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BRIEFLY

36,000 dogs vaccinated in Jammu

JAMMU, Nov 29 (Agencies): Approximately 36,000 out of the nearly 43,000 stray dogs within the municipal boundaries of Jammu city have undergone sterilisation and vaccination procedures conducted by the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), reported The Tribune.

Dr Divya Sharma, the Municipal Veterinary Officer (MVO), as per The Tribune highlighted that these operations fall under the Animal Birth Control (ABC) programme implemented by the JMC. Emphasising compliance with the ABC (Dog) Rules of 2023, she clarified that stray dogs are not relocated but are solely captured for sterilisation and vaccination. Following the procedures, they are released back into the same area, distinguished by a permanent 'right ear-notch' identification mark.

Dr Sharma addressed an awareness and interaction event organised by the Veterinary section of JMC in collaboration with Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Rehari, on Tuesday. The event aimed to educate school students about the significance of the JMC's ABC programme across its 75 wards and its broader impact on society.

During the event, Dr Sharma delivered a presentation covering various animal welfare activities and outlined the objectives and achievements of the ABC programme. She demonstrated the effectiveness of implementing the ABC programme to control the stray dog population promptly, thereby curbing the spread of rabies in both humans and animals.

Kulbhushan Khajuria, Joint Commissioner of Jammu Municipal Corporation, commended the Veterinary services wing of JMC for organising extensive awareness programs in educational institutions within Jammu city. He encouraged the Veterinary wing to continue conducting such awareness and interaction sessions with students in the future.

Woman dies after falling off moving bus

SRINAGAR, Nov 29 (Agencies): In a tragic incident, a woman died after falling off a moving bus in the Sopore area in Baramulla district this afternoon.

Quoting an official, Kashmir Scroll reported that Fatima Begum, wife of Abdul Hameed Dar, of Dangerpora Sopore accidentally fell off a moving bus. "She was taken to SDH Sopore, where she succumbed shortly after."

A police official said that they have taken cognisance of the incident for further investigations.

Families extend gratitude to govt following successful rescue of 41 workers from Silkyara tunnel

NEW DELHI, Nov 29 (Agencies): After 17 days of tense anticipation, relief and happiness enveloped the faces of the family members of 41 trapped workers upon receiving news of their successful rescue from the Silkyara tunnel in Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi on Tuesday evening.

The emotional moment unfolded as the culmination of exhaustive rescue efforts that captured the nation's attention.

The families, enduring prolonged desperation, celebrated the rescue and wholeheartedly thanked the government for bringing their loved ones back.

They marked the occasion by bursting crackers and distributing



sweets. Some family members engaged in video conferencing with the workers to ensure their well-being.

Many relatives, who had reached the site a couple of days after the incident and had been camping there since

were finally reunited with their loved ones.

Visuals also showed celebrations in Uttar Pradesh's Lakhimpur Kheri at the residence of Manjit, another worker who was trapped.

Manjit's father said, "I am very happy that my

son has been safely rescued. I thank the Government of India for safely rescuing all the people trapped inside the tunnel."

Similar scenes surfaced in Odisha's Nabarangpur, where family members of Bhagban

Batra celebrated their joyous moment by bursting crackers and distributing sweets after his successful rescue from the tunnel.

The mother of rescued worker Dhiren Naik, from Odisha Mayurbhanj, thanked the Government of India for rescuing the workers from the tunnel.

Family members of another worker, Ram Prasad Narzary, looked very happy, and Narzary's wife said, "I am very happy... I thank the Government of India."

Narzary's father said, "I want to thank the Government of India and the Assam government for safely rescuing all the people trapped inside the tunnel... I am

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Senior IAS Officer Atal Dulloo appointed New Chief Secretary Of J&K



JAMMU, Nov 29 (Agencies): Senior IAS officer Atal Dulloo has been appointed as chief secretary of Jammu and Kashmir, replacing Arun Kumar Mehta who is due to superannuate at the end of this month.

According to an order issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Dulloo, a

1989-batch IAS officer of the Union Territories or Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory Cadre, will assume charge as chief secretary of Jammu and Kashmir from December 1. "Consequent upon the superannuation of Arun Kumar Mehta, IAS on 30.11.2023 and on repatriation from central deputation, Atal Dulloo, IAS is hereby appointed as chief secretary, Jammu and Kashmir with effect from 01.12.2023 or from date of assumption of charge, whichever is later and until further orders. This issues with the approval of competent authority."

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LG Sinha presented with 'Bharat Scouts & Guides Flag Sticker' on its foundation day celebration



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: A delegation of J&K Bharat Scouts and Guides presented the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha with the sticker flag during the celebration of its Foundation Day here at Raj Bhawan today. Every year 7th November is celebrated as Foundation Day of Bharat Scouts and Guides and various

events are observed throughout the month.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor said, more than 63 lakh Scouts and Guides are inspiring example of unity in diversity of our nation and in the last seven decades they have strengthened the bond of friendship among youth.

He said: "J&K Bharat Scouts and Guides team

is selflessly serving the society, contributing in capacity building and cultivating values like discipline and dedication to nation among youth and have displayed exemplary courage during relief operations.

Peace is the pre-requisite for development of a progressive society. Volunteers of Bharat Scouts and Guides must spread the message of peace

around the world, work with the spirit of social goodwill and contribute in the journey of Viksit Bharat.

Strong economy makes a nation stronger. India has emerged as 5th largest economy and our youth has an important role in achieving the goal of 3rd largest economy in the next four years".

The Lt Governor asked the Scouts and Guides to move ahead with confidence and work on five goals- Act together to promote ancient values, contribute in the journey of Viksit Bharat, move together for nation's unity and integrity, educate youth about potential and challenges of modern technology, launch awareness campaign for environment protection.

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Night temp drops amid forecast for rains in plains, snow over upper reaches

SRINAGAR, Nov 29 (Agencies): As weatherman has predicted widespread rain and snow, night temperature dropped at most places but stayed above normal in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday.

According to a meteorological department official here, light to moderate rain in plains and snow over middle and higher reaches with possibility of thunderstorm and lightning at few places is likely on November 29 and 30.

The MeT department has also issued a "yellow warning" for isolated thunderstorm and lightning in both Jammu and Kashmir region for these two days.

There are four types of colour codes signifying the level of caution: green which means no

action, yellow—situation to be watched, orange—government agencies need to be prepared for severe weather and red—action needed by the agencies.

"From 1st-6th December, weather is expected to be partly to generally cloudy," a meteorological department official said.

He said 1st-2nd December, weather is likely to be partly to generally cloudy, from 3rd December, generally cloudy and from 4th-7th December, partly to generally cloudy.

Regarding temperature, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 0.8°C against 3.9°C on the previous night and it was 1.7°C above normal for this time of the year in Srinagar.

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Couple's argument leads to diversion of Lufthansa Flight At IGI

NEW DELHI, Nov 29 (Agencies): An argument between a couple led to the diversion of a Munich-Bangkok Lufthansa flight to Delhi on Wednesday following which they were deboarded, official sources said.

The Lufthansa flight no LH772 landed at 10:26 am at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport after the pilots contacted the ATC informing them about a "situation and possible unruly passenger".

An argument between a couple — German man and his Thai wife — led to some problem on board the Lufthansa flight following which it

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Indian Army, Expansion Pvt Ltd donate desktops in local schools in Baramulla



SRINAGAR, Nov 29 (Agencies): In a philanthropic partnership, the Indian Army and Expansion International Private Limited are making a significant impact in Boniyar, a municipal committee in the Baramulla district.

Expansion International Pvt Ltd has donated

75 desktop computers to local schools near the Line of Control (LoC) in Baramulla, apart from distributing jackets to underprivileged individuals, ensuring their comfort during the approaching winter.

With the Indian Army's steadfast support, this effort signifies a transfor-

mative gift to the remote areas of Kashmir.

The distribution event was organised by Torna Battalion under the aegis of Pir Panjal Brigade, Dagger Division at Boniyar.

Additionally, a new Computer Lab was inaugurated by Cdr, Pir

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Govt assigns Add'l Charge of DG ITBP To DG CRPF Anish Dayal Singh

NEW DELHI, Nov 29 (Agencies): Government of India on Wednesday assigned additional charge of DG Indo-Tibetan Border Police to Director General of Central Reserve Police Force, Anish Dayal Singh.

The order has been made as current DG ITBP S.L Thaosen is attaining his superannuation on 30 November, 2023.

An order in this regard, reads: "The Competent Authority has approved assignment of additional charge of the

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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 Mattu (Bhabhi and Brother)
Smt. Sheetal and Sh. Arvind Bhat (Sister and Brother-in-Law)
Ujwal Mattoo (Son)
Aditya Mattoo (Son)
Shruti Mattoo (Daughter)
Tanya Mattoo (Daughter)
Rithvik Bhat (Nephew)
Mridula Bhat (Niece)
And Samast Mattoo Parivaar
Ph. No. 9414013456, 7006340735



Sh. Mohit Mattoo (Bablu Ji)

10TH DAY KRIYA

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

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

Grief Stricken :

Smt Mahalakshmi Tikoo (Mother)
Sh Brij Krishen Tikoo (Brother)
(Sister & Brother in law)
Smt Sunita & Sh Kuldeep Moza
(Brother & Sister in law)
Sh Kishore & Smt Manorama Tikoo



Sh Ashok Kumar Tickoo

SAMAST TIKOO PARIVAR
8492825932, 9911499938

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 Chotta Haridwar, Muradnagar Ghat at 7:30 am

IN GRIEF:

BHATS, DHARS, PANDITAS AND RELATIONS
Contact No : 8130037471, 9716937180, 8130597296



Smt. RUPA DEVI BHAT (TETHI Ji)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of revered Swami Makhan Lal Ji Koul (Swami Lala Je) S/o Lt. Sh. Jia Lal Koul and husband of Lt. Smt. Lalita Koul R/o Bagh Jogi Lankar Rainawari Srinagar at present H.No. 939/A, Subash Nagar, Opp. Toph Quarters on 23 Nov, 2023.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 02 Dec, 2023 at 10.00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-**Son & Daughter-in-law**

Ashtosh Koul & Sheela Koul (Lovely)

Daughters & Sons-in-law

Sunita & Shiban Krishen Bhat

Chanderlekha & Sanjay Bhat

Brothers & Sisters-in-law

Roshan Lal Koul

Suresh Koul & Girja Koul

Sisters & Brothers-in-law

Late Chuni Koul & Lt. Janki Nath Koul

Ratni Wattal & C.L. Wattal

Phoolaa Pattoo & V.K. Pattoo

Nephews: Pinul & Renu Koul, Sandeep, Mohit & Ekant

Nieces: Meenakshi, Ekta, Monika & Apoorva

Grand Children: Satyam, Sudanshu, Vivek, Bhavya & Parth

Contact No: 7006136052, 9419155504, 9818819970, 9711361481, 9873721950



Swami Makhan Lal Ji Koul, (Lala Ji)

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of **Th. Narendra Singh Jamwal** S/o Late Th. Raunag Singh Jamwal, Advocate, Ex-MLA/MLC R/o Jandrahia Mohalla, Pacca Danga, Jammu on 19/11/2023.

TENTH DAY will be performed on Tuesday, 28/11/2023 at our residence at 10.30 a.m.

KRIYA will be performed on Friday, 01/12/2023 at our residence at 12 Noon.

UTHALA will be held at Nek Chand Memorial Hall near Jain School, Rani Park, Jammu on 01/12/2023 from 4 to 5 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Smt. Madhu Jamwal -Wife

Daughters in Law & Sons

Smt. Promila & Bikram Singh Jamwal

Smt. Neena & Gautam Jamwal

Brothers

Sh. Kuldeep Singh Jamwal

Sh. Mohinder Singh Jamwal

Sh. Ranjeet Singh (DIG SSB) - Son - in -Law

Grandsons: Anirudh Jamwal, Aditya Jamwal, Aayush Jamwal, Kunwar Paarth

& **JAMWAL FAMILY**

M.NO. 9419195909, 9858915042



TH. NARENDRA SINGH JAMWAL

FIFTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Jija Ji **Sh Dwarka Nath Sharma** Ji, Ex. Dy. Comm. R/o 94/2 Trikuta Nagar on 27-11-2023.

Fifth Day will be observed on Friday 1st Dec. 2023 at Panch Mandir Channi Himmat Sec-2 from 10.00 am to 11.00 am.

Grief Stricken**Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law**

Smt Rani & Sh Suraj Prakash Sharma

Smt Usha Kumari & Sh Ram Krishan Sharma

Smt Santosh & Sh Ved Prakash Sharma

Smt Sheetal & Sh Man Mohan Krishan Sharma

Sister-in-law

Smt Veena Sharma W/o late Sh Ram Murthy Sharma

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Sh Dwarka Nath Sharma

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SMT KAMLA GANDOTRA** W/O LATE SH. KULDEEP RAJ GANDOTRA R/O 338, VIKAS LANE, TALAB TILLO JAMMU ON 21 NOVEMBER 2023.

TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON THURSDAY, 30/11/2023 AT OUR RESIDENCE AT 11A.M.

KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON SATURDAY, 02/12/2023 AT OUR RESIDENCE AT 01 P. M.

UTHALA WILL BE HELD AT SHREE GEETA MANDIR, SAMRITI BHAWAN (LOWER HALL), BAKSHI NAGAR JAMMU ON 02/12/2023 FROM 4PM TO 5PM

GRIEF STRICKEN**SONS & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW**

SMT VEENA GANDOTRA & LATE SH VIJAY GANDOTRA

SMT RAJNI GANDOTRA & SH MOHAN GANDOTRA (SBI)

SMT SHEETAL GANDOTRA & SH RAMESH GANDOTRA

DAUGHTERS & SON-IN-LAW

SMT PREMA KAKKAR & SH AJAY KAKKAR

SMT NEELAM ABROL & SH SUDESH ABROL

DEEPLY MISSED AND REMEMBERED BY

PANDOH'S & GANDOTRA'S FAMILY.

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SMT KAMLA GANDOTRA

OBITUARY FROM MALYUN SIDE

We the Entire Amma Parivar deeply condole the sad demise of our beloved sister **Smt Asha Raina (Behna)** W/o Late Sh Triloki Nath Raina original resident of Malapora, Habba Kadal Srinagar, presently at House No. 17 Adrash Nagar Bantalab Jammu, who left for her 'Heavenly Abode' on Saturday 25th November (Night). She will always remain a source of strength to our Entire Amma Parivar.

10th Day will be performed on Monday 4th December 2023.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Santosh Kaul W/o Late Ravi Ji Kaul

Mohini Kaul W/o Late Ashok Kumar Kaul

Bushan Lal Bhat and Vijay Bhat

Chand Ji Bhat and Renu Ji

R/o House No. 37 Adrash Nagar Lane No. 1 Bantalab Jammu

(Previously at Gund-Al-Mar, Nai Sarak, Srinagar (Kmr)

Phone Nos 9810037744, 7780839564



Smt Asha Raina (Behna)

BARKHI

It has been a year since you left us for heavenly abode but your love and blessings still surround us. Your memories are fresh in our hearts and minds. You are missed everyday.

BARKHI of our beloved Mother **Late Smt. Mohani Devi (Chaiji)** W/o Late Prof. Om Prakash Kailu (Retd.) will be observed on 30.11.2023 (Thursday) at 11.30 am at our Residence H.No.-115 Ward no. 4

Mukherjee Bazar Udhampur.

DEEPLY MISSED AND REMEMBERED BY:

SONS AND DAUGHTERS IN LAW

Sh. Anil Kailu (Supdt. Engineer Retd.) and Smt. Sushil Kailu

Dr. Sunil Kailu and Dr. Rashmi Kailu

DAUGHTERS AND SONS IN LAW

Dr. Anu Radotra and Dr. B.D Radotra

Dr. Kiran Kapoor and Dr. Deepak Kapoor

GRAND CHILDREN

Er.Tushar Kailu, Uttara Kailu, Dr. Avantika Kailu, Dr.Chaitanya Kailu, Ananya Kailu, Dr.Ishan Radotra

and Dr. Rupal, Dr. Anshul Radotra, Dr. Kanavdeep Kapoor, Dr Anisha Kapoor.

9419158275, 9419198683



LATE SMT. MOHANI DEVI (CHAIJI)

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow it is informed that **Smt Anju Choudhary** W/o Lt Sh Rajan Choudhary R/o 8 JDA New Rehari Jammu expired on 21/11/2023.

Tenth Day shall be observed at Geeta Mandir Bakshi Nagar Jammu from 10:00 AM onwards on 30/11/2023 Thursday.

Grief Stricken :**Sons**

Mr Saillish Choudhary

Mr Shivang Choudhary

Mr Sarthak Choudhary

Brother-in-law and Sister-in-law

Dr Kuldeep Raj and Mrs Madhu Choudhary

Mr Ajay Choudhary and Mrs Tribhu Choudhary

Niece and Nephews

Aayra, Shivam, Sarvagya, Aadriti, Aadit



Smt Anju Choudhary

Contact No. 9797694266, 7889385785, 7006311321

BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS

Bhog and Antim Ardass of our beloved **Gurjeet Singh Bali** S/o Lt Mohan Singh Bali R/o Central Kanli Bgh Baramulla A/P 37/2 Channi Himmat Jammu who expired on 25th Nov. 2023 will be performed as per below programme

Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib

29th Nov. Wednesday 9.30 AM (At our residence)

Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib

1st Dec. Friday 9.30 AM (At our residence)

Kirtan and Antim Ardass will be held at Gurudwara Guru Ka Bagh Channi Himmat from 11 AM to 12 O'Clock

on 1st Dec. 2023 followed by Guru Ka Langar

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Sdn Amarjeet Kour - (Wife)

S. Sumit Paul Singh Bali - (Son)

S. Jaypreet Singh Bali - (Son)

Tilak Raj - (Son)

Sdn Dharam Kour W/o Lt S. Prithpal Singh Bali (Bhabhi)

S. Manjit Singh Bali - (Brother)

Sdn Ranbir Kour. (Bhabhi)

Col Amardeep Singh Bali S/o Lt S Pardaman Singh Bali (Nephew)

S. Jag Mohan Singh (Chani) (Brother-in-law)

Sdn Iqbal Kour (Romi) (Sister -in-law)

S. Satinder Paul Singh (Bantu) (Brother-in-law)

Sdn Manjit Kour (Manju) (Sister-in-law)

MISSED BY ALL RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

MOB : 8803661059



Gurjeet Singh Bali Retd Sr Manager Punjab & Sind Bank

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 BUBEHARA, ANANTNAG, KASHMIR AT PRESENT 19/303, NEELSIDHI AMARANTE, 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 BAMBOO & SH. PAWAN KUMAR BAMBOO (SWATI, SAHIL & BHAVNA)

SMT. PRIYANKA BHAT & SH. SUBHASH BHAT (AVIT)

DAUGHTER IN LAW & SONS:

RAKHEE BHAT & ROMIL BHAT

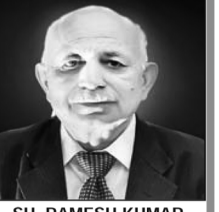
MONICA BHAT & AKSHAY BHAT

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 Bansi Lal Bali (originally from Zaindar Mohalla Habba Kadal Srinagar) on 23rd of Nov. 2023 at Jammu.

