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BRIEFLY

Non-local labourer found dead in Pampore Pulwama

SRINAGAR, Dec 4 (Agencies): A body of non-local labourer was found in Pampore area of south Kashmir's Pulwama, officials said on Monday.

The individual identified as Faisal son of Sajad Ahmad, a resident of Raipur Road Goan Kasimpur was found lying unconscious on his rented room at Tulbagh Pampore.

He according to the officials was taken to a nearby health centre, where the doctors on duty declared him as brought dead on arrival.

Police has taken cognizance of the incident and started up investigtaion.

Furniture Factory, Five Residential Houses gutted in Baramulla Fire

SRINAGAR, Dec 4 (Agencies): A massive fire that broke out in the Kanlibagh area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district destroyed a furniture factory and five residential houses while property worth crores of rupees was reduced to ashes on Sunday late evening.

The fire originated at Farooq Ahmad Najar's furniture factory, located in a residential locality in Kanlibagh on Baba Reshi road. Within moments, it rapidly spread to nearby residential houses, causing extensive damage to both the factory and the houses.

"Fire was brought under control by fire tenders along with the help of local police, and army. No loss of life or injuries were reported during this unfortunate incident," officials said.

Drone found near IB in Amritsar

CHANDIGARH, Dec 4 (Agencies): A drone was found near the India-Pakistan International Border in Punjab's Amritsar district early Monday, a BSF spokesperson said.

At around 3:40 am, the Border Security Force (BSF) troops intercepted movement of the drone near village Chan Kalan in Amritsar.

During a search, a China-made quadcopter was found in a field.

Two pilots killed as Indian Air Force aircraft crashes in Telangana's Medak

MEDAK (Telangana), Dec 4 (Agencies): Two Indian Air Force (IAF) pilots were killed in action when their Pilatus trainer aircraft crashed at Toopran town in Telangana's Medak district on Monday morning, IAF officials said.

According to officials, the crash took place at around 8:55 am during training at Air Force Academy near Dindigul district. The pilots include an instructor and one cadet.

SP, Medak, Rohini said that the aircraft crashed near Toopran.

"It's a Training Aircraft from Dundigul airport. There were two people inside the aircraft, one trainer and a trainee. The airport staff and clue team are on the spot. The fire fighters doused the fire," SP Rohini said.

"They are trying to find out if there are any survivors. They are combing the area to find if there are body remains. Further details awaited," the SP added.

The reason for the accident is yet to be known.

28,522 murder cases registered in India in 2022, 78 every day: NCRB

NEWDELHI, Dec 4: A total of 28,522 FIRs of murder were registered in 2022 – an average of 78 killings every day or more than three every hour – across India, down from 29,272 in 2021 and 29,193 in 2020, according to the latest NCRB data. 'Disputes' with 9,962 cases was the motive in highest number of murder cases in 2022 followed by 'personal vendetta or enmity' in 3,761 cases and 'gain' in 1,884 cases, said the data in the annual crime report of the National Crime Records Bureau, which functions under Union Ministry of Home Affairs. The rate of murder per lakh population across the country stood at 2.1, while the charge sheeting in such cases was 81.5, according to the NCRB.

Uttar Pradesh saw the highest number of such FIRs at 3,491 in 2022 followed by Bihar (2,930), Maharashtra (2,295), Madhya Pradesh (1,978) and Rajasthan (1,834), with the top five states together accounting for 43.92 per cent of murder cases in the country, the data showed.

The top five states with the least number of murder cases in 2022 were Sikkim (9), Nagaland (21), Mizoram (31), Goa (44), and Manipur (47), according to the NCRB, which is tasked with collection and analysis of crime data.

Among Union Territories, Delhi, the national capital, registered 509 cases of murder in 2022 followed by Jammu and Kashmir (99), Puducherry (30), Chandigarh (18), Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (16), Andaman and Nicobar Islands (7), Ladakh (5) and Lakshadweep (Zero).

Across India in 2022, the murder rate was highest in Jharkhand (4), followed by Arunachal Pradesh (3.6), Chhattisgarh and Haryana (both 3.4), Assam and Odisha (both 3).

Uttar Pradesh (1.5), Bihar (2.3), Maharashtra (1.8), Madhya Pradesh (2.3) and Rajasthan (2.3) fared better in terms of crime per lakh population.

In terms of age, 95.4 per cent victims of murder were adults. Of total murder victims, 8,125 were female and nine third-gender persons, with men constituting about 70 per cent of victims, according to the NCRB.

In a note of caution about the annual report, the NCRB said the primary presumption that the upward swing in police data indicates an increase in crime and thus a reflection of the ineffectiveness of the police is fallacious. "'Rise in crime' and 'increase in registration of crime by police' are clearly two different things, a fact which requires better understanding. Thus an oft-repeated expectation from certain quarters that an effective police administration will be able to keep the crime figures low, is misplaced," it stated.

"Increase in crime numbers in a state police data may in fact be on account of certain citizen centric police initiatives, like launching of e-FIR facility or women Helpdesks, etc.

"The increase or decrease in crime numbers, however, does call for a professional investigation of underlying factors pertaining to the local communities to suitably address the pertinent issues," it added.

Supreme Court's Judgment in Article 370 case to be pronounced this month

NEW DELHI, Dec 4 (Agencies): The Supreme Court is likely to pronounce its verdict in the long-pending case challenging the Union Government's 2019 decision to repeal the special status of Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 of the Constitution this month (December 2023). The Constitution bench of the Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and composed of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai, and Surya Kant, had presided over these hearings.

The Apex Court had reserved the judgement in the matter on 5 September 2023 after hearing it for sixteen long days. It may be recalled that the petitioners in the matter had also challenged the J&K Reorganization Act which bifurcated the State into Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh.

With Justice SK Kaul retiring from Supreme Court on December 25, 2023 and December 15, 2023 being the last working day for Supreme Court before winter vacations, it is likely that the judgement would come out soon.

The hearing in the matter, which commenced on August 2, 2023, witnessed extensive arguments and discussions over a span of sixteen days. This landmark case had remained dormant for over three years, with its last listing dating back to March 2020.

The petitioner

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Massive searches underway in Rajouri, Poonch; Three detained

JAMMU, Dec 4 (Agencies): Three persons were detained for questioning as security forces launched massive search operations to flush out suspected terrorists in the forest areas of Rajouri and Poonch districts in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Monday.

The joint search operations by police, Army, and CRPF in different parts of Budhal, Thanamandi, Sunderbani, and Kalakote in Rajouri and Mendhar in Poonch were underway when last reports were received, officials said.

They said three persons were picked up for questioning from Barote in Budhal Sunday evening.

Searches have been on in Muradpur, Bathuni, Ghai Bhawal (Sunderbani), Tatta Pani Broh in Kalakote, Ghambir Mughlan in Manjakote, and Rajdhani-Thanamandi in Rajouri since this morning, officials said.

They said security forces are also engaged in combing operations in Gursai, Jabranwali Gali, Saruti, and Ari villages

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Amid dry weather forecast, night temp falls below freezing point at most places in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, Dec 4 (Agencies): Amid forecast for mainly dry weather, night temperature recorded further drop on Monday and settled below freezing point in Kashmir Valley barring Srinagar and Kokernag.

Night temperature falls in J&K; Gulmarg remains coldest at minus 3.3°C

A meteorological temperature department official said that Srinagar recorded a low of 0.7°C against 1.4°C on the previous night and it was 1.6°C above normal for this time of the year in Srinagar.

Qazigund recorded a minimum of minus 0.4°C against 1.2°C on the previous night, he said. The minimum temperature was 0.6°C above normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, the

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"Winning or losing polls part and parcel of democracy": PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti on assembly election results

SRINAGAR, Dec 4 (Agencies): Undeterred after the Congress suffered drubbings in three of the five states that went to polls last month, former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister and the supremo of the People's Democratic Party (PDP), it's partner in the INDIA bloc, on Sunday said winning or losing elections in part of a democracy and the Opposition alliance will come up with a better performance in the Lok

Sabha elections next year.

To a question on whether the BJP's resounding wins in three of the four states -- Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh and

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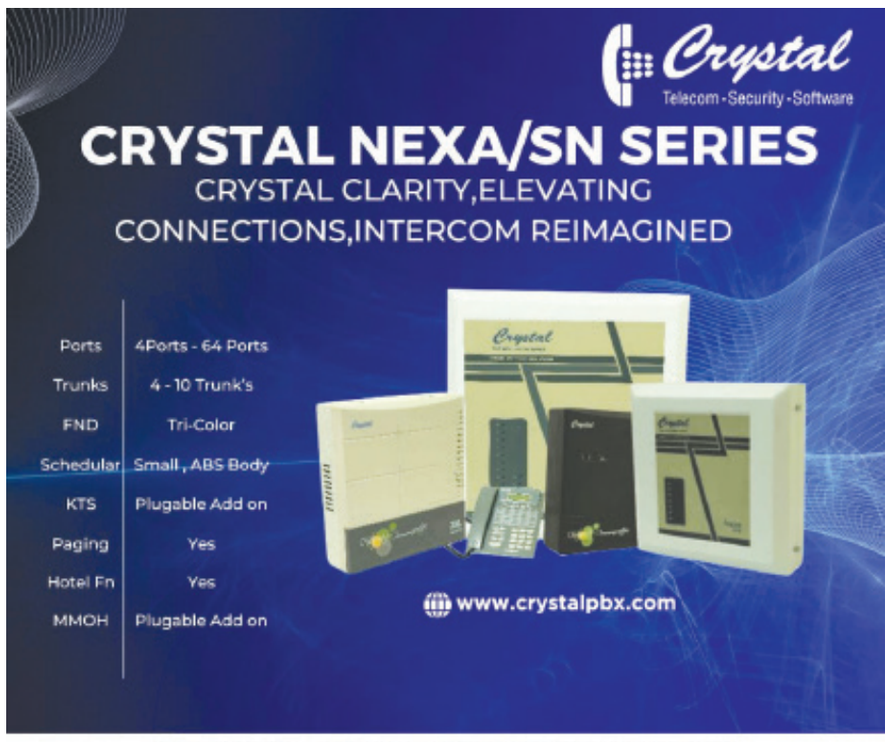


CADNICA ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS

Contact Person Mr. Sanjeev Kumar 9419143503

OBITUARY/10TH DAY KRIYA

Smt Pyari Raina (Sheela)

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt Pyari Raina (Sheela)** W/o Late Sh Bansi Lal Raina on 29-11-2023 at 3 AM.
Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 7-12-2023 at Delhi.
Grief Stricken
Shri C L Raina **-Brother-in-law**
Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt Renu Saraf & Sunil Saraf
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Sh Ramesh Raina & Smt Kavita Raina
Sh Rakesh Raina & Smt Sanjogita Raina
Grand Children: Mainaki Saraf, Maanika Saraf
Tannshitha Raina & Lavitra Raina
Mob. 9540951816, 9818758740, 09906078144 & 9873661705

TENTH DAY

Lalita Pandita / Wazir

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Lalita Pandita / Wazir** W/o Bansi Lal Pandita / Wazir originally rersident of Nazuk Mohalla Anantnag presently H. No. 9 Lane 1 Anant Vihar Lale da bagh Jammu on 28.11.2023.
Tenth Day will be performed on 06.12.2023 at 09:30 AM at Muthi Ghat near Director of School Education Jammu.
Grief Stricken:-
Shree Bansi Lal Pandita / Wazir **(Husband) 9086012322**
Smt. Anjali & Sh. Ramesh Wazir **(Daughter-in-law & Son) 9419105122 JMC**
Smt. Babita & Rakesh Wazir **7006801805**
Dr. Mega Wazir, Dr. Rohan Wazir, Mehak Wazir **(Grand Children)**
Samast Wazir's, Bhat's, Razdan's and Dhar's

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

MR AMAN DOGRA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of **Mr Aman Dogra** S/o Ramesh Kumar R/o H. No 122 Gali No 5, Ward no 31 Talab Tillo Gole colony Jammu.
10th Day on 4th Dec 2023 Monday at 11.00 AM at our residence.
Kriya on 7th Dec 2023 Thursday at our residence
Uthala on 8th Dec 2023 from 3 PM to 4 PM (Friday) at Agarwal Dharmshalla Viveka Anand Chowk Jammu.
Grief Stricken
Sh. Ramesh Kumar **(Father)**
Smt Chanchla **(Mother)**
Sister & Jija Ji
Sh. Arjun & Smt Minakshi
MOBILE NO: 8716863372, 9622391423

TENTH DAY KRIYA

Sh. Mohan Lal Gupta

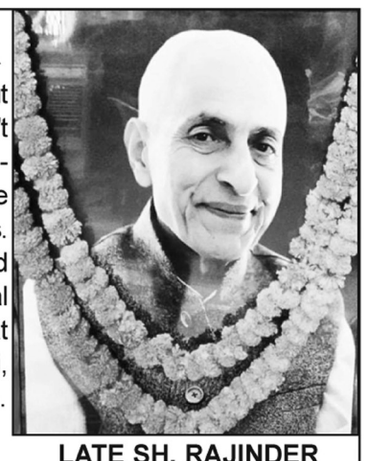
With a heavy heart; profound grief and sorrow we regretfully inform the sad and sudden demise of our beloved **Sh. Mohan Lal Gupta** S/o Late Sh.Mangat Ram Vakil R/O W.NO-9; H.No-38 Arya Smaj Gali Udhampur who left for heavenly abode on 24th November 2023.
Tenth Day will be performed on Sunday ; the 3rd of Dec 2023 at Arya Samaj Hall at 11:30A.M.
Kriya will be performed on Wednesday ; the 6th of Dec 2023 at Devika Ghat Udhampur.
GRIEF STRICKEN:-
Son and Daughter-in-law
Sh. Rajeev Gupta (A.E.E) and Smt. Ramni Gupta
Brother and Bhabhi
Sh.Govind Ram Gupta (Retd.Chief Engg) and Smt. Sarla Gupta
Smt.Sarla Gupta **- Sister**
Daughter & Son-in-Law
Suman Gupta and Sh. Dharam Pal Gupta (Rtd. Principal)
Sugandha Gupta and Sh. Vinod Kumar Gupta (Executive Engg.)
Grand Children: Rohan Mahajan; Rachit Mahajan; Vigyat Gupta; Anil Gupta; Vanshika Gupta and Rupali Gupta.
M/S ESS ESS Enterprises Udhampur
Pakhetra and Kalsotra Family **Mobile No: 9419158064; 9419183000**

TENTH DAY KRIYA / UTHALA

Aditya Sharma

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform about the sad demise of our beloved **Aditya Sharma** S/o Ashok K Sharma (on 25th Nov., 2023) R/o 11/2, Laxmi Nagar, Muthi, Jammu.
Tenth Day will be performed at 11.00 am on 4th Dec., 2023 (Monday) at our residence.
Kriya will be performed on 5th December, 2023 at our residence at 12.00 Noon.
Uthala will be held on 6th Dec., 2023 (Wednesday) at Gemini Palace Muthi at 4.00 pm.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Neha Sharma **(Wife)**
Smt. Raka and Sh. Ashok K Sharma **(Mother & Father)**
Sh. Brij Mohan Sharma **(Taya Ji)**
(Mother-in-law & Father-in-law)
Smt. Madu & Sh. Chander Mohan
Smt. Ambika & Sh. Jai Shiv **(Sister & Brother-in-law)**
Vanya & Hanesha **(Daughters)**
All Nears & Dears
Mob.. No.: 9419133018

SHADMOS & MASVAR



LATE SH. RAJINDER BINDROO

Six months have passed since you left us but we feel your presence everywhere and can't believe that you are not with us. The void created by your untimely departure can never be filled, you will always remain alive in our hearts.
SHADMOS AND MASVAR of our beloved **Late Sh. Rajinder Bindroo** S/o Lt Sham Lal Bindroo will be performed at our residence at C/o 512, Colonel's Colony, Sector-3, Bohri, Talab Tillo Jammu on 5th and 6th Dec 2023.
Deeply Remembered by:-
Smt Kamta Bindroo **(Wife)**
Sh G.L Bindroo **(Brother)**
Brother & Sister-in-law
Sh A K Bindroo & Guddi Bindroo
Smt Phoola Kaul **(Sister)**
Daughters & Sons-in-law
Smt Archana & Ashish K Chrangoo
Smt Anjali & Vipin Kaul
Smt Sunita & Ramesh Salman
SAMAST BINDROO PARIVAR, CHRANGOO S, KOULS, SALMANS, NAQAIBS, SELIS, BHATS AND GRAND CHILDREN

10TH DAY KRIYA/OBITUARY

SH PUSHKAR NATH BHAT

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SH PUSHKAR NATH BHAT** S/O LATE PRASAD RAM BHAT ORIGINALLY RESIDENT OF SHEIKHPORA SHANGUS KUTHAAR ANANTNAG KASHMIR A/P LANE NO. 23 BLOCK NO. 142 FLAT NO. 24 JAGTI MIGRANT CAMP NAGROTA JAMMU ON 29-11-2023 (WEDNESDAY)
TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 08-12-2023 (FRIDAY) AT MUTHI GHAT NEAR DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AT 8.30 AM.
GRIEF STRICKEN :
MANI BHAT - **(WIFE)**
RUPA WATI **(PYARI)- BHABHI**
SONS & DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW
SH SANTOSH BHAT & SMT USHA BHAT
SH VIJAY KUMAR BHAT & SMT LOPA BHAT
SH SURAJ BHAT & SMT SIMRAN BHAT
SANJAY & SHANU
DAUGHTERS : PRANA GANJOO, DOLLY AND JYOTI
MOB NOS : 8527055477, 8447648272, 9622317980

TENTH DAY KRIYA

SHRIMATI CHUNI DEVI

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED MOTHER **SHRIMATI CHUNI DEVI** W/O LATE BRIJNATH KACHROO AT PRESENT ADDRESS E-411 GAMMA-1, GREATER NOIDA ON 27-11-2023.
TENTH DAY KRIYA SHALL BE PERFORMED AT GHAT ON CHOTA HARIDWAR, MURADNAGAR ON WEDNESDAY 6TH OF DECEMBER 2023 AT 10 AM.
IN GRIEF
SON'S AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
ABAY KACHROO & INDU KACHROO
BAL KRISHAN KACHROO & BUNTY KACHROO
SATISH KACHROO & SONIYA KACHROO
DAUGHTERS & SONS IN LAW
RAJKUMARI SADHU & SUNEEL SADHU
KIRAN SAPROO & KULDEEP SAPROO
GRAND CHILDREN
ANKITA, AMIT ANNKUSH, SHIVANI, SHWETA, MOHIT, SAGAR, MAHI, KRISHNA, KARTIK AND ANMOL
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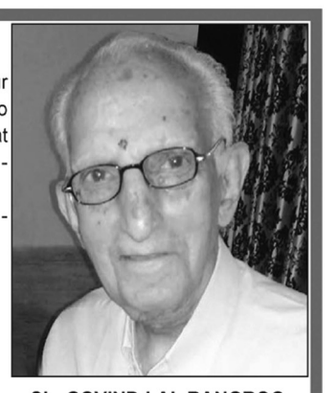
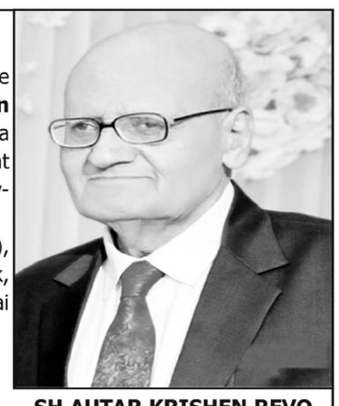
TENTH DAY KRIYA



