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BRIEFLY

Cold wave conditions prevail as night temp dips in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, Nov 25 (Agencies): Cold wave conditions prevailed on Saturday as the minimum temperature at most of the places dipped to freezing point again after witnessing a slight respite in Kashmir valley.

After witnessing a slight improvement in weather on Friday, the minimum temperature at most of the places including Srinagar plunged again below freezing point causing cold wave conditions in the valley on Saturday.

Meteorological Centre Srinagar forecast the weather is very likely to remain generally cloudy and dry during the next 24 hours. It said the weather will remain generally cloudy on November 27 and 28 also.

There is a possibility of light rain or snow at isolated higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir during November 29-30, the MeT office said and added from December 1 to 5 the weather will remain partially to generally cloudy.

Shallow to moderate fog is likely to continue till November 28 over many places of Kashmir Division, the MeT office said.

Srinagar, recorded a low of -1.0°C on Saturday which was -1.1°C below normal for the summer Capital of Jammu and Kashmir during this period of the season.

Pahalgam remained the coldest place in the Kashmir valley and witnessed a low of -3.4°C on Saturday and it was -1.0°C below normal for the tourist hot spot.

Qazigund, on Srinagar-Jammu national highway recorded a minimum of -0.8 °C and Kokernag 1.5°C respectively on Saturday.

Kupwara settled on -0.5°C and it was normal for the frontier north Kashmir district.

Gulmarg in north Kashmir had a low of -1.0.°C Saturday and it was 1.1°C above normal for the famous ski resort of Kashmir, MeT office said.

Bathinda SP suspended for security breach of PM Modi in Ferozepur last year

BATHINDA, Nov 25 (Agencies): Superintendent of Police (SP) Gurdar Singh Sanga, who was on duty when the security of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's convoy was breached in

Kashmir's Okai village produces 5000 kangris per day to meet winter challenge

SRINAGAR, Nov 25 (Agencies): With the beginning of winter, the demand for traditional "Kangri" or fire pot rises and the village Okai in south Kashmir's Kulgam district prepares at least 5000 pieces every day to meet this demand.

Locally known as "Kanger" or "Kangri" or Firepot is an earthen pot woven around with wicker filled with hot embers used by Kashmiris beneath their traditional clothing called "Pheran" or inside a blanket to keep the chill at bay during the winter months.

"Kangris" are woven in different areas of the Kashmir valley, but village Okai produces at least 5000 kangris every day", artisan Manzoor Ahmad Shakhshaz told



agency.

All men, women and young ones of the village are engaged in this profession keeping ancient craft of the Valley alive and earning their livelihood, he said.

Artisan Manzoor said "earlier there were only 30 Shakhshaz families associated with the profession of making kangris to earn livelihood but with the passage of time the entire village

has adopted this work". He said the materials for making "kangris" including twigs and clay pots called "Kundal" are transported from different areas and then prepared in our homes.

He said there are families who make the required items in the making of "Kangri" on their own. He said in the process of making "Kangris", the shoots are first softened by keeping

them in water for a long time, and then they are dyed in different colours before using them to produce multicolor kangris.

The profession of making "Kangris" is not new to the residents of Okai but it is the profession of their forefathers on which their livelihood depends, Manzoor said.

Manzoor said at least one thousand villagers of Okai are associated with the profession presently to earn their livelihood. He said the wholesalers come to use and buy these "Kangris" to sell them in the open markets.

Okai is not only a village where most of the people wove "kangris", there are other places including Char-e-

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Large number of people pay last respects to slain Capt Pranjal in Bengaluru



BENGALURU, Nov 25 (Agencies): A large number of people paid their last respects to Captain M V Pranjal, who was killed during an encounter with terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir, amid poignant scenes.

His mortal remains were flown to Bengaluru on Friday night, and later taken to his parents'

home in Anekal taluk near here.

Mourners filed past the body of Capt Pranjal and paid tributes.

Leader of Opposition R Ashoka and Bangalore Rural MP D K Suresh were among those who paid homage to the departed soul and offered condolences to the bereaved family

today.

After a wreath-laying ceremony, Pranjal was accorded a guard of honour by the Army and the state government. His mortal remains will be taken in a procession to a crematorium in Kudlu Gate for the last rites.

The 29-year-old from

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One dead, one injured after house collapses in Udhampur



UDHAMPUR, Nov 25 (Agencies): One person was killed and another was injured after a kutcha house collapsed

in ward number one of Pattangarh Panchayat of Udhampur District in Jammu and Kashmir, said police.

Udhampur ASP Anwar UI Haq confirmed the incident and said, "One person has been confirmed dead and another is injured."

He further mentioned that a police team rushed to the spot after receiving information about the incident and evacuated the injured person from the debris.

The injured person has been shifted to the Community Health Centre in

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Ladakh leadership to meet MoS Home in New Delhi

SRINAGAR, Nov 25 (Agencies): The Union Home Ministry has called a meeting of leaders of Leh Apex Body (LAB) and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) in New Delhi on December 4 to attend a meeting chaired by Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai.

The meeting scheduled to be held on December 4 will be open for discussion on any subject, The

Excelsior reported.

Seven members from LAB who will attend the meeting include Thupstan Chhewang, ex-MP and president of Ladakh Buddhist Association, Chhering Dorje Lakrook, former Cabinet Minister in erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir Government, Nawang Rigzin Jora, Congress president for Ladakh and ex-Cabinet Minister J&K, Tsering Wang-

dus, president, Ladakh Gopna Association, Ashraf Ali Barcha, president, Anjuman Imamia Leh, Abdul Qayoom, president, Anjuman Moin-ul-Islam-Leh and Padma Stanzin, president Student Union-LEAF.

From KDA Qamar Ali Akhoo, Asgar Ali Karbalaie, and Sajjad Kargili will attend the meeting.

Pertinently, four-point agenda of the LAB and

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Normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir 'Merely a Prank': Omar Abdullah

SRINAGAR, Nov 25 (Agencies): National Conference Vice-President and former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah criticised the claims of normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir, dismissing them as a "mere prank."

He attributed the perceived lack of peace to the frequent encounters happening throughout the region.

Abdullah accused the BJP-led government



of delaying ULB, Panchayat, and Assembly elections due to their apprehension about the National Conference's presence.

In response to questions, he expressed confidence in convincing people to support the NC in upcoming elections, stating that the party is actively engaging with the public.

Additionally, Omar Abdullah mentioned that the party's leadership would carefully consider and select a suitable candidate for the forthcoming Parliamentary polls in north Kashmir.

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- Govt. Hospital, Sarwal, Jammu.
- District Hospital, Kathua.
- District Hospital, Rajouri.
- District Hospital, Doda.
- Govt. Rajiv Gandhi Hospital & LRPU, Gangyal, Jammu (Collection Center)
- District Hospital, Samba.
- District Hospital, Udhampur.
- District Hospital, Poonch.
- Provincial Lab. DHS. Kashmir Srinagar.

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Directorate of Health Services, Jammu.

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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

**Contact: 6006261168,
9797427288, 9541197122,
9419228669**



Smt Bita Bhat

10TH DAY KRIYA

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

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

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

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

GRIEF STRICKEN

Des Raj Gupta (Jeth) Retd. PWD Deptt
Sushma Gupta (Devrani) (W/o Lt. Ram Lal Gupta)
Retd. Social Welfare Deptt

Vipan Gupta (Devrani) Shobha Photostat, Court Road
Abhay Gupta (Devar) Retd. Civil Sectt.
Nisha Rani (Devrani) Master HS BH Khalsa
Vishav Kishore & Aditi Gupta (Son & Daughter-in-law)
Sumit & Shweta (Son & Daughter-in-law)
Preetima Mukti & Sanjay Gupta (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Rashmi & O.P. Gupta (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Nisha Gupta & Suneet Mahajan (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Mob.: 9796020239, 9797633342



Smt. Makhni Gupta

TENTH DAY KRIYA

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

The Tenth Day Kriya shall be performed on Monday 27-11-2023 at 9:00 AM at Muthi Ghat near Director Education Office.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Devar & Devrani
Smt Omashori Bhat W/o Lt. Sh. Omkar Nath Bhat
Smt Veena Ji Bhat and Sh. Mohan Lal Bhat
Daughters and Son in Law
Smt Lovely Bhat and Sh. Pran Nath Bhat
Babli Raina and Sh. Chaman Lal Raina
Smt Simpy Bhat and Sh. Amit Pandita
Son & Daughter in Law
Smt Sethi Bhat and Sh. Shubhan Ji Bhat
Smt Girja Raina and Sh. Sunny Bhat
Smt Pallavi Bhat & Sh. Vicky Ji Bhat
Smt Vanita Bhat and Sh. Rahul Bhat
Grand Children:-
Purnima Bhat, Rahul Bhat, Nikita Bhat, Shanaya Pandita, Ashish Raina, Rohit Raina
PH NO: 958804737, 9622152022, 9596730520



SMT SHAM RANI BHAT

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Shabnam Devi** w/o Rajinder Singh residence of W.No 5, Hiranagar, District Kathua on 15-11-2023.

The 10TH DAY shall be performed on 24/11/2023 from 10:00am to 12:30pm at our residence.

The KIRYA 13TH DAY shall be performed on 27/11/2023 from 10:00am to 3:00pm at our residence W.No 5, Hiranagar.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Rajinder Singh.....Husband
Divyansh Jasrotia.....Son
Jawala Singh.....Father in Law
Hemant Jasrotia.....Devar
Sukpal Singh.....Brother
Mob. No. 9797372307



Smt Shabnam Devi

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 Shah Thappa R/o H.No.1 near Luthra School Talab Tillo Bohri, Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 14-11-2023.

10TH DAY will be performed on 23-11-2023(Thursday) 11am at our residence

KRIYA will be performed on 24-11-2023(Friday) 12.30 pm at our residence.

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
Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Parveen W/o Sh. Ram Rattan Sharma (Retd SP)
Grand Children
Ashima-Sanjeev, Rashmi-Amit, Ripul-Palak, Deepthi- Vikram, Bubesh- Madhvi, Vishav deep- Prithma, Varuna- Nareesh, Pardeep- Monika



Sh. MUNSHI RAM THAPPA (REASI WALE)

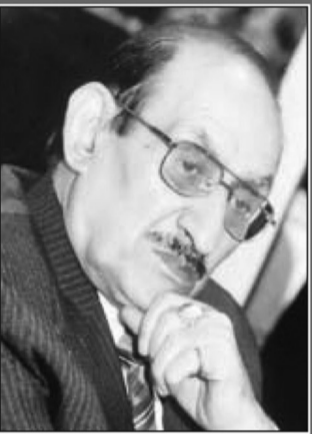
10TH DAY KRIYA

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 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)
Smt. Dolly Mantoo (Daughter-in-law) w/o Late Sh. 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



SMT. DHANWATI MATTOO (DHANJIGRI) W/o Late Sh. Ved Lal Mattoo erstwhile resident of Ramghat, Baramulla / Balgarden Srinagar

10TH DAY

Our beloved **Bunty**, you'll be missed. (10th April 1967 - 18th Nov 2023) "We knew this day was coming, papa gave us time to mentally prepare ourselves to live with a fact that his loved ones will have to learn living without him"

-In papa's words "Mere baachee" -Sheen & Ragini (9667199782)

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

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

IN GRIEF

Reeta Malla- Wife (9456205105)
Dr. Nancy & C.N Malla- Aunty & Uncle
Dr. Saroj Kachroo- Bua (9177698558)
Daizy (Khushu)-Vinod Kitchlu- Sister in law & Co-Brother (8800785551)
Simi (Khushu) - Rajan Kachroo- Sister in law & Co-Brother (9871154310)
Anju, Rajeev, Anu, Nilesh, Kapil, Alison, Sonam, Jane, Bulbul, Ricky, Ekum, Amu. & ALL NEAR-DEAR ONES



Sudhir Malla

TENTH DAY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED FATHER **SH. HANS RAJ DOGRA**, S/O LATE SH. GAGO RAM, R/O H.NO.108, SECTOR-8 (EXTENSION), NANAK NAGAR, JAMMU WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 17TH NOV. 2023.

TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED AT OUR RESIDENCE H.NO.108, SECTOR-8 (EXTENSION), NANAK NAGAR, JAMMU ON 26TH NOV. 2023 (SUNDAY).

GRIEF STRICKEN

SMT. SHARDA DEVI - WIFE
SONS & DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW
SH. RAJINDER KUMAR & SMT. PREETO DEVI
SH. SURINDER KUMAR & SMT. KIRAN KOUR
SH. RAVINDER KUMAR & SMT. KIRAN BALA
GRAND CHILDRENS:
MANSI, VARUN, TARUN, RIDHIMA, KANAV AND PEHAL
MOBILE NO:- 9697576403, 9796284880, 9858192001



SH. HANS RAJ DOGRA

TENTH DAY/RASAM PAGRI/UTHALA

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

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

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

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

Grief Stricken:

Smt. Santosh Pandoh - Sister-in-Law
Daughter-in-Law & Son
Smt. Meenu Puri & Sh. Ashwani Puri
Smt. Neetu Puri & Sh. Sanjeev Puri
Smt. Ritu Puri & Late Sh. Prashant Puri
Daughter & Son-in-Law
Smt. Sneha Lata & Sh. Sunil Shingari
Smt. Nisha Sondhi & Sh. Madan Mohan Sondhi
Smt. Renu Malhotra & Sh. Vinod Malhotra
Smt. Geeta Abrol & Sh. Pushkar Abrol
Smt. Romi Vohra & Sh. Yash Pal Vohra
Grand Children
Anuj, Atul, Tushar, Tanish, Ananya, Harshika
MOB: 9419146656, 9697220000.



SMT. KANTA PURI

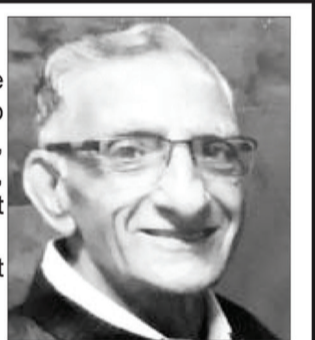
10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Sh Ashok Kumar Tickoo** S/o Late Sh Prithvi Nath Tickoo, on 22nd Nov 2023, original resident of Shalla Kadal, Habba Kadal, presently at 41/C, Om Nagar, near S P Smart School.

10th Day Kriya will be performed on 1st December 2023 at Muthi Ghat at 9:00 AM.

Grief Stricken :

Smt Mahalakshmi Tikoo (Mother)
Sh Brij Krishen Tikoo (Brother)
(Sister & Brother in law)
Smt Sunita & Sh Kuldeep Moza
(Brother & Sister in law)
Sh Kishore & Smt Manorama Tikoo
SH ASHOK KUMAR Tickoo
SAMAST TIKOO PARIVAR
8492825932, 9911499938



Sh Ashok Kumar Tickoo

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 20-11-2023.

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
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OM SHANTI OM !!!



Sh Vivek Chatta

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Chuni Mam (Seema Ji)** W/o Sh Pushkar Nath Koul originally resident of Malik Bagh, Zaindar Mohalla, Srinagar and presently residing at H No. 11, opp. Govt quarters, Block-N Subash Nagar, Jammu.

She left for heavenly abode on 18th of November, 2023. Tenth Day Kriya will be held on 27th of November, 2023 at Muthi Ghat, near Director School of Education office at 09:00 AM.

Grief Stricken:

Sh Pushkar Nath Koul Husband
Daughters & Sons in law
Smt Shewata & Sh Deepak Garoo
Smt Amrita & Sh Ajay Kachroo
SAMAST PARIVAR OF KOULS, MAMS, BHATS, RAINAS, SAPROOS, GAROOS & KACHROOS
CONT: 9622282170, 6006567808, 7490976036, 8082202170, 9596002170



Smt Chuni Mam (Seema Ji)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

10th Day Kriya of **Sh Bansil Lal Wanchoo** S/o Late Sh Kishav Nath Wanchoo will be performed on Sunday, 26th November 2023, at 9.30 am at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education.