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

HEAVILY GRIEF STRICKEN:

Son/ Daughter-in-law: Rajesh Bali and Rajni Bali

Daughter / Son-in-law: Ashok Ganjoo & Sangeeta Ganjoo

Grand Daughters: Shreya Ganjoo and Muskan Bali

Along with Samast Bali, Ganjoo and Mattoo Parivar.

Mob No's: 8511811676 / 9810227078 / 8295903003



Smt Nancy Bali

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, TALI MOKH 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

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra

Mission to ensure no one is left behind: Rana

Top News Report

DANSAL, Nov 29: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana today exuded confidence that the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra will prove to be immensely motivational for the people to benefit from various welfare schemes designed to ensure their welfare and economic upliftment.

He said the people must ensure that no one is left out and the last man in the line is also benefitted as per the wish of the Prime Minister.

Interacting with people during his day long tour in different panchayats of Block Dansal of Nagrota assembly constituency, Rana said while the officials and the various governmental agencies would be engaged in disseminating the information on the schemes, it is actually the people at the cutting edge to make Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ambitious flagship programme a success.

"The Yatra will go a long way in achieving the objectives, enabling the nation to be a developed country by the year



2047", Rana said, urging the people to take a pledge to take the campaign to its logical conclusion by being part of it.

He said the nation is traversing towards faster progress and prosperity as per vision of the Prime Minister and the day is not far when dreams of common people come true.

He hoped that Jan Bhagidari in the developmental and welfare schemes will make a big difference in the lives of the people.

Peoples' participation is essence of vibrant democracy which is gaining momentum for the past nearly one decade, he said while asserting that the

BJP is committed to participatory democracy and believes in public involvement in decision-making processes as integral to the democratic fabric.

Devender Rana also hoped that on-the-spot camps like PM Svanidhi Camp, Health Camp, Ayushman Card camp, Aadhar updation camp, PM Ujjwala camp, part of the campaign would ease and facilitate targeted segments of the society in a big way. He asked the youngsters to participate in various competitions and other activities proposed during the Yatra.

Rana lauded the government agencies for making elaborate

arrangements to make the Yatra successful, and wished them best in all their endeavours.

Being essentially public centric and development oriented, the Yatra has rekindled hope among the marginalised sections in particular about effective implementation of the schemes, he said, adding that economic emancipation, marked by increased financial sustenance and equitable distribution of resources, is imperative for sustained growth and development of the society at large.

During his visit to the area, the local residents discussed various collective issues with Mr Rana, who assured that these will be taken up with the all concerned for time bound redressal.

Prominent among others who were present included Shamsher Singh Beloria, BJP Mandal President Dansal, Reena Thapa, BDC, Dansal, Anil Sharma, Chairman All J&K Panchayat Conference, Sarpanches, Niab Sarpanches, Ex-Sarpanches and prominent persons from the Panchayats.

Only NC can bring J&K out of darkness, says Rattan Lal

Party to observe Sheikh Abdullah's birthday on Dec 5



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: The general public are confronting development deficit but the government is busy in spreading false narrative of colossal development in Jammu and Kashmir, which is not true as on ground people are facing multiple problems with no solution in sight. The solution is only the National Conference which can bail out people from this misery as castles of development made by J&K Government in air are distant apart from reality.

This was stated by Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President National Conference Jammu, while addressing party functionaries of Jammu Urban, Rural A, Rural B and Samba districts at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan Jammu. In the meeting, Chander Mohan Sharma,

District President Jammu Urban, Ragbir Singh Manhas, District President Jammu Rural A, Naresh Bittu District President Jammu Rural B, Saudagar Gupta, District President Samba, Pinky Khalsa District President Jammu Urban Women Wing and S. Tejinder Singh District President Jammu Urban YNC along with party functionaries were present.

In the meeting a detailed programme was chalked out to celebrate 118th Birthday of Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohd. Abdullah on December 5, 2023. All the other Districts shall celebrate the day as usual at their respective headquarters.

Among those who were present include : Sheikh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary Jammu, Deepinder Kour Ex-MLC, Abdul Gani Teli Chairman OBC Cell, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, Pard-

deep Bali, Ayub Malik Provincial Secretaries, Satwant Kour Dogra P.P Women Wing Jammu, Vijay Lakhshmi Datta Ex P.P Women Wing, Th. Yashvardhan Singh Additional Spokesperson Jammu, Rakesh Singh Raka, Waris Gill, Ashok Attri, Chander Udhay Singh, Dilshad Malik, S. Gumam Singh, S. Tejinder Singh, Randhir Singh Chib, Ashok Dogra, Som Raj Taroch, S. Pirthpal Singh, Hassina Begum, Ch. Reayaz Hakla, Hameed Choudhary, Ravi Sharma, Dr. Romesh Chander Sharma, Ravinder Salathia, Ashok Koul, Yashpal, Ruldu Ram, Jatinder Kumar, Ch. Madan Lal, Jatinder Kour, Jahangir Mughal, Prabh Dayal, Prem Singh, Satpal, R.L Verma, Dev Raj, Ranjeet Kour, Paramjeet Kour, Amrita Devi and others.

LEAD to organize Mahotsav 2023 on Dec 9, 10



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JAMMU, Nov 29: LEAD (LJK Economic Growth and Development Dialogue) is organising Mahotsav 2023- Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh on December 9 & 10, 2023 at Gulshan Ground, Police Line Jammu.

This two-day extravaganza aims to showcase rich diversity of Swadeshi products, foster the spirit of entrepreneurship and celebrate the rich culture & heritage of Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh. The event will feature a diverse range of stalls exhibiting local products, cuisines, handicrafts, startup ventures, cultural exhibitions and also highlighting new tourist destinations.

The Mahotsav will have more than 100 stalls showcasing indigenous products and services with anticipated footfall

of thousands of people. Events are schedule caters to people of all age groups, with captivating events tailored for students, children, college students, young entrepreneurs, women, sportsperson and army veterans. This grand event, with its vibrant stalls, cultural performances, and a rich display of traditions, promises to be a spectacle that the community will cherish and remember.

Embracing the theme of Swadeshi, Swawlambhan & Sanskrit, Mahotsav 2023 stands as a vibrant testament to celebrating local excellence and preserving cultural heritage. This extraordinary event serves as a pivotal platform, endorsing and empowering local businesses in alignment with the ideologies of Vocal for Local and Make in India.

Simultaneously, the Mahotsav endeavors to

foster 'Swawlambhan,' reflecting its alignment with Startup India, nurturing entrepreneurship, and instilling a sense of self-reliance within the youth and the broader community. More than a celebration, Mahotsav 2023 becomes a cultural mosaic, creating a profound sense of unity and pride among the people of Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir, as they collectively cherish their remarkable culture and heritage

LEAD thus decided to organize the 'Mahotsav 2023' and make the event their annual feature with a vision to create a platform to unlock the immense potential of local offerings, encourage the spirit of entrepreneurship and foster a profound sense of unity and pride among people of Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh.

LEAD is a platform, first of its kind, a Citizens initiative of like-minded individuals & professionals working towards sustainable development of the Union Territories of Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir.

This event is a testament of LEAD's commitment to promote economic growth and sustainable development in the region.

AJKSGRDS hails CJI for installing status of Dr. B.R Ambedkar in SC premises

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JAMMU, Nov 27: A meeting of the members of All J&K Shri Guru Ravi Dass Sabha (AJKSGRDS) was organized on Wednesday under the Presidentship of Piran Ditta, President of the Sabha, at its headquarters Gurudwara Shri Guri Ravi Dass Ji Maharaj, Krishna Nagar, here.

The resolution was unanimously passed by all the members who participated in the meeting praising the efforts of the Chief Justice of India (CJI) installing the status of Barat Rattan Baba Sahib Dr. B. R. Ambedkar in the premises

of the Supreme Court (SC) of India.

The nation is indebted to the Chief Justice of India and other dignitaries who were present there on this occasion of great honour to the First Law Minister of Independent India.

The committee of All J&K Shri Guru Ravi Dass congratulated the Chief Justice of India and other dignitaries on this occasion.

Others present at the meeting include Raj Paul Hans, Darshan Lal Angral, Raj Kumar (Raja), Romesh Hans, S.S Basson, Mulkh Raj, Om Parkash, Chaman Lal, Gian Chand Khullar, Joginder Digra and Deepak Bangotra.

Police foil illegal trade of counterfeit gold biscuits, 3 arrested

SRINAGAR, Nov 29 (Agencies): Police on Wednesday foiled an illegal trade of counterfeit gold biscuits and arrested three persons in Jammu Kashmir's Budgam district.

Police said on Tuesday, Police Station Khansahib received information from reliable sources indicating about involvement of a group of individuals in the illicit trade of counterfeit gold biscuits.

Acting on the tip off, a suspect vehicle was intercepted near Gogjipathri crossing in the Khansahib area with three persons on board.

The trio were identified as Fayaz Ahmad Dar a resident of Malwa Kunzar, Farooq Ahmad Dar of

Arizal Khansahib and Shabir Ahmad Dar a resident of Arizal Khansahib were arrested.

During the search of the vehicle, 239 gold-like biscuits suspected to be counterfeit were recovered.

The accused individuals were unable to substantiate the authenticity of the items and were arrested on the spot.

A case under relevant sections of law, stands registered at Police station Khansahib and investigation set into motion.

Initial investigation suggests that these persons were allegedly selling these fake gold biscuits to buyers at exorbitant rates and deceiving them, police added.

Backward Classes, JKML delegations meet Khatana, list grievances

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JAMMU, Nov 29: A delegation comprising former employees of Jammu and Kashmir Minerals Ltd. and All India Backward Classes Federation J&K Unit met with Senior BJP leader and MP, Rajya Sabha, Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, to address pressing concerns related to their employment and welfare.

Among the prominent demands raised by the ex-employees were the arrears of the 6th Pay Commission and subsequent pay revisions, Cost of Living Allowance (COLA), and the prompt disbursement of 10 months' salary as Coal Mines Provi-



dent Fund (CMPF) for Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS)/General Health Scheme (GHS) employees.

A delegation of All India Backward Classes Federation, J&K unit, headed by Mohd Shabir Sambyal brought to the attention of MP Gulam

Ali Khatana challenges faced by Other Backward Classes communities, namely Kumhars, Barbers, Washermen, and Telis, due to the inclusion of the word "Rural" in the central list of Other Backward Classes (OBCs). The deletion of this

term has been recommended by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.

The delegation emphasized that the inclusion of the word "Rural" has

led to various issues for these communities, hindering their access to entitlements and opportunities.

The Kumhars, barbers, washermen, and telis are grappling with challenges that directly impact their social and economic well-being.

MP Gulam Ali Khatana assured the delegations that he would actively engage with the concerned authorities to advocate for the resolution of these matters.

He expressed his commitment to ensuring that the grievances of the ex-employees of Jammu and Kashmir Minerals Ltd. and the concerns raised by the All India Backward Classes Federation are addressed promptly and effectively.

Authorities fail to resolve power crises in Jammu: Dr Rohit Gupta

Seeks promotion of renewable solar energy

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: Apni Party Provincial Secretary, Jammu, Dr Rohit Gupta on Wednesday flayed the authorities failing to meet the challenge of the electricity crisis in Jammu during this harsh weather conditions.

As per a press release, Dr Rohit Gupta said that the authorities have not been able to meet the demand and requirement of electricity that would be supplied to the consumers.

"The shortage of electricity has created a serious problem in day to day life, drinking water supply, and business," he said, claiming that the unscheduled

power cuts for long hours have affected normal life.

He said that the authorities should look for alternative energy sources like solar energy and it should be encouraged by the Govt so that the people could be educated about its benefits.

"The solar energy is an alternative source of electricity that needs the attention of the Govt and the concerned department. However, it appears that halfhearted efforts are being taken up by the authorities concerned," he added.

He further stated that "The concerned Govt authority has failed to provide solar projects to the people of Jammu. In many cases, money has been paid into the account of the Jammu

and Kashmir Energy Development Agency (JAKEDA) for months, but the consumer is not being provided this facility."

He said that the CEO JAKEDA is making repeated excuses instead of acting on what is expected from him.

"The Govt of India has launched this solar project for the benefit of the public along with subsidies. However, the concerned department makes excuses of insufficient funding by the Finance Department in taking up these projects at the grass root level," he said.

He said that the officials shall be held responsible if the project fails to be fully implemented in Jammu and Kashmir.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL DIVISION RTIC KATHUA
SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e- NIT MDK/ RTIC/41 of 2023-24 Dated 25-11-2023

For and on behalf of the "Lt. Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir", The Executive Engineer Mechanical Division RTIC Kathua invites online bids by e tendering mode from eligible bidders/ tenderers/ firms dealing with electromechanical/ electrical works/mechanical Works.

Name of the Work	Name of the Division	Cost of Tender Document/Tender Fee(In Rs)	Earnest Money	Validity of Rates
Improvement/Adjustment of Electromagnetic brake set of radial gates, including Providing/Fitting of new windings and varnishing of already installed 2HP/3HP/5HP motors of radial gates and other allied works installed at Ujh Barrage.	Mechanical Division RTIC Kathua	500.00 (Rs. 250/- for PMT DIC/ SSI Registered Firms) (Non-Refundable) In the shape of treasury Challan only in favour of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division RTIC Kathua payable at Kathua	Rs.4600/= (Rs. 2300 for DIC/SSI Registered Firms) In the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to the Executive Engineer Mechanical Division RTIC Kathua	Bid shall be valid for 180 days

Position of Funds : Available

- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 25-11-2023 (5:00 P.M) and uploaded upto 05-12-2023 (01:00 P.M). The tender shall be opened on 06-12-2023 (01:00 P.M).
- The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
- Bids must be accompanied by cost of Tender Document and bid security/ earnest money as specified in column 3 & 4 of the table. The cost of tender documents should be in the form of Treasury Challan only in favour of Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division RTIC Kathua.
- Furnishing of Hard copies of documents pertaining to e bids immediately after submission of e tenders has been dispensed with as per Govt Order No. O.M. no. A/24(2017-651) dated 07-06-2018. The same shall be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as L-1 after opening of Financial Bids.
- The hard copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan and Earnest Money including other relevant documents must be delivered by L-1 to the office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division RTIC Kathua within 03 days of opening of tender.
- The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited.
- The Technical Bids of the tender document received shall be opened online in the office of Executive Engineer Mechanical Division, RTIC, Kathua on 06-12-2023 at 01:00 P.M
- The Financial Bids of the tender document of the qualified bidders shall also be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Mechanical Division, RTIC, Kathua during office hours on a convenient day.
- Other details can be seen inside the detailed tender document.

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EDITORIAL

SELF-RELIANCE

Self-reliance is the biggest and best quality for every person. Besides this, this quality also becomes a great support for him. If a person remains self-reliant, he will have very little need of anyone else and he can easily face even the biggest difficulties himself. Being self-reliant is as important for an individual as it is for the development of a country.

Our country India is a big country and full of every resource. In India, every resource is available in sufficient quantity and every type of item or material can be manufactured by itself. For this there will be no need to depend on any other country. To do this, it is very important for every youth of the country to have willpower and efficiency in work. It is not that there is a dearth of such people in our country.

Self-reliance means that our country is self-reliant in every field and does not have to take help from anyone else. Make things that we use. Even if it is a small needle or a big object. One should not have to reach out to any other country for such items.

In this plan, India has to be competent in every field in which it takes help from other countries. The objective of the Self-reliant India campaign is to utilize India's resources more within India itself. The aim is to streamline more industries in India and to provide employment to every youth here and make them self-reliant.

In self-reliant India, attention will be given to every area in which India takes help from any other country. Then one has to become competent in that field. This will greatly benefit the development of the country and India will become a self-reliant nation.

As we all know, right now our country is going through a terrible epidemic like Corona virus. This crisis has given our country an opportunity to become self-reliant. In this terrible epidemic, we have proved that no matter what difficult situation our country faces, we are with the country will not allow the country to become dependent on any other country.

Till now, we have produced things like PPE kits, ventilators and sanitizers etc. in the country to fight the epidemic like Corona. There is no dearth of any resource in our country India. Earlier, PPE kits, ventilators and sanitizers etc. were produced in very small quantities in our country. But we have given a great example to other countries of being self-reliant in such a terrible situation.

If our country is dependent on any other country for any resource, then we will also have to work according to that country and will have to accept every condition of that country even if we do not approve of it. This strengthens the economic condition of other countries. Our country's money is spent on the development of other countries and our country is left behind many times over. There will be terrible problems like poverty and unemployment in our country.

As 2 wars rage in world, is India facing a food crisis?

By: Abhijit Bhattacharyya

While we are thankfully not yet in the midst of a third world war, the planet has nevertheless faced "active armed conflicts in 56 countries in 2022, five more than in 2021", and 2023 is creating more "favourable conditions" for further escalation in violence, encompassing a larger territory, as evident from the latest Israel-Hamas brutal massacres. The intensity and profligacy of the Levant's bloodshed and body-bag counts could lead to unseen and unintended consequences of horrible times for humanity — the temporary truce for hostage release and the flow of aid notwithstanding.

Understandably, the fatal hostilities by the belligerents since 2022 has already had adverse effects on the food sector even outside the conflict zones. Those who have died fighting have left behind their families, women and children, whose lives have been ravaged as surely as those in the war zones.