Sh. GOVIND LAL BANGROO (NANA JI)

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Sh. GOVIND LAL BANGROO (NANA JI)** S/o Late SHANKAR JOO BANGROO on 27th November,2023 at his residence A - 84, Ashoka Enclave II, Sector: 37 Faridabad - Haryana.
Tenth Day will be performed at Haridwar Ganga Ghats on 06 - 12 - 2023 morning at 9 am.
GRIEF STRICKEN: -
(Son and Daughter-in-law)
Virrender Mohan Bangru & Sunita Bangru
Rita and Vijay Kaw **(Daughter and Son-in-law)**
Neeru and Chetan Kak **(Daughter and Son-in-law)**
Grand Children: -
Sushant, Rishab, Rohitashv and Kamini, Smriti and Raj, Meghna and Anurag
Great Grand Children: -
Vansh, Ryaann, Vaani & Pihu
BANGROO FAMILY; KHODA FAMILY AND ALL NEARS AND DEARS

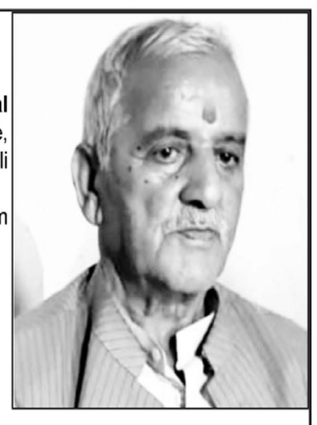
OBITUARY



SH AUTAR KRISHEN REVO

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved father, **Sh Autar Krishen Revo** S/o Sh. Jagan Nath Revo, R/o 101 GF, Ashoka Enclave Part 3, Sector 35, Faridabad and original Resident of 7, Batyar Alikadal, Srinagar Kashmir, who left for heavenly abode in the early hours of 30th November, 2023.
10TH DAY will be performed on 8th December (Friday), 9.30 AM, at Palla Ghat Near Kanishka Towers, Palla Chowk, Bye Pass Road, Faridabad. Nearest Metro Station, Sarai Faridabad.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Ashutosh & Reeta Revo **- Son & Daughter in law**
Anjini & Sanjay Razdan **- Daughter & Son in law**
Abhilash & Purvi Wakhariya Revo **- Grandson & Granddaughter in law**
Prekhsha Razdan - **Granddaughter**
Dheemahi Revo - **Great Grand Daughter**
Contact Details: 9811206917, 9711276965, 9412902936

TENTH DAY



Sri Mohan Lal Sharma

With profound grief and sorrow it is informed that **Sri Mohan Lal Sharma** Son in law of Sri Late Nand Lal Sharma R/o Kriree, Uttrasoo, Anantnag at present H.No. 116 Sec-3 (Ration Wali Gali near Jagadambha Palace) Durganagar, Jammu.
Tenth Day will be performed on Friday 08.12.2023 - 8:30am Muthi Ghat near Education Office Muthi
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt Sona Devi **(Wife)**
Son & Daughter-in-law
Sri Omkar Nath Sharma & Smt Lalitha Sharma
Sri Dwarka Nath Sharma (Bablu Je) & Smt Dazy Sharma
Sri Sanjay Kumar Sharma & Smt Anju Sharma
Daughter & Son in Law
Smt Usha Khar & Sri Ashok Kumar Khar
Smt Renu Sharma & Sri Sanjay Kumar Sharma (LIC)
Grand Children :
Anil , Rimi, Eshu, Rahul, Neshu, Nitin, Vicky, Koshi, Medha Siri, Saanavi, Divyanshi, Mudhar, Dikshit
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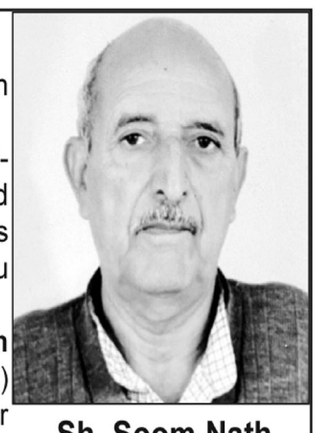
MASVAR & VAHARVAR



Sh. Soom Nath Bhat

Noble souls never die. They always remain alive though we cannot see them.
One year has elapsed since you left for heavenly abode. We still feel your presence around us. Your blessings and guidance are always with us. We pray to Parmatma to bless you Vaikunth Dham.
Masvar and Vaharvar of Sh. Soom Nath Bhat S/o Late Sh. Neel Kanth Bhat (Umanagri) will be performed on 5th and 6th December 2023 (respectively) at our residence 71-P Sec 1 A Ext, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.
Deeply remembered by
Samast Bhat Parivar
Mob: 7006772806, 9991098625

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA

T.B Mirza

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad & sudden demise of **T.B Mirza** S/o Late J.N Mirza R/o C109, Rajhans appartment opp Aditya Mall Ahinsa Khand Indirapuram, Ghaziabad originally from Karan Nagar Srinagar on 26/11/2023.
Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 05-12-2023 at Muradnagar Ghat.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt Khema Mirza- **Wife**
Daughter-in-law and Son
Mrs Neelu Mirza & Sunil Mirza
Mrs Renu Kaul & Arun Kaul- **Daughter and Son-in-Law**
Sister and Brother-in-Law
Late Suman Wattal & Mrs Jyoti Wattal
Brothers and Sister-in-Laws:
Mr Vijay Mirza & Usha Mirza
Late Surinder Mirza & Babli Mirza
Mr Opender Mirza & Sushma Mirza
Daughters and Son in laws:
Mrs Soni Gupta & Puneet Gupta
Mrs Sukanya Sharma & Vikrant Sharma
Mrs Neha Kher & Ankush Kher
Mrs Nidhi Wattal & Mr Rohit Wattal- **Daughter-in-Law and Son**
Children & grandchildren: Antra, Vanshika, Shulka, Vidit, Samarth, Vandit, Aman, Anvika, Maniya, Yesh, Addi, Amirya
Mob. Nos: 9810744903, 9990360520, 9958800553, 8899618932, 9419136396, 6006995010

10TH DAY KRIYA

Sh Janki Nath Pandit

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Janki Nath Pandit** S/o Late Sh Kashi Nath Pandit R/o Hangal Gund Anantnag Kashmir A/p Lane No.20 Block No. 115 Flat No.20 Jagti Migrant Camp Nagrota Jammu on 27-11-2023 (Monday).
Mourning is observed at Lane No.9 backside near Ration Depo.
Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 5-12-2023 at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education Jammu at 9.30 am.
Grief Stricken
Bimla Pandit **-Wife**
Sanjay Pandit **-Son**
Sunaina Pandit **-Daughter**
Nephew and Daughters
Sh Pardeep (Rakesh) & Smt Sunita
Sh Anil (Rinku) & Smt Mumta
And Samast Parivar
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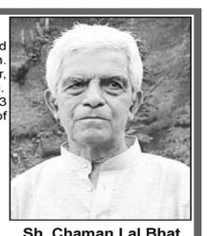
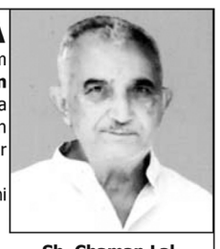
TENTH DAY KRIYA



Sh. Chaman Lal Bhat

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Chaman Lal Bhat** S/o Lt. Sh. Mahadev Bhat R/o - Manasbal, Safapora, Kashmir, presently residing at Vinayak Nagar Ext. Muthi, Jammu.
Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 05-12-2023 (Tuesday) 9:30 am at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Smt. Girja Bhat **(Wife)**
Smt. Jai Kishori Bhat **(Bhabi)** - W/o - Lt. Sh. S.N. Bhat
Smt. Tulsi Bhan & Smt. Ratni Bhat **(Sisters)**
In-laws -
Smt. & Sh. Bal Krishan Bhat
Smt. & Sh. Brij Krishan Bhat
Smt. Roopawati Bhat & Smt. Oma Shori Bhat
Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Sushma Koul & Sh. S.K. Koul
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Sh. Susheel Bhat & Smt Leena Bhat
Sh. Sandeep Bhat & Smt Minakshi Bhat
Sh. Sumeer Sudesh Bhat & Smt Bharti Bhat
Grand Children - Sahil, Ansh, Sanchita, Aadi, Avi, Ronak, Kritika

10TH DAY KRIYA



Sh. Chaman Lal Pandita (Boba Ji)

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Chaman Lal Pandita (Boba Ji)** Son of Late Sh. Jia Lal Pandita R/o Sirroo Dangerpora Pattan Baramulla A/P H.No. 84 Lane 3 Adarsh Nagar Bantalab Jammu on 30-11-2023.
10th Day Kriya shall be performed at Muthi Ghat Jammu on 9-12-2023 at 9 AM.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Jai Kishori Pandita- **Bhabhi**
Smt. Veena Ji Pandita- **Wife**
Smt. Tosha Pandita W/o Sh. Ramesh Pandita **- Bhabhi/Brother**
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Smt. Sunita Pandita W/o Sh. Rakesh Pandita
Smt. Suneeta Pandita W/o Dr. Sanjay Pandita
Smt. Sohali Pandita W/o Sh. Sandeep Pandita
Grand Children : Aditya, Shivansh and Saisha

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

Smt Tripta Devi W/o Lt Sh. Charan Dass

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Tripta Devi** W/o Lt Sh. Charan Dass.
TENTH DAY will be performed on Monday 04-12-2023 at our residence at 10.00 AM House No 1, F - 716 New Plot Jammu.
KRIYA will be performed on Tuesday 05-12-2023 at our residence at 1.00 PM.
UTHALA will be performed on 06-12-2023 at our residence at 4.00 PM.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Daughter in Law & son
Mrs Renu & Mr. Jatinder Bharti
Mrs Shivali & Mr. Rahul Bharti
Daughter & Son in Law
Mrs Shallu & Mr. Ashwani Jaral
MOBILE NO: 7889327479, 9419311722, 9596753880, 9026962730

10TH DAY

Lt Sh Kuldeep Kailash Sharma

The void left in our hearts and lives will remain unfilled he blessed our lives and he will be loved till eternity with profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of beloved **Lt Sh Kuldeep Kailash Sharma** S/o Lt Sh Sarwan Dass Sharma.
Tenth Day will be performed on Sunday 03/12/2023- 10 AM and **Uthala** on Wednesday 06/12/2023- 12 PM at Residence Raipur Satwari near Chib Resorts opp Bittu Karyana Store Jammu Cantt 180006.
Grief Stricken :
Smt Neelam Sharma **(Wife)**
Sons and Daughters in law
Mr Arun Banotra and Mrs Apeksha Gupta
Mr Avinash Banotra and Mrs Kamika Sharma
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BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS

Sdn. Gurbachan Kour

With profound grief we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sdn. Gurbachan Kour** W/o Late Gurbaksh Singh R/o Chatha Farm who left for heavenly abode on 27/11/2023.
Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib on 04-12-2023 at our residence at 9.00 am.
Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib on 06-12-2023 at our residence at 9.30 am.
Kirtan and Antim Ardas from 10.30 to 12.30 pm at Gurudwara Singh Sabha, Chatha Farm Jammu.
In grief:
Brothers and Bhabhis:-
Sdn. Dhanwant Kour and S. Harbans Singh Ji (Ex. Minister)
Late Sdn Amrit Kour and S. Sarwan Singh
Sister:-
Sdn. Inder Kour
Sons and Daughters in laws:-
Late Sdn. Surinder Kour and S. Sukhdev Singh (Channi)
Sdn. Manmeet Kour and S. Mohinder Singh (President 2x2 Bus Poonch Route)
Sdn. Sarbjeet Kour and S. Prithpal Singh
Sdn. Gurpreet Kour and S. Fateh Singh
Daughters and Sons in law:-
Sdn Parkash Kour and S. Amrik Singh
Sdn Paramjeet Kour and S. Harpal Singh **Mob- 9797154491**

BHOG/ANTIM ARDAS

Sardarni Surjit Kaur

Honouring the life of
Sardarni Surjit Kaur
W/o Late Sardar Daleep Singh Bali
Programme
Monday December 4, 2023 at 9.30 AM. **Arambh Shri Akhand Path** at Resi. House No. 31, Gurudwara Lane, Burzulla Baghat.
Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 9.30 AM. **Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib** at residence & 10.30 AM - 12.30 PM. **Kirtan & Antim Ardas** at Gurudwara Shaheed Bunga Sahib.
Fondly Remembered By :
Sunita Kaur & Harpal Singh **(Son-in-law)**
Dr. Ajinder Pal Singh & Tarvinder Kaur Bali **(Daughter-in-law)**
S. Inder Paul Singh & Sumeeta Bali **(Daughter-in-law)**
Grand Children
Naveen and Amelia, Aran, Rachel, Hazel and Armin
Amar **(Great Grand Son)**
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VBSY enters second week in Jammu city; continues to bring Govt services to people's doorsteps

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JAMMU, Dec 4: Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY), a unique initiative to bring Government services at people's doorsteps entered its second week in Jammu city today. VBSY camps were on Monday organised in Rajinder Park and Parade Ground in the heart of the city.

As part of nationwide campaign, the specially designed IEC (Information, Education, Communication) van created awareness about various programmes, schemes and initiatives of the Government of India to improve people's lives, especially in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir

Under the IEC campaign, camps were organised to offer services like free health checkup, issuing of LPG connections under PM Ujjwala Yojana, on-the-spot facility to get new aadhaar cards issued and existing ones updated.

Jammuites also came forward to get new Ayushman Bharat health cards issued, and loans sanctioned under PM SVANidhi scheme. On the occasion, Viksit Bharat Sankalp pledge to make India a developed and self-reliant nation by the year 2047 was administered to the audience.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra aims to cover over 2.55 lakh Gram Panchayats and over 3,600 urban local bodies by January 25, 2024, touching every district of the country.

It was launched by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi on November 15, 2023. The objective is to reach out to public to create awareness and attain saturation of welfare schemes on sanitation, essential financial services, electricity, access to LPG cylinders, housing for the poor, food security, proper nutrition and reliable healthcare.

Shamim Anjum elected as Executive Committee Member at IACDE National Conference

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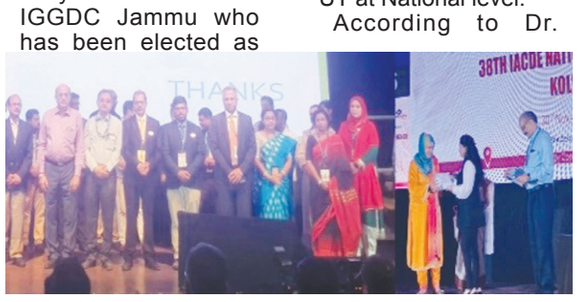
JAMMU, Dec 4: It's honour for J&K and specially Dr. Shamim Anjum (Asst Prof) Dept of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics IGGDC Jammu who has been elected as



Executive Committee Member of Indian Association of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics (IACDE) with overwhelming majority.

Dr Shamim elected as EC member of IACDE was felicitated by IACDE President and General Secretary in presence of Dental Council of India President's team.

The election took place at (ACDE National conference Kolkata. It is an honour for J&K that she is representing our UT at National level.

According to Dr. Shamim this achievement will help her to represent the voice of dentists from J&K at National level for various concerns like in the field of academics, research and many more. This achievement is a milestone for J&K and inspiration for the other dentists in the UT.

BVP Regional President North Region calls on Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo

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JAMMU, Dec 4: Regional President North Region Dev Raj Sharma BVP alongwith State Vice President Samparak Parmukh Bharat Vikas Parishad BVP Jammu and Kashmir Prant Vijay Sharma Former Deputy Commissioner and Sushil Singh Charak Chairman Nations Development Association (NDA) called at J&K Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo and congratulated him on assuming charge of Chief Secretary Jammu and Kashmir UT.

During brief meeting Regional President North Region apprised Chief Secretary about various mission taken in hand and invited him to attend programme of Bharat Vikas Parishad in the coming period of time.

Nations Development Association (NDA) Chairman Sushil Singh Charak spoke about coming up project of Oral history and its revival as the same is diminishing with the passage of time.

State Vice President Samparak Parmukh BVP said he was happy that a JKite has again assumed the charge of highest position in the Administration which gives relief to local people. Chief Secretary gave patient hearing to the Regional President.

YAC chairman meets DC Doda, submits memorandum

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BHADARWAH, Dec 4: Naseer Mehboob Chairman "Youth Action Committee" (YAC) an NGO today met District Development Commissioner in his office chambers at Doda and submitted a memorandum to him regarding the grievances of the general public of Additional district Bhadarwah.

As per a press statement, Naseer Mehboob informed DC Doda that the construction work on indoor stadium Bhadarwah is at a standstill for the last eight months due to the reasons best known to the concerned executing agencies. He put forth the resentment of the public for the inordinate delay in completion of this ambitious project.

Expressing dismay over the unscheduled power cuts in district Doda in general and Bhadarwah additional district in particular, Mehboob alleged that the concerned department has not been following the specified curtailment scheduled due to which public especially student community is badly suffering as their studies are worst affected as the Pre Board examinations are round the corner as of now, he lamented.

While lambasting education authorities, Mehboob alleged that Director School Education Jammu is paying Nelson's eye towards the hardships that the student community of winter Zone areas of Chenab Valley are facing due to extreme cold wave conditions.

For this, he said that the much needed winter vacations are being advertently delayed which has increased the chances of the students to get inflicted with different kind of cold related diseases.

He made it clear that the issue of declaring winter vacations was highlighted time and again through verbal as well as written representations, but the concerned authorities failed to implement the vacation scheduled already in vogue as per Education Policy 2020.

He however, demanded that all the grievances highlighted in the memorandum be immediately resolved in the interest of public.

DC Doda , however, assured the delegation about mitigation of the genuine demands and further clarified that the concerned department would be asked to do the needful urgently and to remove the disparity.

Havildar Chuni Lal remembered on 17th martyrdom day

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AKHNOOR, Dec 4: Members of Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha remembered their braveheart Havildar Chuni Lal Sandhu on his 17th martyrdom day.

They said, "We are proud of him and his achievements. He was the number one soldier of the Indian Army, who was martyred in a militant flush out operation in Kashmir's Pulwama Sector in December, 2007. Later on, he had Sena Medal (Posthumously) and under the orders of President of India, the mention of his name in a dispatch by the Chief of Army Staff, was published in the Gazette of India 2008 for displaying most conspicuous bravery, demonstrating battle field leadership and laying down his life."

It is very important to remember the sacrifices of the brave soldiers, who fought for the sovereignty of the nation and also laid down their lives for the country, said Sabha's General Secretary R.L.Kaith while speaking on the occasion.

