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BRIEFLY

Light rain, snow likely in J&K over next three days:

Weatherman

SRINAGAR, Nov 27 (Agencies): Meteorological Department (MeT) on Monday predicted light rain and snow at various places across Jammu and Kashmir over the next three days.

In a statement, a MeT department spokesperson said: "27th-28th November: Generally cloudy with Light rain/snow at isolated places. 29th-30th: Generally cloudy with Light to moderate Rain/Snow at fairly widespread places with possibility of thunderstorm/Lightning at few places."

He said that weather was likely to remain cloudy during the 1st week of December. Regarding the temperature, he said that significant improvement in minimum temperature was observed over many stations of Kashmir division due to cloudiness.

MeT Department also said that shallow to moderate fog is likely to continue till 28th November over many places of Kashmir Division.

CBI registers case against Two Agriculture Ministry officials in bribery case

NEW DELHI, Nov 27 (Agencies): The Central Bureau of Investigation has registered a case against two senior officials in the Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage (PPQS) in a bribery case.

The Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine, and Storage is an agency of the Plant Protection Division of the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, in the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare of the Government of India.

The accused mentioned in the FIR have been identified as Sanjay Arya, Joint Director (Plant Pathology), Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage (PPQS), Faridabad and Padam Singh, the then Plant Protection Officer (PPO), Plant Quarantine, Visakhapatnam.

The FIR into the matter stated that

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Need to further strengthen ports infrastructure: President Murmu

PARADIP (Odisha), Nov 27 (Agencies): President Droupadi Murmu on Monday said there is a need to further strengthen the infrastructure of ports in the country and increase their efficiency.

Murmu said this while gracing the 'Boita Bandana' (boat worship) ceremony, organised by the Paradip Port Authority here. Boita Bandana is an annual festival observed in Odisha, remembering the ancient maritime glory of the state, earlier known as 'Kalinga'.



Stating that the government's Sagarmala programme is a commendable step to strength-

en the port activities, Murmu said the Government of India is working to realise the vision of

'Ports for Prosperity' and 'Ports for Progress'.

The president said that maritime trade has been playing an important role in the trade and economic development of the country. "I am told that 95 per cent of India's total trade in terms of volume and 65 per cent in terms of value are done through sea transport," she said.

Stating that India's ports need to function with greater efficiency in line with global standards, she said: "That is why there is a need

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Gurupurab greetings to all our readers

War against militancy in J&K not fully over: DGP RR Swain

SRINAGAR, Nov 27 (Agencies): The war against militancy in Jammu and Kashmir is not fully over and security forces may be suffering losses but will not back down from the fight, the union territory's Director General of Police R R Swain said here on Monday.

The forces, he said, were trying to minimise losses.

"If the challenge is to move forward even though we have to bear losses... we will not



back down from that challenge," Jammu and Kashmir's top police officer added.

He was talking to reporters after paying obeisance at Srinagar's

Chatipadshai Gurudwara on the occasion of Gurpurab. "This war is not over fully yet. The war will only end when one side acknowledges that there is no benefit

in it and it will not take them anywhere other than bloodshed.

Till that time, as far as our fight is concerned, it is a reality that losses happen but we have to move forward by bearing those losses. We cannot back down from this war," Swain said. Responding to a query, he said infiltration increases at some places and decreases at some others with every snowfall. "It is a matter of strategy and cannot

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Two killed as load carrier plunges into gorge in Doda



BHADERWAH / JAMMU, Nov 27 (Agencies): Two persons were killed and another injured when a load carrier fell into a 250-foot-deep gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on Monday, police said.

The accident occurred at the Tantana area of Gundana tehsil around 5 am, they said.

Senior Superintendent of Police of Doda Abdul Qyoom said the load carrier was on its way to Gundana from

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Centre convenes All-Party meeting on Dec 2 ahead of Parliament Winter Session

NEW DELHI, Nov 27 (Agencies): The Government has convened an all-party meeting on December 2 ahead of the Winter Session of Parliament that is scheduled to begin on December 4.

The Winter session of Parliament 2023 will conclude on December 22.

On behalf of the government, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Prahlaad Joshi has called an all-party meeting on December 2.

The all-party meeting is usually convened a day before the session begins, this time it has been preponed by a day due to the counting of votes for five states on December 3 where polls are underway.

The Winter session will

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Thousands Of Devotees Turn Up As Annual Jhiri Mela Starts



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 27: Thousands of devo-

tees flocked to Jhiri village on the outskirts of Jammu where an annual 10-day fair commenced

on Monday. Jammu Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar inaugurated the

mela. Eight to 10 lakh devotees, mainly from Jammu region, Punjab,

Himachal Pradesh and Haryana, visit the fair every year to commemorate the sacrifice of Baba Jitto, a farmer who gave up his life in protest against the oppressive demands of a zamindar about 500 years ago.

His daughter Bua Kouri, according to the legend, took her life by jumping on her father's funeral pyre.

During the Jhiri Mela, devotees pay obeisance at a temple dedicated to Baba Jitto and his daughter on the Jammu-Akhnour national highway.

Devotees take customary dips in the Baba-da-Talab, a natural pond four km from the temple, before offering prayers.

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Gurpurab celebrated with religious fervour in Jammu.

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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**
Vasundhara Chatta/ Upasna Chatta- **Sisters**
Upkar Chatta - **Brother**

CHATTAS, RAINA'S, HASTU'S
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Sh Vivek Chatta

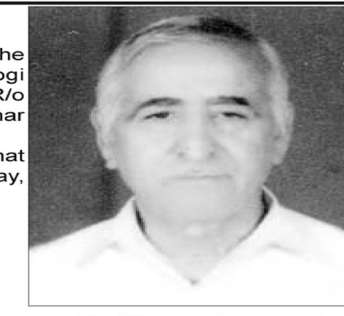
TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Karamyogi Sh Madsudan Bhat** S/o Lt Prasad Ram Bhat R/o Tikker, Kupwara A/P H.No. 5, L.No. 3, Saraswati Vihar Bohri on Sunday, 19th Nov 23.

10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education on Tuesday, 28th Nov. 23 at 9.00 a.m.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Sons & Daughters-in-law
Sh Shoban Krishen Bhat and Smt Veena Bhat
Sh Ramesh Kumar Bhat and Smt Sunita Bhat
Sh Jai Krishen Bhat and Smt Julie Bhat
Daughter & Son-in-law
Sh Hira Lal Dhar and Smt Bimla Dhar
Brother and Bhabi
Sh Saroop Nath Pandita and Smt Tosha Pandita
Smt Bimla Pandita W/o Lt Ved Lal Pandita - **Bhabi**
Grand Children
Sh Sandeep Dhar and Smt Swati Dhar
Sh Ashish Dhar and Smt Vishali Dhar
Sh Sumit Bhat and Smt Niharika Bhat
Sh Alok Bhat and Smt Sheenam Bhat
Rohit, Ranjan, Komal and Vansh
Great Grand Children
Sh Sandeep Dhar and Smt Swati Dhar
Sh Ashish Dhar and Smt Vishali Dhar
Sh Sumit Bhat and Smt Niharika Bhat
Sh Alok Bhat and Smt Sheenam Bhat
Rohit, Ranjan, Komal and Vansh
Great Grand Children : Tanu & Shreyan



Sh Madsudan Bhat

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TENTH DAY KRIYA

With a heavy heart, profound grief & sorrow, we regretfully inform the sad & sudden demise of our beloved **Smt. Raj Dulari Bakshi** W/o Late Sh. Parshotam Dass Bakshi R/o H.No. 96 Sarwal Colony Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 18th November 2023.

TENTH DAY will be performed on Monday, the 27th November 2023 at our residence at 11:00 AM.

Kriya will be performed on Tuesday, the 28th November 2023.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Son & Daughter-in-law
Late Sh Subash Bakshi & Smt. Sharishta Bakshi
Sh Pawan Bakshi & Smt Prem Lata
(Ex- Chief Administrative Officer, Judicial Deptt)
Daughter & Son-in-law
Vijay Bakshi W/o Darshan Sudan
Grand Children & Daughters-in-laws
Sandeep Bakshi & Sheetal Khajuria
Sunny Bakshi & Sakshi Bakshi
Shivam Bakshi & Mansi Bakshi
Palvi Bakshi & Dilip Sharma
Great Grand Children
Samrudh, Ridhima, Shivank, Jaivik and Rudhra

LATE SMT RAJ
DULARI BAKSHI

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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. Nirmala Mattoo (Wife)
Smt. Aarti and Sh. Pravir Mattoo (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 Parivar
Ph. No. 9414013456, 7006340735



Sh. Mohit Mattoo (Bablu Ji)

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:

Smt. 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. DHANWANTI MATTOO
(DHANWANTI)

W/o Late Sh. Ved Lal Mattoo
erstwhile resident of Ramghat,
Baramulla / Balgarden Srinagar

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
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BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS

WITH HEAVY HEART AND PROFOUND GRIEF, WE REGRET TO INFORM UNTIMELY SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED S. PARMJIT SINGH (EX G.M TRANSPORT UNION) S/O LT. S.HARNAM SINGH R/O 251, REHARI MOHALLA, JAMMU.

ARAMBH SHREE AKHAND PATH SAHIB ON MONDAY, 27TH NOV, 2023 (10 AM) AT OUR RESIDENCE.

BHOG SHREE AKHAND PATH SAHIB /KIRTAN - WEDNESDAY, 29TH NOV, 2023 (10 AM TO 11:30 AM) AT OUR RESIDENCE FOLLOWED BY GURU KA LANGAR.

ANTIM ARDAS WILL BE HELD AT GURUDWARA KALGIDHAR, REHARI CHUNGI FROM 3:30 PM TO 5 PM WEDNESDAY, 29TH NOV, 2023.

DEEPLY MISSED & REMEMBERED BY:

DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW
SDN. TANMEET KOUR & S. MITHBAIN SINGH
SDN. RAVINDER KOUR W/O LT S. GURDYAL SINGH (SISTER IN LAW)
SISTER IN LAW & BROTHER
SDN. JOGINDER KAUR AND S. PRABDYAL SINGH
SDN. TEJINDER KOUR W/O LT PROF TIRATH SINGH (SISTER)
SDN. DALJEET KOUR W/O LT S. JATINDER SINGH (SISTER)
DR. KANWALJIT KAUR (DAUGHTER IN LAW)
SDN. TEJINDER KAUR AND S.DAVINDER PAL SINGH (SISTER IN LAW AND BROTHER IN LAW)
SDN. BALBIR KAUR AND AJINDER PAL SINGH (SISTER IN LAW AND BROTHER IN LAW)
GRAND CHILDREN: ARJIT SINGH, PARMEET KAUR, ISHPREET KAUR AND SEHAJ PREET SINGH
MOB: 8082166029, 9419836265, 7051166993

S. PARMJIT SINGH
(EX G.M TRANSPORT UNION)**OBITUARY/ TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Smt.RUPA DEVI BHAT (TETHI Ji)** W/o Sh.MAHARAJ KRISHAN BHAT original residents of Kharpora - Bandipora Kashmir & at present House No 1153, 2nd Floor, Sector 10 A Gurgaon who left for heavenly abode on 21 Nov. 2023.

TENTH DAY will be performed on 30th Nov, 23 at Chhota Haridwar, Muradnagar Ghat at 7:30 am

IN GRIEF:

BHATS, DHARS, PANDITAS AND RELATIONS
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Smt. RUPA DEVI
BHAT
(TETHI Ji)**CHOUBARSI**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED MOTHER AND MENTOR

Smt Shakuntla Sharma

W/o Late Prof. Shambhu Nath Shastri **Choubarsi** will be performed on Tuesday 28th November 2023 at our residence. H No. 16 Hazi Pura Last Morh Gandhi Nagar Jammu at 11.00 AM. Everybody connected is cordially invited to the solemn function and to have lunch.

Deeply Remembered By :

Daughters in law and Sons
Smt Rama Sharma & Er Vageesh Sharma (PDD)
Smt Romi Sharma and Sh Shareesh Sharma (GM J&K Bank)
Smt Kusum Kumari and Sh Munish Sharma (Asst Dir. Fisheries)

Daughter and Son in law

Dr Manju Sharma and Sh Pawan Sharma

Grandchildren

Avantika and Seerat, Avneesh and Khushi, Pranjalee, Samya, Pashupat, Pranat, Arnab, Arya

Great Grand Child : Mathu

Mob : 9419141032, 9596727979, 7006860026

Smt Shakuntla Sharma
(23 March 1941-13 November 2019)**OBITUARY**

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our loving mother **Smt Roopa Wati** wife of Late Sh Gopi Nath Pandit, on 19th November 2023, R/o Siligam Pahalgam Anantnag Kashmir at present House No. 157 Lane 14 Laxami Nagar Muthi Jammu.

Tenth Day Kriya shall be performed on 28th Nov. 2023 at Haridwar.

Grief Stricken :

Sons and Daughters in law

Roshan Lal Pandit & Girja

Chaman Lal Pandit & Kiran

Bushan Lal & Pupi

Rattan Pandita & Shashi

Sameer Pandita & Dolly

Son-in-law & Daughter

Chaman Lal Pandita & Kundan

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Smt Roopa Wati

OBITUARY

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Bushan Lal & Pupi

Rattan Pandita & Shashi

Sameer Pandita & Dolly

Son-in-law & Daughter

Chaman Lal Pandita & Kundan

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Smt Roopa Wati

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Rupawati Raina (Babi)** W/o Sh. Amar Nath Raina originally resident of Simoo, Pulwama, Kashmir, at present H.No. 28, Lane No. 2, (Opposite Pari Peer), Sharika Nagar, Cole Pully, Talab Tillo, Jammu on November 19, 2023.

10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Muthi Ghat, near Directorate of School Education, on Tuesday, November 28 at 9:30 a.m.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Amar Nath Raina- Husband
Daughters-in-law & Sons
Seema & Kumar Ji Raina
Anjali & Ajay Raina
Daughters & Sons-in-law
Babli & Ravinder Bhat
Sweety & Sanju Pandita
Grandchildren
Sagar, Rounak, Sakshi, Sujal, Saket, Vanishka, Maanvi, Vamika
And Samast Raina Parivar
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SMT. ROOPAWATI RAINA
(BABI)**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD AND UNTIMELY DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SH. RAMESH KUMAR BHAT, S/O LATE SH. SOMNATH BHAT, R/O BUBBERA, ANANTNAG, KASHMIR, AT PRESENT 19/303, NEELSIDHI AMARANT, PLOT NO.4, SEC-9E, ROADPALLI, KALAMBOLI, NAVI MUMBAI, WHO LEFT FOR HIS HEAVENLY ABODE ON 23-11-2023.

THE TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 02-12-2023 AT 10 AM AT NAVI MUMBAI.

GRIEF STRICKEN :

SMT. BASANTI (WIFE)
BHABHI & BROTHER
SMT. PINKY BHAT AND SH. SATISH KUMAR BHAT
SISTERS & BROTHER-IN-LAW INCLUDING THEIR SONS/DAUGHTERS:
SMT. RAJNI BAMBEROO & SH. PAWAN KUMAR BAMBEROO (SWATI, SAHIL & BHAVNA)
SMT. PRIYANKA BHAT & SH. SUBHASH BHAT (AVIT)
DAUGHTER IN LAW & SONS:
RAKHEE BHAT & ROMIL BHAT
MONICA BHAT & AKSHAY BHAT
DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW
KAMAKSHI & RAJAT
SHIVAM BHAT (SON)
GRAND CHILDREN: RUDHR & ANANYA

SH. RAMESH KUMAR
BHAT**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 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

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With a heavy heart, profound grief and sorrow, we regretfully inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Shri Gopal Dass** S/o Late Shri Soba Ram, R/o Ward No.7, Sainik School Road, Kandoli Nagrota Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 18th November 2023. **Tenth Day** will be performed on Monday, the 27th November 2023 at our residence at 11.00 AM. **Kriya** will be performed on Tuesday, the 28th November 2023.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Kanta Devi Mother
Smt. Neelam and Sh. Parshotam- **Bhabhi and Bhai**
Smt. Renu and Shri Jagdish- **Bhabhi and Bhai**
Smt. Gita Devi- **Sister**
Smt. Suraj and Sh. Raj Kumar- **Sister and Jeejaji**
Nieces & Nephews: Teenu, Taru-Sahil, Sheenu-Nikhil, Paru, Ammu, Guddu, Jugnu, Tishu

Late Shri Gopal Dass
23 Nov 1970 - 18 Nov 2023**TENTH DAY/KRIYA**

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SON BHANU PARTAP SINGH S/O LT. SMT NEELAM DEVI & SH. NARESH SINGH SLATHIA R/O H.NO. 880, PREM NAGAR, TALIMORH JANIPUR. **TENTH DAY** WILL BE PERFORMED ON 28-11-2023 (TUESDAY) AT OUR RESIDENCE AT 11:00 AM.

KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON FRIDAY THE 1ST OF DEC. 2023 AT 1 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

JANVI WIFE
SH NARESH SINGH SLATHIA-FATHER
SMT SHAKUNTALA DEVI-GRAND MOTHER
CONTACT NO. 9419183611

BHANU PARTAP
SINGH**OBITUARY - 10TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and deep sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Smt. Sheela Bhan** (fondly known as Pyari) W/o Late Sh. Omkar Nath Bhan R/o Najafgarh, New Delhi erstwhile from Shivpora, Broadway, Srinagar and Talab Tillo, Jammu on 26.11.2023.

10th day Kriya will be performed at Gauri Shankar Temple, T Block, Phase 1, New Palam Vihar, Gurgaon on 4th December 2023 (Monday) at 8:30 AM.

