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### BRIEFLY

#### Cold Wave hits Kashmir, Srinagar records 0.9 Deg C

SRINAGAR, Nov 24 (Agencies): The mercury rose above freezing point at most places in Kashmir last night as residents got respite from cold and fog, officials said on Friday.

Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded a minimum temperature of 0.9 degrees Celsius, the officials said.

They said the minimum temperature stayed above freezing point in the city for the first time in five days.

Bandipora, Baramulla, Ganderbal, Kokernag, Kulgam and Kupwara also recorded minimum temperatures between zero degrees Celsius and 1.7 degrees Celsius.

Pahalgam tourist resort in south Kashmir Anantnag district was the coldest recorded place in the valley at minus 3.3 degrees Celsius, followed by Shopian where mercury settled at minus 2.5 degrees Celsius.

Gulmarg ski resort in north Kashmir recorded a low of minus 2.0 degrees Celsius.

The weatherman attributed the rise in minimum temperature last night to the arrival of a western disturbance that is expected to affect the system.

The rise in temperature has resulted in a reduction in early morn-

#### Srinagar-Jammu National Highway to remain partially closed

ing fog.

SRINAGAR, No 24 (Agencies): Due to emergent construction work between the Nashri and Banihal tunnels, vehicular traffic on the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway will be suspended for four hours on both November 24 and 25. The suspension will be in effect from midnight to 4 am on both Friday and Saturday nights. The construction activities include the launching of girders at Nashri Viaduct-1 (Nashri to Lucky Dhaba stretch) and the instal-

on NH-44 by the NHAI.

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Peerah and Tunnel T-5

### J&K LG, Northern Army Commander, Police pay tributes to 5 soldiers martyred in Rajouri encounter



RAJOURI/JAMMU, Nov 24 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi, army officers and police on Friday paid floral tributes to five soldiers who were killed in an encounter in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district.

The mortal remains of the five army personnel were brought to the Army General Hospital in Jammu from Rajouri where a wreath-laying ceremony was organised

Sinha, Lt Gen Dwivedi, Chief Secretary Dr A K Mehta, DGP R R Swain, Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar and IGP Anand Jain were among a large number of officials of armed forces, civilians and police who paid tributes to the martyred army men with full

military honours.

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# Pak is making attempts to push foreign terrorists into J&K: Army Commander

JAMMU, Nov 24 (Agencies): Pakistan is making attempts to push foreign terrorists into Jammu and Kashmir, Northern Army commander Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi said on Friday, and highlighted that there is a presence of retired soldiers of that country in militant ranks.

He made the remarks after paying his last respects to the five army personnel, including two captains, killed in gunfights with terrorists during an encounter in the Bajimaal area of Rajouri district's Dharmsal belt on Wednesday and Thursday.

Two terrorists, including a Pakistan-based top LeT commander Quari trained in Afghanistan, were killed by security forces during the encounter.

Talking to reporters,



the Lt General said operations have been intensified in the border districts of Rajouri and Poonch to clear the region of more than two dozen foreign terrorists within a year. The killing of the two dreaded foreign terrorists is a major setback for Pakistan's plans to destabilise the region, said the army commander.

Asked about the presence of some special forces' personnel of Pakistan among terrorist ranks, the Lt General said that "when we tried

to seek identification of terrorists, we came to know that some of them are retired army personnel (of Pakistan)".

"Pakistan is making attempts to push foreign terrorists into this region due to lack of support from the local population, especially the youth who are reluctant to get recruited in terrorist ranks. Our efforts are on to neutralise the foreign terrorists," Lt General Dwivedi said.

Asked if Pakistan intends to push more terrorists in the coming months to disrupt upcoming elections, including the Lok Sabha polls, he answered in the affirmative without going into details.

On the number of active terrorists in the south of Pir Panjal, he said the number of terrorists in the

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#### AAP leader Satyendar Jain's interim bail extended by SC till December 4



NEW DELHI, Nov 24 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Friday extended the interim bail granted to former Delhi minister Satyendar Kumar Jain in a money laundering case till December 4 when his plea for regular bail will be taken up for hearing.

A bench of Justice Bela M Trivedi posted the matter for hearing on December 4 as Justice A S Bopanna, who is presiding over the case, was not available today.

"In the meanwhile, the interim bail, granted earlier, is extended till the next date of hearing, the bench said.

Prior to this, the top court had extended the interim bail of Jain till October 9 and asked him to not make the pendency of the proceedings before it a ruse to delay the trial in the case.

The Enforcement Directorate has claimed that the AAP leader was seeking repeated adjournments in the trial court on grounds that his bail plea was pending before the apex court.

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# Centre gives 7-day deadline to social media platforms to address deepfakes NEW DELHI, Nov 24 (Agencies): istry will help aggrieved users in

NEW DELHI, Nov 24 (Agencies): The Centre on Friday gave a seven-day deadline to social media platforms to tweak their policies as per Indian regulations in order to address the spread of deepfakes on their platforms.

Deepfakes could be subject to action under the current IT Rules, particularly Rule 3(1)(b), which mandates the removal of 12 types of content within 24 hours of receiving user complaints, said Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar. The government will also take action of 100 per cent of such violations under the IT Rules in the future.

"They are further mandated to remove such content within 24 hours upon receiving a report from either a user or government authority. Failure to comply with this requirement invokes Rule 7,



which empowers aggrieved individuals to take platforms to court under the provisions of the Indian Penal Code (IPC)," the minister said.

"For those who find themselves impacted by deepfakes, I strongly encourage you to file First Information Reports (FIRs) at your nearest police station," said Chandrasekhar, adding that the IT Min-

istry will help aggrieved users in filing FIRs in relation to deepfakes. India is mulling regulation to tame

India is mulling regulation to tame the spread of deepfakes and other user harm that Artificial Intelligence (AI) can bring along, Union IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Thursday.

After meeting representatives from large social media platforms and other stakeholders, the Minister said India will draft new rules to spot and limit the spread of deepfakes. The new regulation will also strengthen the reporting process for such deepfake videos for people.

"The social media companies share our concerns and they understand that deepfakes are not free speech. They understand the need for regulation for this and we will start drafting the regulation,"

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### Kharge expresses grief over death of 5 soldiers in Rajouri Encounter

NEW DELHI, Nov 24 (Agencies): Congress president Mallikar-jun Kharge on Friday expressed pain at the martyrdom of five army personnel during an encounter in Jammu and Kashmir and said the country stands united against terrorism.

"Extremely pained by the martyrdom of five army personnel including two captains and three jawans who have made the supreme sacrifice fighting terrorists in Rajouri area of Jammu and Kashmir," he said in a post on X.

Five army personnel, including two captains,

were killed in the operation against the terrorists in the Bajimaal area in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district on

Wednesday.

Those killed in the operation are Captain M V Pranjal of Karnataka's Mangalore area, Captain Shubham Gupta of Uttar Pradesh's Agra, Havaldar Abdul Majid of Ajote in Jammu and Kahsmir's Poonch, Lance Naik Sanjay Bist of Uttarakhand's Halli Padli area and Paratrooper Sachin Laur of Uttar Pradesh's Aligarh.

Kharge lauded the bravery of the soldiers

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### "Petty politics": Defence experts condemn Mehbooba Mufti's statement on Rajouri attack



NEW DELHI, Nov 24 (Agencies): Defence Expert Major General PK Sehgal (retd) on Friday condemned the statements made by PDP Chief Mehbooba Mufti and Samajwadi Party Chief Akhilesh Yadav regarding the

recent terrorist attack in Rajouri, Jammu and Kashmir.

Targeting the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister and PDP chief, Mehbooba Mufti, over her statement on the loss of lives of five Army personnel in an

encounter with terrorists in Rajouri, Maj Gen PK Sehgal (retd) accused the latter of denigrating India and the BJP. and condemned Mufti's statement, calling it "petty politics."

Further, Sehgal stated that maintaining the integrity of the nation sometimes comes at a price.

"Mehbooba Mufti by design and temperament is always looking for an opportunity to denigrate India, denigrate the BJP and find faults with the government. She must realise that to maintain the homogeneity of the integrity of the

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Contact Person Mr. Sanjeev Kumar

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#### TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Smt Bita Bhat W/o 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

Contact: 6006261168, 9797427288, 9541197122, 9419228669

### **10TH DAY KRIYA**

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

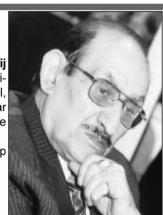
10th Day Kriya will be held at Muthi Ghat Camp Jammu at 9.30 AM on 27th Nov. 2023.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:** 

Smt Nancy Labroo (Wife) Smt Sheela & M N Labroo (Bhabi & Brother) Smt Lalita & Grp Capt M K Labroo (Bhabi & Brother) Smt Sunita Qazi W/o Lt Kanwal Qazi (Daughter)

Smt Jyoti & Sanjay Qanoungo (Daughter & Son-in-law) Smt Sonia & Rajesh Labroo (Daughter in law & Son) & GRAND CHILDREN

9070217718, 9463960202, 9419138895



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

-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 Shr Manmohan Nath Malla and Ritaji Malla, origina resident of 21 Gogjibagh, Srinagar, Kashmir. Presently residing at BI 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.

Reeta Malla- Wife (9456205105)

Dr. Nancy & C.N Malla- Aunty & Uncle Dr. Saroj Kachroo- Bua (9177698558)

Daizy (Khushu)-Vinod Kitchlu- **Sister in law & Co-Brother** (8800785551) Simi (Khushu) - Rajan Kachroo- **Sister in law & Co-Brother** (9871154310)

Anju, Rajeev, Anu, Nilesh, Kapil, Alison, Sonam, Jane, Bulbul, Ricky, Ekum, Amu. & ALL NEAR-DEAR ONES

#### TENTH DAY/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

Smt. Neetu Puri & Sh. Sanjeev Puri Smt. Ritu Puri & Late Sh. Prashant Puri

Daughter-in-Law & Son

Daughter & Son-in-Law

Smt. Sneh Lata & Sh. Sunil Shingari

Smt. Meenu Puri & Sh. Ashwani Puri



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.

#### TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Sh Vivek Chatta Son of Sh Vinod Kumar Chatta presently at 53 A/1, Lane-3, Vivek Vihar, opposite Soap Factory, Paloura, Jammu on 20-11-

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 29.11.2023 (Wednesday) at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education, Jammu in between 8 AM to 9.30 AM.

Grief Stricken:

Smt Parmeshwari Chatta- Grand Mother Smt Rajni & Sh Vinod Chatta- Mother /Father

Smt Shashi & Sh Subash Chatta- Aunty/Uncle Smt Promila & Sh Upinder Chatta- Aunty/Uncle

Smt Kaki Trisal- Bua

Smt Anjali Nehru- Bua

Smt Sapna & Sh Sudeep Pandita- Sister/Brother in law

Smt Achala & Sh Sakar Chatta- Bhabi/Brother Vasundhra Chatta/ Upasna Chatta- Sisters

Upkar Chatta - Brother

CHATTAS, RAINA'S, HASTU'S 9469050071, 9149435621, 9419241971, 9419632372 OM SHANTI OM !!!

### 10TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform sad demise of our beloved Smt Kamani Gupta W/o Sh Bhushan Kr Gupta. H No. 217 Lower Mastgarh near Phalwan Di Hatti.

10th Day will be performed at Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Link Road on Saturday November 25 at 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:** 

Bhushan Kr Gupta - Husband Ayushman Gupta- **Son** Ramesh Kr Gupta- Jeth

Shashi Gupta- Jethani Daughter & Son in law Suhani Gupta & Vishal Gupta



**Sh Vivek Chatta** 

**Smt Kamani Gupta** 

Nephew Akhil Jandiyal, Nikhil Jandiyal **Mobile Number** 9858150766

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

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

TENTH DAY will be performed at our residence on 22nd November, 2023 (Wednesday) at 11:00 am and KRIYA will be performed on 25th November, 2023 (Saturday) at 12:00 Noon followed by

RASAM PAGRI at 1:00 pm at our Residence. **GRIEF STRICKEN:** 

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

Mob 7889534335, 9419137043

Sh Sehdev Singh Jasrotia (Brother in Law) Sh Balbir Singh Charak (Nephew) Sh Sandeep Singh Charak (Nephew)

#### 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)



LT. SH KEWAL SINGH

CHARAK (Retd S. O. JKBOSE)

**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.

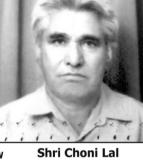
10th Day Kriya will be performed on 25th November 2023 at Sector 18, Rohini, Samaypur Badli (Near DTC Depot).

**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 Tosha Raina- Brother & Sister-in-law Late Dulari Raina and Shri Rattan Lal Raina- Sister & Brother-in-law

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



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

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

Our Mother, Grand Mother, and Great Grand Mother, the soul of our family, passed away peacefully on 20th Nov 2023 and became one with the creator.

Her Tenth Day Kriya will be held at Chhota Haridwar Ghat, Muradnagar, UP on 29 Nov 2023 (Wednesday) at 8 AM & assembly shall be held at our residence (665A, F2, Shalimar Garden Extension 1, Opp Springfield school, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad) 12:00 PM onwards. We would love to hear about your memories of her.

**Grief Stricken:** 

Sh. Madan & Smt. Vijay Mantoo (Son and Daughter-in-law) Sh. Ashok & Smt. Kiran Mattoo (Son and Daughter-in-law) erstwhile resident of Ramghat, Smt. Dolly Mantoo (Daughter-in-law) w/o Late Sh. Baramulla / Balgarden Srinaga Manmohan Mantoo (Son)

Sh. Ashwani & Smt. Neelam Mattoo (Son and Daughter-in-law) Smt. Rani Suri (Daughter)

Smt. Suman Kaul (Daughter)

Smt. Sohini & Sh. Madan Lal Haksar (Daughter and Son-in-law)

ALL GRAND SONS AND GRAND DAUGHTERS. Contact No. 9971918793, 9953630048, 9211599419, 9818876022



(DHANJIGRI) W/o Late Sh. Ved Lal Mattoo

#### **TENTH DAY KRIYA**

Nith profound grief and sorrow we inform the sa Rani Bhat Wo Lt Sh. Sham Lal Bhat original esident of Malwan Kulgam Kashmir and pre esiding at H. No 07, Lane No 02 Shankar ower Barnai Jammu on 18-11-2023. The TENTH DAY KRIYA shall be performed ay 27-11-2023 at 9.00 AM at Muthi Gha 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
Bably 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 Girja Raina and Sh. Sunny Bhat
Smt Girja Raina and Sh. Sunny Bhat
Smt Grain Raina and Sh. Rahul Bhat
Smt Vanita Bhat and Sh. Rahul Bhat
Smt Vanita Bhat and Sh. Rahul Bhat
Grand Children:Purnima Bhat , Rahul Bhat, Nitika Bhat, Shanaya Pandita, Ashish Raina, Rohit Rain
PH NO: 9596804737, 9622152022, 9596730520

SRIEF STRICKEN:-

#### 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 o. 224, Patel Nagar, Talab Tillo, 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, nea Directorate of School Education, Jammu.

> Sh. Chaman Lal **Pandita**

Directorate of School Education, Jam ziref Stricken:
savitr | Pandita (Wife)
daughters-in-law & Sons
int Eve & Sh Rajesh Pandita
sint Ann & Sh Harish Pandita
sisters & Brother-in-law including their Sons/Da
mt Prana Koul W/o Late Sh Jawahar Lal Koul
sint Sushma & Sh Hira Lal Bhat
shabhis & Brothers including their Sons/Daught
ate Smt Basanti & Late Sh Tej Krishan Pandita
sint Nancy & Sh Rattan Lal Pandita
sint Dolly & Sh Ajit Pandita
sint Mean & Sh Rajinder Pandita

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

#### nd Children maksh, Dikshaya, Oshin, Cedric, Arabella TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Shabnam Dev** w/o Rajinder Singh residence of W.No 5, Hiranaga District Kathua on 15-11-2023.
The 10TH DAY shall be performed on 24/11/202 from 10:00am to 12:30pm at our residence. The KIRYA 13TH DAY shall be performed 27/11/2023 from 10:00am to 3:00pm at our reside

W.No 5, Hiranagar.
GRIEF STRICKEN: Rajinder Singh......**Husband** Divyansh Jasrotia..... **Son** Jawala Singh .....**Father in Law** Hemant Jasrotia.....**Devar** Sukhpal Singh......Brother



Smt Shabnam Devi

Sh. MUNSHI RAM

THAPPA (REASI WALE)

Smt Roopa Wati

#### Mob. No. 9797372307 TENTH DAY /KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. MUNSHI RAM THAPPA (REASI WALE) s/o Late Baldev Shat Thappa R/o H.no.1 near Luthra School Talab Tillo Bohri, Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 14-11-

10TH DAY will be performed on 23-11 2023(Thursday)11am at our residence KRIYA will be performed on 24-11-2023(Friday)12.3 UTHALA will be performed on 27-11-2023 (Monday)from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm at Luthra School

building near residence Talab Tillo Bohri. GRIEF STRICKEN Daughter-in-law & Son Smt Vijay w/o Late Ashok Thappa (Advocate)

Smt Anita w/o Sh. Jag Bhushan Thappa Smt. Parveen W/o Sh. Ram Rattan Sharma (Retd SP)

Grand Children Daughter & Son -in-law

#### Ashima-Sanjeev, Rashim-Amit, Ripul-Palak, Deepti- Vikram, Bubesh- Madhvi, Visha eep- Pritima, Varuna- Naresh, Pardeep- Monika

#### **OBITUARY** With profound grief and sorrow we regret to

inform the sad demise of our loving mother Smt Roopa Wati wife of Late Sh Gop Nath Pandit, on 19th November 2023, R/o Siligam Pahalgam Anantnag Kashmir at present House No. 157 Lane 14 Laxan Nagar Muthi Jammu.

Tenth Day Kriya shall be performed on 28th Nov. 2023 at Haridwar. Grief Stricken: Sons and Daughters in law

Roshan Lal Pandit & Girja Chaman Lal Pandit & Kiran Bushan Lal & Pupli Rattan Pandita & Shashi

Sameer Pandita & Dolly Son-in-law & Daughter Chaman Lal Pandita & Kundan

#### MOBILE NO: 9419184715, 9168572200 **TENTH DAY AND KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform of the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Ratna Devi (w/o Lt Sh. Paras Ram Kesar) Tenth Day will be performed at our residence, Krimachi (Udhampur) or 24th November 2023 at 12:30 pm.

