooks have made children machines and is producing mere workers without any moral values. Ramayana and Mahabharata, he said, on the other hand will help students learn self-esteem, patriotism, and pride in being a Bharatiya. This will not only produce good human beings but will also stop brain drain to other nations. Our country, he added, has excelled in medicine, science, mathematics as well as Earth sciences

and once, moral values and patriotism are added to the education, we will show the world the right direction.

Raman said that writing Preamble of the Constitution on the walls of the classrooms will be another milestone in strengthening democracy and secularism. Every child must, at the beginning of his/her education, know what our Preamble is and how to respect our flag, the Tiranga. After that only, everything begins to flow in. He hoped that the recommendations of NCERT committee will soon be accepted and our great epics will get incorporated in the textbooks and children will start to get quality education.

# Mime, Mimicry & Skit competitions featured on 7th day of DYT-2023 at JU

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 22: In 'Display Your Talent-2023' organized by the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu, competitions of Mime, Mimicry and Skit were conducted at Brig. Rajinder Singh Auditorium. Prof. Prakash Antahal (Dean Students Welfare), Co-Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, Prof. Sarika Manhas, members of Campus Cultural Committee and office bearers of University of Jammu were present during the events.

In Mime, the Certificate of Merit was awarded to the team of GCW, Udhampur. In Mimicry, Certificate of Merit was awarded to Kanchan Jamwal from GCW, Udhampur.

Rakesh Sharma was the Teacher Incharge and Digvijay Singh and Chakresh Kumar were the adjudicators of the event.

In Skit, the first position was secured by GDC, Akhnoor, The Business School, JU secured the second position and the team of GCW, Udhampur stood third.

In the Individual category, Smriti Sharma from GDC, Ram-



nagar and Mohit Sharma from GDC Akhnoor were declared Best Actors. Certificates of Merit in Individual Category were awarded to Ishvin Gupta from The Business School, JU and Amandeep from Udhampur Campus, JU.

Vijay Atri, Sanjeev Gupta and Chakresh Kumar were the Judges and Dr. Harleen Kour 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 (Media Officer), Sumeet 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 managed by Mohneesh, Urvasi, Idrees Fahali, Kanya Sharma, Angra Singh, Suriya Banoo, Rishika Sharma, Bipasha Raina, Neghit Mir (Cultural Representatives), Balwant Slatia, Sachin Sharma, R.P. Singh. The sound was looked after by Kulbhushan Thakur, and Arif Paul

On 23rd November, the events of Photography and Installation would be conducted from 10 am onwards at Brig. Rajinder Singh Auditorium.

# Man kills brother after fight over some issue in Budgam village, arrested

BUDGAM, Nov 22 (Agencies): In a shocking incident, a man has killed his own brother after fight over some issue in Sail village of Beerwah area of central Kashmir's Budgam district, police said here on Wednesday.

An official said that on November 20, Police received information about body of a man lying behind his residence.

He said following this an investigation was initiated by police and Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) teams. The deceased was identified as Sameer Ahmad Rather.

"Several suspects were called in for questioning including the family members of the deceased. On questioning the family members,

Aqib Ahmad Rather, Sameer's brother, confessed to his involvement," he said.

He said that Aqib revealed a confrontation between them took place, during the intervening night of 19 and 20th November, resulting in Sameer's death.

"Father and sister of the deceased also confessed, providing details about Aqib Ahmad's role. Aqib was arrested, and a thorough investigation was conducted, leading to the recovery of essential evidence including the weapon of offence used by Aqib to assault Sameer," the official said.

He said that a case has been filed under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) in this regard.

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## EDITORIAL

DOORDARSHAN  
IMPACT

Science has captured the Red Fairy in a magical box which appears with programs of our interest at the press of a button. Doordarshan literally means seeing distant objects.

Doordarshan or television is an evolved form of radio. Television was invented in 1926 by Scottish scientist J.L. Baird. Doordarshan started in India in October 1959. Earlier there were only black and white TVs. Used to be. People all over the world watch TV from evening till late night. Enjoy the programs of.

Today is the era of color and cable TV and more than a hundred channels are also available for the viewers.

Be it latest news, songs, music, bhajan kirtan or programs related to yoga and astrology, there is a competition of entertaining and educational programs in every language. Convenience of watching everything sitting at home! The remote turned on the TV can be operated remotely while sitting.

Doordarshan is at our service 24 hours a day with programs for every age, class and level of interest. Students, teachers, doctors, scientists, farmers, laborers, industrialists, businessmen and housewives all can benefit from it.

But this precious gift of science has also caused harm to us. The activities of children and adults have been limited to the room. All TV all the time. Want to stick to it which not only results in loss of time but also has a bad effect on health. TV. All TV programs are not suitable for children to watch, they have adverse effects on the tender minds and brains of children. We should watch Doordarshan from a distance, because there is TV nearby seeing hurts the eyes.

Nowadays English language is taught to children on television. There are many informative channels on TV through which children can easily understand their courses. Headlines related to every subject are given on such channels. Children can understand them as per their choice.

Informal education is effectively taught on television for youth and adults. On television, there are History Channel, Discovery Channel, National Geographic Channel and many other scientific related channels, which bring countless aspects of life to the people.

Classes on subjects like Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology etc. are organized for the students through television. These classes are knowledge enhancing and interesting. Other social events and courses related to examinations are shown on television.

Home remedies and many types of handicrafts are taught on television. Through television, people are not only given education but also various types of training are given. If you want to work out, you will get yoga and workout channels on TV. Which people can learn by seeing each form and can also keep themselves fit. The advent of television is a source of entertainment. People watch various programs like drama, drama, children's programs, detective and hair-raising stories etc. on TV. A coin has two sides.

TV has its advantages and disadvantages. If we use TV entertainment in the right direction then we will definitely be able to create a beautiful and civilized society. TV has proved to be an effective and important medium in many ways which has had an impact on people all over the world.

By: Shahnaz Husain

Sweet to the soul and healthy for the body, the nectarous humectant is one of the natural ingredients that has been used for cosmetic purposes for ages.

Honey hydrates the skin, encourages healing, fades acne marks, makes the skin firm, and adds a dewy glow.

It improves the texture of your skin and helps you look more youthful and glowing.

Honey contains proteins, amino acids, vitamins, enzymes, and minerals, and boasts antimicrobial properties which help in fighting premature ageing and provide immense hydration to the skin.

Honey has antibacterial and wound-healing properties that make it one of the safest natural ingredients to apply on the skin. There are different ways we can make honey a part of our beauty routine and one easy way is doing a honey facial at home.

This one isn't just effective but pocket-friendly too, way cheaper than a facial treatment at a salon.

1---Honey Turmeric Face Pack----

Turmeric is known for its antioxidant properties and ability to combat ageing skin. It brightens the complexion and reduces dark blemishes

Mix a tablespoon of honey with a pinch of turmeric powder in a bowl and apply the paste on your face. Avoid applying the mixture on the

eyebrows or eyelids. Gently massage and leave it on for a minimum of 10 minutes then wash it off with lukewarm water and a face wash. This is great for an instant glow and to help heal and soothe acne.

Alternatively Mix 1/2 tablespoon of honey, 1/2 tablespoon of turmeric and 1/2 tablespoon of bicarbonate in a bowl until you get a smooth paste. Apply to your face and leave for 10 - 15 minutes.

Remove it using light, circular movements as this will gently exfoliate your skin. Rinse off with lukewarm water.

Mix 1 tablespoon of honey, 1 tablespoon of milk, 1/2 teaspoon of turmeric powder, 1/2 tablespoon of lemon juice in a bowl and make a paste . Apply the paste on the face and leave it for 10-15 minutes . Wash off with plain water

You can use it twice a week to get glowing skin

2--Honey and Aloe Vera Face Pack----

Aloe vera has been known to have therapeutic benefits for the skin since ages. Aloe vera comes with anti-inflammatory benefits that help to soothe dry, irritated skin quickly, and give relief from the irritation and itching of the skin, that comes with dryness.

Aloe vera contains a high amount of water, which helps to moisturize and hydrate the skin without making it oily. This moisturizing benefits of aloe vera helps to repair our skin texture and makes the skin soft, smooth and glow-

ing.

Mix 2 tablespoons of fresh aloe vera gel with 1-2 tablespoons of raw honey in a glass jar and apply the mixture on the face. Apply the resultant mixture all over the face as well as neck and massage gently with your finger tips for few minutes. Keep it on face for 20 minutes and wash off with cold water .

Reapply this DIY face mask with honey and aloe vera twice or thrice in a week to get naturally glowing skin.

3----Honey Almonds Face Pack:

This is a good face pack for dry and normal skin types. Almond nourishes the skin and honey hydrates and moisturizes the skin.

Soak almonds in milk overnight and use chilled milk in the morning to mash the soaked almonds and make a paste. Combine a tablespoon of honey with 2 tablespoons of freshly made almond paste and spread it evenly over your facial skin. Rinse it off after 20 minutes to see glowing and soft skin. You can also replace fresh almond paste with almond oil in this

4----Strawberry and honey face mask for clear glowing skin

The antioxidant properties of the honey-strawberry face pack will give a radiant glow to your skin and naturally hydrate it from within.

Grind two pieces of strawberries and add 1 tablespoon of raw honey and 1 tablespoon of yogurt in it. Blend well and

apply over the cleansed face with the help of your fingers. Allow this mask to sit on your face for 20 minutes and rinse off using normal water. You can use this three to four times a week before going to sleep. Alternatively, Just clean 3 strawberries and mash them nicely. Add a tablespoon of honey to it and squeeze the fresh juice of half of a lemon to make a smooth mixture of medium consistency. Apply it to your skin and wash it off after 15-20 minutes.

5---Banana and honey face mask

Banana is well known to bring brightness to the skin. This face pack gives a healthy nourished glow to the skin and is suitable for dry, normal, combination, and ageing skin.

Smash one small piece of Banana and add 1 tbsp raw Honey and 1 tbsp raw milk in it.

Mix well and apply this mask over cleansed face. Leave it on for 20 minutes and wash off using normal water. You can use this two to three times a week before going to sleep for better results.

Alternatively, Mash a ripe banana and add a teaspoon of honey to it to form a paste. Add half a teaspoon of sugar granules and apply them to the skin before the granules melt. Leave the pack on for 10-15 minutes. Massage the pack on the skin in gentle circular motions. Rinse thoroughly with warm water.

## Complete Guideline to crack competitive exam in first attempt

By: Vijay GarG

Competitive exams, though often daunting, are gateways to career dreams. While they may seem formidable, a strategic approach, unwavering commitment, and a well-structured plan can transform these challenges into stepping stones toward your dream profession.

1. OPTIMISE YOUR STUDY SESSIONS

Planning ahead is a proven strategy for success in competitive exams. One of the keys to effective exam preparation is to create a well-structured study plan and have shorter, focused study sessions.

Define what topics you need to cover and allocate specific study days for each subject or section. Knowing exactly what you need to accomplish each day helps maintain focus and ensures you don't miss any crucial areas.

2. THOROUGHLY UNDERSTAND THE MATERIAL

Reading your study material thoroughly is essential. Don't just skim through it; ensure you understand the concepts, headings, subheadings, and key points. A deep understanding of the subject will serve you well during the exam. Simultaneously, highlight and remember keywords from your study material.

These keywords can be essential during the exam when you

need to recall specific information. Regularly review and reinforce these keywords in your memory.

3. TAKE SHORT BREAKS

Don't underestimate the importance of taking short breaks during your study sessions. Prolonged study without breaks can hinder your ability to retain information. Therefore, you must avoid marathon study sessions that can leave you feeling exhausted and frustrated. Instead, break your study time into manageable chunks.

Study for a couple of hours at a stretch, then take a 15 to 20-minute break to recharge your mind. These breaks are crucial for retaining information and preventing burnout.

4. ELIMINATE DISTRACTIONS

Create a study environment that is free from distractions. If your usual study place is noisy or prone to interruptions, consider relocating to a quieter space. Turn off your phone or place it in silent mode to avoid unnecessary interruptions from calls and notifications. Minimising distractions maximises your productivity.

While it is essential to maintain a balance between studying and socialising, be mindful not to overindulge in social activities during your exam preparation. Prioritise your studies, especially during critical study periods, and allocate time for social interactions once your exams are

complete.

During study sessions, avoid checking emails, social media, or other online platforms while studying. These distractions can eat up valuable study time and hinder your progress.

5. ALLOCATE AMPLE TIME FOR REVISION

Revision is the foundation of exam preparation. Ensure you allocate sufficient time for multiple rounds of revision before the exam. Repetition helps reinforce what you have learned and enhances your recall abilities during the test.

6. SEEK GUIDANCE

Consider joining coaching classes to get the right study materials, such as textbooks, online resources, and practice papers. High-quality study materials and mock tests conducted by coaching centres such as Career Launcher, can make a significant difference in your preparation.

Mock tests help you get accustomed to the exam pattern besides improving your time management skills. Alternatively, you may seek guidance from mentors, teachers, or experienced individuals who have succeeded in the same exam. They can offer valuable insights and tips.

7. EXERCISE REGULARLY AND MAINTAIN A BALANCED DIET

While competitive exams can be stressful, excessive stress can hamper your performance. Therefore, practice stress man-

agement techniques such as deep breathing, meditation, or yoga. Regular exercise also boosts cognitive function by reducing stress, enhancing focus, and improving memory retention.

A balanced diet is equally crucial for overall well-being and cognitive function. Prioritise adequate protein, healthy fats, and carbohydrates in your meals. Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water and including vegetables in your diet to maintain optimal health and cognitive performance.

8. STAY PERSISTENT

Sometimes, you may not achieve success on the first attempt. In case you fail to achieve the desired results, analyse your performance and try again. Nevertheless, believe in your abilities and maintain a positive attitude as you strive to excel.

BOTTOMLINE

Adherence to these tips and strategies can enhance your chances of cracking competitive exams successfully. Stay focused, stay motivated, and believe in yourself, and you will be well on your way to acing competitive exams and reaching your career aspirations.