Fondly Remembered by :
Mr and Mrs Ajay Wanchoo (Son & Daughter-in-law) (Daughter and Son-in-law)
Mr and Mrs Avinash Zutshi
Near and Dears



Sh. Bansil Lal Wanchoo

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Mohit Mattoo (Bablu Ji)** S/o Smt. Raj Mohini Mattoo, originally resident of Habba Kadal Srinagar, at present H.No.11, Sec A/1, Laxmi Puram Chinore, Bantalab, Jammu, on November 21, 2023.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Muthi Ghat, near Directorate of School Education on Thursday, November 30th 2023 at 9:30 AM

Grief Stricken

Smt. Raj Mohini Mattoo (Rani)
Smt. Nirmla Mattoo (Wife)
Smt. Aarti and Sh. Pravir Mattu (Bhabhi and Brother)
Smt. Sheetal and Sh. Arvind Bhat (Sister and Brother-In-Law)
Ujwal Mattoo (Son)
Aditya Mattoo (Son)
Shruti Mattoo (Daughter)
Tanya Mattoo (Daughter)
Rithvik Bhat (Nephew)
Mridula Bhat (Niece)
And Samast Mattoo Parivaar
Ph. No. 9414013456, 7006340735



Sh. Mohit Mattoo (Bablu Ji)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD AND UNTIMELY DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SH. RAMAN KUMAR BHASIN** (PROP:- R.K. GEN. STORE) ON 10TH NOVEMBER 2023. UTHALA WILL BE HELD AT SAT PALACE (NEAR MATRIX HOSPITAL) JAWAHAR NAGAR RAJOURI, ON 26TH NOVEMBER 2023 (SUNDAY) AT 3PM.

IN GRIEF:-

SMT. KULSHOB BHASIN (MOTHER)
SMT. USHA BHASIN (WIFE)
DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW
MRS. PALVI & MR TRIVED GANDOTRA
BROTHERS & BHABIS
SMT. SAROJ & SH. RAKESH BHASIN
SMT. NEETU & SH. RAJESH BHASIN
SMT. ANU & SH. RAJIV BHASIN
SISTER & BROTHER IN LAW
MRS. RENU & MR. GS SAWHNEY
MRS. RUBY & MR. VIKAS GANDOTRA
MOTHER IN LAW & FATHER IN LAW
SMT. BIMLA DEVI & SH. DEV RAJ BAMBHA



SH. RAMAN KUMAR BHASIN

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10TH DAY KRIYA

With a very heavy heart we inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother **Smt Nancy Bali** W/o Late Shri Bansil Lal Bali (originally from Zaindar Mohalla Habba Kadal Srinagar) on 23rd of Nov. 2023 at Jammu.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Muradnagar Canal UP on 2nd of Dec. 2023 and Assembly will be at Smt Nancy Bali 304/40, Shalimar Garden, Extension 1, Sahibabad, UP at 1 pm.

HEAVILY GRIEF STRICKEN:

Son/ Daughter-in law: Rajesh Bali and Rajni Bali
Daughter / Son-in-law: Ashok Ganjoo & Sangeeta Ganjoo
Grand Daughters: Shreya Ganjoo and Muskan Bali
Along with Samast Bali, Ganjoo and Mattoo Parivar.
Mob No's: 8511811676 / 9810227078 / 8295903003



Smt Nancy Bali

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Advisor Bhatnagar inaugurates First J&K Orthodontic Symposium



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JAMMU, Nov 25: First J&K Orthodontic Symposium in which faculty of various premier institutions across the country was inaugurated by Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor UT of J&K in an impressive function held at Radisson Blu Jammu. On his arrival, Bhatnagar was felicitated by Dr Akshay and Mahant Rohit Shastri, president Kailakh Vedic Sansthan. Event was presided by Dr President IOS Dr Jayesh Rahalkar from

Pune, Dr Ritu Duggal Chief CDER Aiums Delhi as Guest of Honour, Dr Akshay Gupta Organising Chairman, HOD orthodontics and Chief Convener of Jammu orthodontic study group, Dr Rishabh Scientific Convener, Dr Rohit and Dr Aseem as Secretary. Event was held under the aegis of Indian Orthodontic Society and was dedicated only for orthodontic specialists across the country. Souvenir disclosing scientific deliberations and workshops to be held in the event was

released by dignitaries. Shri Bhatnagar in his message expressed his appreciation to the organisers for getting delegates across the country to Jammu and offered delegates to visit tourist spots of the province in spare time after scientific deliberations. In his message he highlighted importance of Artificial Intelligence in this era and it's use in medical science. President IOS congratulated Dr Akshay for successful conducting the event in a short notice of one month,

in near future Jammu can also hold a annual National Conference. He also encouraged him to hold a annual conference and to be in executive member of IOS. Dr Ritu Duggal, Guest of Honour of the event congratulated Dr Akshay Gupta Organising Chairman, for conducting an impressive show in J&K's maiden IOS event. Dr Akshay in his welcome address disclosed how his whole committee has worked un-tilly to make this event successful, and whole-

heartedly welcomed all speakers from all premier institutions like AIIMS delhi and Kalyani, PGI Chandigarh, GDC Cuttack, KGMC Lucknow, SRMC Chennai, faculty from Mumbai and all the delegates who have gathered here for two days scientific extravaganza in city of diversity and city of Temples Jammu. Event also boasts of giving a platform to budding orthodontists and PG students in the stream of orthodontics to showcase their work in research and clinical work. Bhatnagar also inaugurated state of the art futuristic trade area and witnessed AI based equipments of dentistry wherein he stressed the use of technology by the doctors in the best interests of patient care. He also encouraged traders to have set up their units at Jammu as the state government is offering ample opportunities, subsidies and support to industries in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

IMFA, in collaboration with J&K AIDS Control Society, hosts inspiring painting and poster making competition for World AIDS Day



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JAMMU, Nov 25: Today the Institute of Music and Fine Arts, in partnership with the J&K AIDS Control Society, organized a vibrant painting and poster making competition on the theme of World AIDS Day - 'Let Communities Lead'. The event took place within the college premises, attracting enthusiastic participation from students across various departments who showcased their artistic prowess. The poster making competition, aligned with the World AIDS Day theme, witnessed remarkable entries that creatively conveyed the message of community leadership in the fight against HIV/AIDS. The competition's winners were announced with great excitement, where Janvi

secured the first prize, followed by Sknda Sharma in second place, Pranav Rajesh in the third prize and Ojasvi Sharma claiming the consolation prize. Simultaneously, the canvas painting competition explored two critical aspects of HIV awareness: 'How does HIV spread' and 'How HIV doesn't spread'. In the 'How does HIV spread' category, Shazad Ahmed got the first prize, Vidushi Bhagat, Monika Chouhan and Versha Katoch secured the second, third and consolation prizes, respectively. Meanwhile, in the 'How HIV doesn't spread' category, Zarina Parveen secured the first prize, and Garima Gupta, Ruhani Bhau and Ishwariya Singh claimed the second, third and consolation prizes respectively whereas Arnavi Sharma received special consolation prize for raising awareness among third gender. The selected masterpieces from the competition will be prominently displayed during the main event on 1st December 2023, marking World AIDS Day. This exhibition aims to further spread awareness and foster a deeper understanding of HIV/AIDS-related issues within the community. Prof Shohab Inayat Malik, Principal, Institute of Music and Fine Arts, expressed his gratitude to all participants, acknowledging their creativity and commitment to advocating for a world free from the stigma of HIV/AIDS. Mr. Rakesh Sharma, HoD Fine Arts, University of Jammu, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and congratulated the students for successfully bringing together art and awareness, contributing to the global effort of combating HIV/AIDS. Mr. Nissar Ahmad Dar (Deputy Director), Mr. Rishesh Khajuria (Assistant Director, IEC), Mr. Rajesh Sharma (Assistant Director, Youth Affairs), Mr. Ashish Saraf (DA, IEC) and Mr. Varun Gupta (DA, BSD) also graced the occasion and boosted the confidence of students.

Unemployment figures of Govt misleading, unbelievable: Rattan Lal

Journey from over 23 pc unemployment to 4 pc in J&K covered clandestinely

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JAMMU, Nov 25: Accusing BJP government of fudging the employment figures in J&K, Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President, JKNC, Jammu, take a jibe by claiming that comedy serial 'Mungeri Lal Ke Sapne' seems to be the source of employment figures concerning J&K as changes announced are momentous but unbelievable. In a statement issued to media persons raising a big question mark over the latest figures of unemployment in J&K, the senior NC leader said that government seems to be living in a fool's paradise assuming that the people of the country are fools as it wanted them to believe something which is next to impossible. Referring to latest figures shared by the government wherein it was stated that Jammu and Kashmir's current unemployment rate has



decreased to around four per cent from 5.2 per cent in the financial year 2021-22, he said that not much time has passed when the government claimed that UT has secured the third spot on the list of highest unemployment rates in India, with an alarming 23.1 per cent rate. "In July only, Union minister of state for home Nityanand Rai while responding to a question by Congress MP Akhilesh Prasad Singh, who asked about unemployment rate in the union territory, has said that the unemployment rate in Jammu and Kashmir was 18.3 per cent", said Rattan Lal, adding that it is strange

that with several recruitment processes entangled in scams and CBI enquires, the government has dramatically achieved such a gigantic target although the journey of UT's unemployment rate from over 23 per cent to nearly 4 per cent remained a clandestine affair as no one in the country knows that how this magical figure has been achieved by the government which did nothing with regard to recruitment except lip service. Rattan Lal said only a magic wand can do what has been made public by the incumbent government that too without doing anything on ground in J&K. "Whatever has been declared is elusive and nowhere on ground as it seems that this is another attempt by the government to fool the people through jumbling of words and manipulating figures as both need no real work on ground", he maintained.

National President Zila Panchayat Association embarks on three-day visit to J&K

Interacts with PRI members, emphasizes unity & effective governance

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JAMMU, Nov 25: Kailas Gore Patil, Convener and President of the National Zila Panchayat Association (NZPA), a registered body representing Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs) across India, undertook a crucial three-day visit to the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory (JKUT) from November 23 to 25, 2023. The visit aimed to strengthen ties between PRI members nationwide, promote unity among representatives, and gain insights into the functioning of PRIs in JKUT. Upon arriving in Jammu, Kailas Gore Patil and his esteemed guests, National Mahila Adhyaksh Sarita Ghakhare and Vice President Jaimangal Jadhav, were warmly welcomed by the President of Jammu and Kashmir's NZPA, Col Mahan Singh (Retd), DDC Chairman Kathua. A central function was



organized at Panchayat Bhawan in Jammu to mark the commencement of the visit. The event was presided over by Col Mahan Singh and witnessed the participation of a large gathering of Panchayat representatives, including Chairpersons, Vice Chairpersons, and members of the DDC and BDC. During the Vichar Sabha/interaction program held on November 25, Col Mahan delivered a comprehensive presentation that provided an overview of Jammu and Kashmir's unique socio-political landscape. He shed light on

the challenges faced by PRIs in the Union Territory and highlighted the significant strides made by the Panchayats of JKUT following the abrogation of Article 370 and the implementation of the three-tier system. Col Mahan Singh expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for their unwavering commitment to strengthen PRIs in JKUT, as evidenced by the successful conduct of DDC and BDC elections in the region. Addressing the gathering, Kailas Gore Patil

underscored the NZPA's mission to unite all PRI members across political parties nationwide, fostering a spirit of collaboration and collective action. He drew upon his experiences from his visits to northern India, including JKUT, to highlight the growing representation and powers of PRIs in the country. Gore Patil engaged in a lively discussion with the PRI members present, encouraging them to share their perspectives and challenges. He emphasized the importance of PRI members working together to address the needs of

their communities and ensuring the effective implementation of government schemes at the grassroots level in concluding the event, Col Mahan Singh expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all attendees for their active participation and valuable contributions to the discussion. He commended the NZPA's efforts to strengthen the PRI network across India and reiterated the commitment of the Jammu and Kashmir NZPA to promoting the welfare of its members and the communities they serve. The three-day visit by Kailas Gore Patil and his team to Jammu and Kashmir proved to be a resounding success, fostering deeper connections among PRI members, exchanging valuable insights, and reaffirming the NZPA's dedication to empowering PRIs and enhancing their role in rural development across India.

Mobile Sanskrit Gurukul conducts free Sanskrit classes in Dewan Devi School

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JAMMU, Nov 25: World's first mobile Sanskrit Gurukul (Mobile Sanskrit Gurukul) conducted free Sanskrit classes in Dewan Devi Higher Secondary School, Rajpura. Administrator of the School, Rajpura Jammu Ashwani Suri here today inaugurated world's first and free mobile San-

skrit Gurukul imparting teaching to youth here in Jammu and Kashmir. Ashwani Suri and Mahant Rohit Shastri, the head of Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avam Vedic Sansthan Trust, said

that the inauguration was part of the birth centenary of late Dr. Uttam Chand Shastri Pathak. He hoped that through such campaign, youth would understand Sanskrit language, which is the oldest in the world. Ashwani Suri further lauded the role of Mahant Rohit Shastri who is playing an important role in promoting Devyani Sanskrit. The main aim of the trust is



to have Sanskrit in every home. Prominent among others present on the occasion included Students and School Staff were present on this occasion.

Mahant Rohit Shastri's dedication in promoting Sanskrit language in the nation is well known. The young generation should also contribute to the preservation of state and national culture by following Mahant Rohit

Shastri. On the occasion, Mahant Rohit Shastri told that today the Sanskrit class has been started in collaboration with Team Jammu. This vehicle has been donated by the secretary of the trust, Rakesh Gandotra. Devyani Sanskrit is being taught free of cost everywhere in villages and cities. The main aim of the trust is

7th Shaheed Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Hockey Tournament to start from Nov 29

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JAMMU, Nov 25: Kashmir Sikh Sangat Jammu is organizing 7th Hockey Tournament in the memory of Shaheed Baba Banda Singh Bahadur from November 29 to December 3, 2023 at KK Hakku Stadium, here under the aegis of Hockey J&K. "The main objective of this tournament is to involve and encourage the youth towards sports, fitness and channelize the energy of youth towards positive direction and to save them from drug addiction which is a



great social evil," Kashmir Sikh Sangat President Karamjeet Singh told reporters. In this tournament which will commence on November 29 at 2.00 PM, he said, top 10 teams of Jammu are participating. The final match will be played on December 3 2023 at 2.00 PM, he added. The organizing committee of the tournament appeals to all the people, especially to the hockey lovers, to come and encourage the players and make the tournament a great success.

Analyse difference between Modi, Rahul & Kejriwal's Guarantees: AAP

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JAMMU, Nov 25: The Senior AAP leaders, Ram Singh Chauhan and Kuldeep Kumar Rao in a joint statement issued here have expressed great wonder and astonishment as to how some prominent leaders of ruling dispensation, used to call as "Muft Ki Rewari" the welfare steps of Arvind Kejriwal for Delhi people and later on for Punjab people, are now openly promising & doling out subsidized LPG cylinder, electricity & water etc forgetting that same leaders criticized Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal for free electricity, world class health care for all, free bus fare for women, world class education for all, 4-dham free yatra for Senior citizens etc. The AAP leaders further said that shame on those who once criticized Kejriwal are now following his foot prints clearly establishing that Delhi Model of Governance, is most beneficial for the welfare of general masses and that of BJP promises LPG cylinders @ Rs 500 to the people in poll bound states, why don't they implement the same in 10 other states



they rule in the country the AAP leaders asked, otherwise it can safely be presumed that it is another Jumla they are accustomed of throwing very now & then just to befool the masses particularly at the occasion of general elections, the AAP leaders maintained. They further said that people of the country are now fed up with the false promises & Jumlas of ruling Party leaders especially Prime Minister & that countrymen have virtually decided to teach them a lesson in times to come. The country is being dragged towards unitary type of government & that is why all other leaders of BJP are missing in the print & electronic media and only one face is being given prominence under a calculated plan which is harmful and dangerous for the democracy and unity &

integrity of the country, the AAP leaders cautioned. The AAP leaders further questioned that all the promises made to the countrymen by Modi or his government have turned futile & that nobody is ready to trust his so called guarantees, now called "Jumlas", as Modi thumping his 56 inch, in a public meeting in Bhopal had openly accused Ait Pawar of Maharashtra of engulfing 70,000 crores and strangely he made him Dy. Chief Minister the other day; the AAP leaders wondered, where as it is Kejriwal who founded the culture of public guarantees in Delhi as also Punjab & has proved as synonyms before the masses and that is why there is no taker of Modi washing Powder in Delhi UT, MCD or Punjab, they claimed.

EDITORIAL

INDIAN
SOLDIER- PRIDE
OF COUNTRY

Soldiers are the biggest asset of the country. Soldiers are the real heroes of the country who serve the country with body, mind and wealth. Indian soldiers are the pride of our country. The entire country is their family and they protect the citizens of their country at all costs. They are very selfless, who put the interest of the country above their personal interest.

The morale, courage, patience, intelligence and mental strength of soldiers are more than that of common citizens. Soldiers are honest, brave and strong. Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri had rightly honored the contribution of soldiers by giving the slogan "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan" during the 1965 war with Pakistan.

A soldier works as a sentinel for the country. He stays awake day and night, only then we are able to sleep peacefully. Despite being a soldier, the enemy does not even dare to look at our country. It is only because of soldiers that peace and security is maintained in the country and the country is able to move forward on the path of development.