Kriya will be performed at Narsingl

Mandir, Krimachi (Udhampur) on 25tl November 2023. IN GRIEF:
Smt Gayatri Devi (Nanad)
Smt. Shakuntala Devi (Devrani)
DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW & SONS: DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW & SONS: Smt. Urmila & Sh. Raj Kesar Smt. Vijay & Sh. Shashi Kesar Smt. Leela & Sh. Ashok Kesar Smt. Nirmal & Sh. Raman Kesar Smt. Varsha & Sh. Sushil Kesar NIECES-IN-LAW & NEPHEWS:

Smt. Manju & Sh. Satpal Kesar Smt. Kusum & Sh. Ravi Kesar Smt. Ruby & Sh. Vishal Kesar Smt. Priyanka & Sh. Vikas Kesa Contact: 9419904700, 9419157901.

#### Smt. Rajni & Sh. Sudesh Kesar 9419159217 TENTH DAY vith profound grief and sorrow, we inforcemise of our beloved **Smt. Rupawati**

(Babi) W/o Sh. Amar Nath Raina originally resident of Sirnoo, Pulwama, Kashmir, at present H.No. 28, Lane No. 2, (Opposite Panj Peer), Sharika Nagar, Gole Pully, Tatab Tillo, Jammu on November 19, 2023.

10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Muthi Ghat, near Directorate of School Education, on Ghat, near Directorate of School Ed Tuesday, November 28 at 9:30 a.m. GRIEF STRICKEN Amar Nath Raina- Husband Daughters-in-law & Sons Seema & Kumar Ji Raina Anjali & Ajay Raina Daughters & Sons-in-law Babli & Ravinder Bhat

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#### FIFTH DAY Nith profound grief and sorrow it is inforr that **Smt Anju Choudhary** W/o Lt Sh Rajar

Choudhary expired on 21/11/2023. Fifth Day shall be observed at Raj Palace Udhampur from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM or 25/11/2023 Saturday **GRIEF STRICKEN:** 

(Father/Mother) Ram Krishan Choudhary/ Renu Choudhary (Brothers/Sisters-in-law)

**SMT ANJU** Chet Ram Choudhary/ Sheela Choudhary CHOUDHARY Ashish Choudhary/Kalpana Jasrotia Ward No 17 HNo 211 Shanker Nagar CEO OFFICE ROAD Udhampur

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## LG addresses closing ceremony of Audit Week Govt Depatts in era of reforms must take quick action on shortcomings: LG Sinha



#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Nov 24: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha addressed the closing ceremony of 'Audit Week' at Convention Centre Jammu, on Friday.

In his address, the Lt Governor appreciated the efforts of the audit community towards transparent and accountable gover-

He said the weeklong audit day celebrations provide us with an opportunity to reflect on the critical role the audit community plays in contributing to good governance and shaping the governance landscape of our Nation.

"Public audit ensures that every rupee is well spent for the purpose to bring about a change in the lives of the people standing in the last queue of development,"

the Lt Governor said. One of the earliest institutions established

to bring transparency, accountability and honesty in public life is the Institution of Comptroller and Auditor General of India. Our forefathers while drafting the Constitution had a clear opinion that the Auditor General would be the most important officer in the democratic pro-

cesses, he said.

Baba Saheb Ambedkar had said that the position of the Auditor General is the most important in the Indian Constitution and he will be the only person who will see to it that there is no expenditure in excess of what the Parliament has voted for or what is provided for in the Appropriation Bill of the Parliament, the Lt

Governor observed. The Lt Governor impressed on the Government departments to take quick action on the shortcomings.

In the era of reforms, it should be the endeav-

or of audit community to present the audit report and necessary facts immediately so that action related to the evaluation of policies and programmes is taken without any delay, he added.

"Audit observation and recommendation should be seen as a guide so that every penny of public exchequer improves the living standards of the common man," the Lt Governor

said. All officers should change their thinking of looking at audit reports and audit observations as criticism of their work. If you read these reports carefully and follow the recommendations of the audit community, necessary improvements can be brought in governance, he added.

At the ceremony, the Lt Governor talked about the significant change taking place in the administrative and busiendeavors of the Audit and Accounts Offices of J&K, over the last few years.

The Lt Governor

commended the key

He said, initiatives such as bulk settlement of pending audit paras, collaborative corrective action with UT departments to improve their operations, pension adalats, and progress in end-to-end computerization of pension cases showcase their commitment to innovation and efficiency

These initiatives not only benefit the UT Administration's departments but also directly impact the lives of the ordinary citizens of our Union Territory, the Lt Governor added.

Pramod Kumar, Principal Accountant General (Audit), J&K and Abhishek Gupta, Principal Accountant General gave a brief overview of the extensive audit exercises and activities conducted by the office of Accountant General in the UT.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Santosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary Finance Department; Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner Secretary GAD; Anand Jain, IGP Jammu and senior officers were present.

### Disconnection drives aimed to stem power theft, stabilize curtailment plan: KPDCL

#### **Top News Report**

SRINAGAR, Nov 24: Continuing its pursuit to obtain pending arrears from defaulting consumers. Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) collected a revenue of Rs.6.63 crore on Thursday.

Meanwhile, the Corporation's inspections to check power pilferage breached 1000 mark with penalties imposed to the tune of Rs.7.95 lakh on Thurs-

Elaborating on details, a KPDCL spokesperson today stated that out of 1017 inspections carried out in Kashmir Division, 161 were conducted in Circle I Srinagar, 182 in Circle II Srinagar, 301 in Circle Ganderbal, 147 in Circle Pulwama, 66 in Circle Bijbehara and 160 in Circle Sopore. Around 245 KW load was added across 6 Circles of the Corporation during the drives.

A penalty of Rs.7.95 lakh was imposed across all 19 Electric Divisions on those found hooking wires on bare conductor and bypassing the meters. Meanwhile, 52 Domestic Transformers (DTs) were also reported damaged on Thursday due to overloading, down from 64 reported on Wednesday.

The spokesperson further stated that another 1048 domestic, commercial and industrial connections were also disconnected for non-payment of energy dues which were pending for more than three months. This includes 731 domestic. 266 commercial and 31 industrial consumers.

The spokesman stated that the inspection and disconnection drives against power theft and defaulting consumers respectively will help the Corporation in sticking to the curtailment schedule.

While received 52 damaged DTs in its various workshops on Thursday, 61 transformers were also repaired for replacement, to comply with the stipulated timelines fixed by the Government. "As many as 74 transformers are in different stages of repair, 27 others are in ovens at Central Workshop Pampore," the spokesperson added, while quoting Executive Engineer, CWS, Pampore.

Expressing concern over the repeat damage of repaired transformers, the spokesperson urged the consumers to use power judiciously within their agreed load, failing which the DTs will get damaged again, thus causing inconvenience to genuine consumers. "Cases of repeat damage to repaired transformers has been reported from Central Workshop at Pampore and a few of the divisional-level workshops. This trend will affect replacement timeline fixed by the Government," the spokesperson warned while advocating strict adherence to load capacity of DTs.

KPDCL advised all domestic, commercial and industrial consumers to pay their pending energy dues or face permanent disconnection. KPDCL collected Rs.6.63 crore as pending energy dues on Thursday from the consumers. With the Corporation going into overdrive, the revenue realization figures are likely to go up further in the coming few weeks.

#### Corrigendum

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/FS. Northern Railways. Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India Invites Tenders (Two Packet System) for Development of GCT at Vijaypur Jammu, Railway Station, details as under:

Net worth Certificate of 2022-23 from Chartered Accountant.
\*Note: • If not available, Audited balance sheets of FY 2021-22 alongwith declaration

f not available, certificate of net worth of 2021-22 alongwith declaration of non availability of certificate of 2022-23 duly certified by CA is applicable.

Pre-Bid meeting is on 11.12.2023 at DRM Office, Northern Railway, Firozpur Cantt.

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Please refer to the Essential Eligibility Criteria i.e. Item no. 02 of 17.2 (Page no. 12 of Tender Document) where in several changes has been made and reflected as under:

• Audited balance sheet of FY 2022-23 duly certified from Chartered Accountant. OR

regarding non availability of balance sheet of 2022-23 duly certified by CA are applicable. OR

Punjab-152001. Fresh tender document has been uploaded on the Railway website ireps.gov.in. For further details please visit on Railway's website ireps.gov.in No. 2-AC/Goods-GCT-VJPJ-FZR/23 Date: 23.11.2023

#### YRS visits Mubarak Mandi, appeals administration to save, restore Dogra Heritage

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Nov 24: On the occasion of World Heritage Week held from 19th to 25th November, Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS) visited Mubarak Mandi Art and Culture Dogra Museum under the Presidentship of Vikram Singh Vicky along with

their team. While reaching Mubarak Mandi Team YRS meet with Joint Director Archives Dr. Sangeeta Sharma and gave her a photo frame of Maharaja Hari Singh as a Symbol of Proud Dogras and saw very important documents of Dogra History in which Dogra Rulers and Dogra Warriors had done the important and historical decisions. While reaching the Mubarak Mandi Vikram described that this Dogra Heritage is a symbol of Dogra Community and we have to preserve our Heritage.

YRS Team Members saw all the important precious historical facts

weapons, paintings, books, jewelry and many other important things which shows the historical facts of Dogras and knows about the history based on Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Team members of YRS who are present are Rajinder Singh, Rajan Singh Happy, Surinder Singh Gilli, Mohan Singh, Ramesh Singh, Komal Singh, Prem Singh, Balbir Singh, Mukesh Singh, Vishal Singh, Vikramjeet Singh, Balkar Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Sumit Singh, Bhanu Partap, Avtar Singh, Vikram Singh, Raghuvir Singh, Sanjay Singh, Akash Singh, Sanju Singh, Makhan Singh, Daljit Singh, Sony Singh and many other.

Team YRS appealed to administration to look after and preserved our Dogra Heritage as this heritage is a identity of Dogras and appealed people of J&K to come and visit our precious

### DIG Shakti Pathak unveils Trade Brochure of J&K Orthodontic Symposium

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e-governance and digi-

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have also emerged due

to concerns about data

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We have to strike a

balance and use every

tool available to ensure

proper utilization of

resources and make life

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#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Nov 24: For an event all set to happen on 25th and 26th of November, organised by Dr Akshay Gupta HOD Orthodontics, Organising Chairman of First J&K orthodontic Symposium, brochure having detailed description of trade expo scheduled to happen during the event was unveiled by Chief Guest DIG Shakti Pathak and Guest of Honour Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sanathan Trust President Mahant Rohit Shastri in presence of Dr Aseem, Dr Rohit and Dr Tanushree and many other members of the organising committee.

First of its kind Artificial intelligence based trade fair is being organised in the UT of J&K, in the first J&K orthodontic symposium, an event in which delegates from the science of orthodontics are coming together from about more than 20 premier institutions across the country under one roof.

Dr Shakti Pathak congratulated Dr Akshay Gupta for his efforts to bring expo of state of art technology in Jammu city and said that

In this modern era of emerging technology Artificial Intelligence empowers the doctors not only for diagnosis but also for patient treatment planning and

prognosis. This is going to be a great boon for the emerging field of orthodontics in specific and dentistry in general. Al is a subfield of computer science with developing computers and programs that have the ability to perceive information, reason and ultimately convert that information into intelligent actions.

Dr Akshay said that as a science it's very broad with diagnosing broader range of Orthodontic care and determine treatment needs.

This includes the 3D software technology for the futuristic planning if the patient's treatment plan, and also includes the 3D scanner which actually omits the need for any intraoral impression making, making it all the more easy and comfortable for the patients. It has got a efficient equipment for printing these scanned images and also a separate equipment for making the aligners.

Al in orthodontics includes the data collection and experts annotation followed by Al training, Al output and experts refinement

and lastly followed by Al training.

It is indisputable that Al technology promises a bright future ahead in the field of orthodontics, involving various applications and modernizing both diagnosis and clinical practice.

Al proves to be as effective and accurate as humans and can help practitioners to make accurate decisions in less time. Al is a subfield of computer science with developing computers and programs that have the ability to perceive information, reason and ultimately convert that information into intelligent actions. As a science it's very broad with diagnosing broader range of Orthodontic care and determine treatment needs.

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### SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Short e-NIT No. 27of 2023-2024/ Dated 20-11-2023

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION BAKSHI NAGAR, JAMMU

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited on <u>percentage basis</u> from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territor of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

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The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from

the departmental website <a href="http://jktenders.gov.in">http://jktenders.gov.in</a> as per below schedule :-						
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	21-11-2023				
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 21-11-2023 to 29-11-2023 upto 1800 Hrs				
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	XXXXXXXX at XXXX Hrs. in the Office of Executive				
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		Jammu				
4	Bid submission Start Date	21-11-2023				
5	Bid Submission End Date	29-11-2023 upto 1800 Hrs				
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	30-11-2023 on or after 1200 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) DIVISION BAKSHI NAGAR Jammu				
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed				

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to MH 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) DIVISION BAKSHI NAGAR Jammu and upload the same i.e treasury challan / receipt, Earnest money / Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) DIVISION BAKSHI NAGAR Jammu. The CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of L1 be submitted to the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) DIVISION BAKSHI NAGAR Iammu at the time of
- The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder needs not to make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequentialsubmission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the resubmission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids
- The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) DIVISION BAKSHI NAGAR Jammu. The date for same shall be intimated separately. No:-EE/R&B/BN/ 2252-71

Dated:- 20-11-2023 DIP/J-11615/23

Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Bakshi Nagar Jammu

### Jai Shiromani Baba Kaliveer Ji organizes Jagran at Ward 13



#### Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 24: Jai Shiromani Baba Kaliveer Ji organized Jagran at Ward 13 Resham Ghar Colony,

Many devotees participate in the Jagran and took blessings of Mata Bhagwati.

SDPO Bakshi Nagar Jammu Vikram Singh Bhau and SHO Bakshi Nagar Rakesh Sharma invited as Chief Guests. They also took blessings of Mata Bhagwati. On the occasion, Muskan Musical Group singer Deepak Sharma, Ajay Kumar, Sahil Mahajan and Jai Shiromani Baba Kaliveer ji Trust Chairman Shakti Uppal, President Shiv Uppal, General Secretary Rohit Kumar, Trustee Sumit Uppal, Anil Gupta, Ravi Kumar, Aman Sharma, Parveen Salaria, Dheeraj Uppal, Anil Kumar, Nikhil Kumar and Mohit Kumar were also present.

### **EDITORIAL**

### SOCIAL THINKER

cquiring knowledge is not only the religion and duty of the student but using this knowledge for the society and nation is also the religion and duty of the student. The life of a student is a life of sacred values and civilization. During this period, he lights the light of divine rituals within himself. It is these values that inspire him to be dutiful towards religion, society, and nation.

Inspired by these, the student dedicates and sacrifices his life. In this way, by developing divine values, the student continues to make some contribution to society and the nation.

The contribution of students to the nation is very big and wide. They can make the nation progress and prosperous through their contribution. A student can contribute to the nation only when he enters into this field of work by making his loyalty and truthful conduct best and great. The field of work of the students towards the nation is very amazing and unique because even while getting an education, they can contribute maximum towards the welfare of the society and the nation.

It is strange to think about how a student can progress in both aspects of education and politics. Because the relationship between education and politics is different and opposite. Therefore, it is a very difficult and difficult task for a student to contribute to his society and nation and fulfill it.

Then a social thinker and patriotic student can definitely make some contribution even while studying. If a student shows his ability to do such a thing, then surely he can be a great patriot, ruler of the nation, and a national hero.

Students have a very divine and unique contribution to their nation and society. Therefore, students should pursue their education fully to contribute to their nation. For this, they should be aware of their purpose.

Only by earning special achievements in the field of education, the student can be dutiful towards the nation and society. The student should fulfill his responsibilities towards the nation and society only by remembering well the lesson of ideals and dutifulness, otherwise, he will remain neither here nor there

Only a conscious student can be responsible towards the nation and society, whereas a careless student is a traitor and a traitor to the nation. To unify the nation and the society, the ideal student can move towards nation-building only by adopting the biographies of the great national heroes and great personalities of the nation in principle. Therefore, the contribution of the student towards nation-building is absolutely great and high.

A student who wants to contribute to the nation should not just be a leader or recite flowery sentences, but should be experienced in all types of work and should be competent in it. A student who is a protector and well-wisher of his nation's religion and culture can be strong and capable of contributing to the nation only by risking his life to die for its honour.

#### By: Shahnaz Husain

If the views from your large office windows seem more hazy and compromised than usual, and a wave of colds and coughs have held your coworkers hostage, you have the increasing pollution to blame

The rising air Pollution has become a buzzword nowadays and is affecting the normal functioning of life due to toxic air and a heavy blanket of smog.

Pollution breaks down collagen and oxidizes the lipid layer in the skin, which impairs skin-barrier function. Smog particles are generally too large to penetrate the skin, but they can disturb the barrier, resulting in dehydration, sensitivity, uneven skin tone, dullness, acne, and premature aging.

Skin of women living in a city is more likely to age 10 per cent faster than those living in rural areas.

Airborne pollutants on human skin can contribute to skin aging, atopic dermatitis, skin discoloration, eczema, psoriasis, and acne and can be absorbed through the skin into the body, causing a wide range of diseases. While pollution takes a toll on the environment and health but it also affects natural beauty very adversely. Pollution breaks down collagen and oxidizes the lipid layer in the skin, which impairs skin barrier function.

Highly toxic air containing smoke, soot, acid, and other pollutants severely affects the skin by draining away skin moisture which leads to allergies and pigmentation spots on the forehead and cheeks on dry and rough skin.

The toxic haze hanging in the sky cause uneven skin tone, accelerated ageing , wrinkles, and black spot on the face

For many living in big cities like in Metropolitian cities it is completely unavoidable so it is matter of reducing exposure, repairing the damage and protecting it as much as possible

Among the other organs of the body, the skin is also one of the first

### **Pollution affects Beauty**

to bear the brunt of air pollutants, which not only attack the skin's surface but also lead to an accumulation of toxins. In fact, they are potent skin irritants. There are both long and short-term effects of pollutants. Chemical pollutants cause oxidation damage and this can lead to the manifestation of premature ageing signs on the skin, like wrinkles, loss of elasticity, dark patches, spots, etc. Chemical pollutants also disrupt the normal balance of the skin and scalp, leading to problems like dryness, sensitivity, rashes, acne, irritation or allergic reactions, dandruff, and related conditions. They also make the skin and hair dull, lacking vitality. All of us who live and work in urban areas need protective beauty care, whether we are housewives or working women. Of course, for working women, the job may involve traveling long distances to work. The skin is thus more exposed to the pollutants in the air.