Grief Stricken

Bhans, Kous, Vakils & Rainas

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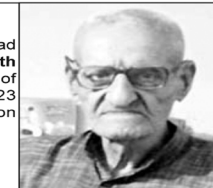
Smt. Sheela Bhan

OBITUARY

With profound grief sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Pushkar Nath Hangloo** S/o Lt Goverdhan Hangloo of Hanglound, Anantnag on 26-11-2023 presently at Q-6, Rajiv Nagar extension Begumpur- Rohini, Sector-37, Delhi-81

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt Payari Hangloo- Wife
Mr. Falaksh & Meera Hangloo- Son & Daughter in Law
Sunaina Ravinder Koul- Daughter & Son in Law
Preeti & Sanjayveer (Shishoo)- Daughter & Son in Law
Kishni Bhat W/o Lt Sh. O.N Bhat - Sister in Law
Smt Dulhar & Sh. O.N Bhat - Sister & Brother in Law
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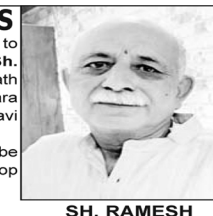
SH. PUSHKAR NATH
HANGLOO**MOURNING FROM IN LAWS**

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the untimely demise of our beloved **Sh. Ramesh Kumar Bhat** S/o Late Sh. Somnath Bhat H/o Smt. Basanti Bhat R/O Bijbehara Anantnag (Kno) at present Kalamboli, Navi Mumbai on 23/11/2023.

MOURNING FROM IN LAWS SIDE will be held at H.No 50 Lane no.1 Block A Roop Nagar Enclave Jammu.

Grief Stricken-

Smt. Uma & Ashok Kumar Koul (9596714830)
Smt. Jyoti & Kewal Krishen Dhar
Mrs. Anshu & Mr. Hatesh Marhatta
Himanshu & Mittali



Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh NCC Directorate pays homage to Bravehearts on 75th NCC Raising Day

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 27: 2 J&K Battalion NCC, Jammu under the aegis of NCC GP Jammu of Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Dte organised a solemn wreath laying ceremony at Balidaan Stambh in Jammu to honor our brave fallen heroes on the occasion of the 75th NCC Raising Day.

The ceremony, a poignant tribute to the sacrifices made for the nation, was attended by Brig VK Sharma, Deputy Director General (DDG) of JK&L Dte, Col Shajan Thomas, Officiating Group Commander Jammu GP, along with officers of the Jammu GP, staff and NCC cadets.

Amidst an atmosphere of solemnity, the participants paid



their respects by laying wreaths at the Balidaan Stambh.

The ceremony served as a heartfelt remembrance of the

courageous soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our great nation, Bharat.

Brig VK Sharma, VSM, DDG

of JK&L Dte, expressed gratitude for the commitment and valor displayed by the armed forces and emphasized the importance of commemorating the 75th NCC Raising Day as a symbol of honor, duty, and patriotism.

The event underscored the NCC's commitment to instilling a sense of discipline, leadership, and national pride among its cadets.

The wreath laying ceremony followed by 2 Minutes Silence in honour of the Bravehearts and NCC Song Culminating with Bharat Mata Ki Jai stood as a solemn reminder of the sacrifices made by the armed forces in safeguarding the sovereignty of our nation.

Madhu Paramhans Ji illuminates significance of Satsang



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VIJAYPUR, Nov 27: In a recent spiritual discourse delivered on the auspicious occasion of Purnima in Ranjri, here, Sadguru Shri Madhu Paramhans Ji Maharaj of Sahib Bandagi illuminated the significance of Satsang, proclaiming it as the cornerstone of wisdom and spiritual growth.

Emphasizing the vital role of Viveka as one of the four gatekeepers of salvation, Madhu Paramhans ji highlighted its function

in discerning right from wrong, ensuring the performance of righteous deeds.

The message delved into the historical evolution of the term "saint," tracing its origins from those who delivered the message of Satyalok and achieved it.

Importantly, the discourse underscored that even the revered Vedas and scriptures fall short in comparison to the profound impact of Satsang. The transformative power of a moment spent in Satsang was equated to a

thousand years of penance, portraying it as a mine of boundless happiness. Moreover, the assertion that Sahib is always present with the saints further reinforced the integral connection between spiritual growth and the practice of Satsang.

The discourse, delivered on the 27th of November 2023, serves as a compelling reminder of the spiritual guidance offered by Sadguru Shri Madhu-paramhans Ji Maharaj in the pursuit of enlightenment.

PM Modi has accomplished many historical works in nine years of good governance: Vinay



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 27: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader and Seh Prabhari Jammu North Vinay Gupta, addresses the general public, during the ongoing mega "Booth Jan Samvaad", a public outreach program in different parts of District Jammu South and Jammu North District. Vinay Gupta highlights

the nine years of successful governance of the Modi-led government and he asserted that this would further accelerate the pace of development across the entire nation, particularly in the Union territory of J&K.

Vinay appeals to the general populace to vote the Modi government to power once again in 2024 to increase the pace of development

in the whole nation and especially Jammu & Kashmir adding the Modi government has brought peace and prosperity to the J&K, which was once marred with the turmoil and restlessness. He spoke out that J&K has witnessed phenomenal development under the Modi government especially after the abrogation of 370 giving advantages to every single resident

of J&K. He underlined the improved security scenario and the major development projects undertaken in J&K. Gupta stressed that the selected party activists as speakers will interact with the public for the next two months, while apprising masses of these magical schemes, policies, and achievements.

While speaking in these programs, Vinay Gupta said that it was in the year 2014 that BJP led government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi came into existence, and in its rule of over nine years, many historical works have been done for the development and welfare of different sections of the society.

Vinay noted the BJP has undertaken this Abhiyan with the target

of reaching every home in every village and he also announced that the party will be organizing "choupal" sessions to engage with the public and discuss the achievements of the BJP-led government.

Vinay asserted that he is fully confident that "People should re-elect the Modi government in 2024."

Vinay was accompanied by BJP Gandhi Nagar Mandal President Bharat Bhushan, Janipur Mandal President Raveesh Mengi, Parduman Singh, Akash Chopra, Narinder Gupta Koki, Ajay Singh Manhas, Arti Thakur, Gaurav Raina, Rachit Khosla, Sahil Mahajan, Vinod Sharma, Ritika Dhiman, Priyanka Sharma and Prominent party workers.

SDM Karnah leads Guru Nanak Jayanti celebrations at Triboni Gurdwara



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KARNAH, Nov 27: In a remarkable display of unity and community engagement, SDM Karnah, Dr. GA Rather, extended warm greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the sacred occasion of Guru Nanak Jayanti. His heartfelt address illuminated Guru Nanak Dev Ji's impactful contributions, emphasizing the rejection of rituals and superstitions in favor of accessible spiritual truths.

Dr. GA Rather passionately underscored the importance of embracing Guru Nanak Dev Ji's teachings, advocating for brotherhood, and fostering amicable coexistence among communities.

His call to dedicate oneself to serving humanity, especially the needy, resonated with the timeless wisdom of Guru Ji. Actively participating in Triboni Gurdwara functions, the SDM engaged wholeheartedly with the Sikh community, symbolizing a

profound commitment to communal harmony. Shared moments over tea became emblematic of the values uniting the diverse community.

As SDM Karnah actively strengthens community ties through participation, Guru Nanak Jayanti transcends mere celebration, emerging as a powerful testament to the unity and shared humanity weaving through the tapestry of Jammu and Kashmir.

During his visit, SDM Karnah personally met with the Sikh community, expressing genuine concern for their well-being. He assured them of the administration's unwavering support, reinforcing the duty to stand by the people in any challenges they may face. His pledge to be part of their programs reflects a commitment to collaborative efforts for the betterment of the community.

Shri Dwarikanath Shastri Ji's 63rd Birth Anniversary celebrated

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JAMMU, Nov 27: The Tyagamurti Golokvasi Shri Dwarikanath Shastri Maharaj Ji's 63rd Birth Anniversary with the Shri Gau Gopal Mahayagya and Gopujan, along with the Hanuman flag hoisting ceremony celebrated at Sohanjana.

Motivational camps for youth, promoting a drug-free lifestyle, and organizing activities that encourage patriotism and physical strength are essential contributions to the well-being of the community.

The inclusion of cultural elements such as dance and the participation of wrestlers

from India and abroad adds a dynamic and diverse aspect to the celebration.

The worship of the cow in the Gau Gopal Mahayagya further highlights the cultural and religious significance attributed to the cow in certain traditions.

The symbolic act of hoisting the Hanuman flag for the Gau Gopal Mahayagya is a powerful gesture, invoking the blessings of Hanuman ji, who is believed to provide relief from various challenges.

The continuous recitation of Akhand Hanuman Chalisa and the Vijay Mantra adds a spiritual atmosphere to the event, fostering a sense of unity and devotion among the participants.



The distribution of Laddu Prasad and the arrangement of free Langar for everyone demonstrate the spirit of service and generosity upheld by the Trust. Overall, this celebration

seems to have successfully integrated religious rituals, cultural activities, and social service to create a wholesome and spiritually uplifting experience for the devotees.

Pre R-Day selection camp of NCC Dte commences at Nagrota

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JAMMU, Nov 27: NCC Group Srinagar is set to kick off a series of NCC Camps aimed at selecting and training NCC Cadets from the Union Territories of Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh. The camps, scheduled to be held at NCC Training Academy Nagrota, will run from 28th November 2023 to 27th December 2023.

The primary objective of these camps is to meticulously screen volunteer cadets from all 10 NCC Battalions within the Directorate, in order to form the JK&L Directorate contingent for the upcoming NCC Republic Day Camp at New Delhi. This pres-

tigious camp is slated to take place from 1st January to 29th January 2024.

The selected cadets will undergo rigorous selection processes and comprehensive training sessions. Their preparation will encompass a diverse range of activities scheduled at the Republic Day Camp in New Delhi. These activities include marching on Kartavya-Path, participation in the Guard of Honour for esteemed dignitaries including the Prime Minister, engagement in the prestigious PM Rally, showcasing cultural programs, and the selection of the All India Best NCC Cadet. Notably, this year's marching contingent

for Kartavya-Path will exclusively feature Girl cadets. Furthermore, a select group of ex-NCC cadets, who previously participated in the Republic Day Camp 2023, have been enlisted to impart their experiences and mentor the aspiring cadets as they brace themselves for this rigorous selection and training program.

To ensure the optimal performance and preparedness of the NCC cadets at Nagrota, comprehensive administrative and training support is being provided. The emphasis remains on enabling these cadets to train diligently and shine at the distinguished Republic Day Camp.

Sacking of employees for terror links reiterates its resolve to end terrorism: Sham Langer

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JAMMU, Nov 27: Sham Langer, Convenor Trade Cell, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir has appreciated the J&K Union Territory Administration for sacking four more Government employees, including a doctor and a policeman, for their alleged terror links in the Union Territory. He said that people at large are happy over such section and want it to continue its tirade against every such person working against the nation. He asserted that the UT Administration led by the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha in coordination with the BJP Govt at the Centre led by PM Narendra Modi stands fully committed to show zero tolerance against the terrorists and their supporters in order to root out this menace once for all.

In a statement issued to media here today, the senior BJP Leader said that the recent incidents of termination of services of a number of employees goes out to prove beyond doubt that the Administration is quite serious in fight against terrorism leaving no scope at all for this monster headed evil to raise its ugly head again in future.

It is pertinent to mention here that the Jammu and Kashmir administration the other day sacked four more Government employees, including a doctor and a policeman, for their alleged terror as per the information provided by the officials.

Rahul organizes Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyan at Ward 20

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JAMMU, Nov 27: Former Councillor Rahul Kumar organized a Booth Jan Samvad Programme in Ward 20 at Booth No 20, 21 and 22. The programme was graced by former Dy CM Kavinder Gupta, Seh Prabhari North Viney Gupta, Mandal President Bharat Bushan and District Vice President Narinder Koki.

The programme was aimed at reaching out to the people of Ward 20 and informing them about the various works done and achievements of the Modi government. During the programme, Rahul Kumar highlighted the various initiatives taken by the Modi government for the welfare of the people, such as the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, and the Ayushman Bharat Yojana.

Kavinder Gupta praised Rahul Kumar for



his efforts in organizing the Booth Jansamvad Programme.

He said that such programmes are important for connecting with the people and understanding their problems.

Viney Gupta also appreciated Rahul Kumar's efforts and said that he is a dedicated worker who is always willing to help others.

Mandal President Bharat Bushan and District Vice President

Narinder Koki also spoke on the occasion and praised the Modi government's work.

Prominent members of Booth No 20, 21, 22 visited the programme to listen to the work done and achievements of the Modi government. They expressed their satisfaction with the work done by the government and thanked Rahul Kumar for organizing the programme.

EDITORIAL

DEVELOP GOOD CHARACTER

To develop a good character, it is necessary to have good company and good values. Good values are the gift of our previous birth but good company is a rare gift of present life. The word 'Satsangati' is a combination of two words, 'Sat' and 'Sangati' which means good company, company of gentlemen. Good company has a direct impact on our personality. It is only because of good company that qualities like religiousness, devotion to duty and goodwill emerge in a person. To take life on the path of ultimate truth, it is very important to have good company in our life.

Being a social animal, human being is connected with many mutual relationships. If even an intelligent and alert person comes in contact with bad company, it definitely has a bad effect on him. Good company plays a big role in making our life meaningful. Its effect makes even an ordinary person great.

By associating with good people, we get respect and honor and our fame gets displaced. Just as even iron turns into gold with the touch of Paras, similarly with the influence of good company a person starts moving towards the right path. In ancient times in India, children were sent to Gurukul for education so that they remain under the influence of good company since childhood and they always choose the right path in future.

Good company definitely has an impact on the human mind. The effect of good company is not only on humans but also on animals and plants. If one mango in the mango basket is spoiled, it spoils all the mangoes. It is because of good company that even common monkeys like Hanuman and Sugriva have become unforgettable today. A bad company destroys our entire life and a good company shows the path of progress in our life.

You will see many examples of this in Puranic Katha talks and around us too. Valmiki, the author of the epic Ramayana, was earlier a dacoit. Due to the good company of Narad ji, today his name is included among the leading sages of India. The company of Gautam Buddha changed the life of the dreaded dacoit Angulimala and he took the path of Buddhism.

Well, there are countless benefits of good company. It is only through good company that our thoughts get the right direction. Good company never lets the boat of our life sink in a storm. By staying in good company, we will be able to become characterful and will never choose the wrong path in life. Bad company works as a poison while good company works as a medicine. It is only due to good company that self-confidence develops in a person.

With this we can face the biggest difficulties of life with determination. Good company provides self-respect to a person. The effect of truth is visible in a person's speech and conduct. Bad company will take us towards the abyss of darkness and good company will take us to the peak of light. Due to good company, we can think positively and this thinking gradually gets reflected in good work which takes us to our goal. Good company is the foundation stone of our entire life. Bad company can destroy our life. In the shadow of good company the mind becomes calm, clean and pure. For the progress of our life and to become a better person, we should always remain under the protection of intelligent and gentlemanly people.

By: Vijay GarG

A Teacher to the learner is an embodiment of wisdom. Teacher is said to be divine and Teaching has been considered revered profession through the ages of Indian history. The famous sages, seers, sadhus, sants, rishis, munis, pundits, panths gurus, and acharyas of India are known for their sagacity and abundant knowledge and their preaching and teaching are eternal. Their inquisitiveness, passion in interpretation of knowledge treasure, philosophical discourses stand no comparisons. Acharyas carried the highest regard, attitude of reverence and an example of esteem in the society in general and among the learned community in particular. The knowledge seekers ie., shishyas or abhyasaks are known for their unflinching loyalty, trust worthiness, high degree of dedication, absolute obedience and voluntary acceptance.

Dithering values
In the era of modernisation, liberalisation and globalization the Teachers' prominence and his pivotal position in teaching is considerably corroding. In modern times, the solo and unilateral teaching of a teacher is invariably associated with electronic gadgets and other audio-visual teaching aids. The teacher dominated classroom has been replaced with child centred education and each child is identified with unique potential. In the contemporary times we observe a significant transformation in the teacher-student interrelationship.

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The teacher hitherto is expected to be friendly and had to walk an extra mile to win over the hearts of the learner. The proactive teacher has to become a co-learner, guide and mentor. The integrated cur-

riculum and dynamic pedagogy has made the teaching robust, comprehensive and experimental. The interconnection between the teacher-taught has become overly informal and intimate.

The bond and affinity between guru-shysya affected with the Students' access to acquisition of abundant knowledge becoming more open and accessible at their door step or click of mouse. The Knowledge seekers are enjoying more free will in learning and less dependence on the teacher. The autonomy of the learner has mitigated the elevated status of the teacher. The self-reliance of the learner considerably affected the esteem, stature and monopoly of the teacher in the teaching-learning process.

Hybrid teacher
Approaches to education in the 21st century took a turn around with the addition of virtual learning taking the prime stage of the Edu spectrum. Learn, unlearn and relearn have become the essential skills of the 21st century generation. The knowledge providing portals for the learners are available through multiple platforms. The Covid pandemic made the teacher to reach out the learner in blended mode.

The teaching became a dynamic process with the onset of the technology enabled delivery system. In the age of Technological revolution, the programmed learning is operational even without human indulgence. A radical shift in the role of a teacher is in the place due to smartech innovations and with the embracing of Artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning. The learner has the autonomy to choose from among the types of information, delivery channels, human resources expertise and technology.

Teacher in Digital Age

The online and open and distance learning has emerged as a powerful and convenient spectrum to pursue education and the career. The teacher apart from content delivery and counseling is expected to acquire, explore and communicate through technology. The required pace and the speed of the teacher in updating their knowledge are like never before and often the gifted teacher has to compete with google guru.

The techno savvy student's dependence on formal learning from the teacher is fast shrinking. The Independent teacher is becoming interdependent in a triangular contest with the learner and technology at two diagonal sides. Teacher as an encyclopedia and technology as a Wikipedia of knowledge houses are competing with each other.