It is because of the bravery and courage of the soldiers that we live in peace in our homes. He fights till the last moment of his life to protect his motherland. He sacrifices everything for the country. They remain alert at all times and also provide assistance in emergency situations in the country. There is no place for any caste, religion, state or language in their life. For them the country comes first.

A soldier's life is truly a bed of thorns. Their life is based on selflessness and sacrifice. A soldier has to strictly follow discipline in his life. He has to face tough challenges and difficulties in his life. Be it hot desert or snowy mountains, they never step back to protect the country.

Before becoming soldiers they have to undergo very difficult training. They are taught to survive in the toughest conditions. To perform his duty the soldier has to sacrifice food, sleep and rest. The sole purpose of a soldier's life is to protect the country from internal and external enemies and fight for the country.

There are many challenges in the life of a soldier. To protect the country and families, he himself stays away from meeting his family and loved ones. Sometimes they do not even get leave during festivals or any family occasion. They have to undergo rigorous training to fight battles.

They mostly live in forests, mountains and such remote places where they lack proper supplies and basic facilities. Adversity of weather is a big challenge for them. They have to live and fight even in heavy rain, extreme cold and scorching sun. During continuous wars, the soldiers also face shortage of war material. Lack of bullet proof equipment becomes a big challenge for them.

From a soldier we get qualities like discipline, patriotism, sacrifice and selfless service. We should give due respect to every soldier of the country because he is the person who writes the destiny of the country with his blood. A country sleeps peacefully when its soldiers perform their duties. The role of a soldier is paramount and unique. He lives for the nation and dies for its dignity. He makes history and history immortalizes him.

Focus on Boris, Rishi as Britain examines how it handled Covid

By: Farrukh Dhondy

In the UK in 2021 alone 77,727 people died of the Covid-19 pandemic; in 2020 the number was 69,771 while in 2022 the figure was 46,000. These deaths would have been seen in, say a plague year in Britain (three of these raged in Shakespeare's lifetime) as an act of God. Not today. A proportion of these excess deaths are certainly seen as the consequences of the stupidity of some in the population and, much more seriously, as failures of government policy.

Which government is now compelled to launch a public inquiry into the entire handling of the epidemic and the government's reaction or failure. The inquiry is entrusted with finding out precisely how the virus spread and what the government of the time did or did not do.

When Covid struck BoJo was the PM, Hedgie Sunoch was the chancellor of the exchequer, Dominic Cummings was chief adviser to BoJo and two scientific and epidemiologist experts, Chris Whitty and Patrick Vallance, were recruited for day-to-day discussions and the formulation of policy. The advisory panel was called SAGE -- the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies -- and had perhaps 50 professors and medical experts doing their research and forwarding their results.

Now, after a period of criti-

cism and examination in the media, including all manner of denials, the main one being vaccine-scepticism and even lunatic conspiracy theories about the anti-Covid vaccine being infused with mind control drugs to reduce human beings to robots in the service of Bill Gates, the inquiry is in progress. It is questioning the key policy makers.

The purpose of the inquiry is not to lay the blame for the deaths or misjudgments at anyone's door. There can be no official recriminations, holding to account or bringing charges against anyone. The purported aim of the inquiry is to prepare for future pandemics by examining the handling of this one.

Even so, the witnesses to the inquiry have produced some damning statements against other players in the top team of handlers. The inquiry uses testimony from the witnesses, recorded and verbal recollections, diaries, WhatsApp and other media messages between members, etc.

As I hinted, gentle reader, two sensational remarks have been widely reported in the press.

The first was from Dominic Cummings, the senior adviser to Prime Minister Boris "Pinocchio" Johnson, whom BoJo subsequently dismissed and made a bitter and vengeful enemy of. Mr Cummings testified that Boris Johnson had, when the pandemic hit and the scientists suggested

that the nation should be shut down and people isolated so as not to relay the contagion, argued against a lockdown in order to keep the economy active. He is supposed to have said "let the bodies pile up in their thousands".

Now, he may have said this or he may not have. Another unsubstantiated anecdote alleges that BoJo claimed his favourite film character was the mayor in Jaws who refused to close the beaches and so allowed the sharks to kill more reckless swimmers and surfers. The truth is that BoJo did hesitate to impose the second lockdown during the epidemic and certainly was against the third. The bodies did, as noted in my first paragraph above, pile up in their thousands. BoJo is of course famous for his sense of choosing the most appropriate joke. (Wonder what a giggle he's having over events from and in Gaza?)

The second outrageous statement following this first, comes from the diaries of Sir Patrick Vallance, disclosed to the inquiry. In October 2020, as a debate raged in the government about whether to have a second lockdown, Sir Patrick recorded that Dominic Cummings told Boris Johnson in the meeting: "Rishi says just let people die and that's okay."

So, double hearsay -- and on the innocent-until-proven-guilty principle we mustn't think of Hedgie as the second

horseman of the Apocalypse.

What is in the public domain is that Hedgie, when he was chancellor during the Covid-19 epidemic, announced a scheme called "Eat Out to Help Out". Under this scheme, designed to save the hospitality and restaurant economy, the public's eating-out bills were subsidised by the government when they ate a meal at a restaurant.

Sir Patrick now says that this scheme was not discussed before it was activated. What he meant and means is that the reckless encouragement to step out and walk into the public environment of a restaurant caused the avoidable spread of the virus and, in his calculations, increased the number of subsequent Covid-19 deaths.

"Eat out to Die out?" Who cares -- we only paid half the bill that lovely Mr Sunoch paid the rest out of taxpayers' money.

No surprise then that both BoJo and Hedgie say the economy suffered not because of 13 years of Tory financial f-ups but because of the Ukraine war and the "inevitable" Covid-19 lockdowns. There are head-bangers in the Tory press who say that lockdowns were not necessary, and they point to Sweden where there were no lockdowns but proportionally fewer deaths through all through the Covid-19 pandemic. That could, of course, simply mean that the Swedish populace are socially responsible and don't swarm to rock concerts and religious melas.

Animal borne diseases becoming epidemic

By: Vijay Garg

Zoonotic infections are spread by animals to humans through bacteria, viruses or parasites etc. HIV AIDS Ebola, Malaria, Rabies and Corona Virus, Scabies, Brucellosis, Swine Flu, Dengue, Bird Flu, Nipah, Glanders Salmonellosis, Monkey Fever, Monkey Pox, Plaque, Hepatitis E, Parrot Fever, Tuberculosis, Zika Virus, SARS Diseases etc. are diseases spread due to animal-borne infections. Some time ago, the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and a report titled 'Preventing the Next Pandemic: Zoonotic Diseases and How to Break the Chain of Transmission' was published by the 'International Livestock Research Institute' (ILRI) in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic. It discusses the nature and effects of animal-borne diseases on humans. According to the report, 60 percent of animal-borne diseases that spread to humans are known and 70 percent of animal-borne diseases are those that are not yet known. 'State of the World Forest' report projects India and China to be worst hit for new zoonotic infectious diseases in 2022. It has been mentioned that these have emerged as major 'hotspots'. Every year in the world, one million people in low-middle income countries die due to animal-borne diseases. Animal borne diseases are increasing very rapidly. At present there are more than two hundred known zoonotic diseases. Researchers have warned that by 2050, such infections could cause twelve times more deaths from Covid than the number of deaths in 2020. A global health study published in the British Medical Journal said that animals. The transmission of diseases has been the 'modern cause' of most deaths in humans. The study analyzed sixty years of historical epidemiological data. The researchers looked

at 3,150 cells and multiple epidemics. The researchers focused on four groups of viruses in their study that had the potential to pose a major threat to public health and economic and political stability. These include Philo virus (Ebola, Marwar), SARS corona virus 1, Nipah under the dangerous virus group. Ha virus and Machupi virus are included. There is no clarity about the preparedness required to contain the infection globally, but historical trends suggest that urgent action is needed to address the growing threat to global health. Apart from the cost of Covid, there has been an economic loss of more than 100 billion dollars due to zoonotic diseases in the last two decades. It is estimated to reach nine trillion dollars in the next few years. According to the report, if efforts are not made to prevent animal-borne diseases like Covid 19, other epidemics may have to be faced in future also. The ancestors of the viruses responsible for AIDS have been identified by American and British researchers. It has been found in viruses present in monkeys in Africa. According to researchers, the virus probably entered the chimpanzee when it consumed the monkey's contaminated meat. It is noteworthy that earlier studies had suggested that the HIV virus originated from Simian Immunodeficiency Virus (SIV), which is found in chimpanzees. researchers studied the genetic makeup of several strains of HIV present in monkeys in Africa. Ultimately they came to the conclusion that only two of those strains were responsible for the type of HIV found in chimpanzees in Africa. That means AIDS is an animal-borne disease. Every day more than twenty thousand people in the world become victims of AIDS and more than twelve thousand people die from this disease. According to the Cairo-based regional representative of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), 90

percent AIDS The affected people are from developing countries. So far, more than 2 crore 50 lakh deaths have occurred due to AIDS. The number of AIDS patients in the world is more than six crores. Of these, more than one million people are from Arab countries, and most are from Sudan. UN AIDS experts in Singapore had warned that AIDS had taken a catastrophic form in China and India, the two most populous countries in the world. According to the director of 'Center for Disease Control and Prevention' (CDC), the number of AIDS cases in Cambodia in the Asian continent isIt has taken an explosive form. Similarly, globally, 36 percent of total deaths due to dog bites are due to rabies. In India, about twenty thousand people die every year due to rabies. The report has identified seven factors leading to the increase in zoonotic diseases. Increasing demand for animal protein, increase in intensive and unsustainable farming, increased use and exploitation of wildlife, unsustainable use of natural resources, travel and transportation, changes in food supply chains and animal-induced climate change. currently stray animal Are the biggest factors of diseases. In this report, ten such methods have been mentioned, which can be helpful in preventing animal-borne infections in future. They are- Emphasizing investment on 'health initiatives' in multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary ways. To promote scientific research on zoonotic infections/diseases, with emphasis on increasing awareness of zoonotic diseases, improving cost benefit analysis of response to diseases and analyzing the impact of diseases on society. Strengthening surveillance and regulatory methods of zoonotic disease develop sustainable agriculture, promote land management sustainability and develop alternative measures to enhance food security, so as to conserve habitats and biodiversity. To improve

biosecurity and control, identify the causes of diseases in animal husbandry and promote appropriate control measures. Support the sustainability of landscapes to promote the co-existence of agriculture and wildlife, strengthen the capacities of health sector stakeholders in all countries, land in other areas To drive a one health approach to access and sustainable development planning, implementation and monitoring. Also, the most important thing is to provide support to the stray animals. According to the report, most countries of the African continent are struggling with Ebola and other animal-borne epidemics. The African continent is home to large swathes of the world's rainforests as well as the world's fastest growing population, leading to increased cases of infection through contact between animals, wildlife and humans. Despite all this, African countries are facing Ebola and And are also suggesting ways to deal with other emerging diseases. If there is no coordination between wildlife and the ecosystem, then similar diseases transmitted from animals to humans will continue to emerge in the coming years. Global pandemics are destroying both human lives and economies. Animal-borne diseases have the greatest impact on poor and vulnerable communities. Therefore there is a greater need to consider protecting our natural environment to prevent future pandemics. science and technology Modern innovations, such as vaccination and other health methods, can prevent the spread of zoonotic diseases so that they do not become epidemics.

(Vijay Garg Retired
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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER KATHUA {Member-Secretary Selection Committee For Sanginis (AWWs)}

Notification 05 of 2023 date: 2023

Subject : Merit list and Select List regarding engagement of Sanginis (AWWs).
Whereas this Office Advertisement Notice No. 01 of 2023 dated: 13-05-2023 applications forms from eligible female candidates were invited against 37 vacant posts of Sanginis (AWWs) of Project Kathua.
Whereas 02 posts of Sanginis AWC Pataliyari and AWC Bijnari have been kept withheld due to typographical error in location of Ward No. of the said Anganwadi Centres.
Whereas 292 candidates have applied against remaining 35 available advertised vacant posts of Sanginis (AWWs) in project Kathua.
Whereas the merit and other necessary particulars of all the candidates were scrutinized/checked on 31/07/2023 in the committee constituted vide Govt Order No.- 103 -JK(SWD) of 2023 dated:- 28-04-2023 and Govt Order No. 222 -JK(SWD) of 2022 dated: 30-11-2022.
Whereas this Office Notice No. 02 of 2023 dated: 31/07/2023, the provisional /tentative merit list and provisional /tentative select list regarding engagement of Sanginis have been published in State Times dated: 10/08/2023.
Whereas the copy of the provisional /tentative merit list and provisional /tentative select list was provided at other locations as per aforementioned Govt. Orders.
Whereas the Provisional/Tentative Merit List and Provisional/Tentative Select List were issued with necessary riders/observations put against the candidatures of 120 candidates by the Selection Committee.
Whereas after the expiry of 10 days from the date of publication of this notification No. 02 of 2023 dated 31/07/2023 in State Times dated 10/08/2023, the riders/observations of 09 candidates were omitted/excluded in Provisional/Tentative Merit List and Provisional/Tentative Select List by the Selection Committee after receiving necessary/requisite documents / re-verification of ward residence proofs.
Whereas after the expiry of 10 days from the date of publication of this Notification No. 02 of 2023 dated 31/07/2023 in State Times dated 10/08/2023, 08 grievance/objection has been received by the CDPO Kathua (Member-Secretary Selection Committee for Sanginis) within the prescribed time limit which is disposed off by the Selection Committee Orders.
Whereas the selection list was approved by Additional District Development Commissioner Kathua vide letter No. ADCC/K/2023-24/2725-28 dated 20/11/2023.
Therefore in view of the above and as per the procedure laid in the above referred Govt Orders, the Merit List and the Select list as Annexure-A and Annexure-B respectively are hereby published for the information of general public and all concerned.
Grievance(s)/Objection(s) if any, the appeal in this regard shall be before Deputy Commissioner Kathua within 10 days from the date of publication of this notification/list. No grievance(s)/Objection(s) of any kind shall be entertained after ten days from the date of issuance of this notification/list.

No: CDPO/K/2023-24/
Date:- 20/11/2023
Sd/-
Chief Dev.Project Officer
(Member-Secretary Selection Committee For Sanginis (AWWs))
Kathua

Table with 15 columns: S.NO, Name of applicant, Name of Father/husband, NAME OF AWC, WARD NO, NAME OF PANCHAYAT, Marks Obtained in Class 12th, Maximum Marks, Percentage, Percent Points, Additional Points, Total (6+7), D.O.B as per metric Diploma/Marksheet, Whether Graduate (Yes/No), Whether Belongs to Family of Retiring AWW/AWH, Remarks. Contains 37 rows of candidate data.

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Passion in expression: Director Chintan Sarada, whose short film *The Broken Table* has a long shot at the Oscars, says getting renowned actor Naseeruddin Shah onboard was a pleasant surprise

Very early in life, Gujarati boy Chintan Sarada realised that aptitude and passion were two different things. Fond of performing arts, he kept it as a hobby; he explored a career in finance, moving base to Mumbai, followed by London. But when the call of films got too strong, at the age of 22, he left corporate life to train in film-making.

Almost a decade later, he is directing commercials and shorts; co-writing and been the assisting director on mega projects. He worked as Second Unit director on Jio Studio's web series *Inspector Avinash*, starring Randeep Hooda. Chintan directed, wrote and produced the short film *Shunyata* with Jackie Shroff in the lead role. He has worked as an assistant director in films like *Don 2*, *Tere Bin Laden 2*, *The Shaukeens* and *Raaz 2*.

Proud moment

All his efforts have now paid off as his short film *The Broken Table*, starring renowned actor Naseeruddin Shah and



acclaimed actor Rasika Dugal, triumphed at the Bengaluru International Short Film Festival. This has catapulted it to the international pool of short films that will be considered by the jury at Oscars!

Playing mentor at 75 Creative Minds at the ongoing International Film Festival of India at Goa, Chintan takes a moment to reflect on his cinematic journey.

"Films have been my calling, especially writing and directing. I have managed to be a part of the entertainment ecosystem for a decade now," says the film-

maker. His *The Broken Table* turned out to be rather a long process. "A friend of mine talked about an old man suffering from Alzheimer's and how he would forget that his wife was no more. And in an effort to find her, he would re-live the pain again and again. This bit stayed with me for a while till I wrote the story along with Vikram Gupta.