Cleansing of the skin assumes more importance in order to get rid of the impurities and pollutants that are deposited on the skin. If you have dry skin, use a cleansing cream or gel. Deep clean the skin at night, neutralize it with antioxidants and create a barrier with sunscreen. Include antioxidants in your diet and skincare regime. Citrus fruits contain Vitamin C, E, and limonene which lower the risk of cancer and protect your skin from damage. Avoid cleansers containing Sodium lauryl sulphate and sodium laureth sulphates or denatured alcohols as they dry out the skin and can damage our skin barrier over time.

Use skincare rich in antioxidants. Pamper your skin with sheet masks or hydrating overnight masks to repair the damage.

For oily skin, cleansing milk or face wash may be used. For oily skin, also use a facial scrub after cleansing. Look out for products with ingredients like sandalwood, eucalyptus, mint, neem, tulsi, aloe vera, etc., when you buy cleansers. The anti-toxic and tonic properties

of such ingredients have helped in clearing the skin congestion and eruptions that result from exposure to chemical pollutants. Aloe vera, for example, is also a powerful moisturizer and an anti-oxidant. So are ingredients like apricot kernel oil, carrot seed, wheatgerm oil, etc. the skin needs to be protected. If the skin is prone to eruptive conditions like acne, pimples, or rash, it should be protected with specialized creams that not only protect but also reduce oiliness and deal with the problem.

After cleansing, wipe the skin with a rose-based skin tonic or rose water, to complete the cleansing process and refresh the skin. Soak cotton wool in chilled rose water and tone the skin with it, patting briskly. It also improves blood circulation to the skin's surface and adds a glow. Green tea also makes a good skin toner. If there is a rash or eruptions, add a little rose water to the sandalwood paste and apply it to the face. Wash off with plain water after 15 minutes.

Anti-pollution cosmetics help to provide protection and reduce the damage caused by environmental effects. These are basically "cover creams" that form a barrier between the skin and pollutants. sandalwood protective cream is very useful to protect the skin from environmental effects. It forms a transparent protective cover. Sandalwood soothes the skin and protects it from irritative reactions and eruptive conditions. It suits all skin types and increases the skin's moisture retention ability too.

The hair also needs frequent washing if one regularly travels long distances for their work. Pollutants also collect on the scalp. Shampoo, hair rinses, serums, and conditioners help to restore normal balance if they contain ingredients like amla, Brahmi, Triphala, bhringaraj, and henna. They also coat the hair and form a protective cover. Mix one teaspoon each of vinegar and honey with one egg. Massage the mixture lightly into the scalp. Leave on for half an hour and then wash the hair.

Rinse well with water.

Or, give the hair hot oil therapy. Heat pure coconut oil and apply it to the hair. Then dip a towel in hot water, squeeze out the water and wrap the hot towel around the head, like a turban. Keep it on for 5 minutes. Repeat the hot towel wrap 3 or 4 times. This helps the hair and scalp absorb the oil better. Leave the oil on overnight and wash your hair the next day.

The impurities and pollutants can also affect the eyes, causing burning or redness. The eyes should be washed with plain water several times. Soak cotton wool pads in chilled rose water and use them over the eyes as eye pads. Lie down and relax for fifteen minutes. This really helps to remove fatigue and brightens the eyes.

if one is also exposed to cold weather, poor diet, a lack of sleep, or simply stress, as many of us are. In the presence of any of these factors along with pollution, the quality of the skin can become further diminished.

To brighten the skin and even skin tone, I recommend products containing Vitamin C to be used in conjunction with richer creams. Deeply moisturizing creams can truly help repair and hydrate the skin.

Use an air purifier with a humidifier at home and the workplace to lessen the effects of pollution. Humidifiers make the air breathable and maintain the room's humidity.

Eat your greens, Vitamin C rich foods, jaggery and drink loads of fluids rich in antioxidants. Antioxidants can neutralize the effects of pollutants. Lemon, orange, amla, green vegetables, grapefruit, tomatoes and potatoes are some examples of Vitamin C rich foods.

My advice is while rely on healthy eating, drinking water, and regular exercise to keep your skin healthy. Making the right choices about our skincare regimen is an equally or even more important part of a successful beauty routine.

It's a rough deal for your skin, but there are plenty of ways to care for it in the face of pollution.

### Complete Guideline for UPSC Preparation for Beginners

By: Vijay GarG

he UPSC CSE is one of India's most prestigious and competitive exams. It requires thorough preparation and a well-defined strategy as it is one of the toughest competitive exams in India, so it requires a comprehensive understanding of various subjects and a strategic approach to tackle the vast syllabus. In this article, we have discussed an effective preparation strategy specifically for beginners aiming to crack the UPSC examination.

Understanding the UPSC CSE Exam Pattern

Before starting preparation for UPSC, it is important to understand the examination pattern. The UPSC CSE comprises three stages: the Preliminary Examination (Prelims), the Main Examination (Mains), and the Personality Test (Interview). Each stage tests different aspects of your knowledge, aptitude, and personality. Let us check all the stages in detail:

UPSC CSE Preliminary Examination (Prelims)

The prelims consist of two objective-type papers i.e. General Studies Paper I (GS Paper I) and General Studies Paper II (GS Paper II or CSAT). GS Paper I consists of questions from History, Geography, Polity, Economics, Science, and Current Affairs whereas GS Paper II or CSAT consists of Reading Comprehension, Logical Reasoning, and Quantitative Aptitude.

CSAT is qualifying in nature where candidates need to score only 33% of the marks.

UPSC CSE Mains Examination (Mains)

If candidates clear the prelims examination then they will be eligible to appear for the mains examination. The main is a written examination which consists of nine papers out of them seven are considered for preparing the final list. These papers include essay writing, general studies, and optional subjects. The essay paper tests analytical and writing skills, while the general studies papers assess your understanding of various subjects such as history, geography, economics, polity, current affairs, science and technology etc.

Personality Test (Interview)

The final stage of the UPSC CSE is Interview. This stage evaluates a candidate's personality, communication skills, confidence and overall suitability for a career in civil services.

UPSC CSE Preparation Strategy for Begin-

Once you understand the UPSC Exam Pattern, it is time to make a study plan so that maximum time can be utilized for preparation. Below we have written some of the tips after talking to many experts so that it will be helpful for you in making an effective plan. Understanding the Syllabus

The first step of preparation should be checking out the syllabus of UPSC CSE. The syllabus acts as a road map, guiding you through the wide range of subjects you must study. Take your time reading the syllabus carefully, noting the various subjects and

their subtopics as you go. Creating a Study Plan

As a beginner, a structured study plan helps most students as it is the backbone of UPSC preparation. Aspirants should make a comprehensive study schedule that allows enough time for each subject should be made by aspirants. The study schedule should specify daily, weekly, and monthly goals to ensure thorough coverage of all subjects. Set Achievable Goals

Divide your subject syllabus into easy and manageable sections and make daily, weekly, and monthly goals that you can actually achieve. This strategy will help you stay motivated and efficiently track your progress.

Right Study Material

For your preparation, selecting suitable study materials is important. Choose the study guides, reference books, and textbooks that toppers and former UPSC selected candidates recommend. Make sure you have a well-balanced selection of books covering both static and current affairs.

Focusing on Current Affairs

Stay up with the most latest national news as well as news from across the world. Read about government policies and socioeconomic developments. To improve your knowledge of current affairs, read newspapers, magazines, and web portals.

Newspaper and Magazines Newspapers and Magazines play a vital role in covering current affairs as well as preparing for the main answer writing. Some of the recommended newspapers and maga-

zines are listed below:

The Hindu: The Hindu is widely considered an essential newspaper for UPSC preparation. It provides in-depth information and editorial opinions. The topics covered in the editorial sections are very helpful for writing

the main answers.

The Indian Express: The Indian Express is another popular newspaper among UPSC aspirants which covers diverse news on politics, governance, economy and social issues.

good understanding of the economy is important and Business Standard provides insightful information on initiatives by governments, economic changes, and trends in the market.

Yojana: Yojana is a monthly magazine published by the Government of India. It covers topics related to socio-economic issues, government schemes, policies, and development initiatives. Understanding the point of view of the government and getting an understanding of important national issues becomes easy by reading Yojana.

Kurukshetra: Kurukshetra is another monthly magazine which is released by the Government of India. It majorly focuses on rural development, agriculture, and allied sectors. It provides in-depth analysis, success stories, and policy initiatives in these areas. It is particularly beneficial for candidates opting for subjects like agriculture, rural development, or related fields.

development, or rela Prioritise Subjects

Identify the subjects you find challenging and allocate more time to them. However, don't completely ignore other subjects, either, as well-rounded preparation is important.

Make Notes

While preparing, one should always make concise and effective notes, which will act as a quick reference during revision and save lots of time while revisiting the topics. Organizing the notes subject-wise and using bullet points or mind maps can enhance remembrance and make revision more manageable.

Mains Answer Writing

The Main Examination of the UPSC includes essay writing and answer writing in descriptive formats. Aspirants should start writing on recent issues and develop their writing skills. Beginners should work on developing their writing and communication skills. Practicing essay writing, answer structure, and expressing ideas concisely enhances overall performance on exams. The answer you write must include the numbers and graphical representations as much as possible.

possible.

Mock Test and Previous Year Papers

Attempting regular mock tests and solv-

ing previous year's papers are an integral part of your preparation. Take regular mock tests to evaluate your progress and identify areas that need improvement. Additionally, the mock test should be given in exam like environment and it should be time-based.

Consistent Breaks

Short breaks should be incorporated between study sessions to rejuvenate your mind and avoid burnout. Engaging in physical activities, and pursuing hobbies help in reducing stress levels and maintaining focus and motivation.

and motivation. Positive Mindset

Maintaining a positive attitude is critical during the UPSC preparation process. The examination is difficult, and setbacks are expected. Beginners should have a positive attitude, be motivated, and have faith in their talents. Having a supportive environment and seeking advice from mentors or peers

helps build confidence and keep on track.

Lastly, preparing for the UPSC exam needs a comprehensive approach as well as hard efforts. Individuals can easily begin their UPSC journey by following the outlined preparation method for beginners. Remember, consistency, hard work, and perseverance are the keys to success in this competitive examination.

NCERT Books for UPSC Preparation:

NCERT books are considered the backbone of a candidate's UPSC preparation. These books are published by the government of India and are widely recognized for their quality and accuracy. NCERT books hold immense significance in the field of UPSC preparation. These books are designed by experts in respective subjects, ensuring a comprehensive and well-structured approach to learning. The content provided in NCERT books is aligned with the UPSC syllabus, making them an invaluable resource for aspirants. Moreover, the language used in NCERT books is readerfriendly, simplifying complex topics and aiding in better comprehension.

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(Vijay GarG Retired Principal Educational columnist Malout)

### **New Housing Technologies will shape majestic** mansion of India at 2047: Dr Jitendra

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU / NEW DELHI, Nov 24: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh on Friday said, New Housing Technologies will shape the majestic mansion of India at 2047, when India will celebrate 100 years of its Independence.

Addressing the CSIR-CBRI Technology Transfer Mela in New Delhi, Dr Jitendra said, Central Building Research Institute (CBRI) has developed world class and state-of-the-art building construction technologies, which are not only robust and climate and drought resilient, but also in tune with global environmental norms.

Dr Jitendra said, the One-Week One Lab programme visualised and inaugurated by him last year to showcase the unique technologies of the each of 37 CSIR Labs across the country has resulted in positive outcomes as CSIR-CBRI showcased 75 building and construction technologies in one slot and transferred them to Industries. In coming days 108 such technologies will be made available to Industries for Safe, Sustainable and Affordable building construction

Dr Singh lauded the CBRI for becoming the mainstay in terms of technology provider to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's most ambitious and the most prioritised scheme Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY). The Minister reminded the august



gathering that Shri Modi after becoming Prime Minister has promised that no Indian will live in Kuccha house and all the deserving beneficiaries will have a pucca roof with toilets and lighting facilities. He said that as a public representative it is gratifying to see the smile on the faces of poor beneficiaries residing in PMAY houses.

Dr Jitendra also complimented CBRI for developing Foldable Salt Shelters, which is weather and fire resistant and said that it has huge social implications. He said, almost all the reforms and innovations and initiatives of Prime Minister Modi has societal underpinnings and aimed at "Ease of Living" for common

Dr Singh said, this remarkable achievement is a testament to the dedication and expertise of the scientists and researchers at CSIR-CBRI, Roorkee and added that building technologies play an important role in shaping the lives of individuals and communities. He said, these technologies have the power to transform the living conditions of humans, increase sustainability, and improve the overall well-being of people. By bridging the gap between research institutions and industries, CSIR-CBRI Roorkee has taken a giant leap toward realizing the vision of affordable, sustainable, and innovative hous-

ing for all, the Minister added.

Dr Jitendra said, "the challenges we face today in the housing sector are multifaceted, ranging from affordability and sustainability to disaster resilience and energy efficiency. However, with the expertise and knowledge we have here today, I am confident that we can overcome these challenges in the country and build a future where every person has access to safe and comfortable housing".

Dr Jitendra Singh urged all the industry leaders and representatives to adopt these technologies and harness their potential to bring positive change in the country. He said, by incorporating these advancements into best practices, one can have the opportunity to not only increase competitive edge, but also make a significant contribution to the well-being of soci-

Secretary DSIR and DG CSIR, Dr N. Kalaiselvi said in her address that through continuous research and development over the past 77 years, CSIR-CBRI Roorkee has emerged as a leading institute in the field of housing technology.

She said, many advances made by the brilliant minds not only revolutionized the construction industry but also positively impacted the lives of countless individuals.

Some of the notable technologies are under-reamed piles, waste to wealth, prefabricated housing, fire protection, wood without trees, protective coatings, and many more including those being transferred today, she added.

Director of CBRI Pradeep Kumar said that it is a matter of great pleasure to mention that CSIR-CBRI has focused on projects of societal benefits and contributed extensively to "Housing for All" national Mission of Government of India for PMAY-G.

The institute has developed rural housing Typology compendium "PAHAL" for the inclusive development of rural buildinas.

Dr Jitendra Singh also released the Technology Compendium, a comprehensive guide to its various sustainable and affordable technologies in two volumes covering time-tested proven technologies vis-àvis current advanced technologies developed in-house in the area of Building Science and Technology.

### Dogri Sanstha Jammu releases Santosh Sangra's 'Main Hole'



while speaking on the

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Nov 24: Dogri Sanstha Jammu on Friday released Santosh Sangra's Dogri collection of short stories entitled 'Main Hole' in a function organized at Writers' Club, K.L Sehgal Hall, here.

On this occasion, Dr. Om Goswami, an eminent Dogri and Hindi litterateur and Sahitya Akademi Awardee was the Chief Guest, Prof. Lalit Magotra President Dogri Sanstha presided over the function whereas Dr. Arvinder Singh 'Amn', Ex-Additional Secretary Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages was special

Dr. Om Goswami,

quest.

occasion, said that Santosh Sangra is not only a celebrated actress but an accomplished writer also. Her stories are women oriented and explore their hardships during different phases of life. Prof Lalit Magotra while extending his warm wishes to the writer for her new book said that Santosh Sangra's stories are in fact a detailed description of the sufferings of females in this man dominated society. But her leading character in the story never succumbs to the pressure but rises on the occasion to fight against all odds thus becoming a Hole' are interesting and thought provoking and give an ample proof of the potential of writer.

On this occasion, Santosh Sangra gave a detailed account of her journey as a short story writer and the process involved in writing 'Main Hole'. She also read a story from the book.

Prof. Veena Gupta an eminent Dogri writer presented a detailed paper on the book covering all aspects of story writing. Dr. Chanchal Bhasin conducted the proceedings while Inderjeet Kesar presented vote of thanks. A large number of litterateurs, literature lovers and family members of Santosh Sangra were present in book release

### NHM Employees Association extends gratitude for maternity benefits implementation

**Top News Report** 

KISHTWAR, Nov 24: In a significant development, the NHM Employees Association Kishtwar expresses heartfelt gratitude to the Mission Director of National Health Mission (NHM), Babila Rakwal and the Administrative Secretary of Health and Family Welfare, Bupinder Kumar, for their pivotal roles in ensuring the formal implementation of maternity benefits for female employees.

Dr. Nazir Hussain MO, President of NHM Employees Association Kishtwar, conveyed his appreciation, stating, "We extend our special thanks to Babila Rakwal for her proactive approach in issuing formal orders regarding maternity benefits. This decision will undoubtedly contribute to the well-being of female employees within the NHM ambit."

Furthermore, Dr. Nazir Hussain acknowledged the efforts of Bhupinder Kumar, emphasizing his role in advocating the demands of NHM employees with the administration and concerned quarters.

"Bupinder Kumar's optimistic engagement has been instrumental in pushing forward our concerns, and we express our



sincere thanks for his unwavering support," added Dr. Nazir.

The NHM Employees Association Kishtwar congratulated all its members on this significant achievement and assures

them of continued efforts for their welfare.

Dr. Nazir Hussain urged unity among employees, emphasizing, "Our association is committed to the betterment of all employees without discrimination. We encourage a collaborative spirit and urge everyone to support each other."

Highlighting the association's dedication, Dr. Nazir Hussain reassured employees, stating, "Have faith and trust in the association, and together, we will achieve our objectives in a dignified manner. This is just the beginning of positive changes for NHM employees."

### Dr Vikas urges youth to stay away from drugs

source of inspiration.

Dr. Arvinder Singh

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**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Nov 24: National Conference leader Dr Vikas Sharma has urged the youth of Jammu & Kashmir to stood up and vigorously launch a fight against the menace of drugs to eradicate it completely.

Dr Vikas, who is Secretary JKNC Central Zone, was addressing a largely attended gathering of youth. He asked the youth to stay away from the menace of drugs to make our society free from this evil.