The teachers who are considered to be gifted in teaching are hardly making much headway in adapting to the technology buzz. The Edu Teach teaching profession has become an industry and less attractive or non preferential to the present ambitious generation. The noble profession is demanding competencies, character and credentials and considered less remunerative, yet comprehensive, with holistic dimension compared to positions in the hardware and software fields and in other emerging technologically driven careers and even among entrepreneurs classes.

The teaching values are counted in tangible terms of monetary benefits or gains. Going with the current trend AI based machines/robots already are replicating the roles of a teacher in the classrooms where the role of the teacher is reduced to only aid, assist and supplement potential presentation of the robots.

However, the scenario is not abysmal. Though the pride position of the teacher appears to be at stake, there are plenty of alternate models to sail along aggressively with the vibrant technology. The teachers' emotions, attachments, passions, influence and impact of personality on the learner cannot be replaced with a machine or technology as they themselves emerged from the thought process of human brain only.

Thus, the teacher continues to be the centre of axis in educational learning to be in bygone or forthcoming years. Setting aside the critical talk and controversies, among all the professions the teaching profession continues to give maximum satisfaction, contentment, derives respect and reverence despite the technological interventions and changing aspirations of the learners and expectations of the stakeholders.

A teacher while retaining the core competencies to his flavor of teaching, adding innovation and experimentation in his classroom presentations and adapting to the emerging technology would regain and restore the glory and sanctity of teaching profession. The emerging India is now poised to reclaim the status of vishwaguru. Hence Teachers are required to carry forward the legacy of being Character builders, by defining the personality of a child and destiny makers of the nation.

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Is Artificial Intelligence a danger to humanity?

By: Vijay GarG

If you are not inundated with articles on Artificial Intelligence (AI), you have probably been living under a rock. Several of these articles raise images of a dystopian future based on machines taking over mankind. If you are sufficiently apprehensive about the future awaiting mankind, let me try to offer my analysis of what AI is and is not, and how it might shape our world in the foreseeable future.

AI is not a recent phenomenon, although it has assumed greater currency of late in terms of specific hardware and software such as ChatGPT. The term was first coined in 1956 by John McCarthy, a computer scientist at Stanford University. He defined it as "the science and engineering of making intelligent machines." Since then, several scientists and engineers have worked in this area and we have seen many periods of hectic activity as well as dry spells due to lack of funding for research.

The other term I wish to briefly introduce is the Turing test, named after Alan Turing, who postulated that if a machine can engage in a conversation with a human without being detected as a machine, it has demonstrated human intelligence. The development of devices like Alexa and software such as ChatGPT are probably a result of researchers trying to meet the criteria for the Turing test.

First, a little understanding of AI is in order. AI, in its current avatar, is nothing more than sophisticated pattern recognition. The programs look for patterns in consumer behaviour, in speech, in text, in photographs, in medical diagnostic scans, etc. The software is "trained" to recognise patterns using a very large database of words, pictures, numbers, and scans. For example, if a customer tends to purchase certain

products from a retail outlet on a regular basis, AI will be able to detect this purchasing pattern and the customer can be sent customize mailings/ ads that match his/her preferences. When it comes to facial recognition, the picture is divided into a number of dots or pixels. The software analyses the pixels to determine patterns which give information about facial features. Then the software would compare the pattern it has been trained on with the pattern on a photograph to determine if the two photographs are of the same individual.

The accuracy, or correctness of the answers developed by AI is dependent on the data used to train it. Training is done by feeding a large amount of data into the software, then letting the software answer the question that is being asked. By providing human feedback regarding the accuracy of the answer, the software gets "trained" so that it can improve its ability to decipher the pattern on its next attempt. There is ample evidence of AI making mistakes due to gaps and shortcomings in the data used in the training. These mistakes have occurred in facial recognition in the US where the program has incorrectly identified an individual as a suspect in a crime not committed by him/her. There are several examples of AI programs showing clear bias based on race, gender, age, etc. when the database used to train the software has been deficient or biased.

Irrespective of the sophistication of the software, none of them are 100% reliable. Some people may say that neither are humans. There are two major dangers in letting a software make decisions. First, most AI software is like a black box. It is not possible to question the logic used by the program. This does not allow us to have an audit trail. Second, people place very great faith in output from software and do not question it, assuming that computers

cannot make mistakes like humans. But as I have mentioned, there have been several instances where AI has made an error. It would be incorrect to completely hand over the responsibility of an entire human task to a computer program, especially when we are not sure of the reliability of the program. If the error results in a wrong conviction of a person, the consequences are huge from a human perspective.

What we can, and probably should do, is to automate the repetitive component of the human task. This would free the human to add greater value by providing inputs that computers cannot. A good example of this is the use of auto pilot in airplanes. The longest, and the most boring part of flying an aircraft is when it is flying at its cruising altitude. It is the take-off and landing that requires the expertise of a human pilot. Therefore, a plane can be put on auto pilot at cruising altitude as constant attention by the pilot is not needed. But we do not eliminate the pilot. We let the auto pilot relieve the stress in a long-haul flight. The pilot can override the auto pilot if the situation demands it.

Any technological development has led to reduction in human labour. Whether it was the steam engine, the tractor, the automobile, or even the computer. Each innovation has resulted in the elimination of the drudgery of repetitive human tasks, whether physical, or mental. In 1870, agricultural workers comprised half of all workers in the US; in 1900, about one-third of all workers; and in 1950, less than a fifth of all workers. Today the number of agricultural workers is around one percent of all workers. The reason for this reduction is an increase in mechanisation and farm sizes over this period.

The question that ought to be asked is not whether technology displaced people; it certainly did. Rather we should be asking whether people

would like to do the work being done by machines today for what consumers would be willing to pay for it. The answer, arguably, would be a no. Similar scenarios have been observed in non-physical work situations such as calculating, accounting, etc. where computers have effectively replaced humans, and rightly so. How many people today would enjoy adding numbers all day long?

There are several human jobs that are ripe for automation. One of the most denigrating and dangerous jobs in India is that of manual scavenging. Would an AI powered solution not be a great way to eliminate the risk of death that manual scavengers face today. There can be many other such jobs which should not be done by humans. The rule that Japanese companies, such as Toyota, use is if a task is dirty, difficult, or dangerous, it is a good candidate for automation. To this list we can also add boring and repetitive, with no value added.

In conclusion, I feel that both the hype and the fear attributed to AI is overdone. If the test of AI is that it should be able to mimic a human, we need to remember that humans can make mistakes and computers cannot. At the same time humans can find an opportunity failure or mistake, such as the discovery of penicillin. A computer cannot do that because it has to be told what to look for. Ultimately, humans decide what AI should be used for, not the other way around. Let us do this judiciously.

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Three media academicians from J&K participated in TOT programme

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JAMMU, Nov 27: Three media educationists from Jammu and Kashmir, Dr. Garima Gupta, University of Jammu, Dr. Vineet Kumar Jha Utpal, Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) and Dr. Raviya Gupta, University of Jammu participated in the national level 'Training of Trainers (ToT)' took. The event was organized for media professionals on the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act 2019.

This two-day event was organized by the National Institute of Social Defense (NISD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India on November 22 and 23, 2023.

A total of forty media academicians and practitioners from across the country were selected in this ToT program by the National Institute of Social Defense (NISD). Under this, twenty were selected from Del-



hi-NCR and twenty from the rest of the country. Media academicians from states like Delhi-NCR, Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra etc participated in this program.

Dr. Garima Gupta, Head of the Department of Journalism and Media Studies, Jammu University, said that this ToT program was a great experience for the selected participants to

learn about transgen-

ders. Through this we understood the key concepts of the transgender community and gained extensive knowledge by interacting with the transgender community.

Dr. Vineet Kumar Jha Utpal, coordinator of the Digital Media Course of the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), Jammu, said that the constitutional provision for the right of transgenders is very

important for journalists and they should be informed about the provisions of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 and must be aware of the provisions of Rules 2020.

He informed that Jammu and Kashmir government has already notified the selection of transgender and other people in various state government jobs.

Dr. Raviya Gupta, Lecturer, Department of

Journalism and Media Studies, University of Jammu said that there is a need for intervention by media to create awareness among the public on issues related to education, health, livelihood aspects of the transgender community.

Through this ToT programme, the participants got to know about the representation of trans community in media and the role of media professionals in the implementation of Transgender Act 2019.

Deepika Kumar, National Coordinator, Alliance India, Reshma Prasad, Member, National Council for Transgender Persons, Amrita Sarkar, Alliance India, Rudrani Chhetri, Founder Director, Mitra Trust and Garima delivered lectures on various transgender issues. Dr. R. of National Institute of Social Defense (NISD), Giriraj, Director, Manoj Hatoj, Deputy Director (T&B), Sanjay Pawar, Consultant and Shweta were also present during the program.

AAP accuses ruling dispensation of copying Delhi Model of welfare schemes

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JAMMU, Nov 27: The Jammu AAP workers & enthusiasts celebrated "Foundation Day of Aam Aadmi Party with great gaiety and fervor at its office in Jammu North, attended by Senior as also ground workers in large number raising slogans of 'Kejriwal Zinda Baad' for his bold, historic & galvanizing decision against deteriorating pollution in Indian politics & later on making AAP as National Party in record time braving oppression & suppression of ruling dispensation-the BJP forgetting natural phenomenon " more you suppress, more it will rebound," the AAP Senior leaders said while addressing the workers & supporters.

The AAP leaders while ridiculing the ruling Party leaders said that astonishingly those leaders

who once criticized Arvind Kejriwal of distributing free "Rewaries" are themselves busy in doling out free electricity, Rs 500 per LPG Cylinders etc in the poll bound 5-states forgetting their own criticism for which they must seek apology from the poor public, they demanded and maintained that instead of throwing such "Jumlas" of guarantees in poll bound states, BJP should implement the same in the 10 states under their rule at present, they dared the ruling dispensation.

At the end, Sr. AAP leaders resolved to carry the message of Kejriwal to every house hold and expose the false guarantees of ruling dispensation who have simply be fooled the masses since 2014 and have burdened the country of more than 150 Billion debt ever before

since last 75 years besides record devaluation of Indian rupee as compared to US dollar, destroying democracy & democratic Constitutional Institutions; federal structure of our polity etc etc which is dangerous for the unity & integrity of Nation, the AAP leaders apprehended.

The AAP leaders further made it clear that countrymen are now aware as to why ED, CBI & IT becomes active at the time of elections only and that too against opposition leaders to tarnish their image for the electoral gains of ruling dispensation.

Prominent among those who attended the ceremony include Ram Singh Chauhan, Kuldeep Kumar Rao, Romesh Lal Bhagat, Adv. Dalvinder Kumar Bhagat, Ranjodh Singh, Omparkash Sharma, Sandeep Parihar.



Bukhari pays obeisance at Gurdwara Raika Labana in Ramgarh

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RAMGARH, Nov 27: Apni Party President Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari along with senior leaders of his Party on Monday paid obeisance at the Gurdwara in Raika Labana village of Ramgarh in District Samba on the eve of birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

Altaf Bukhari was accompanied by Senior Vice President, Ghulam Hassan Mir, Provincial President Jammu, S. Manjit Singh and other leaders of the Party during his visit to the Gurdwara in Ramgarh.

The Apni Party President paid obeisance at the Gurdwara and participated in Kirtan whereas hundreds of Sikh community members were also present to mark the celebration of Gurupurab.

On this occasion, the Gurdwara Management Committee presented Siropa and Kirpan to Altaf Bukhari sahib as a mark of respect.

In his speech, Altaf Bukhari greeted the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the eve of Guru-



purab and hoped that the auspicious occasion will show the right path to the people across Jammu and Kashmir, the nation and the world.

The teachings of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji are most important in the present times when the world is facing conflicts, said Altaf Bukhari while speaking on the occasion.

Bukhari said that "The teachings of Guru Ji are important because the world is in conflict and there is dire need to have peace at global level."

Contrary to the existing turbulent situation across the world, he recalled how the teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji have emerged as a ray of hope for the society.

"These teachings have become more important and emerged as a ray of hope for humankind to spend a peaceful co-existence and promote communal brotherhood among people of different faiths," he stated, asking the people to follow the footsteps of Sikh Guru Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

He also said that the teachings of Gurujee also advocate empowerment of women, equal rights and help them to have a progressive life while fighting against the harassment they face in the society.

He elaborated how Guru Nanak Dev Ji fought against injustice and inequality in the society.

"Guru Ji's fight against injustice brought equality for the neglected class of society religiously and socially. Besides, the teachings also encouraged people to stand against injustice," he stated.

Besides, prominent people, PRIs, businessmen, the Apni Party District President, Samba, Raman Thappa, District President Legal Wing, Sahil Bharti, Block President Ramgarh, Bachan Choudhary, Provincial President Youth Wing Jammu, Vipul Bali, District President Youth Wing Samba, Mangat Ram, Naveen Choudhary, Amrik Singh, Additional Media Coordinator, Sandeep Vaid, and others were also present to attend the Gurupurab at the above said Gurdwara.

Scores of youths, women join Shiv Sena



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KUPWARA, Nov 27: On the direction of State President Ashwani Gupta and State Secretary (Org) Prabhari Kashmir Division Kashmir Division on Monday a joining program was organised at Kupwara where scores of youths & women joined Shiv

Sena in the presence of Kashmir Division President Abdul Rashid Mir and Sr. Vice President Kashmir Division Akter Rashid Mir.

While welcoming the youth and women, Abdul Rashid Mir said, "We the Shiv Sena has to fight for the right of Jammu & Kashmir public."

Others present on occasion were Bashir Ahmad Zakir Mir, Zubair, Sahil, Owais, Sajad Ahmad Peer, Bilal Magray, Dishada, Tasleema, Ruqia Mehek, Ishrat, Ab. Rashid Sheikh, Majeed, Basher, Asif Ab Jabber, Bilal, Farooq, Haseena Famida and Shahida Begum.

While welcoming the youth to the party, the Sr. Vice President Akter Rashid Mir said the new youths joining the party have to take the teachings and the ideology of Bala Sahib Thackeray as well as of Eaknath Shinde to each and every corner of Kashmir.

Skoda Auto India launches Elegance Editions in all- new Deep Black color for Kushaq and Slavia

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JAMMU, Nov 27: Soon after introducing a slew of new and segment-first features in the Kushaq and Slavia, Skoda Auto India has announced a new, exclusive version of both these cars. Christened the Elegance Edition, both cars will be produced in a limited amount and will be available exclusively with the 1.5 TSI engine.

Speaking on the new product action, PetrSolc, Brand Director, Skoda Auto India, said, "The Elegance Edition of the Kushaq and Slavia will be launched as a limited offering. There has been a strong demand for a classic black colour on the Kushaq and Slavia. All our product actions are based on the evolving customer trends, in line with our customer-centric approach. The aesthetics, body colour and cosmetic aspects of the new, Elegance editions will appeal to customers with a keen design sense, while continuing to offer immense value and pride of ownership."

The Elegance Edition offers a classic, all-new and stunning Deep Black paint in both the cars while retaining the rich chrome elements all around. Further enhancing the aesthet-



ics in both the cars is a Chrome Lower Door Garnish and a calligraphic 'Elegance' inscription on the B-pillars. The Slavia further has a chrome trunk garnish and a Scuff plate with 'Slavia' inscribed in it. The Kushaq gets a 17-inch (43.18 cm) VEGA Dual Tonealloy design that accentuates style and its rough terrain stance, while the Slavia's classic sedan lines are enhanced by the 16-inch (40.64 cm) Ving Alloy Wheels

Opening the doors will reveal the prominent brand logo projection from the Skoda genuine accessories puddle lamp that adds an element of class and utility when stepping in and out of the cars. Inside, the driver

is greeted by the 'Elegance' badge in the steering wheel. Additionally, the footwell area houses sporty aluminium pedals. Furthering the utility and aesthetics theme of the Elegance Edition, customers will get attractive textile mats and 'Elegance' branded cushions, seat-belt cushions as well as neck rests.

The Elegance Editions of the Kushaq and Slavia will exclusively be powered by the 1.5 TSI turbo-petrol engine. Customers can choose to pair this with a 7-speed DSG automatic or the 6-speed manual. To ensure exclusivity for customers of this special edition, Skoda Auto India will manufacture a limit-

ed number of the Kushaq and Slavia Elegance Edition. They will be in the all-new Deep Black paint and are positioned above the fully-equipped, top-of-the-line Style variants.

Both the Kushaq and Slavia will get all the new features introduced by Skoda Auto India during the festive season like electric seats for the driver and co-driver and an illuminated footwell area. The centre of the dash continues to be dominated by a 25.4 cm infotainment screen with Škoda Play Apps. The system links wirelessly with Apple Carplay and Android Auto. Also standard in the Elegance Edition is Škoda Sound with 6 Speakers + Subwoofer in the boot of the Kushaq and Slavia.

While the range also offers a 1.0 TSI, the Elegance Edition is powered by exclusively by the state-of-the-art 1.5 TSI. An advanced 1.5-litre EVO-generation powerplant, this four-cylinder turbo petrol engine makes 110 kW (150 PS) of power and 250 Nm of torque.

The Ex-Showroom Price of Kushaq Elegance Edition-1.5 TSI is Rs 18,31,000 to Rs 19,51,000 and Slavia Elegance Edition 1.5 TSI is Rs 17,52,000 to Rs 18,92,000.

Swami Vinay Muni Charitable Trust holds monthly Satsang at Haripur



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 27: Swami Vinay Muni Charitable Trust held its monthly Satsang in Manav Kalyan Marg Ashram at Haripur

on Monday in which a large number of devotees participated.