The immediate outcome of the widespread violence has escalated global hunger since 2017, and has affected over three billion people worldwide who cannot afford a minimum healthy diet. The situation has worsened since the Ukraine war began in February 2022, as both the belligerents in Europe are major food producers. Moscow and Kyiv together account for "more than half the global production of sunflower oil, 19 per cent of barley and 14 per cent of wheat". As the European war already rendered "a quarter of Ukraine farmland unproductive", the situation can only worsen, leading to mass hunger turning into an epidemic, with the war in West Asia that began in October 2023.

Given this, statistics show India's food sector, amidst the war-ravaged desolation, is a beacon amid the all-round barbarism. As Ukraine heads to being a pitiable food-producing nation in the near future, it's alarm bells for food self-sufficient India as pressure is mounting on New Delhi to export its "surplus" produce. Though this might be music to India's ears, making every citizen proud, we must remember the first duty of the Indian State is to feed its own 1.4 billion people, before becoming a 40 per cent exporter of rice in the world market.

The cold statistics notwithstanding, is everything going well for India? Is there a stark mismatch between statistics and the consumer market of India if one goes by a mid-October 2023 report putting India at 111th position among 125 countries in the World Hunger Index: a steep fall from 107 out of 121 in 2022? There is an eerie feeling of despondency that recalls the history of India's penury, starvation, poverty, under-nourishment and man-made famines created by British colonial rule. True or not, the October report was damaging enough for the budding "economic powerhouse" of Delhi, notwithstanding the flurry of the official denials.

It goes to the credit of the pioneering ruling class of newly-independent India who knew very well that no large and populous country like India can ever attain prominence in global affairs without food self-sufficiency. They had seen for themselves the genocide-like famine perpetrated in the last days of the British Raj under a racist Winston Churchill and his ruthless military commanders who were ably assisted and helped by an influential and affluent section of wholesale and retail grain

traders-distributors in Eastern India, ensuring the slaughter of more than three million people in Bengal in 1943-1944.

Nobel Economics laureate Amartya Sen had rightly referred to the 1943 famine as "man-made", showing there was nothing wrong with quantum of rice production but everything wrong with the British Raj's malicious method of grain distribution scheme, with the active collaboration of an influential section of India's money-making merchants whose penchant for food hoarding and adulteration constitute the countryside's folklore, particularly in eastern India.

How much truth is there in India's low ranking in the World Hunger Index? A partial answer could be in the government announcement that 800 million people would continue getting free rations for the next five years. That begs an embarrassing question: if 800 million Indians out of the 1.4 billion population need free rations for five more years, the next uncomfortable question is: is it due to the fault lines or failures of three factors of basic economics: production, distribution and consumption?

Does India's food (rice and wheat) production stand below the minimum national demand of consumers? Or is it due to the faulty distribution system and the snapping of supply chains? Or is it the establishment's acceptance of the lack of purchasing power of 800 million out of 1.4 billion Indians, which constitutes 57.14 per cent of the population, who can't feed themselves on their own financial strength, or the lack of it?

Reserve Bank of India governor Shaktikanta Das had recently warned of a complex and potentially scary scenario — that "India

is vulnerable to recurring, overlapping food price shocks". Thus, despite an incredible record food production by India's magnificent farmers, its distribution and consumption need urgent direct State intervention to save ordinary citizens across the country from profiteers.

It has recently been reported that Indian traders have signed a five-lakh tonne rice export deal to cash in on the demand from both Europe and the Middle East. This, surprisingly, after the Central government had placed restrictions on the export of rice three months ago, and had set the "floor price or minimum export price at \$1,200 per tonne". The traders, however, complained that such high export "floor prices" had hampered their profitability and prospects as foreign importers found the price too high. The Government of India was then "compelled" to reduce the "floor price" from \$1,200 per tonne to \$950 per tonne. However, it transpires from the traders themselves that they had "signed rice export deals for between \$1,000 and \$1,500 per tonne". The people's loss is therefore the gain of a few private players.

The moral of the story is simple. Two wars are ravaging the world, in different regions. Food scarcity is hitting the third world, or what is today called the Global South, pretty hard. India is still self-sufficient in food but 800 million people need to be fed free of cost and the governor of the RBI has warned about future food costs. The government rightly took a call for the country, but a section of Indian traders will have none of it, except to ensure their own profits even if it is at the cost of more than 57 per cent of the Indian population who can't feed themselves. Mera Bharat Mahaan!

Easy Ways To Spot Career And Job



By: Vijay GarG

Employees are itching to move and progress. Gone are the days of working the same job for 15, 20, or 30 years straight. Today's workers desire career progression and opportunities to stretch their skills, with younger workers including Gen Z and millennials more likely to prioritize career progression and development when considering their next job opportunity, than any older generation. Approximately 76% of employees are seeking opportunities for career expansion, a Zippia study revealed, while another 2019 survey showed that 86% would switch jobs if offered the chance to progress at another employer.

And to make the situation even more favorable, the opportunities available are endless. Today there are several high-growth industries with multiple career paths and a strong future outlook including technology, healthcare, science, logistics,

and fitness. The challenge exists in navigating the plethora of opportunities and knowing how and where to find the one that is right for you, as you take the next step in your career journey.

If you're looking to challenge yourself this coming year and are ready to embrace a new opportunity to spearhead your career growth, here are five easy ways you can identify career and job opportunities and expedite your career potential:

1. Study Trends

There are two main types of career trends: the global kind (one which has worldwide impact and can trickle into affecting your job or industry) and industry-specific trends, which are smaller-scale and are limited to changes in that industry alone. It's important to identify both of these trends and keep pace with them.

For instance, we already know that technology is a rapidly evolving industry; but with AI creating global impact, this is something you need to consider even if you don't work in tech because it could have major significance to your job and its future. Study labour market information, conduct targeted interviews with people in various industries and roles, and do some digging and analysis online to understand what's moving in the world of work. Through con-

ducting this research you can identify opportunities to upskill and jump in early while labor demand is high.

2. Identify Market Gap

Become eagle-eyed and put your creative problem-solving skills to work. Analyze an industry as an entrepreneur would, and ask yourself,

"With the wealth of my years of experience, varied expertise, and unique skill set, what unique contributions can I make to the economy from my vantage point?"

3. Seek Mentorship

Actively seek out a mentor in your job, preferably someone who is more senior or experienced in your industry and has already navigated a significant portion of their career. They will be able to advise you on various career paths you can explore and offer you valuable insights from their personal experience.

4. Self-Assess

Online career assessments are invaluable tools that enable you to explore career opportunities aligned with your core values, personality, working preferences, and skills.

Consider combining online assessments with getting the assistance of a coach. The right career coach can be a useful resource as they will guide and empower you towards your goals, and through their input and expertise you will be able to uncover your hidden talents,

locate emerging job and career opportunities, and think outside the box.

5. Network

Networking is proven to yield exponential benefits for career growth and new job opportunities. In fact, according to a 2022 survey, 18% of professionals credit finding their job to reaching out to their network directly without ever needing to go through the standard process, 24% were headhunted due to their online personal branding or a network referral, and 55% believe that referrals made a significant difference in getting them to the job interview stage.

Never underestimate the power of your network and what jobs and career opportunities might be available when you reach out and build relationships with the right people.

However, it's important to remember to network with the right people, those who can contribute in some way in adding value to your life and career. Think strategically about adding a variety of people to your network including industry-specific recruiters, decision-makers, and other professionals who work in organizations similar to yours.

*(Vijay GarG Retired
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KPS highlights important issues of community

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: A meeting of prominent leaders and activists of Kashmiri Pandit Community was held on Wednesday under the leadership of M.K.Yogi in which threadbare discussions and confabulations were held on the important and urgent issues of the community facing in exile and appealed Government of India and UT administration to address these genuine problems on priority basis.

The meeting was attended by Vishal Jotish, Bal Krishan Bhat, M.N. Pandita, Rakesh Bhat, Munish watta, Mahraj Krishan, Shuban Ji Raina, Ashwani Bhat and others.

In a press statement, M.K. Yogi and Vinod Pandita said that the issues discussed and deliberated upon during the meeting were formation of concrete rehabilitation Policy for Kashmiri



migrants back in valley in a time bound period, Releasing of monthly floor, organizing awareness Programmes on mass level for eradicating drug abuse menace from migrant camps/ non camps, creation and advertisement of new ten thousand posts for unemployed educated Migrant Youth, enhancement of monthly cash assistance, a long pending demand of migrants, ensuring delivery of voter id cards to all migrants, formation of Apex committee comprising of sincere and dedicated representatives of the community, construction of more residen-

tial quarters for migrants in view of increase in population in Jammu, implementation of all central Government sponsored schemes for migrants in camps/non camps, implementation of immovable migrant property Act, 1997 in letter and spirit and ensuring resolution of migrant grievances by all custodians in valley in a time bound period etc. Both these leaders appealed Government of India and UT administration to take these important issues with the concerned authorities on priority basis for early resolution.

Expert Lecture on 'General Banking' held at Govt Women Polytechnic

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: Government Polytechnic for Women, Jammu organized an expert lecture on topic 'General Banking' in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd for the students of Office Management and Computer Application of the Institution.

The officer visited conducted insightful lecture focusing on general banking practices and dedicated schemes for empowering SCs, STs and women.

An interacted session was also conducted which covered topics such as Account Management, Loan Procedure and Investment

Opportunities available for females.

Er. Suket Gupta, Principal, Government Polytechnic for Women, Jammu, while speaking on the occasion said that expert lecture is aimed to disseminate knowledge on essential banking principles and highlight special financial schemes tailored to benefit the female demographic.

Er. Kamal Kumar, HOD, Textile Designing Department was the program coordinator of the Expert lecture.

Seema Pandita, Lecturer-I, Shiveta, Lecturer-I and other faculty members also attended the event along with the students of the Institution.

Chairman JKTF expresses concern over delay in release of 4% DA installment

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: Under the Chairmanship of Ganesh Khujuria, Chairman JKTF J&K UT, a meeting of the Forum was held on Wednesday at its Head Office Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, in which the different issues of the Government Employees discussed.

The main focus was on the DA installment of 4% which is due since July-2023.

Addressing the meeting, Ganesh Khujuria expressed his anguish and concern towards the pathetic condition of the Employees arisen due to the apathetical approach of the Higher

Authorities towards the release of DA installment in favour of UT Government employees.

He said the inflation rate is very high and Government employees are striving hard to fulfill the Daily needs of their families.

Moreover, the employees had high hopes that the L.G Administration would announce the DA installment during the festival season but their hopes remained unfulfilled.

Ganesh appealed to the Higher Authorities to pay special attention to the issue of DA installment of 4% and announce the same

without any further delay so that it can be released with the salary of November 2023 to give a sigh of relief and the arrears must be paid in cash with the salary of November.

Among others who were present in the meeting included Surat Singh Toofani, Darshan Sharma, Gopal Singh, Rajinder Gupta, Raj Singh, Ravinder Singh, Kuldeep Singh Bhandral, Kuldeep Verma, P. D. Singh, Gautam Singh, Bharat Bhushan Sharma, Narinder Chib, Majeed Choudhary, Iqviinder pal Singh, Pawan Sharma, Ashwani Raina and Gurmeet Singh.

Three-day orientation training course on Fertilizer Quality Control begins



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: Three-day orientation training course on Fertilizer Quality Control has been inaugurated by Director Agriculture Jammu Ram Savak who also graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

The Training is being conducted for skill upgradation of 50 field functionaries of Enforcement Wing of J&K UT regarding various aspects of Fertilizer Control as per instructions of Shailendra Kumar, Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Department and guidance of Director Agriculture Jammu Ram Savak.

Dr. Ravinder Yadav, Deputy Director, Central Fertilizer Quality Con-

trol & Training Institute, N.H.I.V, Faridabad, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India is the main resource person on the occasion who will sensitize the trainees about all aspects of Fertilizer Quality Control including Legal Procedures to be adopted in context of Fertilizer (Control) Order 1985.

R.K Hitaishi, Joint Director of Agriculture (Extension) Jammu welcomed the resource Person and participants in his address & explained objective of training course for capacity building of participants.

Ram Savak said this is first of its kind training course in which resource person from reputed National Level Institute is imparting training to the participants of J&K UT.

He also impressed upon trainees to take maximum advantage of training course & make it result oriented.

Dr. Ravinder Yadav, Deputy Director, CFQCLI, Faridabad on first day of training delivered detailed lectures on Fertilizer Control Act, Fertilizer Control Order, Fertilizer (Movement Control Order) & appointment of Enforcement Agencies.

An interactive session was also held in which queries of trainees were satisfactorily replied on the spot by Resource Person.

Rajeev Katoch, Programme Officer, Directorate of Agriculture Jammu conducted proceedings of programme.

Mahesh Verma Joint Director of Agriculture SLUB/ Farms Jagdish Raina, Agronomist Jammu, Alok Pandotra, Deputy Director Agriculture (Trgs.), Aman Jyoti, Agriculture Chemist Jammu, Tilak Raj, Assistant Director Law Enforcement & other senior officers of department were present on the inaugural day of training Course.

Most of Sarpanchs, Panchs, BDCs, DDCs, councilors are not stand up to public expectations: Prithpal



Top News Report

POONCH, Nov 29: In a statement, District President of Aam Aadmi Party, Er Prithpal Singh said Panchs, Sarpanchs, BDCs, DDCs and councilors did not stand up to public expectations and unable to get development for the District.

Singh said that basic facilities have not yet reached the villages, roads have not reached the villages, there is shortage of water in many villages and lack of electric poles.

He said that people

should be careful in choosing their representatives and should put forward such people who can help in the development of the district.

He said that unless we replace old faces with new ones, effective governance will not be achieved.

He also said that now drug mafia is running in the district, there is a need to fight this also. There is a lot of potential for tourism in Poonch, if we promote tourism here then with time the unemployed youth will also get employment here. Back to Village program was conducted, the government should ask its officials what shortcomings they found in the villages, whether the scheme approved by the government has been implemented yet or it is only on paper.

BSP serious to give time-tested alternative to electorates of J&K: Rajesh Gupta

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) J&K UT General Secretary Rajesh Gupta on Wednesday described the concept as the key to retrieving back the glorious ethos of inclusive Jammu and Kashmir to its pristine glory again by adopting the policies of BSP and to strengthening it.

He said BSP is spreading its roots in Jammu and Kashmir.

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



regarding resources and governance.

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

BSP leader said that BSP alone could fulfill the aspirations of the public at large and steer

the erstwhile State out of the morass of poverty, underdevelopment, corruption, and communalism. He said that having experimented with various traditional parties, both national and regional, the people of J&K were a disappointed lot desperately seeking a change in the political structure of the erstwhile State.

Gupta said that the BSP has taken its birth to the service of the common man, the workers, laborers, and exploited class of society.

BSP leader in an interview with local channel lambasted BJP saying that tall promises of development, employment, progress and prosperity of the region were made with the people who were mesmerized with several other seductive slogans.

Birth anniversary of Com KD Sethi celebrated

Top News Report

DODA, Nov 29: On the eve of birth anniversary of Comrade K.D. Sethi, an impressive function was organized by his followers like doctors, engineers, lawyers, teachers, social workers trade unionists, retired persons and intellectuals at Green View Palace, Bishnah.

All the persons gathered there paid homage to their icon and remembered his contribution



to the society. Comrade K.D. Sethi was a great political analyst who influenced the state, nation and even international politics by

his dynamic political approach.

He devoted all his political life for the cause of down trodden masses of society and always

remained part of good politics. He educated and made conscious the toiling masses of the society about the nefarious designs of ruling

exploiting classes.

Those who spoke on the occasion were Er Nazir Ahmed Sheikh, Ghulam Hassain Pampori, Goar Fani, Niaz Ahmed Rahi, Noor Hussain Malik, J.S. Awal, Jugal Kishore Sharma, Om Parkash Choudhary, Achal Dev Singh Slathia, Anil Verma, Ishher Das Sangra, Ludher Mani, Shakeel Ahmed Dev, Kabla Singh, Javed Shah (Kashmir) and Rashpal Singh. Stage was conducted by comrade Harbushan Bharti.

Eye checkup camp organized at Dulhasti Power Station



Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Nov 29: Dulhasti Power Station, Kishtwar organised a free eye checkup and cataract & pterygium screening camp at Project Hospital in association with Rotary Eye & ENT Hospital, Udhampur.

M K Kashyap, Group General Manager (In-Charge), Dulhasti Power Station inaugurated the Camp and thanked the

team of doctors from Rotary Eye & ENT Hospital, Udhampur.

He called upon all to get the maximum benefit from the Free Eye checkup Camp.

A huge rush was seen in the power station hospital as people of nearby areas, especially senior citizens, availed the facilities in the camp.

A total of 163 Patient availed the facility of free eye check-up. 21

Patients were screened for cataract and 02 Patient were screened for Pterygium.

Dr. Dipankar Deb, General Manager (Medical Services) and Dr. Nasir Irfan, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Dulhasti Power Station and his team along with Dr. Ankur Goel and his team from Rotary Eye & ENT Hospital, Udhampur successfully organized the Free Eye checkup and Cataract & Pterygium Screening Camp.

S.K Mishra, General Manager (Electrical), K.V Sivakumar, General Manager (Electrical), B.D.Moharana, Group DGM (Electrical), Shivanshu Rastogi, DGM (Finance), Davinder Koundel, Sr. Manager (HR) and other senior officers and employees were present.

Chenab Valley residents urge Govt to declare winter vacations in educational institutions

Top News Report

BHADARWAH, Nov 29: The Public of Mountainous Chenab Valley region have urged the government of Jammu and Kashmir under the Lieutenant Governor administration to declare the winter vacations in all the schools owing to the exposure of children to the extreme cold conditions and minus temperatures at most of the places which is apprehensive of having a negative impact on their health.

While expressing resent-

ment, locals have alleged that announcement of winter vacations in the schools of the Kashmir Valley by the department of education and ignoring the areas falling under winter zone in Jammu Province is an eye opener for the residents of this region that the present dispensation is resorting to step motherly treatment and this is a step in the direction of disintegrating Jammu and Kashmir on regional lines.

"Chenab Valley region as well as other mountainous areas in Jammu province

which fall under winter zone have similar weather conditions and with the onset of winter season bone chilling cold wave conditions are witnessed in which it is not difficult but quite impossible for students attend the schools. At schools too, these children are not able to focus on studies, thus the entire exercise of classes goes waste. As a wonder would have it that winter vacations have been announced in Kashmir valley while the similar situated hardships being faced by school going

children in winter zone in Jammu province have been ignored," said Mohammad Salim Butt- a resident of Bhardarwah alleging further, "We are treated as the citizens of second class for which such maltreatment is meted out to us".