"The neighbouring state of Punjab is reeling under the menace of drugs but we should not let the same thing happen in Jammu-Kashmir. The anti-national forces are hell bent to destroy our youth but we will not let this happen here," he

The NC leader urged the youth to stay away from the menace of drugs and adopt a healthy way of life by using their raw energy in constructive activities like sports, studies etc. "If we get up and resolve together to eradicate this menace then no power on earth can stop us," he said.

He also asked the government to launch a tirade against the people who were smuggling drugs and trapping the youth in their net.

### Chairman Kotli Welfare Trust meets SDPO Narwal, discusses crime, drug issues

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Nov 24: Social Activist & Chairman KCWT Chandan Datta discussed serious matter of going crime and theft cases in Channi, Trikuta Nagar, Bahu area with SDPO Narwal Parupkar Singh and also to take necessary steps to involve youth of area in Nation building activities and sports to Utilize and channel their energy in right direction

Parupkar Singh SDPO Narwal gave a patient hearing to Datta and apprise him about various steps taken by police to eradicate drug in this particular locality.

He said we have taken cognizance of growing crime and drug activities in Rajeev Nagar, Kasim Nagar, Ragoora and tighten grip on drug peddlers whose business is to do business n trade of narcotics.

We have tightened grip on women peddlers as well on which SHO Bahu Arti Thakur is doing her job well a



message conveyed from top hierarchy to bottom line that no scope for drug cases.

He said Jammu district police is very serious to eradicate drug and other crime like theft and other on which Dist chief SSP Jammu Vinod Kumar is very much serious and issued necessary guidelines to all sub divisions to deal strongly with NDPS cases and we with the help of strong vision of our seniors support working on a right direction to reduce this menace to a greater extent and we have also prepared data files of such peddlers to book them under relevant

section of law and pre-

viously booked as well. Parupkar Singh sought support of civilise society to come forward and work on shoulder to shoulder with us to make our society a drug

He has ensured Datta that with the joint collaborative efforts of each stake holder of society we may have sigh of relief from this menace. He also hailed working of Datta to contribute society at large to aware masses and launch an extensive comparing against this drug menace and also appreciate his social work and contribution for society at large in J&K UT.

### Govt Polytechnic Jammu organizes certificates distribution function

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Nov 24: Certificate Distribution function was organized in Conference Hall at Government Polytechnic Bikram Chowk, Jammu, under Continuing Education Program (IRG Scheme) in which large number of students along with all the Instructors and staff from Government Polytechnic Jammu participated.

The chief guest Er Arun Bangotra Principal/Chief Co-ordinator IRG Scheme of Government Polytechnic Jammu distributed the certificates to the students. While speaking on the occa-



sion Er. Arun Bangotra enlightened the students about the benefits of the various skill oriented courses and stress upon the students to take maximum benefit of these scheme to earn their livelihood. He wished the

students good luck for their future endeavours.

The main objective of the IRG scheme is to provide job oriented skills to the students and motivate them to use their acquired skills and take a step towards entrepreneurship.

Er. Sukhdeep Singh Coordinator IRG scheme emphasized upon the relevance of the IRG scheme and the various courses being conducted under the scheme like Computer Operator, Computer Applications, Stenography, Fashion Designing, Accounting and Tally.

Others present on the occasion were Er. Rani Devi HoD IT. Er. Sakshi Kapahi Asstt Coordinator IRG, Ar. Manu Rajput Architecture Assistantship and Sanjogita Mehra, Vinay Kumar, Ved Paul, Surekha Rani, Kanta Baloria and Ritu Manhas, the instructors of the IRG scheme.

### DLL organises counselling programme on careers after 12th in Arts at GBHSS Gole Gujral

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Nov 24: Employment Information cum Advisory Bureau, the Career Counseling Cell of Department of Lifelong Learning (DLL), University of Jammu organized one day workshop on "Careers after 12th in Arts" at Govt. Boys Higher Secondary School, Gole Gujral on

Friday.

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

Dr. Pallavi Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department Of English, University of Jammu was the resource person.

Dr. Rewa Khajuria

Counsellor, EIAB, DLL, JU coordinated the programme. In her welcome

address, Archana Bakshi, Principal of the school highlighted the importance and necessity of such programmes for the students. She appreciated the role of Career Counseling Cell in organizing these career awareness programmes.

Dr. Pallavi Gupta, in her presentation, apprised the students about career opportunities in Arts subjects after 12th and graduation. She also explained in detail about popular career paths.

Dr. Rewa Khajuria, Counsellor, EIAB, DLL, JU highlighted the importance of Career Counselling to the students and motivated

them to work hard to be successful in future. The teachers of the

school namely Ifat Shah, Aditi Sharma, Radha Sharma, Rupinder Kour, Rita Kumari and Paramjeet Kour along with 25 students attended the programme. The students really appreciated the programme as their career queries were answered by the experts.

### **Apurva-fame director Nikhil Nagesh Bhat justifies why** violence is a recurring thread in many of his films

His latest film Apurva, streaming on Disney+Hotstar, may not have opened to flattering reviews. But writer-director Nikhil Nagesh Bhat is not bogged down easily. He views both, criticism and appreciation, as part of the learning curve. He believes, "Once the film is out, you can't control the narrative."

But, yes, he does take offence at those who are dismissing Apurva as 'watered down version' of NH10. For one, he thinks while NH10 was a revenge saga Apurva is a survival thriller. Besides, Nikhil had written the script of Apurva way before (in 2009) NH10 was made. But those were the days when films with female protagonists at the heart of it did not find backing so easily. Fortunately for him Murad Khaitani and Disney+ Hotstar found merit in his story.

Nikhil is not a one-film wonder. His actioner Kill, which opened at Toronto International Film Festival this year, got a resounding response. He chuckles, "Imagine a film which is based so locally, finds international audience who were even chanting, kill, kill." As it releases early next year in the US, UK and India, he promises viewers an emotional story with a lot of heart but not for the faint-hearted.

Like Anurag Kashyap, 'the



great filmmaker' whom he assisted briefly for post-production of Black Friday, violence is a recurring thread in many of Nikhil's films too. He reasons, "Like love, greed, pain and grief, violence is a universal emotion and immanent in all of us." Sure, he agrees it has grave consequences and that's why in all his films acts of violence are always accounted for and perpetrators of crime invariably defeated. He says, "You cannot escape your karma. It will catch up with you."

Interestingly, his own karma, good of course, has led him to two divergently different powerhouse productions, seemingly strange bedfellows, Guneet Monga's Sikhya Entertainment and Karan Johar's Dharma Productions. How the two came on board for Kill is not a long story but simply the magic of one page story. Guneet, whom he has known since her much feted The Lunchbox days, read it and nodded 'aye aye' instantly. Persuading Karan wasn't a Herculean task either. He can't say whether having such biggies behind him opens doors but yes it has facilitated tremendous international exposure for the film. Besides, Nikhil managed to rope in distinguished Korean action director Se-yeong Oh of Snowpiercer-fame for Kill. Now with Lionsgate acquiring North American and UK rights of the film, prospects are looking even

In times, when OTT has become the land of opportunities, the competition is likely to be equally stiff. But he insists, "It is a healthy competition. Makers are pushing the envelope and putting their best foot forward to create good content which bodes very well for the entertainment industry.'

His oeuvre may have been varied, but he is motivated by the challenge of filmmaking and not genre-jumping. If Brij Mohan Amar Rahe was shot in 19 days on a shoestring budget, web series The Gone Game was made during the pandemic. Apurva took 14 years in the making and Kill is his first actioner. What is important for him is not to make his voice but the story he tells distinctive. "If the story is unique, it will find its own voice as it has a life of its own."

A writer first, he is itching to go back to the writing board. Makers are inundated by ideas but ultimately, "I need to be emotionally driven to make a film." And when that happens nothing can dent his conviction... some producers may have tried to prevail over him, 'bring in a hero to save the heroine in Apurva.' But he stuck to his guns... just as the fearless heroine Apurva

### **Sudhaa Chandran talks** about the biggest challenge she faced while shooting for **Doree in Varanasi**



Talking about a particular sequence in Colors Doree, actress Sudhaa Chandran shares, "Varanasi holds a very special place in my heart.

While I've visited the city multiple times, but the experience of shooting for Doree made it quite memorable.

When the creative team narrated that I had to take a dip in the Ganga for a particular scene, I was immediately reminded of a terrifying incident.

Years ago, I had stepped into a water body and I slipped. I couldn't find a foothold. I was screaming for help and thankfully I was rescued in time but I have this fear of drowning. So, I had my inhibitions while shooting in the Ganga for Doree and the uncertainty of the water's density, flow, and depth added to my

### Release of Vikram's spy film 'Dhruva Natchathiram' pushed

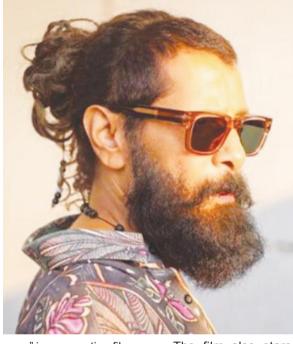
Tamil star Vikram's action movie "Dhruva Natchathiram" has been pushed from its Friday release, film's director Gautham Menon has announced.

In a statement shared on his page on X, Menon said the team needs "a day or two more" to finalise the release.

"Sorry. Unable to get Dhruva Natchathiram to the screens today. We tried our best, but it seems we need a day or two more. Hoping to provide everyone with a great experience with advance bookings and proper screens worldwide.

The support for the film is heartwarming and has kept us going. Just a few more days, and we'll arrive," the

director posted. "Dhruva Natchathi-



ram" is a spy action film, which has been in production since 2018. The makers had announced recently that the movie will hit theatres on November 24.

The film also stars Ritu Varma, Parthiban, Aishwarya Rajesh, Simran, Radhika, Arjun Das and Divyadarshini. Soundtrack is composed by Harris Jayaraj.

### Alia Bhatt expresses gratitude to ex Sidharth Malhotra for her 'first love', 'I'm very thankful to Sid...'

Alia Bhatt recently took the Koffee With Karan stage by storm, sharing anecdotes about her journey with co-stars Sidharth Malhotra and Varun Dhawan. The trio, who kickstarted their careers together in Karan Johar's 'Student of the Year,' witnessed an emotional revelation when Alia shared an emotional message for her ex, Sidharth.

In a candid video message, Alia painted a vivid picture of Sidharth's hidden talents, describing him as a fantastic singer and the life of the party despite his preference for a healthy lifestyle. As for Varun. she dubbed him the unintentional comedian, asserting that Sidharth's singing prowess could elevate him to a whole new level.

In the video, Alia says.



"Sid (Sidharth Malhotra) is actually a really good singer. He is a very healthy person, so he doesn't party at all, but he is the best person to get a party started. so this is the inherent Punjabi-ness in him. He just knows how to get

people going, he's really good. Also, he is really hilarious, he is the first person to fall asleep at his own birthday party."

She continues, "Varun is the funniest guy in the room but he doesn't know he is being funny. Sid is a 10, but he could be a 20 if he just sings more often and more openly,"

However, the highlight of the message was Alia's expression of gratitude to Sidharth for introducing her to 'the first love of her life' -Edward.

"I'm very thankful to Sid because he's given me the first love of my life which is Edward. They both are just lovely. They really make feel very comfortable and very safe. And, I only have love for them. No matter where we are in life, there'll be a certain pride in each other's journey whenever three of us see each other she concludes.

While Alia has embraced a new chapter with her marriage to Ranbir Kapoor in 2022, Sidharth has found happiness with Kiara Advani.

The 'Darlings' actor posts pictures of her cat, Edward on her social media at regular intervals. At times, her pet accompanies her during her gym regime, morning schedules, and

Post 'Student of the Year', Alia and Sidharth also worked together in Karan Johar's 'Kapoor and Sons'.

Meanwhile, Sidharth will be next seen in the upcoming action thriller web series 'Indian Police Force' which will stream on the OTT platform Amazon Prime Video in January 2024.

Apart from that, he also has an action thriller film 'Yodha' in his kitty.

Alia, on the other hand, will be seen in director Vasan Bala's next 'Jigra'.

### Rohit Roy soon to be seen in Saubhagyavati Bhava: Niyam Aur Shartien Laagu



Rohit Roy expresses his anticipation for his

return to television with Star Bharat's upcoming show. Saubhagyavati Bhava: Niyam Aur Shartien Laagu.

In this enthralling drama, he assumes the pivotal role of DCP Avinash, tasked with investigating the intriguing murder case of Raghav, sharing the screen with Karanvir Bohra and Amandeep Sidhu.

Speaking about his break from TV and joining the cast of Saubhagyavati Bhava: Niyam aur Shartien Laagu, the actors says, "Many people asked me why I was away from TV but that's not true. I was waiting to do something different rather than just doing some usual stuff. My character in this show excites me and I believe that the viewers will love it too. That's what made me come back. I was offered an interesting character that I couldn't say no to." Rohit's entry will bring a new wave of drama and entertainment in the show.

#### **Acclaimed Malyalam** actor Indrans to appear for Class X exams



National and state award winning Malayalam actor Indrans, who had to drop out of school due to financial constraints in the fourth grade, is preparing himself to appear for Class X equalization examination next year.

The 67-year-old actor, who has been donning the grease paint for the past four decades while acting in over 400 films, is now back in school attending classes. Indrans, hails from the state capital city and had to drop out of school after Class 4 due to abject poverty in his house. In 1981, while working in his tailoring shop here and doing costumes for production houses, he got into celluloid and rose to popularity in 1994.

He then went on to become a popular figure in the industry and has been going strength to strength by winning a state and national film award too.

Citing the reasons for his decision, the actor says being illiterate is akin to being blind and now he said he wants to "see" the world and hence decided to get back to studies. With the single point agenda to clear the Class X examination, Indrans now attends the Sunday classes held at a state-run school near his house, here and expects to get a better "vision", by clearing the examination next year.

### **Exploring the lost glory** of Nalanda

An exhilarating journey through India's past with the charismatic actor and host Maniesh Paul is currently underway in the eight-part docuseries History Hunter. The upcoming episode available November 27 onwards on Discovery Channel and discovery+ will unearth the mystery behind the disappearance of the then internationally acclaimed Nalanda University.

Established in the 5th century BC during the time of Buddha, Nalanda stood as a beacon of knowledge. Despite its historical significance, the world only discovered this educational marvel in the 19th century, leaving Maniesh to question, "Why?"

Seeking answers on Nalanda's destruction, Maniesh reveals, "It also said that only 10 per cent of the university area has been excavated so far." He continues, "This means that a significant portion of Nalanda University is yet to be excavated



and explored. Perhaps these secrets are yet to be unearthed from here."

Maniesh highlights a significant aspect that made Nalanda susceptible to external threats, playing a crucial role in its decline. He explains,

"Another reason for the decline of Nalanda that has come to light is the rise of tantra Buddhism. It led to disagreement amongst monks themselves and perhaps also why the locals and kings also stopped supporting the university."

### PM Modi to attend UN climate talks in UAE on Nov **30-Dec 1: Sources**

The World Climate Action Summit on December 1-2 will see heads of states and governments

NEW DELHI, Nov 24 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the UN climate talks in Dubai on November 1 and deliver a national statement highlighting India's climate action, sources said on Friday.

The prime minister will reach the UAE on November 30, deliver India's national statement during the United Nations' World Climate Action Summit on December 1 and return the same day, a source told agency.

The World Climate Action Summit on December 1-2 will see heads of states and governments, leaders from civil society, business, youth, indigenous peoples' organizations, frontline communities, science and other sectors discussing actions and plans aimed at scaling climate

According to Oxfam International, a group of independent charitable organisations, the world's wealthiest 10 per cent were responsible for around half of global emissions in 2015.

Modi had attended the Glasgow climate talks in 2021 and announced India's strategy to combat climate change.

In August last year, India updated nationally determined contributions or nation action plan to achieve the goals set in the 2015 Paris Agreement,



COP28, scheduled to take

place from November 30 to

December 12 in Dubai, UAE,

will see the conclusion of the

first-ever "global stocktake",

a periodic review of collective

progress to meet the Paris

This assessment will shape

forthcoming climate action plans

The climate conference may

see hectic negotiations on

how the fund meant to provide

financial support to developing

and poor countries for climate

impacts should operate, and

The global south would demand the global north to

undertake rapid decarbonization

funding for adaptation.

Agreement goals.

or NDCs by 2025.

especially the target of limiting global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius and preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

India's updated NDCs aim to reduce emissions intensity of gross domestic product by 45 per cent by 2030 from 2005 levels and achieve 50 per cent cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources by 2030.

Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav will also participate in high-level events and roundtables of the 28th session of the annual climate talks (COP28), including on finance for climate goals, emissions reduction, adaptation to climate impacts, and transitioning to a global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Discontent among developing countries regarding unfulfilled promises of financial aid, particularly the yet-to-materialize USD 100 billion pledged by rich countries by 2020, is expected.

and massively scale up finance

and technology support to limit

Some countries, especially the European Union, are expected to push for a global deal to phase out unabated fossil fuels at COP28.

According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a body of top climate scientists in the world.

Global emissions need to drop 43 per cent below 2019 levels by 2030 to avoid the worst impacts of climate change, caused largely by GHG emissions from the burning of fossil fuels.

In October, Sultan Al Jaber, the president designate of COP28, urged nations to achieve a responsible phase-down of unabated fossil fuels and increase investments in clean energy.

'Unabated' refers to fossil fuels burned without employing controversial carbon emission capture technologies, allowing for continued burning if countries utilize technologies to reduce resulting emissions.

### SC judgement stern rebuke to not only Punjab Governor but to all governors: P Chidambaram



NEW DELHI, Nov 24 (Agencies): Senior Congress leader P Chidambaram on Friday said the Supreme Court's judgment asking Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit to decide on granting assent to bills passed by the state assembly was a stern "rebuke" to not only him but to all governors and called on Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi to read every line of the

His remarks come after Tamil Nadu Governor Ravi returned

ruling.

10 Bills passed by the State Assembly.

The Tamil Nadu Assembly on Saturday met for a special sitting and re-adopted all of them, even as Chief Minister M K Stalin slammed the governor for withholding the Bills due to his "whims and fancies.

In a post on X, Chidambaram said, "The judgement of the Supreme Court on the Governor's powers is a stern rebuke to not only the Governor of Punjab but to all Governors."

"Mr R N Ravi, Governor of TN, should read every line of the judgement and, if he thinks it necessary, call a competent senior advocate to explain the judgement to him," the former Union minister said.