Burlington English empowers educators in Jammu with '21st Century Educator's Engagement Programme

Aims to skill 50,000 educators countrywide

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JAMMU, Dec 4: Providing a unique opportunity for educators and school principals in Jammu, Burlington English organised, '21st Century Educator's Engagement Programme' to empower them with leadership skills and elevate English language teaching-learning levels as aligned with the recommendations of the National Curriculum Frameworks (NCFs) and National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.The 15-city programme is designed to enhance the skills and knowledge of educators and aims to train 50,000 educators nationwide over a year.

Conducted in Jammu at the Country Inn& Suites, the programme was led by Major Priya Jhingan, Master Trainer, Burlington and Head, MPJ Leadership Academy, who addressed critical elements to enhancing the teaching profession. She conducted sessions on 'Developing Effective Communication Skills for Better Teacher-Student Communication,' 'Adapting Global Education Trends for Effective Communication and ELT Models in India,' and 'Implementing NEP 2020 Recommendations for Constructive English Language Skill Enhancement'.

Amit Baveja, Managing Director, Burlington English, expressed his enthusiasm for the programme, stating, "The '21st Century Educator's Engagement Program' reaffirms Burlington English's commitment to fostering educational excellence. As the programme advances nationwide, Burlington English remains dedicated to empowering over 50000 educators and contributing to the enhancement of the education system. We believe that investing in the professional development of educators across the country is crucial to delivering quality education that prepares students for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century."

Major Priya Jhingan shared her perspective, saying, "It was an honour to be part of Burlington English's initiative to empower educators in Jammu. Effective communication is at the heart of quality education, and this programme aimed to provide educators with the skills and knowledge necessary to excel in the 21st-century classroom."

Empowering educators in Jammu is just the beginning. Burlington English is committed to making a lasting impact nationwide, with the '21st Century Educator's Engagement Programme.'

Former MLC Vikramaditya hails BJP's landslide victory in key heartland states

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JAMMU, Dec 4: Former MLC, Vikramaditya Singh today extended his heartfelt congratulations to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for its historic victories in the recently concluded assembly elections across Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Chhattisgarh.

"This decisive mandate is a testament to the unwavering trust the people of these states have placed in the BJP's leadership and its commitment to progress and development," stated Vikramaditya Singh in a statement issued here today.

"It is truly reassuring to see that the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, one that prioritizes growth, empowerment, and a brighter future for all, resonates deeply with the hearts and minds of our citizens," he said.

The former MLC said "These victories mark a significant turning point in the political landscape of North India. They represent a resounding rejection of outdated ideologies and a clear endorsement of the BJP's vision for a stronger, more prosperous India. I am confident that under the able leadership of Prime Minister Modi Ji, these states will witness unprecedented progress and development in the years to come."

"Let us join hands and work together to build upon this historic mandate and realize the dreams of a New India envisioned by Prime Minister Modi," he added.

JKTJAC deputation meets DSEJ, raises issues of the teachers

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JAMMU Dec 4: A deputation of Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Joint Action Committee (JKTJAC) led by UT President Vinod Sharma called on Director School Education Jammu Ashok Kumar Sharma in his Office Chamber on Friday.

While interacting with the Director Vinod Sharma raised the burning issues of the teaching fraternity which include conversion of RRETs to Teachers Grade II/III by arranging a divisional level committee meeting so that eligible RRETs get their salaries, regularisation of ReTs whose files are lying in Directorate, release of more than two years salary in favour of RReTs who have not been converted to Teachers' Grade II/ III due to various reasons as their families are on the verge of starvation, conversion of EVs to ReTs as they are suffering badly, as they have acquired their required qualifications in stipulated time period given by the department, providing Enrollment/Post facto permission in favour of teachers who are pursuing/ have persued higher qualifications, resumption of mutual transfer cases of teachers Grade II/III as many files are lying in Directorate office, provision of earned leave in favour of teachers engaged during summer/winter vacation for summer/winter camps and for other duties

The Director listened to the deputation quite patiently and assured to redress each and every issue raised by the JKTJAC leadership.

He also said that divisional level Committee meeting for conversion will be held every Monday till the process is completed.

He also assured to issue DPC list within days and simultaneously regularisation of eligible ReTs at the earliest.

Others who were part of the deputation included Surjit Chib UT Vice president, Aaftab Malik UT Vice chairman, Sham Sharma(Ut adv) , Sukesh Khajuria (UT Press Secy), Lekh Raj Parihar (DP Udh), Ravinder Manhas (DP Jammu), Hari Lal Nag DP Ramban, Khazan Singh, Sanjay Singh, Daleep Singh, Gurdyal Singh, Ashwani Sharma, Shoan Singh, Nisha Lata Shagufta and Surinder Kumar.

NCC Girls Wing JU attends Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat camp

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JAMMU, Dec 4: The cadets of NCC Cadet Corps, Senior Wing of University of Jammu attended 12 Day Ek Bharat Shreshth Camp at Delhi.

The basic objective of the camp reads as "through structured engagement on reciprocal basis, is to foster the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat and solidarity amongst NCC Cadets by providing them with the opportunity of community living and working with the cadets of other states.

The scope of the camp was to create awareness regarding diverse cultural heritage of our country highlighting the various aspects of unity in diversity, to instill greater emotional integration and mutual understanding amongst the young NCC cadets of different states of the country, to interact with the local populace and to experience the geography, topography, and cultural heritage of the region.

The camp was organised by NCC Training Area-NCC Delhi DTE TRG Area, Rohini and the various components of the training programme were: Cultural Competition, Sports Competition, Line Area Competition and Flag Area Competition.

The cadet shared that visit to different sites of national historical importance allowed them to reinvigorate the spirit of nationalism and connectedness with the idea of Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat. She also narrated that being in camp with cadets of other states enabled cadets to create cross cultural teams that made them learn the importance of tolerance and coexistence.

The cadet shared that the different activities that they underwent at Delhi Camp helped them to connect with communities in need and learned the strategies to immerse in community development (storytelling and opinion building).

The underlying motive for promoting cadets for such like camps was to inculcate amongst the young citizens of the region, specifically female cadets from the University of Jammu, the essence of character, comradeship, discipline, secular outlook, the spirit of adventure and ideals of selfless service.

The Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat New Delhi Camp-was coordinated by Dr. Isha Sharma, Associate NCC Officer of NCC Wing, University of Jammu under the guidance of 2 J&K, Girls Battalion.

Universal celebration of Gita Jayanti on Dec 23

Swami Gyananand urges people to recite Shlokas on Gita Jayanti

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JAMMU, Dec 4: Gita Manishi Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj, accompanied by President of Santan Dharam Sabha Parshotam Dadhichi and GIEO Member Gita Chetan Wanchoo, delivered a significant message urging global harmony and unity.

In a poignant address, Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj emphasized the universal celebration of Gita Jayanti on 23rd December, resonating across the world.

To foster a sense of global solidarity, he proposed a collective initiative where people worldwide will join together to recite one Shloka (verse) at precisely 11:00 am on Gita Jayanti.

This initiative aims to bring people of diverse backgrounds and beliefs together, transcending geographical and cultural boundaries.

Swami Ji highlighted the profound wisdom encapsulated in the Bhagavad Gita and its potential to inspire and guide individuals towards a more harmonious and purposeful life.

EDITORIAL

ORGAN DONATION- A NOBLE CAUSE

You must have seen many times on paper or social media that that person has donated his heart, kidney or something else. The right recipient of this donation gets a new life. This is a very noble cause and the response to organ donation is highly appreciated across the country, so that people donate more and more organs.

Different countries have established different systems for organ donation. However, let us tell you that the demand is still quite high in relation to their supply. Governments of all countries should make maximum efforts to reduce this increasing demand.

Organ donation is done when any organ is removed from a person's body with the consent of the person, then it is called organ donation. It is very important to have his/her consent while alive and the consent of his/her family in case of death, without this you cannot take any part of that person. Through organ donation the recipient gets a new life.

For a person who wants to donate his body part while he is alive, first of all he is examined so that it can be known that he does not have any kind of disease, because only when he is healthy, his body can be donated. Can donate any organ. For this, it also has to be ensured whether the donor completely agrees about organ donation or not.

For organ donation in a dead state, it is first determined whether the organ donor is dead or not. After several types of tests are done by the neurologist, it is proved that the organ of that deceased person can be donated. After the death of the donor, it is kept on a beti letter, so that all its organs remain safe. Because after death the body starts deteriorating.

In such a situation, all the organs also start becoming useless, there are very few organs which function after death, hence all the doctors put the body on a ventilator and the doctors also have to ensure that the donor's body The organs reach the recipient immediately after the organ is removed.

Although the population of all the countries is increasing, but if compared, here the demand for body parts is very high and the supply is very less. There are many such patients in the world who lose their lives in the hope of donors, but they do not find anyone to donate their organs. According to a figure, there is a demand of about two lakh kidneys in India.

But if we talk about supply, only about 6000 kidneys are supplied. Similarly, if we talk about the average demand for hearts, the annual demand here is 50000, but the supply is only 15. Many types of schemes are run to attract more and more donors and are further publicized on social media, so that more and more people can improve the life of a new person by donating their organs.

Organ donation is the greatest work in the world, because if your organ donation saves the life of even one person, then no work can be better than this. It is very important to spread awareness among people regarding organ donation. There is a strong need for organ donation in the country at present. Hundreds of people are dying every day due to body parts getting damaged because they are not able to get replacement organs in time.

Local factors led to BJP's Hindi belt poll triumph

By: Parsa Venkateshwar Rao Jr

The BJP has won three of the states north of the Vindhyas -- Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh -- with clear margins. The Congress has scored an emphatic victory in Telangana for the first time since the state was formed a decade ago. There are three ways of interpreting these results. First, that the BJP retains its hold in the Hindi heartland. Second, it can be seen as a clear anti-incumbency vote in the four states. Though the BJP came to power after the Congress lost its majority due to the defection of Jyotiraditya Scindia in Madhya Pradesh, the Congress had won the 2019 election. So, the 2023 verdict marks the electoral return of the BJP in the state. The third way is to see it as a disaster staring the Congress in the face, and how these results in the Hindi-speaking states weakens its position in the INDIA formation for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Of the three, the second one, of anti-incumbency, seems to be the realistic interpretation.

The BJP is in a curious position as it stands on the victory stand. There are enough internal problems in the party in Rajasthan and in Madhya Pradesh. But the victory pushes the cracks under the carpet, as it were. But this is a testing time for Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah because there are enough challenges to the leadership in the two states. And it will be difficult for either of them or their supporters in the party high command to claim that these electoral victories are an endorsement of Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the leader of the party and of the nation. The hard reality is that the Modi factor was absent in all the four states. It is the local factors that were behind the Assembly election results, and they cannot very easily be enumerated or outlined.

But the BJP would want to refurbish Mr Modi's image through these results, which is a legitimate political tactic. The Modi image has frayed in the last nine years, and though the party and the leader hang on to the charisma of the leader idea, they know that it is not so. The party's victory then remains a puzzle, and as long as they are winning there is no need for them to dig out the facts of the case.

An interesting aspect of these Assembly elections is that despite headline numbers of Assembly seats won and lost, the vote share tells a different story. It shows that the Opposition in these states has not been wiped out as suggested by the majorities, and that is a good sign. In Madhya Pradesh, the BJP has nearly 50 per cent of the vote -- 48.50 per cent to be exact -- to the Congress' 40.37 per cent, though the figures suggest that the margin of difference in the vote share should be greater going by the fact that BJP has double the number of seats of the Congress – 150-plus to 71-plus. Similarly, in Rajasthan, though the victory margin is less compared to that in Madhya Pradesh, with the BJP getting 110-plus seats to the Congress' 65-plus, the vote share is comparatively narrower: 42 per cent-plus for the BJP and 39 per cent-plus for the Congress. In Chhattisgarh, the BJP's lead is past the halfway mark of 45 in a House of 90, and the Congress is hovering at 35-plus, but the vote share is closer, the BJP's 45.84 per cent to the Congress' 41.82 per cent. The imbalance in the number of seats compared to vote share is quite clear, but that is the discrepancy we have to learn to live with.

Also, it has been a battle between two dominant parties in each state, but it remains to be seen what the role of the local leader is. In Rajasthan and in Chhattisgarh, the Congress had a clear position as to who the leader is: Ashok Gehlot and Bhupesh Baghel respectively. In Madhya Pradesh, there was no clarity though Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Kamal Nath have remained the nominal leaders of their respective parties in the state. The BJP went into the polls in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh without a local leader in the forefront. It was clear at the same time that Prime Minister Modi was not the reason the party had won in these states. So, people vote in a way that stumps the best-laid plans of parties and their leaders. The people's choice remains inscrutable even as politicians and pundits look for the reasons of their victories and losses. In many ways, it is good for democracy that people in their unplanned and collective exercise of the vote, manage to keep everyone guessing, or even on tenterhooks.

It is but natural that the BJP will get into campaign mode enthused by the victories in the three states and with greater confidence. The BJP leaders, including Prime Minister Modi and home minister Amit Shah, have always been boastful in victory as well as in defeat. But the victories in the three states will increase their boastfulness. The Congress faces an uphill task of trying to make out how to regain its foothold in North India, which is the clinching factor in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. But the vote share shows that the Congress regains a quite bit of the ground, and it need not sink into despair. It remains a party to reckon with where it is a fight between the BJP and the Congress.

Though the BJP would want to shout from rooftops that the victories are an endorsement of its Hindu-first programme, and that the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya has swayed the sentiments of the people in its favour, the reasons are more mundane, if also more complicated. But the usual game in politics is details be damned, it is victory that matters and once victory is achieved, one can give it any name one wants to. Now that the BJP has won in the three Hindi-speaking states, it can attribute it to the Ram Mandir factor, which it may not have been.

The results in these Assembly elections cannot in any way be considered a precursor to the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Even if the BJP wins, and going by today's reckoning it looks a winner, it will not certainly be due to its victories in these Assembly elections. The Congress and INDIA, the Opposition conglomerate, have to look at the 2024 contest as a fresh round.

Complete Guideline for UPSC CSE 2024 Preparation to Clear Prelims Exam in First Attempt

By: Vijay GarG

UPSC CSE Prelims 2024: The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Civil Services Examination is one of the most competitive exams in India. Cracking the UPSC Prelims exam is the first step towards becoming an IAS, IPS, or IFS officer. While the exam is undoubtedly tough, it is not impossible to clear it in the first attempt.

Clearing the UPSC Prelims exam in the initial attempt requires a comprehensive and strategic approach that goes beyond mere memorisation. To navigate this challenging exam successfully, aspirants must begin with a thorough understanding of the exam pattern, which includes two objective-type papers: General Studies Paper I and General Studies Paper II (CSAT). Familiarity with the syllabus is paramount, as it encompasses a wide range of subjects, from history and geography to current affairs and aptitude. Aspirants should meticulously analyse previous years' question papers to discern patterns and trends, gaining insights into the examiner's expectations.

Next year, the UPSC is scheduled to conduct the CSE Prelims 2024 on May 26, 2024. Candidates who are preparing to appear for the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 2024 for the first time can check the 10 strategies that can help them achieve their goal;

1. Understand the syllabus and exam pattern thoroughly

The first step to clearing any exam is to understand the syllabus and exam pattern thoroughly. The UPSC Prelims syllabus is vast, covering a wide range of subjects, including history, geography, polity, economics, science, and current affairs. The exam pattern is objective, with multiple-choice questions (MCQs) from each subject.

2. Create a study plan and stick to it

Once you understand the syllabus and exam pattern, it is important to create a study plan that suits your learning style and schedule. Make sure to break down the syllabus into manageable chunks and allocate time for each subject accordingly. Stick to your study plan and avoid distractions.

3. Use NCERT textbooks

The NCERT textbooks are the best source of information for the UPSC Prelims. They are written in a simple and easy-to-understand language and cover all the important topics from the syllabus.

4. Supplement your NCERT reading with other standard textbooks and reference materials

While the NCERT textbooks are a great foundation, you may need to supplement your reading with other standard textbooks and reference materials. This is especially true for subjects like history and geography, where the NCERT textbooks may not cover all the details.

5. Stay updated with current affairs

Current affairs is an important part of the UPSC Prelims syllabus. Make sure to read a daily newspaper and watch the news regularly to stay updated on current events. You can also subscribe to a good current affairs magazine or website.

6. Practice solving previous years' question papers

One of the best ways to prepare for the UPSC Prelims is to practice solving previous years' question papers. This will help you get a feel for the type of questions that are asked and improve your time management skills.

7. Take mock tests regularly

Mock tests are a great way to assess your progress and identify areas where you need to improve. Take mock tests regularly and analyse your performance to make necessary changes to your study plan.

8. Develop a strong answer writing practice

Answer writing is an important part of the UPSC Mains exam. Make sure to practice writing answers to questions from previous years' papers and mock tests. You can also join an answer writing workshop or seek guidance from a mentor.

9. Stay positive and motivated

The UPSC Prelims is a tough exam, and it is easy to get discouraged. However, it is important to stay positive and motivated throughout your preparation. Remember that hard work and dedication will pay off in the end.

10. Believe in yourself

The most important thing to remember is to believe in yourself. You have the potential to clear the UPSC Prelims in your first attempt. All you need to do is put in the hard work and never give up on your dreams.

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CUJ faculty, students visit SMVDU

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 4: The School of Biotechnology and the School of Energy Management, SMVDU along with the Department of Environmental Sciences, Central University Jammu collaborated to organize a one day visit for the M.Sc. students and faculty from Department of Environmental Sciences to visit the various labs of the School of Biotechnology and the School of Energy Management, SMVDU.

The main objective of the visit was to provide a scientific platform to exchange the information on the research work being carried out in the two schools of SMVDU.

The students visited the Bioinformatics Facility, Plant Tissue Culture, Molecular Biology and Microbiology Research Labs, Central Mass Array facility and the ICMR funded Centre for Advanced Research at the School of Biotechnology.

Research Scholars from Biotechnology shared their knowledge with the students and explained about the various techniques and processes being carried out in their respective Labs.

Students were taken to specialized sections and got a chance to understand the functioning of all the latest and updated instruments regularly being used at SoBT, SMVDU.

The students showed their interests and actively participated in the visit.

The visiting faculty members from Central University, Jammu included Prof. Richa Kothari, Prof. Deepak Pathania, Dean (Research & Development) Prof. Sunil Dhar, Dean Life Sciences, Dr. Pankaj Mehta and Dr. Dinesh Kumar. Dr. Ratna Chandra, Head School of Biotechnology, Dr. VV Tyagi Dean (Research & Development) and Head School of Energy Management from SMVDU along with Prof. Richa Kothari, Head Department of Environmental Sciences, CUJ took the initiative in organizing the educational visit while Dr .Vinod Singh coordinated the event from SMVDU.

It was an interactive forum for exchange of new knowledge and opportunities for stimulating young minds. The faculty members also interacted with the Vice Chancellor, SMVDU, Prof. Pragati Kumar.

The Vice Chancellor appreciated the efforts of faculty members involved and emphasised on having more such collaborative events between the two universities.

Governor honours Dr. Anshu Kataria, Aryans Group of Colleges

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 4: Governor Haryana, Bandaru Dattatraya honored Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura near Chandigarh for his contributions towards Education sector and the services towards society.

Ranjit Singh Chautala, Minister of Power, Haryana was Guest of Honour. Jagan Bains, Rupesh Kumar, Naresh Jacob etc were present. Bollywood Singer Sadhna Sargam was celebrity guest while Punjabi Singer Mannat Noor was special guest.