"In order to safeguard the health of our children, we ask the government to announce the winter vacations immediately," Butt said.

"It is spine chilling cold in the morning now a days and our children face immense hardships to get ready for

schools. We are afraid that our children might suffer severe pneumonia. The slippery pathways due to frozen conditions leading to schools are another challenge for children to confront mishaps during this time of the year," rued Urmilla Devi a resident of Bhatoli Sub division Bhallessa in District Doda.

She, however, demanded that Govt must declare winter vacations as early as possible.

"Notwithstanding it, we will forbid our children from attending schools hence-

forth," she claimed.

People further alleged that Govt especially school education authorities of Jammu region are not serious about the issues of students for which they have failed to address the grievances.

"Despite of numerous representations by Socio-political leaders, Parent Teacher Associations, Parent Associations and social activists about change of school timing from 10 am to 10:30 am in the morning and from 4pm to 3pm in the evening in view of ongoing harsh winter

conditions, but nothing was done in this regard which is an evidence to the fact that govt in general and education department in particular is not serious about the issue and the interests of the students of winter zone areas of Jammu province." Alleged a well known Socio-political activist Mast Nath Yogi.

Meanwhile, Director School Education Jammu Ashok Kumar Sharma while reacting on this issue said that a call will be taken soon in this regard and like last year, winter vacations will be announced.

Bishnoi gang threatens Gippy Grewal on his reaction to Moosewala's death, says not even your brother Salman Khan or Dawood can save him

Firing outside Gippy Grewal's Canada home suspected to be extortion bid by Bishnoi gang

The firing incident outside the residence of Punjabi singer Gippy Grewal in Canada is suspected to be an extortion bid, said sources in Delhi Police's Special Cell.

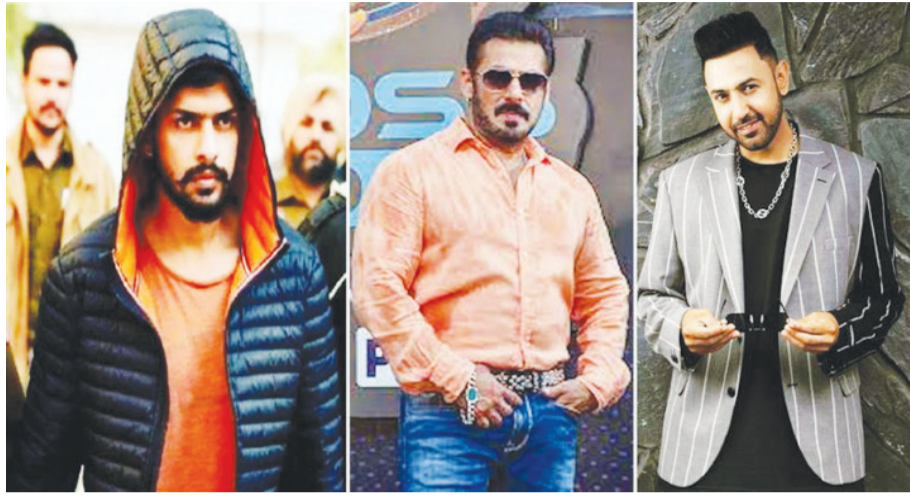
Earlier, Lawrence Bishnoi gang had claimed responsibility for the gunshots fired outside Grewal's home in the White Rock neighbourhood of Vancouver on November 25.

Taking to Facebook, an account named 'Lawrence Bishnoi' had announced the infamous group's involvement in the orchestrated attack.

"While you may regard Salman Khan as a brother, it is now imperative to step in and rescue you. This message extends to Salman Khan as well — do not harbour the illusion that Dawood or anyone can save you from us.

"Your reaction on the demise of Sidhu Moose Wala did not escape our notice. We are well aware of the kind of person he was and the illicit connections he maintained," read the post addressed to Grewal.

"You closely associated with Vicky during his time in Middukhera, and



subsequently, you even expressed great sorrow for Sidhu. You are now under our scrutiny. Consider this a teaser... Feel free to seek refuge in any country, but bear in mind, death does not require a visa," it added.

It is suspected that the firing incident was an extortion bid orchestrated by Bishnoi gang aides, as the gangsters are targeting singers to extort money, which is evident through the recent arrests in India, a source told agency.

As per sources, the ongoing conflict between Canada-based designated terrorist Arsh Dalla and Lawrence Bishnoi has escalated, marking a new phase in their pursuit of dominance, and both the gangs are indulging in

extortion, both in India and abroad.

The Delhi Police have recently arrested five sharpshooters of Arsh Dalla gang. The police said that the operation also included a gun battle with two of the accused sharpshooters during which one of them was shot on his right leg.

The accused have been identified as Rajpreet Singh a.k.a Raja alias Bamb, and Virender Singh alias Vimmy, both residents of Punjab, and Sachin Bhati, Arpit Dankar and Susheel Pradhan.

Rajpreet and Virender were held after a shootout in Delhi's Mayur Vihar area.

As per sources, they were assigned a task by Arsh Dalla to assassinate

Punjabi singer Elly Mangat, which Rajpreet and Virender attempted in October at Bhatinda, but failed as the target was not at home.

"In July 2023, they were assigned the task of firing upon Kavinder Kumar, a local BJP leader in Haridwar, as he was not willing to pay extortion money," said an official.

The Crime Branch of Delhi Police had also busted three extortion modules operated by notorious groups led by the Gody Brar-Larwence Bishnoi gang.

Eight persons connected to the criminal syndicate were apprehended, exposing an international network involved in luring juveniles for gang activities and using extorted

money for luxurious lifestyles and investments in foreign shores.

Special Commissioner of Police (Crime), Ravindra Singh Yadav, had said that this international syndicate had been operating across Delhi-NCR, Punjab, Chandigarh, Haryana and Rajasthan.

The syndicate had developed a sophisticated modus operandi, making it difficult for law enforcement agencies to track its foreign funds. Each member had well-defined roles and responsibilities within the extortion rackets, displaying high-level of professionalism.

The syndicate's middlemen targeted wealthy individuals, such as bookies, gamblers, real estate dealers, builders, land grabbers and jewellers, based on their financial status and paying capacity.

"Once the targets were selected, the gang would make demands through phone calls, letters, or visits, using various means to intimidate and threaten the victims.

The extorted funds were then transferred abroad through hawala channels," Yadav had said.

Haryana's whiz kid strikes jackpot, wins Rs 1 crore in 'KBC 15'

Hailing from Mahendragarh in Haryana, Mayank wins one crore points in the 'KBC Juniors Week'



An eighth grade student Mayank has created history on the quiz-based reality show 'Kaun Banega Crorepati 15' by becoming the youngest child to win Rs 1 crore in the game show.

Hailing from Mahendragarh in Haryana, Mayank won one crore points in the 'KBC Juniors Week'.

The boy seamlessly impressed the host of the show, Amitabh Bachchan, who was captivated by Mayank's intelligence and wit.

For one crore question, Mayank was asked: "Which European cartographer is credited with creating the map that gave the name 'America' to the newly discovered con-

tinents?"

The options given were- A: Abraham Ortelius, B: Gerardus Mercator, C: Giovanni Battista Agnese, and D: Martin Waldseemüller.

Mayank took the lifeline 'Ask the expert', and gave the correct answer—Martin Waldseemüller.

On winning the huge price money, Mayank started crying and hugged his parents, and the actor.

Big B said: "Let me tell the viewers that he is the youngest crorepati winner."

Mayank said: "Sir, sorry for the interruption, but I want to give you a high five. Sir, even tall people could not give you a high five, but I did I will make my friends

jealous."

For seven crore question, he was asked: "Subedar NR Nikkam and Havildar Gajendra Singh were awarded the Order of the Red Star by Russia for conveying supplies to which city during World War II?"

The options were: A: Tabriz, B: Sidon, C: Batumi, D: Almaty. Mayank decided to quit the gameshow and took Rs 1 crore.

The correct answer for Rs 7 crore question was Tabriz.

In a statement, Mayank said: "I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to display my knowledge on 'KBC Juniors Week' and play the game opposite Amitabh sir, who motivated me throughout."

"To be the youngest contestant winning such a huge amount is a moment of pride for me and my family. We are big fans of the show and Bachchan sir. I would also take this opportunity to thank my parents for their consistent guidance that helped me to play well and achieve the Rs 1 crore feat," he added.

Isha Talwar on her preparation for her role in Chamak

Sony LIV is all set to stream the highly anticipated musical thriller series Chamak on December 7.

In this star-studded series, actress Isha Talwar will be seen essaying the role of Jasmin Sandhu, aka Jazz, a true-blooded Punjabi and a musician, whose passion for singing and playing the dhol knows no bounds.

Delving into her role, Isha shared a few insights into her preparation to infuse authenticity into her character.

Isha said, "For me to get into a character, it is important to understand the milieu the story is based in. So, I chose to live with my friend Jassi Sangha in Moga, Punjab. I had to find Isha's roots first to get to Jazz's roots. Additionally, I learnt to play the dhol to bring authenticity to my performance."

Created and directed by Rohit Jugraj Chau-



han, Chamak boasts a star-studded cast, including Paramvir Singh Cheema, Manoj Pahwa, Gippy Grewal, Mohit Malik, Isha Talwar, Mukesh Chhabra, Prince Kanwaljit Singh,

Suvinder (Vicky) Pal, and Akasa Singh. It also features songs by a host of Punjabi music icons, such as Gippy Grewal, Mika Singh, Malkit Singh, MC Square and Afsana Khan.

Katrina Kaif opens up on completing 20 years in Bollywood, 'The love I've got...'

In a career spanning almost two decades, actress Katrina Kaif has given many blockbusters making her one of the biggest stars in Bollywood.

Talking about what she looks forward to doing even though she's touching the highs of highs, the actress said bettering herself as an artiste and making sure, "I do not fall into my own traps of trying to repeat myself or trying to maintain or sustain any image".

Asked when you attain such high stardom, what do you look forward to from there, Katrina told agency: "Firstly, I think the love and the support that I've gotten from the audiences is incredible. It's phenomenal and it will always be something which will always be one of the most special achievements I think or special occurrences in my life as an artist. But I think there is no certainty. You see up



and you see downs as an actor."

"And you need to know how to, ride that out and how to have persever-

ance and to continue to follow it and to perform and deliver in each film that comes, no matter what the outcome is,"

added the actress. Katrina, who has worked in blockbusters such as 'Maine Pyaar Kyun Kiya?', 'Namas-tey London', 'Partner', 'Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara', 'Bang Bang!' and the 'Tiger' franchise to name a few, said that she is extremely happy and grateful for the way her journey has been and how wonderful it has been.

The actress, who is married to actor Vicky Kaushal and was recently seen in 'Tiger 3', said that she desires to better herself from here.

"My desire right now would look forward to from here is exactly what I spoke about earlier about bettering myself as an artist," said the Hong Kong born actress.

"Making sure I do not fall into my own traps of trying to repeat myself or trying to maintain or sustain any image because I have done something before because I have

fit into a particular, you know, type of role very well, does not mean that you know that is where my future lies," Katrina, who is one of the highest-paid actresses in India, added.

"I think as an artist you need to learn to evolve. You need to constantly check in with yourself. That is what is true for me today."

The actress said what she wants to bring on screen and where her conviction is going to lie now.

"Currently, I'm very conscious that whatever film I step onto I need to connect to it deeply and only then come on to that set and bring everything that I have."

"Excited to keep getting the opportunities and chances to perform in different roles and bring new aspects of me as a performer on screen," said the actress, who had two sets of Barbie dolls modeled on her in 2010 and 2011.

Anurag Dobhal blames Salman of being biased, says he 'doesn't let me speak' on 'Bigg Boss 17'

Youtuber Anurag Dobhal, who is currently seen in the show 'Bigg Boss 17', has blamed Bollywood superstar and host Salman Khan for being biased.

The contestant was even heard saying that he "doesn't let me speak."

In the latest episode, Sana Raees Khan was seen talking to Anurag in the garden area of the house. She tries explaining to him that it's not Salman Khan but him bridging his followers and community into the discussion everytime.

Anurag is then heard

telling Sana that he is getting criticised every week over his fans. He then says that when others don't feel something is right they get a chance to speak, however, when it comes to him he is asked to keep his mouth shut.

He is heard saying: "Salman bhai ne khud bola I don't want to talk to you. Mere upar koi ehsan nahi kar raha bro. I am a part of the show, the show approached me, I didn't approach it and gave no auditions. Aaya the izzat se jaay-engay bhi izzat se."

Anurag then added that housemates said



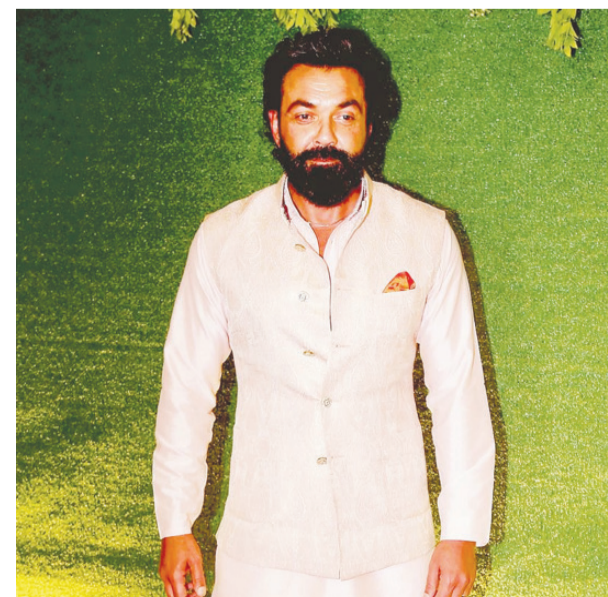
that he should apologise to Salman but then what would he say to the superstar "mujhse baat

karo?" "I don't want it. It's fine jaisa aapko lag raha hai."

Bobby Deol thanks fans

Actor Bobby Deol expressed gratitude towards fans for the love and appreciation he had been receiving for the action thriller Animal. He also thanked director Sandeep Reddy Vanga. On Instagram, Bobby shared pictures from the event in Hyderabad and wrote, "Grateful for all the love and appreciation...it's all because of you @sandeepreddy.vanga #Animal." As soon as the pictures were uploaded, Bobby's fans and followers chimed in the comment section.

Team Animal, including Ranbir, Bobby Deol, Rashmika Mandanna



and Anil Kapoor headed to Hyderabad for a event to promote their

film, where South Indian superstar Mahesh Babu and ace direc-

tor SS Rajamouli also joined the cast. Animal is helmed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga and stars Ranbir Kapoor, Anil Kapoor, Bobby Deol, and Rashmika Mandanna in the lead roles. Recently, during the promotional event in Chennai, Ranbir opened up on why Sandeep Reddy Vanga's next directorial has been titled Animal. Recently, team Animal unveiled the film's official trailer.

The film is all set to hit theatres on December 1 and will be released in five languages: Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Kannada and Malayalam.

Nobody Can Stop CAA Implementation: Amit Shah's Assurance At Kolkata Rally

KOLKATA, Nov 29 (Agencies): Home Minister Amit Shah asserted today that the Central government will implement the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and no one can stop it.

Addressing a big rally here to launch the party's Lok Sabha campaign, Mr Shah launched a blistering attack on Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on the issues of appeasement, infiltration, corruption and political violence and urged people to throw out her government and elect the BJP in the next assembly polls.

Lauding the turnout at the rally, he said this indicates the people's mood and claimed that



the BJP will come to power with two-third majority in the state in 2026.

The BJP's performance in the state in the 2024 Lok Sabha

polls will create the foundation of its win in the assembly polls, he said.

Turning to the contentious CAA issue, he said Mamata

Banerjee has been opposing it but no one can stop its implementation, which has been in a limbo as the central government is yet to frame its rules amid the opposition's strong stand against the law.

They, Mr Shah said in a reference to the intended beneficiaries of the law, have as much a right to citizenship as anyone else.

Mr Shah was addressing the rally at the historic Esplanade, with an eye on setting the tone for the party's Lok Sabha campaign in the state.

The party had won 18, its highest ever, of the state's 42 seats in 2019.

Uttarakhand tunnel survivors airlifted to AIIMS-Rishikesh for check-up



UTTARKASHI, Nov 29 (Agencies): Workers rescued from the Silk-yara tunnel were airlifted to AIIMS-Rishikesh for a health check-up on Wednesday, officials said.

Forty-one workers were rescued from the collapsed tunnel in Uttarkashi after a gruelling 17-day operation that culminated on Tuesday evening. The workers were kept

under medical observation at a hospital in Chinyalisaur after their evacuation.

An official at AIIMS-Rishikesh said the workers would first be taken to the trauma ward of the hospital from where they would be shifted to the disaster ward for a detailed examination of their health parameters.

The disaster ward of AIIMS-Rishikesh has a capacity of 100 beds.

All arrangements are ready at the facility to tend to the evacuated workers, he said.

IPS Officer's Parents, Grandmother Killed In Car-Truck Collision In Chhattisgarh

DURG, Nov 29 (Agencies): The parents and grandmother of a woman IPS officer were killed after a car they were travelling in collided with a truck in Chhattisgarh's Durg district, police said on Wednesday.

The IPS officer, PD Nitya, is currently posted as Superintendent of Police of Leh district in Ladakh.

The accident took place on Tuesday night near Khedamara village under Jamul police station limits when the three victims were returning home in Smriti Nagar of Bhillai city (in Durg), an official said.

As per preliminary information, they had gone to Berla village in the car for some work.



The car collided with a truck which was coming from the opposite direction near Khedamara, leaving the three persons seriously injured, he said.

They were shifted to a nearby hospital where all of them -- Nitya's father P Venkataratnam (65), mother P Santhi (60) and her 85-year-old

maternal grandmother -- were declared dead.

The truck was engaged in transporting slag (a by-product generated during manufacturing of steel) from a steel plant in Bhillai to a cement plant, the official said.

The truck driver has been arrested and a case registered against him, he said.

Politicians' True Wealth Lies Beyond Simple Attire, Torn Shoes: Rahul Gandhi

KOZHIKODE, Nov 29 (Agencies): Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said on Wednesday that certain politicians cannot be judged based on their simple attire or less expensive watches, as they are "too smart" to conceal their true assets from public scrutiny.

While launching a book on the late Muslim League leader P Seethi Haji here, Mr Gandhi said that certain politicians' true nature can be discerned by observing their children.