After the Satsang concluded, Swami Vinay Muni distributed warm clothes along the poor and

needy ones. After that Smt. Geeta Devi from Bajalta, organised a langar from which all devotees partook pasrad.

In the end, Trust President Bhan Singh thanked all for listening the satsang.

Among others who participated were Messrs Thoru Ram, Kavi Sudesh Kumari, Jyoti Devi, Neelam Devi, Sudesh Bhagat, Sham Lal, Raju Fouji, Bua Ditta, Pappi Vans, Sonu Kumar and Roshni Bhagat.

Atkhar Public Higher Secondary School celebrates Annual Day

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BHADARWAH, Nov 27: Atkhar Public Higher Secondary School (APHSS) Saringal of Additional District Bhadarwah celebrated its Annual Day 2023 in the School premises, here on Monday.

The function started with a welcome song. Sudesh Manhas Chairman Atkhar Public School welcomed the Chief Guest Dil Mir Choudhary- Additional Deputy Commissioner(ADC) Bhadarwah and Guest of Honour Additional Superintendent of Police(ASP) Bhadarwah.

In his address, ADC expressed satisfaction over the activities performed by the students during the function and appreciated



their talent, intellect and creativity as well.

The Chief guest awarded the prizes to teachers and students for their illustrious performances and wished the students successful and joyous future. He further exhorted upon them to develop their skills along with academics and prepare themselves to be well to do competitors with the rest of the State and the

country to bring laurels to their institution and prove to be a pride for the whole Society, he added.

The guest of honour in his speech advised the students to become real abiders of law and asked them to always keep their spirits high and never give up in the testing times while working hard in life so that success embraces them all the way through.

International Booker Prize winner Geetanjali Shree has just a tiny regret! She wishes that her original title, Ret Samadhi, had been retained for the English version

Chandigarh had a date with International Booker Prize winner Geetanjali Shree. The chill at the lake-side venue for Literati, the literature festival, evaporated as she took to the stage, sharing anecdotes and the thought process behind her fifth novel, Ret Samadhi. She talked her heart out as Prof Gurmeet Singh, the moderator for the session, steered the conversation.

For the unversed, the translation of the same novel by Daisy Rockwell, titled Tomb of Sand, won the International Booker Prize for Translated Fiction in 2022. The first Hindi book to bag this prestigious award. Geetanjali's session, titled Book To Booker, was the highlight of festival and Chandigarhites turned up in big numbers to get a glimpse of her. Her books just flew off the shelves as her fans queued up for a book signing session afterwards. And, Geetanjali readily obliged.

Fame is not new for this author. Much before Ret Samadhi, her debut novel Mai (2000) catapulted her to popularity, after its English translation hit the book shelves.

As for Ret Samadhi's phenomenal success, the JNU alumna calls it a collective effort. For many contributed towards its win, including the translator and publisher. "I just happened



to be in the centre of it all. It was not just my moment but it's an eclectic moment for Hindi language as well as non-English languages of the sub-continent. As it gives hope for our literature to find more readers. It is now on the fellow authors and critics to how they wish to take this moment further and in which direction," Geetanjali commented.

While the win was collective, the translation process was not an easy ride. As recollected Geetanjali, "It was a challenging project, which Daisy says caused her hair loss." And as

for Geetanjali, she would have loved to see the original title, Ret Samadhi, on the cover of the English version but Daisy and the publisher wasn't convinced. She added, "There's no English word for Samadhi. It isn't a word but a concept which is impossible to consolidate in one English word. What is dead in a tomb is very much alive in a samadhi. Even though Daisy understood what I wanted to articulate but the publisher didn't. So, we went with Tomb of Sand."

Talking about her association with French translator Annie Montaut, who has translated

Mai as well as Ret Samadhi, Geetanjali said, "She had felt that Ret Samadhi was the most un-translatable book of mine. But then, for the best translated novels someone took the challenge to do the unimaginable. Also, Annie retained the original title and the French book was called, Ret Samadhi — au-delà de la frontière."

As for her rich vocabulary, Geetanjali said her childhood spent in villages of UP exposed her to the language. So, how did Partition become a theme? "It is not that you have to have a direct connection with some incident to write about it. Partition affected Punjab and Bengal the most, but it has had an impact on every Indian."

A trip to Amritsar and watching the beating retreat ceremony at the Wagah border left an impact on her mind which later seeped into her writing. "We are under the same sky, breathing the same air and the GT Road is the same, but the differences created by one boundary has made us so negative about the neighbouring country. The ceremony made me feel ashamed."

Geetanjali ended her session by reading an excerpt from her book. A commentary on a joint family. The poetic and humorous verses from the book left the audience in splits and in awe of her writing style.

Sumbul Touqeer's fan from Canada dedicates a star for her



In a heartwarming gesture, a dedicated fan

of Sumbul Touqeer, who is from Canada, named

a celestial star after the beloved star of the screen. The thoughtful and unique birthday gift comes complete with all the necessary authorisation and an official certificate, making it a truly stellar tribute to Sumbul's luminous presence in the world of entertainment.

Sumbul, who is known for her exceptional acting skills as Kavya in the show Kavya and captivating performance in Imlie, has gained a considerable fan following.

Dedicating a star in someone's name involves a meticulous process that ensures the gesture is genuine and official. The fan, in collaboration with a reputable star-naming service, undertook the necessary steps to secure the rights to the celestial body. The chosen star now bears the name of Sumbul Touqeer, forever immortalised in the night sky. Sumbul says, "I'm truly touched by this amazing gift from my fan in Canada!"

Neeti Mohan professes childhood admiration for Govinda

Singer Neeti Mohan has revealed she is one of the biggest fans of the legendary actor — Govinda, and recalled that when she was a kid she insisted on going and meeting him because she got to know he got injured.

Sa Re Ga Ma Pa will air its finale episode on Sunday. The top five finalists are — Albert, Nishtha, Sneha, Ranita or Sonia.

The finale will be twice as much fun, along with the season judges Himesh Reshammiya, Neeti Mohan, and Anu Malik, some special guests will be seen gracing the finale episode.

Govinda and his wife Sunita Ahuja, and veteran actress Aruna Irani will grace the finale of Sa Re Ga Ma Pa 2023. The episode will be co-hosted by funnyman Haarsh Limbachiya alongside



Aditya Narayan.

Speaking about Govinda, Neeti shared, "Since childhood, I have been a huge fan of Govinda ji and I am glad that I got

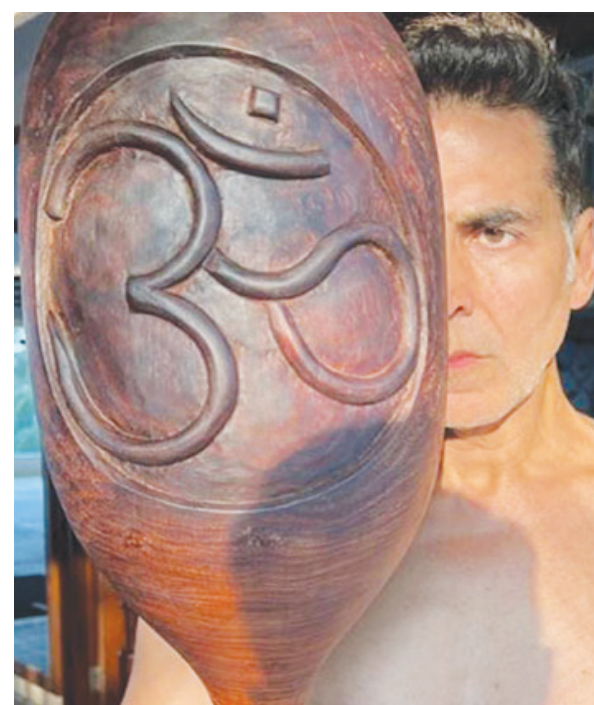
to dance with him on the stage of Sa Re Ga Ma Pa today. I just want to tell Govinda ji about this incident that happened when I was a kid."

Akshay Kumar 'fell in love with mudgal', thanks to his father

Akshay Kumar is not only known for his acting prowess but he is also an inspiration for fitness enthusiasts. He sets an example for many on how to follow a healthy lifestyle and to have an enviable physique. The actor keeps inspiring his fans with his fitness videos.

He took to his Instagram handle to share a picture of him working out with a mudgal. It is used to build boulder shoulders and strong grip. The tool used is made of using finest quality of wood. He credits his father for making him fall in "love" with it.

Akshay wrote in the caption, "My father used to practice with it and watching him made me fall in love with a mudgal. For years now, I swing my way to fitness everyday with this



6.5Kg traditional Indian wooden club. Beats everything (not everyone)... Try it!"

On the work front, Akshay is all set to be seen in 'Singham Again' Helmed by Rohit Shetty

'Singham Again' also stars Ajay Devgn, Deepika Padukone, Akshay Kumar, Tiger Shroff, and Ranveer Singh in the lead roles.

'Singham Again' is the third instalment of the

super-hit franchise and the film is all set to hit theatres on the occasion of Independence Day 2024. It will face a big clash with Allu Arjun's 'Pushpa 2'.

Akshay also announced the fifth instalment of his hit comedy franchise 'Housefull'.

Taking to Instagram, Akshay shared a poster of 'Housefull 5' captioning it, "Get ready for FIVE times the madness! Bringing to y'all #SajidNadiadwala's #Housefull5 Directed by @tarun_mansukhani. See you in cinemas on Diwali 2024!"

'Housefull 5' marks the first-ever franchise film in Indian cinema to have five instalments. The first part of 'Housefull' was released in the year 2010 and starred Akshay, Riteish, Lara Dutta, Deepika Padu-

kone, Arjun Rampal and Boman Irani.

The film was declared a hit, followed by another hit sequel 'Housefull 2' which was released in 2012 and included a stellar cast of Akshay, Ritesh, John Abraham, Shreyas Talpade, Jacqueline Fernandez, Rishi Kapoor, Randhir Kapoor, Mithun Chakraborty and Asin.

Both parts were helmed by director Sajid Khan. Sajid was replaced in the third instalment of the film by director duo Sajid Samji and Farhad Samji. The film was released in 2016. Director Farhad Samji helmed the fourth part of the franchise, which was a reincarnation comedy film.

The fifth part will be helmed by Tarun Mansukhani. Sajid Nadiadwala is producing it.

Paris Hilton is 'thrilled' to finally have the daughter she 'always' dreamt of



Socialite Paris Hilton, who shares 10-month-old Phoenix with husband Carter Reum and announced that they welcomed daughter

London, is thrilled to become a parent once again. "Paris and Carter are thrilled to welcome London into their family. They have always

wanted a little girl," a source said.

The former Simple Life star initially sparked speculation that she had become a mother for the second time earlier this week when posted a picture of a pink outfit emblazoned with the word London, which she has repeatedly said she would choose as a name if she had a little girl, alongside a pair of tiny red sunglasses and a teddy bear. She captioned the post, "Thankful for my baby girl."

And among the photos from her Thanksgiving celebrations shared to her Instagram Story, Paris also posted a picture of Phoenix which was captioned, "The big brother." The socialite previously revealed she had always wanted a daughter named after the English capital.

Shruti all for hard-edged heavy metal



Shruti Haasan can't get enough of heavy metal, as the actress-singer was head-banging to Djent and raising the devil horns, a style of progressive metal which employs down-tuned eight-string guitars. Previously, she had shown her love of hard-edged heavy metal music while working out, listening to bands such as Metallica, Iron Maiden, and Anthrax. Listening to what sounds like Tesseract, an English progressive metal band, Shruti was in awe of the skill and rhythmic changes as well as the massive chugging of the guitars, before they proceeded to hit their incredibly complex solos.

Heart's wish: Nehha Pendse to showcase her range as an actress

Actress Nehha Pendse, who is known for her work in May I come in Madam, Devdas, Tum Se Achcha Kaun Hai, among others, has revealed her eagerness to explore uncharted territories in her acting career.

Acknowledging that her capabilities in delivering emotions beyond humour have yet to be fully discovered, Nehha expressed a desire to showcase a broader range as an actor.

She shared, "While I have been fortunate to make people laugh, I am eager to delve into the realm of deep and nuanced emotions. There's so much more to me as an actor, and I believe there are layers of performances that I can bring to the audience," she added.

Known for her versatility, Nehha has captivated audiences with



her talent. She is loved for her role as Madam Sanjana in the sitcom May I come in Madam, and her chemistry with Sandip Anand and

Sapna Sikarwar have got the viewers hooked to the new episodes of the shows.

May I Come in Madam airs on Star Bharat.

PM Modi visits Tirupati shrine, prays for prosperity of Indians

The prime minister will proceed to Telangana after the temple visit

TIRUPATI, Nov 27 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday visited the famous hill shrine of Lord Venkateswara at Tirumala and offered prayers for the good health, well-being, and prosperity of all Indians. The prime minister visited the temple at around 8 am. "At the Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple in Tirumala, prayed for the good health, well-being and prosperity of 140 crore Indians," said Modi in a post on X. The temple priests



showered Vedic blessings on Modi.

The prime minister arrived at Tirumala on Sunday night.

Andhra Pradesh Governor S Abdul Nazeer

and Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy received Modi at the Renigunta Airport.

After the temple visit, the prime minister would proceed to Telangana.

Vertical boring done up to 31 metres, rat-hole miners arrive for manual horizontal drilling

UTTARKASHI, Nov 27 (Agencies): Vertical drilling from the top of the Silkyara tunnel, where 41 workers have been trapped for the last 15 days, progressed to 31 metres on Monday as a team of rat-hole miners arrived at the site to start manual drilling horizontally through the rubble.

Vertical and manual horizontal drilling are the two methods on which rescue efforts are being focused at the moment. Work on the other options, such as horizontal drilling from the Barkot end of the tunnel, is also under way. A total of 86 metres have to be drilled vertically to prepare an escape passage. Pipes of 1.2 metres in diameter have to be laid vertically through the top of the tunnel on which work began on Sunday as a second option to reach the stranded labourers.

Lt Gen Harpal Singh (retd), former engineer-in-chief of the Army, informed reporters in Silkyara that vertical drilling had been done up to 31 metres.

Singh, who has also headed the Border Roads Organisation, is involved in the rescue operation.

The 200-mm diameter pipes, which were inserted vertically earlier to learn about the soil strata and find out whether there are any obstacles on the way, have reached up to 70 metres, he said, adding preparations are also under way to start horizontal drilling inside the main tunnel manually.

"Frames of 800-mm diameter pipes have been prepared. We will move ahead by half a metre to one metre gradually. If all goes well and no obstacles are encountered a 10-metre stretch can be covered in 24-36 hours," he said.

A six-member team of rat-hole miners also arrived at the site to start manual drilling which is a slow and difficult process in which they will go one after another through the 800-mm diameter pipes laid through the rubble and remove the debris with the help of shovels to insert

more pipes.

When asked whether going through the 800-mm diameter pipes would be difficult for them, a team member said they had experience in manually clearing debris through even 600-mm diameter pipes.

The rat-hole miners will go inside the pipes wearing a helmet, a uniform, a mask and glasses. Though a time-consuming process, manual drilling seems a feasible option as only around 10-12 metres through the rubble remain to be drilled to complete the escape passage.

When asked which of these two options is likely to be completed first, Singh said it is difficult to predict as everything depends on whether or not any hurdle is encountered.

Manual drilling was resorted to as the auger drill -- a corkscrew-like device with a rotary blade at the front end -- which had drilled up to 46.8 metres had to be withdrawn as it hit several hurdles on the way and finally

got entangled in a girder in the debris.

Auger blades have been removed from the rubble with the help of a plasma cutter flown in from Hyderabad. Now 1.5 metres of damaged pipe is being removed, Lt Gen Singh said, adding that manual drilling would be done by experienced workers with the help of the Army. Meanwhile, PM's Principal Secretary PK Mishra, Home Secretary Ajay K Bhalla and Uttarakhand Chief Secretary SS Sandhu arrived in Silkyara to take stock of the rescue operation.

Mishra spoke to the trapped workers and asked them to be patient as multiple agencies are working hard to evacuate them safely as early as possible. He also sought to know about their well-being.

Gabbar Singh Negi talked to the PMO official on behalf of the trapped workers through a communication system set up in a part of the tunnel.

"Will Rename Hyderabad As Bhagyanagar If BJP Comes To Power": Union Minister

HYDERABAD, Nov 27 (Agencies): Union Minister and Telangana BJP president G Kishan Reddy on Monday said Hyderabad would be renamed as 'Bhagyanagar' if his party comes to power in the state.

Mr Reddy, who spoke to reporters here, said the names of cities like Madras, Bombay and Calcutta have been changed.

"Yes. Definitely, if the BJP government comes to power, (we) will change the name

of Hyderabad. I am asking who is Hyder? Do we need the name of Hyder? Where has Hyder come from? I am asking who needs Hyder. If BJP comes to power, definitely, (we) will remove Hyder and change the name as Bhagyanagar," he said.

Why should the name not be changed, he asked.

The name of Madras has not been changed to Chennai by the BJP but by the DMK government, he said.

What is wrong with



changing the name of Hyderabad to Bhagyanagar when Madras has been renamed as Chennai, Bombay as

Mumbai, Calcutta as Kolkata, Rajpath as Kartavya Path, he said.

"We will completely change all those which reflect the slavish mentality if BJP comes to power," he said.

The BJP would also take the advice of intellectuals on changing the names, he added.

Bhagyanagar literally means city of fortunes.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath during his poll rallies in Telangana, had said that Hyderabad should be made 'Bhagyanagar', changing its destiny for the better, and Mahabubnagar should be re-established as Palamuru.

Fire breaks out in multi-storey Mumbai building



MUMBAI, Nov 27 (Agencies): A fire broke at a 21-storey residential building near Agripada police station in Mumbai on Monday morning, a fire official said. No one was reported injured, he said, adding that maximum people were rescued safely through staircases from

various floors.