Getting renowned actor Naseeruddin Shah on board was an achievement too. "I discussed the script with Rasika Dugal, whom I have known for a while, and through her I approached

Naseer saheb. When he came onboard within a day of reading the script, it was a shock as well as a pleasant surprise." What followed was reading sessions at Naseeruddin Shah's home, and then the long Covid wait. "We altered the script, had our set of disagreements, but the final outcome is what we all agreed upon."

Dream run

Now that the film has won at Bengaluru International Short Film Festival, Chintan is dreaming of Oscar glory. "The winning films from the Indian and International competition sections are automatically eligible for consideration in the Live-Action Short Film Category of the Academy Awards, without standard theatrical run, provided the film complies with the stringent Academy rules. Now, like major studios, I neither have big budgets or PR paraphernalia, but I am still hopeful that the film creates the buzz and catches the jury's eye," he has his fingers crossed!

Drama and romance: Leena Jumani talks about her character in *Baatein Kuch Ankahee Si*



Leena Jumani, who is playing the role of Sonia in the show *Baatein Kuch Ankahee Si*, says many people can relate to the show.

"This is because in life there are often moments where we feel something, but it goes unsaid. Without saying anything, we just try to understand. And this story is like that. My character's name is Sonia and she is Kunal Malhotra's ex. She sure is making some mess!"

Ask her if she feels the pressure of entering a show midway, and she says, "I have gone through this pressure a couple of times now. But now, I don't feel it much. I think it takes some time to get to know each other and become comfortable." Talking about working with Rajan Shahi, she says, "It's so far so good. I'm happy." The show is a blend of drama and romance, and that's what the audiences are connecting with.

Name game: Paris Hilton welcomes baby girl via surrogacy, names her London

Socialite Paris Hilton surprised her fans on Thanksgiving by announcing that she has welcomed a baby girl via surrogate, and named her London.

The star, 42, shared the happy news by posting a pink baby outfit with the name 'London' - thereby revealing the gender and name of her little one. "Thankful for my baby girl," the heiress wrote in the caption of the image. After initially confusing fans by not revealing if the baby was on the way or had already been born, Paris clarified in a TikTok comment that her daughter has already arrived, writing: "My princess has arrived!!"

This is her second child with husband Carter Reum, 42. The pair welcomed son Phoenix via surrogacy in January.

Paris also shared a sweet snap of her baby boy on Instagram, proudly calling him a 'big brother'. After announcing the news on Instagram, Paris took to TikTok and shared a sweet clip of her nephew and niece, whom she asked: "Are you guys excited for your new



cousin?"

"You have two babies?" they inquired. "I have two babies," she confirmed. In the clip her she was seen holding her son. "Priceless moments. Family is everything," she captioned the clip.

Radhika Apte, Keerthy Suresh to headline YRF's edgy revenge thriller series 'Akka'

Actors Radhika Apte and Keerthy Suresh are all set to star in YRF's upcoming thriller series 'Akka', Variety, a US-based media outlet reported.

The period thriller will be helmed by Dharmaraj Shetty. "Keerthy Suresh and Radhika Apte are considered two of the most gifted female actors in India today. They are incredibly natural artistes [who] are hailed as sheer tours de force on screen having delivered incredible performances project after project. So, the fact that Keerthy and Radhika have been pitted against each other makes 'Akka' one of the most intriguing streaming projects being made in the country currently," a trade source told Variety.

Radhika Apte shared the news on Instagram Stories.

'Akka' marks Keerthy Suresh's OTT debut.

"The project is being directed by debutant writer and direc-



tor Dharmaraj Shetty, a disruptive creative mind who has been recently found by [Yash Raj Films chair and MD] Aditya Chopra. His vision for 'Akka' grabbed Aditya's attention and the project was greenlit instantly with a brief from Adi to

make 'Akka' one of the biggest tentpole series that YRF Entertainment will ever make. Every detail of this project will be kept under wraps purposely by YRF to build intrigue," the source added, as per Variety.

YRF's recently released series

'The Railway Men' starring Kay Kay Menon, Babil Khan, Divyendu Sharma, and R Madhavan which streamed on the OTT platform Netflix received massive responses from the fans.

'The Railway Men' is a show based on the deadly gas leak in the central Indian city of Bhopal. A cloud of toxic gas escaped from a pesticide plant, on the night of 2nd December 1984, in the city of Bhopal that injured and claimed thousands of lives. This is the untold story of the unsung heroes, who rose to the occasion that night to save the city and its people. This is the story of their courage, their sense of duty and their humanity.

Meanwhile, Radhika will be next seen in director Sriram Raghavan's upcoming film 'Merry Christmas' which stars Katrina Kaif and Vijay Sethupathi in the lead roles.

'It is such an honour': Alia Bhatt collaborates with All Living Things Environmental Film Festival

All Living Things Environmental Film Festival (ALT EFF) is back with another edition, and actress Alia Bhatt is all set to lend her support in bringing sustainability and storytelling together. The festival organisers said they were thrilled to join forces with Alia Bhatt's production house, Eternal Sunshine Productions.

The event is scheduled to take place from December 1-10 and is in its fourth year now. It is dedicated to leveraging the power of cinema to address pressing environmental issues.

Alia, celebrated for her conscientious approach and advocacy on social and environmental causes, is a natural choice for the role of an 'advocate' for the festival and everything it stands for, the organisers said.

Alia Bhatt and Shaheen Bhatt established their production house, Eternal Sunshine Productions, to bring stories that were relevant, strike conversations and connect with a larger demographic. ALT EFF shares this vision, utilising the medium of film

to engage audiences across the nation and prompt discussions on crucial topics.

This year, ALT EFF is set to make an even greater impact with screenings scheduled in over 20 cities throughout India. The films have been selected from across 50 countries.

Alia expressed her excitement through a statement, "It is such an honour to be associated with All Living Things Environmental Film Festival 2023. Cinema is not just a form of entertainment; it's a powerful tool for sparking an important conversation, and the festival is a great amalgamation of the same. At Eternal Sunshine Productions, our aim is to tell stories that evoke thought or change in whatever way possible and it's such a joy for us at Eternal to be supporting a festival that wants to tell powerful stories while being environmentally conscious, driving meaningful change. As a young production company this will be instrumental learning and an important step towards



fulfilling this vision." The festival aims to reach diverse audiences, encouraging dialogue

and promoting awareness of environmental challenges that demand collective attention.

What a beauty!: Malaika Arora takes Sangeeta Phogat under her wing for a glamorous ramp walk

Actor, model and dancer Malaika Arora, who is currently seen as a judge on the celebrity dance reality show *Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa*, will don the role of a coach and teach contestant-wrestler Sangeeta Phogat the art of ramp walking. This weekend, *Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa* will have the theme *Chartbuster Ka Blockbuster*. The stars will set the stage on fire with their blockbuster performances to iconic Bollywood songs, ranging from classic tunes to the latest chart-busters, promising a rollercoaster of emotions and jaw-dropping routines. The celebrities will leave no stone unturned to impress the judges — Farah Khan, Arshad Warsi and Malaika Arora.

Wrestler Sangeeta, who has brought the country so much pride and glory, has been a surprise package on the show. With her undying passion for dance, Sangeeta will leave everyone in awe with her electrifying perfor-



mance to *Hawa Hawai*, along with her choreographer Bharat Ghare. The judges will be left stunned by Sangeeta's makeover, as she dons a vibrant pink skirt in a completely transformed avatar.

Astonished by Sangeeta's performance, Malaika will say: "It feels as if we are sitting here like your parents, and we feel so proud of you. If we are feeling so proud, imagine what it would have been like if your father was here and saw you perform. Bharat, you have outdone yourself. The way you presented Sangeeta was beautiful. There were so many beautiful moments in your act. I loved every bit of it. Every moment was created beautifully. For me, this act was a 'once more' kind of act."

In a delightful twist, Malaika promises to teach Sangeeta the art of ramp walking! Together, the stunning ladies will turn the stage into their own fabulous fashion fiesta. *Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa* airs on Sony.

“Sense Of Pride”: PM Modi After Flying On Tejas Fighter Jet In Bengaluru

Tejas is a single-seater fighter aircraft but the Prime Minister took a sortie in the twin-seat trainer variant operated by the Air Force and the Navy.

BENGALURU, Nov 25 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi took a sortie on the indigenously built light combat fighter aircraft Tejas in Bengaluru today.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Bengaluru-based defence PSU Hindustan Aeronautics Limited on Saturday and reviewed the ongoing work at its manufacturing facility, officials said.

“Successfully completed a sortie on the Tejas. The experience was incredibly enriching, significantly bolstering my confidence in our country’s indigenous capabilities, and leaving me with a renewed sense of pride and optimism about our national potential,” Prime Minister Modi posted on X.

Tejas is a single-seater fighter aircraft but the Prime Minister took a sortie in the twin-seat trainer variant operated by the Air Force. The Indian Navy also operates the twin-seater variant.

Light Combat Aircraft Tejas is a 4.5-generation multi-role fighter aircraft and is designed to take offensive air support and provide close combat support for ground operations.

Tejas is the smallest and lightest aircraft in its class and the



dimensions and the extensive use of composite structure make it lighter. The fighter jet has an excellent safety track record of accident-free flying.

The Indian Air Force presently operates 40 Tejas MK-1 aircraft and the IAF has 83 Tejas MK-1A fighters on order in a deal worth 36,468 crore.

Earlier this month, the LCA Tejas took part in the Dubai Air Show. The LCA Tejas was part of the static and aerial display and performed some daring manoeuvres proving its capability as a formidable fighter aircraft.

The LCA was built by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and was primarily designed for

the Indian Air Force but a Naval variant of the Tejas is being tested to undertake Ground Maritime Operations. The home-built fly-by-wire system in the Tejas is one of the key achievements of the HAL.

The twin-seater was added to the Air Force’s repertoire in October catapulting India to the list of “very few” elite countries who have created such capabilities and have them operational in their Defence Forces.

HAL has an order of 18 twin seaters from IAF and is planning to deliver eight of them during 2023-24. The remaining 10 would be delivered progressively by 2026-27.

During Prime Minister Modi’s

state visit to the US, New Delhi and Washington signed a historic agreement with HAL and General Electric (GE) to manufacture the F414 fighter engines to power Tejas Mark 2 fighter jets, an advanced and powerful variant of Tejas Mark 1A. The F404 GE engine powers the Mark 1 variant of Tejas.

The Indian Air Force operates two squadrons of the LCA Tejas - No. 45 Squadron the ‘Flying Daggers’ and the No. 18 Squadron, the ‘Flying Bullets’.

The LCA Programme The Indian Air Force plans to replace the ageing MiG-21 aircraft with the LCA Tejas Mark 1A aircraft by 2025. The LCA program was envisioned in the late 1980s to replace the MiG-21s that have been serving the Air Force since 1963.

Only two MiG-21 squadrons are currently operational in the air force. MiG-21s from the No. 4 Squadron, located in Uttarlai Rajasthan, were retired last month and will be replaced by the Su-30MKI.

The LCA was rechristened as ‘Tejas’ and took to the air on January 4, 2001, marking a historic moment for the Indian Air Force.

Rahul Gandhi’s ‘panauti’ jibe at PM Modi ‘below the belt’, says Amit Shah



HYDERABAD, Nov 25 (Agencies): Describing Congress leader Rahul Gandhi’s “panauti” comments against Prime Minister Modi as ‘below the belt’, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said people will give a befitting reply to it in the upcoming assembly elections. ‘Whenever below-the-belt language was

used about the Prime Minister, people have given a befitting reply in whichever state in the country. I am confident that voters of Telangana would give a fitting reply through voting on this language which is below the belt,” Shah said.

He was replying to a query posed at a press meet here on ‘panauti’

remark made in election campaigns.

A Hindi slang, “panauti” loosely refers to someone who brings bad luck.

Rahul Gandhi had used the “panauti” barb against Modi during his poll speech in Rajasthan after the PM had attended the World Cup cricket final that India lost to Australia after 10 consecutive wins in the tournament.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharama had recently termed Gandhi’s remarks as ‘despicable poor.’

She alleged that he is continuing the Congress tradition of calling all abusive names of the Prime Minister.

No anti-incumbency, Congress will form government in Rajasthan again: CM Ashok Gehlot

JODHPUR, Nov 25 (Agencies): Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Saturday said there is no anti-incumbency against the Congress and the party will form the government in the state again.

“There seems to be an undercurrent. Looks like the (Congress) government will be repeated,” he said as voting got underway in the state.

Gehlot told agency in Jodhpur that the Congress focused its campaign on development issues while BJP leaders, including the prime minister, home minister and chief ministers of BJP-ruled states, used provocative language.

He said the BJP leaders who came from outside, including the PM and the Union home minister, tried to instigate people.

“The public has understood. It appears that the Congress government will come again,” he told agency in Jodhpur.

“We made good laws for the welfare of gig workers and on right to health and brought schemes for people and gave guarantees,” he said.

The Congress has given seven guarantees, or promises, to people if the party retains power in the state, including an annual honorarium of Rs 10,000 to the woman head of a family and LPG cylinders for Rs 500 to

1.05 crore families.

Citing the example of Kerala, he said that the government there was repeated based on its work for the management of the coronavirus pandemic and in Rajasthan also, the Congress government did excellent work on this front.

Asked why the BJP was targeting only him over various issues such as the “red diary”, he said BJP leaders are upset that they could not topple his government despite indulging in horse-trading. A sacked minister had claimed that the “red diary” contained financial dealings of the chief minister.

“They are bringing down elected governments through horse-trading. The method they have adopted is a matter of concern for democracy. We tried our best in Rajasthan and did not let the government fall. The public was with us,” Gehlot said.

The chief minister said the language the BJP leaders used was unacceptable.

“They were talking provocatively. We challenged them to talk on local issues, talk on our schemes,” he said.

Asked whether he will be the chief minister if the Congress forms the government again, he said that it is a tradition in the Congress that the AICC sends observers to take opinion of



MLAs and then a resolution is passed, leaving all things for the high command and the decision of the high command is acceptable to all.

After casting his vote in Jodhpur later in the day, Gehlot told reporters, the credibility of his government was high and he feels the government will be repeated.

He said the BJP leaders who came from outside to campaign in Rajasthan will not be seen here for five years.

“This is not the election of Modi. This is the state assembly elections. They will not be seen in the state for five years. We will remain here, among the people,” he said.

He was reacting to a question on the BJP’s election campaign led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Expressing confidence about retaining power, he said, “The

kind of atmosphere that is there, I can say that the Congress government will come again.”

The chief minister’s son and Rajasthan Cricket Association president Vaibhav Gehlot said the seven guarantees promised by the Congress to the people of Rajasthan will turn out to be a masterstroke.

He also said the allegations against his father regarding the “red diary” were “fabricated”.

“The seven guarantees will prove to be a masterstroke for the Congress,” Vaibhav Gehlot told reporters in Jodhpur before going to cast his vote.

Asked whether his father will become the chief minister for a fourth time if the party retains power, he said it is for the party high command to take a decision on it.

He asserted that all leaders in the Congress were united.

Polling began Saturday morning for the 199 assembly seats in Rajasthan where the BJP is going all out to wrest power from the Congress which hopes to beat the state’s anti-incumbency tradition.

Rajasthan has a total of 200 assembly seats but polling will be held on 199 seats as election in Karanpur of Sriganganagar district was postponed following the death of Congress candidate Gurmeet Singh Koonar.

Wife punches husband to death for not taking her to Dubai for birthday celebration

PUNE, Nov 25 (Agencies): In a shocking incident, a 36-year-old man died after he was punched on the nose by his wife after he refused to take her to Dubai for her birthday celebration.

The incident took place at the couple’s apartment, located in a posh residential society in Pune’s Wanavdi area, on Friday.

Nikhil Khanna, a businessman in the construction industry, had a love marriage with Renuka (38), six years ago.

According to a police officer posted at Wanavdi police station, “The incident occurred

on Friday afternoon. The couple had a fight because Nikhil did not take Renuka to Dubai to celebrate her birthday and did not give her expensive gifts. Renuka was also upset with Nikhil for not allowing her to go to Delhi to celebrate the birthday of some relative.”

The police said that “during the fight, Renuka punched Nikhil in the face. The impact of the punch was so hard that Nikhil’s nose and some teeth were broken. With heavy bleeding, Nikhil lost consciousness.”

The police have registered a case against Renuka and arrested her.

Five workers killed as truck overturns in Odisha’s Malkangiri

MALKANGIRI, Nov 25 (Agencies): Five workers were killed and seven others injured after a cement laden truck carrying them overturned in Odisha’s Malkangiri district on Saturday, police said.

The accident took place at Hantagaluda ghat in Swabhimana Anchal area when the truck was on its way to Jodamba from Chitrakonda along with 12 workers, they said.

The police and local people brought out the dead workers buried under cement bags.

The injured workers were rushed to nearby government hospital at Jodamba, the police added.