"I meet many politicians, and as you know, they are very smart people. Today's politicians will only show you what they want to show you.

"Sometimes, when they come to meet



me, they come wearing simple clothes, no expensive watches, and torn shoes. When you go to their homes, they have big BMWs there. These guys are too smart. They know what you are looking for," Mr Gandhi said.

He said that while politicians can hide aspects of themselves through clothing and accessories, "the truth cannot be hidden when it comes to their children." As a

result, he had to come up with a new method to judge these persons quickly and accurately, he said.

The former Congress chief claimed to have developed this "bullet-proof" method of evaluating or judging people after spending about 18 years in the political arena, interacting with politicians of various kinds.

"It took me 18 years to find a bulletproof way

where it would be impossible for a person to hide the truth about himself or herself. I ask them to send their children to me. With the children, the truth cannot be hidden," Mr Gandhi said after releasing a book titled -- 'Speeches of Late P Seethi Haji in the Kerala Legislative Assembly'.

Haji was an Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) leader and the government chief whip in the 9th Kerala Legislative Assembly.

Mr Gandhi said that while he did not know much about Haji as he had never met him, by looking at his son -- P K Basheer -- he could judge what kind of person the late IUML leader was.

"I am saying this

because he (Basheer) is an imprint of his father. So, I can know his father by looking at him. Nothing can be hidden," he said.

Mr Gandhi said that during the 2019 LS polls, he noticed that Basheer was someone who was dynamic and also close to the people.

During his speech, the Congress MP from Wayanad also said that if a leader was not humble and could not self-introspect, "then he cannot be a leader."

He said that from the speeches of other leaders at the event, he was able to understand that Haji was a person who did not take himself very seriously and was able to self-introspect and laugh at himself.

"First Bullet Train Section In India By": Railway Minister's Big Update

NEW DELHI, Nov 29 (Agencies): The first bullet train section in India - a 50km stretch between Bilimora and Surat in Gujarat - will be completed in August 2026, Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said Wednesday, as he announced multiple plans to overhaul the country's rail network and services. Mr Vaishnaw also spoke about the Kavach system - an indigenously developed warning system to guard against on-track collisions that made headlines after a horrific accident in Odisha's Balasore in June killed nearly 300 people.

Mr Vaishnaw also provided updates on technology - the Gajraj system - to stop collisions between elephants and trains, and building more tracks to better connect different parts of the country.

The Railways Minister also said the number of new trains in India had increased from before the pandemic - from 1,768 mail/express services to 2,124 now, and from 5,626 suburban services to 5,774 now. Passenger trains, he said had increased from 2,792 to 2,856 in the same period.

Overall, the Railways served 640 crore pas-

sengers in 2022/23 and the target for 23/24 is 750 crore.

On the bullet train front, Mr Vaishnaw's statement follows from his update last week, in which he said a significant step - completion of 100 km of viaducts and 230 km of pier work - had been taken for the larger Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train corridor, of which the Bilimora-Surat section is a part.

Viaducts, or extended bridge-like structures supported by piers or towers, play a crucial role in carrying roads or railway tracks over valleys or gorges.

Mr Vaishnaw posted a video on X (formerly Twitter) showing completed viaducts across the Valsad, Navsari, Surat, Vadodara, and Anand districts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's home state.

The Mumbai-Ahmedabad corridor has been making steady progress since work began in November 2021. The first kilometre of the viaduct was built in six months and the 50th by April this year.

In addition, bridges are being built over six rivers - the Par and Auranga in Valsad district, and the Purna, Mindhola, Ambika, and Venganiya

in Navsari - as part of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad corridor.

The NHRCL, or National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited, shared drone videos of these bridges, some of which have already been built, with the caption "... bullet speed".

The projected cost is an estimated 1.08 lakh crore, of which the centre is committed to providing 10,000 crore, while Gujarat and Maharashtra will contribute 5,000 crore each. The remaining funding will be secured through a loan from Japan - at a minimal 0.1 per cent interest rate.

2 Brothers Stabbed To Death By 6 Men After Fight At UP Wedding



JAUNPUR (UP), Nov 29 (Agencies): Two siblings were stabbed to death allegedly by six people in a marriage procession following a dispute in the Khetasarai area of Jaunpur district, police said on Wednesday.

All the six accused have been arrested

after a brief encounter, they said.

Shahganj Circle Officer (CO) Shubham Todi said that on Tuesday around 11 pm, when a wedding procession arrived in Khetasarai town, some guests came near a shot run by Ajay Prajapati (23) and his brother Ankit (20) to

drink alcohol. The two brothers got into an altercation with the wedding guests which led to the stabbing, the police officer said.

The siblings were taken to Sadar Hospital where they died during treatment. The bodies have been sent for post-mortem, he said.

Todi said a case was registered in the matter and all six were arrested within five hours. Of those arrested, Mukesh Bind, Nishu Bind and Satish Bind received bullet injuries in their legs during the encounter and have been admitted to a hospital, he said.

Woman critical after lover slits her throat in Mumbai

MUMBAI, Nov 29 (Agencies): A man allegedly slit the throat of a 25-year-old woman with a blade in Mumbai after she turned down his marriage proposal and insulted him, a police official said on Wednesday.

The incident took place at the woman's house in Kalachowki locality on Tuesday afternoon.

The woman has been hospitalised and is in critical condition, the official said.

The 44-year-old accused, who works as a driver and is a resident of Parshuram Nagar in Kalachowki area, has been arrested, he said.

The woman stayed with her two brothers in the same locality.

During the probe, the police found that the accused was in a rela-



tionship with the woman for one year.

He wanted to marry her but she had been turning down his proposal.

On Monday night, some argument took place between them and the woman insulted him in front of some people.

On Tuesday afternoon, the accused entered the woman's house and allegedly slit her throat with a blade, the official said.

After hearing her cries for help, some neighbours rushed to her

house but the accused managed to escape from the spot.

The woman was rushed to the KEM Hospital. She is still unconscious, the official said. A police team was formed to nab the accused and he was arrested from Parshuram Nagar on Tuesday night.

A case has been registered against the accused under relevant Indian Penal Code sections including 307 (attempt to murder), the police said.

4 construction workers killed in West Bengal after truck collides with van

BARDHAMAN, Nov 29 (Agencies): Four construction workers were killed after a van carrying them was hit by a truck in West Bengal's Hooghly district on Wednesday, police said.

The accident took place at Kangsari More in Gurap police station area in the morning when the four labourers were going for work, a police officer said.

The truck hit the van carrying the labourers, who were seriously injured and taken to Burdwan Medical College and Hospital, where doctors declared them dead, he said.

The deceased were identified as Jeevandeep Baul Das (26), Mangaldeep Baul Das (32), Biswajit Roy (35) and Diwakar Singh (22), all residents of Siyapur area of Gurap, he said, adding their bodies were sent for post-mortem examination.



90 passengers on Gujarat bound train fall sick due to food poisoning

PUNE, Nov 29 (Agencies): As many as 90 passengers on board a special train between Chennai and Palitana suffered from food poisoning, railway officials said on Wednesday.

Doctors attended to all the passengers at Pune railway station in Maharashtra on Tuesday evening and provided them necessary treatment.

The train left for its onward journey after 50 minutes, they said.

The 'Bharat Gaurav' train was privately booked by a group for a religious function at Palitana in Gujarat, Central Railway's chief public relations officer Dr Shivraj Manaspure



said.

The group had procured the food privately and it was not supplied by the Railways or the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), he said.

The food consumed by the passengers was prepared in the pantry car, he said.

"Around 80 to 90 passengers from a coach complained of food poi-

soning between Solapur and Pune. They complained of nausea, loose motions and headache," the official said.

At Pune station, a team of doctors attended to all the passengers and provided them treatment on board, he said.

"The train departed after 50 minutes. The condition of all the passengers was stable," the official said.

US Osprey Military Aircraft With 8 Crew Crashes Off Japan

The crash happened at around 2:47 p.m. local time, with local residents reporting the aircraft had fire blowing from its left engine as it fell into the sea.

YAKUSHIMA ISLAND, Nov 29 (Agencies): A US military aircraft with eight people onboard crashed into the sea in western Japan on Wednesday with fishermen reporting three people had been found but that their condition was unknown.

The coast guard said it had sent patrol boats and aircraft to the area where the tilt-rotor V-22 Osprey crashed off the island of Yakushima.

Fishing boats in the area found three people in the surrounding waters, a representative of a local fisheries cooperative said.

The crashed occurred near the island's airport, where another Osprey successfully landed on Wednesday afternoon, a



spokesperson for the prefectural government said.

U.S. forces in the region were still gathering information, a spokesperson said.

The crash happened just before 3 p.m. (0600 GMT) with witnesses saying the aircraft's

left engine appeared to be on fire as it descended, media reported.

The aircraft disappeared from radar at 2.40 p.m. local time, Japan Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu Matsuno said.

The plane, which can fly both

like a helicopter and fixed-wing aircraft, is operated by the U.S. Marines, U.S. Navy and the Japan Self Defense Forces.

The deployment of the Osprey in Japan has been controversial, with critics saying it is prone to accidents. The U.S. military and Japan say it is safe.

In August, a U.S. Osprey crashed off the coast of northern Australia while transporting troops during a routine military exercise, killing three U.S. Marines.

Another crash-landed in the ocean off Japan's southern island of Okinawa in December 2016, prompting a temporary U.S. military grounding of the aircraft.

Australian Cop Charged For Tasering 95-Year-Old Dementia Patient Who Died



SYDNEY, Nov 29 (Agencies): An Australian police officer was charged with manslaughter Wednesday, after allegedly tasering a 95-year-old great-grandmother who later died in hospital. Dementia patient Clare Nowland died in May this year, following a nursing home confrontation with police that shocked Australians and made international headlines.

She was allegedly shot with an elec-

tric stun gun as she slowly approached the officer with the assistance of her walking frame.

Police said she was brandishing a steak knife in one of her hands.

The 33-year-old senior constable, who was called to the nursing home after Nowland became agitated in the early hours of the morning, allegedly warned her to stop before saying "nah bugger it" and firing the taser.

Nowland reportedly weighed 43 kilograms (95 pounds) at the time, and police would later describe her as "frail".

Police had previously charged the officer with various counts of assault, but added the more serious manslaughter charge on Wednesday after speaking with prosecutors.

Officers had been called to Yallabee Lodge nursing home in southern New South Wales by staff who told them that a woman was "armed with a knife".

Nowland -- who had 24 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren -- fractured her skull after falling to the ground, dying in hospital one week later.

Cold weather claims 6 lives in Nepal's earthquake-hit Karnali province

KATHMANDU, Nov 29 (Agencies): Six people died due to harsh cold weather in Nepal's earthquake-hit Karnali province, police said on Wednesday.

According to local authorities, several families continue to live under makeshift tents as their residences were completely damaged by the earthquake on November 3.

Among the most vulnerable to the harsh conditions are children, new mothers, patients with chronic illnesses, and the elderly population.

The six deaths took place in the West Rukum district of the province on Tuesday,



according to the police. While five people in the Aathbiskot Municipality, one died in the Sanobheri Rural Municipality.

Most of those killed were elderly people between the ages of 60 to 80.

All six individuals had taken refuge under makeshift tents as their homes were rendered uninhabitable by the destructive earthquake

that hit the district earlier this month.

The Jajarkot and the West Rukum districts were hit by a 6.4 magnitude earthquake on November 3, in which at least 154 people were killed and thousands rendered homeless.

Earlier, five people affected by the earthquake died in the district two weeks ago while sleeping in tents.

Four BTS members to begin South Korean military service mid-December

The seven-member group is on temporary break while as they carry out mandatory military service

SEOUL, Nov 29 (Agencies): The remaining four members of K-pop supergroup BTS will begin their military service in mid-December, joining the three who are already serving. South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported on Wednesday, citing music industry sources.

The seven-member group is on temporary break while members carry out South Korea's mandatory military service.

South Korea has one of the world's largest active armies to defend against North Korea,

with all able-bodied men between the ages of 18 and 28 required to serve between 18 and 21 months.

There has, however, been public debate over whether BTS members should be given exemptions considering their contributions to the lucrative K-pop industry.

The group's main rapper and leader RM and vocalist V will enlist on Dec. 11, while Jimin and Jung Kook will follow suit the next day, Yonhap reported.

After initial training, the four will serve as active-

duty army soldiers for 18 months, according to another report in entertainment media outlet Star News.

BTS' management agency HYBE, which has said the four had begun the process of enlistment, did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Earlier this month, Jung Kook announced in a blog post he would serve in the military in December.

Jin, 30, the group's oldest member, is set to be discharged from military service in June.

Two people killed, 32 injured in bus accident in Western Nepal



KATHMANDU, Nov 29 (Agencies): At least two people were killed and 34 sustained injuries after a bus they were travelling in veered off the road and fell down in Western Nepal on Wednesday, police said.

The incident took place

at 5.30 am at Ghansikuwa, Byas Municipality-12 of Tanahu district.

The bus was heading towards Pokhara from Dharan when it veered off the road and fell 10 metres down from the road, police said.

Two passengers were killed and 32, including

the bus driver, are being treated at nearby hospitals, they said.

The condition of nine of those injured is said to be serious and they were taken to Pokhara for further treatment.

The actual cause of the accident is not known yet, police said.

Road accidents in Nepal are quite common due to the poor road infrastructure across the country, which majorly comprises mountainous terrain.

US To Launch New Plan For Work Visas In December, Indians To Benefit Most

WASHINGTON, Nov 29 (Agencies): The United States is set to begin a pilot programme for domestic renewal of certain categories of H-1B visas in December, a step that will benefit a significantly large number of Indian technology professionals, a US official has said.

This comes months after the White House announced the plan during the state visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in June.

In an interview to news agency, Julie Stuft, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Visa Services, said, "In India, the demand (for US visas) is still very high. The wait time of six, eight and 12 months is not what we need and (it is) not indicative of how we view India."

"We want to make sure that Indian travellers can get appointments as quickly as possible. One way we are doing that is through the domestic visa renewal programme, which is focused very much on India. We are piloting that," she said.

Over a period of three

months, beginning December, the State Department will be issuing 20,000 visas to foreign nationals who are already inside the country.

"We will do 20,000 in the first group. The vast majority of those will be Indian nationals living in the US and we will expand as it goes on.

"Because Indians are the largest skilled group of workers in the United States, we hope that India will benefit quite a bit from this programme and it will prevent people from having to travel back to India or anywhere for a visa appointment to get their visa renewed. It will allow our missions in India to concentrate on new applicants," Ms Stuft said.

While the State Department has been working on launching such a programme on a pilot basis for quite some time now, it was formally announced during PM Modi's visit.

The plan, which was mentioned in the joint statement and announced by PM Modi

during his address to the Indian diaspora at the Ronald Reagan Centre, has been cheered and welcomed by the Indian community in the US.

Responding to a question, Ms Stuft said there will be a federal register notice, which is the first official notice of this coming out very soon, and that will describe all of the steps that need to be taken and who is eligible to apply in the first tranche and lay out those instructions.

"But I can say that we are doing these visas here in the United States. So, the idea is for a visa to be mailed from the United States to us in Washington. We print the visa and process the visa, put it in the passport and send it back to someone in the United States," she said.

"So (that) the people don't have to go to either Mexico or Canada or back to India or anywhere (else) to get that visa renewed. That is something that will be laid out very clearly in this federal register notice that comes out in a few weeks," she said.

The domestic visa renewal programme is only for work visas, Ms Stuft underlined.

"This is an existing regulation that was allowed that we just have not used in about 20 years. These are work visas. It is intended for people who are living long-term in the US but want to renew their visa without going back overseas," she said.

Describing it as a "huge undertaking", Ms Stuft said, "We're very excited about it. We're starting small with a pilot of 20,000 cases in December, January and February and we look forward to opening that to more categories of workers living in the United States in the rest of 2024." In a statement, Indian-American community leader Ajay Jain Bhutoria termed the move by the State Department "significant".

As commissioner to the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, Mr Bhutoria has made such a

proposal, which was accepted and recommended by US President Joe Biden.

"I am happy to see the recommendation I presented on behalf of immigration subcommittees on the Commission for H-1B visa stamping in the USA finally being implemented," he said.

This relief will ultimately impact over one million H-1B holders, a significantly large number of whom are Indians, he said.

"My heartfelt thanks to President Biden, the State Department, the AANHPI Commission, immigration subcommittee members. Beyond this, my commitment to immigration issues remains unwavering, advocating for policy changes such as removing the seven-year country cap, reducing the green card backlog and EAD for approved I-140 with a five-year backlog and ageing out kids," Mr Bhutoria said.

This progress, alleviating burdens for legal immigrants, reflects a society moving towards inclusiveness, he said.

Mediators try to extend Gaza truce, which could expire within a day

JERUSALEM, Nov 29 (Agencies): With hours left to go before a truce in Gaza expires, international mediators worked to extend it in order to facilitate the release of militant-held hostages and Palestinians imprisoned by Israel. The cease-fire has paused the deadliest fighting between Israel and Palestinians in decades.

Israel has agreed to extend the truce, which was originally set to expire on Monday, by one day for every 10 hostages freed, and Hamas is expected to release another group of hostages later Wednesday. Twelve hostages, including 10 Israelis, were released Tuesday, bringing the total number of people freed during the truce to 81.

Israel has vowed to resume the war in an effort to end Hamas' 16-year rule of Gaza, but it's facing mounting international pressure to extend the truce and to spare south Gaza a devastating ground offensive like the one that has demolished much of the north.

Hamas' ability to negotiate and implement the cease-fire suggests that Israel's air and ground campaigns have not seriously challenged the group's control of Gaza, despite killing thousands of Palestinians and driving three out of four people in the territory from their homes. Roughly 240 hostages were

captured by Hamas in its Oct. 7 attack in southern Israel that ignited the war. More than 13,300 Palestinians have been killed since the war began, according to the Hamas-controlled Health Ministry in Gaza. About 1,200 people have been killed in Israel, mostly during the initial incursion by Hamas.

Currently, mediators seek to extend the truce as Hamas' rule shows resilience

U.S. tells Israel any ground campaign in southern Gaza must limit further civilian displacement The family of an infant hostage pleads for his release as truce winds down. Freed Israeli hostage describes deteriorating conditions while being held by Hamas

Here's what's happening in the war:

Four-year-old Abigail Edan was discharged from the hospital late on Tuesday night, following her release after more than 50 days as a hostage in Gaza, a spokesperson for Schneider Children's Medical Center in Petah Tikvah said.