On the occasion, a musical evening "The Legends" was organized by Vibrations to pay a tribute to Mukesh, Kishor Kumar, Mohd. Rahi & Lata Mangeshkar.

Sadhna Sargam sang Ram Stuti, Jab Koi Baat Bigad Jaye, Har kisi ko nahi milta etc and mesmerized all music lovers. Guest Singers from London, Sunil & Anju and Indian Idol fame Geeta Bhardwaj & Others gave many performances. The soulful and melodious voices of various artist, musicians from Chandigarh, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal, Gujrat, Uttar Pradesh enthralled audience with their performances.

Navigating Revised NEET UG 2024 Syllabus: Expert Guidance and Strategic Insights from Aakash BYJU'S

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 4: The recent revision of the NEET UG 2024 syllabus by the National Medical Commission (NMC) has generated a palpable mix of anticipation and concern among aspiring medical students.

As candidates gear up for these changes, Aakash BYJU'S, India's leader in test preparation services, has unveiled a comprehensive guide to aid students in navigating the transformed Revised NEET (UG) 2024 Syllabus.

Nabin Kaarki, National Academic Director - Medical, Aakash BYJU'S, emphasized the need to address the apprehensions faced by aspiring medical students amidst the evolving NEET UG 2024 syllabus. "In light of the changes, aspirants find themselves at a pivotal moment, necessitating astute adoption. The balance between reduced content and the intensity of competition makes it necessary for candidates to adopt a strategic blend of resource gathering and focused practice," he stated.

Kaarki further highlighted the importance of embracing this transformation, stating, "Success in this transformed landscape requires not only diligence but also a profound shift in approach. Aspirants must use trusted study materials, engage in rigorous practice, and assimilate the experience of experimental learning. The key lies in the synergy of old foundations and new insights, ensuring a comprehensive grasp of the revised syllabus. Anchoring oneself in a disciplined study routine while embracing the opportunities these changes present is essential."The revamped syllabus introduces notable alterations across various subjects, redefining the preparation landscape: Physics: • Class XII: "Experimental Skills" is the only new addition, with no deletions from the existing syllabus.• Class XI: "Physical World" has been removed, with no new topics included. Chemistry:

• Class XII: "Principles Related to Practical Chemistry" is newly included, while "The Solid State," "Surface Chemistry," "General Principles & Processes of Isolation of Elements," "Polymers," and "Chemistry in Everyday Life" have been deleted.

• Class XI: No new topic has been added, but "States of Matter: Gases & Liquids," "Hydrogen," "The S-Block Elements," and "Environmental Chemistry" are no longer there in the syllabus. Botany: • Class XII: "Biodiversity and Conservation (Sacred Groves)" is a new addition, while chapters such as "Reproduction in Organisms", "Strategies for Enhancement in Food Production", and "Environmental Issues" have been excluded. • Class XI: "Morphology of Flowering Plants" (Malvaceae, Cruciferae, Leguminosae, Compositae, Gramineae) is a new inclusion, whereas "Transport in Plants" and "Mineral Nutrition" have been removed.

Zoology: • Class XII: No new topics but deletions include "Reproduction in Organisms" and "Strategies for Enhancement in Food Production - Animal Husbandry." • Class XI: "Structural Organisation in Animals - Animal Morphology (Frog)" has been added, while "Digestion and Absorption" has been removed.

Department of Library and Information Science JU organises lecture on Empowering Youth

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 4: The Department of Library and Information Science organized lecture on "Youth Developing Mental Health Competencies."

The event is organized under the headship of Professor Sangita Gupta, showcasing the department's commitment to holistic education and well-being.

The Department of Library and Information Science is hosting a special lecture aimed at addressing the critical issue of mental health among youth. This event aligns with the department's vision of fostering not only intellectual growth but also the overall well-being of its students.

Saloni Priya, Founder and Director of Umeed Counselling and Consulting Services, a distinguished expert in the field of mental health and well-being, shared valuable insights, strategies, and practical tips on how young individuals can develop and maintain mental health competencies.

The lecture covered topics such as stress management, resilience building, and the importance of mental well-being for academic and personal success. Professor Sangita Gupta, the head of the Department of Library and Information Science, expressed her enthusiasm for the event, stating ways to nurture not only knowledgeable professionals but well-rounded individuals. Mental health is a crucial aspect of a student's life, and this lecture is a step towards providing our students with the tools they need to navigate the challenges they may face.

The lecture was attended by all the students, faculty members, and scholars. The Programme was moderated by Dr. P. Singh, senior assistant professor.

Sham Lal lauds BJP's dominance in state elections

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 4: The recent landslide victories by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh have been hailed as a turning point, setting the stage for a firm trajectory for the 2024 general elections.

Anti Crime Bureau NGO Chairman Sham Lal Gupta said the victory resonates as a testament to the indispensable leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is leading India to prosperity in various aspects of development.

Gupta, in his reflection on the electoral successes, underlined the unwavering support shown by the public, decisively rejecting divisive politics.

He emphasized the public's dislike for the Congress Party's direct attacks on Sanatan Dharma and said that these responses have strengthened the BJP's resolve to work tirelessly for the welfare of the people.

According to Gupta, this strong support is propelling India towards global recognition as an economic superpower rooted in its cultural ethos.

The easy victories in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh were attributed to voters preferring a developmental agenda over divisive rhetoric. Gupta highlighted the voters' desire for progress and their clear rejection of Congress' narratives.

The spectacular election results strongly indicate the country's inclination towards development, rejecting any politics rooted in hostility or division.

Drawing attention to the remarkable individual performances in Chhattisgarh, Gupta underlined the importance of these state elections as an important precursor to the impending Lok Sabha elections in 2024.

He reiterated that this victory testifies to the pro-people policies of the Narendra Modi-led government. , ensuring that welfare schemes designed for the underprivileged are reaching them effectively.

In light of the evolving political landscape, Gupta's insights reflect a prevailing sentiment that sees Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership as crucial for India to realize its full potential and emerge as a formidable global force.

The BJP now stands as the leading contender for the impending 2024 elections, bolstered by its recent electoral victories and a platform focused on progress, unity and inclusive growth.

The platform is unquestionably set for a significant political transformation, with the BJP's track record and commitment to national welfare standing as the cornerstone, allowing the party to lead India into a new era of growth, progress and global recognition.

The strong mandate expressed by the people in these states serves as a clarion call for a future of progress, development and unity under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Ahmad Taha clinches gold in 11th National Pencak Silat Championship

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 4: In a thrilling showcase of talent and determination, Ahmad Taha Masoody emerged as the shining star at the 11th Pre Teen, Sub Junior, and Junior National Pencak Silat Championship held at Patliputra Stadium in Patna, Bihar.

The event, which took place from November 23rd to 26th, 2023, witnessed the participation of around 1400 players from all corners of India, each vying for glory in this prestigious martial arts competition.

The atmosphere at Patliputra Stadium was electric as participants demonstrated their prowess in the traditional Indonesian martial art of Pencak Silat. The competition featured intense bouts, breathtaking maneuvers, and a true celebration of the sport's rich heritage.

Ahmad Taha Masoody, with unparalleled skill and dedication, secured the gold medal in a remarkable fashion. Competing in the sub-junior categorie, Masoody displayed a level of proficiency that set him apart from his peers. His exceptional performance not only earned him the admiration of the audience but also marked him as the standout athlete of the championship.

The 11th National Pencak Silat Championship proved to be a platform for the nation's budding talents to showcase their mettle. The participants exhibited a high level of skill, reflecting the rigorous training and commitment they had invested in mastering this ancient martial art.

The competition not only served as a battleground for individual excellence but also highlighted the camaraderie among participants.

Ahmad Taha Masoody's triumph in scoring the highest among pre-teen, sub-junior, and junior players is a testament to his dedication, perseverance, and exceptional talent. His victory will undoubtedly inspire aspiring martial artists across the nation, setting a benchmark for excellence in Pencak Silat.

As the curtains fell on the 11th National Pencak Silat Championship, the memories of spirited competitions and extraordinary performances will resonate in the hearts of participants and spectators alike. Ahmad Taha Masoody's gold medal achievement will be etched in the annals of Indian Pencak Silat, serving as a source of inspiration for generations to come.

KC College of Education observes Wildlife Conservation Day

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 4: A theme based collage making activity was held KC College of Education on the occasion of Wildlife Conservation Day .

The activity was planned and executed by the Environmental Club of the college. The theme of the activity was "Conservation of Wildlife". A good number of the members of the club (students of semester 3rd) participated in the event wherein they highlighted the importance of different forms of wildlife and protection and conservation of the natural ecosystems and their inhabitants.

Participants displayed their creativity through posters made by them.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal of the college, Dr. Sanjay Tickoo appreciated the talent of the participants and lauded the efforts of the College Environmental Club for promoting awareness through such activities.

Convenor of the Club, Dr. Puja Sharma convened the whole event.

Face of the future

Have you ever imagined your favourite Hollywood celebrities or movie characters as guests at an Indian wedding or as historical figures? If not, here's a sneak peek into the world of AI-generated images that can make it happen

Mukesh Ambani, whose last name is synonymous with wealth in India, cuts a destitute figure, as he poses for a photo in an oversized t-shirt streaked with dirt and a pair of trousers. Former US President Donald Trump appears slovenly in a shabby tank top in marked contrast to his usual dapper suit-and-tie look. Mercurial billionaire and X addict-cum-owner Elon Musk looks too hard up to even afford a phone as he poses in a soiled t-shirt in the middle of a slum. These viral AI-generated images created by Mumbai-based artist Gokul Pillai, depicting Musk, Ambani and others as penniless Joes, are among the many images that kicked up a storm on social media platforms this year.

Unless you have been living under a rock, you must have stumbled upon some AI-generated images reimagining your favourite Hollywood celebrities or movie characters as guests at an Indian wedding or as historical figures. "People love fantasies. The human race has always loved dreaming," opines Manoj More, 30, a designer and animator based in Mumbai.

"I don't think some AI software alone can deliver… You need to have the core skills required in the creative industry. And, importantly, you should have the taste and aesthetics to stand out," believes More, who uses tools like Midjourney, Dall-E and Stable Diffusion.

Earlier this year, Omre left Potterheads in splits when he created images depicting Harry Potter characters like Hermione Granger, Snape, Hagrid and You-Know-Who, among others, as Sabyasachi models. Ask him what prompted him to do so, and pat comes his reply, "It is one of my favourite movie series. I grew up on it and always wondered why there was no Indian version of it! I know we usually ruin the classics, but we still want to see and imagine."

The first series Omre created was on Van Gogh in which he showed the artist living the life that he 'deserved'.

Familiar figures

"Images reimagining public figures or famous characters get a lot of traction because they tap into our shared fascination with familiar figures. Seeing those figures in a different light sparks our curiosity," feels 22-year-old Divyansh Soni, a BTech (CSE) graduate and freelance AI artist.

"It also demonstrates the ability of AI to create visually striking content. Besides, such images carry a layer of social or cultural commentary, which adds depth to the creative endeavour and prompts a conversation," he points out.

Soni follows other AI artists, like Pillai and Prateek Arora. He says he draws his inspiration from regular tidings, TV shows and movies. He shares, "My creative journey revolves around crafting sci-fi, horror and futuristic visuals rooted in Indian culture. My work caters to Indo-futurism enthusiasts and those who enjoy different possibilities with AI." He once gave the Bollywood film Gangs of Wasseypur a sci-fi twist! More recently, he created images showing world leaders here for the G20 summit enjoying their stay in India. Biden is seen enjoying street food at Chandni Chowk, while Canadian premier Justin Trudeau looks the part in Indian attire as he explores Jama Masjid. Even Vladimir Putin could be seen posing for a photo with a group of Delhi University students.

Fantasy zone

Climate activist Greta Thunberg and notorious edgelord Andrew Tate might not see eye-to-eye in the real world, but they could be seen posing together like tourist buddies in an image from a Friendship Day series created by Arambagh-based visual artist Sahid SK. While the war between Russia and Ukraine rages on in the real world, in another image, one can at least see Putin and his Ukrainian counterpart, Zelenskyy, beaming from ear-to-ear like long-lost childhood friends, as if they had buried the hatchet.

"I have always advocated for peace," says Sahid, who also draws from the wellspring of fantasies and parallel universes, when asked what drove him to create those images. "In future, significant changes and innovations in the field of AI will be seen," he says.

Flip side

While images reimagining public figures and characters have caught our fancy, they have also renewed concerns about the possible misuse of the technology. Just before Donald Trump was about to be arrested earlier this year, some AI-generated images of the former Commander-in-Chief being tackled by some armed-to-the-teeth cops caused a stir on social media. Another case in point is that of Pope Francis, who could be seen donning a puffer jacket in a fake image that made waves on the Internet. The wrestlers' protest came under a cloud when a morphed image of grapplers Vinesh and Sangeeta Phogat victoriously grinning upon being detained by the Delhi police started doing the rounds on social networking sites. The technology is not only being used for harmless fun and entertainment, but also to peddle false narratives and misinformation.

In this day and age, when most attention-deficit social media users don't deign to zero in on the details of an image, concerns persist about AI blurring the ever-thinning line between real and fake.

Serbian singer Teya Dor's song Moye Moye has lit up the imagination of meme-makers

Over 58 million views and every other meme, the virtual world is going gaga over Serbian singer-songwriter Teya Dor's Moye Moye. About eight-month-old, the song recently caught the fancy of meme-makers. Earlier 'just looking like a wow' trend caught netizens' attention.

Moye Moye, pronounced as Moye Moray, is a Serbian song that goes by the official name of Džanum. It roughly translates to 'my my' or 'nightmare', runs on the theme of despair and talks of unrealised dreams. The three-minute song has an irresistible beat and the repetitive phrase has made it win hearts. While the song has its fair share of takers, the ongoing meme-fest that trivialises handicap or life's challenges, hasn't been seen in good light.

Celebs are grooving to the beats. Actor Angad Hasija, says "The Moye Moye trend has stormed social media, with memes and videos on Instagram. I want to clarify that the correct pronunciation is 'moye moray,' but the hashtag goes with 'moye moye' for its catchy vibe and irresistible beat." He is thrilled to witness the Serbian melody lighting up social media. "From Instagram to Facebook to YouTube, the infectious beats have ignited a global trend. The song's success lies in its simplicity — easy, repetitive lyrics that everyone can lip-sync to, and a catchy melody that has truly taken over. Although the song may not delve into profound themes, it carries some meaning. The song conveys the story of an unfulfilled soul yearning for hope in the future. I would request everyone to explore the theme of the song before creating content," he added.

Dancer-actress Ivanka Das too is bombarded with Moye Moye videos and memes. She shares, "I would request people to research about the song's theme first and then make content accordingly."

For actress-singer Diljott, Moye Moye stands for a longing of support system needed in one's desperate times. "Moye Moye by Teya Dora is catchy and people are making videos according to their own perspective. Besides entertainment, the human mind's search for hope and solace is the key for anything like this to become a meme-fest," she says.

Ayushmann sings Moye Moye

Actor Ayushmann Khurrana is the latest to jump on the Moye Moye bandwagon. Taking to Instagram, he reshared a video from his recent concert in which he could be seen performing Bari Barsi live in front of the audience to which he gave an interesting twist at the end. He started singing Moye Moye, which left his fans hooting for the actor. The clip has gone viral. After singing Moye Moye, Ayushmann jokingly said, "Trend banane ke liye nahi, gaana gaane ke liye aaye hain yaha pe." A few days back, Shraddha Kapoor also hopped on to the viral trend, as she posted a picture with her pet dog on Instagram. She captioned the post, "Moye Moye coz I goye for shoot tomorrow and I will miss my little boye."

Singer Cher is 'the least diva-like person'

Singer Cher claims that despite her years in the spotlight, she has never been demanding or difficult to work with and such antics don't make sense' to her.

"Don't be ridiculous, I am the least diva-like person. That (behaviour) does not make sense to me," she told talk show host Graham Norton when asked if she is a diva.

The Believe singer is currently promoting her festive album Christmas but said she's barely listened to the record because she isn't a "huge Cher fan". Asked if she listens to her own music, she said, "Not really. I listened to it until I was sure it was right, but I am not a huge Cher fan!"

However, she did acknowledge the album is "good."

Meanwhile, Cher is finding it "very hard" to cast someone in her biopic.

'Animal': This is why Ranbir Kapoor cut his Rs 70 crore fee by 50 per cent. In a notable difference Bobby Deol got Rs 4-5 crore

Actor Ranbir Kapoor has reduced his fee for his film 'Animal' by 50 per cent to have a share in profits, as per reports.

Earlier, Pinkvilla had reported that Ranbir Kapoor is charging an upfront fee of Rs 30-35 crore for 'Animal'. Also, he will share the film's profits.

Ranbir Kapoor is valued at Rs 70 crore per film in the current market.

In a gesture of support for Animal's producers, Kapoor reputedly reduced his acting fees by more than 50 per cent.

As per a report by Financial Express, Bobby Deol, received Rs 4-5 crore, while Rashmika Mandanna received Rs 4 crore,

and Anil Kapoor received Rs 2 crore.

Meanwhile, Bobby in an interview to agency said: "It's not the length of the role, it is the kind of the character, which has so much substance. I wish I had more scenes but when I signed the film, I knew this is what I had.

At that point in my life, I was grateful to god that I was given this chance to play this role by Sandeep. I knew I had only 15 days of work and wouldn't be there throughout the film. I was sure people would notice me, but I never realised that there will be so much love, appreciation and affection. It's like wow! It's amazing," adding that, "People have loved the character so much that there should be a spin-off. It is so encouraging that people appreciate your work and they want to see more of you, playing that character. It feels good."

Happy in her space: Anupama Solanki

Actress Anupama Solanki feels honoured to be a TV actress because people are influenced by the medium. "Sometimes people love us and sometimes they hate us too because of the characters we play.

I feel fortunate that we influence the world and it's a big opportunity and responsibility to guide our society. I have been addicted to TV dramas since childhood, so I have observed the industry very closely," she says.

"I did not belong to 90's TV shows, but later I saw lots of them, including Nukkad natak, Chandrakanta, Ramanyana, Mahabharata, Dekh Bhai Dekh and Byomkesh Bakshi. These were truly admirable," she says.

Anupama watches TV every day for two hours, engages in 30 minutes of YouTube and spends one hour on social media. About the two things she admires about the TV industry, she says, "There is no vulgar content and the second thing is you become rich working here!"

Alia Bhatt to join 'in-Conversation' at Red Sea Film Festival

Actor Alia Bhatt is all set to join the 'In-Conversation' sidebar section, alongside Hollywood celebs like Halle Berry and Gwyneth Paltrow, at the third edition of Red Sea International Film Festival in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, as per Deadline, a US-based media outlet.

They join previously announced attendees such as Ranveer Singh, Katrina Kaif, Yasmine Sabri, Will Smith, Bollywood legend Karan Johar, and Baz Lurhmann, the head of this year's competition jury at Red Sea.

As per Deadline, Mohammed Al-Turki, CEO of the Red Sea

International Film, Festival earlier said, "The In Conversation line-up this year has some of the most iconic names in entertainment from across the globe, who are each trailblazers in their fields."