The fire broke out at 8.07 am in the building located on Jahangir Boman Behram Marg, near Agripada police station in Mumbai Central area, the official said.

It was a "level-one" blaze and was confined to the electric wiring, installations, etc, in an electric duct from the fifth floor to seventh floor, he said.

After being alerted, fire, police and civic officials reached the spot. Water tankers and ambulance were also rushed to the spot.

"No injury has been reported," the official said.

The fire has been brought under control. Two small hose lines of five motor pumps were in operation, he said.

The cause of the fire is not yet known.

Karnataka doctor arrested for 'performing' 900 illegal abortions

BENGALURU, Nov 27 (Agencies): The Bengaluru police have arrested a doctor and his lab technician who allegedly performed around 900 illegal abortions in the last three years, officials said on Monday.

Dr Chandan Ballal and his lab technician Nisar allegedly charged around Rs 30,000 for each abortion which they carried out at a hospital in the district headquarters town of Mysuru. Both were taken into custody last week, they said.

The hospital's manager, Meena, and receptionist, Rizma Khan, were arrested earlier this month, police said.

Police busted the sex-determination and female foeticide racket



last month with the arrest of two accused—Shivalinge Gowda and Nayan Kumar—in the district headquarters town of Mandya, near Mysuru, when they were taking a pregnant woman for abortion in a car.

During questioning, the accused duo revealed a jaggery unit in Mandya, used as an ultrasound scan centre, from where a police team later seized the scan machine, which did

not have valid authorisation or other official documents, a police officer said.

"Preliminary enquiry has revealed that in the last three years, the accused doctor, along with his accomplices, has managed to perform around 900 illegal abortions at the Mysuru hospital and charged about Rs 30,000 for each abortion," he said.

Further investigation is under way to nab other suspects, he added.

Congress attacks BRS over EC's withdrawal of permission for giving aid to Telangana farmers

NEW DELHI, Nov 27 (Agencies): The Congress on Monday slammed the BRS over the EC's withdrawal of permission to the Telangana government for disbursements of financial aid to farmers under the Rythu Bandhu Scheme, alleging it was a result of the "irresponsible and self-serving" approach of the K Chandrasekhar Rao-led party.

The Congress' attack on the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) came after the Election Commission (EC) withdrew permission given to the Telangana government for disbursements of financial aid to farmers for rabi crops under the Rythu Bandhu Scheme



following a state minister's violation of the model code by making a public announcement about it.

The poll panel had given its nod to the state government to disburse the rabi installment during the model code of conduct period on certain conditions.

The state was asked not to publicise the disbursement during the poll code as part of the condition.

their year-long hard work, he said.

"When this money is supposed to be released any time between October and January, it was the BRS' desperation which compelled them to make such irresponsible statements," he said.

"Yet another sin committed by the BRS, which will not be forgiven by the farmers of Telangana," Venugopal said.

Telangana goes to poll on November 30.

The EC letter to the state chief electoral officer (CEO) read, "The Commission has observed that T Harish Rao, Minister of Finance and Health and Family Welfare, Govt of Telangana has not only vio-

lated the provisions of MCC (model code of conduct) but also conditions laid down as above by publicising the release under the scheme, and thereby disturbed the level playing field in the ongoing election process."

The EC informed the state chief electoral officer about its decision to withdraw its permission.

The state finance minister had made a public announcement about the release of disbursements of rabi installments. He had reportedly said, "The disbursement will be made on Monday. Even before the farmers complete their breakfast and tea, the amount will be credited into their account."

3 Elephants Die After Being Hit By Train In Horrifying Bengal Accident



KOLKATA, Nov 27 (Agencies): Three elephants were killed in an accident involving a parcel train in the forest of Buxa Tiger Reserve in West Bengal today. The incident happened early in the morning around 7 am, near Shikhari Gate between Rajabhatkha and Kalchini railway sta-

tions. One baby and two adult elephants were hit by a parcel train leading to their deaths.

Video footage showed one of the three elephants under a train with multiple cut marks on its body. The tragic incident that happened in West Rajabhatkha range of the tiger reserve in Alipurduar

district is one of many, fairly common incidents involving the deaths of elephants due to train collisions in India.

Earlier this year, a pregnant elephant was hit by a goods train while she was trying to cross a railway track inside the Chapramari Reserve Forest in Alipurduar district of West Bengal.

Government data shows that on average, 20 elephants die due to train collisions in India every year. Home to around 2 per cent of the country's elephant population, railway accidents remain one of the causes of unnatural elephant deaths in West Bengal and remain an issue the government has rigorously been trying to prevent.

UP Man Kills Wife With Shovel On Suspicion Of Having Affair, Arrested



BARABANKI (UP), Nov 27 (Agencies): A 27-year-old woman was killed allegedly by her husband at a brick kiln here on Monday morning on the suspicion of having illicit relations, police said.

The Superintendent of Police reached the spot along with a team and arrested the accused.

Motilal, a resident of Mahmudabad police station area in the Sitapur district, and his wife Rajni used to work at a brick kiln in the Baddapurwa village under the Ghungther police station area and used to live there in a hut, Superintendent of Police Dinesh Kumar Singh said.

Motilal suspected his wife of having illicit relations with someone and on Monday morning, the couple had a fight over the issue. In a fit of rage, Motilal attacked his wife several times with a shovel kept inside the hut, following which Rajni died on the spot, police said.

The police have registered an FIR in the case and started the investigation.

The husband was arrested sometime later from an area near the incident site, the SP added.

Five members of a family die by suicide over financial problems, harassment by money lenders

TUMAKURU, Nov 27 (Agencies): Five members of a family were found dead in Sadashivanagar here in a suspected case of a suicide pact, police said on Monday.

Financial problems and alleged harassment by money lenders are believed to be the reason behind the extreme step.

Police have registered a case of murder and abetment to commit suicide against seven people including the deceased couple, Gharib Sab (aged 46) and their wife Sumaiya (33), for strangling their children, Hazira (14), Mohammed Subhan (11) and Mohammed



Muneer (9) on Sunday evening.

The other accused are, Khalandar, his daughter Sania, his son Shahbaz, and their neighbour Shabana and her daughter Sania, who were allegedly believed to harassed them.

Police also obtained a video made by Gharib Sab before hanging himself, requesting state Home Minister G Parameshwara and police officers to punish those who forced them to take the drastic step.

Sab said in the video that he hailed from Lakkenahalli village in Shira Taluk of Tumakuru. He was selling 'Kabab' for a livelihood. Sab was living in abject poverty and had borrowed money from many people, including Khalandar, who allegedly used to harass him and his family members.

Reacting to the incident, Parameshwara mourned the deaths and said he would get the matter thoroughly investigated.

Israel and Hamas look to extend cease-fire on its final day, with one more hostage swap planned

Sixty-two hostages have been released, one was freed by Israeli forces, and two were found dead inside Gaza.

TEL AVIV, Nov 27 (Agencies): International mediators were pressing to extend a cease-fire in Gaza that has halted the deadliest Israeli-Palestinian violence in decades but is set to expire after Monday, as Israel and Hamas prepared for a fourth exchange of militant-held hostages for Palestinians imprisoned by Israel.

Israel has said it would extend the cease-fire by one day for every 10 additional hostages released. Hamas has also said it hopes to extend the four-day truce, which came into effect Friday after several weeks of indirect negotiations mediated by the United States, Qatar, and Egypt.

But Israel also says it remains committed to crushing Hamas' military capabilities and ending its 16-year rule over Gaza. That would likely mean expanding its ground offensive from devastated northern Gaza to the south, where hundreds of thousands of Palestinians have crammed into United Nations shelters, and where dire conditions persist despite the ramping up of aid delivery under the truce.

The release of dozens of people — mostly women and children — who were among the roughly 240 captured by Hamas in its wide-ranging Oct. 7 attack into southern Israel that ignited the war has rallied Israelis behind calls to return the rest of them.

Sixty-two hostages have been released, one was freed by Israeli forces, and two were found dead inside Gaza.

"We can get all hostages back home. We have to keep pushing," two relatives of Abigail Edan, a 4-year-old girl and dual Israeli-American citizen who was released Sunday, said in a statement.

Families of the hostages have



led mass marches and demonstrations accusing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of not doing enough to bring them home, and the mounting pressure could push him to extend the truce and make additional concessions to Hamas. But Israel also remains deeply shaken by the Oct. 7 attack and is determined to remove the militant group as a threat.

"At the end of the day we will return everyone," Netanyahu said of the hostages, as he donned body armor and paid a rare visit Sunday to troops inside Gaza. "We are continuing until the end, until victory. Nothing will stop us."

A third release of hostages and prisoners

On Sunday, Hamas freed 17 more hostages, including 14 Israelis, in a third exchange under the four-day truce. In turn, Israel released 39 Palestinian prisoners.

Most hostages appeared to be physically well, but 84-year-old Elma Avraham was airlifted to Israel's Soroka Medical Center in life-threatening condition because of inadequate care, the hospital said.

Those released Sunday included nine children and three Thai nationals. With a total of 17 freed, Thailand said it was pursuing the safe return of the 15 remaining Thai hostages, who were the largest single group of

foreigners held by the militant group. Thais working in Israel are mostly employed as semi-skilled farm laborers.

The Palestinian prisoners released were mostly teenagers accused of throwing stones and firebombs during confrontations with Israeli forces, or of less serious offenses. Many Palestinians view prisoners held by Israel, including those implicated in attacks, as heroes resisting occupation.

A fourth exchange is expected on Monday, for a total of 50 Israeli hostages and 150 Palestinian prisoners as agreed upon in the cease-fire deal.

The freed hostages have mostly stayed out of the public eye, but details of their captivity have started to trickle out.

Merav Raviv, whose three relatives were released on Friday, said they had been fed irregularly and lost weight. One reported eating mainly bread and rice and sleeping on a makeshift bed of chairs pushed together. Hostages sometimes had to wait for hours to use the bathroom, she said.

Respite in Gaza
More than 13,300 Palestinians have been killed since the war began, roughly two-thirds of them women and minors, according to the Health Ministry in Hamas-ruled Gaza, which does not differentiate between civilians and combatants. More

than 1,200 people have been killed on the Israeli side, mostly civilians killed in the initial attack. Some 77 soldiers have been killed in Israel's ground offensive.

The pause has given some respite to Gaza's 2.3 million people after weeks of relentless Israeli bombardment that has driven three-quarters of the population from their homes and leveled entire neighborhoods.

But many say it's not nearly enough.

Amani Taha, a widow, and mother of three who fled from northern Gaza to stay with a host family in the southern city of Rafah, said she had only managed to get one canned meal from a U.N. distribution center since the cease-fire began. She helps other families in the neighborhood cook firewood in return for food for her sons, ages 4 to 10.

She said the crowds have overwhelmed local markets and gas stations as people try to stock up on basics. "People were desperate and went out to buy whenever they could," she said. "They are extremely worried that the war will return."

Palestinians who remained in northern Gaza, which was home to more than a million people before the war, have emerged to scenes of widespread devastation, with building after building either demolished or heavily damaged. The Israeli military has barred Palestinians who fled south from returning.

The U.N. says the truce made it possible to scale up the delivery of food, water, and medicine to the largest volume since the start of the war. But the 160 to 200 trucks a day is still less than half what Gaza was importing before the fighting, even as humanitarian needs have soared.

Christopher Luxon sworn in as New Zealand prime minister

Luxon, 53, once chief executive of Air New Zealand, was sworn in as head of a new coalition government by New Zealand's governor-general in a ceremony in the capital Wellington.



WELLINGTON, Nov 27 (Agencies): Former airline boss Christopher Luxon formally took office as New Zealand's prime minister on Monday, vowing to tame inflation and bring down interest rates.

Luxon took over six weeks after his conservative National Party won national elections, ending a six-year Labour Party reign ushered in by Jacinda Ardern.

Luxon, 53, once chief executive of Air New Zealand, was sworn in as head of a new coalition government by New Zealand's governor-general in a ceremony in the capital Wellington.

"It is an honour and an awesome responsibility," Luxon told reporters.

"The number one job is to fix the economy. We have to reduce the cost of living and get inflation under control so we can lower interest rates and make food more affordable."

Luxon said his new

government would also focus in its first few months on restoring law and order and improving public services.

"We need to go to work," he said.

'Prudent' spending

The former Labour government struggled to control the rising cost of living, a global issue blamed in part on pandemic-related supply issues and Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The previous prime minister, Labour Party leader Chris Hipkins, took over from Ardern in January.

She had unexpectedly resigned, calling an end to her five-year period in office because she no longer had "enough in the tank".

Luxon said his cabinet would meet over the next two days to determine their plans for the first 100 days in office.

National has also said it wants to crack down on crime, ban cell-phones in schools and scrap planned fuel tax hikes.

"A lot of our focus is on tackling the underlying cause of inflation," Luxon said.

"That means a series of things to make sure we generate savings out of the public service and that government spending is prudent."

He also said his government would scrap anti-smoking legislation adopted last year that bans sales of tobacco to anyone born after 2008.

Luxon became the country's 42nd prime minister following protracted coalition talks came to an agreement on Friday.

His National party has formed a three-party coalition with the conservative ACT and populist New Zealand First parties to govern in the 123-seat parliament.

In a first for New Zealand, the deputy prime minister role will be shared in two 18-month stints.

New Zealand First leader Winston Peters, 78, was sworn in alongside Luxon as deputy prime minister, but will hand over the role at the end of May 2025.

He will be replaced by ACT leader David Seymour for the remainder of the three-year parliamentary term.

Luxon, a father of two, is a wealthy teetotaler and lover of country music who rose to prominence when he ran the national airline for seven years before entering politics.

Australia Sacks Powerful Officer Over Leaked WhatsApp Messages

SYDNEY, Nov 27 (Agencies): Australia's government on Monday fired a powerful civil servant known as a hardliner on immigration following an investigation into WhatsApp messages he reportedly sent to sway senior politicians.

Michael Pezzullo was sacked as head of the Department of Home Affairs after a two-month independent probe found he had breached the public service's code of conduct at least 14 times.

Allegations against Pezzullo included failing to act apolitically, using his power to benefit himself and engaging in "gossip and disrespectful critique" of ministers and colleagues, the public service commission said.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese confirmed Pezzullo's appointment had been "terminated" following the inquiry, launched in September after media reports exposed his alleged communications.

Pezullo came unstuck in September when The Age and 60 Minutes published hundreds of encrypted WhatsApp messages he had allegedly sent to influence previous conservative governments. In one of the WhatsApp messages to a Liberal Party power broker, he reportedly called for a "right winger"



to be installed as his minister responsible for immigration, adding: "People smugglers will be watching."

"There will be no tears for Michael Pezzullo," said Ian Rintoul, spokesperson for Australia's Refugee Action Coalition. Pezzullo had been kept in place by successive Australian governments as a "departmental attack dog" for their harsh immigration policies, Rintoul said in a written statement sent to AFP.

Rintoul said he doubted the civil servant's removal would end the centre-left Labor government's strict anti-immigration stance, which has included sending asylum seekers to the Pacific island of Nauru.

The government rushed through a law this month empowering it to impose home curfews and ankle bracelets on scores of migrants with criminal convictions, after a High Court ruling forced their release from detention.

Pakistan apex anti-graft body quizzes ex-PM Imran Khan in corruption case

ISLAMABAD, Nov 27 (Agencies): Pakistan's incarcerated former prime minister Imran Khan was interrogated in jail by the country's anti-corruption watchdog in a multibillion rupee corruption case, according to a media report on Monday.

A National Accountability Bureau (NAB) team visited the 71-year-old Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party chief in the Adiala Jail on Sunday, a senior official of the anti-graft watchdog told the Dawn newspaper.

The former premier has been incarcerated in the high-security jail in Rawalpindi since September 26 in various cases.

The NAB team interrogated Khan for over two hours in connection with



the charges he faces in the GBP 190 million (Rs 50 billion) Al-Qadir Trust corruption case, the report said.

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 prop-

erty 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.

The tycoon, in return, allegedly 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.

Officials from the accountability bureau have been visiting the Adiala Jail since November 15 to investigate the PTI chief's role in the case.

The notice served to the accused says that the anti-corruption body took cognisance of the commission of offences of corruption and corrupt practices as defined under the NAB laws.

"In return for this favour illegally and dishonestly, Bahria Town Ltd gave material and monetary benefits in the shape of land measuring 458 kanals, Rs 285 million, buildings and other

kinds disguised under the garb of donations to Al-Qadir University Trust in which you are one of the trustees and signed acknowledgement of donations with Bahria Town," said a previous NAB notice to Khan's wife Bushra Bibi, who is also accused in the case.

Khan has been in jail since August 5 when he was arrested due to a conviction in the Toshakhana corruption case. In September, he was shifted from the Attock prison to Adiala jail.

The former cricketer-turned-politician was ousted through a vote of no-confidence in April 2022. More than 150 cases have been registered against him since his ouster from power.

Six teens in court for alleged involvement in beheading of French teacher in 2020

PARIS, Nov 27 (Agencies): Six teenagers go on trial behind closed doors on Monday, accused of involvement in the beheading of French history teacher Samuel Paty by a suspected Islamist in 2020 in an attack that struck at the heart of the country's secular values.

The teacher had shown his pupils cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad in a class on freedom of expression, angering a number of Muslim parents. Mus-

lims believe that any depiction of the Prophet is blasphemous.

One of the minors is a 15-year-old girl, who allegedly told her parents that Paty had shown caricatures of the prophet in her class. She will be charged with false accusation after it was established that she was not in the class when it happened.

Paty, 47, was killed outside his school in a Paris suburb by an 18-year-old assailant of Chechen origin, born in

Russia, who was shot dead by police soon after the attack.

The five other minors to be prosecuted, aged between 14 and 15 at the time of the attack, will be charged with premeditated criminal conspiracy, or ambush. They are suspected of having pointed out Paty to the murderer or helped monitor his exit from the school.