The Israeli-American dual citizen was the first U.S. hostage to be released under the cease-fire. Abigail marked her fourth birthday in captivity.

Both of her parents were killed in the Hamas attack that started the war on Oct. 7. During the

rampage, she ran to a neighbor's home for shelter, and the Brodutch family took her in before militants took the family to Gaza.

Hagar Brodutch and her three children were also released on Sunday. President Joe Biden celebrated her release, telling reporters, "I wish I were there to hold her." MANILA WELCOMES RELEASE OF SECOND FILIPINO HOSTAGE

A Filipino-Israeli woman arrived in Israel after being released by Hamas Tuesday night as part of a group of 12 hostages, the president of the Philippines announced on social media early Wednesday.

Noralin Babadilla was the second of two Filipinos released from captivity in Gaza during the truce in the Israel-Hamas war. With her release, "all Filipinos affected by the war have been accounted for," wrote President Ferdinand Marcos.

Babadilla, who lived in Israel and worked as a caregiver, was visiting friends in Kibbutz Nirim with her husband during Hamas' Oct. 7 attack, the Israeli embassy in Manila said in a statement. Her husband, Gideon Babani, was killed during the attack, and Babadilla was taken hostage.

Marcos thanked Israel for facilitating Babadilla's release, and thanked Egypt and Qatar "for their crucial role in this process

over the past several weeks." G7 URGES RELEASE OF ALL HOSTAGES AND FACILITATED DEPARTURE OF FOREIGN NATIONALS

The G7 foreign ministers of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Britain and the U.S. as well as the High Representative of the European Union are calling for the unconditional release of all hostages held by Hamas and the facilitated departure of foreign nationals from Gaza, according to a statement released by the U.S. State Department.

The G7 also said it supports the further extension of the current pause in fighting.

"We remain steadfast in our commitment to work with all partners in the region to prevent the conflict from escalating further," the statement said.

SEVERAL TONS OF MEDICAL ITEMS AND FOOD FOR GAZA FLOWN INTO EGYPT WASHINGTON

White House National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan said Tuesday that the U.S. has airlifted over 54,000 pounds of Gaza-bound medical items and food aid to a staging area in Egypt.

Two more airlifts are planned in the coming days, Sullivan said. Since October 21, more than 2,000 trucks have delivered aid to Gaza, he said.

DPS Jammu brings laurels in Inter-DPS National Science & Commerce Festival

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu, emerged second at the Inter-DPS National Science & Commerce Festival, "Vigvanijya," held from November 22-24, 2023, at DPS Azad Nagar, Kanpur.

The festival, organized by The Delhi Public Society, New Delhi, saw a unique interdisciplinary amalgamation of Science and Commerce fields and witnessed participation from 34 renowned DPS schools across India, showcasing the brilliant minds of 136 students from both Science and Commerce backgrounds.

The Students of DPS Jammu brought laurels to their school by bagging overall 2nd position



out of 34 teams in the competition comprising following events: Sci-comblitz (Quiz), Sixty Seconds Wonder (JAM), Techpreneur (Live Demo + B Plan), Jaago aur Jagao (Nukkad Natak), Scivogue (Fashion Show), Robomania (Robowar and Roborace), Fintoons (Financial Cartoons) and Imageastro (Astro Photog-

raphy). Judged on parameters including content, concept clarity and description, presentation skills, uniqueness, originality, theme relevance, spontaneity, and confidence, the team DPS Jammu, consisting of Harshit Mengi (XII-E), Atharv Jaggi (XII-F), Aarush Gandotra (XI-A), and Parikansh Rakwal (XI-

A), delivered outstanding performances and received appreciation from judges and fellow participants.

The team was accompanied by Jyoti Pallalia and received valuable home support from the student council members- Manya Sharma (XI-B), Manya Targotra (X-C), Dhruv Raj (XI-D), Arindam Sharma (XI-

B), Art Teachers, Marvi Sharma and Shipra Pathania, and Science & Commerce teachers, Manika Verma and Neeraj Kaila.

Dr. Ritu Singh, Pro-Vice Chairperson, commended the remarkable achievement and expressed her hearty congratulations and appreciation for the students, their support team, Principal, and staff of DPS Jammu.

President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Director- S.S Sodhi along with Principal-DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chabra extended their heartfelt congratulations to the winners and their parents for this exceptional accomplishment.

They also convey their best wishes for all their future endeavours.

Doda clinches U-17 Cricket Girls Championship Trophy



Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Nov 29: Doda District clinched the Trophy of Divisional Level Inter District Cricket Competition (Leather Ball) for Girl's under 17 years of age, held at the Subash Stadium Ground here today!

The competition was organized by Department of Youth Services and Sports under the patronage of Subash Chander Chibber, Director YSS JK UT, under the leadership of the Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai and the supervision of DYSSO Udhampur, Romesh Chander Mishra.

The concluding ceremony of this prestigious event was graced by DYSSO Udhampur Romesh Chander Mishra in the presence of all field staff of DYSS office Udhampur.

He also addressed the participants

and stressed upon the participants to take more part in such type of sports activities to make physically, mentally and socially fit in the society because games and sports play a vital role in overall development of the youth.

In the prize distribution ceremony, the DYSSO addressed the participants and presented the well deserved trophies, medals and honours to the winning and runner up teams.

In final match, Doda district emerged triumphant, defeating Udhampur district and secured the championship title.

The matches throughout the tournament were officiated by Vinod Kumar Kahjuria (convenor) Raj Kumar Sharma, Rajesh Sharma, Rakesh Kahjuria, Raman Kumar, Rakesh, Sourab Pandit, Deepak Sharma, Ishang Bandral and Ashok.

Saurabh Bhagat presides Public Darbar at Awantipora

Top News Report

AWANTIPORA, Nov 29: Commissioner Secretary, Science and Technology (S&T), Saurabh Bhagat on Wednesday presided over Public Darbar here today to assess the developmental needs of the public as well as take stock of their issues and grievances.

Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom; Additional District Development Commissioner Pulwama, SSP Awantipora, ADC Awantipora, and other District officers were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner Secretary outlined the Government's commitment to directly engage with the people, emphasizing the primary goal of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra and Public Darbar for assessing the developmental needs of the public.

Highlighting the potential of District Pulwama in milk, saffron, and industrial sector, Saurabh Bhagat underscored the significant role of institutions like AIIMS and IUST in Awantipora in contributing to the area's development. Emphasizing the need for awareness about Government schemes,



he stated that these programs aim to inform the public, stressing that the overall goal is to achieve saturation of schemes.

The Commissioner Secretary further emphasized the importance of connecting with the public to understand their needs and address them effectively. He highlighted that services are now accessible online, aligning with the broader objective of fostering a developed and connected region.

During the darbar, the public projected demands and issues before the Commissioner Secretary.

The Commissioner Secretary during the sidelines of darbar also inspected stalls established by various departments. Commissioner Secretary toured each stall, gaining insights into the diverse schemes implemented by these departments

for the welfare of the public.

The Commissioner Secretary also administered pledge of SANKALP to the participants of darbar.

He also distributed mementos were among the dedicated members of the Pani Samiti, recognizing their invaluable contributions to community welfare.

As part of the darbar, sports activities, including a spirited game of tug of war were also held besides the the audience was enlightened by a message from the Prime Minister, emphasizing the significance of the Sankalp Yatra.

Beneficiaries of various Government schemes shared their transformative stories during the "Meri Kahani Meri Zubani" segment, underscoring the positive impact of government interventions on their lives.

ACS Home holds Public Darbar at Gandhi Nagar

Public Darbar aims at providing single window platform for grievances redressal: Goyal

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: In order to facilitate the people and resolve their long pending administrative issues, the Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Home, RK Goyal on Wednesday held a Public Darbar here at PWD Guest House Gandhi Nagar.

During the event, ACS said that the objective of the Public Darbar was to provide a single window platform for the people to redress their grievances and also to get feedback from them about the functioning of various departments.

Goyal instructed the



HoDs of various departments present on the occasion to ensure immediate resolution of the issues and demands raised by the delegations and the individuals and initiate action in a time bound and result oriented manner.

DDC Chairperson, Bharat Bhushan; District Development Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya; SSP Dr Vinod

Kumar; DDC Vice Chairperson, Suraj Singh besides DDC, BDC Members and other PRI representatives and district officers were also present at the occasion.

In response to a specific demand, ACS Home asked the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Joint Commissioner to ensure that drinking water and sanitation facilities are

provided to each ward of JMC and every beneficiary without prejudice. He further directed her to personally monitor the matter of ward no 65 of JMC which was raised in the Darbar by the representative of the ward.

Delegations expressed satisfaction over the outreach programme and said that it gave them an opportu-

nity to voice their grievances and for the government to expedite the resolution through the appropriate channels.

The people mainly raised civil issues faced in day to day life, problems pertaining to some roads, better provision of health facilities in village and border areas, requirement of teaching staff in some schools and tube wells not working properly in Akhnoor area.

A delegation led by DDC Chairperson Jammu raised the issue of encroachment, better irrigation facilities, illegal mining and revenue records.

Comm Secy I&C chairs Public Darbar at Poonch

Top News Report

POONCH, Nov 29 : Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce (I&C), Vikramjit Singh on Wednesday chaired a Public Darbar at Dak Bunglow, Surankote here, wherein he listened to the issues and grievances of general public.

The darbar draw diverse delegations from civil society, PRIs, DDC and BDC members, elected members of municipality, religious heads, Vyapar mandal and lawyer delegations, among members of general public.

Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin.M.Choudhary; SSP Poonch, Vinay Kumar Sharma; ADDC Poonch, Sandesh Kumar Sharma; SDM Surankote, Rizwan Asgar; Tehsilidar Surankote, Executive Engineers of different departments, district officers beside PRI's and delegations from civil society were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Commissioner Secretary said that the government is organising Public Darbars to gather feedback from the public and PRI's on the ground implementation of government schemes. He highlighted that a detailed report is to be submitted to concerned departments regarding various issues concerning them and follow up action will be conducted periodically.

The Commissioner Secretary during the sidelines of the darbar also inspected stalls set up by various departments and assessed the progress made under different schemes, focusing on achieving the predetermined targets. He enquired about the status of saturation levels achieved under various government schemes. During the Public Darbar, various delegations raised their issues and grievances which received patient hearing from the chair.

The PRIs raised issues like establishment

of industrial estate in Surankote, upgradation of old primary schools, upgradation of oxygen plant, upgradation of roads, restoration of Lift Schemes, connectivity of road to unconnected habitats and remote areas, provision of regular water supply, upgradation of schools, improving school infrastructure and rationalization of teaching staff in schools, filing of vacancies in PHC's, regular power supply, installation of oxygen plant in SDH Surankote, construction of Trauma hospital in Buzliar area of mughal road, establishment of anganwari centres ward wise in the area and other issues.

The Commissioner Secretary gave patient hearing to all the deputations, individuals and passed on spot directions to the concerned officers for resolving the issues.

He also assured the public that all their genuine demands would be redressed in a phased manner.

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Families extend gratitude to govt following successful rescue of 41 workers from Silkyara tunnel

relieved after hearing that the rescued have been taken to the hospital."

Family members of a worker named Vishal from Himachal Pradesh, the only worker from the state, also shared her happiness.

Urmila, the mother of Vishal, thanked the governments of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh. "I am very happy with the governments of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh; I thank them from the bottom of my heart," she said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also spoke to the rescued men over the phone. The Mammoth rescue operation was launched after a portion under-construction tunnel from Silkyara end caved in on November 12 trapping 41 workers.

Of the 41 men, 15 are from Jharkhand, two are from Uttarakhand, five are from Bihar, three are from West Bengal, eight are from Uttar Pradesh, five are from Odisha, two are from Assam, and one is

from Himachal Pradesh.

Senior IAS Officer Atal Dulloo appointed New Chief Secretary Of J&K

the ministry said in an order on Wednesday.

On November 20, the Central government repatriated Dulloo to his Union Territories cadre after working as secretary of the Department of Border Management under the Home Ministry.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved Dulloo's repatriation to his parent cadre at the request of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

LG Sinha presented with 'Bharat Scouts & Guides Flag Sticker' on its foundation day celebration

"The dark phase of J&K had destroyed the future of our youth. Today, our youth are marching forward with new resolve to realize their aspirations. Now is the time for Scouts and Guides to embark upon the new goals and engage actively in social development and work for the cause of

social equity," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor congratulated the Scouts selected for the President's Award and assured every support from the administration to further strengthen the Bharat Scouts & Guides movement in the UT of J&K.

He also interacted with the scouts who represented India during the recently held 25th World Scouts Jamboree held in South Korea and extended his best wishes for their future endeavours.

Subash Chander Chhibber, Director Youth, Services & Sports and Chief Commissioner, Bharat Scouts & Guides J&K, briefed the Lt Governor about the achievements and the ongoing activities of the organization.

Night temp drops amid forecast for rains in plains, snow over upper reaches

Qazigund recorded a minimum of 0.8°C against 3.8°C on the previous night, he said. The minimum temperature was 1.8°C below normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, the official said.

Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 1.2°C against 1.2°C on the previous night and it

was 1.9°C above normal for the famous resort in south Kashmir.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum of 2.6°C against 2.8°C on the previous night and the temperature was above normal for the place by 3.0°C, the official said.

Kupwara town in north Kashmir recorded a low of 1.3°C against 3.0°C on previous night and it was 2.4°C above normal there, the official said.

Gulmarg, the official said, recorded a low of minus 1.8°C against minus 0.2°C and the latest temperature was 1.3°C above normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir.

Jammu recorded a minimum of 10.6°C which was above normal by 0.3°C for the winter capital of J&K, he said.

Couple's argument leads to diversion of Lufthansa Flight At IGI

sought permission to land at IGI and this was allowed, the sources said.

An official said the wife had first complained about her husband's behaviour to the pilot, saying she was being "threatened" by him and sought intervention.

The situation is developing and the CISF security personnel, flight crew and other

staff are talking to the couple in the terminal area after they were disembarked from the flight. The flight may take off in some time, they said.

Indian Army, Expansion Pvt Ltd donate desktops in local schools in Baramulla

Panjal Brigade at Chinar Nau Jawan Club (Boniyar), benefiting local youth with access to computer-based courses and skill development.

These initiatives exemplify unity, determination, and a brighter future for the Boniyar community, according to an official release.

Govt assigns Add'l Charge of DG ITBP To DG CRPF Anish Dayal Singh

post of Director General, Centre Reserve Police Force (CRPF) to Shri Anish Dayal Singh, IPS (MA:88), Director General, ITBP upon superannuation of Shri S.L Thaosen, IPS (MP:88), Director General, CRPF on 30.11.2023 and till the appointment of a regular incumbent or until further orders, whichever is earlier."

Sensex jumps over 700 points at closing, Nifty reclaims 20,000 mark

The S&P BSE Sensex rose 727.71 points to 66,901.91 at the closing bell, while the NSE Nifty 50 settled 206.90 points higher at 20,096.60.

NEW DELHI, Nov 29 (Agencies): Benchmark stock market indices ended Wednesday's trading session on a positive note, aided by positive global sentiments and a rally in IT and heavyweight banking stocks.

The S&P BSE Sensex rose 727.71 points to 66,901.91 at the closing bell, while the NSE Nifty 50 settled 206.90 points higher at 20,096.60. This was one of the best market closings in the recent past, signalling that the domestic stock markets could gain further momentum in the near term.

Not just the benchmarks, but domestic-focused broader market indices also ended the trading session on a positive note.

Most of the major sectoral indices registered robust gains, with Nifty Bank, Nifty Auto, Nifty Financial Services and Nifty IT gaining over 1 per cent.

The top five gainers on the Nifty 50 were Axis Bank, Hero MotoCorp, M&M, Wipro and HDFC



Bank. On the other hand, the top losers were Adani Enterprises, ONGC, Divi's Laboratories, Nestle India and Eicher Motors.

Among other development, IREDA made a stellar debut on the stock market and even extended gains during the trading session, finally closing at Rs 60. This marks a 87.50 per cent premium over its IPO price of Rs 32.

The strong sentiment on the domestic markets can be credited to the recent dovish commentary by the US Federal Reserve, providing a boost to stock markets around the globe.

Aditya Gaggar Director of Progressive Shares, said, "The bulls dominated today's trade by breaching the resis-

tance levels in one go and settled at 20,096.60 with gains of 206.90 points."

"Among the sectors, Auto and BankNifty participated the most in the rally while marginal pressure (profit booking) was observed in the Realty space.

The tech sector also performed well by ending the session with gains of 1.53 per cent. The Nifty50 index has formed a big positive candle on the daily chart which suggests continuation of the current move and is likely to register a fresh high in the coming days.

The immediate resistance comes at the record levels i.e. 20,200 while the downside is protected at 19,915," he added.

India on path to triple renewable energy capacity by 2030 but faces financing hurdle: Report

NEW DELHI, Nov 29 (Agencies): India's 14th National Electricity Plan (NEP) sets it on a path to more than triple its renewable energy capacity by 2030, but the country needs a whopping USD 293 billion to achieve this, according to a report released by global energy think tank Ember on Wednesday.

The International Energy Agency (IEA) says the world must triple its renewable energy capacity and double energy efficiency by 2030 to decrease the need for fossil fuels and limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius by the end of the century.

Led by the US, the European Union (EU), and the UAE, over 60 countries now support the commitment to triple renewable energy and double energy efficiency.

While the G20 nations have endorsed tripling renewable energy capacity by 2030 under India's presidency, the UAE, hosting this year's UN climate conference, advocates for a global agreement on this at COP 28.

Ember's analysis reveals that India requires an additional financing of USD 101 billion (one billion=Rs 100 crore) to



further expand its renewable energy capacity and align with the IEA's proposed net-zero scenario.

The IEA's Net Zero Emissions by 2050 Scenario outlines a global pathway to achieve net zero CO2 emissions by 2050, with advanced economies reaching net zero emissions ahead of others.

In climate terms, net zero means achieving a balance between the greenhouse gases put into the atmosphere and those taken out.

The Ember report suggests that India is already planning a substantial increase in renewable energy, making it feasible to achieve the goal of tripling renewable energy capacity.

However, if the country aims to follow the IEA's plan and achieve "net-zero" status (where

it doesn't produce more greenhouse gases than it removes), it needs to set even higher goals.