"They are converging on Jeddah to give festival-goers an insight into their work and inspiration - from multi-hyphenate creators who fire our imaginations to actors who light up our screens bringing stories to life - we can't wait to welcome this group to join us at Red Sea IFF 2023," he added.

Meanwhile, on the film front, Alia will be next seen in director Vasan Bala's upcoming film 'Jigra'.

The film is all set to hit the theatres on September 27, 2024.

Apart from that, she also has director Farhan Akhtar's next 'Jee Le Zaraa' alongside Priyanka Chopra and Katrina Kaif in her kitty.

Take lesson from this defeat and shun negativity: PM Modi to Opposition after BJP wins in 3 states

Says when there's good governance, anti-incumbency becomes irrelevant

NEW DELHI, Dec 4 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said that when there is good governance and commitment towards delivering on promises and welfare measures, then anti-incumbency becomes irrelevant.

Addressing the media outside the new Parliament building on the first day of winter session, Modi said that the results, which came out on Sunday (where the BJP won in three major states of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh), were encouraging.

"The results were encouraging for those who are committed to the welfare of women, youth, poor and farmers of the country.

Those who work for the betterment of these four communities and for ensuring the last mile delivery of benefits for them, get support. Then anti-incumbency becomes irrelevant. Some may call it pro-incumbency or good governance or transparency, but it is being felt on the ground," Modi said.

Modi also took a light hearted jibe, quipping that while winters are slow to sent in, political heat is rising quite rapidly.

Commenting on the opposition, the prime minister said, "The country has rejected negativity. This is a golden opportunity for my friends in the opposition. Rather than venting out their anger of defeat (in assembly elections), they should take lessons from this defeat and shun the idea of negativity that has been there since last nine years and approach the session with positivity. The nation will also change its point of view towards them (opposition), " adding that, "don't vent anger over poll losses on Parliament."

AAP MP Raghav Chadha's suspension revoked by Rajya Sabha Chairman

NEW DELHI, Dec 4 (Agencies): Aam Aadmi Party MP Raghav Chadha's suspension was revoked by Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar on Monday on the motion moved by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP GVL Narasimha Rao.

The BJP MP, in the Rajya Sabha, said that the suspension suffered by the AAP MP so far be taken as "sufficient punishment" and that the House may consider discontinuation of suspension of Raghav Chadha from today.

AAP MP Raghav Chadha reacted on the revocation of his suspension from Parliament and expressed his happiness over the decision and thanked the Supreme Court and Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar.

"During these 115 days of suspension, I received a lot of love and blessings from you people. You all gave me the courage to fight in my struggle," the AAP MP said.

The AAP leader was indefinitely suspended from Parliament on August 11 over allegations of not seeking permission from some MPs before deciding to include them in a proposed select committee to examine the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

Mayawati expresses apprehension over results of assembly elections, calls them contrary to public sentiments

NEW DELHI, Dec 4 (Agencies): BSP supremo Mayawati on Monday expressed apprehensions over the outcome of the assembly elections in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh as well as Telangana, saying that it was hard to believe how the results could be in favour of one party and quite contrary to sentiments prevailing on the ground.

She called for serious introspection and solution to this "mysterious issue" and added that failure to guage people's mood is a new topic of political debate.

In a series of posts on X, she said that the results of the assembly elections held in four states have left everybody wondering as to how they could be in favour of one particular party.

It is natural for everybody to feel sus-

picious and surprised, because the strange results are contrary to what the ground realty prevailed during the run up to the polls, where in many states close contests could be seen and the outcomes have been one-sided, Mayawati quipped.

BJP swept the assembly polls in major Hindi speaking states of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh while Congress won in Telangana.

Congress in 'striking distance' of BJP in terms of vote share: Ramesh on Assembly poll results

NEW DELHI, Dec 4 (Agencies): The Congress on Monday said its performance in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh was disappointing but it was within "striking distance" of the BJP going by the vote share.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said the good vote share of the party in these states is a reason for hope and revival.

"It is true that the performance of the Indian National Congress in Chhattisgarh, Madhya

Pradesh and Rajasthan was disappointing and far below our own expectations.

"But the vote shares tell a story of a Congress that is not very behind the BJP—in fact, it is within striking distance. This is the reason for hope and revival," Ramesh said in a post on X.

Giving details, he said in Chhattisgarh while the BJP's vote share was 46.3 per cent, that of the Congress was 42.2 per cent.

In Madhya Pradesh, he said the BJP had a vote share of 48.6 per cent while the Congress had 40.4 per cent.

In Rajasthan, Ramesh said while the BJP had 41.7 per cent vote share, the Congress had 39.5 per cent.

He also posted the tagline of opposition bloc INDIA, which plans to take on the BJP unitedly in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections on X -- "Judega Bharat, Jeetega INDIA".

The BJP swept Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh on Sunday inflicting a resounding defeat on the Congress to tighten its stranglehold in the Hindi heartland.

The Congress ousted the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) in Telangana to make it 3-1 for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the latest round of Assembly elections billed as a semi-final before next year's poll showdown.

8-Year-Old Girl Killed In Leopard Attack In UP's Balrampur

BALRAMPUR, Dec 4 (Agencies): A leopard abducted an eight-year-old girl and left behind her mutilated body near the Suhelwa forest of Bhagwanpur Kodar village, a forest official said on Monday.

District Magistrate Arvind Kumar Singh sent SDM Tulsipur and a Forest Department team to the spot and ordered the capture of the leopard.

Chandra Prakash's daughter Anushka had gone out to play in the village that comes under the Pachperwa development block on Sunday when the leopard, hiding in the bushes, took her away.

Their attention drawn by scream-

ing children, the villagers tried to catch up with the beast but it disappeared with the child, Forest department's Sub Divisional Officer Manoj Kumar said.

The girl's mutilated body was found during a search by the forest department.

The DM said that instructions have been given to set up cages and the family will be compensated for the loss after the post mortem.

Divisional Forest Officer Dr Sam Maran M said the department is searching for the leopard with the help of villagers in and around the sugarcane fields and has been installing cameras to trap the animal.

In the last one month, five people, including two girls, have been killed in leopard attacks in the area.

Four teams, composed of experts from Jaunpur, Siddharthnagar, and Barabanki, are constantly visiting villages, but the big cat remains at large.

Man Who Posed As Gujarat Official And Escaped From Court, Arrested Again

VADODARA, Dec 4 (Agencies): A man, who escaped from police custody after being arrested for posing as an official of the Gujarat chief minister's office and raping a woman, was apprehended near the Assam-Mizoram border, police said on Monday.

The police arrested the accused conman Viraj Patel from near the Assam-Mizoram border and brought him to Vadodara on Monday, an official said.

According to the police, Patel had managed to dodge a police official and escape from the premises of a court here when he was being produced before a judge on November 10.

He was arrested in April on the charges of cheating, forgery, rape and pretending to hold any particular office as a public servant and was lodged at Vadodara central jail as an undertrial, he said.

He had allegedly posed as an official from the CMO and president of the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City), he said.

A police sub-inspector and a constable were suspended after Patel escaped custody, and the city crime branch formed teams to apprehend him, the official said.

As per a statement issued by the Vadodara crime branch, officials scanned around 500 CCTV footage, used technical surveillance and human intelligence and covered a distance of around 7,000 km to trace the accused to the northeastern states, from where he was trying to cross the international border.

After fleeing Gujarat, Patel ended up in Chhattisgarh, from where he travelled to Bihar, Assam, and Tripura and was found to be hiding somewhere in Assam and Mizoram, it stated.

"After locating the accused in Tripura, Assam and Mizoram, the crime branch formed teams to keep a watch as he constantly changed his hideout.

The police managed to track him down somewhere along the Assam-Mizoram border, arrested and brought him back to Vadodara," the police said.

The accused is a history-sheeter who has cases of theft and cheating to his name in police stations in Ahmedabad.

He was arrested in Vadodara for raping and cheating a woman and using fake identity cards, it said.

Bill to establish Central Tribal University in Telangana introduced in Lok Sabha

NEW DELHI, Dec 4 (Agencies): The Central Universities (Amendment) Bill 2023 was introduced in the Lok Sabha on the first day of the winter session of the Parliament.

In October, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave its approval for the introduction of the Bill in the Parliament, a Bill to amend the Central Universities Act, 2009, for setting up of Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University at Mulugu District in Telangana.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda said that the new university will create additional capacity and will strive to remove regional imbalances.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs said, "There would be provision of funds of Rs 889.07 crore. The new university will not only increase access and improve the quality of higher education in the State but also promote avenues of higher education and advance knowledge by providing instructional and research facilities in tribal art, culture and traditional knowledge system for the benefit of the tribal population in the State.

This new university will also create additional capacity and will strive to remove regional imbalances."

Cyclone Michaung: Heavy rain pours misery in Chennai; leaves roads inundated, airport runway flooded

Chennai airport operations suspended from 9.40 am to 11 pm

CHENNAI, Dec 4 (Agencies): Life was thrown out of gear in Chennai and its neighbouring districts on Monday as relentless rain pounded various parts leading to inundation, raising fears of a repeat of 2015 deluge.

People were seen scampering to buy and refill supplies and essential items with drinking water being on high demand. There was no let-up in the downpour that led to power outages and internet disruption.

Cyclonic storm Michaung, which is likely to cross the coast in Andhra Pradesh on the forenoon of Tuesday lay near Chennai and Puducherry, bringing heavy rain.

The name 'Michaung' was suggested by Myanmar. It means strength or resilience.

Transport services took a severe hit as number of trains and flights were cancelled. Heavily inundated roads posed a challenge to road users who were few and far.

Many parts of the state capital and the adjoining districts of Kancheepuram, Chengalpet and Tiruvallur came under sheets of water even as the government machinery was deployed to clear the stagnant water and inundation.

In its latest update, the weather office said the rains were likely to continue in these districts till late on Monday.

"Cyclonic storm "MICHAUNG centered over the west central and adjoining southwest Bay of Bengal off

south Andhra Pradesh and adjoining North Tamil Nadu coasts moved northwestwards at a speed of 8 KMPH, intensified into a Severe Cyclonic Storm over the same region on December 4. It is likely to move nearly northwards almost parallel and close to south Andhra Pradesh coast and and cross etween Nellore and Machilipatnam (AP) during forenoon of December 5 as a Severe Cyclonic Storm," an update from the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said.

In Chennai, cabinet ministers Udhayanidhi Stalin and Ma Subramanian visited the affected areas and oversaw the relief activities.

Chennai airport operations were suspended from 9.40 am to 11 pm. As many as 70 flights arriving to and departing from the airport were cancelled owing to nonstop rains. The runway and tarmac also remain shut due to waterlogging, the Airport Authority of India said.

Rail and air services suffered cancellation and delays.

"In view of water flowing above danger level, the bridge no.14 between Basin bridge and Vyasarpadi has been suspended on account of safety reasons," and six trains originating from the Dr.MGR Chennai Central to destinations including Coimbatore and Mysuru were cancelled on Monday morning, the Southern Railway said, adding full refund shall be granted to all passengers of the above trains.

According to airport officials, 12 domestic outbound services, including to destinations like Ahmedabad and Thiruvananthapuram were cancelled. Four international services, including to Dubai and Sri Lanka were cancelled by a private carrier.

Three arriving international services were diverted to Bengaluru.

As many as 14 subways in the city have been closed due to inundation, the city police said.

In 11 places, uprooted trees were removed.

Meanwhile, Additional Chief Secretary, Environment Climate Change and Forests, Tamil Nadu government, Supriya Sahu reacted to a viral video of a crocodile crossing a road in suburban Perungulathur area during heavy rains in Chennai.

In a post on X, she said, "Many are tweeting about this video. There are a few mugger crocodiles in several of the water bodies in Chennai. These are shy elusive animals and avoid human contact. This one has come out as the water has overflown due to massive rains under the impact of #CycloneMichuang please do not go close to water bodies.""There is no possibility of harm to humans IF these animals are left alone & UNPROVOKED. No need to panic. Wildlife division has been alerted and they are on the job to avoid any untoward incident #cyclonemichaung #Cyclone #Michaung #ChennaiRains."

At Velachery in the city, a portion of land reportedly gave way, leading to a deep pit and some people were trapped.

Also, a building in the locality caved in trapping some workers. Two people have been rescued and admitted to the hospital, police said without sharing further details.

The Industries Department has set up a help desk for providing information and assistance to small and medium enterprises.

"SIPCOT is continuously monitoring and clearing hurdles within the industrial parks located in affected districts using patrol teams," an official said.

Biden's allies in Senate demand that Israel limit civilian deaths in Gaza as Congress debates US aid

Some Republicans are balking at the part of the bill that provides funding for Ukraine's war against Russia

WASHINGTON, Dec 4 (Agencies): As a cease-fire ticked down last week and Israel prepared to resume its round-the-clock airstrikes, Sen Bernie Sanders and a robust group of Democratic senators had a message for their president, they were done "asking nicely" for Israel to do more to reduce civilian casualties in Gaza.

Lawmakers warned President Joe Biden's national security team that planned US aid to Israel must be met with assurances of concrete steps from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's hard-right government.

"The truth is that if asking nicely worked, we wouldn't be in the position we are today," Sanders of Vermont said in a floor speech. It was time for the US to use its "substantial leverage" with its ally, Sanders said.

"And we all know what that leverage is," he said, adding, "the blank-check approach must end."

With Biden's request for a nearly $106 billion aid package for Ukraine, Israel and other national security needs hanging in the balance, the senators' tougher line on Israel has gotten the White House's attention, and that of Israel.

Lawmakers of both parties for decades have embraced the US role as Israel's top protector, and it's all but inconceivable that they would vote down the wartime aid. The Democratic lawmakers are adamant that's not their intent, as strong supporters of Israel's right of self-defence against Hamas. But just the fact that pressure is building — including from mainstream lawmakers, supporters of the Democratic president — shows the fractures in Congress as the aid debate drags on.

Sanders and the Democratic senators involved say they are firm in their stand that Israel's military must adopt substantive measures to lessen civilian deaths in Gaza as part of receiving the supplement $14.3 billion in US aid for Israel's war.

The warning from friendly Democrats is a complication for the White House as it faces what had already been a challenging task of getting the supplement aid bill through Congress. Some Republicans are balking at the part of the bill that provides funding for Ukraine's war against Russia, and the funding for Israel was supposed to be the easy part.

The demand is a warning of more trouble ahead for an Israeli government that's often at odds with the US in its treatment of Palestinians.

"There's a big difference between asking and getting a commitment" from Netanyahu's government on a plan to reduce civilian casualties and improve living conditions in Gaza, Maryland Democratic Sen Chris Van Hollen said. Van Hollen has been one of the key senators huddling with administration officials on the demands.

"So our goal is to achieve results," Van Hollen said. "And not just set expectations." Following the senators' warning, the Biden administration has upped its own demands to Israel since late last week, insisting publicly for the first time that Israeli leaders not just hear out US demands to ease civilian suffering in Gaza, but agree to them.

Over the weekend, as an end to the cease-fire brought the return of Israeli bombardment and Hamas rocket strikes, the Israeli military said it had begun using one measure directed by the Biden administration: an online map of Gaza neighbourhoods to tell civilians which crowded streets, neighbourhoods, and communities to evacuate before an Israeli attack.

Heavy bombardment followed the evacuation orders, and Palestinians in the Gaza Strip said they were running out of places to go in the sealed-off territory. Many of its 2.3 million people are crammed into the south after Israel ordered civilians to leave the north in the early days of the war, which was sparked by the October 7 Hamas-led attack in Israel that killed about 1,200 people, mostly civilians.

The health ministry in Hamas-run Gaza says more than 15,500 Palestinians have been killed, with 70% of them being women and children.

China says a US Navy ship 'illegally intruded' into waters in the South China Sea

BEIJING, Dec 4 (Agencies): The Chinese military said that an American naval ship had "illegally intruded" on Monday into waters near the Second Thomas Shoal, the site of a hot territorial dispute between China and the Philippines in the South China Sea.

A Chinese naval force was mobilized to track the USS Gabrielle Giffords during the operation, according to a statement from the People's Liberation Army Southern Theater. The US Navy did not respond immediately to a request for comment.

Chinese and Philippine naval and coast guard ships have confronted each other repeatedly around the Second Thomas Shoal in recent months as China tries to prevent the Philippines from resupplying and repairing a rusting warship that it intentionally ran aground in 1999 to serve as a military outpost.

Dwarfed by China's military might, the Philippines has sought America's help, agreeing to an expansion of the US military presence in the country earlier this year and launching joint sea and air patrols with the US late last month.

China says the US is meddling in waters far from its shores and renewed its accusation that America is the one raising regional tensions following the sailing of the USS Giffords, a littoral combat ship designed to operate in coastal areas, near Second Thomas Shoal.

"The US deliberately disrupted the situation in the South China Sea, seriously violated China's sovereignty and security, seriously undermined regional peace and stability, and seriously violated international law and basic norms governing international relations, fully demonstrating that the US is the biggest threat to peace and stability in the South China Sea," the statement from the Chinese military's Southern Theater said.

China has staked claim to virtually all of the reefs and other outcroppings in the South China Sea, building some into islands with runways that could be used by the military. Vietnam, Malaysia, Taiwan and Brunei also say they are the rightful owners of territory in the same waters in a complex web of overlapping claims.

Eleven climbers killed as Indonesia's Marapi volcano erupts

Search to find 12 more missing temporarily halted over safety concerns

JAKARTA, Dec 4 (Agencies): Eleven climbers were found dead in Indonesia on Monday following the eruption of the Marapi volcano in West Sumatra, a rescue official said, as a search to find 12 more missing was temporarily halted over safety concerns.

Three survivors were found on Monday along with the bodies of the 11 climbers, among 75 in the area at the time of Sunday's eruption, said Jodi Haryawan, spokesperson for the search and rescue team.

The 2,891 metre (9,485 ft) high volcano spewed ash as high as 3 km into the sky on Sunday.

Authorities raised the alert to the second-highest level and prohibited residents from going within 3 km of the crater.

Video footage showed a huge cloud of volcanic ash spread widely across the sky and cars and roads covered with ash.

A small eruption on Monday prompted the search to be suspended, Jodi said.

"It's too dangerous if we continue searching now," he said.

There were 49 climbers evacuated from the area earlier Monday and many were being treated for burns, he said.

Marapi is one of the most-active volcanoes on Sumatra island and its most deadly eruption was in April 1979, when 60 people died.

This year, it erupted between January and February and was spewing ash around 75 metres-1,000 metres from the peak.

Indonesia sits on the Pacific's so-called "Ring of Fire" and has 127 active volcanoes, according to the volcanology agency.

Philippines identifies suspects after bombing at Sunday Mass

Police say at least 1 suspect linked to militant group

MANILA, Dec 4 (Agencies): Philippine police have identified at least two suspects in the bombing of a Catholic Mass that killed four people, a regional police chief said on Monday, vowing to hunt down those behind the blast, which was claimed by Islamic State militants.

The bomb went off on Sunday during a service at a university gymnasium in Marawi, a city left in ruins in 2017 by a five-month military campaign to end a bloody occupation by Islamic State loyalists that had triggered alarm across Asia.

"(We have persons) of interest, but the investigation is still ongoing. In order not to preempt the investigation, we will not divulge the names," regional police chief Allan Nobleza told GMA News, adding that one of the suspects was linked to a local militant group.