The Supreme Court has directed Punjab Governor Purohit to decide on the Bills passed by the legislative assembly during its "constitutionally valid" session held on June 19 and 20, saying the governor's power cannot be used to "thwart the normal course of lawmaking".

The top court, in its November 10 judgement which was uploaded on Thursday night, decided on the plea of the AAP government in Punjab which alleged the governor was not granting his assent to four bills which were passed by the assembly.

### Worker killed, another injured in IED blast at iron ore mine in Chhattisgarh

NARAYANPUR, Nov 24 (Agencies): A 21-year-old worker was killed and another sustained injuries when a pressure improvised explosive device (IED) planted by Naxalites went off at an iron ore mine site in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur district on Friday.

One worker was

reported to be missing after the explosion, police said.

The incident took place around 7.30 am when three workers were going to Aamdai Ghati iron ore mine, located around 350 km away from Raipur, a senior police official said.

Jayaswal Neco Industries Limited (JNIL) has

been allotted the iron ore mine in Aamdai Ghati and Naxalites have been opposing the project for a long time.

The workers came in contact with the pressure IED connection triggering the blast, he said.

The deceased was identified as Ritesh



Gagda and the injured as Umesh Rana, who was admitted to a local hospital, he said. Search is underway

for the missing worker, Shravan Gagda (24), who was accompanying the workers during the incident, he added.

### Woman climbs mobile tower to convince man to marry her in **Uttar Pradesh**

GORAKHPUR, Nov 24 (Agencies): A 20-year-old woman climbed onto a mobile tower in Uttar Pradesh's Maharajganj district to profess her love for a man and convince him to marry her, police said on Friday.

To witness the incident, a large number of people gathered near the 50-metre-high tower that led to traffic congestion on a nearby highway, prompting police to undertake crowd control measures.

Several in the crowd recorded the incident on their mobile-phones as it reminded them of Viru's (Dharmendra) act on an overhead water tank professing his love for Basanti (Hema Malini) in the movie Sholay.

"The woman climbed onto the mobile tower near the Semra Raja toll plaza area in Maharajganj district on Thursday. She had an affair with a local youth (24) for the past few years and wanted to convince him and his family members for marriage," Circle Officer (CO) Ajay Singh Chauhan said.

"We first tried to persuade the woman to come down. However, when she refused to do so, a constable climbed onto the tower and got her down," said the CO.

The man, a truck driver, had gone to Nepal to deliver a consignment, police said and added that a case under IPC section 323 (voluntarily causing hurt) has been

### Maker of 'Nagin' and 'Jaani Dushman', producer-director Rajkumar Kohli dies

MUMBAI, Nov 24 (Agencies): Filmmaker Rajkumar Kohli, known for multistarrer movies such as 'Nagin', 'Jaani Dushman' and 'Naukar Biwi Ka', died on Friday morning at his house here, family friend Vijay Grover said. He was 95.

Kohli, one of the popular directors of the 1970s and 1980s, frequently collaborated with the top stars of the era such as Sanjeev Kumar, Sunil Dutt, Dharmendra, Jeetendra, Shatrughan Sinha and Reena Roy among others, on various films.

"Kohli ji passed away peacefully at around 8 am on Saturday. He had gone to take a shower in the morning and when he didn't step out for a while, his son Armaan broke open the door and found him on the floor. A doctor came home and declared him dead," Grover told agency.

His last rites will be held at 5.30 pm at



Santacruz crematorium. Some of Kohli's other notable films are 'Badle Ki Aag', 'Raaj Tilak' and 'Pati Patni Aur Tawaif'

The filmmaker is survived by his actorwife Nishi Kohli and son Armaan Kohli.

### Kasaragod lottery agent couple sells winning Pooja Bumper ticket of Rs 12 crore

A lottery agent couple from Kerala's Kasargod sold the winning Pooja Bumper ticket of Rs 12 crore and the second prize of Rs 1 crore.

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, Nov 24 (Agencies): The tickets sold by a lottery agent couple from Kerala's Kasargod won the Pooja bumper lottery of Rs 12 crore and second prize of 1 crore.

While Marykutty sold the ticket that won the state government's Pooja bumper jackpot, her husband Jojo sold the second prize ticket of Rs 1 crore.

The couple has been running a lottery agency by the name Bharat Lottery Agency for the last five years. They mainly cater to lottery sales in Kasargod, Kannur, and Ernakulam districts.

"The ticket my wife Marykutty



sold has won the first prize. The second prize was given to 5 people and I sold one ticket out of it. We are really happy and thank God for it. We are really looking forward to meeting the lucky winners of the ticket," Jojo

The couple also sells lotteries in their car apart from the agency in Kasargod. They are natives of Kannur, who shifted

to Kasargod in 2013. They have sold winning tickets of Rs 2 lakh, Rs 3 lakh, and Rs 5,000 earlier, but this is the first time that they sold the bumper.

Marykutty and Jojo are eagerly waiting to know the winners to whom they handed over the lucky ticket. As they live closer to the Karnataka border, they feel it could be someone from a neighbouring district.

The couple said lottery should be encouraged as it contributes to the state government's finances and a win can change the life of an individual.

The Kerala government has six bumper lotteries that include the ones during, Onam, Pooja, Christmas-New Year, Summer, Monsoon, and Vishu.

### Planes losing GPS signal over Middle East; DGCA raises concern

NEW DELHI, Nov 24 (Agencies): Aviation watchdog DGCA has issued a circular to airlines and the Airports Authority of India (AAI) on measures to deal with threats from jamming and spoofing of the Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) amid reports of such interference in the Middle East.

The circular provides comprehensive mitigation measures and action plans for aircraft operators, pilots, Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSP) and air traffic controllers.

This includes the

development of contingency procedures in coordination with equipment manufacturers and assessing operational risk by conducting a safety risk assessment. AAI is the country's ANSP, and air traffic controllers also come under it.

In a release on Friday, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said it has released an advisory circular on GNSS interference in the airspace.

The watchdog said the circular highlights the emerging threats of GNSS jamming and spoofing, the various geographical areas where it has been observed, and its potential impact on aircraft and ground-based systems. Generally, GNSS spoofing and jamming refers to attempts to manipulate a user's navigation system by giving false signals.

In the wake of the reports of GNSS interference over airspace in the Middle East in the recent past, DGCA formed an internal committee on October 4. The committee took stock of the situation, sensitised operators, and started discussions with leading experts from around

the world on the subject. After taking the inputs into account, DGCA said recommendations have been included in the circular for tackling the emerging threat considering the best practices, latest developments and ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organisation) guidance on the matter.

Besides, the circular provides a mechanism for ANSP to establish a threat monitoring and analysis network in close coordination with DGCA for preventive as well as reactive threat monitoring and analysis of reports of GNSS interference to generate valuable insights with data and new developments to have a robust and immediate threat response.

According to DGCA, the aviation industry is grappling with uncertainties due to new threats and reports of GNSS jamming and spoofing.

The circular gives the much-needed guidance and clarity to all concerned with a practical roadmap and action plan to deal with the threat of GNSS interference in airspace in an effective manner, it added. GNSS is vital for aircraft navigation.

### Andhra teacher marries minor student, arrested

TADERU, Nov 24 (Agencies): A 46-yearold school teacher and father of two daughters was arrested in Andhra Pradesh's Taderu for allegedly 'marrying' his minor student, a 15-year-old girl, said a police official on Friday.

Police arrested K Somaraju on Thursday, Hindi teacher of Yandagani Zilla Parishad High School in West Godavari district for luring the girl under the guise of love and 'marrying' her by tying a sacred thread around her neck, police

"Somaraju courted the minor girl for four months and gave his smartphone to her. Recently, he picked her up from her house, took her to his house and married her," West Godavari District Disha (women's protection wing) DSP N Murali Krishna said.

After allegedly manipulating and marrying the girl on November 19, Somaraju forcibly kept her with him for a couple of days and consum-

mated the 'marriage'. However, Krishna said the girl managed to escape from his clutches to return home in Yandagandi village and informed her family

about the ordeal.

by her father, the Class 10 student approached the police and lodged a complaint against her Hindi teacher.

Later, accompanied

Police arrested Somaraju, whose wife abandoned him seven years ago, and filed a case under IPC Sections 376, 342 and 506.

The police also booked him under Sections 5 and 6 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) Act and Section 9 of the Child Marriage Act.

The DSP said Somaraju will be produced before a Judge later on Friday.

### 4-day truce begins in Israel-Hamas war, sets stage for release of dozens of Gaza-held hostages

The return of hostages could lift spirits in Israel, where their plight has gripped the country

GAZA STRIP, Nov 24 (Agencies): A four-day truce in the Israel-Hamas war took effect early on Friday, setting the stage for the exchange of dozens of hostages held by militants in Gaza in return for Palestinians imprisoned by

The halt in fighting promised some relief for Gaza's 2.3 million people, who have endured weeks of Israeli bombardment, as well as families in Israel fearful for the fate of their loved ones taken captive during Hamas' October 7 attack that triggered the war.

The cease-fire kicked off at 7 am local time (0500 GMT) and is to last at least four days. During this period, Gaza's ruling Hamas group pledged to free at least 50 of the about 240 hostages it and other militants took on October 7. Hamas said Israel would free 150 Palestinian prisoners.

Both sides will release women



and children first. Israel said the truce would be extended an extra day for every additional 10 hostages freed.

The truce-for-hostages deal was reached in weeks of intense indirect negotiations, with Qatar, the United States and Egypt serving as mediators. If it holds,

it would mark the first significant break in fighting since Israel declared war on Hamas seven weeks ago.

The agreement raised hopes of eventually winding down the war, which has levelled vast swaths of Gaza, fuelled a surge of violence in the occupied West

Bank and stirred fears of a wider conflagration across the Middle East.

Israel has pushed back against such speculation, saving it was determined to resume its massive offensive once the truce ends. Israeli Defence Minister Yoav Gallant was quoted as telling troops on Thursday that their respite will be short and that the war would resume with intensity for at least two more months.

A first group of 13 women and children held by Hamas will be freed on Friday afternoon, according to Majed al-Ansari, the spokesman of the Qatari foreign ministry. Three Palestinian prisoners, also women and minors, are to be released for every freed hostage.

Israel's Justice Ministry published a list of 300 prisoners eligible to be released, mainly teenagers detained over the past year for rock-throwing and other minor offences.

### **Violent protests in Dublin after** children stabbed in knife attack

Public transport remains disrupted in parts of the Irish capital



DUBLIN, Nov 24 (Agencies): Protesters clashed with police in Dublin and torched several vehicles after a knife attack in the city centre on Thursday left four people, including three children, injured.

The Irish police chief blamed the unrest on a "lunatic, hooligan faction driven by far-right ideology" while President Michael D Higgins said the earlier attack is being "abused by groups with an agenda", the BBC reported.

Public transport remained disrupted in parts of the Irish capital, and an ambulance service said that it's "extremely busy" tonight.

More than 400 Irish police officers were involved in the height of the response.

In a video statement on social media, Chief Superintendent Patrick McMenamin said some members of the police force had been attacked and assaulted, The Guardian reported.

However, he said no serious injuries had been reported by gardai (Irish police force) or members of the public. Gardai remained on patrol in the city centre, he said, adding: "Dublin city centre is now calm and returning to normal."

The violence broke out after three young children and a woman were attacked in Parnell Square East in the north of the city centre. Police detained a man in his 50s, who was also being treated for injuries, and said they were not seeking other suspects.

### **Hundreds of Rohingya refugees set** sail from Bangladesh: monitor

COX'S BAZAR, Nov 24 (Agencies): At least two more boats carrying hundreds of Rohingya refugees set sail from Bangladesh this week, a monitoring group said, the latest in a wave of migrations that has seen more than 1,000 asylum seekers arrive on Indonesian shores.

Bangladesh is home to around one million Rohingya refugees, most of whom fled a violent 2017 crackdown by the Myanmar military that is now subject to a United Nations genocide probe.

Conditions for Rohingya refugees in the overcrowded, dangerous and under-resourced relief camps in Bangladesh are tough.

The mostly Muslim Rohingya are heavily persecuted in Myanmar, and thousands risk their lives each year on long and expensive sea journeys, often in flimsy boats, to try to reach

Malaysia or Indonesia. This month has seen

a spike in journeys to Indonesia's westernmost province of Aceh -- a journey of about 1,800 kilometres (1,120 miles) -- with more than 1,000 arrivals in the biggest such wave since

the 2017 crackdown in

Myanmar. "Two boats left, one on the night of 20th to 21st, and one on the night of 21st to 22nd," said Chris Lewa, director of Rohingya rights organisation the Arakan

"We are sure two boats are on the way. They should arrive in eight days."

Project.

The first one was carrying around 200 people while the second was holding up to 150 people, both likely with the aim of reaching Indonesia by next week, she said.

"They left from Bangladesh. They are always arriving in Indonesia because Malaysia is not going to let them in," Lewa, who is based in Thailand but has a team in Bangladesh, told agency.

"So the best way is to land in Indonesia. In Myanmar, those Rohingya who remain

are facing new challenges to their movement. The UN said last week

that renewed fighting between Myanmar's military and an armed group belonging to an ethnic minority in Rakhine state -- where many Rohingya are from -- has displaced thousands and restricted movement.

"No Rakhine boat is going to leave right now," said Lewa.

More than 2,000 Rohingya are believed to have attempted the risky journey to other Southeast Asian countries in 2022, according to the UN refugee agency.

Nearly 200 Rohingya died or went missing last year while attempting hazardous sea crossings, the agency has

### China says no 'unusual virus' behind pneumonia outbreak in children

LOS ANGELES, Nov 24 (Agencies): Chinese health authorities have not detected any unusual or novel pathogens and provided the requested data on an increase in respiratory illnesses and reported clusters of pneumonia in children, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said.

The WHO had asked China for more information after groups including the Program for Monitoring Emerging Diseases (ProMED) reported clusters of undiagnosed pneumonia in children in north China.

As per the rule, China responded to the WHO within 24 hours.

The WHO had sought



epidemiologic and clinical information as well as laboratory results through the International Health Regulations mechanism.

The data suggests the increase is linked to the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions along with the circulation of known pathogens like mycoplasma pneumoniae, a common bacterial infection that typically affects younger children and which has circulated since May.

Influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and adenovirus have been in circulation since October.

The agency does not

advise against travel and trade as they have been monitoring the situation with authorities.

No unusual pathogens have been detected in the capital of Beijing and the northeastern province of Liaoning.

Chinese authorities from the National Health Commission held a press conference on November 13 to report an increase in incidence of respiratory disease.

Both China and the WHO have faced questions about the transparency of reporting on the earliest Covid cases that emerged in the central Chinese city of Wuhan in late 2019.

The UN health agency had also asked China for further information about trends in the circulation of known pathogens and the burden on health care systems. The WHO said it was in contact with clinicians and scientists through its existing technical partnerships and networks in China.

WHO China said it was "routine" to request information on increases in respiratory illnesses and reported clusters of pneumonia in children from member states, such as China.

The global agency decided to issue a statement on China to share available information, as it received a number of queries about it from media, WHO China said in an emailed statement.

### **Israel Shares Video Of "Terrorist** Tunnel" Under Gaza's **Biggest Hospital**

JERUSALEM, Nov 24 (Agencies): The Israeli Defense Force (IDF) today shared videos claiming to have found a "terrorist tunnel" underneath Gaza's biggest hospital. The Al-Shifa hospital, the biggest in the besieged Palestinian enclave, serves as the lifeline for the region's residents.

Following the October 7 attacks and the subsequent Israeli military incursion into Gaza, Israel has claimed that the hospital serves as an operational headquarters for Hamas.

In a recent video, Israeli special forces claim to have entered a shaft located in the middle of a courtyard inside the Al-Shifa premises. The IDF claims that the shaft leads to a tunnel that opens up to a corridor.

"We went inside, escorted by the special forces because we needed to go through a warehouse where they located a lot of ammunition, guns, and explosives that needed to be discarded," an IDF official said.

"The first time our forces entered the



Shifa complex, they went in with a bombsniffing dog and they discovered a truck full of ammunition," she claimed.

"Further investigations, including the use of specialised equipment lowered into the shaft, revealed that it was a 10-metre deep shaft that led to a corridor. At the end of the corridor was a blastproof door with a shooting hole at the top. After ensuring that all defense mechanisms were safely dismantled, our forces opened the door, revealing another door leading deeper into the complex," she

added. Last night, the head of the Al-Shifa hospital was arrested by Israeli forces. Hospital director Mohammad Abu Salmi-



ya has been vocal about the conditions inside the Al-Shifa hospital after repeated Israeli airstrikes on Gaza. Both the Israeli mili-

tary and Hamas have accused each other of waging a "propaganda war" against each other since the region plunged into chaos following the October 7 attacks. Morphed images, decontextualised videos unrelated to the ongoing crisis have often been found circulating on social media with illegitimate claims. While authentic

footage and firsthand accounts of the destruction have been circulated extensively, there have also been occurrences of people disseminating misinformation and misrepresenting videos from unrelated incidents.

### president Alvaro Uribe summoned over 1997 paramilitary massacre

**Former Colombian** 



BOGOTA, Nov 24 (Agencies): Former Colombian president Alvaro Uribe will appear before the Attorney General's office next week over a 1997 paramilitary massacre, authorities said.

While Uribe was governor of the Antioquia department, a group of 150 right-wing paramilitary members killed at least 15 people in the village of El Aro.

Last week, paramilitary leader Salvatore Mancuso, at a hearing with Colombia's Special Jurisdiction for Peace, said Uribe "always knew about the operation." The country has for decades been convulsed by

fighting between the security forces, leftist guerrillas, right-wing paramilitaries and drug gangs. The former president has been called to appear

before the Attorney General on Monday after he requested "to be heard," authorities said. Uribe, who was president from 2002-2010, said on

social media that Mancuso was a "bandit" who accused him "without direct evidence and with contradictions to previous statements. Uribe is also under investigation for corruption and

procedural fraud in a witness tampering case. Mancuso appeared before the Special Jurisdiction

for Peace -- a special court born from a 2016 peace accord with FARC rebels -- from the United States, where he was extradited in 2008 for drug trafficking. He promised to reveal criminal links between politicians and businessmen to the Special Jurisdiction for

While in office, Uribe had taken a hard stand against left-wing guerrillas -- a stance applauded by his supporters but criticized by the opposition.