This implies that India would need to generate around 32 per cent of its energy from solar and 12 per cent from wind by 2030.

To achieve this, India will need to add an additional capacity of 115 GW of solar and 9 GW of wind by 2030, on top of the targets set in its NEP14 plan.

This will increase India's total renewable capacity to 448 GW of solar and 122 GW of wind by 2030.

India's current goal is to reach 500 GW of installed electricity capacity from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030.

Between 2023 and 2030, the country requires USD 293 billion to meet its current goals for solar and wind power, the report said.

However, to further expand the country's renewable energy capacity to align with the IEA net-zero pathway, it will need an additional USD 101 billion.

The think tank highlighted issues such as payment delays and unfavourable rules and regulations that deter investors from providing the necessary funding to achieve these goals.

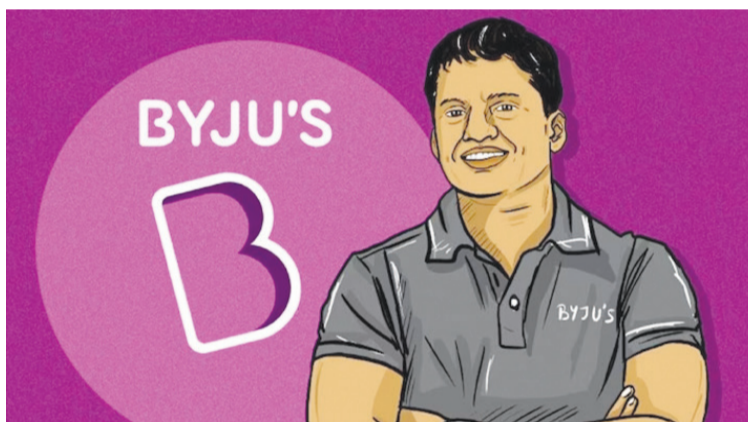
The financial requirements to achieve both the NEP14 target and the IEA net-zero scenario far surpass the current investment and funding capacities available in India, the report said.

Neshwin Rodrigues, Ember's India Electricity Policy Analyst, said, "Despite investment risks, India needs financing to build capacity in renewables, storage, and transmission to meet the NEP14 targets.

To further enhance ambitions to align with the global net-zero pathway, securing significantly more financing at competitive rates will be crucial to ensure India's viability in reaching this goal.

Access to this finance is critical for India to avoid constructing new coal capacity to meet its rising demand in this decade."

Byju's faces another setback as Prosus cuts valuation to under \$3 billion



NEW DELHI, Nov 29 (Agencies): Struggling Edtech company Byju's has faced yet another valuation cut from tech investor Prosus NV, which disclosed on Wednesday that it now values

the company at under 3 billion, marking an 86 per cent decline compared to its peak valuation of \$22 billion.

The move comes at a time when the edtech firm has been

struggling to cope with financial and governance issues. Prosus NV's interim CEO Ervin Tu made the disclosure, marking the latest valuation cut by the investor after several executives and board members quit Byju's.

It may be noted that over the past year, prominent shareholders including Prosus and Blackrock have successively cut Byju's valuation to \$11 billion in March 2023, \$8 billion in May 2023, and \$5 billion in June.

While Prosus did not provide a reason for its latest valuation cut, it said in July that the company's management "regularly disregarded advice" despite

repeated efforts by the Dutch-listed tech firm's former director to improve governance.

It is worth mentioning that Byju's has delayed publishing its financial results as well, leading to the resignation of auditor Deloitte and three board members in June.

Its CFO also quit in the past week, and so has its CTO.

While Byju's filed the delayed but incomplete results earlier this month, it is currently looking to sell off entire business lines to raise cash as it struggles with a host of challenges including its legal battle with lenders over a \$1.2 billion term loan.

Cancer treating radiation therapy may help against heart failure

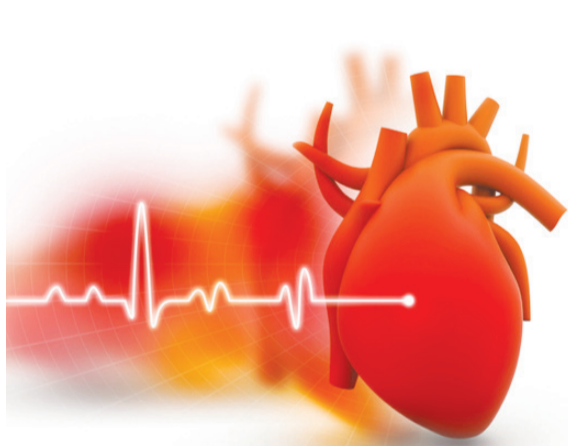
A group of 9 patients with ventricular tachycardia were evaluated with cardiac MRI before and after radiation treatment, with MRIs showing improved heart function soon after radiation

NEW YORK, Nov 29 (Agencies): Radiation therapy, a strategy typically used against cancer, may help treat patients with a life-threatening abnormal heart rhythm called ventricular tachycardia, suggests a study.

Cardiologists and radiation oncologists at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis pioneered the use of radiation therapy in a small number of these cardiac patients and modelled the effects of low-dose radiation in mice with heart failure.

The findings, published in the journal Med, suggest that low-dose radiation therapy improves heart function, at least in part, by reducing the number of inflammatory immune cells in the heart muscle.

"The radiation therapy used to treat ventricular tachycardia is targeted to a specific location in the heart; however, a large portion of the rest of the heart gets a low-dose exposure," said cardiologist Ali Javaheri, Assistant Professor of medicine, at the varsity.



function appeared to be improved after radiation therapy, at least in the short term," he added.

A group of nine patients with ventricular tachycardia were evaluated with cardiac MRI before and after radiation treatment, with the MRIs showing improved heart function soon after radiation.

In particular, the patients' hearts showed improved pumping capacity of the left ventricle, which supplies blood to the entire body. The improvement was seen a few days after treatment, so it was deemed unlikely to be due to the reduction of the arrhythmia, which happens more gradually over the ensuing weeks and months.

The researchers also studied the effects of similar low-dose radiation to the heart in groups of mice with heart failure from three different causes.

Similar to what was observed in the human

patients, the researchers found improved heart function in mice receiving radiation therapy, especially in the left ventricle.

In the mice with progressive heart failure, radiation therapy increased survival of the animals, indicating that improvements in heart function translated to improved survival.

The researchers found that the failing mouse hearts that received radiation had reduced fibrosis -- or scar tissue -- and reductions in cardiac macrophages, a type of immune cell that can drive inflammation in the heart.

In general, the irradiated hearts had fewer cells that proliferated quickly -- such as immune cells and fibroblasts -- which tend to contribute to worsening heart failure. In contrast, normal heart muscle cells generally do not divide often, if at all.

People infected by Covid could smell normally again. New procedure offers hope

NEW DELHI, Nov 29 (Agencies): In a recent breakthrough, doctors have found a potential solution for people experiencing long-term smell problems post-Covid infection -- nerve-blocking injection.

While some treatments help with the loss of smell, there hasn't been much success in treating the issue where smells are distorted, a condition called parosmia.

People with parosmia may perceive odors differently than they actually are, often experiencing unpleasant or distorted smells even when exposed to familiar scents. Meanwhile, Covid-19 also triggered anosmia, which is the loss or absence of the sense of smell. Individuals with anosmia are unable to detect or perceive odors. Anosmia can have a significant impact on a person's quality of life, affecting their ability to taste food and detect potential dangers, such as spoiled food or gas leaks, by smell.

The study, done with the help of Ear, Nose, and Throat specialists, focused on patients who still had smell issues six months after having Covid-19, despite trying different medicines.

The doctors presented their preliminary findings at the annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America and stated the use of a special technique called CT-guided stellate ganglion block (SGB).

This involves placing a small needle near the neck and injecting a numbing medicine into the bundle of nerves. This was done with the help of a CT scan to make sure the needle was in the right place. They also looked for any temporary side effects, like a condition affecting the eyes.

The results were promising. Out of 54 people in the study, 59% felt better just a week after the treatment. And for 82% of them, the improvement kept going up even a month later.

The report stated that after three months, people who got the treatment reported feeling 49% better on average. Some even got back 100% of their smell! They also found that doing the same treatment on the other side of the neck helped more for some people.

"SGB shows promise for patients with long term post-Covid parosmia, and CT provides ideal efficiency and guidance," the paper read.

A temporary side effect called Horner's syndrome happened in 95% of cases, but it went away within 30 minutes. This showed that the treatment was safe with very few risks.

This new treatment seems like a hopeful solution for people who still struggle with distorted smell after having Covid-19.

Why stomach cancer cases are rising in India?

It is due to unique dietary practices, notably a preference for spicy and preserved foods, and alcohol intake

NEW DELHI, Nov 29 (Agencies): Eating junk food, stress, unhealthy lifestyle and genes explain the major reason behind increase in stomach cancer cases in India, said experts here on Wednesday.

Stomach cancer, also known as Gastric cancer, is the fifth most common cancer among males and seventh most common cancer among females in India. It is also the second most common cause of cancer death globally.

Over the past decade, the incidence of stomach cancer in India has exhibited a gradual increase.

Compared to many Western countries, stomach cancer rates in India are relatively high.

It is due to unique dietary practices, notably a preference for spicy and preserved foods, and alcohol intake, according to doctors.

"Stomach cancer predominantly affects individuals after the age of 50 years, with the average age at diagnosis being around 60. There's a slightly higher prevalence among men compared to women, with men exhibiting a higher risk due to lifestyle factors like higher rates of smoking and

alcohol consumption," said Dr Puneet Dhar, HoD, Gastrointestinal Surgery, Amrita Hospital, Faridabad.

"Geographically, higher incidence rates are noted in regions where dietary patterns include more spicy, salty, or preserved foods. Hormonal differences and genetic factors might also play a role, although further research is needed for conclusive evidence," he added.

Symptoms of stomach cancer include persistent abdominal pain or discomfort, unexplained weight loss, loss of appetite, difficulty swallowing, nausea, vomiting, and blood in the stool.

While early-stage stomach cancer may not exhibit noticeable symptoms, the doctors emphasised the importance of regular screenings for high-risk individuals.

Stomach cancer prognosis varies widely depending on the stage at diagnosis. Types of stomach cancer include adenocarcinoma, lymphoma, and gastrointestinal stromal tumours (GISTs). Unfortunately, stomach cancer is often diagnosed in later stages, contributing to higher mortality rates.

"The epidemiology of

gastric cancer suggests that it is not a single disease or caused by a single factor, but a combination of genetic, socio-cultural, and environmental factors in a given region dictates its presentation. Various etiological factors including smoking, alcohol, nitrates, and Helicobacter pylori infection have been proposed as causative factors for gastric cancer," Dr Harish Verma, Senior Consultant - Surgical Oncology, Marengo Asia Hospitals, Gurugram, told agency.

"Worldwide and more so in the developed world, there has been a decline in the incidence of gastric cancer and this has been attributed to improved food hygiene, sanitation, and food preservation techniques. However, this declining trend has not been seen in certain parts of India. Differences in some dietary patterns and use of tobacco and alcohol have been considered as potential risk factors," Verma said.

The health experts called for improving the dietary habits along with avoidance of preserved food and healthy lifestyle change to curb the incidence of stomach cancer.

Rahul Dravid may not extend his tenure as India coaching job takes a huge toll on personal life: Aakash Chopra

NEW DELHI, Nov 29 (Agencies): The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is reportedly interested in renewing Rahul Dravid's contract as India's head coach but former cricketer Aakash Chopra suggested that the intense demands of coaching Team India could deter Dravid from extending his tenure.

Dravid took over from Ravi Shastri after the T20 World Cup in 2021 and was appointed for a two-year stint that ended with India finishing second in the ODI World Cup. That was India's joint-best performance at an ICC event under Dravid's coaching, following a World Test Championship final loss to Australia in June. Earlier, India lost to England in the 2022 T20 World Cup semi-finals.

Dravid, under whose coach India finished runners-up in both the World Test Championship (WTC) and the ODI World Cup, has an impressive record in the last two years as India's head coach, and many people in the BCCI believe that extending his contract will allow the



senior team to have continuity. If Dravid stays, he is expected to keep the same team of assistant coaches he had in 2021: Vikram Rathour (batting coach), Paras Mhambrey (bowling coach), and T Dilip (fielding coach).

"BCCI is keen on extending Rahul Dravid's contract. All hints and news point toward... yes, he has been given an extension. But there's a chance he might not take it, there is a possibility because Team India's coaching job takes a huge toll. For your

family, for your personal life, it's a little harmful, I am telling you very honestly. You are on the road so much that it doesn't work out very well. But again, priorities," Aakash Chopra said on his YouTube channel.

Dravid had said after India's World Cup final defeat that he was delighted that India was ranked first in all three forms, but that the lack of a worldwide trophy was a "disappointment." When asked several times if he planned to stay in the role,

Dravid claimed he hadn't given it much thought because he was too busy preparing for the World Cup. Chopra also speculated that Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli have been given reassurances about their positions, hinting that the team for the T20 World Cup 2024 could resemble the squad from 2022.

"I have a feeling that they (BCCI) have also told Rohit Sharma that we are not going to tell you anything, you carry on and lead us in the T20 World Cup 2024. I am almost sure that the same thing has been told to Virat Kohli. If that is the case, I am thinking, the team that played the T20 World Cup in 2022, almost a similar team might play in 2024," Chopra added.

It would be intriguing to watch the nature of Dravid's tenure extension if it happens. Whether it will be for a year with the next T20 World Cup in mind or until 2025, which includes the full ongoing WTC cycle as well as the Champions Trophy, which Pakistan is currently set to host.

Maxwell mayhem: Powers Australia to five-wicket win over India, visitors stay alive in T20I series

GUWAHATI, Nov 29 (Agencies): Glenn Maxwell's blistering century trumped India opener Ruturaj Gaikwad's unbeaten 123 as Australia clinched a last-ball victory in a thrilling third T20 International to stay alive in the five-match series.

On a high after back-to-back wins in Visakhapatnam and Thiruvananthapuram, India appeared keen to clinch the series as they racked up 222/3, their third successive 200-plus score of the series, riding Gaikwad's 57-ball blitz. Maxwell, who bled 30 runs as a bowler in his only over of the match, had other ideas though. Three weeks after smashing an unbeaten 201 against Afghanistan in the World Cup, the all-rounder hammered an unbeaten 104 off 48 balls to secure a five-wicket victory for Australia.

Put in to bat, India lost Yashasvi Jaiswal and Ishan Kishan inside three overs but stand-in skipper Suryakumar Yadav (39) combined in a 57-run stand with Gaikwad to arrest the slide. Suryakumar fell at the midway stage of the innings but India reached 100 in 12 overs before Gaikwad stepped on gas.

The 26-year-old went run-a-ball for his first 21 runs before exploding with the bat.

Gaikwad clobbered seven sixes and 13 fours in what is the second high-

est score by an India batter in a T20 International, behind Shubman Gill's unbeaten 126 against New Zealand earlier this year.

He forged a 141-run partnership off just 59 balls with Tilak Varma, who made 31 not out. Sixty seven of those runs came in the last three overs.

Travis Head (35) led Australia's spirited reply before their top-order wilted and the tourists slumped to 134/5 in the 14th over. Maxwell turned the match on its head with his astonishing shot-making, hitting eight sixes and as many fours. Needing 21 runs off the last over from Prasidh Krishna, Australia captain Matthew Wade, who made 28 not out, took five runs from the first two balls getting Maxwell on strike. Maxwell hit the third ball for a six, and followed it with a hat-trick of fours to seal a thrilling victory.

India's slow over rate meant they could deploy only four fielders in the deep for the final over, which proved costly in the end.

The teams move to Raipur for the fourth match on Friday, two days before the series concludes in Bengaluru.

Brief scores: India: 222/3 in 20 overs (Gaikwad 123*, Suryakumar 39, Varma 31*; Behrendorff 1/12); Australia: 225/5 in 20 overs (Maxwell 104*, Head 35, Wade 28*; Bishnoi 2/32).

Glenn Phillips takes four to help Kiwis claw back

SYLHET (BANGLADESH), Nov 29 (Agencies): Offspinner Glenn Phillips claimed 4/37 in only his second match as New Zealand reduced Bangladesh to 310/9 on Day 1 of the opening Test. Phillips' haul helped the visitors gain an edge after Bangladesh won the toss and opted to bat first on a pitch ideal for batting.

Bangladesh made a good start with opener Mahmudul Hasan playing serenely to put the side in the driving seat in the first session but his teammates' rash shots undermined his effort. Mahmudul made a team-best 86 off 166 balls with 11 boundaries. He shared stands of 39 for the first wicket with Zakir Hasan and 53 for the second with Najmul Hossain Shanto as Bangladesh made steady progress.

Shanto, who led the home team in the absence of Shakib Al Hasan, was dismissed just before lunch after playing an attacking 37 off 35 deliveries.

He was particularly harsh on left-arm spinner Ajaz Patel (2/76), hitting him for three sixes to entertain the sparse crowd.

Patel, one of only three bowlers ever to take 10 wickets in a single Test innings,



gave the visitors an early breakthrough when he dismissed Zakir Hasan for 12 in the 13th over with a delivery that turned sharply to rattle the stumps.

Shanto targeted Patel and opened with a six over mid-on. And he used his feet effectively to dominate New Zealand's other spinners — Ish Sodhi and Glenn Phillips. But he paid for his aggressive batting when he charged a full toss from Phillips and skied a catch to Kane Williamson in the deep, making the score 92/2.

Brief scores: Bangladesh 310/9 (Mahmudul 86, Shanto 37; Phillips 4/53, Jamieson 2/52, Ajaz 2/76) vs New Zealand.

Pakistan players should put country above T20 leagues: Mohammad Hafeez stresses international-first policy

ISLAMABAD, Nov 29 (Agencies): Pakistan's newly-appointed Director of Cricket, Mohammad Hafeez has made it clear that the players have to put national duty above franchise-league commitments and that central contracts will depend on whether players are willing to turn up for national duty and play domestic cricket.

Mohammad Hafeez's appointment as Director of Cricket is part of the sweeping changes that Pakistan made to their structure after their disappointing show at the World Cup in India. Naseem Shah's injury played a big role in Pakistan's ordinary showing with the ball and most of their bowlers, including Shaheen Shah Afridi, looked fatigued.



Hafeez has been particular about workload management as Pakistan have been looking to limit their star contracted players from playing too many T20 leagues outside the country.