3 dead as fire engulfs building in Bihar’s Motihari, short circuit suspected

MOTIHARI, Nov 25 (Agencies): At least three people died, while two others received burn injuries after a fire broke out at a two-storey building in Bihar’s Motihari on Saturday.

The incident happened at nearly 4 am this morning.

According to the details, the cause of the

fire was a short circuit. A video of the incident showed smoke emitting from the building that was engulfed in flames.

Teams of fire brigade reached the spot soon after receiving information about the incident.

Meanwhile, locals rushed to the spot and made efforts to extinguish the fire.

Village volunteer dies in gunfight in Manipur

IMPHAL, Nov 25 (Agencies): A village volunteer was killed in a gunfight with unidentified men in Manipur’s Kangpokpi district on Saturday, an official said.

The incident took place around 2.30 am, when a group of armed men attacked Joupri in Manipur, leading to a gunfight with local volunteers guarding the hill village, he said.

“One person, identified as Khupminthang, was killed in the gun-battle,” he said, adding that the armed men retreated soon after launching the attack.

Tension prevailed in the village as well as adjoining areas in Bishnupur and Kangpokpi districts, with people apprehending counter-attacks on villages in adjoining Imphal Valley and further reprisals, he said.

Additional security forces have been deployed in the village and operations are underway to nab the attackers, the official said.

Pick-up truck hits pilot car of Meghalaya chief minister’s convoy, CM safe: Police



SHILLONG, Nov 25 (Agencies): The pilot car of Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma’s convoy was hit by a pick-up truck at Upper Shillong on Saturday, police said.

The chief minister was safe, a police officer said. The incident took place at around 9.30 am at Upper Shillong while the CM was en route to Dawki town close to the Indo-Bangladesh border for an official programme.

According to the police, a pick-up truck hit the pilot car of the CM’s convoy which partially caused damage to both the vehicles.

Israel-Hamas War: Another wave of hostages to be freed today from Gaza amid temporary truce

JERUSALEM, Nov 25 (Agencies): Hamas fighters are set to release a new wave of hostages Saturday in exchange for Palestinian prisoners, officials said, offering hope to anguished families after seven weeks of war that have killed thousands of people.

Key mediator Qatar was expected to announce the numbers of prisoners and hostages to be freed later Saturday, the second swap since a four-day ceasefire came into effect on Friday and largely silenced the guns on both sides.

Israeli authorities said they had received a list of the hostages to be freed but did not provide numbers or the precise timing.

On Friday, the first day of the truce, Hamas released 24 hostages, according to key mediator Qatar and an official Israeli list. They comprised 13 Israelis -- all of whom were women and children, including some dual citizens -- 10 Thais and one Filipino.

A two-minute video released by Hamas showed masked militants with rifles, wearing military fatigues and the green headband of its armed wing, as they handed the hostages over to Red Cross officials.

Israel in turn freed 39 women and children from its prisons.

"It's only a start, but so far it's gone well," US President Joe Biden told reporters in Massachusetts, where he was spending the Thanksgiving holiday.

"I think the chances are real" for extending the truce, he said.

Biden also urged a broader effort to emerge from the crisis with a viable Palestinian state alongside Israel. About 215 hostages remain in Gaza, Israeli army spokesman Doron Spielman said. "We're unaware, many of these cases, if they are dead or alive. We're trying to collect intelligence," he said.

Hamas fighters snatched the captives when they broke through Gaza's militarised border with Israel on October 7, killing about 1,200 people, according to Israeli figures.

In response to the deadliest attack in its history, Israel launched an air, artillery and naval offensive to destroy Hamas, killing about 15,000 people, according to the Hamas government in Gaza.



Hamas is expected to free 50 hostages during the ceasefire in exchange for 150 Palestinian prisoners, part of an agreement struck after talks involving Israel, Palestinian militant groups, Qatar, Egypt and the United States.

'Terrible trauma'

In Tel Aviv, the smiling faces of freed hostages were projected onto the walls of the art museum, with the words: "I'm home".

Near a hospital in the Tel Aviv suburb of Petah Tikva, people applauded and held up Israeli flags as helicopters flew in freed captives.

"I am determined to help my family recover from the terrible trauma and loss we went through," said Yoni Asher, whose wife Doron and two daughters, aged two and four, were freed after 49 days held hostage in Gaza.

"It's allowed to feel joy and it's allowed to shed a tear," Asher said in a video released by the Hostage Families Forum.

Among the freed hostages, four children and four women were admitted to Schneider Children's Medical Centre. Their physical condition is "good" and they will undergo a medical and psychological assessment, said the hospital's chief executive, Efrat Bron-Harlev.

Thailand's government said it estimated another 20 citizens were still being held by Hamas.

"We sincerely hope that the remaining hostages will be treated humanely," the foreign ministry said in a statement.

On the other side, Palestinians cheered the return of prisoners from Israeli jails.

Of the 39 prisoners freed by Israel on Friday, 28 were released in the occupied West Bank, an agency correspondent reported, while the other 11

were brought to annexed east Jerusalem, according to the Palestinian Prisoners' Club.

Crowds of Palestinians in the West Bank set off firecrackers, waved flags and whistled as two white coaches ferried prisoners out of the Ofer military camp, according to AFP journalists at the scene.

"I spent the end of my childhood and my adolescence in prison, far from my parents and their hugs," freed prisoner Marah Bakir, 24, told AFP after returning to her home in annexed east Jerusalem.

"That's how it is with a state that oppresses us."

Earlier in the evening, Israeli authorities fired tear gas to disperse the crowds. The Palestinian Red Crescent said three people were shot and wounded by Israeli security forces.

"The police are in our house and are stopping people from coming to see us," said Fatina Salman, whose daughter Malak, now 23, was among those released.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, meanwhile, vowed to bring all the Hamas hostages home.

"This is one of the goals of the war, and we are committed to achieving all the goals of the war," he said.

Humanitarian convoy The pause in fighting in Gaza opened the way to desperately needed aid.

Trucks carrying supplies, including fuel, food and medicine, began moving into Gaza through the Rafah crossing from Egypt shortly after the truce began at 7:00 am (0500 GMT) Friday.

Two hundred aid trucks in total passed through -- the biggest humanitarian convoy to enter the besieged territory since the war started -- according to the

Israeli defence ministry body that handles Palestinian civil affairs.

Jens Laerke, spokesman for the UN humanitarian agency OCHA, expressed hope that the pause would lead "to a longer-term humanitarian ceasefire."

Gazans have struggled to survive with shortages of water and other essentials.

The ceasefire also sparked a mass movement of thousands of people who had sought refuge in schools and hospitals from relentless Israeli bombardment.

The UN estimates that 1.7 million of Gaza's 2.4 million people have been displaced by the fighting.

In southern Gaza's Khan Yunis, where many Palestinians fled, a cacophony of car horns and ambulance sirens replaced the sound of war.

People loaded belongings onto carts, strapped them to car roofs, or slung bags over their shoulders, crowding streets to return to their homes from temporary shelters.

Israeli warplanes dropped leaflets warning people that the war is not over and it is "very dangerous" to return north, the focus of Israel's military campaign.

Several thousand Palestinians nevertheless attempted to move north on Friday, the UN humanitarian affairs organisation said.

Carefully prepared

Ziv Agmon, legal adviser to Netanyahu's office, told reporters that Israeli soldiers had been carefully prepared to receive potentially deeply traumatised women and children.

After medical examinations, the former captives would be able to telephone family members before reunions later at Israeli medical facilities, he added.

Hamas earlier released four women, and Israeli forces rescued another. Two other captives, including a woman soldier, were found dead by Israeli troops in Gaza.

Maayan Zin, whose daughters Ela and Dafna, aged eight and 15, are among the hostages, posted on social media platform X that she had been informed their names were not on the list of those due to be released.

"This is incredibly difficult for me; I long for their return," she wrote.

11 killed in fire in Karachi shopping mall, several feared trapped



KARACHI, Nov 25 (Agencies): At least 11 people were killed and many others were feared trapped after a massive fire erupted in a multi-storey shopping mall in Pakistan's Karachi on Saturday.

Local broadcaster Geo News said the

blaze started early in the morning at RJ shopping mall on Karachi's Rashid Minhas Road. The fire brigade rescued around 50 people but more remained inside the building and efforts are being made to bring them to safety, officials said.

Rauf Hamid, who was rescued from the building, told Geo News many people are still trapped.

"When the fire broke out, we saved ourselves by rushing towards a safe room. The smoke was so intense that we didn't understand what was happening," he said.

Karachi Mayor Murtaza Wahab confirmed the deaths taking to the social media platform X (formerly Twitter).

The cause of the blaze was not clear yet. Several people injured in the fire were also being treated in hospital, Geo reported.

5 injured in Kyiv by largest ever drone attack on Ukraine



KYIV, Nov 25 (Agencies): Ukraine's capital city took the brunt of what the country's air force described as Russia's largest drone attack of the war on Saturday, leaving five people wounded as the continuing rumble of air defences and explosions woke residents.

The attack, which used Iranian-designed Shahed kamikaze drones, began hitting different districts of Kyiv in the early hours of Saturday, with more waves coming as the sun rose.

A spokesman for Kyiv's city administration told public broadcaster Suspilne at least 40 drones had been downed.

Mayor Vitali Klitschko, writing on the Telegram app, said the attack had injured five people, including an 11-year-old girl, and damaged buildings in districts all across the city.

Fragments from a downed drone had started a fire in a children's

nursery, he said.

The target of the attack was not immediately clear, but Ukraine has warned in recent weeks that Russia will once again wage an aerial campaign to destroy Ukraine's energy system, as it sought to do last winter.

Ukraine's energy ministry said nearly 200 buildings in the capital, including 77 residential ones, had been left without power as a result of the attack.

Indonesian police, fishermen start patrols to stop Rohingya boats

LHOKSEUMAWE, Nov 25 (Agencies): Indonesian police and fishermen said Saturday they have begun patrolling parts of the country's westernmost province to prevent Rohingya refugees from landing on its shores after nearly 1,100 members of the persecuted Myanmar minority arrived this month.

Thousands from the mostly Muslim minority risk their lives each year making sea journeys from refugee camps in Bangladesh, often in flimsy boats, to try to reach Malaysia or Indonesia.

As sailing conditions eased this month, more than half a dozen boats carrying hundreds of Rohingya people from Bangladesh arrived in Aceh province, including some that locals tried to turn back to sea.

Police in East Aceh, a regency of more than 350,000 people that saw 36 Rohingya arrive on Sunday, said they have now imposed round-the-clock patrols.

The force "has instructed its subordinate police

precincts with coastal areas to intensify surveillance, both along the coastline and in the waters of the Malacca Strait, to prevent the entry of Rohingya immigrants", it said in a statement.

"The police are patrolling 24/7 to prevent Rohingya immigrants from landing in East Aceh," said police chief Andy Rahmansyah.

In North Aceh, head of Tanoh Anoe village Amiruddin Ismail told agency patrols were stepped up on Friday night after fishermen reported sighting a Rohingya boat two miles (three kilometres) off the coast of Muara Batu town.

Fishermen, local police and military units all conducted patrols along the coast until the alleged boat was no longer seen, he said.

The fishing community head in North Aceh's Dewantara district Naharuddin, who like many Indonesians goes by one name, confirmed the patrols to agency.

"We immediately con-

ducted surveillance along the coastline. While fishermen went to sea... we requested them to keep an eye out," he said.

Experts have expressed concern Indonesia will be the next country to toughen its borders to prevent Rohingya landings, with Malaysia, Thailand and India all deterring their arrivals.

Many Acehnese have long been sympathetic to the plight of their fellow Muslims.

But some say their patience has been tested, claiming the Rohingya consume scarce resources and occasionally come into conflict with locals.

More than a million Rohingya have fled Myanmar since the 1990s, most in the wake of a 2017 military crackdown that forced many to settle in camps in Bangladesh.

Indonesia is not a signatory to the United Nations refugee convention and says it is not compelled to take in refugees from Myanmar.

Imran Khan moves Supreme Court for bail in Al-Qadir Trust corruption case



ISLAMABAD, Nov 25 (Agencies): Imran Khan has moved the Supreme Court for bail in the Al-Qadir Trust corruption case in which Pakistan's jailed former prime minister and his wife are accused of receiving land worth billions of rupees as a bribe from a real estate tycoon, according to a media report.

Khan, 71, who has been incarcerated in the Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi since September 26 in various cases, on Friday moved the apex court following rejection of his plea by the Islamabad High Court (IHC) on November 14.

According to news agency, Khan in the bail application alleged that the National Accountability Bureau, while acting as a tool of the previous Pakistan Democratic Movement government, used the case to harass him on

political grounds.

In the appeal, the Supreme Court was requested to annul the IHC decision of November 14 and the decision of the accountability court on August 10 on his arrest in the Al-Qadir Trust case.

The Al-Qadir Trust case is about the settlement of 190 million pounds, about Rs 50 billion, which the UK's National Crime Agency sent to Pakistan after recovering the amount from a Pakistani property tycoon.

Khan, being the prime minister then, instead of depositing in the national treasury, allowed the businessman to use the amount to partly settle a fine of about Rs 450 billion imposed by the Supreme Court some years ago.

Reportedly, the tycoon, in return, gifted about 57 acres of land to a trust set up by Khan and his

wife, Bushra Bibi, to establish the Al-Qadir University in the Sohawa area of the Jhelum district of Punjab.

Separately, IHC Chief Justice Aamer Farooq heard the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief's petition for an early decision on a request for withdrawal of his appeal against the Election Commission of Pakistan's decision to disqualify him in the Toshakhana case following his conviction in the case in August. Later, his conviction in the case was suspended.

That case was filed by the Election Commission of Pakistan for hiding the proceeds of sale from the gifts he got from the Toshakhana, a repository for presents given to government officials by foreign officials, during his tenure as the prime minister.

The court said that many cases were going on simultaneously, assuring the PTI's lawyer that the matter would be decided next week.

Khan wanted to withdraw his appeal to the IHC and take it to the Lahore High Court, the paper said.

Hospitals in China grapple with rise in respiratory illnesses among children: Report

BEIJING, Nov 25 (Agencies): Hospitals in Beijing and northern China are grappling with a rise in respiratory illnesses among children as the country enters its first winter after easing stringent Covid-19 restrictions nearly a year ago, agency reported.

Wait times to consult doctors stretch for hours, with hundreds of patients waiting in queues at some children's hospitals in major cities of northern China, agency reported.

An official at the Beijing Children's Hospital said that the current average of more than 7,000 daily patients "far exceeds the hospital's capacity," agency reported citing state media.

On Saturday, the largest paediatric hospital in nearby Tianjin broke a record as more than 13,000 children came to outpatient and emergency departments, agency cited a local state-run outlet.

Health officials in Beijing and other major cities across northern China called typical seasonal illnesses, including influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), as well as mycoplasma pneumonia as driving causes.

The rise in cases in northern China comes at a time when there is a rise in seasonal respiratory infections around the northern hemisphere, including in the United States, where RSV is spreading at "unprecedented" levels among children.

However, the situation in China raised global concern after the World Health Organisation (WHO) asked China to share more information on the rise in respiratory illnesses and "reported clusters of undiagnosed pneumonia in children," citing a post from open-source surveillance system ProMED, agency reported.

Following a pressing demand from the World Health Organisation to reveal more information on the surge in respiratory illnesses among children, China said there is no detection of any unusual or novel pathogens.

Some of these increases are occurring earlier in the season than usual, although this is not surprising given the easing of Covid-19 limitations, as seen in other nations.

Open Kashmir Taekwondo Championship -2023 concludes

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 25: The closing ceremony of Open Kashmir Taekwondo Championship was held at Indoor Hall Polo Ground, Srinagar here today.

The event was organized by J&K Taekwondo Association (Regd) under the aegis of Taekwondo Federation of India (TFI) and J&K Sports Council (JKSC) from 23rd to 24th November 2023.

The Championship was open for all and it observed a massive participation of young athletes.

Players across different schools and clubs from the Kashmir Division participated.

The Championship was held under the emblem of My Youth My Pride.

More than 400 players took part from various schools and clubs.

The medalists of the event will have a chance to represent J&K, UT in the upcoming LG Cup All India Club's Taekwondo Championships.

In the closing ceremony Ajay Kumar Yadav (IG, CRPF SRINAGAR) was Chief Guest and distributed medals and trophies to the winners.

Ajay Kumar Yadav (IG, CRPF Srinagar) assured full support to the J&K Taekwondo Association (Regd) in future events.