He remains a prominent voice on Colombia's right, which ceded power to left-wing President Gustavo Petro in the 2022 election.

Petro took office with a stated goal of achieving "total peace" among the armed groups operating in the country, a task that has so far proved elusive as multiple peace talks and ceasefires are pursued by various movements

### **Elon Musk To Meet Netanyahu** In Israel, Visit Towns Hit By **Hamas: Report**



TEL AVIV. Nov 24 (Agencies): Business tycoon Elon Musk is expected to be in Israel next week, during which he will visit towns near the Gaza border that were attacked by Hamas on October 7, The Jerusalem Post reported citing Hebrew broadcast channel N12. According to the report, Musk will meet with Israeli President Isaac Herzog and

min Netanyahu during his visit. Musk has come under increasing fire in recent weeks for supposed failures to combat antisemitism on the social media site X, formerly Twitter, which the entrepreneur bought in April

Prime Minister Benja-

2022, The Jerusalem Post has reported. The failure to combat

antisemitism on the app and comments viewed as anti-Semitic, shared by Musk himself resulted in several advertisers like Apple and Disney cutting off their spending on the microblogging site.

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

Earlier this week, Musk announced that X would be donating all revenue from advertising and subscriptions "associated with the war in Gaza"

to hospitals in Israel and the Red Cross/Crescent in Gaza.

In a post on 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."

Last month, Musk had made a claim that he wanted to provide internet coverage through his ambitious new Starlink satellite to the Gaza Strip, which sparked outrage from Israeli officials, including Communications Minister Shlomo Karhi, The Jerusalem Post has reported.

Karhi claimed he would fight any move to try to do so nevertheless Musk stressed that if Starlink access is provided to Gaza, the company would take "extraordinary measures" to confirm that it is used for purely humanitarian reasons.

Friday marks the first day of a four-day ceasefire set to commence between Israel and the Hamas group, which will see the release of hostages, Palestinian prisoners and crucial humanitarian aid entering the Gaza Strip.



#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Nov 24: The workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS) under the leadership of president Ashok Gupta held a massive protest in Jammu city by burning the Pakistani Flag against the martyrdom of our two captain and three Jawans in a encounter

The encounter broke out between terrorists and joint forces of the Army and the Jammu and Kashmir Police in the Bailmal area of Dharmsal following a cordon-and-

The party president paid his tribute to the martyrs and offered condolences to the families of the mar-

The tragic incident serves as a stark reminder of the challenges faced by our security forces in their tireless efforts to maintain peace in the region, Gupta said adding that DFSS stands in solidarity with the brave soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

The party people present at the protest were Ganesh, Abhishek, Raj Kumar, Dinesh, Kewal, Bantu, Vikky and Prem.

### **Udhampur Police organises** awareness programme

#### **Top News Report**

UDHAMPUR, Nov 24: Udhampur Police in collaboration with Special Cell for Women Udhampur organised an awareness programme in connection with celebrated 16 days of activism campaign for 2023. The theme for the 16 days of activism campaign is "Investing to prevent violence against women and girls", focusing importance of investing in different prevention strategies to stop violence from its beginning. The said program was chaired by Mohd Anwar-UI-Hag Addl. SP Udhampur and attended by Inspector Isha Mahajan SHO Women cell Udhampur Priyanka Hansa and Azra Parveen Professional



Social workers from Special cell for women. Udhampur supported by (National commission for women), Government of

Addl SP Anwar UI Haq enlightened the police officials about violence against women if not inevitable; it is preventable. We must change the story, challenge misogyny and violence and make sure women are heard. Professional Social workers enlightened about in every country and culture,

more action is needed to ensure women in all their diversity to live free of violence and coercion. Women and girls everywhere should be able to access the help they need, when they need it. so we can end violence

once and for all Approximately 60 Police officers and officials participated in this campaign. Campaign was ended with positive notes that we all should unite to prevent gender based violence against women

#### Tiny Tots School brings laurels in 14th **State Speed Ball Championship**

nized by J&K Sports

Speed Ball Association

at BIS. The winners are

under 10 yrs Moham-

mad Mutaab, Under-14



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Nov 24: Students of Tiny Tots School Roop Nagar who excelled in the 14th State Speed Adit Sharma, Under -17 Shivam Zutshi and Mohammad tazeem The Principal of the

School, Deepali Handa applauded the effort of the students & their sports coach Amer Kushal for this achievement as it was not possible without their equal efforts put in.

Gautam Shachdeva,

### **Max Hospital launches** liver transplant center

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU / CHANDI-GARH, Nov 24: Max Super Speciality Hospital Mohali on Friday announced the launch of its liver transplant center. It will be headed by Dr Abhideep Chaudhary vice chairman & HOD of liver transplant & biliary sciences, who has performed over 2000+ liver transplants & hepato biliary surgeries in his career.

Dr Pinak Moudgil senior vice president said, "We are proud to say Max Mohali has the most experienced and well-trained doctors. Being a pioneer in the healthcare industry, we believe the hospital would continue to render quality healthcare services with the right infrastructure and expertise.

Dr Abhideep Chaudhary said, "The newly launched centre will have round-the-clock trained hepatologist, comprehensive 24/7 management of liver diseases and associated complications, state of the art liver ICU, liver dialysis, advanced liver cancer treatment, transarterial chemoembolization, radio-frequency ablation, trans-arterial radio embolisation. The aim is to deliver highend medical services to the people of Mohali and nearby regions."

Dr Atul Sachdev, medical director & HOD of gastroenterology said that "Expert post-operative care with wellequipped infrastructure in our center will ensure a quicker recovery. An expert and well-trained team of nurses, postoperative care specialists and paramedics aid in the recovery process of Liver Transplant patients which will ensure optimal outcomes."

#### Ajaz Jan attends Namaz-e-Janaza of Kalakote martyr, expresses grief

#### **Top News Report**

POONCH, Nov 24: Ajaz Jan, Provincial President of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) Youth and former MLA, has expressed grief over the martyrdom of five Army personnel, including two captains and one JCO in Kalakote encounter.

While attending Namaz-e-Janaza of Kalakote Martyrs at his graveyard in village Ajot in Poonch, the former Legislator said, "I offer my heartfelt condolences to the families of the martyred soldiers. Their sacrifice will never be forgotten. I also pray for the speedy recovery of the injured soldiers,"

Jan added. He also met his father and other family members and expressed sympathies with the bereaved families.

Earlier in 2017, Abdul Majed's brother was also martyred. His family has made a great contribution to the coun-

Jan appealed to the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, to take care of such families who have sacrificed their family members while serving the motherland.

"The government must provide all possible assistance to the families of the martyrs and ensure that they are not left to fend for themselves. We must also work to ensure that such incidents do not happen again," Jan said.

### Udhampur police observes "Thana Diwas" in Latti, Sudhamahadev, Dudu



#### **Top News Report**

UDHAMPUR, Nov 24: Thana Diwas-an initiative of J&K UT Administration as a public outreach program was organised in Sudhmahadev in the jurisdiction of PS Che-

The event was chaired SSP Udhampur Joginder Singh, while SDPO Chenani Tahir Amin Sheikh, SHO Chenani Insp S.D Singh and IC PP Sudhmahadev PSI Rhythm Sharma were also present in Police Post Sudhmahadev.

PRIs and civil society members of the area participated in it and highlighted various issues of public importance. The participants were assured that their grievances will be projected to concerned Departments and get addressed on priority.

While speaking on the occasion SSP Udhampur said that Thana Diwas is an initiative to bridge the gap between police and public and also to highlight the grievances of public including those pertaining to civil administration and facilitate redressal on priority. He appealed the participants to cooperate with the police in the eradication of crime and more specifically drugs menace which is engulfing the youths and also help in main-

the area Similarly, Thana Diwas were also conducted in Police Station Latti and Police Post Dudu by SSP Udhampur in which SDPO Chenani Tahir Amin Sheikh, SHO PS Latti Insp. Zulfikar Ali, IC PP Dudu PSI Rohin Chalotra participated.

taining law and order in

Civil Society members and respectable persons of the areas remained present in this occasion.

The participants were made aware about the Thana Diwas and further requested to put forth their grievances/problems. Suitable directions were imparted on spot to concerned SHO/IC PP to redress the issues relating to the Police as highlighted by the Participants, whereas the participants were assured that matter would be taken up with Civil Administration for resolving their problems/ grievances pertaining to other wings of Administration.

The chairing officer also informed the participants that Police has made all efforts to set effective mechanism for the delivery of Police services and all the available apparatus is being utilized in delivering the services related to Police for the benefit of needy people/ complainants during the event and assure that their grievances will be forwarded to concerned departments for speedy disposal. All the above locations, VDG members were specifically given briefing vis-a-vis present security scenario.

They have been sensitized to remain vigilant in their respective areas.

While concluding, participants appreciated the this initiative which according to them, will help in prompt redressal of their grievances.

### Sandeep Tiwari qualifies Ph.D

#### **Top News Report**

KATRA, Nov 24: Sandeep Kumar Tiwari, a researcher from the School of Economics at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, has successfully completed his Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Economics under the guidance of Dr. Pabitra Kumar Jena and Dr. Kirtti Ranjan Paltasingh.

He conducted empirical analysis on "An Assessment of Elementary Education Efficiency in Uttar Pradesh" and has published research papers in high-impact factor international journals ranked in the SSCI.



SCOPUS, and ABDC. Tiwari has also had the privilege of presenting his research findings at numerous national and international conferences. Currently, he is contributing his expertise as a Consultant (Economics, at the Giri Institute of Development Studies (GIDS) ,Lucknow, Uttar

Pradesh. The accomplished scholar extends his heartfelt gratitude to the School of Economics at SMVD University and the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, for providing essential resources and unwavering support throughout his research journey.

(Dr.) Pragati Prof. Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU; Dr. Ashutosh Vashishth, Dean, Faculty of Management; Dr. Roop Lal, Head, School of Economics, and other committee members congratulated the scholar and wished him a bright future.

#### **J&K LG, Northern Army Commander. Police pay** tributes to 5 soldiers martyred in Rajouri encounter

Those who laid down their lives fighting terrorists were Captain M V Pranial (63 RR) of Mangalore area of Karnataka, Captain Shubham Gupta (9 Para) of Agra of Uttar Pradesh, Havaldar Abdul Majid (Para) of Ajote in Poonch, J-K; Lance Naik Sanjay Bist of Halli Padli area of Nainital, UK and Paratrooper Sachin Laur of Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh.

The coffins of the martyred army personnel wrapped in the tricolour will be airlifted to their native places from Jammu for their last rites, officials said.

Two terrorists, including a top Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) commander trained in Afghanistan, and five soldiers including two captains were killed in a 36-hour-long gunfight with security forces on Wednesday and Thursday in the Bajimaal area of Darmsal.

Captain Pranjal is survived by his wife Aditi G, while Capt Gupta leaves behind his father Basant Kumar Gupta.

Havaldar Majid is survived by his wife Sagera Bi and three children, while Lance Naik Bisht and Paratrooper Laur leave behind their mothers Manju Devi and Bhagvati Devi, respectively.

#### **Pak is making attempts** to push foreign terrorists into J&K: Army Commander

Rajouri-Poonch belt fluctuates as the area is connected with the national highway. "Roughly there is a possibility of 20 to 25 terrorists operating in the area but the way army, police and other intelligence agencies have intensified their operations, we are sure to control the situation within

one year." Lt General Dwivedi said.

Mentioning the killings of the terrorists in the Bajimaal encounter, he said, "They have created an ecosystem and their killing has dealt a severe blow to Pakistan to disturb the region.'

He said the sacrifice of the five soldiers led to the neutralisation of the two dreaded terrorists and it is a big achievement. "The two terrorists were active for the last one year and we were not able to find them. Someone was providing weapons, ammunition and also information," Lt General

It was very important to neutralise them as they were responsible for 10 civilian killings in Dhangri and TCP in Rajouri town besides masterminding attacks on security forces at Kandi in which five army personnel lost their lives, he said.

The army commander said it was possible that they were trained in several countries, including Pakistan and Afghanistan.

"They were highly trained foreign terrorists and our brave soldiers without paying attention to their safety got into the operation and eliminated them. The troops have done a laudable job," he said.

Lt General Dwivedi, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, General Officer Commanding of the Jammu-based White Knight Corps, Lt General Sandeep Jain, Director General of Police R R Swain, Additional Director General of Police, Law and Order, Vijay Kumar, and Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, Anand Jain, were among those who laid wreaths on the coffins of the fallen soldiers of the Bailmaal encounter.

"I bow to our army bravehearts, Captain MV Pranjal, Captain Shubham Gupta, Havaldar Abdul Majid, Lance Naik Sanjay Bisht, Paratrooper Sachin Laur martyred while protecting the motherland during an anti-terror operation in Rajouri. Their valour and sacrifice will never be forgotten. Condolences to their families," the Lt Governor posted on X after the wreath laying

Referring to his recent interaction with Captain Bhist, Lt Gen Dwivedi said, "I handed him a commendation card myself

FROM PAGE 1 and asked him what he wants to do in the future. His reply was that he will do something big within seven days. He sacrificed his life for the nation.'

He also referred to a statement of Captain Pranjal's father lauding his son's bravery. He said it has boosted the morale of the troops and motivated them to do more such operations for the country, the army official

"The killing of Quari is not only a big achievement for the security forces, but also a morale booster for the civilians who were living under fear. This fear has now gone and more people will come forward to help in neutralisation of the active terrorists." he said.

He also lauded the local populace for their support and said the latest success was because of their to support the army.

#### **AAP leader Satyendar Jain's** interim bail extended by SC till December 4

The probe agency has alleged that Jain has taken as many as 16 dates from the

The apex court had on May 26 granted interim bail to Jain for six weeks for spinal surgery, saying a citizen has a right to receive treatment of his choice in a private hospital at his own expense. On September 12, it extended till September 25 the interim bail of Jain in the case.

The ED had arrested the AAP leader on May 30 last year on the charge of money laundering through four companies allegedly linked to him. It had arrested Jain based on a CBI FIR registered against him in 2017 under the Prevention of Corruption Act

He was granted regular bail by the trial court on September 6, 2019, in the case registered by the CBI.

**Centre gives 7-day** deadline to social media

#### platforms to address deenfakes

Vaishnaw

"We need urgent steps to strengthen trust in society and to protect our democracy from deepfakes," Vaishnaw added.

The Minister is expected to meet social media companies again on this burning topic next month. The new regulation will also focus on strengthening the reporting mechanisms for individuals to report such videos, and for proactive and timely actions by social media companies, said Vaishnaw.

#### **Kharge expresses grief** over death of 5 soldiers in Rajouri Encounter

for displaying indomitable courage and valour in fighting terrorists.

"In this hour of grief, our deepest condolences to their families and loved ones. India stands united and strong against terrorism," the party chief said.

Two terrorists, including a top Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) commander trained in Afghanistan, were killed in a 36-hour-long gunfight with security forces on Wednesday and

#### "Petty politics": Defence experts condemn Mehbooba Mufti's statement on Raiouri attack

nation, a certain amount of price has to be paid. It is unfortunate that we lost five lives because the terrorists had all the advantages of tortuous terrain, dense jungles and very poor visibility. This, notwithstanding the complicity of the Pakistanis, stands absolutely established because they flew two drones to resupply arms and ammunition. Under the circumstances, this statement is absolutely and totally condemnable

and she should not have indulged in this petty politics at all," Defence Expert PK Sehgal told ANI.

On Thursday, Mufti said, "When they (the central government) say that the situation in J&K is normal, then why are our jawans losing their lives?"

Responding to Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav's statement on the loss of lives of five Army personnel in an encounter with terrorists in Rajouri, Sehgal accused Akhilesh Yadav of falling victim to vote bank politics. He suggested that Yadav's comments were a desperate attempt to re-establish his party's standing in the upcoming 2024 Lok Sabha elections in Uttar Pradesh.

"It's very unfortunate that Akhilesh Yadav too has fallen victim to vote bank politics; he knows that in the 2024 elections, his party stands no chance whatsoever in UP. To reestablish himself, he is making such silly statements," Defence Expert PK Sehgal told ANI.

On Thursday, SP Chief Akhilesh Yadav said, "The number of soldiers martyred in Kashmir has increased in the last 10 years since the BJP came to power at the centre.'

Five soldiers, including two Army captains, lost their lives in the Rajouri counterterrorist operations. While two terrorists, including a top LeT commander and sniper, identified as Quari, were neutralised in the counterterrorist operation.

### **Srinagar-Jammu National Highway to** remain partially closed

An official order from ADC Ramban outlined the specific timings for the traffic suspension and entrusted the Police Department Ramban and Traffic Police NHW, Ramban, with the implementation to ensure public safety.

Despite these interruptions, the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway will remain open for the two-way movement of Light Motor Vehicles (LMVs) and heavy vehicles. However, traffic flow between Nashri and Banihal is expected to experience delays.

### **Markets trade flat amid** heavy volatility

The Nifty advanced 28.9 points to 19,830.90

MUMBAI, Nov 24 (Agencies): Equity benchmark indices were trading flat after initial gains in a highly volatile trade on Friday amid lack of any immediate trigger.

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 67.71 points to 66,085.52 in early trade. The Nifty advanced 28.9 points to 19,830.90.

However, later both the benchmark indices faced heavy volatility and were trading between highs and

Among the Sensex firms, NTPC, Mahindra & Mahindra, Sun Pharma, UltraTech Cement, HDFC Bank and Axis Bank were the major gainers.

Tata Motors, HCL Tech, Tech Mahindra and Bajaj Finserv were among the laggards.

In Asian markets.



Tokyo traded in the green while Seoul, Shanghai and Hong Kong were quoting lower.

The US markets were closed for Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday.

"Positive catalysts include sluggish WTI oil prices, FIIs and DIIs as net buyers, and global markets expecting the Fed to halt rate hikes," Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd, said in his pre-opening market comment. Global oil benchmark Brent crude dipped 0.02 per cent to USD 81.40 a barrel.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 255.53 crore on Thursday, according to exchange data.

The BSE benchmark dipped 5.43 points or 0.01 per cent to settle at 66,017.81 on Thursday. The Nifty slipped 9.85 points or 0.05 per cent to 19.802

### New consumer credit norms to bolster India's financial stability amidst surging loan growth: RBI

NEW DELHI, Nov 24 (Agencies): In a proactive move aimed at mitigating potential systemic risks associated with the rapid growth of consumer credit, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has implemented stringent measures, impacting both banks and non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs).