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## DLL organises one-day workshop on Career planning after 10+2 at GGHSS Bishnah

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 22: Employment Information cum Advisory Bureau, the Career Counseling Cell of Department of Lifelong Learning (DLL), University of Jammu organised one day workshop on "Careers after 12th in Sciences" at Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Bishnah on Wednesday.

The programme was conducted under the supervision of Dr. Jeevan Jyoti, Director, Department of Lifelong Learning, University of Jammu. The special resource



persons were Dr. Sarabjeet Kour, Sr. Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, University of Jammu and Neetu Dhar, Chief Co-ordinator and Master Trainer, JKDCUL.

Dr. Rewa Khajuria, Counsellor, EIAB, DLL, JU coordinated the workshop.

Parveen Raina, Principal of the school, welcomed the guests. Dr. Sarabjeet Kour, in her

presentation, apprised the students about career options for medical as well as non medical stream. She also explained in detail about CUET, its eligibility and important

dates. Dr. Neetu Dhar in her presentation, explained, in detail, to the students the importance of self confidence.

She also gave insight of the factors that boost the confidence in choosing the right path.

Dr. Rewa Khajuria, Counsellor, EIAB, DLL, JU highlighted the importance of goal setting for the students at this stage as their board examinations are approaching.

The teachers of the school namely Swaran Rajput, Prerna Sambyal and Komal Sharma along with 39 students attended the programme.

## Rajesh Gupta vows to pursue policies of BSP



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 22: Vowing to pursue policies of Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), a political roadmap emanating from Jammu, religiously and resolutely, BSP General Secretary J&K UT Rajesh Gupta, while interacting with a local media channel in Jammu on Wednesday, described the concept as key to retrieving back the glorious ethos of inclusive Jammu and Kashmir to its pristine glory again by adopting the policies of BSP and to strengthening it.

Gupta blamed BJP, Congress and NC for depriving Dalits of their interests. Gupta said these parties only

used them as "vote-banks" to shine in politics.

He added "these parties have never thought about their interests, whereas BSP has ruled Uttar Pradesh four times by taking all communities along," He said.

BSP leader said that the BSP is a way forward to respect the urges and aspirations of all the regions and sub-regions of Jammu and Kashmir with none being discriminated against or dominated politically, socially and economically. Each one, irrespective of region, religion or caste, must have equal rights on resources and in governance.

Fair play and justice should not only be the bedrock of the political system but even the perception of one being appeased at the cost of the other due to politico-strategic expediencies should become an imperative of the past, he said, adding that Jammu region has hugely suffered on all these counts over the decades.

## GDC Darhal organizes awareness program on 'Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace'

### Top News Report

DARHAL, Nov 22: The NSS Unit of Govt. Degree College (GDC) Darhal organized awareness program on 'Prevention of Sexual Harassment at workplace' as part of Constitution Day celebrations here on Wednesday.

In order to raise awareness on the prevention of sexual Harassment at workplace, the NSS unit organised a seminar on the theme "My Constitution My Pride" under the patronage of Prof. M.H. Shah, Principal of GDC Darhal.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Shah said that the violence against women is an extreme indicator of gender inequality and all have the right to live freely without being harassed. Only solution to stop harassment is to speak out.

He talked about the patriarchal system in our society is causing harassment to females at every aspect of their

life. He explained in detail sexual harassment mostly occurs when there is difference in power and authority and is very common in the education system.

He also highlighted about the Vishaka guidelines and Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal Act, 2013.

Prof. Shah congratulated faculty for conducting such seminar to create awareness on the prevention sexual harassment at workplace.

Dr. Mukhtar Hussain Head, Department of Sociology also gave a talk on the legal aspect of sexual harassment.

He explained in detailed about Vishaka guidelines of Supreme Court and emphasized that sexual harassment is an affront to the fundamental rights of women equality and is considered offence in Indian Penal code.

The students and staff members of the college spoke on sexual Harassment at work

place and its Prevention.

The event provided a platform for students and faculties for question-answer session which was very interesting and provoked in-depth discussions.

Kashish Fatima and Atifa Kosser won 1st Prize whereas Rabia Kosser and Mohd Waseem stood 2nd and 3rd respectively in the seminar.

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

Dr. Imtiaz Hussain 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 Ul-Rehman Rizvi, Prof. Tahir Mahmood Qureshi, Dr. Mohd Riaz and Dr. Mehwish Bukhari.

## Awareness Program on Mental Health held

### Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Nov 22: To carry on the celebration of Constitution Day ( Samvidhan Divas) under theme "My Constitution, My Pride" with patronage of Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Joyti Parihar, GDC Kishtwar, organised an awareness program on Mental Health among the students who become the messengers to the Society at large, on Wednesday.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Patron Prof. (Dr.) Joyti Parihar expressed her views on the growing need of such programs and



importance of Mental health.

Prof. Asma Javaid, Dept. of Botany, welcomed participants and the Resource Person

on the occasion and briefed about the event.

The Resource Person, Sanna Jan Butt, who is a Psychosocial Counsellor at One Step

Center for Women, Kishtwar sensitized the students about the various Mental Health Disorders and elaborated on the concepts

of Depression, Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder. She also stressed upon the curative measures of mental illness.

The program was attended by about 80 Students who actively participated in group discussions post the lecture. The event concluded with formal vote of thanks by Prof Asma Javaid.

The program was attended by Prof. Satish Thakur, Prof. Jai Deep, Dr. Sehrish Gazal, Dr. Kulbushan, Dr. Hassan Jaleel, Dr. Deepak Chauhan and Dr. Jameel-un-Nissa.

## Kathua Campus organizes 4th Hands-on Training on Information Technology



### Top News Report

KATHUA, Nov 22: Kathua Campus, University of Jammu organized 4th hands-on training on Information Technology as a part of an ongoing educational series.

The Government Higher Secondary Schools of Kathera and Sumwan were offered a distinctive opportunity

to immerse themselves in the dynamic realm of Kathua Campus.

The visit functioned as a dynamic platform that fostered the exchange of knowledge while delving into student-led projects, showcasing the remarkable creativity and intellectual capabilities of the campus.

Throughout the visit, the students were guided on an extensive

tour of Kathua Campus, acquainting them with various departments and involving them in interactive sessions.

Prof Arvind Jasrotia, Rector, Kathua Campus, University of Jammu emphasized the invaluable impact of interactive sessions and presentations in cultivating a dynamic exchange of ideas.

He said that these

activities create an environment that nurtures learning and ignites inspiration.

Prof Jasrotia highlighted the significance of these training sessions, not just as educational opportunities but as catalysts for fostering connections among students across diverse institutions.

He emphasized the need for continued collaboration, underscoring its role in emphasizing the importance of practical learning and its relevance in today's academic sphere.

Moreover, he expressed Kathua Campus's commitment for facilitating more such collaborative initiatives, aiming to enhance students' educational jour-

neys and contribute to the cultivation of innovative minds.

Dr. Sourabh Shastri, I/c Head, MCA, Kathua Campus (JU) welcomed the students and faculty members of Higher Secondary Schools of Kathera and Sumwan.

He underscored that these visits provided an exceptional chance for school students to partake in valuable learning and training opportunities.

Pranav Ratta, Dr. Sunny Sharma, Gaurav Sharma, Dr. Shivani Sharma, Dr. Nisha Choudhary, Er. Amarjeet Chopra, Dr. Kanika Bhadwal, Er. Komal Khadotra, Er. Princy Sharma delivered diverse talks throughout the training sessions.

## Wild animals kill 11 Sheep and Goats

### Top News Report

PANCHARI, Nov 22: Panic has gripped village Upper-Meer, Block Panchari near Sankari Temple where a wild animal sneaked into from a nearby forest area and killed around eleven Sheep & Goats late last night.

Three sheep have been found missing. These Sheep & Goats belonged to Bhopinder Singh, Surjeet Singh resident of Upper Meer Kote.

The incident has triggered a panic wave in the village and people have appealed the Wildlife Department to take immediate action in this regard.

## Jammu Sanskriti School Kathua student shines in Painting Competition

### Top News Report

KATHUA, Nov 22: The NHPC Regional office at JDA Complex Narwal, Jammu, buzzed with creativity and talent on November 20th as it hosted an exhilarating Painting Competition.

The event drew participation from 30 schools, making it a vibrant display of artistic prowess among the young minds of the region.

Aarav Singh, a budding artist from Class 5th of Jammu Sanskriti School (JSS) Kathua, emerged with flying colors, clinching a well-deserved consolation prize. The highlight of his achievement was a cheque of Rs 7500, a testament to his artistic flair. In addition, Aarav was rewarded with a participation prize of Rs



2000 in cash, recognizing his dedication and contribution to the competition.

Mannat Pakaya, a creative mind in 6th grade, and Niharika Sharma, an aspiring artist in 9th grade, were acknowledged for their commendable efforts.

Both received a participation prize of Rs 2000 each, acknowledging their talent and enthusiasm.

The panel of judges for the competition comprised eminent personalities in the art world.

Depa Soni, a distinguished fashion design-

er and artist, brought her unique perspective to the evaluation process. Suman Chib, a seasoned modern art professional artist, added depth and insight.

Jang S Verman, a notable professional artist with literary contributions, rounded out

the panel, ensuring a comprehensive assessment of the participants' creations.

Beyond the competitive aspect, the event served as a platform for fostering a love for the arts among students.

It provided an opportunity for them to express themselves creatively and showcased the diverse artistic talents within the community.

The NHPC Regional office, through this initiative, not only encouraged artistic excellence but also contributed to the cultural enrichment of the young participants.

The students worked under the guidance of Sheetal Sharma ( PGT Bio) and were mentored by Mukesh Kumar (PGT Painting).

## DPS students visit Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex



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JAMMU, Nov 22: Students of DPS Jammu, Nagbani, and Katra, guided by Ritu Singh's collaboration with the Department of Archives, Archaeology, and Museums delved into the captivating Mubarak Mandi exhibition during the ongoing World Heritage Week at Jammu.

This carefully curated visit aimed not only to educate but also to inspire a meaningful connection with the rich heritage of the region among DPS school students.

The exhibition, adorned with rare artifacts, provided a fascinating glimpse into the opulent lives and traditions of Jammu and Kashmir's royal lineage, Royal Weddings, Armoury, Coinage, Jewelry and preserved rare archives, sparking admiration among the young visitors.

Pro-Vice Chairperson Ritu Singh applauded the students' enthusiasm for exploring the region's rich heritage, noting their eagerness as a testament to a genuine interest in preserving history. She applauded the

Principals, staff and students of the three schools for fostering a deeper appreciation for their cultural legacy.

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# Vir Das wins International Emmy Award for best comedy series; Ekta Kapoor bags Directorate Award

Actor-comic Vir Das won the International Emmy Award for his stand-up special Vir Das: Landing in the best comedy series category. The 51st International Emmy Awards Gala was held at the New York Hilton Midtown in New York City on late Monday night. Every year, the International Academy of Television Arts and Sciences conducts the International Emmys with the aim to honour 'the world's best television'.

This was the second nomination and maiden win in the segment for Das, who shared the trophy with popular British teen sitcom Derry Girls Season 3.

"Winning an Emmy for Vir Das: Landing in the 'Comedy Category' is not just a milestone for me, but for Indian comedy as a whole. It's heartening to see Vir Das: Landing resonate globally, thanks to Netflix, Akash Sharma and Reg Tigraman who made it special," Das said in a statement. Das

is also the first Indian comedian to achieve the feat.

Das, also known for films such as Go Goa Gone and Delhi Belly, won the award for his fourth Netflix special Vir Das: Landing, a show about what it means to be truly global while looking for home. His last stand-up special Vir Das: For India was nominated for an International Emmy in the best comedy category in 2021.

Ekta Kapoor awarded Renowned producer Ekta R Kapoor was honoured with the International Emmy Directorate Award for significant contribution to the world of arts and entertainment. Kapoor, co-founder of production house Balaji Telefilms, is the first Indian woman filmmaker to be bestowed with the recognition.

"It brings me immense joy and happiness to be honoured at a global scale, such as this. I've always wanted to tell stories because they give me a chance to be



heard, seen and represented. I am grateful

for the audience's love that has opened doors

for me, allowing me to transition from televi-

sion to the world of films and OTT," she said in a

statement.

Launched almost 30 years ago, Kapoor's Balaji Telefilms is known for creating long-running popular soap operas such as Hum Paanch, Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi, Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii, Kaahin Kissii Roz, Kasautii Zindagii Kay and Bade Achhe Lagte Hain. Kapoor, daughter of veteran film star Jeetendra and producer Shobha Kapoor, later set up the banner's film arm, Balaji Motion Pictures. She has also produced multiple movies, including Shoot-out at Lokhandwala, Love Sex aur Dhokha, Once Upon a Time in Mumbai, Dirty Picture, Lootera and Uda Punjab, among others.

"Each story that I told became a bridge to connect with audiences on many levels. The unexpected turns this journey took are a testament to the power of love showered by the people of India and beyond. My heart is filled with gratitude, and a stronger resolve to make a posi-

itive impact through my work for audiences," she added. Before Kapoor, media baron Subhash Chandra was presented with the Directorate Award in 2011.

Shefali Shah, Jim Sarbh lose Shefali Shah and Jim Sarbh were the other Indian artistes to be nominated. Shah, who was nominated in the Best Actress category for the second season of Netflix show Delhi Crime, lost the title to Mexican star Carla Souza of La Caida (Dive) fame.

The first season of Delhi Crime had won the International Emmy for the best drama series in 2020, the first award for India at the awards.

Rocket Boys star Sarbh also couldn't convert his best performance by an actor nomination into a win. He was bested by Sherlock alum Martin Freeman, who earned the award for The Responder. Soon after the announcement, Jim took to Instagram and wrote, "No luck folks."

## Sunny Deol expresses happiness on Salman Khan's 'Tiger 3' success, 'Jeet Gaye'

After the action thriller film 'Tiger 3' success at the box office, Salman Khan and other star cast have been lauded by the audience. However, today it's special as Sunny Deol heaped praise on him.

Taking to Instagram, Sunny shared a picture with Salman and wrote, "Jeet Gaye."

As soon as the picture was uploaded, fans and followers flooded the comment section.

Bobby Deol dropped heart emojis.