Rouf Ahmed Bhat (Deputy Secretary to the Govt, Forest Department), Advocate Nilofar Masood (President Baramulla Taekwondo Association), Faisal Ali Dar (President, Taekwondo Association of Bandipora), Dr Shoket Bukhari (Lone Star Academy), JS Mehta (Physical Director, Cluster University) Maqsood Ahmed Khan (Dypt Manager Indoor Hall Polo



Ground Srinagar) Sujat Maqbool Qureshi (Chairman Aspire World School), were present as a Guests of Honour.

Dilbagh Singh (Tennis Coach), Tariq Lone (Chief Correspondent AAJ Tak), Sharaza Malik (Sports Promoter), Farooq (Joint Secretary Kupwara Taekwondo Association) Dr. Yawar Manzoor (Physiotherapist) were present as Special Guests.

The Technical team, who displayed the fair play decisions throughout the Championship, was led by Atul Pangotra (International Referee, WT).

In the referee panel, Aqib Gulzar, Suhail Ahmed Khan, Musadiq Qayoom, Faisan Ahmad, Aqib Muzaffar, Shah Faiq, Aqib Gulzar, Adeeba Khurshed, Danish Mir and Suwaid Ahmad.

Burhan Ud Din Khan, NIS Taekwondo Coach and Referee supervised the event as the Technical Director, who was appointed by J&K Taekwondo Association

(Regd) with full support of organising committee Rohit Sharma, Faisal Tanvir Wani, Anees Bhat, Suhail Ahmad Khan and Muzaffar Khan.

The event which featured players across different sections of the society, including Orphan and Para athletes was held under the aegis of World Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation Program.

While speaking Technical Director of JKTA Atul Pangotra said we are very committed to create an Olympic level of atmosphere here at Jammu and Kashmir and we surely will organize and participate events that will only aim at promoting the athletes of Jammu and Kashmir across the India for various National and International championships.

Atul Pangotra presented a vote of thanks to all the esteemed Guests, Coaches and Participants on behalf of J&K Taekwondo Association.

We want to become the largest China exporter in India: Rita Chen



By SHRI RAM SHAW

JAMMU/ NEW DELHI, Nov 25: She is in her late 30s and at her age what she is doing, many of her contemporaries can only think of. Armed with tremendous nerve, sheer patience, robust optimism and iron determination, she has been carving a niche for herself and her 'Nohen Garden' which she set up over a decade ago. She is none other than the charismatic woman entrepreneur and noted horticulturalist from Zhangzhou in China, Ms. Rita Chen.

Nohen Garden offers good quality agriculture and farming options and many other China plants, goods, as they are an identified manufacturer. The manufactory of Nohen Garden is positioned in China. It has been handling its operations for many years now. They are one of the biggest natural plants supplier in Zhangzhou of China, with good quality and pretty competitive price. Their main products are lucky bamboo, ficus microcarpa, cactus, sansevieria, pachira and other China plants.

Located in Zhangzhou, Fujian, their ginseng ficus nursery has a yearly capacity of 5 million pots. They sell ginseng ficus to Holland, Dubai, Japan, Korea, Europe, America, Southeast Asia, India, Iran, etc. For the excellent quality, competitive price, and integrity, they have won widely reputation from customers and cooperators both at home and abroad.

Rita Chen, founder of Nohen Garden, told this journalist (Shri Ram Shaw) in an exclusive interview over phone from Zhangzhou, "Our nursery Zhangzhou Nohen Horticulture Co. Ltd., set up in 2010, is home to thousands of native tree, bonsai, indoor plants. We have more than 10 years in exporting China plants including lucky bamboo, cactus, pachira, ficus microcarpa, Sansevieria, etc all kinds of China plants and bonsai according to exporting quarantine standard, with 100000 spare meter bases and 6 warehouses in Guangzhou and Fujian province."

EXCERPTS:

Kindly tell us something about yourself and your Nohen Garden.

Rita: I am the founder and general manager of Nohen Garden which is exporting all kinds of China plants and bonsai for more than 10 years. Nohen Garden - Zhangzhou Nohen agriculture development Co. Ltd. is located in Shaxi, Fujian - China ficus town, specializes in producing, processing all kinds of Chinese bonsai and plants with professional greenhouses. Our main products are ficus microcarpa, lucky bamboo, sansevieria, pachira cactus and other landscape bonsai and plants for different projects and nursery. Our value is to be practical and creative. Our vision is to be the most

influential company in plants area. Our mission is to do a small thing to perfection. We welcome everyone to visit our nursery and become our friends.

What ignited this passion in you to protect Nature?
Rita: I like plants and plants can reduce human tension, and I get happiness from them. The very subject - 'Nature' is quite close to my heart.

What are your aims, your future plans to make foray into Indian market?

Rita: I want to become the largest China exporter in India and we will have team in India for "after-sales service". Our company use the mode of company+base+farmers business, the integration of local nursery stock resources, perennial throughout the country and overseas nursery stock suppliers, flower wholesalers supply, quality and price advantage.

Our company has more than 100000 square meters seedling base in Shaxi town, planting all kinds of plants especially the ficus microcarpa. We have the ficus ginseng and ficus S shape also the strange root and so on. the plants are sold to big major cities in China, widely used in roads, communities, parks, Green, large-scale company meetings, garden exhibitions, exported to South Korea, Dubai, Pakistan, the Netherlands, the United States and other countries and regions.

Do you think, India is a better market for Chinese horticulture sector?

Rita: Yes, I think so. Our company mainly sells all kinds of ficus bonsai, Cactus, succulent plants, Cycas, Pachira, bougainvillea, lucky bamboo and other high-quality ornamental green plants. Ficus is our main product. It is with fantastic and big root and lush foliage. Ficus microcarpa bonsai show you botanical art and amazing power of nature. Special ficus ginseng bonsai is called as "China root", only available in Zhangzhou Fujian. It is a good gift to China, popular in the world and huge demand and exported to all countries.

Our company adheres to the "integrity-based, wide make friend, cooperation win-win" business philosophy, dedicated to "Zhangzhou afforest nursery stock" and "sand west banyan tree" two brands, sales continue to increase, sales scope and field expands unceasingly, by customers' praise. At this point, we are looking forward to welcome friends both at home and abroad sincerely...peers, experts to visit base to discuss cooperation, create brilliance.

What do you think is the greatest threat to Earth today?

Rita: I think, it's plastic rubbish and automobile exhaust that is taking a toll on human health and environment too. Climate change is also an area of a major concern.

Do you think technological advancements can minimize the impact on Nature?

Rita: Yes, I think so. That's why we focus on innovations and enthusiasm, while go on developing steadily with feet on ground. We want to be your friends with win-win co-operation spirit.

Going by the recent developments in Sino-India relationships, it can be said that it's not at par. What's your opinion on easing the estranged bilateral ties?

Rita: Win-win is best for India and China. We hope, India can accept China and become good friends. Right now it's very difficult for us to apply for Indian visa. We would like to see the normalisation of India-China relations which will benefit the whole world. We understand there are serious impediments to that very serious border problem between the two countries. India and China must work together to cement ties. It is entirely a bilateral matter between India and China. The sooner there is normalisation between the two countries, the better for the whole world.

What would you like to tell our readers?

Rita: Working hard brings life, very good power and the enthusiasm is the key to success. We are such kind of people and we want to have good chance to work with you and grow together with you.

Dimple leads protest against PDD, opposes 15% increase in electricity tariffs



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 25: President, Mission Statehood, Sunil Dimple, led a strong protest against the Power Development Department (PDD) and the government in Jammu and Kashmir opposing the 15% increase in electricity tariffs.

They have burnt copies of the tariff rate lists in protest and are demanding an immediate withdrawal of the tariff hike.

Sunil Dimple is specifically demanding the return of Salal, Uri power projects to the people

of Jammu and Kashmir.

Dimple accused the BJP-led central government of exploiting the people of Jammu and Kashmir, alleging that they are looting the poor through increased tariffs.

There are complaints about the installation of prepaid smart meters, with people in the Jammu region protesting against them, he said and allegation include heavy tariffs, wrong billing, and the government changing its approach frequently, eventually imposing excise duty.

Dimple claimed that industries,

factories, farmers, and ordinary people are suffering from long power cuts in extremely cold winter conditions.

Dimple is warning of a potential Janandolan (mass movement) if the tariff increase is not withdrawn, and the installation of smart meters is not halted.

Dimple demanded free electricity and drinking water for the people, accusing the government of benefiting neither the poor nor daily wagers and private workers.

Dimple alleged that electricity from Jammu and Kashmir's power projects is being supplied to other states, leaving the people of J&K, particularly in Kashmir, Chinab Valley, and Peer Panjal, facing long power cuts in severe winter temperatures.

The other leaders mentioned, such as Mangu Singh, Partap Singh, Sunmukh Singh, Sanjay Gupta, Rakesh Sharma, Jeet Kumar, Gopal Dass, Vikram Singh, and others, are likely participating in the protest as well.

JKBS members visit classic matrimonial Cite

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JAMMU, Nov 25: Members of Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha (JKBS) visited Classic Matrimonial in Trikuta Nagar here today.

Its Managing Director Dinesh Mahajan said, "Our personalized services brings back the old-fashioned way of matchmaking that is purely based on compatibility, in

a one-on-one setting. Our match-making services are designed to connect you with compatible individuals who share your values, interests, and goals. Our experienced matchmakers take the time to get to know you, understand your preferences and criteria, and use their expertise to find the perfect match for you."

Dinesh further disclosed to mem-

bers that he was 12 when started this job and till date he has tied knots of about thirty thousand couples belonging to Hindu and other communities.

JKBS members thanked the Managing Director Dinesh Mahajan for talking to them and described classic matrimonial as the best marriage bureau in Jammu and Kashmir.

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Kashmir's Okai village produces 5000 kangris per day to meet winter challenge

Sharief, Bandipora and Anantnag where popular brands of "Kangris" are being produced every year and people purchase them happily.

Charari Sharief town is the most famous for a peculiar kind of "kangri" called "charar kangri". Anantnag is also another major producer. Manzoor urged the Government to promote the "Kangri" art, adding that a scheme should be introduced to promote it like other handicrafts of the Kashmir valley. He said "if the Government makes schemes for us too, this profession of ours will also be developed in a big way". Another craftsman said there is no need for using electric gadgets or gas for warmth just to use the kangri by putting coal in it. He said it is not too dangerous, while the risks of heating electronic devices are also high. Businessman Mohammad Ramzan said, "I have been involved in the business of buying and selling kangris for many years and am earning my livelihood satisfactorily".

However, he said by the passing time the demand for "kangris" is decreasing. Ahead of the winter the "Kangri" finds its place in almost every household in the Kashmir

valley. Amid several kinds of electronic gadgets available in the markets besides "Hamam's" made in the houses to provide warmth, the "Kangri" is still being given the first preference in Kashmir traditionally. This traditional fire pot is not only available in Kashmir valley presently, but it has found its customers on famous and recognized on-line business centers of Amazon, Flipkart and other marketplaces.

Not only in India "Kangri" has reached several foreign countries where Kashmiri people are residing according to sources.

Large number of people pay last respects to slain Capt Pranjal in Bengaluru

63 Rashtriya Rifles, who lost his life during an exchange of fire with terrorists in the Rajouri sector on Wednesday, is survived by wife and parents.

Karnataka Governor Thaaawarchand Gehlot and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah paid their last respects at HAL Airport, after his remains landed here last night.

Siddaramaiah, expressing grief, announced Rs 50 lakh compensation to the martyr's family.

The opposition BJP has postponed its protest against the state government over the Cabinet decision to withdraw consent for a CBI probe against Deputy Chief Min-

ister D K Shivakumar, in view of last rites of the martyred soldier today.

Son of M Venkatesh, retired Managing Director of Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited, Pranjal did his schooling at Surathkal in Dakshina Kannada district.

After he completed his engineering and academic mentoring programme, he joined the National Defence Academy and enlisted into the Army.

One dead, one injured after house collapses in Udhampur

Chenani for treatment. ASP Anwar UI Haq said that further investigation to find out the cause of the collapse of the house is underway.

This is not the first instance of death in the state of Jammu and Kashmir due to a house collapsing.

Earlier in the month of May this year, three members of a family died after a house they were living in collapsed due to heavy rain and hailstorms in J-K's Kishtwar district.

The district administration took immediate steps to provide relief to the family and provided financial support of Rs 25,000 to the family, besides relief materials from the Red Cross.

Similarly, in the month of April, over 30

women were injured when a house collapsed in J-K's Poonch district.

"Over 30 women were injured after a house collapsed in the Khanetar village of Poonch district," Dr Zulafkar Ahmed, Superintendent, District Hospital, Poonch said.

Ladakh leadership to meet MoS Home in New Delhi

KDA include constitutional safeguards under Sixth Schedule, Statehood for Ladakh, two Lok Sabha seats-one each for Leh and Kargil- and job opportunities for the locals. They have also demanded constitution of the Public Service Commission (PSC) for Ladakh but said if it can not be constituted, Ladakh should be included in the PSC of Jammu and Kashmir on the pattern of Jammu and Ladakh High Court.

Bathinda SP suspended for security breach of PM Modi in Ferozepur last year

Ferozepur on January 5, 2022, has been

suspended.

At the time of the incident, Gurvinder Sanga was in charge as SP of Ferozepur. Following the incident, a strict investigation was launched and now action has been taken in the case that happened last year.

According to the report of the Punjab DGP, "Gurvinder Singh Sanga has been suspended for negligence in duty. Gurvinder Singh was then SP Operation, Ferozepur. Gurvinder Singh is currently posted in Bathinda."

The Supreme Court said in August that the five-member committee appointed by it has said that Ferozepur SSP failed to discharge his duty, though sufficient forces were available during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Punjab visit on January 5.

A bench of Chief Justice NV Ramana and Justices Surya Kant and Hima Kohli said while reading from the committee's report that the committee headed by a former top court judge, Justice Indu Malhotra, said there should be an oversight committee for periodic revision of 'Blue Book'.

"The Ferozepur SSP failed to discharge his duty to maintain law and order. He failed to do this even though sufficient force was available and even though he was informed two hours in advance that the Prime Minister would enter that route," it said.

The Prime Minister was stuck atop a fly-over for 15-20 minutes while on his way to Ferozepur, Punjab, in January 2022 due to the road being blocked by some protesters. The Ministry of Home Affairs termed it a "major lapse" in his security.

CBSE conducts workshop on 'cyber safety and security' in Rich Harvest School

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 25: Rich Harvest School (RHS) played host to an invigorating Capacity Building Workshop on Cyber Safety and Security.

The programme commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the RHS Director Ruchi Charak, Head of Institute Anita Bhatia and CBSE Resource persons Raman Arora



and Jatinder Kour. Around 53 participants from prominent CBSE

Schools were accorded a warm welcome by Charak.

The Resource persons discussed in detail how students were vulner-

able and fell prey to the evil designs of Cyber thugs.

They talked about phishing attacks, removable media, passwords and authentication, cloud security etc.

They enlightened the participants about how to keep their computers and other devices secure from unauthorized access and what to do in case of breach in security.

J&K Entrepreneurs Club President condoles demise of father of Arshad Hussain Bhat

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 25: J&K Entrepreneurs Club President Farhat Koul expressed deep shock and grief over the sad demise of Haji Ghulam Mohudin Bhat (Aaba) who is the father of prominent businessman owner of M/s Update Chemists.

In a condolence message issued here,

Farhat Koul extended solidarity with the bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul.

"I pray to Almighty Allah to grant Jannat-ul-Firdous to Haji Ghulam Mohiuddin Bhat and give courage to his family to bear this huge loss," he said.

While expressing solidarity with the bereaved family, Farhat Koul said

"May Almighty Allah blesses the bereaved family with courage and strength to bear this irreparable loss."

People termed Haji Ghulam Mohudin Bhat a pious soul with a kind heart who was always helpful to the needy and poor people.

The deceased has made a lot of contribution towards society.

Dept of Education JU organizes Library Week

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 25: PG Department of Education, University of Jammu on Saturday observed Library week from November 14 to 20, 2023.

The Faculty members, scholars and students of the department take part in celebration with zeal and Enthusiasm.

The main focus of the library week celebration was to abreast the main stakeholders of education with the trends, prospects, basic practices

adopted in library as well as effective usage of library books in supplementing the learning content.

The main focus of the awareness regarding Library access, entry criteria for Library, eye card issuance and number of books allotted.

The main purpose of the library week was to promote reading culture that is lacking due to technology as well as appraising the stakeholders with entry and exit culture of the Library.

Training program cum exhibition under Promotion of Bee-keeping concludes

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 25: The Department of Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare, District Jammu, ended a three-day beekeeping training programme cum exhibition at Kisan Kendra, here on Saturday.

The programme, which was organised under the umbrella of AtmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, HADP 2023-24 aims to create a sweet revolution in Jammu, with an emphasis on honey production and capacity building for unemployed youth and beekeepers.