Chief selector Wahab Riaz expressed disappointment when fast bowler Haris Rauf declined an offer to play Test cricket in Australia in an upcoming 3-match series. Rauf, who was

taken to the cleaners in the World Cup, instead is waiting to get a No-Objection Certificate to play in the Big Bash League, starting December 7.

"All centrally contracted and domestic contracted players, for all of them, the priority is Pakistan. The point of offering it (contract) to the 20-25 players ... is to make sure they are available to play," Hafeez said in a press

conference. "Now there is a parallel option in the form of leagues and we experienced this in the Asia Cup and World Cup. There was talk of fatigue, or players were getting injured because their workloads were too much, or not performing as they should."

Hafeez also said that Pakistan will prioritise their preparation for next year's T20 World Cup and the NOC for overseas leagues will be based on national duty commitments for contracted players.

The situation with Rauf is reflective of a broader issue within Pakistani cricket, where players like Imad Wasim have chosen to step away from domestic cricket. This trend raises questions about the balance

between international commitments, domestic responsibilities, and the lure of foreign leagues. Contract negotiations between PCB and the players have hit snags over the number of foreign leagues a player can participate in each year, with the board settling on two, subject to the issuance of an NOC.

"Moving towards the T20 World Cup, the NOC policy will be based on what Pakistan needs," he explained.

"If Pakistan need fit players, we need to make sure of their workloads. The maximum energy and availability has to be to Pakistan."

"If there is an opportunity around that, that they can play (in leagues), that will be definitely considered."

India to tour Sri Lanka in July 2024 for 3 ODIs and 3 T20Is after T20 World Cup

COLOMBO, Nov 29 (Agencies): Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) announced on Wednesday that India will tour the Island nation for a six-match white-ball series (three ODIs and three T20Is) in July 2024 after the T20 World Cup next year.

The Sri Lanka National Team will begin its 2024 international cricket calendar with a home series against Zimbabwe in January, consisting of three One-Day Internationals (ODIs) and three T20Is. It would be followed by a series against Afghanistan in January and February, including one test match, three ODIs, and three T20Is.



The Sri Lanka national team will then go to Bangladesh for an all-format tour before competing in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024, which will be held in the West Indies and the

United States. India, New Zealand, and the West Indies are also expected to visit the country for FTP tours in 2024.

The Sri Lankan team will play

England in a three-match test series in England in mid-year, followed by visits to South Africa and New Zealand at the end of the 2024 season.

"We are heading into a highly exciting year with a lot of international cricket to be played, which augurs well for us, as our team will be engaged in competitive cricket year around," said Mr. Ashley De Silva, CEO of Sri Lanka Cricket.

"The 2024 calendar is expected to give our players a lot of playing opportunities, fans entertainment, and our sponsors great exposure," added De Silva.

IPL 2024: Harry Brook thanks SRH for giving him opportunity after getting released ahead of auction



NEW DELHI, Nov 29 (Agencies): Young England star Harry Brook expressed his gratitude towards Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) for giving him the opportunity to play in the Indian Premier League (IPL) after being released by the franchise ahead of the IPL 2024 auction.

Brook entered the 2023 IPL Auctions with a truckload of runs for England. So it came as no surprise when he was acquired by the Sunrisers Hyderabad for a hefty Rs 13.25 crore. Brook then hit a century at the legendary Eden Gardens, but his form deteriorated as IPL 2023 progressed and he managed to accumulate only 190 runs across 11 matches.

Despite his release, Brook took to social media to thank the fran-

chise for the chance to showcase his talent on such a prestigious platform. His message reflected both his appreciation for the past experience and his optimism for future opportunities in the league. "Thank you to everyone @Sunrisers for giving me my first opportunity in the @IPL. Some fantastic people in the franchise and a great set of fans. Wishing them all the best for the future," Brook posted on X.

The IPL 2024 auction, scheduled to take place in Dubai on December 19, 2023, will see Brook entering the pool of players up for grabs once again. With a net worth of INR 498 crore, SRH has a remaining purse of Rs 34 crore to invest in new talent, and it remains to be seen if they will consider re-

acquiring Brook at a potentially lower price.

Brook's skill set as a versatile batsman who can bat anywhere in the top six makes him an attractive option for many franchises. Brook can be employed as a floater, with his position changing based on the match. During the powerplay, he can dismantle any bowling attack, but he may also be deployed in the middle order.

Given his power-hitting ability, he could possibly be considered for a finishing role. His ability to adapt to different match situations and his aggressive batting style, which aligns well with the modern T20 format, could see him being a sought-after player in the upcoming auction.

As the cricket community anticipates the IPL 2024 auction, Harry Brook's acknowledgment of his time with SRH adds a touch of sportsmanship and professionalism to the proceedings. Fans and teams alike will be watching closely to see where this talented young batsman will ply his trade in the next edition of the IPL.

Women's sport revenues tipped to break USD 1 billion barrier

LONDON, Nov 29 (Agencies): Global revenues from women's sports will top \$1 billion for the first time in 2024 thanks to an explosion in popularity, according to financial experts Deloitte.

Fresh from a highly successful 2023 World Cup in Australia and New Zealand, football's revenue is expected to reach \$555 million out of a total predicted figure of \$1.28 billion in 2024.

But more than 50 percent of total revenue for women's sport is still generated in North America despite the growth of women's football in Europe.

Deloitte expects valuations for teams and leagues will continue to rise, with several team values

predicted to exceed \$100 million next year.

"Over the last few years we have seen exceptional growth in women's sport across the globe, driving a significant uplift in its commercial value, which in turn has led to growing interest from investors," said Jennifer Haskel, insights lead for Deloitte's Sports Business Group.

"Crucially, women's sport is increasingly being viewed as a unique product that is becoming ever more distinct from men's elite sport.

This surge in fan and investor engagement is leading to new and improved opportunities for



clubs and leagues, including greater commercial partnerships, increased participation and bigger match days."

The booming popularity of women's sports is expected to lead to more prime-time broadcasting slots and visibility on

streaming platforms.

Commercial income still accounts for more than 50 percent of total revenue, but that percentage share is falling thanks to bigger broadcast deals and attendances on match days.

Shaleen Kabra visits at Indo-Pak Border of Kathua

Top News Report

KATHUA, Nov 29: Shaleen Kabra, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Jal Shakti Department, J&K (UT), along with Dr. Rakesh Minhas District Development Commissioner, Kathua and Sanjeev Rai Gupta, Chief Agriculture Officer, Kathua on Wednesday visited B.O.P Chak Changa Post to see Wheat Crop sown across zero line at International Indo-Pak border of Hiranagar sector during Rabi 2023-24.

Shaleen Kabra appreciated the efforts of District Administration, Border Security Force and especially to Department of Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Kathua to motivating the farmers of adjoining villages whose abandoned land across the fence of Indo-Pak border has come under the cultivation.

He assured farming community of all possi-



ble help to make sowing of Wheat crop a success and Government will continue its support to the farmers of border areas for sowing of seasonal crops at Indo-Pak border across the fence in every year.

He also directed to District Administration Kathua, Border Security Force and Department of Agriculture Production and FW, Kathua to work in coordination with farmers to facilitate safe and secure sowing of wheat crop across the fence. He also inter-

acted with local farmers upon his visit.

Dr. Rakesh Minhas praised the initiative taken by the Department of Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Kathua in pursuing the wheat Crop sowing for the consecutive season, simultaneously assuring every help and Border Security Force upon assuring safe farming to farmers of the area.

Sanjeev Rai Gupta said, it's a pleasure moment for border area's farmer, as they properly utilized their

abandoned land with assured regular and timely technical support from Department of Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Kathua. This year department has set the target of wheat sowing 300 Acres of land during Rabi 2023-24 across the fence and till date 270 acres of land has been sown. For effective sowing of crops and bring more vacant land under cultivation along Indo-Pak international border to across the fence, Department of

Agriculture Kathua has provided farm machinery such as Tractor, Cultivator to the farmers actually involved in border sowing.

He also said "We are encouraging farmers to use mechanized methods for effective sowing of wheat crop by using Super Seeder."

Karan Attri, DDC Member, (Marheen) and Ashok Sharma (Naib Sarpanch Gopala Chak) also thanked Department of Agriculture for its unceasing support and appealed farming community to liaison with the Department of Agriculture, Kathua for better outcome.

Besides, Murari Lal, District Agriculture Officer (Ext.), Kathua, Ashwani Sharma, Sub Divisional Agriculture Officer, Dayalchak, Jamshed Andotra, (AEO-Marheen), Narayan Singh (JAEO), Rajesh Sharma (JAEO), Sanjay Singh (AEA), Arun Sharma (AEA), were also present.

International Webinar organized at SMVDU



Top News Report

KATRA, Nov 29: One Day International Webinar on "Electric Vehicle Dynamics and Design Calculations" was organized at the School of Mechanical Engineering, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra on Wednesday.

Dr. Sanjay Sharma convened the programme and provided a comprehensive overview of the webinar's objectives.

The primary aim of the webinar was to acquaint the participants with the various applications and advancements in electric vehicles and their dynam-

ics. The inaugural session of the seminar was graced by Dr. Balbir Singh, Dean of Academic Affairs, SMVDU, who presided as the Chief Guest.

Dr. Singh, in his address, inspired the students and participants, which include academicians and industry personnel from India and abroad, to delve into the diverse applications and potentials of electric vehicles.

Speakers, Jagjit Singh, Anubhav Maheshwari, Ankush Kulshreshtha, and Sandeep Nimbalkar Senior Engineers at Tata Technologies Ltd, delivered enlight-

ening lectures on various aspects of Electric Vehicle, their dynamics, and design calculations.

The seminar provided an excellent platform for the participants to present and engage in fruitful discussions about the latest innovations, trends, challenges, and solutions in the domain of Electric vehicles.

Dr. Varun Dutta, Assistant Professor at the School of Mechanical Engineering and co-convenor of the program, expressed his heartfelt gratitude during the vote of thanks.

The coordinators extended their appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor of SMVDU, Prof Pragati Kumar, and Ajay Kumar Sharma, Registrar of SMVDU, for their invaluable support in successfully organizing this enriching day-long webinar.

The event undoubtedly contributed significantly to fostering knowledge exchange and advancements in the field of Electric Vehicles.

SMVDU hosts World Anti-Microbial Resistance Awareness Week-2023



Top News Report

KATRA, Nov 29: "World AMR Awareness Week" is organized every year from 18th to 24th November to raise awareness and understanding of the effects of antimicrobial resistance among the general public, health professionals, and policymakers.

It is expected that by doing so, further emergence and the spread of AMR will be reduced.

A one-day event on "World AMR Awareness week-2023" in association with MBSI as part of an

awareness initiative taken by WHO to combat antimicrobial resistance was organized by the School of Biotechnology, SMVDU.

The event was planned by researchers of the Molecular Biology lab, Rabiya Tabbassum, Mansavi Bhardwaj, and Swadha Kailoo under the guidance of Dr. Shafaq Rasool, Faculty member SoBT to educate people about the judicious use of antibiotics.

The event was attended by the students, research scholars, and faculty members of the School of Biotechnology, SMVDU.

The opening remark of the event was delivered by Dr. Shafaq Rasool. She provided a brief introduction of the event and explained the motive behind organizing such events and how AMR can be prevented or slowed down.

A Poster presentation session on the theme "Preventing Antimicrobial Resistance Together" was also organized as part of the event. Students of B.Sc. Biotechnology and M.Sc. Biotechnology participated in the competition and presented their posters at the event.

The winners of the poster presentation were awarded with certificates of appreciation. A pledge for the judicious use of antibiotics was also taken by all the attendees as part of this awareness program.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Shafaq Rasool and thanked Microbiologists Society India (MBSI) especially, Prof. Arvind Deshmukh, President of MBSI for being instrumental in organising this event.

She also expressed her thanks to University authorities for making this event a success.

Workshop on 'Stress Management and Improvement in Work Efficiency' organized at PTTI Vijaypur

Top News Report

VIJAYPUR, Nov 29: Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur, organized one day workshop on 'Stress Management and improvement in work efficiency in the Institute' for staff and trainees.

On the occasion Dr. Romesh Sharma, Counseling Psychologist delivered an impressive lecture on the topic and explained about different types of stress, its effects, symptoms and sources.

He also discussed the ways to manage stress



to live healthy and stress free life to improve work efficiency.

While interacting with staff and trainees, Dr. Romesh told that stress is the main cause of maximum diseases and in order remain mentally fit and agile one

should avoid memorizing past miss-happenings repeatedly as such state of mind may lead to stress and ultimately depression.

He advised to keep away from negative thoughts and involve in healthy discussions

with family members and friends.

Shiv Kumar, SSP, Principal PTTI Vijaypur paid gratitude to Dr. Romesh for sparing his valuable time to interact with staff and trainees and guiding them about managing day-to-day stress.

Dhushyant Sharma, Vice Principal, PTTI Vijaypur, Zia-Ul-Haq, Dy.SP(Outdoor), Asif Iqbal, Sr.PO, Inspr. Ram Lal Bhagat (CLI), Inspr. Vivek Kalsotra, Inspr. Himanshu Dutta (CTI), Inspr. Mulkh Raj, Inspr. Ashish Dharmat and others were present on the occasion.

IIL uplifts community well-being with new toilet complex at Government Degree College, Samba

Top News Report

SAMBA, Nov 29: Insecticides (India) Limited (IIL), through its CSR arm, IIL Foundation, has taken a significant step towards promoting sanitation and hygiene under their Project Vidhya, by inaugurating a new toilet complex at Government Degree College Samba.

The initiative aims to contribute to the well-being of students and highlights IIL Foundation's commitment to societal development.

The ceremony was officially unveiled by Rajesh Aggarwal, Managing Director of Insecticides (India) Limited, in the presence of key dignitaries like Dr. Twinkle Suri, Principal, Government Degree College, Samba; and Jitender Aggarwal, Unit Head, IIL Samba; alongside students and college staff.

The newly constructed toilet complex comprises separate blocks for girls and boys, each equipped with modern



amenities to ensure a clean and hygienic environment.

The girls' toilet block housed nine toilets, including a facility for the handicapped, while the boys' toilet block featured 13 toilets, including a provision for the handicapped.

Speaking about the project, Rajesh Aggarwal, Managing Director of Insecticides (India) Limited, said, "At IIL Foundation, our focus extends beyond agricultural endeavors to encompass holistic community development. We recognize the importance of sanitation and hygiene, particularly

in educational institutions, and that promoting sanitary hygiene goes hand-in-hand with raising awareness. By setting real examples, such as constructing these toilet complexes, we aim to emphasize the importance of practical actions. The construction of these toilet blocks stands as evidence of our commitment to nurturing a healthier and more conducive environment for students to thrive."

Dr. Suri thanked IIL Foundation for extending such support for the college.

She Mentioned "It is encouraging to see the

companies like Insecticides (India) Limited coming forward and supporting the education institutes and well-being of students."

Previously, the Foundation has successfully executed similar projects, exemplified by the construction of toilet blocks for girls and boys at Govt Senior Secondary School in Jodia Mev and Tapu Khera, Alwar district, Rajasthan.

These efforts highlight the IIL Foundation's steadfast dedication to supporting government schools and colleges, aligning with their overarching commitment to education, farmer awareness, and health.

JU Dept of Commerce organizes National Conference on Future of Work: Adapting to a Changing Landscape

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: The Two-Day National Conference on Future of Work: Adapting to a Changing Landscape organised by the PG Department of Commerce, University of Jammu was inaugurated on Wednesday at Brig. Rajendra Singh Auditorium.

The inaugural session commenced with lighting of the lamp and a Saraswati Vandana.

This conference brought together eminent personalities from industry and academia to address the core and related issues on sustainable development.

Rahul Sahai, Chairman, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Prof. Hardeep Chahal, Director, ICcCR-HRM, University of Jammu, presented the formal welcome address. She extended her gratitude to the department for organising the conference.

The Conference Chair and Head of the Department, Dr. Jeevan Jyoti delved on the theme of the conference and plenary sessions.

In her address, she emphasised that this conference will provide opportunity to students and scholars to pass on the legacy of the Commerce department to achieve academic as well as professional or industrial excellence.

She urged to take the pledge to be always future ready and to take care of 3 P's "People, Planet and Profit".

Rahul Sahai graced the inaugural session by stressing upon changing business environment due to Artificial Intelligence.



Prof. Alok Kumar Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh was the keynote speaker. In his address, he highlighted the digital transformation of human resources from the transition of Industry 4.0 to 5.0, Education 5.0 and also emphasised the importance of Artificial Intelligence in education sector.

The event was presided over by the Registrar, University of Jammu, Prof. Rahul Gupta, who extended his best wishes for the success of the conference.

On this occasion the former HOD's of the Department of Commerce namely Prof. R.D Sharma, Prof. Santosh Gupta and Prof. Neetu Andotra were honoured.

Two Plenary sessions were held on the first day of the conference.

The first plenary session was on the theme "Navigating the Changing Landscape of Remote and Hybrid Work Environment". The notable speakers were Prof. V.K Shrotrya, (Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi) and Gagan Jain, (Director, VKC Nuts Pvt. Ltd. J&K).

The second plenary session was titled "Educate, Engage, Encourage: Triggering Awareness for

Greener and Sustainable Practice".

The notable speakers for Plenary Session 2 were Prof. R.D Sharma (Former Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu and Noida International University) and Sandeep Ghunawat (Manager, Financial Inclusion and Development Department, RBI, Jammu).

The event has been sponsored by Pooja Gupta (Nimbark Organic), Ashish Maharaj and Bhawana (C3 institute), Ankush Sethi (Sethi Brothers Fashion Creator in Kashmir Art), Narinder Lamba (Medi Tech Pharma Distributor) and Taruni Bakshi (Exclusive Glamour & Tarot Card Reader). Conference Deputy Coordinator, Dr. Harleen Kaur, coordinated the whole event.

Conference Coordinator, Dr. Tarsem Lal presented the formal vote of thanks.

Other eminent dignitaries presented on the event were Prof. Alka Sharma, Prof. Vinay Chouhan, Prof. Anil Gupta, Prof. B.C. Sharma, Prof. Sandeep Tandon, Dr. Vijay Sehgal, Dr. Komal Nagar, Dr. Jyoti Sharma, Dr. Sunil Kumar (Conference Deputy Coordinator), Dr. Rupa Mahajan, Dr. Sumeet Kour and Dr. Deepti Abrol.