Fitch Ratings has provided insights into the repercussions of these regulatory adjustments on the financial sector.

The central focus of the regulatory adjustments is to mandate banks and NBFIs to allocate more capital against unsecured consumer credit.

Fitch Ratings views these changes as a credit-positive effort by regulatory authorities to control emergent risks in consumer credit.

Notably, the growth of unsecured credit card loans and personal loans by banks witnessed an impressive 29.9 per cent and 25.5 per cent year-onyear increase, respectively, in the first half of the financial year ending March 2024.

This surge in consumer credit raised concerns, prompting the need for preventive measures.

The increasing exposure to unsecured consumer credit considered a riskier loan category,



signals a greater risk appetite among banks and NBFIs.

This trend is attributed to the institutions seeking to protect net interest margins (NIMs) amid fierce competition for secured retail loans.

The regulatory changes introduce higher risk weightings, aligning for both banks and NBFIs. While risk weightings for credit-card lending increase to 125 per cent (from 100 per cent previously) for NBFIs, banks maintain a higher 150 per cent. Microfinance is excluded from higher risk weights for NBFIs, distinguishing it from banks.

Fitch Ratings estimates that the measures may lower the common equity Tier 1 (CET1) ratio of the banking system by around 30 basis points.

The impact varies for Fitchrated banks, ranging from 6 to

34 basis points, with a doubledigit impact expected for private banks like State Bank of India (SBI) and Canara Bank.

Private banks, with relatively better CET1 capitalization, are expected to maintain reasonable capitalization even after the changes.

The measures, however, may not significantly lower banks' capital scores or standalone Viability Ratings (VRs), though SBI's VR headroom could

Fitch-rated NBFIs, including Shriram Finance Limited, Muthoot Finance Ltd, IIFL Finance Limited, and Manappuram Finance Limited, witness an impact on capitalization ratios, loan growth, and future asset quality.

However, the overall impact is expected to be limited, with these entities benefiting from reduced systemic risk.

NBFIs may experience a rise in bank funding costs by 40 to 60 basis points. This assumes that banks pass on capital costs from higher risk weights on loans to NBFIs.

Larger NBFIs are better positioned to negotiate favorable terms with banks, while lowerrated entities could face greater increases.

Loans to housing finance companies and NBFIs eligible for priority sector classification are excluded from the adjustment, benefiting entities like Shriram due to their priority sector expo-

The regulatory changes aim to strike a balance between fostering consumer credit growth and preventing the buildup of systemic risks.

The phased implementation of these measures underscores the regulators' commitment to maintaining financial stability while allowing financial institutions time to adapt to the new norms.

As India's financial landscape undergoes these adjustments, stakeholders are closely monitoring the impact on lending practices, risk management, and overall economic resilience.

### South Africa, Colombia and others are fighting drugmakers over access to TB and HIV drugs

CAPE TOWN, Nov 24 (Agencies): South Africa, Colombia and other countries that lost out in the global race for coronavirus vaccines are taking a more combative approach towards drugmakers and pushing back on policies that deny cheap treatment to millions of people with tuberculosis and HIV.

Experts see it as a shift in how such countries deal with pharmaceutical behemoths and say it could trigger more efforts to make lifesaving medicines more widely available.

In the COVID-19 pandemic, rich countries bought most of the world's vaccines early, leaving few shots for poor countries and creating a disparity the World Health Organization called "a catastrophic moral failure."

Now, poorer countries are trying to become more self-reliant "because they've realized after COVID they can't count on anyone else." said Brook Baker. who studies treatmentaccess issues at Northeastern University.

One of the targets is a drug, bedaquiline, that is used for treating people with drug-resistant versions of tuberculosis. The pills are especially important for South Africa, where TB killed more than 50,000 people in 2021, making it the country's leading cause of death.

In recent months, activists have protested efforts by Johnson & Johnson to protect its patent on the drug. In March, TB patients petitioned the Indian government, calling for cheaper generics; the government ultimately agreed J&J's patent could be broken. Belarus and Ukraine then wrote to J&J, also asking it to drop its patents, but with

little response. In July, J&J's patent on the drug expired in South Africa, but the company had it extended until 2027, enraging activists who accused it of profiteering.

The South African government then began investigating the company's pricing policies. It had been paying about 5,400 rand (\$282) per treatment course, more than twice as much as poor countries that got the drug via a global effort called the Stop TB partnership.

In September, about a week after South Africa's probe began, J&J announced that it would drop its patent in more than 130 countries, allowing generic-makers to copy the drug.

"This addresses any misconception that access to our medicines is limited," the company

Christophe Perrin, a TB expert at Doctors Without Borders, called J&J's reversal "a big surprise" because aggressive patent protection was typically a "cornerstone" of pharmaceutical companies' strategy. Meanwhile, in Colom-

bia, the government declared last month that it would issue a compulsory license for the HIV drug dolutegravir without permission from the drug's patentholder, Viiv Healthcare. The decision came after more than 120 groups asked the Colombian government to expand access to the WHO-recommended drug.

"This is Colombia taking the reins after the extreme inequity of COVID and challenging a major pharmaceutical to ensure affordable AIDS treatment for its people," said Peter Maybarduk of the Washington advocacy group Public Citizen. He noted that Brazilian activists are pushing their government to make a similar move.

Still, some experts said much more needs to change before poorer countries can produce their own medicines and

When the coronavirus pandemic hit, Africa produced fewer than 1% of all vaccines made globally but used more than half of the world's supply, according to Petro Terblanche, managing director of Afrigen Biologics. The company is part of a WHO-

backed effort to produce a COVID vaccine using the same mRNA technology as those made by Pfizer and Moderna.

Terblanche estimated about 14 million people died of AIDS in Africa in the late 1990s-2000s, when countries couldn't get the necessary medi-

Back then, President Nelson Mandela's government in South Africa eventually suspended patents to allow wider access to AIDS drugs. That prompted more than 30 drugmakers to take it to court in 1998, in a case dubbed "Mandela vs. Big Pharma."

Doctors Without Borders described the episode as a public relations disaster" for the drug companies, which dropped the lawsuit in 2001.

Terblanche said that Africa's past experience during the HIV epidemic has proven instructive.

"It's not acceptable for a listed company to hold intellectual property that stands in the way of saving lives and so, we will see more countries fighting back," she said. Challenging pharmaceutical companies is just one piece to ensuring Africa has equal access to treatments and vaccines, Terblanche said. More

are critical. "If we can't get (vaccines and medicines) to the people who need them, they aren't useful," she said.

robust health systems

Yet some experts pointed out that South Africa's own intellectual property laws still haven't been changed sufficiently and make it too easy for pharmaceutical companies to acquire patents and extend their monopolies.

While many other developing countries allow legal challenges to a patent or a patent extension, South Africa has no clear law that allows it to do that, said Lynette Keneilwe Mabote-Eyde, a health care activist who consults for the nonprofit

Treatment Action Group. The South African department of health

didn't respond to a request for comment regarding drug procurement and patents.

Andy Gray, who advises the South African government on essential medicines, said J&J's recent decision to not enforce its patent may have more to do with the drug's limited future earnings than caving to pressure from activists.

"Because bedaqui-

line is not ever going to sell in huge volumes in high-income countries, it's the sort of product they would love to offload at some stage and perhaps earn a royalty from," said Gray, a senior lecturer in pharmacology at the Universitv of Kwa∠ulu-Natal.

In its annual report on TB released earlier this month, the World Health Organization said there were more than 10 million people sickened by the disease last year and 1.3 million deaths. After COVID-19, tuberculosis is the world's deadliest infectious disease and it is now the top killer of people with HIV. WHO noted only about 2 in 5 people with drug-resistant TB are

being treated. Zolelwa Sifumba, a South African doctor, was diagnosed with drug-resistant TB in 2012 when she was a medical student and endured 18 months of treatment taking about 20 pills every day in addition to daily injections, which left her in "immense pain" and resulted in some hearing loss. Bedaquiline was not rolled out as a standard treatment in South Africa until 2018.

"I wanted to quit (treatment) every single day," she said. Since her recovery, Sifumba has become an advocate for better TB treatment, saying it makes little sense to charge poor countries high prices for essential medicines. "TB is everywhere but

the burden of it is in your lower and middle income countries," she said. "If the lower income countries can't get it (the drug), then what's the point? Who are you making it for?"

### Is sleeping with your baby a good idea? Here's what the science says

TROIS-RIVIERES (CANADA), Nov 24 (Agencies): Sleeping with your baby is not life-threatening, but it's not essential either. Rather, it's a family choice that you should make with your partner.

However, in order to make the right decision you need to have access to reliable information. The choice of sleeping arrangements at the beginning of your child's life depends on a multitude of factors. So-called co-sleeping has become a polaris-

ing subject. The important questions surrounding the practice are often drowned out in a whirlwind of information and opinions. Parents can quickly find themselves struggling over the best choice.

As researchers at the Universite du Quebec a Trois-Rivieres and experts in early childhood and the sleep of children and teenagers, we've surveyed the scientific studies on co-sleeping in order to show both sides of the

What do we mean by co-sleeping?

To start with, cosleeping is a sleeping arrangement. It is not a method used for falling asleep, although sleeping arrangements

strongly influence this. There are two types of co-sleeping: Co-sleeping on a shared surface, as in sharing the same bed; and co-sleeping in the same room, which involves sharing the same sleeping area.

A recent Canadian study reported that about a third of mothers co-sleep on the same surface, while 40 per cent said they had never co-slept at all. A Quebec study in the late 1990s revealed that one-third of mothers co-slept in the same room.

The Canadian Paediatric Society states: "For the first 6 months, the safest place for your baby to sleep is on their back, in a crib, cradle or bassinet that is in your room (room sharing)."

Two schools of thought After it came to light in the late 2000s that Canada had high mortality rates among



infants (one per thousand), society adopted a rather alarmist view of co-sleeping.

The first school of thought focuses on the medical aspects of cosleeping linked to the risks of sleeping with a baby, such as choking, crushing or sudden infant death syndrome.

The second school aims to facilitate the practice of breastfeeding and the inclusion of cultural and family values and believes that co-sleeping promotes them.

These two main schools of thought coexist, which explains why the choice of sleeping arrangements in the early months can become so challenging for parents.

Better for breastfeeding and communication Does co-sleeping promote breastfeeding

during the night? Yes, according to scientific studies. But it's hard to say whether it's breastfeeding that favours this practice or whether it's the other way around. In any case, breastfeeding is the main reason why mothers choose sharedsurface co-sleeping.

However, no difference was found between breastfeeding at night and the two types of cosleeping. In other words, sleeping in the same room is just as conducive to breastfeeding as is sleeping on a shared surface.

The same applies to meeting the child's needs. According to a scientific study, physical contact and proximity in the same room promote the synchronization of the child's circadian rhythm with that of the parent. This helps the baby consolidate their sleep. This would make parents more alert to the infant's signals in both

types of sleep arrange-

ment. And that, in turn, would help communication and make it possible to respond easily and quickly to the baby's needs.

Less stress While co-sleeping is known to reduce a

baby's stress, it depends on the level. One study that asked parents about this subject found that children who had experienced one of two co-sleeping arrangements had lower anxiety levels at preschool age compared with those who had co-slept for less than six months.

Another study showed that children who slept with a parent had a lower stress response at 12 months of age compared with those who did not. However, when comparing a higher stress situation (e.g. getting a vaccination) to a moderate stress situation (e.g. during bath time), the difference between the two groups was smaller. It should be noted that several variables still need to be tested in order to fully understand this relationship, and that the two types of co-sleeping arrangements were not compared.

More disturbed and fractured sleep

Babies who co-sleep wake up more often than those who sleep alone at the beginning of life. This is also true

for parents. A study measuring the amount of sleep at six, 12 and 18 months showed that the group of children co-sleeping on a shared surface or in the same room had more nocturnal arousals, measured by actigraphy at six months. They also had more arousals measured by the mothers' sleep diaries at six, 12 and 18 months, compared with the group of children sleeping alone.

At 12 months, the solitary sleepers had a longer average sleep time. These results were obtained after controlling for type of feeding (breast or bottle). However, the study did not investigate whether sleep characteristics differed between the two types of co-sleeping.

Mothers who co-sleep on a shared surface report that their babies fall asleep more easily and quickly, but wake up more frequently. They say they choose this arrangement to improve their family's sleep.

Mothers generally perceive no sleep difficulties in their babies. But when mothers' sleep is measured by actigraphy, it is more fragmented and disturbed for the first 18 months compared with those who opted for a solitary sleep arrangement.

Another objective study reveals that cosleeping on a shared surface over the longer term (for the first two years of the child's life) is associated with a shorter sleep duration at night, a greater need for naps during the day, and a higher proportion of difficulties falling asleep. Attachment: no clear

answers Is co-sleeping on a shared surface associated with stronger attachment to the child? This

subject is controversial.

Some studies have reported a stronger attachment bond in babies who co-slept on a shared surface compared with those who slept alone.

Others report no link, either positive or negative, between parentchild attachment and sleep arrangement after the child's first six

months of life. Parents' choice

This scientific data will help parents choose the sleeping arrangement that's right for them and their family. The decision remains a parental choice.

If you opt for a cosleeping arrangement, you can find the safety measures to put in place on the Health Canada site in order to make sure everyone gets a good night's sleep.

# India win: Surya 'shines' at night but Rinku once again finishes off in style

By chasing 209 with 1 ball to spare, India's register highest successful chase in T20 Internationals

VISAKHAPATNAM, Nov 24 (Agencies): Skipper Suryakumar Yadav shrugged off the disappointment of a World Cup final defeat with a captain's knock but it was Rinku Singh's composure that took a young Indian team to a thrilling two-wicket victory in the opening T20 International here on Thursday.

This was India's highest successful chase in T20 Internationals.

The skipper was in belligerent mood making a mockery of a 209-run chase with 80 off just 42 balls but Rinku's 22 not off 14 balls saved India from the blushes.

India needed 14 off 12 balls after Surya departed but Axar Patel bungled big time and the likes of Ravi Bishnoi and Arshdeep Singh also were run-out in a jiffy.

With a single needed off the final delivery, Sean Abbott was deposited into the stands by Rinku but to everyone's delight, it turned out to be a big no-ball and hence the maximum wasn't counted. India thus won with a ball to spare.

However, what stood out was Rinku's fearlessness and the sense of occasion and execution under pressure.

Ishan Kishan also brushed aside initial rustiness to smack five sixes in his 39-ball-58 and was an ideal companion for his skipper in a run-chase which became easy due to a flat batting track, short boundaries although there wasn't a lot of dew during the second innings.

What the 112-run stand in 10 overs between Surya and Kishan did for India was keep them at par with Australia and in the hunt for a win.

Rinku, the 'designated finisher' of T20 team, showed little



Earlier, India's young bowling

attack got a rude reality check as

a dominant Josh Inglis smoked

them to all parts of the ground

with a cracking 110 off 50 balls,

taking Australia to a healthy 208

sion to bowl first on a batting

featherbed turned out to be a

nightmare for the inexperienced

Indian attack. They were taken

to the cleaners by Inglis (110 off

50 balls), who hit as many as

eight sixes, half a dozen of them

off googly bowler Ravi Bishnoi.

The century, his first across

international formats, came

off 47 balls and there were 11

boundaries as well, including

an audacious reverse sweep off

pacer Arshdeep Singh (0/41 in

4 overs) and an arrogant slash

over point off the same bowler.

Only pacer Mukesh Kumar

(0/29 in 4 overs) held his own

amid the onslaught from both

The stockily built keeper-bat-

ter, brimming with confidence

of an altogether different level,

took a special liking for Bishnoi

(1/54 in 4 overs), who for the first

time looked exposed due to his

one-dimensional skill-set of con-

Surya's deci-

for three.

nerves while lending the finishing touches with some lusty blows after Axar Patel's 2 off 6 balls seemed like increasing tension in the dug-out.

Kishan initially had only two runs off his first eight deliveries but once Surya played his customary pick-up short off Jason Behrendorff behind the keeper for a six, the keeperbatter seemed to gain some confidence as he lofted Sean Abbott over deep mid-wicket for a huge six.

Surya lofted Abbott for a maximum and both got going as Kishan found his match-up in leg-break bowler Tanveer Sangha, who was sent on a leather-hunt.

Sangha's leg-breaks were literally long-hops coming into left-hander and three of Kishan's five sixes were muscled in the same region but it was the hunger for a sixth six over extra cover that brought about his downfall.

His skipper, however, hit the best six of the match when he brought about his first half-century with a lofted on-drive off Abbott.

sistently bowling fast googlies, with an occasional straighter one slipped in between.

Inglis had the seasoned Steve Smith (52 off 41 balls) for company as the former skipper kept nudging and pushing apart from his eight boundaries in a stand of 130, dominated by the junior partner.

Prasidh Krishna (1/50 in 4 overs), who travelled around with the World Cup squad for a month, clearly didn't find any rhythm as it was Smith, who first creamed him for successive boundaries and then when his end was changed by Suryakumar, the fate didn't change as he was hit for three fours and a six by Inglis, who went on a rampage.

In fact, it was Bishnoi who drew the first blood getting Matthew Short cleaned up with a straighter one but then Inglis devised a plan that worked wonderfully well for him.

Knowing that Bishnoi primarily bowls fast googlies or just pushes one with the angle, he just moved away from stumps, hitting him over extra cover, leave aside pulling those half-trackers into the mid-wicket stands.

There were slog sweeps to fuller deliveries and Bishnoi looked out of sorts on a day when Yuzvendra Chahal, smarting after an unceremonious omission from T20I squad, took six wickets for Haryana in the Vijay Hazare Trophy, the national one-day championship.

Having been used to a stellar bowling show through the better part of the World Cup, the pasting that this second string attack received from Australia must have shaken the likes of Bishnoi and Krishna, both of whom had 'half-centuries' to their names, albeit of a different kind.

### Indian pacer Navdeep Saini marries his girlfriend Swati Asthana



NEW DELHI, Nov 24 (Agencies): India pacer Navdeep Saini, who hails from Harvana and made his T20I debut for India in 2019 at the age of 30, got married to his longtime girlfriend Swati Asthana and announced the news via his official Instagram profile. "With you, every day is a day of love. Today, we decided on forever! Seeking all your blessings and love as we start a new chapter of our life," Saini posted on Instagram.