The session, was graced by the presence of Chief Guest Joint Director ext R. K. Hiteshi, CAO Vinod



Kundal, DAO ext Ashu Kakoria and many officers.

The technical sessions, conducted by experts including Dr. A.K. Malhotra, Dr. Bhupinder Gupta, Dr. J.C. Raina (Agrostologist), Dr. Adil Rashid, and Dr. Arun Jaral (SMS), Project Officer Ashwani Bhagat led sessions on topics such as scientific management of beekeeping, available schemes under HADP Entrepreneurship in

beekeeping, Role of pollinators, Oilseeds cultivation, sustainable development, and Honey value addition.

The program's hallmark continues to be the healthy interaction of youth, beekeepers, and resource persons. Certificates of appreciation and participation were also handed at the end.

Lastly, CAO Vinod Kundal concluded the programme with a vote of thanks.

Vrindalika wins Rs 50,000 in state level painting Competition organised by NHPC

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 25: Vrindalika Sharma of class 9th student of Delhi Public School Jammu won first prize in category B and received cash Prize of Rs. 50,000 in inter school on the spot state level painting Competition on energy conservation 2023 organised by National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) Ltd at regional office NHPC JDA, complex Narwal



Jammu. Vrindalika felicitated by the Chief Guest Vikram Singh, ED,

NHPC Jammu. Around six thousand participants students of different schools CBSE, state

boards from Jammu & Kashmir UT participated in the painting Competition.

Eminent artist Mohd Akram Khan, Jang S Verma, Deepa Soni, and large number of children, parents, and teachers also present on the occasion.

The state level outstanding performance of budding artist Vrindalika Sharma selected for national level painting Competition on energy conservation in the month of December 11th, 2023 at New Delhi / NCR.

Constitution Day celebrated at GDC Chatroo

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Nov 25: Govt. Degree College (GDC) Chatroo celebrated Constitution day as a part of month long activities under the theme "My Constitution My Pride" wherein all the students and staff of the college participated.

The Programme was organized under the guidance and overall supervision of Dr. Ved Kumar Principal of the college.

Dr. Jaswant Singh Physical Education Director of the college gave a brief introduction of the programme. He explained that India is governed in terms of the constitution of India, which was adopted by

the constituent Assembly on 26th November 1949 and came into force on 26th January 1950.

Dr. Haq Nawaz, Lecturer of Political Science, delivered a lecture on the Indian Constitution and made the students aware about the importance of Constitution Day, its formation, and how it defends the citizens overcoming adversities and political afflictions.

He also spoke about the Preamble of the Indian Constitution which records the aims and aspirations of the people of India and reflects the basic spirit of the Constitution.

In his presidential address to the students, Dr. Ved Kumar



Principal of the college said that the day has also been declared as the Constitution Day to spread awareness about its architect Dr B.R. Ambedkar.

He inspired all the students to excel in education which is the only way for the improvement in social and environmental aspects. Principal Dr. Ved

Kumar urged the students to read the different Articles and Schedules of the constitution and value it as it protects us from all the adversities.

Afterwards, all the NSS volunteers, staff and others have taken the pledge on the preamble of the Indian Constitution. Finally the programme

was concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Prof. Chander Parkash NSS programme officer.

The whole Programme was coordinated by Prof Ajeet Kumar.

The Faculty members who were present during the occasion are Dr Jaivardhan Manhas, Dr Inam and Mudassar Bhat.

Amazon and DGFT sign MoU to leverage Districts as Export Hubs initiative, boost MSME exports from India

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 25: In a significant move to enable micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and boost e-commerce exports from the country, Amazon India has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.

As part of this MoU, Amazon and DGFT will co-create capacity building sessions, training and workshops for MSMEs across 75 districts identified by the DGFT, which are a part of the Districts as Export Hubs initiative outlined in the Foreign Trade Policy introduced in March'23, in a phased manner.

The initiative seeks to link local producers in rural and remote districts with global supply chains.

The MoU was signed in the presence of Santosh Sarangi (Additional Secretary and Director General of DGFT), Chetan Krishnaswamy (Vice President, Public Policy - Amazon) and Bhupen Wakankar (Director Global Trade - Amazon India).

Amazon and DGFT will focus on educating MSMEs on e-commerce exports and enabling them to sell to customers across the world.

Amazon will also enable access to a host of third-party service providers that MSMEs can engage



with to avail services like imaging, digital cataloging of their products, tax advisory amongst others.

With this, Indian entrepreneurs can build their e-commerce exports businesses and global brands.

Santosh Sarangi, Additional Secretary and Director General of DGFT, said, "The District as Exports Hub initiative is an implementation of Prime Minister's vision of converting each district into an export hub. We are working closely with state governments and private players to leverage the potential of each district across India and enable MSMEs, farmers and small industries to get benefit of export opportunities in overseas markets. To promote e-commerce exports from the districts, DGFT is collaborating with the various e-commerce platforms to hold training and capacity building sessions in the districts. In first such collaboration with different

e-commerce platforms, DGFT is collaborating with Amazon as a step towards our goal of enabling \$200-300 billion in e-commerce exports from India by 2030."

Bhupen Wakankar, Director Global Trade at Amazon India said, "We strongly believe that technology adoption will play a crucial role in opening up the exports opportunity for lakhs of MSMEs across India and the recent emphasis on e-commerce exports within the FTP'23 marks a promising era for technologically-enabled export activities. We are excited about this collaboration with the DGFT and we really look forward to play our part in helping Indian MSMEs and entrepreneurs create strong global brands. Our focus remains on making exports simpler and more accessible to businesses of all sizes as we work toward our goal of enabling \$20 billion in cumulative e-commerce exports from India by 2025."

BJP's KDD delegation meets DC Jammu, pushes for development initiatives in Kashmiri Migrant Camps

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 25: A delegation representing the displaced district of Kashmir under the leadership of Chand Ji Bhat, District President, along with Chetan Wanchoo, Vice-president, P K Bhat, Treasurer, and Chaman Lal Pandita, Office Secretary, met with the Deputy Commissioner Jammu Sachin Kumar Vaishya at Jammu.

During the meeting, the delegation submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner, drawing his attention to critical issues concerning the well-being and development of Kashmiri migrants residing in Jagti camp, TRT Nagrota, TRT Purkhu, and TRT Muthi.

One of the key requests made was for the implementation of a Smart Bus service connecting Jagti Township and TRT Nagrota to Jammu aimed at enhancing transportation facilities for the residents.

Prioritizing the safety



of the camp residents, the delegation urged the Deputy Commissioner to establish a 24x7 Fire Brigade station in or around Jagti Township for a swift response in the unfortunate event of a fire.

Additionally, the delegation emphasized the need for the installation of an open-air gym in all Kashmiri Pandit camps, enhancing the recreational facilities in Jagti, Nagrota, Muthi, and Purkhu camps.

Responding to these concerns, the Deputy Commissioner has instructed his staff to allocate a sum of rupees Two lakh for open air gym for each camp in the next financial year. This financial support aims to address the pressing needs and

enhance the overall living conditions of the residents.

Furthermore, the delegation successfully secured the agreement of the Deputy Commissioner to conduct a personal visit to all migrant camps. This commitment reflects the DC's dedication to understanding the on-ground realities and fostering a direct connection with the residents.

The BJP delegation expressed gratitude for the Deputy Commissioner's responsiveness and commitment to addressing the concerns raised during the meeting. This collaborative effort signifies a step forward in ensuring the well-being and development of Kashmiri migrants in the region.

Need to eradicate root of terrorism: Chandel

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 25: Hinduist leader, Raju Chandel reflects strong sentiments on national security, particularly concerning the situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

Chandel expressed full trust in the Indian Army and paid homage to the bravery of soldiers who fought against terrorism in Rajouri and Poonch.

He asserted that efforts will be made to prevent Jammu and Kashmir from becoming a terror haven similar to the Gaza Strip.

Chandel called for decisive action against terrorism, suggesting the need for another surgical strike in Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK) to destroy alleged terror factories and eliminate terrorists nurtured by Pakistan.

He accused both Pakistan and China of imposing war on India, with China allegedly arming terrorists hired by Pakistan for proxy warfare against India.

Chandel praised the Indian Army and Jammu & Kashmir Police for their efforts in breaking the backbone of terrorism.

IND vs AUS: Team India arrives in Trivandrum ahead of second T20I vs Australia

The Indian and Australian cricket teams have reached Thiruvananthapuram for the second T20I to be held at the Greenfield Stadium on Sunday, November 26.

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, Nov 25 (Agencies): Following a thrilling T20I match in Visakhapatnam, the Indian and Australian cricket squads have arrived in Kerala capital Thiruvananthapuram for the second T20I of the five-match series, scheduled to be held at Greenfield Stadium on November 26.

According to the Kerala Cricket Association, the teams will practice at the match venue, Sports Hub in Karyavattom, on Saturday.

Stand-in India captain Suryakumar Yadav, who played a sensational 80-run knock in India's last-over two-wicket win over Australia, was spotted checking in with his teammates on Friday evening.

Meanwhile, the Matthew Wade-led Australian team has also reached Kerala's capital



city.

In a thrilling series opener on Thursday, Josh Inglis hammered Australia's joint-fastest century in T20 Internationals before Suryakumar Yadav starred with the bat to help India secure a two-wicket victory. After being put in to bat, Australia notched up an impressive total after

Inglis struck 11 fours and eight sixes in his 110 off 50 balls.

Suryakumar, captaining India for the first time, played a blistering knock of 80 as the hosts chased down 208 in Visakhapatnam, avenging their bitter loss to Australia in the World Cup final on Sunday. Ishan Kishan (58) and Suryakumar (80) shared

a 112-run stand, but India lost momentum after both players were dismissed, and the chase came down to the penultimate ball of the contest, when Rinku Singh kept his cool to guide his team over the line.

"Credit goes to (Suryakumar) for the way he played. He was taking on the bowlers," Kishan said. "The communication was very good. I'm really happy because it's a young side. We'll make mistakes, but hopefully we'll come back stronger as a bowling unit."

The Indian team is anticipated to have the same lineup that played in the first T20 encounter in Visakhapatnam. The match is currently being prepared. The third match of the T20 series will be held at Guwahati's Barsapara Cricket Stadium on Tuesday, November 28.

Hardik Pandya set to return to Mumbai Indians for Rs 15 crore



NEW DELHI, Nov 25 (Agencies): Star all-rounder Hardik Pandya is set to cut ties with his current team, Gujarat Titans (GT), and return to his former franchise, Mumbai Indians, for the upcoming season of the Indian Premier League (IPL), as per ESPNcricinfo.

The trade is an all-cash deal comprising the Mumbai-based franchise paying Rs 15 crore as the 30-year-old's salary and an undisclosed transfer fee to the Titans. Hardik stands to earn up to 50% of the transfer fee, according to a report

by ESPNcricinfo. If the move happens successfully then it will be considered the biggest player trade in IPL history. As of now, neither franchise has made it official.

The all-rounder led the Gujarat-based franchise to win the title in the 2022 season of the IPL and was also named the 'Player of the Match' in the final game against Rajasthan Royals.

In the previous edition of the IPL, GT confirmed their place in the IPL final for the second time in their first two seasons. However, in 2023 they lost against Chennai Super Kings and were runners-up.

If the trade happens successfully, the 30-year-old will become the third skipper to be traded after Ravichandran Ashwin changed from Punjab Kings to Delhi Capitals. The second time was when Rajasthan Royals traded Ajinkya Rahane also to the Capitals in 2020.

Hardik made his debut in the 2015 season. Following that he has played 123 matches in which he has scalped 53 wickets and scored 2,309 runs at a strike rate of 139.89.

Australian spinner Nathan Lyon mocks 'Bazball'

LONDON, Nov 25 (Agencies): Australian off-spinner Nathan Lyon has dismissed assertions that "Bazball", an aggressive brand of cricket displayed by the England Test team, has revolutionised the game.

Lyon, who is just four wickets shy of 500 wickets in Test cricket, said he did not see "Bazball" in the two Ashes fixtures he was part of last year before getting injured for the remaining three.

The term "Bazball" came into being after Brendon McCullum, who is nicknamed Baz, was appointed England Test coach last year.

"I'm 2-0 against Bazball so I am happy," Lyon joked on Channel 7's Front Bar programme. "It's a load of s***, if you ask me. It's a brand of cricket that the English want to keep going with. Now, it's in the dictionary, which is pretty extraordinary."

It was not the first time Lyon mocked "Bazball" and here again he termed aggression as an ability to shift through the gears during the course of a Test match.

"I know everyone keeps talking about Bazball, to be honest, I didn't really see Bazball... throughout my two Tests



against them.

"I look at the Australian cricket team and the batters we've had, David Warner for example... I've seen him score hundreds in a session and that's off playing an attacking brand of cricket.

"I think there's a lot of smoke and mirrors with Bazball, if I'm being honest with you, and I feel like if you're going to play an aggressive brand of cricket anyway, it's about being able to go up and down in gears and understanding the moments in the game," he added.

Australia had retained the Ashes with the five-match series ending at 2-2 last year.

IPL: Journey with Mumbai Indians was great but going to CSK was even more special, says Ambati Rayudu

NEW DELHI, Nov 25 (Agencies): Former Indian cricketer Ambati Rayudu, who has played for Mumbai Indians (MI) and Chennai Super Kings (CSK), said that his IPL tenure with MI was great, but he found his time at CSK more special. When questioned about his stand-out moments in the IPL, he stressed the significance of adapting to various conditions and batting roles, seeing his flexibility as a major personal achievement.

"I would remember myself as being very flexible in a team environment. I would bat open as well as in the middle order and lower middle order. That is one area where I take a lot of pride in, contributing to the team, and I cherish



that aspect a lot in my career," he said in The Ranveer Show in a YouTube podcast.

Rayudu was picked by MI in the 2010 IPL season, marking the start of a memorable journey. During his tenure, MI achieved significant titles, which included three IPL trophies in 2013, 2015, and 2017. His contributions were particularly substantial in the 2015 final, with a calculated knock setting the stage for MI to claim the trophy.

However, Rayudu's true turning point in IPL came when he was signed by CSK in 2018, which became a defining portion of his IPL career. His run tally also saw a considerable surge, hitting his overall tally of 3300 IPL runs at an average of over 28, with a solid strike rate of over 125.

In spite of his tremendous run at MI, it was his move to CSK that Rayudu cites as an even more special part of his journey. The shift in environments, the strong vision of captain MS Dhoni, and the fresh challenges, all seemed to invigorate the cricketer, bringing forth a

renewed dedication towards the game. The 2018 season, Rayudu's first with CSK, saw him amass a staggering 602 runs, cementing his place amidst the league's top run-getters. A performance that unquestionably played a pivotal role in CSK's title-winning campaign that year.

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"People Call Me Unluckiest Cricketer": India Star On Career, Rohit Sharma's Message

NEW DELHI, Nov 25 (Agencies): Indian wicketkeeper-batter, Sanju Samson, who was snubbed from the ODI World Cup 2023 squad, said that Rohit Sharma was the first or second person who called him and talked. Speaking on a YouTube channel called 'I AM with Dhanya Varma', the 29-year-old said that Rohit told him that he hit too many sixes against the Mumbai Indians in the Indian Premier League (IPL). The right-handed batter also said that he had great support from the 'Men in Blue' skipper.

"Rohit Sharma was the first or second person who came to me and talked. He told me, 'Hey Sanju, wassup. You performed well in the IPL but hit too many sixes against the Mumbai Indians. You bat really well.' I



had great support from him," Samson said.

The right-handed batter said that people call him unlucky-

est but Sanju thinks he has achieved more than he could.

"People call me the unluckiest cricketer, but where I've

reached currently, it's much more than what I thought I could," he added.

Sanju Samson made his international debut in 2015 in the 20-over format, following which he played 24 matches and scored 374 runs.

In the ODI format, he has appeared in 12 innings and scored 390 runs with an average of 55.71.

Even though Samson's record in international cricket is not eye-catching but in IPL, the wicketkeeper-batter has played 152 matches and scored 3888 runs.

The Keralaite last played his international match in the second T20I match against Ireland in August 20, in which he played a 40-run knock from 26 balls.

India 'A' Tour of South Africa: R Ashwin, Ajinkya Rahane might play one of three first-class games

The BCCI is considering sending some senior squad Test members to South Africa for a three-match first-class games tour ahead of the vital two-match Test series.



NEW DELHI, Nov 25 (Agencies): Some of the senior team Test specialists might be sent early to South Africa to take part in India 'A' side's three-match 'shadow tour' of the country, which will be a precursor to the all-important two-match Test series, starting on December 26.