All six minors were referred to the children's court and could face 2.5 years in prison.



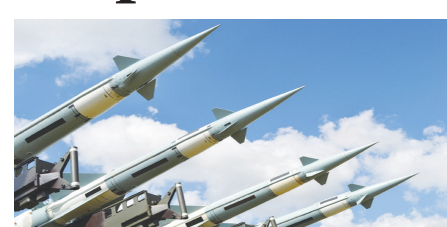
The hearings, due to last until December 8, will be held behind closed doors.

Eight adults are also accused and will appear before a special criminal court.

France is home to Europe's largest Muslim minority and has suffered a wave of attacks by Islamist militants or their sympathisers in past years.

In the wake of Paty's killing, some teachers acknowledged they censored themselves to avoid confrontation with pupils and parents over religion and free speech.

US military says 2 ballistic missiles fired near USS Mason after ship seizure



DUBAI, Nov 27 (Agencies): Two ballistic missiles fired from Houthi-controlled Yemen came near a US warship after it aided a tanker that had been seized in the Gulf of Aden, the US military said on Monday, raising the stakes amid a series of ship attacks linked to

the Israel-Hamas war. A statement from US Central Command said the missiles splashed down in the water some 10 miles (16 km) away from the USS Mason as it aided the tanker Central Park.

"There was no damage or injuries reported from either vessel during this incident," Central Command said.

The Houthis did not immediately acknowledge the attack.

Central Command also said it apprehended five armed attackers who targeted the Central Park.

Dr Jitendra asks JKAS officers to be catalysts of Centre's governance reforms

Top News Report

JAMMU / MUSSOORIE, Nov 27 : While addressing the inaugural Session of 7th batch of Capacity Building Programme in Field Administration for senior officers of Jammu & Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) Mussoorie, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also Incharge DoPT to which LBSNAA is affiliated, said "I appeal to you to be catalysts of Centre's governance reforms introduced by PM Narendra Modi and help their effective implementation in Jammu & Kashmir".

The Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and the unexplored North-Eastern Region (NER) have huge natural resources that would drive India's future growth story during the Amrit Kaal towards attaining a Viksit Bharat @ 2047, said the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space.

The value addition to India's growth is going to come from these unexplored regions during the next 25 years, he said.

The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, was addressing the Inaugural Session of 7th batch of Capacity Building Programme in Field Administration for the Senior Officers of Jammu & Kashmir Administrative Service, organized by the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG), Mussoorie Campus through video conferencing.

Dr Jitendra said, the success of Aroma Mission and Purple Revolution in Baderwah and Gulmarg regions of J&K has resulted in over 3,000 Start-Ups engaged in Lavender cul-



7th Batch of Capacity Building Programme in Field Administration for Officers of Jammu & Kashmir Administrative Service

tivation alone. Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh have sent delegations to J&K to study the Lavender cultivation model and have evinced interest in emulating the Aroma Mission.

Dr Singh, who represents Udhampur constituency of J&K in the Lok Sabha, said the discovery of Lithium in Reasi district may well turn out to be "India's next big story", giving a multifold boost to the country's economy.

"Analysis suggests that the value of Lithium deposits in Reasi may be higher than China," he said, stating that Lithium is a key component in rechargeable batteries and there is huge demand for Lithium as the world turns to renewable energy.

Stating that an increasing number of items from J&K have been geo-tagged, Dr Jitendra Singh called upon the J&K Administration officers to promote sales of GI-tagged products from the UT to boost the local economy.

Dr Jitendra said, ever since Prime Minister Narendra Modi took office in 2014, he has made it a commitment to bring the neglected and remote regions of India including J&K, Ladakh, islands and the NER to the national mainstream.

PM Modi has "walked the talk", said Dr Jitendra pointing out that J&K today has an

express corridor, tallest rail bridge that would soon link the Kashmir Valley with the railway network and a number of projects of national importance have been fast-tracked, ensuring that development touches the lives of citizens of J&K.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, PM Modi has introduced several Governance Reforms towards socio-economic uplift of people. Public policy in our country is currently aimed at enhanced transparency and accountability in governance with focus on fiscal federalism, transforming rural India, and improving the quality of public service delivery, he said.

The Minister said, the Central Government grievance redressal system, CPGRAMS, has been made more responsive and relevant, achieving a disposal rate of 97%. J&K GRAMS portal has been integrated with the CPGRAMS for seamless grievance redressal between Central and UT Administration, he said.

Speaking on the occasion, V. Srinivas, Secretary, DARPG said that more than 280 J&K Administrative Service officers have visited NCGG. This Workshop is part of an MoU signed in 2019 between J&K Administration and NCGG to train 500 J&K Cadre officers in a 5-year period.

The 7th Capacity Building

Programme is being conducted from 27th November, 2023 to 8th December, 2023 at NCGG, Mussoorie. The programme is being attended by 26 of the JKAS working in the ranks of Secretaries, Special Secretaries, Additional Secretaries, CEOs, Directors, Joint Directors, Development Officers among others.

During this programme, civil servants of the Jammu & Kashmir will interact with the domain experts on diverse topics, viz., communication strategies, poverty elimination, Rural Housing, Skill India, Artificial Intelligence in Government, Tourism & Culture, Jal Jeevan Mission, DIGI-TAL INDIA, approach to SDGs by 2030, Ayushman Bharat, anti-corruption strategies, vigilance administration, circular economy, rejuvenation of rivers, innovation & entrepreneurship, etc. among other important areas. The participants will also be taken on an exposure visit to Indian Parliament.

The capacity building programme is scientifically tailored to equip civil servants of Jammu & Kashmir to deliver robust and seamless services to the people. The cutting-edge knowledge and new skill set acquired during this programme will help these civil servants in efficient public service delivery to improve the lives of people. The aim of this programme is to reorient officers to work with single-mindedness to improve the quality of life and create opportunities for the people. The officers are given exposure to the Best Practices in Good Governance to emulate these practices of good governance, transparency and efficient service delivery in Jammu & Kashmir. The focus of the programme is on sharing the practical aspects of governance, to work with speed and scale, and be accountable to citizens and address their grievances proactively.

Yoga Guru Dr Shreyansh Jain felicitated in Amar Singh Club



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 27: While celebrating Foundation Day of Trikuta Nagar Development Council at Amar Singh Club, among other prominent citizens working in various social fields, for working tirelessly in the field of yoga, Dr Shreyansh Kumar Jain State yoga Commissioner & State Chairman Indian Yoga Association, was honored by Yudhvir Sethi State Vice President BJP, Rekha Mahajan Jammu Dist President, Ashok Gupta

Council Chairman, Shubh Chander Verma President, KS Samyal Vice President, Baldev Gupta President Senior Citizens Rejuvenation Centre.

Ravinder Raina State President was Chief Guest, Yudhvir Sethi was Guest of Honor and Rekha was Special Guest on the occasion.

The programme was organized with the object to achieve the noble theme of vision of a Developed Society.

Jain in his speech, shared tips to remain healthy and disease free

& advisory was given about diet and adequate life style.

Raina advised to adopt the habits in accordance to Ancient Indian Culture, which pays in the long run. India remained Jagatguru and now on the way to revive its Guruship in the coming future in the most effective leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Mohan Lal Vaid, former State General Secretary conducted the proceedings of the event. Mr B R Gupta Presented the vote of thanks.

31st Junior National Tennisball Cricket Championship begins in JU



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 27: The Secretary Health Department Sanjeev Gadkar on Monday inaugurated 31st Junior National Tennisball Cricket Championship at Sports Ground University of Jammu, here. In his address, San-

jeev Gadkar praised all players for their participation in the championship and said that participation will bestow countless benefits to all participants.

He further lauded office bearers of Tennisball Federation of India for the organization of the colourful event.

In the championship, almost 21 state teams in both boys and girls categories are participating. Almost 800 players across the country are participating in the Championship with zest and zeal. The Championship will be culminated on November 30, 2023.

Reservation should be given to local people in jobs in industrial areas of J&K: Amit Kapoor

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 27 : Jammu Provincial Vice President of Aam Aadmi Party, Amit Kapoor has said that reservation should be given in skilled and unskilled jobs for the local youth in the industrial sector of Jammu and Kashmir.

He said this while addressing party workers from different areas of Jammu who had come to meet him at the party's Janipur office.

Addressing party workers, Amit Kapoor discussed various issues faced by people from

different walks of life regarding development, employment and other things. During this, party workers raised various issues before him.

He listened patiently to the issues of the party workers and assured to take them up with the concerned authorities. During this, Amit Kapoor said that non-local people are being employed in industrial areas while local youth have to face unemployment and deliberate neglect from the management of industrial units.

He said that Aam

Aadmi Party believes in protection of jobs, natural resources and land for the local people of Jammu and Kashmir. Assuring the workers, he said that if Aam Aadmi Party forms the next government in Jammu and Kashmir, the rights of the local people will be protected and up to 80 percent reservation will be given to the local people in industrial areas.

He said the industrial sector has violated the norms of involving local youth and the government should take action against the violators.

Along with this, he further said that Aam Aadmi Party will also provide free electricity to the people of the state on the lines of Delhi and Punjab. He also said that the party is committed to increasing the pension for widow/disabled/old age pensioners/orphans from Rs 1000 to Rs 5000 per month.

Assistance in marriage of girls from economically weaker sections will be increased from Rs 50,000 to Rs 1 lakh.

He said that the Aam Aadmi Party is con-

cerned about the plight of the people who are suffering due to delay in development and poor response of the authorities to their issues. He said that in the absence of an elected government, the issues of the people have increased manifold and this has resulted in a feeling of alienation among the people.

To restore the confidence of the people, it is necessary to conduct assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir. Along with this, he also strongly advocated for local body elections.

Constitution Day observed in Directorate of Health Services

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 27: Constitution Day was observed by Health Department Jammu Division on Monday with great fervour under the supervision of Director Health Services Jammu, Dr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma.

The day is observed to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India on 26th November 1949 as well as to honour and acknowledge the contribution of founding Fathers of the Constitu-

tion. In Directorate of Health Services Jammu, led by Dy. Director Dentistry Dr. Sanjay Sharma, pre-ambles reading ceremony was held which was attended by all officers and officials of the Directorate.

Constitution Day was also observed in health institutions of all Districts and Blocks of Jammu Division with active participation of Chief Medical Officers, Medical Superintendents and Block Medical Officers along with other Officers & Officials of respective Districts and Blocks.

NOTICE

I Urja (Old Name), W/o Satvinder Singh, R/o H. No 1503, Durga Lane, near Telephone Exchange, Talab Tillo, Jammu has changed my name from Urja (Old Name) to Urja Singh (New Name). I do hereby assume from this date the name Urja Singh. Objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authorities within seven days from the date of publication of this notice.

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Need to further strengthen ports infrastructure: President Murmu

to further strengthen the infrastructure of Indian ports and increase their efficiency." The president said that historic Balyatra is a symbolic boat trip of merchants to the islands of Java, Sumatra and Bali. Balyatra is a unique festival celebrated in memory of Odisha's glorious past.

"Celebrated since time immemorial, this festival is a symbol of the prosperity of maritime trade of Odisha. It also highlights the rich cultural consciousness of the people of Odisha," Murmu said.

Noting that the sea has been a major means of strengthening India's trade, commerce and international relations, the president said that literature based on the sea has also enriched Indian culture.

War against militancy in J&K not fully over: DGP RR Swain

be discussed publicly," he said. Last week, five army personnel, including two captains, were killed in an operation in Rajouri. In the same operation, two terrorists, including a top Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) commander trained in Afghanistan, were gunned down.

Two killed as load carrier plunges into gorge in Doda

Thathri when the driver of the vehicle, carrying two passengers and five cattle, lost control.

The deceased have been identified as Mir Ali of Konthal and Zafarullah of Dandi Bhala. The driver Aqib Gulzar has been admitted to hospital with serious injuries, the police officer said, adding a case has been registered in the matter and further investigation was underway.

Centre convenes All-Party meeting on Dec 2 ahead of Parliament Winter Session

be held a day after the declaration of results of assembly polls in five states - Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Mizoram and Telangana.

The outcome of the polls is expected to have resonance in the Session.

Three important bills which seek to replace the IPC, CrPC and the Evidence Act may be taken up for consideration during the session.

The session is also likely to discuss the report of the Ethics committee on the "cash for query" allegations against Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra. The committee has recommended her expulsion.

While the government will seek to push its legislative agenda, opposition parties are likely to press for discussion on issues of concern for them.

Thousands Of Devotees Turn Up As Annual Jhiri Mela Starts

Temple head priest Bubnesh Mehta said this is one of the biggest fairs in north India with around one lakh people visiting the place every day.

Officials said all necessary arrangements have been made for the smooth conduct

of the fair. "This is a major fair for farmers after crop harvesting. The fair was already brought on the tourism map in view of its religious significance," Kumar told reporters after reviewing arrangements and paying obeisance at the temple.

He said the Government has put up special awareness stalls to inform the visitors, especially farmers, about the new schemes and technologies introduced for their benefit.

"Since it is a very popular fair, the Government departments have put the handicraft and handloom products on display, while special focus is also being given to boost cultural and sports activities," the divisional commissioner said.

CBI registers case against Two Agriculture Ministry officials in bribery case

Sanjay Arya conducted an enquiry on the complaint lodged by Rajesh Acharya against Padam Singh, PPO, Plant Quarantine, Visakhapatnam.

In the complaint, Rajesh Acharya alleged

that Padam Singh was demanding money from the exporters and threatening to stop business if his interests are not accepted.

During the course of enquiry, Sanjay Arya visited Visakhapatnam in May 2022 and examined the complainant. It is learnt that complainant Rajesh Acharya reiterated that Padam Singh has been demanding money from exporters; not accepting their applications with respect to clearance of goods in time, which led to delay in loading of stock on vessels and causing huge loss to them. The complainant also sent emails to Sanjay Arya in May and June 2022 stating that Padam Singh was demanding for Certificate of Appreciation from him and also not clearing their applications, the complainant read. "After completion of the enquiry, Sanjay Arya recommended for closure of the complaint as no incriminating evidence has been found in support of the allegations. Subsequently, the matter has been closed," it stated.

"Sources also revealed that to give a favourable report in respect of the said enquiry, Dr Sanjay Arya has accepted Rs 2 lakh as an undue advantage from Padam Singh in two instances through one Satish Singh," it stated further.

An investigation into the matter is underway. Further details are awaited.

S&P ups India's FY'24 growth forecast to 6.4 pc on robust domestic momentum

The US-based rating agency, however, has cut growth estimates for the next fiscal (2024-25) to 6.4 per cent

NEW DELHI, Nov 27 (Agencies): S&P Global Ratings on Monday raised India's growth forecast for the current financial year to 6.4 per cent, from 6 per cent, saying robust domestic momentum has offset headwinds from high food inflation and weak exports.

The US-based rating agency, however, has cut growth estimates for the next fiscal (2024-25) to 6.4 per cent, as it expects growth to slow in the second half (October-March) of the current fiscal, on higher base impact and subdued global growth.

"We have revised up our projection for India's GDP growth for fiscal 2024 (ending in March 2024) to 6.4 per cent, from 6 per cent, as robust domestic momentum seems to have offset headwinds from high food inflation and weak exports.

"Still, we expect growth to slow in the second



half of the fiscal year amid subdued global growth, a higher base, and the lagged impact of rate hikes. As a result, we have lowered our outlook for growth in fiscal 2025 to 6.4 per cent, from 6.9 per cent," S&P said.

The Indian economy grew 7.2 per cent in 2022-23 fiscal ended March 2023. India's GDP expanded 7.8 per cent in April-June quarter.

In its Economic Outlook for Asia Pacific, S&P said growth this year and the next is on track to be the strongest in emerging market

economies with solid domestic demand — India, Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines.

Fixed investment has recovered considerably more than private consumer spending in India, it said.

In India, there was a transitory spike in food inflation in the July-September quarter, but it appears to have had little effect on underlying inflation dynamics.

Still, headline inflation remains above the Reserve Bank of India's target of 4 per cent, suggesting it will be a while before the rate cycle turns, S&P said.

Exit strategy that retail investors should adopt after IPO listing

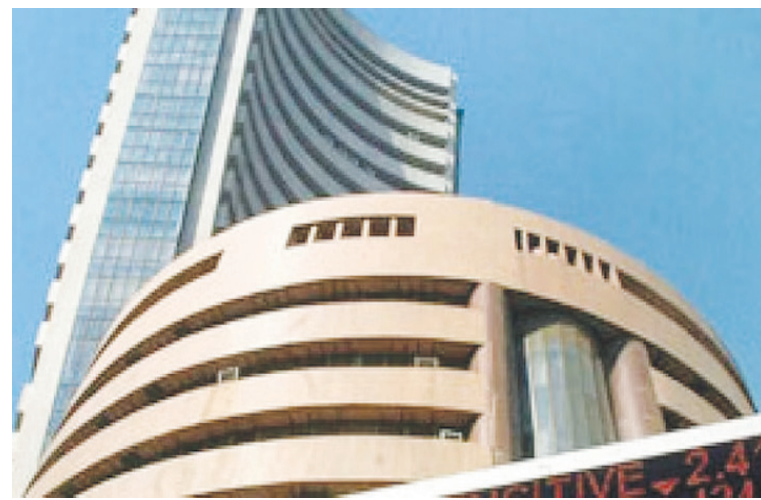
Post-listing, investors' decision to stay or exit from an initial public offer should depend on their investment objectives and risk appetite

NEW DELHI, Nov 27 (Agencies): Initial public offers (IPOs) are the buzz of the season as more and more companies line up to sell shares to the public. Only last week, five companies ended the subscription of their IPOs. The response to these IPOs was mind-boggling as they together received subscription requests of around Rs 2.6 lakh crore. Mind you, these five companies have plans to raise just Rs 7,400 crore.