One of the users wrote, "Who agrees for Jeet 2?" The duo has worked in a 1996 romantic-action film titled 'Jeet' also starring Karisma Kapoor, Amrish Puri,



and Tabu. Talking about 'Tiger 3', the film minted Rs 44.50 crore on the release day i.e. November 12.

Now, as the World Cup is over, the film is witnessing a jump in its box office collection. At the worldwide box office,

the film has collected Rs 376 crore gross in 8 days.

Helmed by Maneesh Sharma, 'Tiger 3' also stars Katrina Kaif and Emraan Hashmi in the lead roles.

'Tiger 3' is the third installment of the Tiger

franchise and a part of the YRF Spy Universe with the likes of War and Pathaan. Interestingly, it also has cameo appearances of Shah Rukh Khan and a post-credit scene featuring Hrithik Roshan. Just like the two previous installments - Ek Tha Tiger and Tiger Zinda Hai - the film focuses on a new mission involving RA&W agent Tiger (Salman) and ISI agent Zoya (Katrina Kaif).

The first part 'Ek Tha Tiger', which came in 2012, was directed by Kabir Khan. In 2017, the franchise expanded with 'Tiger Zinda Hai'. The second part was directed by Ali Abbas Zafar.

Meanwhile, Sunny is basking in the success of 'Gadar 2'.

Sunny's 'Gadar 2' took the box office by storm, collecting a whopping Rs 515.03 crore in about a month.

The film has become the second highest-grossing Hindi film and has surpassed the lifetime collection of the Hindi version of Prabhas starrer 'Baahubali 2'.

Helmed by Anil Sharma, the film also starred Utkarsh Sharma and Ameesha Patel in the lead roles.

He will be seen in Rajkumar Santoshi's 'Lahore 1947', which is being produced by actor Amir Khan.

## Time management is important, says Arjun Bijlani



Arjun Bijlani opens up on the mantra of balanc-

ing personal and professional life, saying with-

out time management one cannot succeed in life.

The actor is currently seen in the role of Shiv in Pyaar Ka Pehla Adhyaya ShivShakti. The show explores the healing power of love in a contemporary take on the Shiv-Shakti dynamic.

The actor says, "Time management is very important. Without time management one can't succeed in life. I'm doing a show which involves a lot of hard work. I daily travel to the sets and come back and ensure I spend time with my family as well. I don't want to miss my son's growing-up years. To be a parent is a blessing."

## Monika Khanna feels TV industry is reshaping itself



Known for her work in Aasman Se Aage, Pyaar Ka Dard Hai Meetha Meetha Pyaara Pyaara and Thapki Pyar Ki, actress Monika Khanna says that the TV industry has grown in leaps and bounds, and there are many changes that she appreciates.

"Over the years, I've noticed significant changes in the TV industry, particularly in terms of the opportunities available. Earlier, opportunities were limited and obtaining

them was challenging due to constraints such as certification requirements and time-consuming processes," says Monika.

She adds, "However, now the scenario has transformed, and opportunities have become massive. Numerous channels are introducing a variety of shows, providing chances for writers, producers, actors and directors to showcase their talents. The first significant change is the increased

accessibility to opportunities. Every platform now offers a chance to experiment with various concepts."

Monika said the second notable change is the shift in the longevity of shows.

"In the past, a show needed time to establish itself, but now, with the influence of ratings, the fate of a show is often decided quickly. Within a month, it becomes evident whether a show will succeed or not.

However, I also acknowledge that the TV industry is undergoing a transformative phase. It's adapting to new trends and reshaping itself," she says. On TV getting competition from OTT, Monika says, "The competition between TV and OTT platforms has become quite apparent. Many actors, directors and production professionals have shifted from TV to OTT. This transition has intensified the competition, creating a dynamic shift in the entertainment industry. It's noteworthy that each platform, be it TV, OTT, or films, has its own audience." Monika will be seen in Ikk Kudi Punjab Di.

## Shah Rukh Khan tops IMDb list of 2023's most popular Indian stars



Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan is leading the pack in the 2023 IMDb top 10 list of most popular Indian stars.

In 2023, the Badshah of Bollywood gave two major blockbusters, Jawan and Pathaan, which are respectively the No. 2 and 3 biggest Hindi movies ever worldwide.

Actress Alia Bhatt and Deepika Padukone have made it to the number 2 and number 3 spots respectively.

Alia said: "I thank my audience for bringing me to the position that I am at. While I hope to continue entertaining them, I am filled with only love and gratitude. I also promise to keep working hard and bringing more inspiring stories and characters on screen."

In the fourth position is actress Wamiqa Gabbi, who said: "This is my debut on the IMDb Most Popular Indian Stars list, and I am delighted! The fact that IMDb represents the sentiment of the global audience makes this even more special for me."

"I've had a busy year working across genres and languages, and it makes me happy and grateful that my fans have appreciated that. I look forward to working with the same dedication on my upcoming projects and returning the love showered upon me," she added.

Nayanthara, Tamannaah Bhatia, Kareena Kapoor Khan and Sobhita Dhulipala are placed on the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth spots respectively.

Then comes Bollywood's 'Khalidi' Akshay Kumar, who stands ninth. After Akshay, in the tenth spot is star Vijay Sethupathi.

## Falaq Naaz of Bigg Boss fame to return to screens in web series

Actress Falaq Naaz, who was recently seen in Bigg Boss OTT 2, will return to screens in a web series.

The actress now has revealed that she will be next seen in a web series that will release in February 2024.

Falaq acquired a huge fan following with her appearance in Bigg Boss OTT 2.

In a candid chat, the actress opened up on this season of Bigg Boss and her excitement for the upcoming project.

Falaq said, "Very soon my fans will see me on the screen. I am very excited for my next project which is a web series. It will be released in February 2024. We are still shooting for the same. Hopefully it will finish soon. I am very excited for the project and I am hoping the audience will also enjoy it."

Talking about this season of Bigg Boss, the actress said, "Till now I have not seen anyone being real in the show except Munawar. He is the most sensible contestant this time."

"I believe, in that show you can pretend for a while but sooner or



later your real personality shows off. So that still has to come out. But as

of now I feel Munawar might win the show," she said.



## India to host virtual G20 summit on Wednesday; Canadian PM Trudeau to attend

The summit will also be attended by Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese Premier Li Qiang

NEW DELHI, Nov 22 (Agencies): Against the backdrop of the Israel-Hamas conflict, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair a virtual summit of G20 leaders on Wednesday which would be attended by the likes of Russian President Vladimir Putin and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

With Ottawa confirming Trudeau's participation in the summit, this would be the first time he would come face to face with Prime Minister Modi, albeit virtually, after ties between India and Canada came under severe strain following Trudeau's allegations in September of a "potential" involvement of Indian agents in the killing of Khalistani separatist Hardeep Nijjar on June 18 in British Columbia.

India had designated Nijjar as a terrorist in 2020. India has rejected Trudeau's allegations as "absurd" and "motivated".

While Putin's participation in the virtual meeting has also been confirmed by the Kremlin, China on Tuesday had announced that Premier Li Qiang will attend the virtual G20 Leaders' Summit at India's invitation.

Significantly, the meeting comes on a day Israel's Cabinet approved a temporary ceasefire with the Hamas group that is expected to bring the first halt in fighting in the six-week war.

The deal calls for a four-day ceasefire, during which Israel will halt its military offensive in



Gaza while Hamas frees at least 50 of the roughly 240 hostages it and other militants are holding, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office was quoted as saying by media reports.

Addressing a press conference here on Tuesday ahead of the summit, India's G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant said the deliberations will witness "excellent participation" from leaders of the grouping.

Kant described the virtual summit as "rare and exceptional" which would give Modi an opportunity to interact with world leaders for a second time during India's G20 Presidency before it passes on to Brazil in December.

Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Putin had skipped the G20 Leaders' Summit in New Delhi on September 9 and 10.

"The virtual summit of the G20 being held tomorrow will also be a major gathering of world

leaders since the conclusion of the 78th Session of the UN General Assembly and the SDG Summit," Kant had said.

Noting that several challenges have emerged since the September G20 summit, Kant had said development would be the primary focus of the virtual meeting and leaders might engage in discussions on a myriad of other issues.

"We are expecting a large majority of G20 leaders to be present," said Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra in response to questions.

He said it would not be correct to pre-judge if the issues of geopolitical tensions will be raised at the meeting.

The virtual meeting of G20 leaders is taking place a day after leaders of the BRICS grouping held an extraordinary meeting on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

"The virtual summit will provide an opportunity not only to dis-

cuss the implementation of the leaders' declaration but also for the leaders to share views and enhance cooperation on critical challenges," Kant had said.

He said the goal was to address gaps in global governance, reaffirm commitments to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and progress toward a revitalised multilateral system better positioned to positively impact people's lives.

Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth had said it is expected that Wednesday's meeting will give further momentum and guidance on issues related to the finance track and then hand it over to Brazil which will take over the G20 presidency from December 1.

The meeting will deliberate on a host of issues but all eyes are on the deliberations related to the Gaza situation.

Israel has been carrying out a massive military operation in Gaza following the unprecedented and multi-pronged attacks on Israeli cities by Hamas militants on October 7. Hamas killed around 1,400 people in Israel and kidnapped more than 220 others. Around 11,500 people have been killed in Gaza in the Israeli offensive, according to the Hamas-run authorities in Gaza.

There has been mounting criticism of Israel for the death of a large number of civilians, including women and children, in Gaza in its military operations.

## Inspected tunnel last month, work was going well: Uttarakhand policeman first to reach collapse site



UTTARKASHI, Nov 22 (Agencies): An Uttarakhand policeman, the first to reach the site of the collapsed Sikyara tunnel, said he had inspected the under-construction tunnel last month and the work was going well.

Posted at Genwala Police Post under Dharasu Police Station in Uttarkashi district, Head Constable Suresh Kumar said that a site engineer called on his mobile phone to inform him about the collapse and he was the first responder from the police department.

"It was around 8 am and I was taking a bath when I got the call. I immediately took a junior staffer with me

and reached the spot on my motorbike," said Kumar, a native of Pauri Garhwal, who has been deployed at the Genwala Police Post, about 10 km from Sikyara tunnel, for the last one-and-a-half years.

Kumar said, "The tunnel was dug up two km and the work was going on smoothly. I could have never imagined such an incident. There was a dividing wall to support the frame as well," he said.

Kumar said the incident took place around 5.30 am though the police and administration were informed a bit late.

After reaching the spot, I saw debris lying 200 metres inside the tunnel, blocking the entry pas-

sage. I informed my seniors at the police station and subsequently, a rescue team arrived.

Drilling with the American auger machine resumed at the Sikyara tunnel overnight to prepare an escape passage for the 41 workers trapped inside for more than 10 days, officials said on Wednesday.

According to officials, 800 diameter steel pipes have been inserted up to 32 metres through the rubble so far.

Labourers trapped inside were given vegetarian pulao, matar-paneer, and chapatis slapped with butter for dinner on Tuesday night through a food pipe stuck through the collapsed part of the structure.

The dinner, prepared under the doctor's supervision with less oil and spices to make it easily digestible, was supplied to the workers in 150 packets.

The 6-inch wide pipeline helped the rescuers capture trapped workers' first pictures in days. The pictures, which were taken with an endoscopic flexi camera, showed workers were doing fine, authorities said.

## Manipur clashes 'political problem'; violence will continue until 4,000 looted arms recovered: Eastern Army Commander

GUWAHATI, Nov 22 (Agencies): Terming the ethnic clashes in Manipur as a "political problem", Eastern Army Commander Lt Gen Rana Pratap Kalita said incidents of violence will continue unless around 4,000 weapons, which were looted from security forces, are recovered from common people.



The Eastern Command General Officer Commanding-in-Chief also said India is giving shelter to anyone from Myanmar seeking refuge, including common villagers, Army or police, in Mizoram and Manipur, but not armed cadres of militant groups or drug traffickers.

"Our efforts have been to contain the violence and motivate both sides of the conflict to come for a peaceful resolution of the political problem. Because ultimately, there has to be a political resolution to the problem," Kalita told reporters at an interaction organised by the Gauhati Press Club.

As far as the ground situation was concerned, the Indian Army's aim initially was to carry out rescue and relief operations for the people who were displaced from their houses, he added.

"Thereafter, we are trying to contain the violence, which we have been largely successful. But because of the polarisation between the two communities, Meiteis and Kukis, some sporadic incidents keep taking place here and there," Kalita said.

Asked why normalcy has not returned to Manipur even after more than six-and-a-half months of beginning of the clashes, he said there has been some legacy issues between the three communities

that live in the state—Meitei, Kuki and Naga.

The Lieutenant General pointed out that earlier also there had been conflicts between the Kukis and Nagas in the 1990s when almost 1,000 people were killed.

"What has happened now is that both the communities have completely got polarised. Though the level of violence has come down, more than 5,000 weapons were taken away from various police stations and other places.

"Out of that, only about 1,500 weapons have been recovered. So, around 4,000 weapons are still out. Till the time these weapons are out in society, this sort of sporadic violent activities will continue," he added.

Kalita, however, said weapon smuggling along with drugs through the Indo-Myanmar border has been checked, although some isolated incidents may be there.

"But since 4,000 weapons are already out in the open, I think there is no requirement of weapons to come from outside," he stressed.

More than 180 people lost their lives and several hundreds were injured since ethnic clashes broke out in Manipur on May 3, after a 'Tribal Solidarity March' was organised in the hill districts to protest against

the Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.

Meiteis account for about 53 per cent of Manipur's population and live mostly in the Imphal Valley. Tribals—Nagas and Kukis—constitute little over 40 per cent and reside in the hill districts.

On the refugee crisis from Myanmar, Lt Gen Kalita said, "Any instability in our neighbourhood is not in our interest. It definitely impacts us as we share the common border. The problem of the Indo-Myanmar border gets accentuated because of the difficult geography and terrain conditions, and lack of development."

He further said as the border is porous and people are from the same ethnicity on both sides of the border, a lot of free movements take place, and it becomes difficult for the forces managing the borders to identify who are the people from India and who are from Myanmar.

"We are giving shelter to anybody who is seeking refuge, whether it is a common villager or Myanmar Army or Myanmar Police. There is a due process that is followed. Whenever they want to come in, the weapons are separated obviously.