The United States condemned what it called a "horrific terrorist attack" and said it stood with Filipinos in rejecting violence, joining a chorus of support from countries that include Japan, Australia, Britain, China and Canada.

"We mourn those killed in the attack, and our thoughts are with the injured," State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller said in a statement.

Islamic State militants claimed responsibility for Sunday's bombing at Mindanao State University, shortly after Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr said "foreign terrorists" were responsible.

Marawi is in an area known as Bangsamoro, an underdeveloped Muslim region in the predominantly Catholic Philippines, that has for decades battled with lawlessness, separatist violence and clan conflicts, prompting concern that it could become fertile ground for extremism.

Military chief Romeo Brawner on Sunday said he suspected the bombing could be a retaliatory attack as it had followed operations against local extremist groups in the southern region of Mindanao.

The military recently said it had killed a senior operative from Abu Sayyaf, a group notorious for kidnapping and piracy that has aligned itself with the Islamic State.

Abu Sayyaf's late leader, Isnilon Hapilon, was Islamic States anointed 'emir' in southeast Asia and mastermind of the 2017 occupation of Marawi, which led to the deaths of more than 1,000 people during a five-month war, among the fighters from multiple countries. Hapilon was killed by a sniper.

The military said it had also conducted two operations in Mindanao on Friday and Sunday against Dawlah Islamiya-Maute, a group that joined Hapilon in taking over Marawi in 2017, seeking to turn it into a southeast Asian "wilayat" – or governorate –for Islamic State.

Xerxes Trinidad, a spokesperson for the military, said it was aware of Islamic State's claim of and responsibility and was trying to validate it.

Of the 54 who were wounded in the bombing, Trinidad said only seven remained in hospital.

Classes resumed in Marawi on Monday, but with tighter security.

"Though saddened by the explosion, we have to go back to normalcy and address this tragic incident," Marawi Mayor Majul Gandamra told DWPM radio station.

Former Pak PM Imran Khan, ex-Foreign Minister Qureshi to be indicted in cipher case again on Dec 12

ISLAMABAD, Dec 4 (Agencies): A special court here ruled on Monday that jailed former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan and ex-foreign minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi would be indicted again on December 12 in the cipher case for allegedly leaking a diplomatic cable.

The in-prison hearing of Khan, 71, and Qureshi, 67, began from the start on Saturday after a ruling by the Islamabad High Court last month declared the jail trial illegal on procedural grounds and also nullified its proceedings.

Special Court Judge Abual Hasnat Zulqarnain issued the directive while hearing the case at the Adiala jail premises in Rawalpindi, where both the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party leaders are currently jailed, the Dawn newspaper reported.

PTI party chief Khan has been incarcerated at the high-security Adiala jail since September 26. Qureshi was also arrested in the cipher (secret diplomatic cable) case and is imprisoned in the same prison.

The hearing of the cipher case was again shifted to jail after the order by the trial judge, followed by its approval by the Cabinet and notifications issued by the Ministry of Law and Justice as required under the law.

On Monday, Judge Zulqernain adjourned the hearing till December 12 and said charges would be framed against the PTI leaders of the same day, the report said.

Family members and lawyers of the incarcerated leaders attended the hearing along with special prosecutor Zulfikar Abbas Naqvi and Rizwan Abbasi, according to the report.

Six members of the media were allowed to attend the proceedings, it added.

The cipher case was launched in August this year after a case was filed against Khan for allegedly violating the Official Secrets Act by disclosing a secret diplomatic cable - called the cipher - sent by the country's embassy in Washington in March last year.

The diplomatic cable reportedly went missing from Khan's possession.

Khan and Qureshi, who had claimed that the cable contained a threat from the United States to topple the PTI's government, were indicted on October 23.

Both Khan and Qureshi have pleaded not guilty to the charges.

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

US warship, commercial ships under attack in Red Sea, says Pentagon

WASHINGTON, Dec 4 (Agencies): The Pentagon has said that an American warship and multiple commercial ships came under attack in the Red Sea. It potentially marked a major escalation in a series of maritime attacks in the Mideast in connection with the Israel-Hamas war.

"We're aware of reports regarding attacks on the USS Carney and commercial vessels in the Red Sea and will provide information as it becomes available," the Pentagon said, as reported by the Associated Press.

Maritime security sources said that a bulk carrier ship had been hit by at least two drones while sailing in the Red Sea.

According to a US official, the attack began at around 10 am in Yemen's Sanaa, and had been going on for as much as five hours.

The Pentagon, however, did not identify where it believed the fire came from.

Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi rebels have been launching a series of attacks on vessels in the Red Sea, as well as launching drones and missiles targeting Israel as it wages war against Hamas in the Gaza Strip.

However, there was no immediate comment from the Houthis.

Earlier, a Houthi military spokesman said that an "important" statement would be released shortly.

GDC Surankote hosts international seminar on "My Constitution My Pride"

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SURANKOTE, Dec 4: The Department of Political Science, NSS unit, and Women Development Cell of GDC Surankote jointly organized a noteworthy one-day international seminar centered on the theme "My Constitution My Pride," along with a valedictory function. The meticulous coordination of this seminar was under the adept leadership of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Rani Mughal.

The event was honored by the presence of son of soil Jenab Sheikh Zulfaqar Azad (JKPS) Dy. Director Police Academy who served as the chief guest, along with esteemed guests of honour including Prof. (Dr.) Jasbir Singh Principal SKCGDC Poonch, Advocate Tabassum Mughal from Malaysia, Prof. Ghulam Abbas HOD Botany GDC Poonch, Prof. Asadullah Khan HOD Chemistry GDC Poonch, Mr. Bashir Mughal and Arif Hussain Kazmi. Besides, Dr. Khalil Ahmed HOD Urdu of GDC Poonch, Prof. Khaliq Ahmed HOD Sociology GPG Rajouri, Prof. Aafia Zaman and Prof. Waseem ul Haq duo from GDC Poonch graced the occasion as special guests.

The program kicked off with a traditional lamp lighting ceremony conducted by the distinguished guests.

NSS volunteers led by Dr. Syed Wajahat Hussain presented the College Tarana.

Dr. Mussarat Jabeen delivered the opening address extending a warm welcome to the esteemed dignitaries.

Prof. Adnan Ali Shah skillfully hosted the entire event. Prof. Fatima NSS officer presented a comprehensive report on the diverse activities conducted under the initiative "My Constitution My Pride."

Sheikh Zulfaqar Azad Dy. Director Police Academy delivered an expert talk emphasized the importance of aim, belief and expectations and all these things are to be controlled by faith. During challenging times, one must always be calm, energetic and in total control of self.

On should not be prisoner of past and desires as they are going to fail you in every ground. It is important for the students in particular to have clarity of thought, passion for perfection and there must be a voice a positive thought to cancel your negative thoughts.

Advocate Tabassum Mughal in her brief address discussed about the preamble of the constitution. She outlined the fundamental values, objectives and guiding principles upon which our constitution is based.

Prof. (Dr.) Jasbir Singh in his short speech discussed his tenure in the college especially the NAAC accreditation. He emphasized that there should be a healthy teacher relationship. He also emphasized that students must adhere to the values and respect their teachers.

Dr. Ghulam Mustafa lecturer Urdu showcased his poetic talent by reciting verses dedicated to respected Principal Prof. Dr. Rani Mughal encapsulating her personality through Urdu poetry.

In her presidential address, Principal Prof. (Dr.) Rani Mughal emphasized that for our rights we should not usurp the rights of others and advocated unity rather than division. She underscored that we must focus more on our duties than our rights.

She also thanked teaching as well as non-teaching members for the success of month-long "My Constitution My Pride" activities and the grand valedictory function of the year.

The Program culminated with the felicitation ceremony in which mementos and certificates were given to the participants and the dignitaries.

Pertinent to mention that Amrit Vatika and Girls' common room were officially inaugurated by Sheikh Zulfaqar Azad and Advocate Tabassum Mughal respectively in presence of other guests. Dr. Abdul Karim HOD Computer Applications presented the formal vote of thanks.

Ruheena congratulates BJP for winning in three states

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Dec 4: BJP District Ganderbal Vice President Ruheena Shahzad congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP National President JP Nadda and BJP workers in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

Congratulations on the success in the assembly elections of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan.

In a press statement, Ruheena Shahzad said that the results of assembly elections in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan have shown that people have faith in the dynamic leadership of PM Narendra Modi and Amit Shah.

BJP workers are working tirelessly in all states of India. She hoped that BJP will show success in the Lok Sabha elections as well.

Chandigarh PR practitioner Ritu Nag bags PRSI National Award 2023

Top News Report

JAMMU / CHANDIGARH, Dec 4: City PR practitioner Ritu Nag bagged a Public Relations Society of India (PRSI), National Award 2023 at a function held in New Delhi. The awards honour creative contributions by corporate organizations, PR consultancies, central and state governments, academic institutions, and PR professionals.

Ritu Nag received recognition for her contribution to the field of healthcare under the category of 'Outstanding initiatives for promoting medical and health'.

She was felicitated by Dr. Ajit Pathak national president of PRSI along with Prof Dhruba Jyoti Pati, dean and director India Today Media Institute, Bernd Anderson dy trade commissioner & commercial attache Austrian Embassy, Rajeev Ranjan Mishra senior energy consultant World Bank and ex CMD Western Coalfields Ltd and Dr P Harsha Bhargavi Pandiri assistant director state information centre, Government of Telangana, New Delhi.

The PRSI National Awards 2023 recognizes commendable achievements in various categories including special/prestige publications, coffee table books, sustainable development reports, annual report, best communication campaign, corporate website, best use of social media in a corporate campaign etc.

BJP government a total failure on all fronts in J&K: Narinder

Top News Report

R S PURA, Dec 4: Nearly two dozen prominent persons today joined Peoples Democratic Party at Kotli Shah Doula in RS Pura constituency under the leadership of senior PDP leader Narendra Sharma.

Earlier, PDP leader Narendra Sharma, who reached the meeting, was warmly welcomed by the local people. Welcoming people joining PDP on this occasion, Sharma said today a large number of people, influenced by the policies of PDP, have joined the party and in the coming days, more and more people will be associated with the party by organizing programs at the Panchayat level.

He said that while being the Chief Ministers of Jammu and Kashmir, Mufti Mohammad Sayeed and Mehbooba Mufti worked a lot for the betterment of Jammu and Kashmir and especially started different schemes to provide employment to the youth.

He said that many important schemes were started to promote tourism especially in RS Pura area, in which bringing Suchetgarh on the tourist map was one of his better initiatives and it is because of their efforts that the Parade is being held here every Sunday.

Kulgam teenage girl bags gold in Nat'l Pencak Silat C'ship

Top News Report

KULGAM, Dec 4: Sky is the limit in everything and Kashmiri girls are proving it by giving their best in various fields including sports. A teenage girl from Kulgam district has shinned in the National Pencak Silat Championship held in Bihar after bagging the gold medal.

Dar Saawya Ashiq (11) daughter of Ashiq Hussain Dar resident of Malipora, Akhran area of Mirbazar in South Kashmir's Kulgam district who is a class 6th student of K.Y International School Harnag, Anantnag won a gold medal at the 11th National Pre-Teen, Pre-Junior, and Junior Championship held at Pataliputra Sports Stadium, Patna in Bihar, from November 23 to 26 featured over 1400 players from 34 States and Union Territories.

Reflecting on her success, Saawya credits her achievements to the unwavering support and motivation provided by her coach, Asif and her family.

"Sports infrastructure needs more improvement as the biggest challenge that they have also faced is lack of facilities like academies that almost every sports person faces. I guess that is something which can create a great impact on your journey," she said when asked about sports infrastructure in J&K.

Beyond her athletic accomplishments, she extends a poignant message to all, emphasising the importance of sports, discouraging drug use, and advocating for limited mobile phone usage.

She passionately promotes a healthier lifestyle through regular exercise, highlighting the holistic benefits for both physical and mental well-being.

"I have taken part at District Level Sports Championship and then state followed by national and bagged silver, bronze and gold medals at state and national level," she said, adding that she would work hard to represent my country at international level.

She requested that in this era every parent must support their children sports field as if child will be talented, he/she can make future in sports field.

"We are very happy that our daughter has achieved the Gold in the championship. She was always inclined towards sports and today her hard work has fructified. If we guide our daughters in the right direction with proper support they are sure to make their parents proud," said her parents.

Congress secured 10 lakhs votes more than BJP, vote share is intact: Ravinder

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JAMMU, Dec 4: Congress has secured ten lac votes more than BJP in the final vote count of four states and its vote percentage too remained the same as compared to last assembly elections, in the three states where it lost to BJP in the final tally of MLAs.

Quoting the official figures of Assembly results of four states, JKPCC Media Incharge & Senir Vice President Ravinder Sharma said that BJP got 4.80 Crore votes whereas Congress secured 4.91 Crore votes in the final count of votes in four states. Similarly the Congress vote percentage has remained intact and has not gone down as being projected, although BJP won with a marginal edge in vote percentage, in three states of M.P, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan.

Reacting to the poll outcome of just concluded Assembly elections in four states, he said that Congress lost 3 states but ended up getting up more than 10 lakh votes more than BJP!

Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh experienced a marginal defeat by 2% and 4%, respectively.

In MP BJP got 48% but remember that Congress also got 40.5%.

He said that in Madhya Pradesh Congress got 1,75,64,353 votes and BJP 2,11,13,278 in this elections, while in Rajasthan Congress got 1,56,66,731 votes and BJP 1,65,23,568. In Telangana Congress got 92,35,792 votes and BJP- 32,57,511. In Chhattisgarh Congress got 66,02,586 votes and BJP 72,34,968., he said quoting figures,which reflect marginal edge for BJP over congress.

Ravinder Sharma has hailed the rank and file of Congress Party for fighting the Assembly elections in four states with great enthusiasm and said Congress cadres of these states fought well and they deserve all applause. He also thanked the people for voting in favour of Congress Party especially in Telagana who despite the hectic campaign of BJP and BSR exercised their franchise in favour of the secular party, adding that party accepts the peoples' verdict with humility and respect, however congress shall analyze the result.

These Elections were fight between the Secular and divisive forces in the Country in which Congress Party fought with great vigour and vitality, it will continue its fight against communal, fascist forces and their agenda. He said that Congress party will also continue to remain steadfast to serve the people to the best of its ability, party said.

He further said that BJP has nothing to sell in J&K as it has brought miseries to each and every section of people.

6 labours from Kulgam died in Himachal Pradesh road accident, many injured

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KULGAM, Dec 4: Six labourers from Waltangoo area of Kund in South Kashmir's Kulgam district were killed and as many sustained injuries when their vehicle fell into a gorge near Sunni in Shimla district on Monday morning, sources said.

The mishap took place at Kararghat, about 35 km from here, when the driver of the ill-fated pickup truck lost control of the vehicle.

Six labourers died on the spot while The injured are undergoing treatment at the Indira Gandhi Medical College Hospital (IGMCH).

The deceased were identified as Farid (24), Gulab (43), Sahbir (19), Talib (23), Gulzar (30), and Mustak (30), An official told.

The injured included Ranjit, who was driving the vehicle, Aslam, Talib Hussain, Akash Kumar, Ajay Thakur, and Manjoor, the official said.

A case has been registered and investigations are on, he added.

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Supreme Court's Judgment in Article 370 case to be pronounced this month

counsels argued for the first nine days and stressed upon the unique nature of J&K's relationship with India which got embodied in the Indian constitutional setup, highlighting that the Maharaja of J&K did not give up the internal sovereignty to the Dominion of India. Thus, while the power to make laws relating to foreign affairs, communication, and defence lied with the Union as per the Instrument of Accession (IoA), the internal sovereignty of J&K which provided it with powers to legislate on all other matters remained with the Maharaja. It was argued that Article 370 had assumed permanence and was no longer a 'temporary' provision post the dissolution of the J&K Constituent Assembly in 1957. The petitioners further contended that the Indian parliament, under the current constitutional framework, could not convert itself into a Constituent Assembly. They also stressed upon the misuse of Article 356, which imposes President's Rule in a State. It was emphasised that the purpose of Article 356 was to restore state machinery and not destroy it but the President's Rule in J&K was imposed to destroy the state legislature. It was added that President's Rule under Article 356 was in its nature "temporary" and thus permanent actions could not be taken under it. The petitioners also argued that the amendment of Article 370 through Article 367 was invalid. Finally, it was stated that while Article 3 of the Indian Constitution granted the power to Union to alter the boundaries of states and even create smaller states through bifurcation, it had never before been used to convert an entire state into a Union Territory (UT). The negative impact of turning J&K into a UT on the constitutional structure was also underlined. A detailed summary on petitioners arguments can be found here.

Per contra, the Union Government along with other respondents argued that the abrogation of Article 370 resolved the 'psychological duality' of the people of J&K and that there existed discrimination against the people of J&K before the abrogation as the Indian constitution was not fully applied to the state prior to 2019. It was underlined that it was very clear that the Constitution makers foresaw Article 370 as a 'temporary' provision and wanted it 'to die'. Challenging the assertion of an exclusive special status for J&K, the respondents argued that during the late 1930s, a multitude of princely states were in the process of drafting their own constitutions. It was also submitted that the execution of a merger agreement was not necessary to become a part of the Indian nation. Further, internal sovereignty could not be confused with sovereignty. It was stated that J&K was only converted to a UT owing to it being a sensitive border state for a temporary time period and that its statehood would be restored. It was also argued that if Article 367 was not modified, it would have the effect on Article 370 becoming a permanent feature of the Indian Constitution, as sans the Constituent Assembly, Article 370 could never be modified. Finally, the respondents asserted that the J&K Constitution was subservient and subordinate to the Indian Constitution and the J&K Constitution never had original constituent powers. Thus, even if the Constituent Assembly had been in existence, it would have a limited role to play in abrogation of Article 370 as its decision would be only "recommendatory" in nature and the President could have taken any decision even if the Constituent Assembly did not agree to the same.

Appearances

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For the Union of India : Attorney General for India R Venkataramani, Solicitor General of India Tushar Mehta, Additional Solicitor General KM Nataraj, ASG Vikramjeet Banerjee and Advocate Kanu Agarwal.

For the intervenors backing the Union – Senior Advocates Harish Salve, Rakesh Dwivedi, V Giri, Guru Krishnakumar; Advocates Archana Pathak Dave, VK Biju and Charu Mathur.

Massive searches underway in Rajouri, Poonch; Three detained

near the Line of Control (LoC) in Mendhar sector of Poonch district.

The operations were launched following inputs about suspicious movement in the forest areas, officials said.

Searches were intensified in the twin border districts following a fierce gunfight in Dharmsal belt's Bajimaal area of Rajouri on November 22 and 23 that left five soldiers including two captains dead.

Two Pakistani terrorists affiliated with the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) outfit were eliminated in the 36-hour long encounter.

In one such operation on December 2, security forces detected a 5 kg Improvised Explosive Device in Topa Hilltok area of Darhal. It was later destroyed.

Amid dry weather forecast, night temp falls below freezing point at most places in Kashmir

official said.

Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 3.4°C against minus 2.4°C on the previous night and it was 0.1°C below normal for the famous resort in south Kashmir.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum of 0.8°C against 2.6°C on the previous night and the temperature was above normal for the place by 1.4°C, the official said.

Kupwara town in north Kashmir recorded a low of minus 2.5°C against 1.2°C on the previous night and it was 1.1°C below normal there, the official said.

Gulmarg, the official said, recorded a low of minus 3.0°C against minus 3.3°C on the previous night and the latest temperature was 0.3°C above normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir.

Jammu recorded a minimum of 11.0°C against 10.2°C on previous night, and it was above normal by 1.2°C for the winter capital of J&K, he said.

Till December 7, he said, the weather is expected to be partly cloudy. From December 8-10, he said, partly to generally cloudy weather is expected.

"Winning or losing polls part and parcel of democracy": PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti on assembly election results

Rajasthan -- is a setback for the Opposition bloc as it bids to unseat the BJP at the centre in 2024, the PDP chief told reporters, "Winning or losing an election is a part and parcel of democracy. On one side, there is Opposition and on the other is the government of the day, with money power as well as agencies at its disposal. The Election Commission, too, is working as per their dictates."

"The wins and losses in elections have to be viewed in this context," the former Jammu and Kashmir CM told reporters on a visit to Kupwara on Sunday.

She added that she was hopeful of the INDIA bloc faring much better in 2024.

Taking a swipe at the administration in the Union Territory (UT), the PDP chief also alleged a shortage in electricity supply and rising unemployment.

"Voices of protests are being stifled and the people are not being allowed to put forward their opinions," she alleged.

Meanwhile, the ruling BJP, led by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, stormed back to the hustings in Madhya Pradesh, bucking the perceived anti-incumbency of close to two decades.

Further defying the exit-poll projections that had pointed to a close finish in neighbouring Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan, the saffron party secured a brute majority in both states.

The Congress, however, swept Telangana, bringing to an end the 10-year rule of the Bharat Rashtra Samiti (BRS), previously known as Telangana Rashtra Samithi, headed by Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao.

KCR had been in power since 2014 when Telangana was carved out as a separate state from the undivided Andhra Pradesh.

The polling in five states -- Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Rajasthan, Telangana and Mizoram -- was held from November 7 to November 30.

Sensex, Nifty end with record gains as D-Street cheers BJP's poll hat-trick

The S&P BSE Sensex ended 2.05 per cent or 1,383.93 points higher at 68,865.12, while the NSE Nifty 50 settled 2.07 per cent or 418.90 points higher at 20,686.80.

NEW DELHI, Dec 4 (Agencies): Benchmark stock market ended the trading session with record gains as Dalal Street investors welcomed the Bharatiya Janata Party's decisive electoral victories in the states of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh.

The S&P BSE Sensex ended 2.05 per cent or 1,383.93 points higher at 68,865.12, while the NSE Nifty 50 settled 2.07 per cent or 418.90 points higher at 20,686.80. During the session, the 30-share Sensex reached an all-time high of 68,918.22, while the Nifty 50 rose to 20,702.65.

Broader market indices also registered record gains, with analysts indicating that the strong momentum on Dalal Street will continue.

Analysts believe that the strong performance of the BJP in the state elections will provide more stability for the domestic market in the run-up to the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, paving the way for more gains. They also noted that sectors like defence and railways will be major beneficiaries if the ruling party returns to power in 2024.

Major sectoral indices, including the Nifty Bank and Nifty Financial Services, were the top performers as each gained over 3 per cent. Nifty Oil and Gas also rose over 3 per cent during the session.

The top five gainers on the Nifty 50 were Eicher Motors, which rose 7.45 per cent to Rs 3,891.20 apiece. Adani Enterprises, Adani Ports, BPCL and ICICI Bank were the other top gainers. On the other hand, HDFC Life, Britannia, HCL Tech, Sun Pharma and Wipro were the top losers.

Aditya Gaggar, Director of Progressive Shares, said, "Bulls have shown their strong dominance in today's trade and right from the beginning, the Index kept soaring higher and ended the session at a fresh high of 20,686.80 with gains of 418.90 points."

"Except for the Media and Pharma, all other sectors ended the day with gains where Banking and Energy were the top performers. Mid and smallcap indices underperformed as buying was seen in the index-based stocks only," he added.

"On the daily chart, the Index has posted a strong bullish candle which signifies a strong uptrend while looking at the lower time frame i.e. hourly charts, an extremely overbought condition was witnessed. Time or price-wise correction is warranted and one should enter on dips only," Gaggar noted.

Extended full support to I-T dept: Hindujas

The Company will update the Stock Exchanges if the matter progresses and in case of any material information/ event is received in this regard, it added.

MUMBAI, Dec 4 (Agencies): Hinduja Global Solutions (HGS) confirmed that Income-Tax Department conducted survey/search at the premises of the company from November 28, and completed it on December 2, 2023.

"The Company's Officials has extended full co-operation and support to the Officials of the Department and provided them requisite information/ data as asked for and shall continue to provide any further details/ information that might be required by them in the matter," it said in a BSE filing. The Company has no additional information to provide at this stage.

The Company will update the Stock Exchanges if the matter progresses and in case of any material information/ event is received in this regard, it added. As per reports, the tax department's search is also linked to provisions of the General Anti-Avoidance Rules (GAAR).

'Trade contributes only 3% of greenhouse gas emission'

NEW DELHI, Dec 4 (Agencies): As the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28) begins in Dubai from Monday, experts feel India must reiterate that the misconception that trade significantly contributes to global emissions must be corrected.

According to Ajay Srivastava, founder of Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI), trade-related activities account for only about 3% of global greenhouse gas emissions, not the often-cited 25%, and that India must highlight the misconception.

As per GTRI, India must also highlight two other important issues during the conference in Dubai. The focus should be on the World Trade Organisation (WTO) prioritising its core mandate of regulating trade, rather than overreaching into areas better managed by specialised agencies, such as the International Maritime Organisation's efforts in decarbonising global shipping, says Ajay Srivastava.

He also says that India should highlight the potential conflicts of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) with the Paris Agreement. On 4 December 2023, COP28 in Dubai dedicates a day to explore the relationship between global trade and climate change.

Trade day will explore the interplay between global trade and climate change. The primary goal is to nudge governments worldwide to integrate climate-friendly measures into their national trade policies.

Other potential topics include green trade policies, the role of renewable energy in trade, and carbon pricing strategies. A separate session will revolve around the role of trade in securing essential minerals necessary for the energy transition.

Adani Ports shares extend rally as cargo volume grows 42% in November

NEW DELHI, Dec 4 (Agencies): Shares of Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) extended their rally on Dalal Street, rising nearly 6 per cent after the company reported a 42 per cent year-on-year (Y-o-Y) increase in cargo volumes in November 2023, reaching around 36 million metric tones (MMT).

Adani Ports shares were up 5.84 per cent to Rs 875.90 at around 12:40 pm.

The company said it witnessed growth across all three broad cargo categories – dry bulk (over 60 per cent Y-o-Y), containers (over 26 per cent) and liquids and gas (over 23 per cent).

Adani Ports said in the initial eight months of FY24 (April-November 2023), it handled approximately 275 MMT of cargo, marking a 21 per cent Y-o-Y growth and surpassing 70 per cent of its full-year guidance range of 370-390 MMT.

Meanwhile, Adani International Container Terminal Private Limited (AICTPL), a joint venture terminal at Mundra, achieved a significant milestone by handling over 300,000 containers in November, setting a national record. "AICTPL created a national record by handling 3,00,431 TEUs across 97 vessels in November 2023, breaking its own record of 2,98,634 TEUs in March 2021, by handling approximately 10,000 TEUs every day," the company said.

Two other ports of APSEZ, Dhamra and Ennore, also recorded their highest-ever monthly volumes, handling 3.96 MMT and 65,658 TEUs respectively, the company added.

The company went on to say that its logistics volumes continued to witness record growth with year-to-date (YTD) rail volumes of around 379,000 TEUs (over 23 per cent Y-o-Y) and GPWIS (general purpose wagon investment scheme) volumes of 12.3 MMT (over 44 per cent Y-o-Y). The highest-ever monthly GPWIS volumes were recorded in November 2023 at 1.72 MMT, it added.

Not just Adani Ports, but all listed companies of the Adani Group witnessed a rally on Monday after the Bharatiya Janata Party's stellar performance in the recently held assembly elections, where it bagged decisive victories in the key Hindi heartland states of Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.

Toxic air inhalation is leading to rapid surge in lung cancer, reveal doctors

NEW DELHI, Dec 4 (Agencies): The escalating levels of air pollution in major Indian cities are significantly impacting the respiratory health of citizens, both smokers and non-smokers alike.

The surge in lung cancer cases is attributed to the hazardous air quality prevalent in various metros, causing a myriad of respiratory issues such as asthma flare-ups, bronchitis, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), the undeniable connection between air pollution and the increasing occurrences of lung cancer in non-smokers raises an urgent call for proactive measures.

The five major air pollutants, ground-level ozone, particle pollution (PM2.5 and PM10), carbon monoxide, sulphur dioxide, and nitrogen dioxide, are identified as major contributors to this health crisis.

Dr Sundaram Pillai, a Surgical Oncologist at Zynova Shalby Hospital, explained how toxic chemicals and particulate matter present in polluted air penetrate deep into the lungs, causing inflammation and damage to lung tissue over time.

"The toxic chemicals and particulate matter present in polluted air can penetrate deep into the lungs, leading to inflammation and damage to lung tissue over time," said Dr Sundaram Pillai.

Long-term exposure to high levels of air pollution has been conclusively linked to an increased risk of lung cancer mortality.

Dr Chhaya Vaja, an Internal Medicine Expert at Apollo Spectra Mumbai, highlighted that fine particulate matter and toxic gases trigger inflammation and oxidative stress, leading to various respiratory issues.

"These pollutants trigger inflammation and oxidative stress in the lungs, leading to a variety of respiratory issues such as asthma exacerbation, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), bronchitis, and increased susceptibility to respiratory infections," said Dr Chhaya Vaja.

Long-term exposure is not only linked to lung cancer but also eye infections and cardiovascular complications.

Children growing up in highly polluted areas are more likely to experience stunted lung development, making them more vulnerable to respiratory diseases as they age, added the expert.

As Dr Rishabh Raj, a pulmonologist at Lilavati Hospital, stressed the need for urgent action, citing the influx of patients with respiratory problems due to air pollution.

"Every day, 10 to 15 patients come to the OPD (outpatient department) for respiratory problems due to air pollution. In this changing environment, people need to take care of their own health," said Dr Rishabh Raj.

He recommended investing in air purifiers for indoor spaces, incorporating more indoor plants for natural air filtration, and advocating for stronger environmental regulations to curb industrial emissions and vehicular pollution.

"When the air quality in your area is poor, it's important to stay indoors, wear masks, maintain a balanced diet, use air purifiers, and practice deep breathing exercises to keep the lungs healthy and happy," underscored Dr Raj.

Study reveals health risks of mixing heat with hair styling products

NEW DELHI, Dec 4 (Agencies): A recent study shed light on the potential health implications of using common hair care products.

The research, published in ACS' Environmental Science & Technology, focused on volatile organic compounds (VOCs), including siloxanes, present in creams, sprays and oils often used for styling hair.

The findings reveal that these products can swiftly alter indoor air composition, with heat styling techniques exacerbating the release of VOCs.

While previous studies have explored siloxane emissions from personal care products, most concentrated on items washed off the body, such as cleansers.

The new research, led by Nusrat Jung and colleagues, specifically investigated real-time changes in indoor air quality during active hair styling, a scenario common in small bathrooms.

In an innovative approach, researchers utilised a ventilated tiny house where participants used their regular hair care products and styling tools.

Mass spectrometry data showed rapid and significant changes in air composition, attributing most detected VOCs to cyclic volatile methyl siloxanes (cVMS) commonly found in hair care products.

The study highlighted that emissions varied based on product type, hair length and the type and temperature of styling tools. Longer hair and higher temperatures resulted in higher VOC levels.

The study estimated that individuals might inhale up to 20 mg per day of one cVMS, known as D5, raising concerns about potential health impacts.

While using an exhaust fan effectively reduced air pollutants post-styling, researchers caution that this practice could have implications for outdoor air quality in densely populated urban areas.

Urgent calls for long-term studies on the human health effects of siloxane exposure underscore the need for a comprehensive understanding of the risks associated with common hair care practices.

Heart attack deaths increased by 12% in 2022: Government data

Over 32,457 individuals died due to heart attacks in 2022, as per the latest data by the National Crime Records Bureau.

NEW DELHI, Dec 4 (Agencies): India has witnessed a steep rise in heart attack deaths over the past three years, with experts linking the trend to the lingering impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), there has been a staggering 12.5% increase in heart attack cases in 2022 alone.

The NCRB's latest data on 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India' paints a grim picture, indicating that 32,457 individuals succumbed to heart attacks in 2022, a significant leap from the 28,413 deaths recorded in the preceding year.

This revelation adds to the overall surge in sudden deaths, which reached a concerning 56,450 in 2022, marking a 10.1% increase from the previous year's figure of 50,739.

The NCRB defines sudden death as an "unexpected death that is instantaneous or occurs within minutes from any cause other than violence (for example, heart attack, brain haemorrhage, etc.)."

The total sudden deaths in 2022 alone stand at a staggering 56,450, reflecting a disturbing upward trajectory over the past three years.

The specific category of heart attack deaths has also seen a sharp rise, with the numbers lowering at first from 28,579 in 2020 to 28,413 in 2021, and then spiking to 32,457 in 2022.

The data underscores the urgency of understanding and addressing the factors contributing to this concerning trend.

While the influence of the ongoing pandemic on heart health cannot be ignored, healthcare experts emphasise the need for increased awareness, preventive measures, and regular health check-ups.

To curb the rising tide of sudden heart attack deaths, it is important to get the basics right - exercise regularly (specifically aerobic exercises with a little weight training), reducing alcohol consumption and smoking, and having a nutritious diet.

As India grapples with this health crisis, concerted efforts are required to promote heart-healthy lifestyles and ensure timely medical intervention to save lives.

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Arsh(deep) impact: Under intense pressure, bowler defends nine runs in final over to help India clinch series 4-1

BENGALURU, Dec 4 (Agencies): Shreyas Iyer's refined fifty combined well with a fine death overs performance by inexperienced pace duo of Arshdeep Singh and Mukesh Kumar as India pipped Australia by six runs in a thrilling encounter to record a comprehensive 4-1 series win.

Iyer's 53 off 37 balls was the force behind India's 160/8 on a tacky pitch at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium.

Ben McDermott's bellicose half-century (54) nearly trumped Iyer's effort, but the Aussies crumbled in the final lap to end up with 154/8.

Needing only 10 off last over, Arshdeep held his nerve and gave away only three runs, repeatedly hitting the ideal block-hole length with consummate ease.

No praise is enough for Mukesh (3/32), who bowled a game-changing 17th over, wherein he effected back-to-back dismissals and gave away only five runs when the target was a gettable 37 runs in 24 balls with five wickets in hand.

The batting was not an easy proposition on a rather unusually tricky pitch here, but McDermott used his raw power to take on the Indian bowlers, who at times strayed with their line and length.

Axar Patel (1/14) was once again brilliant with liberal help from a tacky track where he would value his 31 off 21 balls way more in terms of challenging conditions. Ravi Bishnoi (2/29) was equally effective as 3/43 off 8 overs also was one of the big reasons for the victory.

Among the Aussie batters, McDermott was only happy to exploit the opportunities presented to him, and the right-hander's carve over square leg for a six off left-arm pacer Arshdeep was quite noteworthy during his innings.

The 28-year-old also brought up his fifty, second in T20Is, in grand style, lifting the same bowler for a six straight over the sight screen, and then celebrated the mark with a square cut off the very next ball that sped to the fence.

McDermott, son of former Australian pacer Craig, made 47 runs for the fourth wicket with Tim David, who made a run-a-ball 17 as he struggled to unfurl his big shots on a slow surface.

However, Arshdeep had the last laugh on the night as he had McDermott caught near mid-off by Rinku Singh. David was soon gobbled up by left-arm spinner and Man of the Match Axar.

But the Indian bowlers, particularly leg-spinner and Player of the Series Ravi Bishnoi, had caught the Australian batters in tangles in the early phase of their chase.

Opener Travis Head was off the blocks, making 28 off 18 balls with five fours and a six.

However, Bishnoi had his measure with a delivery that hissed past his prodding bat, and he later added the wicket of Aaron Hardie. McDermott gave them some tense moments but the Indians kept their nerves to defend 10 runs off the last over.

Brief scores: India: 160/8 (Iyer 53, Patel 31; Dwarshuis 2/30, Behrendorff 2/38; Australia: 154/8 (McDermott 54; Mukesh 3/32, Bishnoi 2/29).

On Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma's T20 World Cup 2024 Selection, Sanjay Manjrekar's Perfect Solution

NEW DELHI, Dec 4 (Agencies): Two of the finest batters of this generation, Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma stare at a an undecisive future in white-ball cricket. The two haven't featured in a T20 international since the conclusion of the T20 World Cup 2022 and aren't part of India's plans for the South Africa assignment too. As debate rages on in the cricketing fraternity over their potential T20 return, opinions are divided. Sanjay Manjrekar, former India cricketer, feels a call should be taken on the duo's participation in T20 World Cup 2024 closer to the tournament.

"Who knows what's in store in life? I don't know what's going to happen tomorrow. I believe the approach should be extremely simple. We have played a lot of World Cups and haven't been able to win them," Manjrekar said on Star Sports.

"We are maybe playing slightly different cricket in the final stages of World Cups. When something goes out of your hand, simplify it. Pick your team based on form close to the World Cup," he added.

A number of youngsters have been tried in India's T20 team. The likes of Shubman Gill, Ishan Kishan, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Ruturaj Gaikwad, etc. have put in brilliant performances at the top of the batting order, leaving the selection committee with a huge headache.

Manjrekar feels Kohli will have to prove that he is better than the younger lot if he is to cement a spot in India's T20 World Cup squad.

"Virat Kohli will have to show that he is a better option than the youngsters who are playing currently, and Rohit Sharma as T20 batter and captain vs Hardik Pandya, the T20 batter, all-rounder and captain."

"This should be the competition and you should only go with merit there because we have seen what we have got with great players, stature and experience," he asserted.

Syed Modi International: Ashwini-Tanisha fall at final hurdle

LUCKNOW, Dec 4 (Agencies): The Indian pair of Ashwini Ponnappa and Tanisha Crasto produced a valiant fight before going down in a thrilling three-game women's doubles final at the Syed Modi International Super 300.

The world No. 32 Indian pair lost 14-21 21-17 15-21 against third seeds Rin Iwanaga and Kie Nakanishi of Japan in a 77-minute clash to make a creditable runners-up finish.

The seventh-seeded Indians made a good start but couldn't sustain the pressure in the opening game.

Ashwini, 36, and Tanisha, 20, who started playing together only in January this year,

roared back into the contest after winning the second game and fought back from 1-8 down in the decider to 13-15 before the world No. 15 Japanese pair marched ahead.

Tanisha dazzled on the frontcourt, producing some precise placements, as the Indian pair made life difficult for their Japanese counterparts. But, it was not to be.