Analyst says the latest frenzy among investors to own these IPOs could be led by attractive valuations at which these companies are offering their shares to the public. The investors might also be conscious of the fact that 2023 has been a good year so far for IPO investment. Of 43 IPOs listed so far on the mainboard of exchanges in 2023, 20 of them have closed the list day with over 20% gain. Only six have given less than 10% return on listing day and only seven ended the listing day below the issue price of the IPO.

With such a high probability of listing gains, the IPO frenzy is anything but surprising. Exit strategy in case of bumper listing

However, all retail investors investing in IPOs must have their exit plan as well. Not all the IPOs, which give blockbuster gains on the listing day, manage to hold on to those



gains in the short and medium run. An exit plan becomes all the more important for those who get stuck with massive listing losses.

Investment experts say that public equity is always going to be mispriced — either low or high. A low mispricing is a buy opportunity, a high one a sell. But far more important is an individual's return expectation and risk appetite.

So, what should one do if the IPO has been listed with a bumper gain?

"It depends entirely on the investment objective of the investor, and her assessment or future value. If the stock has peaked and has no return left to offer, she might as well withdraw the capital and reinvest. But if she's happy to hold

and the stock has ways to go, doing nothing might be more valuable than doing something for the sake of doing it," says Utkarsh Sinha, managing director of Bexley Advisors, a boutique investment bank firm. Price performance data of IPOs listed in 2023 shows many of them shed the gains made on the listing day.

For example, Ideaforge Technology, closed to listing day at Rs 1,295.5, almost 100% gain over the issue price of Rs 672. However, over the next four months, the stock shed most of the gains, and is now trading at Rs 773, just 15% over the issue price. While examples of such sharp corrections after a bumper listing might be few and far between, but investors should know why they are

investing in an IPO. If they are there for only listing gain, they should book profit and look for other better IPOs to invest in. According to Mahavir Lunawat, managing director, Pantomath Capital Advisors Pvt. Ltd, reduced timeline for listing of IPOs means that investor money would be blocked for a shorter duration of time. "Investors now have the opportunity for early credit and liquidity for their investment, which enable investors to analyse and participate in more IPOs," he says.

Exit strategy in case of sub-

dued listing While investing in IPOs, one should always have in mind the kind of listing loss one is ready to take. Quite likely the IPO in which you invested is listed at a discount to the issue price. But if you have conviction that the company, the business model and the management is good, and you see upside in the future, stick to your investment. However, if price continues to fall after listing, and breaches your stop loss target (if any), do not shy away from exiting. "The biggest mistake retail investors make is of being reactive to market sentiment. They buy when the stock is high and sell when it's low, driven by greed or panic. Avoid that and revert to basics and analysis," says Utkarsh Sinha of Bexley Advisors.

Court document claims Meta knowingly designed its platforms to hook kids, reports say

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov 27 (Agencies): Facebook parent Meta Platforms deliberately engineered its social platforms to hook kids and knew — but never disclosed — it had received millions of complaints about underage users on Instagram but only disabled a fraction of those accounts, according to a newly unsealed legal complaint described in reports from The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times.

The complaint, originally made public in redacted form, was the opening salvo in a lawsuit filed in late October by the attorneys general of 33 states.

Company documents cited in the complaint described several Meta officials acknowledging the company designed its products to exploit shortcomings in youthful psychology such as impulsive behavior, suscep-



tibility to peer pressure and the underestimation of risks, according to the reports.

Others acknowledged Facebook and Instagram also were popular with children under age 13 who, per company policy, were not allowed to use the service.

Meta said in a statement to The Associated Press that the complaint misrepresents its

work over the past decade to make the online experience safe for teens, noting it has "over 30 tools to support them and their parents."

With respect to barring younger users from the service, Meta argued age verification is a "complex industry challenge."

Instead, Meta said it favors shifting the burden of policing underage usage to app stores

and parents, specifically by supporting federal legislation that would require app stores to obtain parental approval whenever youths under 16 download apps.

One Facebook safety executive alluded to the possibility that cracking down on younger users might hurt the company's business in a 2019 email, according to the Journal report.

But a year later, the same executive expressed frustration that while Facebook readily studied the usage of underage users for business reasons, it didn't show the same enthusiasm for ways to identify younger kids and remove them from its platforms, the Journal reported.

The complaint noted that at times Meta has a backlog of up to 2.5 million accounts of younger children awaiting action, according to newspaper reports.

Heat, disease, air pollution: How climate change impacts health

PARIS, Nov 27 (Agencies): Growing calls for the world to come to grips with the many ways that global warming affects human health have prompted the first day dedicated to the issue at crunch UN climate talks starting next week.

Extreme heat, air pollution and the increasing spread of deadly infectious diseases are just some of the reasons why the World Health Organization has called climate change the single biggest health threat facing humanity.

Global warming must be limited to the Paris Agreement target of 1.5 degrees Celsius "to avert catastrophic health impacts and prevent millions of climate change-related deaths", according to the WHO.

However, under current national carbon-cutting plans, the world is on track to warm up to 2.9C this century, the UN said this week.

While no one will be completely safe from the effects of climate change, experts expect that most at risk will be children, women, the elderly, migrants and people in less developed countries which have emitted the least planet-warming greenhouse gases.

On December 3, the COP28 negotiations in Dubai will host the first "health day" ever held at the climate negotiations.

Extreme heat This year is widely expected to be the hottest on record. And as the world continues to warm, even more frequent and intense heatwaves are expected to follow.

Heat is believed to have caused more than 70,000 deaths in Europe during summer last year, researchers said this week, revising the previous number up from 62,000.

Worldwide, people

were exposed to an average of 86 days of life-threatening temperatures last year, according to the Lancet Countdown report earlier this week.

The number of people over 65 who died from heat rose by 85 per cent from 1991-2000 to 2013-2022, it added.

And by 2050, more than five times more people will die from the heat each year under a 2C warming scenario, the Lancet Countdown projected.

More droughts will also drive rising hunger. Under the scenario of 2C warming by the end of the century, 520 million more people will experience moderate or severe food insecurity by 2050.

Meanwhile, other extreme weather events such as storms, floods and fires will continue to threaten the health of people across the world.

Air pollution Almost 99 per cent of the world's population breathes air that exceeds the WHO's guidelines for air pollution.

Outdoor air pollution driven by fossil fuel emissions kills more than four million people every year, according to the WHO.

It increases the risk of respiratory diseases, strokes, heart disease, lung cancer, diabetes and other health problems, posing a threat that has been compared to tobacco.

The damage is caused partly by PM2.5 microparticles, which are mostly from fossil fuels. People breathe these tiny particles into their lungs, where they can then enter the bloodstream.

While spikes in air pollution, such as extremes seen in India's capital New Delhi earlier this month, trigger respiratory problems and allergies, long-term expo-

sure is believed to be even more harmful.

However it is not all bad news.

The Lancet Countdown report found that deaths from air pollution due to fossil fuels have fallen 16 per cent since 2005, mostly due to efforts to reduce the impact of coal burning.

Infectious diseases The changing climate means that mosquitoes, birds and mammals will roam beyond their previous habitats, raising the threat that they could spread infectious diseases with them.

Mosquito-borne diseases that pose a greater risk of spreading due to climate change include dengue, chikungunya, Zika, West Nile virus and malaria.

The transmission potential for dengue alone will increase by 36 per cent with 2C warming, the Lancet Countdown report warned.

Storms and floods create stagnant water that are breeding grounds for mosquitoes, and also increase the risk of water-borne diseases such as cholera, typhoid and diarrhoea.

Scientists also fear that mammals straying into new areas could share diseases with each other, potentially creating new viruses that could then jump over to humans.

Mental health Worrying about the present and future of our warming planet has also provoked rising anxiety, depression and even post-traumatic stress — particularly for people already struggling with these disorders, psychologists have warned.

In the first 10 months of the year, people searched online for the term "climate anxiety" 27 times more than during the same period in 2017, according to data from Google Trends cited by the BBC this week.

All about antimicrobial resistance, the silent pandemic affecting millions

NEW DELHI, Nov 27 (Agencies): It's like a casual practice we've seen over the years. Whenever we get sick, the norm beckons a nonchalant visit to the local pharmacy, without a prescription, of course. A medicine like an antibiotic picked by the pharmacist then helps you recover.

But this recovery as innocent as it seems becomes a gateway to a potential pandemic. People have become so accustomed to popping pills, like candy, prescribed by pharmacists that this practice has resulted in the biggest killer in the world - antimicrobial resistance.

Antimicrobial resistance occurs when bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites change over time and no longer respond to medicines.

This makes infections harder to treat, increasing the risk of disease spread, severe illness and death, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO).

As a result, the medicines become ineffective and infections persist in the body, increasing the risk of spread to others. The resistance threatens effective prevention and treatment of an ever-increasing range of infections caused by bacteria, parasites, viruses and fungi.

The emergence and spread of AMR happens by human activity, mainly the misuse and overuse of antimicrobials to treat, prevent or control infections in humans, animals and plants.

One of the biggest concerns about AMR being a global health threat is people self-medicating and not completing the course of antibiotics, even if prescribed by the doctor.

According to the Indian Council of Medical

Research (Icmr), 1.25 million lives were lost to drug resistance in 2019.

India has one of the highest rates of antimicrobial resistance worldwide. Despite being prescription drugs, antibiotics are commonly available over-the-counter (OTC) at retail pharmacies.

During Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week, ICMR urged people to stop self-medicating and follow a prescribed course of antibiotics when prescribed by a doctor.

"Your health, your responsibility! Antibiotics are precious, and so is our well-being. Be a part of the solution, do not self-medicate, follow your doctor's advice and complete the course of antibiotics," a post by ICMR reads.

Agency spoke to doctors about AMR, now dubbed as a "silent pandemic," to understand why it is a public health threat and how it can be curbed.

"In the past, obtaining antibiotics was as commonplace as getting candy, with people often unaware they were taking these drugs. Flu-like symptoms prompted easy access to antibiotics like azithromycin or citrizen without a prescription."

Dr Merlin Moni, Clinical Associate Professor, Division of Infectious Diseases at Amrita Hospital, Kochi told agency.

Despite government norms, antibiotics are still readily available in many settings without a prescription.

"This accessibility is alarming, given that antibiotics are vital for treating serious illnesses like community-acquired pneumonia and typhoid fever," added Dr Merlin Moni.

Excessive consumption leads to antibiotic resistance, complicating future treatments.

The Silent Pandemic

"We conducted a study to understand the causes of this resistance, and what we found was alarming. Almost 40% of the isolates from the community showed carbapenem resistance, a class of drugs that includes life-saving medications like meropenem and imipenem. The rates of resistance were sky-high, and with the increasing use of antibiotics, they were only getting worse," said Dr Moni.

While misuse and overuse of antimicrobials need to be curbed, the training and resources required for this kind of behavioural change is scarce.

"It's not as simple as just telling people not to take antibiotics without a prescription," she said.

Talking about the economical aspect of antimicrobial resistance, Dr Ranga Reddy Burri, President, Infection Control Academy of India said that their ear three dimensions to the problem - the health dimension, economic dimension and the societal dimension.

"When it comes to economic dimension, we are going to lose or shrink the global GDP by 2050, if we don't act very fast. If unchecked, it is projected that the world economy could decline by 3.8% by 2050, resulting in a staggering \$100 trillion loss. Moreover, about 30 million people may slide into poverty due to the economic ramifications of AMR," said Dr Ranga Reddy Burri during Amrita University's initiative ALARM 2023.

AMR isn't just limited to causing ineffective treatment of infections, it can also cause loss of jobs and disrupt the food chain system, added Dr Ranga Reddy Burri.

Jaiswal, Kishan, Gaikwad fifties headline India's 44-run win in second T20I, hosts take 2-0 lead over Australia

Leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi impresses with 3 wickets for 32

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, Nov 27 (Agencies): Yashasvi Jaiswal, Ishan Kishan and Ruturaj Gaikwad gave a telling manifestation of their talent with twinkling fifties, the catalyst of India's 44-run win over Australia in the second T20I.

India are now leading the five-match series 2-0.

Opener Jaiswal led the charge of India's young brigade with a sparkling 53 off 25 balls, guiding India to a massive 235 for four in the company of Ishan (52 off 32 balls) and Gaikwad (58 off 43 balls).

Leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi (3/32) then muffled the Australian top-order with two quick blows, and the visitors were eventually limited to 191 for nine despite aggressive knocks by Tim David (37 off 22 balls) and Marcus Stoinis (45 off 25 balls).

Pacer Prasidh Krishna grabbed three wickets to accentuate Australia's fall as they lost five wickets for 16 runs.

Australia needed to score at 11.8 runs per over to hunt down India's total. Opener Matthew Short and Steve Smith made an urgent beginning, procuring 31 runs in the first two overs.

But Bishnoi jettisoned Short in the third over and Josh Inglis, who made a hundred in the first match at Visakhapatnam, in the



fifth over as Australia slipped to 39 for two.

It soon transpired to 58 for four after Smith fell to Prasidh and left-arm spinner Axar Patel gobbled up Glenn Maxwell, as the Indian bowlers produced a disciplined effort.

However, Australia found some fight through David and Stoinis, who pummeled the Indian attack for 81 runs for an entertaining fifth wicket stand that came in just above seven overs.

Both David and Stoinis are capable of clearing the fence at will, and the Aussie duo did exactly that.

David hammered pacer Mukesh Kumar for 19 runs in the 10th over as Australia made 104 for 4 in the 10 overs and looked good for a comeback.

But Bishnoi bagged the crucial wicket of David, who lifted him to Gaikwad at long-on.

Stoinis too did not last

long as his attempted heave off Mukesh ended with Axar near the straight boundary.

From that point, an Indian victory was a mere formality. But for all that, the Indian camp should profusely thank three young, talented batters – Jaiswal, Kishan and Gaikwad.

Australian captain Matthew Wade's decision to bowl first keeping in mind the dew factor did not pay off as his bowlers faltered against the Indian trio.

The ball came off the pitch a tad slow but the Aussie bowlers were wayward, offering width to Indian batsmen.

They were happy to oblige, especially Jaiswal. He took on Sean Abbot in a breathtaking fashion.

The Australian pacer rightly took the pace off his deliveries but he erred in the line and length, offering a chance

for the Indian opener to free his hands.

In the fourth over, the left-hander punished Abbot with a sequence of 4, 4, 4, 6, 6 for 24 runs, coming through two square cuts, a late cut and two pulls as India motored on in the Power Play segment which produced 71 runs.

Jaiswal brought up his fifty in 24 balls, but he could not extend the innings as a rather wild slash off pacer Nathan Ellis was grabbed by Adam Zampa at backward square leg.

But that did not really affect the Indian innings as Gaikwad combined with Kishan, who made his second fifty in as many matches, to garner 87 runs for a bruising second wicket alliance.

After the return of Jaiswal, the visitors might have hoped to slow down India's march, but the right-hand-left-hand combina-

tion never allowed them to dictate the pace of the match. India touched 101 for 1 after 10 overs.

India progressed at around 11.5 runs per over in the middle phase of the innings despite spinners Zampa and Tanveer Sangha bowling relatively better spells.

Kishan reached his half-century in 29 balls with a massive pulled six off leg-spinner Sangha over mid-wicket.

Gaikwad, whose lofted shot over bowler Zampa's head was a treat to watch, too reached his fifty off 39 balls with a double off pacer Ellis.

It might appear an industrious innings, but Gaikwad's solidity allowed others to launch into the Australian attack.

Kishan too could not build on his innings as he lost balance while trying to wallop Stoinis out of the ground, hoicking a simple catch to Ellis in the deep.

However, Rinku Singh chipped in with his customary cameo (31 off 9 balls) and ensured that India finished strongly.

The left-handed Rinku robbed 25 runs off the 19th over bowled by Abbot as he leaked 56 runs off three overs in total.

The final over bowled by Ellis went for 20 runs as India reached a total that remained out of Aussies' reach.

Aditi Ashok saves best for last



MARBELLA (SPAIN), Nov 27 (Agencies): Aditi Ashok secured her second victory of the Ladies European Tour season, triumphing by two shots at the Andalusia Costa del Sol Open de Espaa.

The two-time Olympian had an impressive week where she improved round by round at Real Club de Golf Las Brisas.

After rounds of 69-68-68 on the first three days, Aditi carded an excellent bogey-free 66 on the final day to win with a total of 17-under.

"It started out slow, I was missing a lot of birdies for the first six to eight holes," said Aditi. "I hit it close on seven, after that I felt like I still had a chance. Initially, it felt like I was two shots away the whole time. I'm glad it picked up on the back-nine," she added.

Dutch star Anne Van Dam ended the week in second place on

15-under after a final round of 68. "It was a tough day," said the five-time LET winner. "I was in there all day and it was super close. Aditi just came out and played unbelievably and she definitely deserved to win this week," she added.

Van Dam, who has won this tournament twice previously, had five birdies and one bogey on her scorecard.

"It was a great battle," Aditi said. "Anne, when she's playing good, she can blow the field away and win by five to 10 shots. I knew I had to not stop making birdies and to keep trying. Her par when she hit the trees on 15 and my long putt, that switched the momentum a little bit. She is a great player and kept me honest out there," she added.

Aditi, who was in a tie for second place overnight, didn't make

her first birdie until the seventh but that kick-started her momentum.

She added two more on the 10th and 13th but it was her three birdies on the 15, 16 and 17 that sealed her fifth LET title and her second of the season, after she also won the season-opening event in Kenya.

"On the front-nine, I wasn't hitting it as good. On 13 when I hit that 8-iron close, I felt I had a good swing and it just picked up from there. I guess the 16th tee shot was the shot of the day," Aditi said.