"Thereafter there is a proper identification, which is carried out so that the undesirable ele-

ments are segregated. We get in touch with the MEA and (Myanmar) Embassy. Generally, all these Myanmar Army personnel will be taken to Moreh (in Manipur) and then handed over to the (Myanmar) force," Kalita said.

He further explained the direction is very clear to the forces on the border that the common villagers seeking refuge to escape the conflict in Myanmar are not stopped and whenever they are ready, they are sent back.

"While doing that, the directions are very clear that no armed cadres will be allowed to come. Any armed cadres trying to come are addressed in an appropriate manner. There is a definite check on people with drugs and arms, and anybody caught is handed over to the police following the due procedure," Kalita said.

Currently, the Assam Rifles is managing the Indo-Myanmar border in Manipur and Mizoram and they have border outposts in both the states along the international border, he added.

More than 31,000 people from Myanmar have been living in Mizoram. These foreigners, mostly from Chin state, fled following a military coup in Myanmar in February 2021. Many also took shelter in neighbouring Manipur.

In the last few weeks, dozens of Myanmar soldiers stationed near the international border with India fled to Mizoram following intense gun-fights with militia group People's Defence Force (PDF). They were later escorted back to their country through Moreh in Manipur.

## Nitish Kumar Cabinet passes resolution seeking special status



PATNA, Nov 22 (Agencies): The Nitish Kumar Government in Bihar upped the ante on the Chief Minister's long-standing demand for grant of special status to the state with a resolution to the effect on Wednesday being passed by the cabinet.

Kumar announced the development on social media, shortly after the Cabinet meeting he chaired here was over.

"The cabinet has passed a resolution (prastaav) requesting the Centre for grant of special category status to Bihar", Kumar wrote in a lengthy post in which he also said that the fresh demand was necessitated by findings of the caste survey his government carried out in the state.

Kumar said that while the rise in percentage of population of the deprived castes has led to increase in the quotas for SCs, STs and OBCs from 50 to 65 per cent, his government also planned to undertake a number of welfare

measures for the benefit of "94 lakh families", which according to the survey lived in abject poverty.

"We intend to provide, in instalments, an assistance of Rs two lakh to one member of each of these families for some type of economic activity (rozgar)", said Kumar, adding that his government was also committed to building pucca houses for "39 lakh families living in huts" and every such household will be provided Rs 1.20 lakh for the purpose.

He also said that his government had been providing an assistance of Rs 60,000 to landless families for purchasing land but has now decided to raise the sum to Rs one lakh which would benefit 63,850 such households identified in the survey.

"The implementation of all such measures will incur an expenditure of Rs 2.50 lakh crore. Because of the huge sum involved, we have set a deadline of five years from now for the completion of the schemes. But if we get special category status, we will be able to accomplish the task in a much shorter time", said Kumar.

The JD(U) leader, who is the state's longest-serving chief minister, also recounted that he had been raising the demand for special status "since 2010" and rallies to press the demand were

addressed by him here in 2012 and a year later at the Ram Lila Maidan in Delhi.

"To look into our demand, the government at the Centre had set up a committee headed by (former RBI governor) Raghuram Rajan which submitted its report but nothing came of it. In May 2017, we again wrote to the Centre requesting special status... it is my request that the Centre agree to the demand keeping in view the interests of the people of Bihar", said Kumar.

Notably, Kumar, who had dumped the BJP last year and has emerged as a key figure of the opposition coalition INDIA, has been asserting that if the new formation formed the next government at the Centre, he would press for "special status to all backward states".

Hoping to galvanize the deprived castes in his favour with the rise in quotas, Kumar has of late been renewing the long-standing demand with fresh vigour. He raised the demand on the floor of the assembly recently when the bills for increase in quotas in jobs and educational institutions were tabled before the assembly.

Last week, he had threatened to launch a state-wide agitation if the demand for special category status was not met.

## Ashneer Grover's Wife Questioned In Alleged 81 Crore Fraud At BharatPe

NEW DELHI, Nov 22 (Agencies): BharatPe co-founder Ashneer Grover's wife, Madhuri Jain, was today questioned by Delhi Police's Economic Offences Wing in an alleged 81-crore fraud at the fintech startup. The cops had also summoned Ashneer Grover, but he did not appear for questioning today.

The complaint was filed in May 2023 after BharatPe alleged that Mr Grover and his family caused damages of 81.3 crore through illegal payments.

The company claimed they made fake payments to human resource consultants, forged invoices, made illegal payments to travel invoices, and also added non-existing transactions in input tax credit and payment of penalty to GST authorities.

The accused allegedly also used



backdated invoices to move funds from BharatPe's accounts for payment of commissions for recruitment work, a status report filed by the EOW in the Delhi High Court stated. Madhuri Jain is at the center of the allegations as she was the

Joint Director-HR at BharatPe. She was fired last year. Mr Grover, who shot to fame as one of the 'sharks' on Shark Tank India, resigned as CEO soon after.

If convicted, the accused faces between 10 years to life in prison. Last week, the couple were stopped from boarding an international flight departing Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport. Immigration officials blocked Mr Grover's departure, and that of his wife, to New York on the basis of a lookout circular, or LoC, issued by Delhi Police's Economic Offences Wing.

In December 2022, BharatPe also filed a civil suit in the Delhi High Court against Mr Grover and his family, seeking up to 88.67 crore in damages for alleged cheating and embezzlement of funds.



## Israel agrees to 4-day ceasefire, Hamas to release 50 hostages

150 Palestinians imprisoned in Israel will also be released under the deal

GAZA/TEL AVIV, Nov 22 (Agencies): Israel's government and Hamas agreed on Wednesday to a four-day pause in fighting to allow the release of 50 hostages held in Gaza in exchange for 150 Palestinians imprisoned in Israel, and the entry of humanitarian aid into the besieged enclave.

Officials from Qatar, which has been mediating secret negotiations, as well as the US, Israel and Hamas have for days been saying a deal was imminent.

Hamas is believed to be holding more than 200 hostages, taken when its fighters surged into Israel on October 7, killing 1,200 people, according to Israeli tallies.

A statement by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said 50 women and children will be released over four days, during which there will be a pause in fighting.

For every additional 10 hostages released, the pause would be extended by another day, it said, without mentioning the release of Palestinian prisoners in exchange.

"Israel's government is committed to return all the hostages home. Tonight, it approved the proposed deal as a first stage to achieving this goal," said the statement, released after hours of deliberation that were closed to the press.

Hamas said the 50 hostages would be released in exchange for 150 Palestinian women and children who are held in Israeli jails. The truce deal will also allow hundreds of trucks of humanitarian, medical and fuel aid to enter Gaza, the Palestinian group said in a statement.

Israel had committed not to attack or arrest anyone in all parts of Gaza during the truce period, it added.

U.S. President Joe Biden said he welcomed the deal. "Today's deal should bring home additional American hostages, and I will not stop until they are all released," he said in a statement.

The Qatar government said 50 civilian women and children



hostages would be released from Gaza in exchange for the release "of a number of Palestinian women and children held in Israeli prisons".

The starting time of the truce would be announced within the next 24 hours, it said in a statement.

The accord is the first truce of a war in which Israeli bombardments have flattened swathes of Hamas-ruled Gaza, killed 13,300 civilians in the tiny densely populated enclave and left about two-thirds of its 2.3 million people homeless, according to authorities in Gaza.

But Netanyahu said Israel's broader mission was unchanged.

"We are at war and we will continue the war until we achieve all our goals. To destroy Hamas, return all our hostages and ensure that no entity in Gaza can threaten Israel," he said in a recorded message at the start of the government meeting.

Hamas said in its statement: "As we announce the striking of a truce agreement, we affirm that our fingers remain on the trigger, and our victorious fighters will remain on the look out to defend our people and defeat the occupation."

RELEASE TO BEGIN ON THURSDAY

Three Americans, including a 3-year-old girl whose parents were among those killed during Hamas's Oct. 7 attack, are expected to be among the hostages to be released, a senior US official said.

working inside Gaza to facilitate the hostages' release.

He said that the truce means there would be "no attack whatsoever. No military movements, no expansion, nothing." Al-Khulaifi added that Qatar hopes the deal "will be a seed to a bigger agreement and a permanent cease of fire. And that's our intention."

Hamas has to date released only four captives: US citizens Judith Raanan, 59, and her daughter, Natalie Raanan, 17, on October 20, citing "humanitarian reasons," and Israeli women Nurit Cooper, 79, and Yocheved Lifshitz, 85, on Oct. 23.

The armed wing of the Palestinian militant group Islamic Jihad, which participated in the Oct. 7 raid with Hamas, said late on Tuesday that one of the Israeli hostages it has held since the Oct. 7 attacks on Israel had died.

"We previously expressed our willingness to release her for humanitarian reasons, but the enemy was stalling and this led to her death," Al Quds Brigades said on its Telegram channel.

As attention focused on the hostage release deal, fighting on the ground raged on. Mounir Al-Barsh, director-general of Gaza's health ministry, told Al Jazeera TV that the Israeli military ordered the evacuation of the Indonesian Hospital in Gaza City. Israel said militants were operating from the facility and threatened to act against them within four hours, he said.

On Tuesday, Israel also said its forces had encircled the Jabalia refugee camp, a congested urban extension of Gaza City where Hamas has been battling advancing Israeli armoured forces.

The Palestinian news agency WAFA said 33 people were killed and dozens wounded in an Israeli air strike on part of Jabalia.

In southern Gaza, Hamas-affiliated media said 10 people were killed and 22 injured by an Israeli air strike on an apartment in the city of Khan Younis.

## India absent from voting on UNGA resolution on building peaceful world through sports, Olympic truce

India was among the 73 nations that were absent from voting on the resolution



UNITED NATIONS, Nov 22 (Agencies): India did not participate in voting on a UN General Assembly resolution on building a peaceful and better world through sport and recognising the role of sports in preventing and countering terrorism and violent extremism as well as promoting human rights.

The 193-member UN General Assembly adopted the draft resolution 'Building a Peaceful and Better World through Sport and the Olympic Ideal' tabled by France.

The resolution has been traditionally adopted by consensus but this year, Russia called for a recorded vote on the text for it to be adopted.

Of the 193 UN member states, 120 voted in the UNGA on the resolution, which received 118 votes in favour and none against, with Russia and Syria abstaining.

India was among the 73 nations that were absent from voting on the resolution.

The resolution recognised the contribution of sports in creating an atmosphere of tolerance and understanding among peoples and nations, its role to prevent and counter terrorism and violent extremism and its contributions to building resilience against radicalisation to violence and terrorist recruitment.

It recognised that sport and the Olympic and Paralympic games can be used to promote human rights and strengthen universal respect for such rights, thus contributing to their full realisation.

The UN General Assembly considers the resolution every two years, in advance of the Summer and Winter Olympic Games.

With Paris set to host the Olympics from July 26 to August 11 next year and the Paralympic Games from August 28 to September 8 next year, the resolution urged member states to observe the Olympic Truce individually and collectively throughout the period from the seventh day before the start of the

games until the seventh day following the end of the Paralympic Games in Paris in 2024, "to ensure the safe passage, access and participation of athletes, officials and all other accredited persons taking part in the Games of the Olympiad and the Paralympic Games, and to contribute through other appropriate measures to the safe organisation of the games".

According to information on the UN website, Russia said that the decision of the International Olympic Committee to bar Russian athletes from participating in the Olympic Games is a politicised and discriminatory one.

The double standards and segregation based on nationality are a violation of basic human rights, the Russian delegate said.

International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach said that in today's fragile world, the Olympic Truce Resolution is more relevant than ever.

"The Olympic Games can only make this contribution to peace through a fundamental commitment to political neutrality and universality," Bach said.

"Universality can only be achieved through solidarity. This is why we support all the athletes from all 206 National Olympic Committees and from the IOC Refugee Olympic Team. Solidarity means: in the Olympic Movement, there is no 'global south' or 'global north'. At the Olympic Games, we are all equal," he added.

He further said that one of the aspects of non-discrimination is that athletes cannot be held responsible for the actions of their governments or their National Olympic Committees.

All athletes who are qualified on the field of play and are abiding by the rules of the Olympic Charter must have an opportunity to participate in international competitions.

"We are upholding this principle of non-discrimination also in the context of the violation of the Olympic Charter by the National Olympic Committee of Russia. We had to suspend them because they violated the territorial integrity of the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine, by including as their members sports organisations of Ukrainian regions," Bach said.

He stressed that upholding all these Olympic values is the contribution that "we in the Olympic Movement can make to build a better and more peaceful world through sport".

## South Korea partially suspends inter-Korean agreement after the North says it launched spy satellite

SEOUL, Nov 22 (Agencies): South Korea will partially suspend an inter-Korean agreement Wednesday to restart frontline aerial surveillance of North Korea, after the North said it launched a military spy satellite in violation of United Nations bans, Seoul officials said.

The South Korean announcement — which will likely infuriate North Korea — came hours after the North claimed to have placed a military reconnaissance satellite into orbit in its third such launch attempt this year.

The North's claim hasn't been independently verified; the Pentagon said it was still assessing the success of the launch, while Japan stated there has been no confirmation that the North Korean satellite entered orbit.

But the United States and its allies still quickly condemned the North Korean launch, which they believe was meant to improve the country's missile technology as well as establish a space-based surveillance system.

North Korea says it has sovereign, legitimate rights to launch spy satellites to cope with what it calls intensifying US-led threats. But UN Security Council



resolutions still prohibit any satellite liftoff by North Korea, viewing them as covers for testing its long-range missile technology.

Heo Tae-keun, South Korea's deputy minister of national defense policy, told a televised briefing that the North's latest satellite launch was not only a clear violation of UN resolutions but also "a grave provocation that threatens our national security."

Heo said South Korea will respond by partially suspending the 2018 inter-Korean tension-reduction agreement later Wednesday to resume aerial surveillance activities at the border.

He said the decision was approved at South Korea's Cabinet Council meeting earlier Wednesday.

He added that based on the solid military alliance with the U.S., South Korea will "promptly and strongly punish" North Korea if it uses the South Korean step as a pretext to

launch another provocation.