The BCCI has always arranged 'A' team tours to countries where the senior team is supposed to travel for Test matches but after last year's Bangladesh series, the pathways cricket (A team tours, U-19 series) didn't happen as the sole focus was on the ODI World Cup.

However, the domestic performers will have a chance to showcase their skills as there will be as many as five or six 'A' games in first-class

format between December and January.

There will be three 'Tests' (four-day games) against South Africa 'A' set to happen next month and another two to three against England Lions (England 'A') in January before India's five-match mega series against the senior English side.

"Yes, there are three four-day Tests between India 'A' and South Africa 'A' next month. The team for that will be announced in some days. Most of the consistent young performers along with those (seniors) who need some game time before the two Test matches in Centurion (December 26 to 30) and Cape Town (January 3-7) will be there," a BCCI source told agency on condition of anonymity.

While the likes of Abhimanyu Easwaran, B Sai Sudharsan, Yash Dhull, Kona Bharat, Upendra Yadav and Saurabh Kumar are certainly going to be in the scheme of things, it would be interesting to see if seniors like Ajinkya Rahane, Ravichandran Ashwin and Jaydev Unadkat get to play at least one four-day game as a tune-up to the African challenge.

Test discard Jayant Yadav and Services off-spinner Pulkit Narang, the two red-ball off-spinners, who are often summoned at India nets during Test series, could also be discussed.

Among the young pacers, Vidwath Kaverappa, Kuldeep Sen, Harshit Rana and Umran Malik could well be in the mix with old guards like Navdeep Saini.

Mayank Agarwal was Ranji Trophy's highest scorer last season but with Rohit Sharma, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shubman Gill in the scheme of things, whether the Karnataka veteran will get a recall is there to be seen.

"You Cannot Solely...": Wasim Akram's Sharp Take On Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma's T20I Future

NEW DELHI, Nov 25 (Agencies): The discussion about the T20I future of two veteran India batters Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli continues to hog limelight. After the end of India's Cricket World Cup 2023 campaign, the topic is getting more attention. It is worth noting that both the batters have not played a T20I for India since the side's 10-wicket defeat at the hands of England in the semi-final of T20 World Cup in November last year. There is no doubt that the Indian cricket team is looking to include as many youngsters in the T20I team as possible but Rohit and Kohli's sublime forms in ODI cricket have kept them in strong contention for the T20 mega event in 2024.

While giving his take on the T20I future of the two players, Pakistan great Wasim Akram said India will be needing them the

duo in the T20 World Cup next year.

"T20 World Cup is just a few months away. I will pick both. They will be the main players for India, no doubt about it. You need a little bit of experience in T20. You cannot solely rely on young guys," Wasim Akram told Sportskeeda.

Hardik Pandya has been leading the team in Rohit's absence in T20Is. The likes of Tilak Varma, Yashasvi Jaiswal, and Rinku Singh have done well in the absence of Rohit and Kohli.

However, Akram is not the only former cricketer, who is backing Rohit and Kohli to continue playing T20Is for India.

While Rohit, 36, and Kohli, 35, are not getting any younger, former India pacer Ashish Nehra also believes age shouldn't be the only criteria to determine their future.



India are currently playing a five-match T20I series against Australia. As Hardik has not been picked for the series due to injury, Suryakumar Yadav is leading the team in his absence.

Congress committed to wellbeing of people in J&K: Bhalla

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JAMMU, Nov 25: "Congress is a responsible and constructive opposition, it shall continue to oppose BJP Govt for rising unemployment, economic crisis, lack of development and also expose its (BJP) false promises and betrayals," JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla said on Saturday while interacting with people of Bahu constituency.

Bhalla rued that people in the country especially Jammu and Kashmir are confronted with the ugliest situation due to the policies adopted by Modi Govt, but the Congress as a responsible and constructive opposition shall make the BJP Govt accountable and answerable to people for betrayal and failing them on all counts.

Bhalla alleged that BJP has made J&K a Laboratory where it is doing experiments from time to time to serve its vested political interests while abandoning people of their democratic rights after snatching everything they had.



After realizing that it (BJP) has failed to achieve what it had expected after 5 August 2019, several drives were started to divert the attention of the people from real issues, matter of the fact remains, people won't change their opinion and never forgive BJP for what it has done in J&K, he added.

He questioned the delay in restoration of statehood and democratic rights despite assurances in Parliament by Modi Govt.

Bhalla said that it is the Congress alone which has served the people to the best of their ability, as that the party feels duty bound to the wellbeing of

the people in J&K.

He said Congress has always taken care of urges and aspiration of every section of the erstwhile State and it will continue to safeguard their interests. Congress will become number one party in J&K in the upcoming elections. Winds of change are sweeping through J&K.

"In a big boost to the Congress party's prospects, more and more people are aligning with us to take the message of love and prosperity forward. This is evident that the voice of the people of the UT is in favour of the Congress and that our march is on the right track, towards power,"

Bhalla said.

Bhalla said Congress worked tirelessly to instil the democratic values among its workers while striving hard to strengthen the secular and democratic values in society in the country.

He said history provides proof that the Congress made all out efforts to percolate the sense of responsibility, significance of the unity, sacredness of democratic values and its institutions as well as the sanctity of the Constitution down to the grassroots level.

Describing BJP-led Government at the Centre and the administration in the Union Territory (UT) as anti-people, he regretted that instead of solving basic problems of the people, the BJP has been pursuing politics of hatred and divisive.

"It is high time to educate people about the evil designs of the BJP to save the future of our younger generation," he added.

Bhalla said Congress Party worked for decades to foster social tranquility, brotherhood by uniting people in tried to make people submit to the nation.

Kathua Campus JU commemorates Constitution Day



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JAMMU, Nov 25: Kathua Campus, University of Jammu (JU) celebrated Constitution Day with a fervent tribute to the nation's foundational document.

The commemoration was marked by an enlightening lecture delivered by Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector, Kathua Campus, University of Jammu.

He underscored the significance of the Indian Constitution in shaping the nation's identity and values.

The address served as a poignant reminder of the enduring significance of this guiding document in India's democratic journey.

The day's observance culminated in a solemn pledge-taking ceremony wherein faculty members, staff, and students enthusiastically reaffirmed their commitment to the values enshrined in the Constitution by reciting its Preamble.

The pledge resonated throughout the campus, echoing the spirit of unity, justice, and equality that

forms the bedrock of the nation.

During the insightful lecture, Prof. Jasrotia emphasized on the historical importance and contemporary relevance of the Constitution, elucidating its Preamble, fundamental principles and the rights it guarantees to every citizen.

He underscored the pivotal role played by the Indian Constitution in shaping the nation's democratic framework and upholding the rights of its citizens.

Prof. Jasrotia also highlighted the importance of such forums in empowering the academic community with a profound understanding of constitutional principles.

He stressed that the celebration served as a platform for the Kathua Campus community to reflect on the constitutional values that unite and guide the nation, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation for the essence of democracy and equality.

Dr. Sourabh Shastri, I/c Head MCA, Kathua Campus extended a

warm welcome and said that the Campus stands as a beacon of learning and promoting academic excellence while instilling a sense of civic responsibility and social consciousness among its students.

Dr. Nisha Chowdhary coordinated the whole programme and Dr. Shivani Sharma presented the formal vote of thanks.

Dr. Pankaj Khajuria (Assistant Registrar, KC), Dr. Seema Jamwal, Er. Sandeep Raj, Er. Amrajeev Chopra, Er. Komal Khadotra, Er. Sushant Gagal, Er. Pallvi Verma, Dr. Ritu Sharma, Dr. Kanika Bhadwal, Ms. Ritika Gupta, Er. Archana Salaria, Er. Himani Khajuria, Er. Aroshi Gupta, Er. Vishavjeet Singh, Er. Sourav Gupta, Er. Shivani Sharma, Dr. Nomita Khajuria, Dr. Meenakshi Singh, Er. Awni Sharma, Er. Ritika Goyal, Er. Rohit Khatru, Er. Karan Kumar, Er. Arjun Kapoor, Er. Jeewanjot, Er. Pincy Sharma, Anu and other faculty members of the campus participated in the programme.

'English Literature' a book of NEP Sem-I of Rupali Sharma released at GDC Udhampur



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UDHAMPUR, Nov 25: As a part of enhancing literary treasure and activities in the GDC Udhampur, on Saturday -a book of English Literature penned by Dr. Rupali Sharma, here at a simple function held in Govt. Degree College Udhampur.

The book release ceremony was performed by Principal of the College Prof.(Dr). Romesh Kumar Gupta in presence of the Prof. Babu Lal Thakur, HoD Educa-

tion, Dr. Naresh Sharma, HoD English, Rajinder Gupta, Rajneesh Mahajan and Suresh Kumar officials of the college.

Speaking about the achievements of Dr. Rupali Sharma, Principal Prof. (Dr) Romesh Kumar Gupta said, "English literature is the third look of Dr. Rupali Sharma after 1st book on communication skill and second book on Media and Communication, is a commendable effort which should be appreciated. Students

should read the book and definitely its impact has been and would be seen by generations to come."

In the end, Prof. Babu Lal Thakur expressed his gratitude and apprised that with this kind of support and cooperation, this enhances the enthusiasm for the new scholars and he also acknowledged and thanked the Principal of the College Prof (Dr) Romesh Kumar Gupta for his whole hearted support to the literary works.

GDC Darhal celebrates Constitution Day

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DARHAL, Nov 25: The NSS Unit of Govt. Degree College (GDC) Darhal celebrated National Constitution day here on Saturday.

To mark this day series of activities including awareness program on "Anti-Ragging", Seminar on "Environmental Laws", Awareness Program on "Right to Education", Essay writing competition on "Women's Right", Awareness Program on "Fundamental Rights", "Mental Health" and "Prevention of Sexual Harassment" organized on the theme "My constitution My pride" under the patronage of Prof. Musarrat Hussain, Principal of Govt. Degree College Darhal.

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

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

Dr. Ahsan Ul-Rehman Rizvi was organizing secretary of the Program on the concluding day of the three week program an intra-college quiz competition on the topic "How much we know our constitution" in which students of college divided into three teams participated.

The team three comprising Danish Ali, Mohdzaheer, Muskan Fatima and Ulfat Anisa won the competition.

The quiz was coordinated by Zahid Nabi Bhat, Head Department of Geography of the college.

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

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

A large number of students and staff members participated in the Seminar. Prominent among others were Dr. Ghulam Abbas, Dr. Mohd Saleem Wani, Dr. Mohd Riaz and Dr. Mehwish Bukhari.

DPS Jammu students, coach selected for national level roller skating championship



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 25: The young stalwarts from Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu exhibited exemplary and dedicated skill in State Level Roller Skating Championship-2023 organized by Jammu & Kashmir Roller Skating Association held from November 14 to 17, 2023 at M.A Stadium and Peer Kho Skating Rink, Jammu resulting in an impressive tally of 9 gold medals and 9 silver medals and 7 bronze medals.

The medal winners include Pratyaksha Gupta (X-D) - 1 gold, 1 silver & 1 bronze medal in 500 m,

1000 m & 1500 m; Saanvi Grover (VIII-B) - 3 gold medals in 500 m, 1000 m & 1500 m; Mridul Jungral (III-E) - 3 gold medals in 500 m, 1000 m & 1500 m; Trisha Jamwal (IV-E) - 1 gold medal in Roller hockey event; Hridayansh Chib (VIII-F) - 2 silver medals in Roller hockey event; Zayafat John (VI-J) - 2 silver medals in Roller hockey event; Rajanya Khajuria (VII-I) - 1 silver medal in Roller hockey event; Aayan Singh Langhe (IV-B) - 1 silver & 2 bronze medals in 500 m, 1000 m & 1500 m; Vidhaan Mahajan (VI-H) - 2 silver & 1 bronze medal in 500 m, 1000 m & 1500

m; Riyansh Mahajan (I-D) - 3 bronze medals in 500 m, 1000 m & 1500 m; and Parth Slathia (School Skating Coach) - Gold medal in Inline Hockey event.

Further, nine students Pratyaksha Gupta, Saanvi Grover, Mridul Jungral, Trisha Jamwal, Hridayansh Chib, Zayafat John, Vidhaan Mahajan, Riyansh Mahajan, Aayan Singh Langhe and Coach, Parth Slathia have also been selected for National Level Roller Skating Championship to be held in Chandigarh and Chennai from 10th December, 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 faculty congratulated the winners, their parents and coach for their achievements. They also extended their best wishes to them for all their future endeavours.

Two days National Conference on CS&FPS concludes

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DINGLA, Nov 25 : Two Days National Conference on "Current Scenario & Future Prospects of Sericulture (CS&FPS)-2023" reached its successful conclusion at JU's Poonch Campus. The event, dedicated to exploring the evolving landscape of sericulture, featured distinguished guests and insightful discussions.

The Chief Guest, Er. Mohd Ashfaq Vice Chairman of District Development Council Poonch, delivered a thought-provoking address, setting the tone for the conference's closing proceedings.

Prof. Rakesh Vaid, Director and Convener of the Conference, shared valuable perspectives on the occasion, emphasizing the significance of advancements in sericulture.

"The conference, hosted by Poonch Campus, served as a dynamic platform for the exchange of ideas, insights,

and innovations within the realm of sericulture," he said adding further that participants, including researchers, academicians, industry professionals, and enthusiasts, actively engaged in discussions that are expected to contribute significantly to the advancement of sericulture practices.

Dr. Farooq Baqual, Guest of Honour and I/C/Associate Dean, TSRI Mirgund, SKUAST-K, enriched the event with expert insights into the current challenges and future opportunities in the field of sericulture. He provided a comprehensive understanding of the industry's landscape, emphasizing key areas for growth and development.

Vishal Deep Chandan District Information Office Poonch, emphasized the significance of such conferences in promoting awareness and collaboration. He applauded the efforts of the organizers and participants



for contributing to the growth of the sericulture sector and its impact on local communities.

Special Guest Prof. Musaraf Hussain Shah, Principal GDC - Darhal, added academic depth to the occasion with a notable address. His address added a significant layer of expertise to the event, offering attendees a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities in the field of sericulture.

In a powerful address during the valedictory function, Station Director All India Radio Poonch Ghulam Nabi Mir commended the conference for fostering a platform that brings together experts, practitioners, and enthusiasts in the field of sericulture.

He highlighted the vital role of information dissemination through platforms like AIR in promoting knowledge exchange and advancements in sericulture.

Dr. Rubia Bukhari, Campus Officer, and Organising Secretary presented a comprehensive conference report, summarizing the key highlights and contributions made by the participants.

Dr. Bukhari thanked Sponsor Jammu and Kashmir Bank for their crucial financial support in ensuring the success of the conference.

Lead keynote speakers were Dr. Farooq Baqual I/C/ Associate Dean, TSRI Mir-

gund, SKUAST-K, Dr. Bilal Ahmed Bhat, Head, Division of Agricultural Economics and Statistics, SKUAST-K, Wadura, Dr. Mushtaq Guroo, Programme Assistant, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Poonch, Dr. Ramakrishna Naika, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Crop Protection in Sericulture, College of Sericulture, Chintamani, Karnataka, Prof. Mushtaq Rasool Mir, Professor & Head, (Division of Basic Science and Humanities, TSRI (Mirgund), SKUAST K, Dr. Aabid Khalik Tantray, Assistant Professor, TSRI (Mirgund) SKUAST K, Dr. Lalit Upadhyay Incharge, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Reasi, Dr. Khursheed Ahmad Dar, Assistant Professor, SS TSRI (Mirgund) SKUAST Kashmir, Dr. Ravinder Sharma, Assistant Professor, TSRI (Mirgund) SKUAST Kashmir, Dr. Shamim Ahmed Bandy, Assistant Professor, SKC-Govt. Degree College, Poonch.

Adding a cultural touch

to the event, students presented a vibrant cultural bonanza, showcasing the rich heritage and traditions associated with sericulture.

Kalpna Sudan expressed gratitude and extended a formal vote of thanks, acknowledging the collective efforts that made the conference a success.

Present on the occasion includes Ex Principal Prof S.D Sharma, Dr Fateh Mohd Abasi, Jatinder Krishan Dhar DSO, Dr Aurangzeb Anjum, Dr Farooq, Nisar, Harish Dutta, Sarpanch Rubina Anjum Panch Parveen Akhter Panch Mehmooda Danyal, Delegates, Officials from civil administration and police, faculty members from the Department of Sericulture Dr Jyoti Angotra, Dr Palvi Sharma, Kalpna Sudan, Sahil Choudhary, Mohd Arshad, Mohd Sagheer, Sandeep Kumar and Arjun, Students of the Department of Sericulture and student's of other Educational Institutions.