Spain's Ana Pelaez Trivino ended the week in third place after a final round of 68, which included five birdies and one bogey. Sweden's Linn Grant and Australia's Kirsten Rudgeley finished in a tie for fourth place on 12-under, with Belgium's Manon De Roey in outright sixth.

India's Diksha Dagar, defending champion Caroline Hedwall, Norway's Madelene Stavnar, France's Celine Boutier and Spanish amateur Andrea Revuelta ended the week in a share of seventh place on 10-under.

Diksha shot a 5-under 67 with six birdies and one bogey to climb from overnight tied-15.

In the 2023 Race to Costa del Sol, it was Trichat Cheenglab who came away with the trophy, finishing ahead of Boutier and Dagar.

China Masters: Satwik-Chirag trip at final hurdle despite fightback

SHENZHEN, Nov 27 (Agencies): Satwik-sairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty fought valiantly before going down to the Chinese duo of Liang Wei Keng and Wang Chang in an exciting men's doubles final of the China Masters Super 750 tournament.

Rankireddy and Shetty, the Asian Games champions, lost 19-21 21-18 19-21 to the world No. 1 Chinese pair after a battle lasting one hour, 11 minutes. It was their first defeat in six finals this season.

The Indians gave ample display of their grit as they saved six championship points from 13-20 to 19-20 after recovering from 1-8 down in the decider, but Liang and Wang found their bearing just

in time to win the first men's doubles title at the China Masters for the hosts in eight years. With this victory, Liang and Wang avenged their Asian Games loss to the Indians.

"You never say never. I think at 13-20, we didn't have much to lose because we were under no pressure. We had to win nine points on the trot for us to win the match," Shetty said. "We just played our game, didn't really think too much, we took our chances, got a few quick points from them, and at 19-20 it was like, anybody's point, quite unlucky there. But yeah, it was a good game and especially the tournament has been really good, so yeah, looking forward to next year."

In a finale of fluctuating fortunes, the Indian shuttlers couldn't produce their best as their defence, particularly Rankireddy's, wilted under the pressure from Liang and Wang, who looked in the zone. Wang rose to the occasion and stood tall in the key moments, winning the battle of the front court play with Shetty.

It was an exhibition of versatility of skills as the two pairs focused more on placement and angles, varying the pace to outmanoeuvre the other.

The Chinese pair led the head-to-head record against their opponents going into the final though the Indian duo had won their most recent meeting in straight games.

Pakistan Batter Fined For Displaying Palestine Flag On Bat: Report

KARACHI, Nov 27 (Agencies): Pakistan wicketkeeper-batter Azam Khan has been fined 50% of his match fees by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) for breaching clothing and equipment regulations during a National T20 Cup match in Karachi. According to a report in Pakistan's Geo News, Azam displayed Palestine's flag on his bat, and the player informed the officials that all of his bats have the same stickers. The incident happened during the match between Azam's Karachi Whites and Lahore Blues at the National Stadium.

"The young batter was fined 50% of his match fees. The batter was earlier warned by the referee not to display the unapproved logo (Palestine's flag) on his bat as it would be a breach of the ICC code of conduct, of which the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) is also a signatory," a source close to the board told Geo News.

The report also claimed that Azam had used the same stick-



er in the last two matches, but was not informed or warned by the officials prior to Sunday's match.

According to ICC's clothing and equipment regulation, "players shall not be allowed to display messages that carry political, religious, or racial

activities or causes."

This comes after Pakistan wicketkeeper-batter Mohammad Rizwan dedicated his team's record-breaking victory over Sri Lanka in the Cricket World Cup 2023 to the "brothers and sisters in Gaza" amid the ongoing Israel-Palestine crisis.

While Rizwan's knock earned him a lot of praise, users on social media were not pleased with his views regarding the crisis. The users pointed out that he needs to concentrate on cricket and not interfere in world politics while some opined that Indian cricket team stars will never make these kind of statements.

"This was for our brothers and sisters in Gaza. Happy to contribute in the win. Credits to the whole team and especially Abdullah Shafique and Hassan Ali for making it easier. Extremely grateful to the people of Hyderabad for the amazing hospitality and support throughout," Rizwan posted on X.

The Pakistan cricket team is currently gearing up for a three-match Test series against Australia.

The PCB has organised a training camp for the team in Rawalpindi, ahead of the scheduled departure to Australia later this week.

Hockey: Upton set to return ahead of Paris 2024

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CHENNAI, Nov 27 (Agencies): Paddy Upton, who worked with the Indian men's hockey team could return as a mental health conditioning coach in January, with the 2024 Paris Olympics in sight.

The South African coach joined the team ahead of the Asian Champions Trophy (ACT) till the conclusion of his contract after the Asian Games in Hangzhou.

"We will meet with Paddy in January in Cape Town with our

training camp there. Hopefully, we can keep the consistency as we look forward to the Pro League as our first block in the next few months," Craig Fulton told this daily during the ongoing 13th senior men's national championship in Chennai. Upton, who was part of the coaching staff of the Indian men's cricket team that lifted the trophy in 2011, also played a crucial role alongside Fulton to help India win ACT and book a Paris 2024 quota with a gold medal in the



Asian Games. "With Paddy, it helps some players become a little bit more mentally

aware. They can ask more questions, and it gives them mental skills to help deal with certain

expectations. Playing hockey in India is totally different from playing hockey outside. Two dif-

ferent worlds really and you need two different levels of skill to manage it. We always wanted

to build that trust first by bringing in the good support staff for players to realise what environment we are trying to create," Fulton added.

Harmanpreet Singh, India's captain who is currently representing Punjab at the national event, also praised Upton for his help during the big events.

He also cited the example of the ACT final, where India completed a remarkable comeback in the second half. Singh provided insights into how that change in

mentality has helped the Indian team.

"As a team, we have had a great experience with him (Upton). If we are talking about the change in mindset we have a great example in the ACT final.

We spoke about the positive mindset and it helped us in that match. I think we proved that with a positive mindset, we can focus on the target no matter what the challenges are. And it has helped a lot for the group," Singh mentioned.

Khatana holds meeting with NHPC Officials to assess Power Projects, welfare initiatives in JK

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 27: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and MP Rajya Sabha, Gulam Ali Khatana, on Monday convened a significant meeting with senior officials from the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) to review the progress of power projects underway in Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting also addressed vital welfare measures for the affected population in districts Kishtwar, Doda, and Reasi.

Chief Executive Officer Hydroelectric Power Corp. Ltd Ashok Kumar Nauriyal, MD CVPPL, Jammu, Hassan Nadeem, Vasant Hurmade GM E&C, CVPPL, Shashi Pauk Singh Sr. Manager RHPCL, Parveen Kumar Thapa, Asst. manager, RHPCL were present.

During the meeting, MP Khatana underscored the importance of prioritizing the well-being of



the affected communities, particularly in districts facing challenges. He stressed the need for building a Trauma Centre on the Kishtwar-Batote highway to enhance emergency medical services and establishment of a health facility in the Drabshalla area for improved healthcare access.

He emphasised on the implementation of modern technology in crash barriers to prevent major accidents in the Kishtwar

area and loss of precious lives. He said that NHPC should undertake Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Initiatives for enhancing facilities in schools, provision of potable drinking water and sanitation facilities.

MP Khatana said that Doda, Ramban and Kishtwar district roads have become death traps and during last parliamentary session, he had raised the issue of major initia-

tives to prevent the accidents and improve health facilities. Minister for Roads, Transport Nitin Gadkari has assured to use modern technology in crash barriers to prevent accidents. He also stressed for allocation of CSR resources for ambulances to support the Health department.

MP Khatana expressed his commitment to the holistic development of the region and urged NHPC officials to leverage modern technology for the safety of the local population. The leaders discussed the ongoing projects and assessed their impact on the communities, with a particular focus on the catchment area.

Senior NHPC officials provided comprehensive updates on the progress of the power projects and assured MP Khatana of their dedication to utilizing CSR funds for the betterment of various facilities in the catchment area.

Kaiths hold twin congregations to mark Annual Day of Sankri Devta



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JAMMU, Nov 27: Today was the annual day of Sankri Devta. A huge influx of innumerable Kaith Biradari members along with their families, was seen paying obeisance at Sankri Devasthan in Domana and Jhiri, on Monday.

The atmosphere at both the places remained devotional due to the chants of devotees seeking darshan in long queues for hours.

R.L Kaith mentioned to devotees that thousand years ago, a cowherd while grazing a Kapila named cow at Meer felt asleep and slept hours. When he woke up he saw the cow was miss-

ing. He went here and there in her search but couldn't find out. Later one told him that he had seen some Mughals taking the cow towards Umran-Ali.

He reported the matter as heard to owner Sankri Dev. Enraged Sankri Dev then riding the horse marched towards Umran-Ali to chase the Mughals and get his cow extricated from their clutch. Sankri Dev saw the Mughals at Umran-Ali, where he alone fought with them valiantly. Unfortunately, the multiple Mughals severed his head but even then his body continued to fight for a few more minutes, but lastly the body fell on the ground.

Since then a big congregation is held by the Kaith Biradari to mark his martyrdom.

Subedar Major Gunni Ram Kaith said that Sankri Devta is a powerful deity, people come here with their individual wishes, hoping they get fulfilled after the prayer and they visit the Devastation after their wishes get fulfilled.

Among others who were present on the occasion included TSO Rachhpal Kaith, Birender Kaith, Surinder Kumar, Adv. Shashi Kumar, Sounu Kumar, Chaman Lal, Raj Kumar, Bodh Raj, Jeet Lal, Raman Kumar, Sunil Kumar, Bishan Dass, Arun Kumar and Varun Kumar.

Women Entrepreneurship Platform and MakeMyTrip Partner to empower Women HomeStay owners in N-E Region



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 27: In an initiative aimed at supporting women's entrepreneurship and self-reliance, the Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) that has been incubated under Niti Aayog, in collaboration with MakeMyTrip, announces the launch of "Project Maitri".

This unique endeavour focuses on women in the north-east region of the country, by leveraging the untapped potential of homestays as a pathway to entrepreneurship, economic

empowerment, and independence.

Launched at the Dorjee Khandu State Convention Center, Itanagar, the event titled 'Enabling Women-Led Development in Arunachal' was graced by the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Pema Khandu, signifying the state's commitment to gender-balanced progress.

Project Maitri is a forward-thinking initiative designed to empower and inspire homestay owners across all the north-eastern states in the country.

As part of the project, selected participants will receive specialized training tailored to their unique business needs. This training will cover a wide range of skills, including hospitality, safety, digital marketing, and compliance. Additionally, the top three homestay owners will be recognized with awards, further incentivizing excellence and innovation in this sector.

Speaking about the development, Anna Roy, Mission Director, WEP, said, "The project embodies a strategic approach to bolster women's entrepreneurship, aligning with national goals of gender equality and economic development. It has the potential to deliver long-term dividends, as homestays in India can evolve into a viable and lucrative business avenue for women seeking financial independence."

Rajesh Magow, Co-founder and Group CEO, MakeMyTrip said, "We believe in the transformative power of travel, and through this project, we aim to unlock this power for

women homestay owners. We are proud to partner with the Women Entrepreneurship Platform in this endeavour and look forward to seeing these incredible women entrepreneurs flourish as they contribute to the vibrancy and diversity of India's tourism industry."

WEP, incubated in NITI Aayog, and now transitioned into a public-private partnership is a one-stop solution for information and services relevant to women entrepreneurs, offering a wide range of resources including a SmartMatch based platform for government schemes and private sector initiatives, a knowledge base, a community platform, offering resources such as mentorship and capacity building. Through its collaboration with an industry leader like MakeMyTrip, WEP is spearheading efforts to create an ecosystem conducive to women's entrepreneurial success.

Applications for this transformative program will open on December 13, 2023, on the WEP website.

Govt Polytechnic Jammu organizes training programme for SMVDSB employees

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 27: Six days training programme on "Basic Computer Skills" on Monday concluded at Govt. Polytechnic College Jammu.

The training programme was organised for employees of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB), Katra to augment and strengthen the skills of the employees. The one week training programme started on 20th November.

The programme was organised under the guidance of Er. Arun Bangotra, Principal of the college.

On the concluding day today a valedictory function was organised and



training certificates were distributed among the employees of SMVDSB by Er. Arun Bangotra, Principal Government Polytechnic Jammu. He interacted with the

trainees and congratulated Er. Sanjay Kaul HOD Computer Engg and his staff for organizing such trainings for up-skilling the employees of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine

Board (SMVDSB) Katra. Ved Paul Instructor provided hands on training to the employees of SMVDSB on various applications, softwares, trick used in Microsoft

Office Word, Excel Power Point etc. On the concluding day visit was organised to Centre for Innovation, Innovation, Incubation and Training (CIIT) Jammu to gain first-hand experience of latest technologies, established at CIIT Jammu.

The employees of the SMVDSB thanked the college administration for providing excellent training to enrich their knowledge.

Others present on the occasion were Er Sanjay Kaul (HoD Computer Engg), Er Rani Devi (HoD Information Technology), Er Heena Gupta, Er Sunil Bhatti, Er Kanav Gupta, Er Nisha Bharti, Er Asmat Nisar, Ved Pal and staff of college.

Dozens of people in Kashmir take oath of allegiance and suppressed Shiv Sena



Top News Report

JAMMU/BANDIPORA, Nov 27: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir Unit Chief as per the instructions of Manish Sahni, in the ongoing membership campaign in Bandipora district of Kashmir. 55 local people including dozens of women joined Shiv Sena.

According to the press release issued from the party state central office,

under the chairmanship of President Kashmir Division Bashir Ahmed, General Secretary Zahoor Ahmed Mir and Mohammad Arif Bhatt in Town Hajin, District Bandipora of Kashmir.

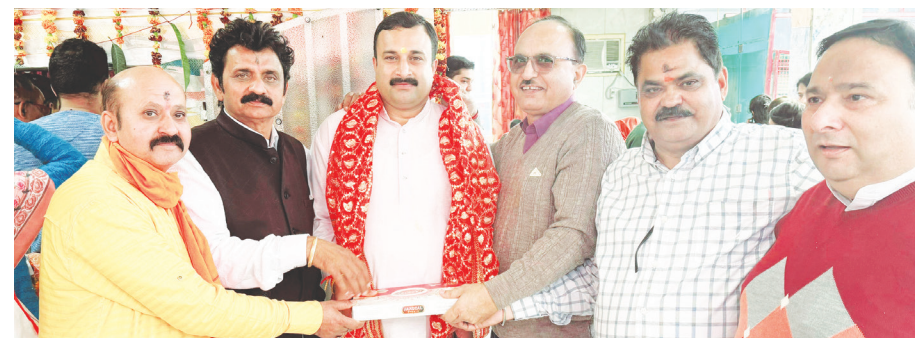
In the membership campaign organized, impressed by the ideas and policies of the party, 55 local people including dozens of women joined the party with a pledge of their loyalty to the ideas of the party.

In this program, well-known social worker Ghulam Mohammad Parre also joined the party, expressing confidence in Shiv Sena.

Bashir Ahmed Malik, Zahoor Ahmed, Shabnam Taufiq welcomed the members to the party with Shiv Bandhan.

The members expressed unwavering commitment and faith in Shiv Sena Party.

President All India Phawa Mahajan Biradari honours Mahant Rohit Shastri



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 27: All India Phawa Mahajan Biradari President Phawan Gupta honoured Sanskrit scholar, social reformer and president of Shri Kailash Jyotish Avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, Mahant Rohit Shastri at Phawa Mahajan Biradari Bua Datti Devsthan RS Pura Mill Area during a Kul Devi congregation organized by Phawa Mahajan Biradari for his achievements in the field of Sanskrit language in Jammu and Kashmir. India Phawa Maha-

jan Biradari President Phawan Gupta said, the contribution of Mahant Rohit Shastri and the efforts being made by him for promotion of Devvani Sanskrit in Jammu and Kashmir are unforgettable. And he is devoted for providing Devvani Sanskrit proper respect and status in Jammu and Kashmir.

The discussion of Sanskrit or culture is incomplete without mentioning Rohit Shastri, who was devoted to Sanskrit language and Indian culture in the twenty-first century. J&K is the only state in

the whole world where Devvani Sanskrit developed and in the past, not only as a language of reading but also as a contact language.

The land of Jammu and Kashmir has been the eternal center of Shaivism. Acharya Abhinavagupta, Mahakavi Kalhana, Mahakavi Bilhan etc.

On the occasion Shiv Kumar Gupta, Gulshan Gupta, Nigam Gupta, Satish Gupta, Sanjay Gupta and other Biradari members were also present.

Chandel urges Amit Shah to eliminate terrorists infiltrating political parties in Kashmir

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 27: Hindu nationalist leader, Raju Chandel expressed serious concerns about the infiltration of terrorists into political parties in Jammu and Kashmir.

He called for immediate and concrete action against these elements indicates a sense of urgency and the need for a thorough investigation.

Chandel emphasised on a com-

prehensive review of the leaders and workers of political parties, as well as the acquisition of detailed backgrounds, reflects a desire for transparency and accountability within these organizations.

He mentioned the continuous assassinations of nationalist politicians and local leaders implies a direct link to the infiltration of terrorists or their handlers into the political landscape.

By appealing to the heads of all

political parties to scrutinize newly recruited members and conduct investigations through various security agencies, Chandel advocated for a proactive approach in identifying and eliminating potential threats.

He urged Union Home Minister Amit Shah for stringent action under anti-terrorism laws against any significant political leader found involved in appointing terrorists to positions of power.

Chandel asserted that terrorists have not only infiltrated political parties but also social and religious organizations suggests a broader concern about the spread of terrorism across different sectors of society.

He emphasized the role of security agencies in reaching these elements for a complete eradication of terrorism, indicating a belief in the necessity of a coordinated effort to address the issue.