The 2018 agreement, struck during a short-lived era of reconciliation between the rival Koreas, created buffer and no-fly zones along the countries' heavily fortified border.

Under the deal, the Koreans were required to halt frontline aerial reconnaissance of each other and live-firing exercises and removed some of their guard posts and landmines at border areas.

The deal invited withering conservative criticism in South Korea with critics saying it significantly restricted the operation of the country's aerial surveillance assets, which are much more superior to North Korea's.

They also accused the deal of heavily benefiting North Korea, because it only called for mutual reductions of conventional military strength while leaving the North's growing nuclear arsenal intact. South Korea has no nuclear weapons.

## Israel Army Claims It Found Hamas Rocket-Making Lab Inside Gaza Mosque

GAZA, Nov 22 (Agencies): The Israel Defense Forces have claimed that they found a Hamas rocket-making lab, weapons, and a tunnel entrance inside a mosque in Gaza City's Zeitoun neighborhood. They also shared a video that showed Israeli soldiers heading into the basement of a partially destroyed mosque and uncovering a base allegedly used by the Hamas operatives. Different types of mortars, warhead missiles, thermobaric weapons, and explosive materials, were found in an underground room. A whiteboard that featured plans to use the rockets and trace the paths of Israeli airstrikes was also found.

"Holy places, such as mosques, should not be used as fronts for terrorism. Hamas used this mosque as a weapons storage facility and a laboratory for Hamas' rockets. Finding dozens of mortars, warhead missiles, thermobaric weapons, RPGs, and a tunnel shaft. What was once a place of worship is now a home for terror-

ism," the caption of the video read, shared on X.

"I want you to understand: A mosque, in the Zeitoun area, was being used as a lab for making weapons. Troops enter the mosque, carry out scans, and make sure there are no traps. They head inside this mosque and find a tunnel shaft... and a staircase," The Times of Israel quoted IDF Spokesperson Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari.

Last week, Israel published a video of what it described as a tunnel dug by Palestinian operatives under the Gaza Strip's biggest hospital. "The tunnel entrance contains various defense mechanisms, such as a blast-proof door and a firing hole, in an attempt by Hamas to block Israeli forces from entering," the IDF said in a statement about the hospital tunnel.

While acknowledging that it has a network of hundreds of kilometres of secret tunnels, bunkers and access shafts throughout the Palestinian enclave, Hamas has denied that these are located in civilian infrastructure like hospitals.

## Elon Musk to donate advertising revenue to Israeli hospitals, Red Cross in war-torn Gaza

WASHINGTON, DC, Nov 22 (Agencies): Tesla CEO Elon Musk has said that X Corp will contribute any revenue generated by the social media platform from advertising and subscriptions linked to the Gaza war to Israeli hospitals as well as the Red Cross in Gaza, CBS News reported.

In a post on social media platform X (formerly Twitter), Musk wrote, "We will track how funds are spent and go through Red Cross/Crescent. Better ideas are welcome. We should care about the innocent regardless of race, creed, religion or anything else." It was in July this year that Musk renamed Twitter as X Corp. after his 2022 acquisition of the service.

This move of the Tesla CEO comes after he received a massive backlash for expressing his support for an anti-semitic post on X, CBS News reported. According to CBS News, Musk's decision to give ad and subscription earnings as donations did not initially indicate how much money may be generated. It comes after Musk's support for the anti-Semitic tweet received condemnation from a wide spectrum of opponents and organisations, including the Anti-Defamation League, an advocacy group that aims to prevent anti-Jewish prejudice.

The billionaire had earlier responded to a post on X claiming that Jews "have been pushing the exact kind of dialectical hatred against whites that they claim to want people to stop using against them," CBS News reported.

He had said, "You have said the actual truth." Amid the row over endorsing "anti-semitic" post on X, the platform owner and Tesla CEO Elon Musk has said that social media platform X will file a "thermonuclear lawsuit" against the media watchdog 'Media Matters' alleging that it "completely misrepresented the real user experience" and "undermined free speech".



Disney, Warner Bros Discovery and Comcast, Lions Gate Entertainment and Paramount Global said on Friday they were also pausing their ads on X, according to CNN.

The Tesla CEO said that the X platform works to "protect the right to free speech" and for that one must "see or hear" things that are considered "objectionable" and one must make up their own minds about "what to read, watch, or listen to".

He further accused Media Matters and other media outlets of "undermining" freedom of expression as they perceive it as a threat to their "ideological narrative".

"X will protect the public's right to free expression. We will not allow agenda-driven activists, or even our own profits, to deter our vision. Everyone has a choice on X. User and brand control on X is superior to a year ago. Data wins over allegations. Media Matters does not reflect the user experience on X," Musk stated.

Musk's remarks were also condemned by the White House for boosting the anti-Jewish conspiracy theory, calling it "unacceptable," The New York Times reported.

In a statement, White House spokesperson Andrew Bates said that it was "unacceptable to repeat the hideous lie behind the most fatal act of antisemitism in American history at any time, let alone one month after the deadliest day for the Jewish people since the Holocaust."



# Dismissed J&K teacher was paid salary while he was in jail: Officials

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 22 (Agencies): The charge sheet against Farooq Ahmed Mir, who is among the four government employees dismissed from service by the Jammu and Kashmir administration on Wednesday, November 22, shows that he was appointed despite being a terrorist of the banned Hizbul Mujahideen and paid a salary while he was in jail, officials said.

Mir, who has been sacked under the provisions of Article 311 of the Constitution, is a resident of Kupwara in north Kashmir and had exfiltrated in 1990 and received arms training at ISI-operated camps before infiltrating back after a year. He was a top commander of the Hizbul Mujahideen terror outfit before being arrested in 1991, the officials said.

He was arrested by security forces and remained under detention for two years to be subsequently released in 1993, they said, adding immediately after his release, Mir made good use of his affiliation and

influence within the secessionist-terrorist ecosystem to get himself appointed as a Class-IV employee in the education department.

Jammu and Kashmir was under Governor's rule at that time.

Mir, a resident of north Kashmir's Kupwara district, was initially appointed to the education department in 1994 and was later promoted to the post of a teacher in 2007, a time when the PDP-Congress government was in power.

"Propriety and sanity would expect that after joining the government, Mir would refrain from indulging in anti-national activities. But he openly began preaching and practising secessionist ideology and emerged as the most active and remarkably senior functionary of secessionist organisation Tehreek-e-Hurriyat (TeH) led by hardline Hurriyat Conference leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani," the official said.

The charge sheet showed that Mir had gained prominence in Kupwara as a staunch supporter and sympathiser of the banned Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI).

"Being a Pakistan-trained terrorist and having a significant position in the secessionist camp, bestowed him with huge powers. Like many such other entities, his name would instil fear and awe in common people and local administration," an official said.

Continuing his secessionist and terrorist incitation, the officials said Mir played a major role in the 2008 Amarnath land row agitation and was openly propagating 'Jihad' against India and exhorting the youth to join terrorism.

A case under relevant sections of the law, including the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, was registered against him at Kupwara police station on November 13, 2009.

In this particular incident, he not only incited and provoked youth to join terrorist ranks but also hatched a criminal conspiracy with other secessionist elements to orchestrate large-scale violence in Kupwara.

On July 23, 2010, the officials said he instigated, incited and provoked an unruly mob to commit violence and leading the vio-

lent mob he made forcible entry in the police guard room at Kupwara district hospital and set the guard room on fire.

In this connection, another criminal case was registered against him and others in police station Kupwara, they said, adding for his incorrigible unlawful behaviour, he was finally detained under the provisions of the Public Safety Act (PSA) in 2010 and lodged in Central Jail Kot Balwal, Jammu for a period of six months.

"The strange and sad state of affairs is that despite being detained under PSA and arrested many times, no disciplinary action was taken against him by the department. He paradoxically was never marked absent despite being in jail for six months for one occasion and was shown on duty and paid full salary," the official said, adding this evidence shows the "influence and penetration of adversary" within the government system.

Not mending his ways, they said, Mir played a major role in the 2016 violent agitation that erupted

# Advantec Wheels advances with its innovative marketing initiatives

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 22: Addressing the Indian Aftermarket segment for Passenger Cars with high-quality and premium alloy wheels that are durable, reliable and safe has always been a huge challenge in India.

Delhi-based Advantec Wheels Pvt. Ltd has launched a slew of unique initiatives to offer customers innovative and futuristic range of premium flow-forged wheels. With the launch of their website www.advantecwheels.com, the company hopes to enable and ensure potential customers to buy a wide variety of wheels of their choice, along with a robust distributor/retail network PAN India.

The range is both impressive and comprehensive wherein you can choose from 3 distinct design series available in 16, 17, 18, 20 and 22 inch wheel sizes respectively. Additionally, Advantec Wheels will be launching a series of educational videos - "High on Wheels" to engage and educate the aftermarket audience

regarding complete guide to wheel sizes, and tyres to purchase etc according to their respective vehicles.

Moreover, the company will be launching "Floating Wheel Caps", a unique first-ever innovation in the Indian Automobile Industry. The idea is unlike standard wheel caps, floating wheel caps stay upright while the vehicle and the wheel are in motion!

Speaking on their company's marketing and sales strategies, Jasneet Singh (Co-Founder) Advantec Wheels Pvt Ltd. remarked, "We are aware of the fact that over 50% of the market demand is catered by imported wheels leaving customers solely dependent with no choice or alternative! With this whopping import, we are poised to play the role of offering the customers a range of premium flow-forged alloy wheels online through our website besides our conventional B2B distribution network. To this end, we have developed an APP and have employed Augmented Reality to provide customers with an engaging experience, allowing

them to visualize how the wheels will appear on their vehicles in the real world. Hence, customers can place the camera alongside their respective vehicles to explore the wide range of wheel designs and finishes offered by the brand."

Detailing the wide product-mix, Singh remarked, "Our state-of-the-art plant at Jammu will be fully operational by Q1 in CY2024. The alloy wheels are fully engineered, perfected and validated in-house using state-of-the-art manufacturing processes, quality and performance matching international suppliers. We have value-added further to our products in a big way with the high quality Flow-Forged manufacturing technology allowing us to create lighter yet stronger alloy-wheels as compared to the standard casted wheels, lending higher mileage and safety to the car's performance. We are equipped with automotive wheel manufacturing domain knowledge of more than 50 years and hence will have an edge over our competitors."

# BJP cadre will craft this mighty country peaceful, prosperous and advanced: Koul

## Top News Report

GANDERBAL, Nov 22: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, led by its General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul, addressed a Shakti Kendra Pramukh Sammelan of District Ganderbal at Town hall, Ganderbal.

Former MLC Surinder Ambar, District President Ganderbal Mohd Amin Shah, Gayur Andrabi, Sajid, Sahil Bhat, Mudassir Wani and prominent BJP leaders accompanied

Ashok Koul during the Sammelan.

Ashok Koul while addressing the Sammelan focused on the dedicated mass working of the party cadre. Discussing the organizational matters with the party cadre, he focused on strengthening the party at booth level. He also appraised the party cadre of the forthcoming programmes and asked them to organize them with fervour.

Ashok Koul asserted that in these nine and half years, under the lead-



ership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country's respect has increased throughout the world.

"Those, who want to see the country socio-economically weak and backward, are not able to digest this growing stature of Bharat as their self-interests are now compromised. However the BJP cadre will keep working day and night on a mission mode to craft this mighty country peaceful, prosperous and technologically advanced", said Ashok Koul.

Ashok Koul emphasized on the crucial role of Shakti Kendra Pramukhs in the organization, and termed it as very vital to achieve this aim. He said that they (Shakti Kendra Pramukhs) need to work dedicatedly with the goal "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, and Sabka Vishwaas".

Mohd Amin Shah thanked the senior party leadership for their guidance and appreciated the party cadre for their active participation in the Sammelan.

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# Doctor, Policeman among 4 Govt Employees sacked for terror links in J&K

They said Hassan, who has established himself as a staunch separatist and would consistently provide moral and background support to secessionists and terrorists, is a "potential time-bomb" who can be re-installed by Pakistan and its terrorist-secessionist network at any given point in time to cause wide-spread violence and disturbance against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India.

Rather, a resident of south Kashmir's Kulgam has a long history of terror links who got his adopted daughter married to Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) commander Habibullah Malik alias Sajad Jutt of Kasoor area of Pakistan's Punjab.

Malik remained active in the valley for several years before fleeing to Pakistan in 2005, officials said.

Rather's real job was to recruit gullible youth for terrorist outfits Hizbul Mujahideen and LeT, and build a network of overground workers and logistic supporters, they said. He was first inducted into the government system in 1990 as a daily wagger and was subsequently regularised in 1998, they added.

Besides, several attacks on police and security forces, dozens of workers of mainstream political parties were killed by LeT terrorists under Malik's command, duly supported by Rather between 1998 and 2005, the officials said.

They said the investigation has also revealed that Rather gave shelter to Malik in his house. But when the noose tightened, Rather facilitated Malik's escape to Pakistan.

Malik not only spearheaded a wide terrorist network while being active in Kashmir but also continued to mastermind several attacks from across the border like the suicide attack on the Army in Hyderabad, Srinagar resulting in the deaths of eight personnel and Station House Officer of Chadoora Police Station Shabir Ahmad in 2013.

In cohorts with killed terrorist commander Abbas Sheikh of Kulgam, Malik established a terror outfit 'The Resistance Front' (TRF), as an offshoot of the LeT, which continues to pose a serious security challenge and is linked to dozens of innocent killings of Kashmir Pandits, non-local labourers and off-duty policemen, the officials said.

They said Malik has been sending money, weapons and contraband through drones and other means from Pakistan besides grooming and luring gullible youth to recruit them in terror ranks.

Being his close relative, Rather is the most important entity and confidante for Malik in Kashmir who continues to be

in contact with him directly or indirectly through his daughter, the officials said.

Rather visited Pakistan on two occasions to meet Malik on February 5, 2016, and July 11, 2017, staying there for 18 days on the first visit and for 10 days during his second visit, they said.

The officials said constable Bhat was arrested last year following recovery of 1.8 kg of heroin and is presently under judicial custody for his involvement in narco-terror activities.