The home shuttlers tried to target the body, and use flick serve but Tanisha often struggled to reach the sidelines and also committed a couple of service errors, allowing Rin and Kie to gain momentum at regular intervals.

Australia 'increasingly unlikely' to host 2026 Commonwealth Games as Gold Coast withdraws

SYDNEY, Dec 4 (Agencies): Australia is unlikely to be able to host the 2026 Commonwealth Games and sports officials have called on the international federation to consider bids from other countries.

Commonwealth Games Australia chief executive Craig Phillips made the comments Monday after Gold Coast confirmed it had scrapped its plans to pick up the games after Victoria state withdrew as host in July.

Phillips said while Australia hasn't entirely given up on hosting, the Commonwealth Games Federation should "seriously consider" other offers.

"We have indicated to (the CGF)... they would have our support in doing that," Phillips told the Australian Associated Press. "It's our preference to host here and we will keep going while we think we have got options to explore.

"But if they have a better option, then they should seriously consider it."

Gold Coast Mayor Tom Tate announced that the city had scrapped its bid to host the Games after failing to secure support from state or federal governments. Gold Coast, which hosted the 2018 Commonwealth Games, and Perth had proposed a "streamlined" 2026 event, costing about $700 million.

"We did our best," Tate said in a statement. "Sadly, at the same time, our country's reputation as a place that reneges on a global sports contract remains.

"In simple terms, it seems our Games' vision doesn't align with the vision of the state or federal governments."

Gold Coast said the 2026 Games would not have been a burden on ratepayers.

Victoria originally was awarded the 2026 Commonwealth Games but withdrew earlier this year citing cost overruns.

Three locations outside Australia reportedly have expressed interest in hosting the Games, which now are likely to be postponed to early 2027.

"The people we spoke to in the Commonwealth Games family, I believe that the sentiment is very much still ... there is a solution here in Australia," Phillips said. "But if that doesn't materialize, then other options are certainly on the table.

"We have made it clear to the CGF that we feel an obligation to host, we would like to host. But if they come up with a better solution for themselves then ultimately so be it."

The Commonwealth Games are a multi-sports event which began in 1930 as the British Empire Games and are contested every four years by athletes from the countries and territories in the Commonwealth.

The last games were hosted in 2022 by Birmingham, which stepped in when Durban, South Africa was unable to meet financial and organizational requirements.

Hockey: Craig Fulton's quest to making hockey a happy place

Even with his short spell with the Indian team, Fulton has made a difference on more than one front, helping the team to lift the Asian Champions Trophy and secure the Paris Olympics quota.

CHENNAI, Dec 4 (Agencies): Craig Fulton has been in charge of the Indian men's hockey team for more than six months now. With the Paris Olympics some seven months away, he sits in a unique position to reflect on that promising journey, which saw India lift the Asian Champions Trophy and secure the Olympics quota with a gold medal in the Asian Games — sure, they were expected to win both, but marrying expectation and results is something the men's team have struggled to do in the past — and excitement of the carrot dangling in front of him and the team.

"I think the last six months have been good," Fulton said on the sidelines of the senior national championship in Chennai. "It's been tough because we had three big tournaments, including qualification for the Olympics, so it wasn't easy. I'm glad that we have got the qualification. I have learned a lot about how things work in India, specifically within the training environment and the squad. So that's good information going forward."

The 48-year-old South African started his stint in May this year and one of the earliest additions to his coaching staff was his fellow countryman, mental health and conditioning coach, Paddy Upton. Fulton believes Upton's inclusion helped the Indian team deal with expectations and, at the same time, gave the national team coach enough space to build trust between coaching staff and players. "With Paddy, it just helps some of the players to become a little bit more mentally aware that they can ask questions. He has given them mental skills to help deal with certain expectations. Playing hockey in India is totally different from playing hockey outside of India. It's two different worlds. So there are two different skill sets that you need to manage," he added.

All those inputs from Upton helped in more than one way. With the Asian Champions Trophy at home, players were well-prepared to handle the pressure, but more importantly, they were more open to asking questions. The doors of conversation under Fulton opened both ways and it helped them build that trust within the group earlier in his stint as a coach. "(Building trust), that's part of my DNA as a coach. If we don't have that, we don't have anything really. So there was always that need to build up that trust, first by bringing in good staff, which helped the players realize what environment we were trying to create and then they can feel the trust within it. And obviously, there needs to be healthy competition as well to move forward. But at the same time, you need to have that trust to ask questions if you're struggling with certain things. And that's ok."

His approach has been well-received by the players as well. Krishan Pathak, India's goalkeeper had nothing but praise for the coach when he spoke with the Daily before the senior national tournament. "He has been supportive from the get-go. He is very communicative with players and seeks feedback from us and that has helped us. Even before starting these

tournaments, he told us that we were going to approach the tours step-by-step. And now the next step in that direction is Paris," Pathak praised the coach.

With all roads leading to the Paris Olympics, the talks are about improving the colour of the medal in the marquee event. Fulton is well aware of how tough that task is and how much pressure the team will need to endure, but he has simplified it for the team. "No, it's not pressure. Just focus. I mean, my expectation for me as a coach in any tournament you play is to win, but you have a realistic objective and an ideal one, the ideal one is to win gold and the realistic one is where we ranked. We ranked third in the world. So realistically, the objective is to try and get higher up than the pecking order to number two or number one in the world in the next six months. How difficult is that? It's incredibly difficult. So there are these stepping stones all the way through," he mentioned.

The stepping stones Fulton mentioned include the five nations tor starting in Spain starting from 15 December, which will include the likes of France and World Cup finalists, Belgium and Germany. It would certainly pose a big challenge for Fulton's team, but that is where the team will be tested in the foreign conditions. At the same time, it will be another test of Fulton's 'Deep Defence' approach, which he believes has provided India with more options than before. "I think it's given them another way to play and I think that's important because you need a few different levels and a few different ways of playing different opposition. I'm not saying everyone plays the same way. So certain teams, you can play that same way, no problem, but in the case of other teams not. And as long as we have that variability in our game and game plan and the guys feel confident to do it, then it makes sense. We have shown in the last three months that it's starting to take shape, but we need to just continue the process."

The process Fulton has been so keen on doesn't stop with the Five Nations tournament or even with the Paris Olympics. With the FIH Pro League in February 2024, where India will face the likes of the Netherlands and Australia, he believes the ambition of the team will help them achieve another goal of directly qualifying for the 2026 World Cup. "The thing I like the most is the ambition of the group. They want to progress and do more. And we have a golden opportunity to do it now, but it's not just about Paris. I need to say it as well because there's more. The winner of the Pro League qualifies for the World Cup straight away. So that's 2026. So there will be some players that are in the squad that won't play in Paris that will be eligible and probably ready to play the next cycle. So it's always about knowing where you are but having a goal through a goal."

This 'having a goal through a goal' mantra even continued during the senior national tournament, when Fulton conducted a coaching session for head coaches of state units during the tournament, where he spoke about strategic game management to the score, effective player management considering the demanding schedule and many other aspects. For those coaches of the state unit, it was the highlight of their time in Chennai. "As a player and coach of national teams, he has been exceptional. We got that clarity on how we should better our training sessions or playing methods through interactions. So once the national-level players go to India camp or play for India, he doesn't have to work too much with them. The players already know what they are required to do. Hockey is changing rapidly and our learning never stops. So, I hope we get more opportunities to interact with coaches like him," Mukesh Kumar, head coach of Haryana, told this daily.

Even with his short spell with the Indian team, Fulton has made a difference on more than one front. His biggest test is still six months away, but from the recent evidence, his team will approach it, while enjoying the most. As their coach says, "If you're not enjoying what you're doing, why are you even doing it? As long as we create a healthy and competitive environment, and an ambitious one, everyone gets excited about playing for India. I mean, it's just a good place to be."

Yuva World Brahman Federation delegation calls on LG Sinha

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JAMMU, Dec 4: Delegation of Yuva World Brahman Federation J&K unit under the Presidentship of Adv Dakhseesh Sharma calls on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan Jammu.

During an interaction with the Lt Governor, the members of the delegation commended the steps initiated by the UT administration and the Government of India for boosting the pace of development in J&K.

They said that the UT administration led by the Lt. Governor has instilled the feeling of equitable development and oneness among people of all communities. The members of World Brahman Federation J&K chapter briefed the Lt. Governor about the activities of organisation in detail.

Further demands pertaining to the Brahman Community including constituting the Brahman Kalyan Board, Scholarships to Brahman Scholars, Pujaris and also steps should be taken for rehabilitation of demolished temples particularly in Kashmir as well as in Jammu.

The Lieutenant Governor observed and assured that every possible effort to be done to meet the grievances raised by the members of the World Brahman Federation J&k. All the members of the delegation expressed deep sense of gratitude to Lt. Governor by offering a statue of Goddess Mahakali.

Others who were present are Radhey Shayam Sharma BDC Rajpura, Sarpanch Ajeet Raj, Sarpanch Arpan Pangotra, Acharya Sita Ram Shastri, Atul Raina Executive member J&K High Court.

Keshav Chopra calls on Lt Governor Sinha

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JAMMU, Dec 4: Chairman Samvedna Society and Social Activist Keshav Chopra called on Lt Governor JKUT Manoj Sinha and briefed him about the activities and work done by the Society for the needy sections, Patients, Youths, Divyang Jans, women.

Keshav Chopra also lauded the LG administration for organising Cricket Matches in Jammu and said that the People of Jammu and Kashmir are grateful to LG JKUT Manoj Sinha and his team for these events.

Keshav also briefed Lt Governor about the future endeavours of the Society and said that Samvedna is committed to work for the common masses.

The Lt Governor said that the top priority of his government is to ensure that basic facilities and services are delivered to the common man in an efficient and time bound manner.

Shiv Sena demands to push Rohingias out of Jammu

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JAMMU, Dec 4: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit, expressing deep concern over the increasing criminal cases in the state, trafficking of women, drug smuggling, kidnapping, called for a thorough investigation of Rohingyas and Bangladeshis residing illegally in Jammu and Kashmir and demand to push them out of Jammu.

Led by Manish Sahni, president Shiv Sena J&K, the Shiv Sainiks gathered at Indira Chowk in Jammu city held a strong demonstration holding placards reading "Rohingyas Quit Jammu", "Throw out women trafficking", "Rohingyas presence Sound alarm for security " protest strongly .

State Chief Manish Sahni said that Rohingyas are infiltrating the Indian and traveling thousands of KM to reach the sensitive area of Jammu is a matter of deep investigation. He said that it has been proved that the crime figures of the country and state where Rohingyas reach increase.

In Jammu also, cases of crime, theft, kidnapping, drug addiction and trafficking of women have increased in the last few years. Recently, Jammu and Kashmir Police arrested three women from Bathindi, which revealed that they were brought to Kashmir for trafficking.

Even before this, a case of selling women and getting them married to local people had come to light in Kashmir, the domicile of that woman was also made.

Sahni said that Jammu and Kashmir is a sensitive area, bringing foreign women here and marrying them with local people can prove to be part of a well-planned conspiracy and a serious threat to the country's security.

Sahni said that some local people are also helping them knowingly or unknowingly and out of greed for money, should also be investigated.

Sahni has demanded the Jammu and Kashmir Police and Intelligence agencies to identify the Rohingyas and Bangladeshis and push them out of the border of Jammu and Kashmir and the country.

Sahni said in a warning manner that if the police administration does not take any concrete action, then Shiv Sainik will drive them out of Jammu in its own style. On this occasion Meenakshi Chhibber, Rakesh Gupta, GI Singh, Balwat Singh, Raj Singh, Mangu Ram, Rajinder Sehgal, Pooja Devi, Jagbir, Vishal Singh, Sohan Lal and many others were present.

Prominent political Dr. Naqeeb Raja joins Apni Party

Bukhari greets new entrant into the party fold

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SRINAGAR, Dec 4: A prominent political and social activist from Srinagar's Chanapora constituency, Dr. Naqeeb Raja, formally joined Apni Party on Monday during an event at the party headquarters in Srinagar.

On this occasion, the party president, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, along with other esteemed party leaders, gave a warm welcome to the new entrant. According to a press release issued here, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, while extending a warm welcome to Dr. Naqeeb Raja into the party fold, said, "I wholeheartedly welcome you to Apni Party, and I am sure your joining will further strengthen the party cadre in the constituency."

He added, "It gives me immense pleasure to see experienced political and social activists and leaders aligning themselves with the Apni Party in every corner of Jammu and Kashmir. This is a clear-cut indication that people trust the party's unambiguous agenda and policies. I am confident that together we can lead Jammu and Kashmir towards new levels of prosperity and development."

Besides the party president, the prominent leaders present on the occasion included the party's general secretary, Rafi Ahmad Mir, media advisor Farooq Andrabi, youth provencial president Kashmir Khalid Rathore, party in charge of Chanapora constituency and ward member Mohammad Ashraf Dar, zonal president Chanapora Aijaz Ahmad Khan, and others.

Hindustan Shiv Sena welcomes Atal Dulloo as Chief Secretary

Vikrant urges to open doors for people like DGP

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 4: State President of Hindustan Shiv Sena Vikrant Kapoor has welcomed the appointment of local officer Atal Dulloo as the Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir UT and said that it has increased the expectations of the local people. He said that people are hopeful that with Atal Dulloo becoming the Chief Secretary he will understand the basic problems of the people and fulfill their hopes and aspirations to solve them. He also said that like the new DGP he will also organize Janta Darwar to listen the problems of the people and solve them.

Vikrant Kapoor said this while addressing a press conference in Jammu here today. He said that the appointment of local officer Atal Dulloo as the Chief Secretary has not only increased the expectations of the common people of the state but has also given rise to a new hope in the Kashmiri displaced community that their problems will now be solved and a concrete policy will be prepared to solve them.

Vikram Kapoor said that being a local, Atal Dulloo understands the ground reality very well and he can solve the basic problems of the people very well. He said that in view of this, expectations from his appointment have increased to a great extent among the common people. Along with this, Vikrant Kapoor also said that he hopes that he will keep his doors completely open for the general public, which will help to a great extent in bridging the gap between the common people and the administration.

Senior Hindustan Shiv Sena leaders Sunil Rakesh, Rohan, Anup Trikha, Baba Ram Kaith, Abhishek, Himanshu, Amit, and others were also present during the press conference.

Principal PTTI Vijaypur pins new ranks to newly promoted officers

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VIJAYPUR, Dec 4: Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur on Monday organized a pipping ceremony and pinned new ranks to two newly promoted Inspectors and 17 Sub Inspectors of Telecommunication Wing who have been promoted vide PHQ J&K Orders No. 3351 and 3353 of 2023 dated 28.11.2023.

Shiv Kumar, Principal PTTI Vijaypur pinned ranks to promotee Inspectors namely Kapil Raina and Shehbaz Ahmed and Sub Inspectors namely Balbir Kumar and Narinder Singh in an impressive function organized at PTTI Vijaypur.

Besides this, new ranks were also pinned to trainee Sub Inspectors namely Mohd Ismail, Farooq Ahmed Lone, Manzoor Ahmad Wani, Gh. Hassan Darzi, Nisar Ahmed Tantry, Ravinder Kumar Bhatt, Naiter Singh, Bashir Ahmed, Mohd Akbar Sheikh, Ikhlaq Ahmed Qadri, Mohd Shafi Mir, Ajaz-Ul-Haq Shah, Mohd Akbar, Attanllah Tantry, Gh. Mohd Rather who are presently undergoing 15 days "Computer Operation and Orientation Course" in the Institute.

While addressing the participants, Principal PTTI Vijaypur said that the promottee officers are very sincere, hard working and dedicated. Principal congratulated all the promotees on their elevation and stressed upon them to work with same zeal and zest in future also.

Suram Singh SSP, Commandant JKAP-6th Bn.(Chairman Examination Board) and other Examination Board Members including Shri Surinder Kumar Sharma (Dy. CO IRP 24th Bn.), Jagbir Singh (Dy.CO IRP-3rd Bn.), Anuroop Sharma (Dy.SP 24th Bn.), Mohinder Pal (Dy. SP SDRF 2nd Bn.), Sarbjeet Singh (Dy.SP IRP 7th Bn.) also graced the occasion.

Among others Devinder Gupta (Dy.SP R&D), Kuldeep Raj, (Dy.SP Indoor/Tech.), Khushwant Singh (Dy.SP Admn.), Shri Surrinder Paul (Dy.SP Telecom), Inspr. Javed Hussain (RI), Inspr. Surinder Singh (CDI), Inspr. Ram Lal (CLI), Inspr. Himanshu Dutta (CTI), Inspr. Anil Kumar, Inspr. Tariq Mehmood, Inspr. Pawan Kumar, Inspr. Vivek Kalsotra, Inspr. Bhopinder Singh, Inspr. Kanwal Raina, Inspr. Mulkh Raj, Inspr. Ashish Dharmat, SI Sulinder Singh, Narinder Kumar and others were present on the occasion.

Dogri Sanstha Jammu organizes program in memory of Gianeshwar

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JAMMU, Dec 4: Dogri Sanstha Jammu in collaboration with J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages Jammu organized a special program in the memory of celebrated Dogri poet and Sahitya Akaedemi Awardee Late Gianeshwar Sharma in a function at K.L.Saigal Hall, Writers' Club Abhinav Theatre Jammu.

Bharat Singh Manhas, Secretary JKAACL was Chief Guest, Shailender Singh and an eminent Dogri novelist and Sahitya Akademi awardee was special Guest whereas Prof. Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha Jammu presided over the function.

During the function, a collection of dogri songs entitled "Geeten Di Rohl" written by Gianeshwar was released.

Prof. Veena Gupta, an eminent linguist and Dogri writer presented a detailed paper on the book. The book release function was followed by presentation of musical evening wherein six songs written by late poet Gianeshwar were presented by his daughters Kusha Sharma, Chinmya Sharma and Roshi Samnotra, Vanshika Jaral, Vivek Mohan, Ram Lal & Rakesh Chowhan.

They were accompanied on flute by Rakesh Kumar, Sinth by Sunil, harmonium by Brij Mohan, tabla by Amit Anand and on Dholak by Rajeev Kumar.

These songs were composed by Brij Mohan, an eminent music composer from the UT of J&K, who spellbound the audience with captivating compositions equally performed by the eminent singers.

While speaking on the occasion, Chief Guest Bharat Singh said that he is always ready to extend his hands to whatever creative contributions are made by the artists and litterateurs. He assured that JKAACL will always welcome the creative initiatives. Shailender Singh, Special Guest in his address on the occasion recalled his association with the poet and said that Gianeshwar was undoubtedly a celebrated poet having carved a niche in literary arena with colossal contributions thus enriching Dogri Literature.

Prof. Lalit Magotra in his presidential address also recalled his long association with Gianeshwar. He said that this program has surely connected the audience with the poet with a broader canvas thus opening new dimensions to his creative pursuits in dogri literature. He recalled that he was not only a prolific dogri writer but a very good cricketer also having represented erstwhile state of J&K in many Ranji Trophy matches.

Raj Kumar Behrupia, a well-known theatre activist conducted the proceedings and the program concluded with Shah Nawaz, Cultural Office JKAACL presenting vote of thanks. The special program was graced by a large number of litterateurs, literature lovers and family members of Late Poet Gianeshwar Sharma.

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