Swati is an adept vlogger in the realms of fashion, travel, and lifestyle. Her YouTube channel is an extension of her engaging Instagram account, showcasing a variety of content reflecting her passions and experiences.

Saini most recently featured in the concluded Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (SMAT). His team, Delhi, was eliminated in the semi-finals after losing to Punjab with Saini failing to perform, securing figures of 0/32 in three overs. Throughout the tournament, Saini managed to claim only four wickets across seven games.

Saini contributed to the Rest of India (ROI) team's victory in the Irani Cup back in October. Despite a standout 2019 IPL season, Saini has faced challenges in the tournament, featuring in just six games over the past three

In the 2023 season with the Rajasthan Royals, he managed to secure three wickets across two matches.

Navdeep Saini's last appearance in Test cricket for India stands as one of the nation's most unforgettable moments.

Occurring during the

Australian tour, a determined Indian team defied expectations to achieve a stunning result.

Saini was included in

Saini was included in the playing XI for the last two Tests due to multiple players nursing injuries.

With the series tied at one win each, Saini marked his debut by claiming four wickets in the drawn third Test at the SCG.

Although Saini had minimal impact with the ball in the decisive Brisbane Test, he remained a crucial part of the team that secured one of India's most remarkable victories. In pursuit of an unlikely 328 in the final innings, the Asian powerhouse clinched a three-wicket win, propelled by stellar performances from Shubman Gill (91), Cheteshwar Pujara (56), and

Rishabh Pant (89\*).

### Rashid Khan undergoes minor lower-back surgery in the UK

LONDON, Nov 24 (Agencies): Afghanistan's star cricketer Rashid Khan has undergone a minor lower-back surgery in the UK and is expected to recover soon, according to the Afghanistan Cricket Board.

The talismanic spinner though will miss the Big Bash League, starting December 7.

A statement issued by the Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) on Friday said Rashid, who played a vital role in the team's success against sides such as England and Pakistan in the World Cup in India, had been operated upon by a top surgeon in the UK.

"Afghanistan's cricket sensation, @rashidkhan\_19, underwent a minor lower back surgery with the expertise of renowned surgeon Dr. James Alibone in the UK. He has been rested for a brief while and is expected to recover soon," said the ACB statement on X.



Fellow cricketer Mohammad Nabi posted an image of Rashid post-surgery and wrote, "Get well soon king".

On Thursday, Rashid's BBL side Adelaide Strikers had announced that Rashid would undergo a minor operation soon.

Rashid has been playing for the Strikers since 2017.

Strikers since 2017.
"Rashid is a beloved member

of the Strikers and a fan favourite who has been with us for seven years, so he will be extremely missed this summer," Tim Nielsen, GM of Cricket at Adelaide Strikers,

"Rashid loves Adelaide and the Strikers, and we know how much he loves playing in the BBL, and we support him as he has treatment for this injury to ensure his long-term involvement in the game.

"Our list management and coaching staff will now look at our options for replacing Rashid for the upcoming season and a replacement player will be announced in due course."

Rashid, who was part of Afghanistan's spirited campaign in the ODI World Cup in India, had earlier threatened to skip BBL to protest Australia cancelling an ODI series against them.

### I practised a lot in nets during World Cup, was constantly talking to coaches: Ishan Kishan

VISAKHAPATNAM, Nov 24 (Agencies): Spending time on the bench during the ODI World Cup meant numerous opportunities for Ishan Kishan to work on his game under expert coaches. He batted and batted at the nets, visualising about how to play certain bowlers in match situations.

During the first T20 International against Australia here on Thursday, the 25-year-old India batter reaped the rewards of diligently doing all the homework a while back in the company of the country's best cricketers, including a couple of all-time greats.

At the receiving end of his onslaught was leg-spinner Tanveer Sangha, off whom Kishan collected 30 runs off only 10 deliveries.

"During the World Cup, when I wasn't playing, I asked myself before every practice session 'What is important for me now. What I could do. I practised a lot in nets. I was constantly talking to the coaches about the game, how to take the game deep. How to target certain bowlers.

"Being a lefty against leg-spinner, I know how the wicket was as I had kept for 20 overs. When you are chasing 209, you need to target a bowler, who you can hit. I had a chat with Surya bhai that I'm going to take (on) this guy (Sangha) wher-



ever he bowls because we need to get the runs and balls close," Kishan said at the post-match press conference.

"You can't leave too many runs for the batters at the back. It won't be easy for them to play the big shots straight away. I had to take my chances and I believed in myself," he added.

Thanks to Kishan's 58 off 39 balls and Suryakumar Yadav's 42-ball 80, India chased down a target of 209 with a ball to spare, taking a 1-0 lead in the five-match series.

Communication with Suryakumar, who is leading the team in this series and with whom Kishan has played a lot of cricket in the IPL, was the key after India lost two early wickets in a big chase

"We lost two wickets early and partnership was very important. I played with Surya bhai in the same team in IPL also so I know how he plays, what shots he can play... the communication I think it was very good today in the middle. We were talking to each other about which bowler we have to take, we have to keep on rotating the strike."

Young leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi had a difficult day in the field, gong for 54 runs in his four overs.

"It was not easy for spinners, even when the Australian spinners were bowling they went for runs.

"I know he is a very good bowler, he has done well in the past matches. You have seen the wicket, it was not easy, the ball was not doing much, the ball was travelling a lot. Josh Inglis, the way he batted, and at the same time he had Steve Smith

at the other end.
"We need to focus on

what we could have done, we will get wickets like these in upcoming games too. Bishnoi, he just needs to back himself a bit more and he will do very well in the upcoming games," Kishan said.

Overall, the wicketkeeper-batter termed it a "solid all round performance".

"Solid performance all around. It was not easy for the bowlers I know, especially with the fact that most of them are playing after a long time in international cricket. So credit goes to every-

"It was a pressure game when you are playing against Australia. Overall, I think, we were very good."

After the exploits of Suryakumar and Kishan, the big-hitting Rinku Singh guided India to victory with his unbeaten 22 off 14 balls.

"Sometimes we need to play these matches where you know you are winning it easily and at the same time the match gets close, so we get to learn a lot form those games where we have to take singles, where we have to hit in the gaps.

"Rinku, you know, he has done so well in IPL and then domestic matches. And coming here playing against Australia, showing his calmness the shots he played, I think, he was superb today," Kishan said.

# David Warner says 'perform when it matters' after Mohammad Kaif calls Indian team 'best on paper' NEW DELHI, Nov 24 what's on paper. At the

NEW DELHI, Nov 24 (Agencies): The India-Australia World Cup finale might long be over but it still continues to be

the talk of the town.
Following India's six-wicket loss to the Aussies on Sunday, former Indian cricketer Mohammad Kaif gave a statement, calling the Indian team "the best on paper" and that he can "never accept that the best team has won the World Cup", which found a reaction from Australian cricketer David Warner.

Taking to X, Warner wrote, "I like MK, issue is it does not matter

what's on paper. At the end of the day you need to perform when it matters. That's why they call it a final. That's the day that counts and it can go either way, that's sports. 2027 here we come."

Following Warner's tweet, Kaif took to X to tell the Australians to "relax".

"Facts: It was Australia's day in the final, they won, they are World Cup winners.

More Facts: India comprehensively won 10 games, they lost the 11th, they had the best bowlers and batters. They were the tournament's best teams. Both



facts, on paper and on field. Relax Australia," tweeted Kaif.

Kaif's this statement found a reaction, this time from former English cricketer, Michael Vaughan.

Replying to Kaif's "facts" statement, Vaughan said, "Usually the tournament's best team lift the trophy at the

Netizens seemed to have a divided opinion of Kaif's statements, with some agreeing that the Indian squad was the best in the tournament, while others believing that India indeed failed to perform when it mattered the most and that 'on paper facts' don't

end of the event."

matter.

## Delaying Panchayat Elections in J&K is well planned Conspiracy: AJKPC



#### **Top News Report**

SRINAGAR, Nov 24: All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference, a registered organization of elected Panchayat members that has been spearheading the campaign for strengthening grass root level democratic institution in J&K has strongly objected to the delaying tactics of the government and J&K State Election Commission in holding Panchayat elections in J&K

The organization has warned that any move of suppression of power and autonomy of Panchayats and Gram Sabha would be confronted with all democratic and constitutional means.

Anil Sharma, President of the organization who has been on weeklong visit of Kashmir region on Friday held a press conference here in Srinagar and while addressing the media persons in presence of other senior functionaries of the AJKPC said that all the pro democratic people in Kashmir and Jammu region want peace and development and that is possible only through constitutional means.

He said the term of existing panchayats would end in first week of January 2024 but so far neither the State election commission nor the J&K government has taken any initiative to hold these elections which shows that none of them is sincere in adhering the democratic principles.

AJKPC president said that educated and prodemocracy elements in J&K won't accept suppression of powers of PRIs and by using democratic means compel the government to hold local bodies elections in J&K without any delay.

"Baabus in J&K cannot keep democracy hostage of their lust of power grabbing by muzzling the grass root level representative bodies, people will resist all such tactics. The conspiracy to delay PRIs election won't last long",

Sharma lambasted.
While replying the question of a media person regarding delay in holding state assembly elections in J&K, he accused bureaucracy of undermining people's power and stated that AJKPC also demands

#### Panthers demand strict implementation of provisions of Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Rules 2021

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Nov 24: Vilakshan Singh President J&K National Panthers Party has demanded strict implementation of the provisions of Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Rules 2021. Singh said that the said rules were framed to ensure safety and welfare of senior citizens. Singh said that Rule

21 of the above said rules make it mandatory for all the Police Stations in the UT of J&K to maintain an up to date list of the senior citizens, especially those who are living by themselves, living within the jurisdiction of the respective police stations. Although the said Rules were framed two years back but till date such lists have not been prepared in Police Stations in Districts Budgam, Kupwara and Rajouri.

Singh said that the Rules further make it mandatory for all the police stations to make one or more voluntary committees for each police station. The role of such committees is to ensure regular contact between the senior citizens on one hand and the police and district administration on other hand. Singh said that he was surprised by the information provided to him under RTI Act as the said information revealed that voluntary committees have been formed in police stations located only in four districts viz. Jammu, Poonch, Reasi and Kishtwar. No such volunteer committee has been formed in police stations located in other districts.

Singh said that the Rules also require maintenance of a separate register containing all important particulars relating to offences committed against senior citizens but as per information provided to him, these provisions have been implemented in police stations located only in five districts viz Jammu, Kishtwar, Reasi. Poonch and Anantnag

Anantnag.
Singh said that a very casual approach has been adopted by the administration in implementing the provisions meant for welfare of senior citizens. He said that laws are enacted to be implemented and are not meant to be confined to books only

fined to books only.
Singh said that due to
non implementation of
the provisions meant for
the welfare of Senior Citizens, they are deprived
of very valuable rights.
Singh said that Senior
Citizens are in need of
the care of the society
and the State. The laws
enacted for their welfare
should be implemented
without any delay.

Singh urged that the provisions of Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Rules 2021 should be implemented immediately without any further delay.

## Guru Nanak Jayanti celebrated at Rich Harvest

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Nov 24: Staff and Scholars of Rich Harvest celebrated the 554th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji with religious fervor and joy.

In a special congregation the students recited Moolmantra, Shabad and Gurbani transforming the atmosphere into a pious one. Role plays depicting the anecdotes from the life of the saint-



ly soul were performed by the students mesmerizing the audience.

merizing the audience.
The head of the Institute, Anita Bhatia, blessed the students on

the pious occasion and encouraged students to imbibe compassion, selfless service to mankind as a tribute to the great soul.

### DPS Jammu students clinch trophies in UT Badminton Championship



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Nov 24: Students of Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu brought laurels to the school and their parents by clinching glittering trophies in 50th J&K U.T Badminton Championship organized by

Badminton Association of Jammu and Kashmir held at Srinagar (J&K) from 4-8 November, 2023.

Udayan Sharma (X-F) emerged winner in U-17 Doubles Boys, Tejaswini Amit Pandoh (IV-L) in U-11 Doubles Girls while Yashaswini Amit Pandoh (IX-A) remained runner up in U-15 Doubles Girls.

Tejawini Amit Pandoh had also participated in Mini National Badminton Championship held at Kolkata from 15-18 Nov. 2023.

The Management DPS Jammu, President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC-Dr. Ritu Singh, Director- S.S Sodhi along with Principal-DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chabra and staff congratulated the winners, runner up, their parents and coach, Amar Jyoti Sharma for their achievements. They also extended their best wishes to them for all their future endeavours

### Three day's training program for unemployed youth under beekeeping gets underway

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Nov 24: Department of Agriculture Production & Farmer Welfare Jammu organized three day's training program from November 23 to 25, at Kisan Kendra Jammu under promotion of beekeeping for unemployed youth with the central agenda to provide employment and promotion of Sweet Revolution

in the District.

The said event aimed at promoting Honey Production, Capacity building, Farmers Training particularly Un-Employed Youth so that they develop skill and become self employed also give employment to others.

The program was inaugurated by the Director Agriculture Jammu Ram. Savak. He stressed that Department is providing financial support under HADP as well as NBHM for taking apiculture ventures both for livelihood as well income generation for ecological balance. Honey is used for various pur-



poses in the world and demand is rising.

Asking youth to take advantage of these training programs, workshops, Seminars and conferences, he said demand of honey is rising across the world. After this training program they are expected start their business on massive scale and produce good quality of honey.

of honey.

CAO Jammu Vinod K
Kundal asked the farmers
to take maximum benefits
under various schemes
of HADP as well as central sponsored schemes
as government is providing 50-80% subsidy on
various projects. He also

stressed to enrol youth on Daksh portal for skill development.

During the training, resource person Ex. Director agriculture Jammu A.K Malhotra sensitized youth on beekeeping, biodiversity and sustainable development, prospectus and potential of beekeeping also improvised on scientific management of bee colonies.

Besides Director Agriculture Jammu, Joint Director (Ext.) R.K.Hiteshi, CAO Jammu Vinod K. Kundal, DAO Jammu Smt. Ashu Kakoria, Dy Dir Trainings Alok K. Pando, Asstt. Entomologist Bhupinder Gupta were also present.

# In CUET examinations, local students should be given preference, examination centers should be at district levels: Shiv Sena

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allowed to exercise their

right to choose their

representatives and it

would be best interest

of all the stakehold-

ers that in J&K all the

three elections includ-

ing Panchayat, Assem-

bly and Lok Sabha are

held simultaneously

as it would save time,

human resources and

the media persons that

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cal parties and with dif-

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organization itself does

not support or oppose

any political party or

organization and its only

companion is 'democ-

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who remained pres-

ent during the media

interaction include

Mohd shafi Khan, Nazir

Ahmed Raina, Mohd

Afzal Ganie, Mohd-

mazffar Wani, Mush-

taq Ahmad Dar, Bashir

Ahmad Lone, Fayaz

Ahmad Wani, Ab Ahad

Zarger, Mohd Ashraf

Hundoo, Gh Mohiudin,

Ab Rasheed Phatan,

Ab Hameed Ali, Mohd

Rather, Gulzar Ahmad

Haji, Muneer ul Haq and

Mohd Ramzaan Dar.

He also informed

lot of money also.

#### Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 24: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit has demanded to determine the examination centers of Common University Entrance Test (CUET)-2024 at the state and district level and to give preference in admission to local students.

Party state chief Manish Sahni, while addressing the journalists, said that local students should have the first right for admission in colleges and universities of every state and union territory including



Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that he has no problem with the CUET exam, but with the National Testing Agency putting a complete stop to the arbitrariness of determining the examination centers outside the state, local students

will have to be given first

priority in admission.

He said that it is unfortunate that Jammu and Kashmir, which is called the crown of the country, is not included in the list of top 10 states with the highest literacy rate in the country.

He said that in 2023, around 24,000 students of Jammu and Kashmir had found CUET exam centers in other states. Due to which the students had to face a lot of problems, hundreds of students could not even reach the examination centres.

Sahni said that due to inflation, unemployment and economic recession, parents are finding it difficult to educate their children and additional burden should not be put on them by setting up examination centers in distant and

other states.

He said that this tra-

dition will have to be changed in the 2024 examination.

Sahni said in a warning tone that playing with the future of students will not be tolerated at all, if the above demands are not implemented then Shiv Sena will be forced to launch a mass movement and take to the streets.

On this occasion, President Women's Wing Meenakshi Bakshi, Vice President Sanjeev Kohli, General Secretary GI Singh, President Kamgar Wing Raj Singh, Secretary Youth Wing Rakesh Handa, Shashipal were present.

### The Business School, JU signs MoU with BSE Institute Limited

#### Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 24: The Business School, University of Jammu has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with BSE Institute Limited.

The MoU was signed by Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar University of Jammu and Akhil Chopra from BSE Institute Limited.

The objective of the MoU is to implement the skill development programme of BSE Institute Limited

supported by SBI and Mission Youth J&K wherein, the BSE will impart a nocost training to the students of The Business School, University of Jammu.

Earlier, training programme on Mutual Funds was organized for MBA students of session 2021-23 at TBS in collaboration with BSE Institute Limited and such training program shall now be a regular feature with this MoU.

Emphasizing the need for such collaborations, Prof.



Rahul Gupta, Registrar University of Jammu said that this undertaking would not just help in fostering the relationship between the two partner institutions but would also promote the

professional development of students.

Sharing his pleasure on University of Jammu joining hands with BSE Institute Limited, Registrar appreciated the efforts of Prof.

Vinay Chauhan, Director, The Business School and remarked that this collaboration will not only help in developing the skills of the stakeholders through enhanced academic initiatives but would also bring new opportunities for them

Professor Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu appreciated the initiative for collaborative work done by faculty members of The Business School and BSE Institute Limited. He stressed upon the need for such collaborations for cementing the industry-academia interface to strengthen the skill development ecosystem at the University of Jammu. Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies expressed her contentment over the growth trajectory of The Business School and congratulated the Director and faculty members for this accomplishment.

Prof. Versha Mehta Dean, Faculty of Business Studies also appreciated the efforts and assured full support for such collaborative endeavours in the future.

Earlier Prof Vinay Chauhan, Director, The Business School, welcomed the dignitaries and gave a detailed insight about the MoU. Dr. Amisha Gupta, Associate Professor at The Business School facilitated the MoU.

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