Bhat, a resident of the Kunan area of Kupwara district, was appointed as a special police officer in 2011 and was confirmed as a constable five years later even though he had studied only up to ninth standard, the officials said.

They said Bhat got involved in narcotic trafficking of an organised syndicate operating in Kupwara and successfully survived in the trade for more than a decade, using his official position and connections.

Bhat was part of the syndicate which was receiving heroin consignments sent from Pakistan through Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist handler Shakir Khan to fund terror activities in the valley, the officials said.

Mir, also a resident of Kupwara, was a Pakistan-trained terrorist who was initially appointed to the education department in 1994 and was later promoted to a teacher in 2007, the officials said.

They said investigations revealed that Mir was a senior functionary of the secessionist organisation Tehreek-e-Hurriyat (TeH) founded by hardline Hurriyat conference leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani.

Mir played a major role in the 2008 Amarnath land row agitation and also led a violent mob that set ablaze a police guard room at the district hospital Kupwara on July 23, 2010, before he was finally detained and lodged in Central Jail Kot Balwal Jammu for six months under Public Safety Act, they said.

Despite being detained under the PSA and arrested several times, no disciplinary action was taken against him by the department and he paradoxically was never marked absent despite being in jail for six months, officials said.

# 2 Lashkar-E-Taiba terror associates arrested in Srinagar

headed towards Tengpora tried to flee upon seeing the police party at the checkpoint," they said.

"However, they were apprehended tactfully by the team of officials present on the spot," they said.

Following their arrests, a case under relevant sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention Act) (UAPA), Explosive Act and Arms Act has been registered at Batamaloo police station. "Investigation

has been started into the case," police added in their statement.

# India Resumes E-Visa Services To Canadian Nationals

stating that the suspension should "never have happened in the first place", Canada-based CTV News reported.

Notably, amid a diplomatic standoff with Canada, India had halted its visa services until "further notice" in September.

This came after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau alleged the involvement of "agents of the Indian government" in the killing of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in June.

Najjar, who was a designated terrorist in India, was gunned down outside a Gurdwara in a parking area in Canada's Surrey, British Columbia, on June 18.

Trudeau, during a debate in the Canadian Parliament, claimed his country's national security officials had reasons to believe that "agents of the Indian government" carried out the killing of the Canadian citizen, who also served as the president of Surrey's Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara.

India had rejected the allegations as "absurd and motivated" and expelled a Canadian diplomat in a tit-for-tat move over Canada's decision.

"We have seen and reject the statement of the Canadian Prime Minister in their Parliament, as well as the statement by their Foreign Minister. Allegations of the government of India's involvement in any act of violence in Canada are absurd and motivated," the statement said.

# Cold wave sweeps Kashmir, Pahalgam records low of minus 3.3 degrees celsius

the intensifying cold wave conditions in the valley.

Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 1.8 degrees Celsius compared to minus 1.2 degrees Celsius a night earlier, the officials said adding it was the coldest night in the city this winter.

Pahalgam was the coldest recorded place in Kashmir as the minimum settled at minus 3.3 degrees Celsius while Pulwama recorded a low of minus 3.2 degrees Celsius on Tuesday night, they said.

Qazigund, the gateway town to Kashmir, recorded a low of 1.0 degrees Celsius while Kupwara recorded a low of minus 1.4 degrees Celsius.

Gulmarg ski resort in north Kashmir and Kokernag in South Kashmir were the only places where the minimum settled above the freezing point on Tuesday night. Gul-

marg recorded minimum temperature of 0.6 degrees Celsius while Kokernag recorded 0.3 degrees Celsius, they said.

# NIA raids suspects in Punjab linked to banned terror group Sikhs for justice

(Prevention) Act, 1967.

NIA said in a statement that "Pannun is the self-proclaimed General Counsel' of the outlawed 'unlawful Association' SFJ, and is in the eye of the storm yet again following the release and circulation of video messages on various social media platforms urging the Sikhs not to fly on Air India planes on and after November 19 claiming threat to their lives if they flew on Air India." Pannun also threatened that Air India would not be allowed to operate in the world.

Pannun's assertions and threats have triggered a high alert as well as investigations by security forces in Canada, India and certain other countries where Air India flies.

In his video messages, released on November 4, Pannun had urged Sikhs to stop flying on Air India planes on and after the said date, citing potential threat to their lives.

He also issued a warning to the Government of India that "The Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) would remain closed on the 19th of November." IGIA, located in New Delhi, is one of the world's busiest airports.

As part of his concerted plan to promote terror acts in India to revive terrorism in India, Pannun has been creating a false narrative around the issues prevailing in the state of Punjab, especially with regard to Sikh religion, by promoting enmity between the Sikhs in the country and other communities.

The latest threat is in line with the same narrative, which Pannun has actively promoted in the past by threatening & attempting to disrupt essential transportation network systems, including the Railways, as well as Thermal Power Plants in India.

The Ministry of Home Affairs had, on July 10, 2019, banned SFJ as an 'unlawful association' under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) for its activities. On July 1, 2020, Pannun was listed as an 'individual terrorist' by the Central government.

Pannun has been under the NIA lens since 2019, when the anti-terror agency registered its first case against him.

In September 2023, the NIA had confiscated his share of the house and land of the listed terrorist in Amritsar (Punjab) and Chandigarh Union Territory. Non-Bailable warrants of arrest were issued

against Pannun by the NIA Special Court on February 3, 2021 and he was declared a 'Proclaimed Offender (PO)' on November 29, 2022.

# J&K Admin considering winter vacation for schools in view of cold wave

things, including board examinations. The way the weather has changed, the government is considering this issue (winter vacation). A formal announcement will be made in a day or two," he said.

The officials said schools are likely to be closed in a phased manner according to past practice.

"We may not close all the classes in one go. Maybe primary classes will be closed in the beginning, then middle level and later senior secondary classes. In all likelihood, the primary classes will continue only till the end of this week," he said.

The minimum temperature in Kashmir valley has fallen significantly since Sunday night with the mercury in a freefall in Srinagar where the minimum temperature last night was minus 1.8 degrees Celsius – two degrees below normal for this time of the year.

Over the last three days, dense fog has been witnessed early morning when children go to school.

Asked if the government has directed educational institutions to make heating arrangements, Bhiduri said the schools have been sensitized about this need.

"We cannot issue general instructions as some schools have good heating arrangements and some don't. However, we have sensitised the schools about the issue," he said.

Private Schools Association of Jammu and Kashmir has asked the government to consider announcing winter vacations for lower classes because of the cold wave conditions in the valley.

# Kishtwar's Saffron gets GI Tag

Tagged along with Kashmiri saffron – multiple FPO brands coming up now!! lcing on the cake – certified as grade1," the post reads.

The spice is grown in some parts of Kishtwar region of Jammu along with parts of Kashmir.

The legendary most expensive harvest of saffron, popularly known as Kumkum, is also a key cash crop in Jammu's isolated mountainous district of Kishtwar.

Saffron cultivation is a cultural heritage that represents freshness and purity. Kishtwar's saffron production area is called locally as Mandal.



## Markets climb in early trade on buying in Reliance

Power Grid, Titan, Sun Pharma, Reliance Industries, Hindustan Unilever, Asian Paints, Tata Motors, Tech Mahindra, Nestle and ITC biggest gainers

MUMBAI, Nov 22 (Agencies): Equity benchmark indices climbed in early trade on Wednesday, helped by buying in index major Reliance Industries.

Gains were, however, restricted amid unabated foreign fund outflows from the equity markets and mixed trends in global markets.

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 74.43 points to 66,005.20 in early trade. The Nifty went up by 26.15 points to 19,809.55.

Among the Sensex firms, Power Grid, Titan, Sun Pharma, Reliance Industries, Hindustan Unilever, Asian Paints, Tata Motors, Tech Mahindra, Nestle and ITC were the biggest gainers.

Kotak Mahindra Bank, ICICI Bank, IndusInd Bank and JSW Steel were the major laggards.



In Asian markets, Tokyo traded in the green while Seoul, Shanghai and Hong Kong quoted lower.

The US markets ended in the negative territory on Tuesday.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude declined 0.16 per cent to USD 82.32 a barrel.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 455.59 crore on Tuesday, according to exchange data.

"The uptrend in the market is intact with global support coming

from the easing US bond yields. The US 10-year bond yield at 4 per cent is a strong pillar of support for equity markets. Resilience in large-caps like RIL, Bharti and HDFC Bank can continue to support the uptrend," said V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services.

The BSE benchmark climbed 275.62 points or 0.42 per cent to settle at 65,930.77 on Tuesday. The Nifty went up by 89.40 points or 0.45 per cent to 19,783.40.

## Zomato, Swiggy slapped with Rs 500 crore GST each: Report

NEW DELHI, Nov 22 (Agencies): Online food delivery platforms Zomato and Swiggy have received GST notices worth Rs 500 crore each on delivery charges, media reports said on Wednesday.

Both online food delivery platforms charge some money from customers in the name of delivery fees.

There is often a dispute between tax officers and food delivery apps regarding the delivery fee, which involves nearly Rs 1,000 crore, according to the reports. When reached for a comment, Zomato refused. Swiggy did not comment either.

As per Zomato and Swiggy, 'delivery charge' is nothing but the cost borne by the delivery partners who go to deliver food from door to door.

Companies simply collect that cost from customers and pass it on to delivery partners. But, tax officials do not agree with this, as per the reports.

Last month, Swiggy increased the platform fee from Rs 2 to Rs 3 for food orders. A Swiggy spokesperson told agency, that "there has been no significant change on platform fee, which is applied by most service players and is a common practice across industries".

In April, the company introduced a platform fee of Rs 2 per order, irrespective of the cart value.

In August, Zomato also increased its platform fee to Rs 3 per order from an initial Rs 2.

Zomato started charging the platform fee from Zomato Gold users, who were previously exempted.

## More than a billion people globally expected to have joint, muscle disorders by 2050: Lancet study

NEW DELHI, Nov 22 (Agencies): More than a billion people globally are expected to have disorders of joints, muscles, bones, ligaments, tendons and spine by 2050, up from about half a billion in 2020, according to a new study published in The Lancet Rheumatology journal.

The projected figure of musculoskeletal disorder cases is an increase of about 115 per cent from that of 2020, and most regions were projected to have at least a 50 per cent increase in cases between 2020 and 2050, the international study by The Insti-

tute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, University of Washington, US, found.

"We highlight there is a substantial burden of what are categorised as 'other' musculoskeletal disorders that would otherwise go unrecognised," said joint first author Manasi Murthy Mittinty from Flinders University College of Medicine, Australia.

The musculoskeletal disorders studied were a large and growing source of disability in the world that requires public policy consideration, she said.

"Not only are the



number of people worldwide living with other musculoskeletal conditions such as systemic lupus erythematosus and spondylopathies increasing but so will be their healthcare needs in 2050 and beyond," said Mittinty.

The musculoskeletal disorders were prevalent 47.4 per cent higher in women than in men, and increased with age to peak at 65-69 years in both the sexes, the research found after

analysing data from 23 countries. It then estimated prevalence of these disorders in 204 countries and territories from 1990 to 2020 and made projections for 2050 using statistical analyses.

"A factor which may add to the projection of course is the emergence of post-COVID-19 implications where a growing cohort of related conditions characterised by musculoskeletal symptoms and loss of mobility are recognised, adding further pressure on health systems and communities," said Mittinty.

## PGI doctors patent new test to detect Cushing syndrome

CHANDIGARH, Nov 22 (Agencies): Doctors at the PGI have unveiled a new technique to diagnose Cushing syndrome, a condition caused by excess cortisol (stress hormone) production. The patented CRH and M-Desmo-based PET-CT technology, approved by the Union Government, offers a more precise and affordable way to locate tiny pituitary tumors responsible for the syndrome.

Cushing syndrome results from an overproduction of cortisol, a hormone vital for metabolism and stress management. Small tumours, known as corticotropinomas, in the pituitary gland are a common cause, leading to a specific type called



Cushing disease.

Locating these tiny tumors, even with MRI scans, is challenging, especially in cases where the pituitary gland's shape has changed due to pre-

vious surgeries. Current tests like inferior petrosal sinus sampling (IPSS) can provide clues but may not precisely pinpoint the tumor's location.

PGI's CRH and M-Desmo

based PET-CT technology provides a more accurate and non-invasive alternative to existing methods. This PET-CT imaging combines anatomical and functional information, promising a comprehensive understanding of the issue. The novelty lies in their ability to precisely visualise and localise corticotropinoma in three dimensions that help in surgical removal for the tumour.

Unlike IPSS, the new PET-CT approach is more affordable, potentially lowering the financial burden on patients. Doctors Rama Walia and Jaya Shukla have patented the CRH and M-Desmo molecules used in the PET-CT imaging. These patents grant exclusive rights to the PGI.

## Tighter unsecured lending norms preemptive, in interest of sustainability: RBI Governor Das

Das says he does not see new stress building up in the banking system currently

MUMBAI, Nov 22 (Agencies): Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das on Wednesday said the recent tightening of norms on unsecured lending is a preemptive and targeted move in the interest of sustainability.

Addressing the annual FIBAC event here, he said the RBI excluded certain sections like loans for house and vehicle purchase, and also the ones availed by small businesses, because of the advantage on the growth front they have.

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and Indian Banks' Association (IBA) are jointly organising the FIBAC event.

"We have also recently announced a few macropru-



dential measures in the overall interest of sustainability. These measures are preemptive in nature. They are calibrated and targeted," Das said.

Das said he does not see new stress building up in the banking system currently, but wants lenders to continue with stress testing.

He said some non-bank finance companies-microfinance institutions (NBFC-MFIs) are reporting higher interest margins and asked them to use the flexibility in setting rates by the RBI "judiciously".

Meanwhile, even as the headline inflation is showing signs of cooling, Das said RBI is completely focused on price rise.

The Indian rupee has exhibited "low volatility and orderly movements" despite the elevated US treasury yields, Das said in the comments that come amid some depreciation in the local currency to newer lows.

He also pitched for reforms in agricultural marketing and connected value chains for sustained high growth, durable price stability and mitigating price shocks.

## Tata Technologies IPO fully subscribed within an hour of opening

NEW DELHI, Nov 22 (Agencies): The initial public offering (IPO) of Tata Technologies Limited witnessed full subscription within the first hour of opening, showcasing strong demand from retail investors.

The portion reserved for qualified institutional investors (QIBs) has been subscribed 1.98 times, while that of non-institutional investors (NIIs) has been subscribed 2.13 times. Meanwhile, retail investors have already subscribed 1.35 times the portion reserved for them.

With this, the overall subscription stands at 1.60 times the total Tata Technologies public offering.

The high demand for the IPO is in line with analyst estimates and



the grey market premium (GMP).

Leading brokerages are have expressed optimism about the Tata Technologies IPO, offering positive recommendations based on their comprehensive evaluations.

Ventura advocated for a 'subscribe' rating, highlighting the potential

for robust financial performance driven by the global economic recovery and evolving trends in manufacturing.

Arihant Capital also supports the IPO with an 'apply' tag, highlighting Tata Technologies' diverse service offerings, strategic partnerships, and strong earnings growth.

Recognizing Tata Tech's esteemed legacy within the Tata Group, Swastika Investmart identifies an appealing opportunity despite concerns such as client dependence and exposure to foreign markets.

Meanwhile, Master Capital Services acknowledges Tata Technologies as a leader in global engineering services, noting consistent growth in revenue and margins.

The company's distinctive capabilities in emerging automation trends contribute to its attractiveness as a long-term investment.

In terms of valuation, Anand Rathi deems the company fairly priced with a P/E of 32.5x, recommending a 'subscribe for long-term' approach. SBI Securities sees

Tata Technologies as well-positioned to capitalize on growth opportunities in the ER&D space, advising investors to subscribe to the issue considering the relatively favorable valuations.

Recent reports indicate a Grey Market Premium (GMP) of Rs 355 for the Tata Technologies IPO. Despite market volatility, the GMP has demonstrated stability, signalling resilience in demand for Tata Technologies shares.

This premium, consistently holding at 70 per cent over the IPO price band of Rs 475 to Rs 500 per equity share, is viewed as a positive indicator, anticipating a robust response when the IPO officially opens for subscription.

## Problem screen use hits attention, higher-level thinking: Study



NEW DELHI, Nov 22 (Agencies): Problematic screen use impairs a range of cognitive processes, in particular the ability to concentrate and the so-called executive functions, which include impulse control, planning, organisation, and problem-solving, a study shows.

The research, published in the journal *Neuropsychology Review*, is an overview of more than 30 studies of people who fall into the broad category of disordered screen use.

The classification includes excessive gaming, internet browsing, or use of social media or smartphones, that result in serious negative effects on the person's life.

These effects can include deterioration in mental health, poorer performance at school or work, social isolation and relationship problems, and neglect of personal health or hygiene, the researchers said.

Disordered screen use shares characteristics with behavioural addictions like problem gambling, and some

people may even develop symptoms of severe dependency like those associated with addictions to alcohol and illicit substances.

The researchers from Macquarie University in Australia identified 43 studies that assessed the neuropsychological effects of disordered screen use, ultimately including 34 in their analysis.

Twenty of the 34 included studies were on online and offline gaming, 12 were on internet use, and one each on social media and smartphone use, the researchers said.

The bias towards gaming and internet use were due to these platforms having been around longer, while smartphones and social media are relative newcomers to the screen-use landscape.

The research mostly looked at young males, and tested a total of 58 different neuropsychological measures, with most examining attention and executive functioning.

"This is the first time anyone has reviewed all the available evidence

together," said study lead author, Mic Moshel from Macquarie University.

"The studies used different tests, which makes it difficult to compare apples with apples, but there was clear evidence across the board of a reduction in cognitive performance in people with disordered screen use," Moshel said.

While there is an effect, the researchers noted that the extent of that reduction is unclear because only eight of the studies assessed the severity of symptoms.

Previous research has shown that children and adolescents are the most vulnerable to disordered screen use, and developing brains are highly sensitive to cognitive impairment.

While cognitive impairment resulting from some other causes can be remediated, if left untreated, it can compound over time, the researchers said. Moshel says mild traumatic brain injury provides a good analogy, as it can lead to reduced cognitive performance that affects their ability to learn.

"If it is not remediated quickly and effectively, then you have what is called the widening of the gap, where you see an increasing distance develop between these children and their peers academically," the researcher added.



## Hockey: Looking forward to 2024, Lalit Upadhyay wants to honour the legacy

*For a player with more than 150 caps for India, it's the team around Upadhyay and the experience he has gained over the last nine years that keeps him going.*

CHENNAI, Nov 22 (Agencies): Lalit Upadhyay has played a lot of hockey for India, including the recent crowning moment of the men's team, the bronze medal in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. But it's the chance to play with the players coming through the ranks that excites him the most. And he is taking that responsibility as a senior player while representing Uttar Pradesh in the 13th Hockey India Senior Men's National Championship in Chennai.

"It is important for Indian hockey," Upadhyay told this daily during an interaction on the sidelines of the nationals. "The upcoming and young players can learn a lot by looking at the senior international players and they are getting that opportunity through this tournament. They can see what they can achieve in hockey by playing alongside the senior players. And for the players representing the national team, it feels good to represent our states because we generally don't get those opportunities."

The Senior National Championship is being held in the city after the Indian team's unbeaten run in the Asian Champions Trophy and the Asian Games in Hangzhou. The gold medal in the continental event, helped India secure the quota for the Paris Olympics in 2024. Upadhyay believes the dominant performance was the result of the preparation that went into those two events as they were aiming for the podium finish.

"Before the Asian Games, we knew the Olympic quota was



on the line and we went step by step in the competition as well. Winning the medal is always the priority going into any tournament. If we look at the bigger picture of dominating the world hockey, first, we have to prove ourselves in Asia. Keeping all of this in perspective, winning the gold in the Asian Games was important for us. I wouldn't say it was not a relief, because once you put on that India jersey you have that fire within that helps you improve every day and do better for the country. We celebrate once we achieve the target but that fire keeps burning for the next challenge," the 29-year-old forward was candid in his response.

And he has kept that fire burning in him since the historic bronze medal, which he believes started the new era in Indian hockey. Reflecting on the past, which has seen highs and lows since before the independence, Upadhyay laid down his own perspective about the legacy this generation of hockey players is carrying.

"Hockey has seen many

golden years in the past. We consider ourselves extremely fortunate that we get the opportunity to carry forward that glorious legacy of Indian hockey. If we were to only listen to those stories and not add anything to them from our side, what's the point? We are receiving all kinds of support for the game, so it becomes our responsibility to perform our best. I think that is why winning that bronze medal in the Olympics was crucial for us. We know expectations have raised and we will try our best to better the colour of the medal in Paris," he said while paying his tribute to the past generations and expressing his hopes for 2024.

If India is hoping to convert their bronze from Tokyo to gold, they will need Upadhyay to play his role in the lead-up to the tournament and during it as well. And for a player with more than 150 caps for India, it's the team around him and the experience he has gained over the last nine years that keeps him going.

"Experience is not just about the matches we play. It's the mix

of the mentality, injuries we go through, the time we are away from the game, and whatnot. We are very proud to be part of Indian hockey. I think I have been very fortunate to be part of great teams supported by some inspirational support staff. And the success comes through the collective efforts of everyone who is part of Hockey India. I have had an amazing journey with this team. I hope it continues the same way," he added.

As a senior player for his state team, Uttar Pradesh, Upadhyay is hoping for a podium finish in the senior national tournament. With the mix of youth and experienced players in the squad, he has renewed hope for the team. "As far as our team in the competition is concerned, we hope to have a podium finish. And we want our young players to get involved more in these situations as they are the ones who will represent India in the future. But at the same time, we don't want to pressurize them. It is also a litmus test for the international players who are about to take part in national camps.

"We do have a few youngsters who are playing in their first nationals. My message for them is very clear. Enjoy your hockey and don't think too much about the mistakes you make. This is your learning age and we have all been through it. The best part of the nationals is that it is a platform for the upcoming players to become part of the Indian hockey team. It's their chance to grab this opportunity," he signed off.

## India look to put World Cup heartbreak in rearview mirror



NEW DELHI, Nov 22 (Agencies): Middle order batsman Suryakumar Yadav will captain India when they host World Cup vanquishers Australia in a five-match T20 series starting on Thursday.

Opener Rituraj Gaikwad will act as vice-captain for the first three matches in the series before top order batter Shreyas Iyer takes over for the last two games.

Suryakumar and Iyer are among four players backing up from the World Cup squad along with wicketkeeper Ishan Kishan and seamer Prasad Krishna.

Left-arm spinner Axar Patel, who missed the Asia Cup and World Cup with a quadriceps strain, has been given a chance to make his return to international cricket.

Warner withdrawn Australia opener David Warner has been withdrawn from the series.

The lefthander was Australia's leading scorer with 535 runs at an average of 48.63 during their run to a sixth World Cup title.

Emerging Western Australian all-rounder Aaron Hardie has replaced Warner in the squad after making his ODI and T20 debuts during the recent tour of South Africa.

Warner hopes to finish his Test career at his home Sydney Cricket Ground against Pakistan in January but has put his hand up for more international white-ball cricket, with the T20 World Cup coming up next year.

Test and ODI captain Pat Cummins and fellow fast bowlers Josh Hazlewood and Mitchell Starc are also heading home from India along with all-rounders Cameron Green and Mitchell Marsh.

Matthew Wade will captain the squad for

the five-match series. Fast bowler Kane Richardson has been called up as a replacement for the injured Spencer Johnson.

Just seven of Australia's World Cup-winning squad will play the T20s. Squads

India: Suryakumar Yadav (captain), Rituraj Gaikwad, Ishan Kishan, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Tilak Varma, Rinku Singh, Jitesh Sharma, Washington Sundar, Axar Patel, Shivam Dube, Ravi Bishnoi, Arshdeep Singh, Prasad Krishna, Avesh Khan, Mukesh Kumar, Shreyas Iyer (last two matches only).

Australia: 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 Richardson, Adam Zampa.

## Now, stop clock in ODI, T20I cricket

AHMEDABAD, Nov 22 (Agencies): Bowling teams in men's ODI and T20I cricket will be imposed a five-run penalty if the bowler exceeds the 60-second limit of bowling the next over for the third time in an innings, the ICC said. It will be used on a trial basis initially. The decision was taken at the ICC board meeting here.

"The CEC agreed to introduce a stop clock on a trial basis in men's ODI and T20I cricket from December 2023 to April 2024. The clock will be used to regulate the amount of time taken between overs. If the bowling team is not ready to bowl the next over within 60 seconds of the previous over being completed, a 5-run penalty will be imposed the third time it happens in an innings," said the ICC in a statement.

The ICC also made a change to its process of banning a pitch from international cricket.

Gender eligibility regulations

In a major policy decision, the ICC barred



cricketers who have been through any form of male puberty from competing in international women's game regardless of whether or not they have undergone surgery or gender reassignment treatment.

The ICC said it was taking the decision to protect the integrity of international women's game and the safety of players. The ICC left the issue at the domestic level in the hands of the member boards. — Agencies

U19 World Cup moved from SL to SA

The ICC shifted next year's men's Under-

19 World Cup from Sri Lanka to South Africa, 11 days after the world governing body provisionally suspended the cricket body in the island nation due to government interference. "The U19 World Cup has been shifted to South Africa from Sri Lanka due to SLC's suspension. In fact, participating nations were appraised some days back after SLC got suspended. South Africa hosted the U19 WC in 2020," an ICC board member said. "Sri Lanka's bilateral and domestic cricket will not be affected by this."

## FIFA World Cup Qualifiers: After Kuwait high, India suffer 0-3 defeat to Qatar

BHUBANESWAR, Nov 22 (Agencies): India dished out a gritty display but suffered a 0-3 drubbing against Asian champions Qatar in their second match of the 2026 FIFA World Cup second round qualifiers here.

Qatar would have won by a bigger margin had they not missed several chances while dominating throughout the game at the Kalinga Stadium.

The visiting side scored through Moustafa Tarek Mashal (4th minute), Almeoz Ali (47th) and Yusuf Adurisag (86th).

India, who were seeking inspiration from their famous 0-0 draw against the same opponents four years ago, could barely create scoring chances. They did get a couple of opportunities near the end of the first half, but wasted them.

Igor Stimac's team is still in contention to finish second in Group A and qualify for the third round for the first time after a 1-0 win over Kuwait in their away match on November 16.

The Indian defence was exposed quite early into the match as they conceded a goal in the fourth minute itself.

Off a corner, three Qatar players exchanged passes inside the Indian box but none of the home side defenders could touch the ball. Mashal then sent a low right-footed shot which beat goalkeeper Amrinder Singh, who was fielded in place of Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, all



ends up.

Akram Afif missed many chances which allowed India to go into the breather just one goal down. Afif failed to hit the target in the second minute with just the Indian goalkeeper in front of the post. He also failed to find the target in the 14th, 22nd and 26th minutes. Mashal's free header was saved by Amrinder.

Their backs to the wall, India tried to hit on the counter and they got two fine chances, and could have restored parity through the second one. Then, Udanta Singh and Anirudh Thapa had a neat one-touch exchange of passes but Lalengmawia Ralte failed to direct his shot properly from the edge of the box.

Three minutes from the break, Thapa wasted an easier chance as he had only the Qatar goalkeeper Meshaal Barsham to beat after a defensive mistake. But Thapa somehow could only produce a weak low shot which missed the post by a wide

margin.

If the closing minutes of the first half saw some fightback from India, Qatar nipped it in the bud by doubling the lead in the second minute of the second half with their prolific striker Ali finding the target. Ali had scored four goals in Qatar's 8-1 hammering of Afghanistan in their previous match.

Thapa was taken off in the 63rd minute and Sahal Abdul Samad came in his place. Just two minutes later, Suresh Singh found him inside the Qatar box with a brilliant delivery but Samad's left-footed shot was wide of the far post.

Four minutes from regulation time, Qatar made it 3-0 with Adurisag heading home a cross from Mohammed Albayati.

India next play Afghanistan at the neutral venue of Dushanbe, Tajikistan, on March 21.

Son scores twice

Son Heung-min scored twice and set up the third as South

Korea handed China a 3-0 defeat in Shenzhen to complete back-to-back wins at the start of their challenge for a place at the 2026 World Cup.

Son put the Koreans in front in the Group C clash in the second phase of Asia's preliminaries with an 11th-minute penalty after Hwang Hee-chan had been fouled in the area, steering his spot kick low to the right of Chinese goalkeeper Yan Junling.

He added the second in the final minute of the first half with a header that looped over Yan from the edge of the six-yard box following Lee Kang-in's corner.

The Tottenham Hotspur forward turned provider three minutes from time when he drifted in a free kick from the right that Jung Seung-hyun headed past Yan to put the seal on the victory.

The win keeps the Koreans perfect after the first two games in the second round of Asia's preliminaries for the 2026 World Cup and was China's first defeat after winning against Thailand on Thursday.

The Thais bounced back from that loss to beat Singapore 3-1 loss with Suphanat Mueanta scoring twice in the second half for Mano Polking's team, who move level with China on three points.

## "Bizarre Statement": Gautam Gambhir Slams "Best Team Didn't Win" World Cup Final Verdict

NEW DELHI, Nov 22 (Agencies): The Cricket World Cup 2023 final saw the tables turn as the Indian cricket team, unbeaten in 10 matches in the tournament, suffered a defeat at the hands of Australia, a team they had already beaten once in the league stage.

India were touted as the favourites to go the distance in the tournament, end their 12-year

wait of winning an ODI World Cup title.

But, it was the Australian team that emerged triumphant. Speaking of the result, former Indian cricketer Gautam Gambhir, said that the best team actually went on to win the World Cup, contrary to the statements some other experts have been making.

Many believe that the Indian team was the

best side in the tournament but a solitary defeat in the final prevented them from winning the title. Gambhir, however, doesn't think so.

"A lot of people might not like it. I heard some of the experts saying that the best team has not gone on to win the World Cup. That's absolutely not true. That's one of the bizarre statements that I have



heard. It's actually the best team that has won the World Cup. Let's be honest," he said in a chat on Sportskeeda.

"India won 10 matches and were in very good form, so they were favorites.

But Australia had also won eight games in a row after losing the first two.

Only the best team wins the World Cup. You cannot define it that

way - that India won 10 matches but played one poor game.

The reality is the semi-final and the final were the knockout matches. It did not matter whether you finished first or fourth [in the league stage]," he explained.

Australia, in comparison to India, won 7 of their 9 matches in the league stage of the World Cup.

They defeated South

Africa comprehensively in the semi-final to book the final berth.

"It is easy to win six out of eight league matches. Winning two out of two when you know any mistake can cost you is difficult.

Let's accept that the best team has gone on to win the World Cup. India did not play well, let's not run away from reality," Gambhir concluded.



# Agriculture Deptt Jammu conducts demonstration of Smart Seeder in Director Agriculture Jammu

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 22: Department of Agriculture, Jammu spearheaded an effort to promote eco-friendly agricultural practices through a field demonstration of the Smart Seeder at Seed Multiplication Farm Chinore (Gajansoo), Marh. Ram Savak, Director Agriculture Jammu at Seed Multiplication farm Chinore, stressed the collective responsibility of farmers in curbing environmental contamination, particularly the hazards associated with stubble burning that deteriorate air quality and public health by causing dense smog. Highlighting the significance of in-situ paddy residue management, Director Agriculture Jammu urged farmers to adopt such technologies for soil health and societal well-being. The field demonstration of the



Smart Seeder, guided by Er Brij Rana, Assistant Agriculture Engineer and Er Dev Raj, Subject Matter Specialist (Farm Machinery), showcased its ability to plant wheat seeds in a precisely tilled narrow band of soil. This technology ensures optimal seed placement by covering seed rows with soil using furrow closing rollers. Operating with a 45 to 50 HP tractor, the Smart Seeder boasts a field capacity of 0.4 hectares per hour, consuming fuel at a rate of 5.5 litres per acre. Director Agriculture Jammu emphasized its remarkable performance in facilitating excellent germination, crop stand, and resili-

ence to varying weather conditions. Mahesh Verma, Joint Director SLUB/Farms who was present on the occasion enthusiastically embraced the Smart Seeder technology, sowing wheat across an area. He stressed the farmers successfully utilized this technology provided by Department of Agriculture, Jammu, expressing contentment with its efficacy in managing crop residues and contributing to sustainable agricultural practices. Notably, Kulddep Raj, Farm Manager SMF Chinore who was present there on demonstration site also guided the farmers to adopt this technology through department and take benefits of subsidy from Department of Agriculture.

# Mobile Sanskrit Gurukul inaugurated in Jammu North

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JAMMU, Nov 22: Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sanathan Trust, on Wednesday inaugurated the Mobile Sanskrit Gurukul in Jammu North at Bhalwal. The inauguration was done by the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha. The Mobile Sanskrit Gurukul is providing free-of-cost Sanskrit education to the residents of Jammu villages, Mahant Shastri said adding that the initiative aims to teach Sanskrit to youths and children, moving from village to village. Mahant Rohit Shastri encouraged other villages to reach out and take advantage of this initiative which emphasizes the cultural significance of Sanskrit, stating that it contributes to the development of culture and fosters world peace and social development. The Sarpanch of



Bhalwal, Rajdev Singh Jamwal, mentioned that throughout history, India has never invaded the land of any other country, attributing this to the cultural influence of Sanskrit. Mahant Rohit Shastri pleased to see people of all castes and creeds participating in the initiative, highlighting its inclusive nature. The inauguration of the "Mobile Gurukul" coincided with the birth centenary of Late Dr. Uttam Chand Shastri Pathak. The vehicle for the Mobile Gurukul was donated by Rakesh Gandotra, the secretary of the trust, in honor of this occasion. Trust member Rakesh Gandotra expressed the belief that the development of Devvani Sanskrit will not only fulfill the dream of India becoming a Vishwaguru (world teacher) but will also contribute to global development and peace. The dedication of the Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sanathan Trust towards bringing Sanskrit into the mainstream and making it accessible to all sections of society is appreciated. Various prominent individuals, including Pandit Dev Dutt Shastri, Naresh Raina, Rajeev Sharma, Rajan Sharma, and others, were present at the inauguration.

# Free Mahadhyaan Shivir-3 will be held on Nov 25, 26

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 22: Life Coach, Power of Meditation Trust, Gaurav Vig, on Wednesday in a press conference at Press Club Jammu, announced the free Mahadhyaan Shivir-3, which will take place on November 25 and 26, 2023 at Panch Mandir, Channi Himmat, Jammu



Shivir-3 will be inaugurated on 25th November 2023 at 11 AM, he said adding that the Shivir will offer two days of intensive discussions and exercises on various topics related to self-realization, happiness, health, peace and spirituality through

various techniques of Dhyaan. Participants will also learn practical skills to heal their body and mind, enhance their soul power and it's purity, and improve their quality of life in all aspects such as physical, mental, emotional, relational, financial and professional, Gaurav said. He added, "Everyone deserves to live a happy, healthy and peaceful life, so don't miss this chance. People of all ages and backgrounds, including many students, are expected to join the event."

# Pavneet Kour revamp of developmental activities in Hakkal

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 22: Criticizing the traditional political parties for exploiting people as vote banks, the Apni Party Provincial President Jammu Women Wing, Pavneet Kour has demanded revamp of developmental activities in Hakkal area in Satwari area. As per a press release,

highlight the developmental issues of the people with the administration for its early redressal. The developmental activities are missing at Hakkal area especially when schemes for the construction of toilets and houses have been launched by the authorities, she said. She said that the poor and needy families were deprived of the ben-

the scheme to the poor and needy families by constructing toilets, and houses in Hakkal," he said. She further said that "Hakkal is facing backwardness because of negligence of the traditional political parties. These political parties exploited the people with hollow slogans of development. However, the ground situation is different with no visible



Pavneet Kour held a meeting with the locals at Hakkal and discussed developmental issues in which the participants claim lack of basic amenities. In her address, she assured that she would

effits of the schemes in Hakkal where toilets and construction of houses has hardly been supported by the authorities concerned. She also demanded installation of the street lights. "The authorities should give benefit of

development." The meeting was also attended by Provincial Vice President Transport Union, Devinder Gill, Provincial General Secretary, Transport Union, Yash Choudhary, Ritu Varsha, Sunita, Bably and others.

# Awareness camp organized at NCC Nagrota



## Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 22: One day awareness programme was held at NCC camp Nagrota, which was organized by Civil Defence, Jammu under the supervision of DySP, Anita Pawar, Dy. Controller Civil Defence Jammu. Awareness about the basic knowledge of First Aid, CPR, Chocking, Fire fighting, and other Emergency rescue methods were given by the Civil Defence expert. During the programme demonstration on the above said topics were also presented by the Civil Defence team. The main aim of the awareness programme was to make aware the students and staff members with regard to preventive measures during natural or Man-made Disaster. The programme was organized in the premises of the NCC Camp Nagrota where 100 NCC cadets including girl's students from various districts of J&K participated. Col. R.D Sharma Camp Commander appreciated the role of Civil Defence organization and thanked the Civil Defence team for organizing such important awareness-cum-demonstration programme. Besides, Paramjit Kumar Chief Warden CD Jammu, R. Vijay Magotra Dy. Chief Warden CD Jammu, Mazamal Hus-sain SI Incharge Trainings Civil Defence and other staff of the NCC Camp Nagrota were present on the occasion.

# Physical well-being is equally important for maintaining intellectual health: PPCF



## Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 22: The Department of Botany, University of Jammu organized Induction Programme for the fresh batch of its M.Sc programme wherein Roshan Jaggi (IFS), Principle Chief Conservator of Forests and HoFF, Jammu and Kashmir, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The event started with the plantation of two important tree species, Pterocarpus marsupium (Red Sandal Wood) and Mimosaopselengi (Moulsari), in the internationally recognised Botanical Garden of the University of Jammu. Prof. Namrata Sharma introduced Jaggi as an illustrious alumnus of the department and spoke on his contributions in the

field. Earlier, Prof. Veenu Kaul, Head of the Department of Botany, University of Jammu, Jammu presented a detailed picture of the department to the students including the fresh batch through a PowerPoint presentation. While interacting with the students, Jaggi emphasized that this event marked the beginning of a new academic session. He urged everyone to remember the challenges faced in establishing the institution. He also encouraged the staff and faculty to contribute to building an institution of excellence. He motivated the students to work diligently, emphasising their future role in

impacting ecology and the environment. According to him, physical well-being is equally important for maintaining intellectual health, mental peace and ethical values in one's life. He concluded by affirming the forest department's full support for field studies and bio-resource explorations. The proceedings of the event were conducted by Dr. Skarma Nonzom, and the vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Romica Verma. Among others present on the occasion were Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Prof. Susheel Verma, Dr. Sikander, Dr. Geeta, Dr. Harish, Abhishek, Dr. Sajjan and Mr. Sunil Singh (DFO, Urban).

# BMS demands enquiry in EPFO, ESIC working in J&K



## Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 22: BMS voiced serious concerns about the ineffective functioning of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) and Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) in Jammu and Kashmir. State President Ashfaq Ahmed Chohan alleged

in a press conference that despite numerous complaints and information submissions, there has been no action or response from these central government-run organizations. He highlighted delays in PF approvals, pending Joint Declaration Forms, and difficulties faced by workers who

left services before 2019. BMS Working President Harbans Choudhary expressed similar concerns about ESIC, citing the absence of statutory meetings and significant delays in medical reimbursement claims. The BMS General Secretary, Neelam Sharma, called upon LG Manoj Sinha to conduct an employment survey and address the inadequate representation of locals in industries and road projects despite substantial government incentives. These grievances demand urgent attention and investigation to ensure the welfare of workers in the region.

# Dr. M. Anusha Wijewardane delivers Talk at SMVDU



## Top News Report

KATRA, Nov 22: Dr. M. Anusha Wijewardane, from the Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka who is currently associated with the University of Dundee UK has delivered an invited talk on The Role of Hydrogen in the Energy System ecarbonization in an online mode for final year B. Tech, M.Tech and Ph.D. students of the School of Mechanical Engineer-

ing, SMVDU. The talk covered the background on climate change and climate action worldwide, the importance of hydrogen fuel with other fuels. Various hydrogen generation and storage methods at micro and macro level capacity. The Expert also focused on research avenues in the area of green hydrogen generation and techno-economic analysis. Students interacted with the speaker during the question and answer session. Prof. Eswaramoorthy and Prof. Ragavendra Kumar Mishra coordinated the event and acknowledged the support and approval of Prof Pragati Kumar, Honorable Vice Chancellor of SMVDU.

# Vikram Rathore appeals LG to resolve issues of SPOs, VDCs

## Holds detailed deliberation with SPOs in Bani

## Top News Report

BANI, Nov 22: Apni Party Provincial President, Legal Cell, Jammu, Vikram Rathore has demanded clarification in favour of the Special Police Officers of Jammu and Kashmir regarding the new policy under which their wages were enhanced up to Rs 18,000 per month. As per a press release, Vikram Rathore, as a part of his public outreach program, chaired a meeting at Bani with the SPOs, and discussed the issues faced by them. During the meeting, Rathore assured them that their demands would be projected

before the authorities for early redressal. "I have started a struggle for the last two years in favour of the SPOs who have been facing injustice at the hands of the authorities. These SPOs serve in harsh weather conditions, and difficult terrain in terror hit areas. These personnel help the security forces to establish a peaceful atmosphere and launch counter-terror operations," he said. He however regretted that the authorities have turned blind eyes towards their suffering because their status is yet to be clarified in the new policy launched for the SPOs. Even as the wages

were enhanced up to Rs 18000 for the SPOs, he said that "It saddens to know that Village Defence Committees have equally been ignored and faced injustice from the authorities concerned. Many of the VDCs are still unpaid and the Govt must think about their future." He sought intervention of the Lt Governor J&K Manoj Sinha regarding issues faced by the SPOs, and VDCs. Meanwhile, he informed that he would continue his public outreach program across the Jammu region to highlight and protect the rights of the SPOs/VDCs and others.