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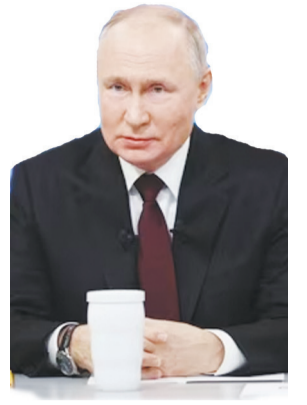


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Rajya Sabha proceedings adjourned for day amid Opposition protest

NEW DELHI, Dec 15 (Agencies): The Rajya Sabha proceedings on Friday were adjourned for the day as the Opposition parties continued with their protest demanding discussion on the security breach in Parliament. As soon as the House met at 2 PM after morning adjournments, Opposition members were up in arms again, demanding a discussion on the Wednesday security breach. Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar adjourned the proceedings for the day as his repeated request for order in the house did not yield result. The house will now reconvene on December 18. Earlier in the morning session, soon after the listed papers were laid on the table of the upper house, the Chairman informed the members that he had received 23 notices under Rule 267 of the Rajya Sabha procedures for suspension of the scheduled business of the day to discuss the "serious situation arising out of breach of security" in Parliament on December 13. The Chairman did not approve the notices, and proceeded with the Zero Hour. At this point, the entire Opposition members erupted in protest.

Police arrests drug peddler in Baramulla

SRINAGAR, Dec 15 (Agencies): Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested drug peddler in North Kashmir's Baramulla district and recovered contraband substances from his possession. A Police spokesperson said that a police party of Police Station Pattan headed by SHO PS Pattan at a checkpoint established at Shirpora Pattan, intercepted a person who was carrying a bag on his shoulder. During search, 12 Kgs of Bhung Patri like contraband substance was recovered from his possession. He was identified as Gh Mohiuddin Ganie son of Late Ab Raheem resident of Shirpora Pattan. He has been arrested and shifted to PS Pattan where he remain in custody. Accordingly, case under relevant sections of law have been registered at police Station Pattan & investigations have been initiated.

J&K JJM gets big boost; Centre approves new 102 Water Supply Schemes worth Rs 476.71 cr

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SRINAGAR, Dec 15: As a major boost to Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in J&K, the Centre has approved new 102 Water Supply Schemes worth Rs 476.71 crore for coverage of additional 54752 rural households in the UT for which the provision for Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) had not been planned at the start of the mission.

The identification of these areas/households was done, by the public, during various public outreach programmes like 'Back to village',



Block Divas, JJM Fort-night, Gram Sabhas and JJM awareness camps conducted by the Department, where the public had raised the demands for inclusion of these left out areas in the Jal Jeevan Mission. With the approval of

these new 102 schemes by the Centre, it shall be ensured that no household is left without a tap connection within its premises.

The UT administration has thanked the Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Union Min-

istry of Jal Shakti, for timely approval of the new schemes for coverage of additional 54752 households.

Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti, Shaleen Kabra, has impressed upon the engineers to expedite execution of these schemes to meet the agreed timelines for completion of the Mission. He further emphasized upon the field functionaries to maintain highest degree of transparency, accountability and accessibility to the general public for effective implementation of the mission.

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Bhajan Lal Sharma sworn in as Rajasthan CM, Diya Kumari and Prem Chand Bairwa as Deputy CMs



JAIPUR, Dec 15 (Agencies): BJP leader Bhajan Lal Sharma was on Friday sworn in as the chief minister of Rajasthan at a ceremony held in front of the Albert Hall

here. Along with him, Diya Kumari and Prem Chand Bairwa were also sworn in as the deputy chief ministers. Governor Kalraj Mishra

administered the oath in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP president JP Nadda, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and

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People must have tolerance for each other's opinion: Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul

NEW DELHI, Dec 15 (Agencies): People must have tolerance for each other's opinion at a time when the tolerance level has gone down internationally, Supreme Court judge Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul said on Friday.

On his last working day as an apex court judge, Justice Kaul said boldness of a judge was a very important factor and the Bar owes a duty to see that independence of judiciary was protected.

Justice Kaul, who is set to retire on December 25 after a tenure of over six years and 10 months as a judge of the top court, was part of a ceremonial bench which had assembled to bid him farewell.



The Supreme Court will be on winter break from December 18 and will re-open on January 2. Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud, who was heading the ceremonial

bench, recalled his association with Justice Kaul.

"Justice Kaul and I go back to the mid 70s. We were college students together and I think it is a matter of great honour for me that we share this very dias together with each other, whether it was in Puttaswamy (right to privacy case), whether it was in the marriage equality case, recently in the Article 370 case" Justice Chandrachud said.

The CJ said his friendship with Justice Kaul was a source of "enormous strength" for him.

Justice Kaul said the Supreme Court has administered justice without

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Two women cops charge-sheeted for Rs 1.88 Cr Chit Fund fraud

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JAMMU, Dec 15: Economic Offences Wing - Crime Branch Jammu produced 382 page charge-sheet against two accused Women Police S.G constables W/SgCt. Nirmal Kour Saini 15th Bn, wife of Mohinder Singh, resident of Kol Kalan Bishnah, Jammu and W/SgCt Arti Sharma 4th Security, wife of Sunil Sharma, resident of Village Ghara Sotra Hiranagar in case FIR

No. 23/2014 under Sections 420, 406, 120-B RPC P/S EOW, Crime Branch, Jammu in the Court of law for judicial determination for hatching criminal conspiracy and cheating the complainant along with other co-employees of IRP 15th Battalion of Rs 1,87,64,000 after luring them on the pretext of hefty returns for investing money and gold with them.

CBJ official said that the case is origin from an enquiry report for-

warded by Commandant IRP 15th Bn. Jammu through IGP Armed/IRP, Jammu Zone, Jammu to Crime Branch, Jammu, which revealed that written complaints came to be filed by Women Constables of IRP 15th Battalion to the effect that accused W/SgCt.Nirmal Kour of IRP 15th Battalion had taken an amount of Rs. 1.00 Lakh each from them fraudulently on the pretext that she would repay an interest of Rs. 5000 per month

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Parliament Security Breach | 2 more detained, 6 teams of special cell constituted to lead investigation

NEW DELHI, Dec 15 (Agencies): The Special Cell of Delhi Police, conducting an investigation into the Parliament security breach case, has detained two more people following their suspected association with five arrested in the case.

The detained persons are identified as Mahesh and Kailash, both residents of Rajasthan and have an alleged association with a social media group called 'Justice for

Azad Bhagat Singh'.

During the interrogation of the Counter Intelligence Unit of the Special Cell, it came to light that Mahesh was also going to be part of the attack team but for some reason he was stopped by his family members. Apart from that, Mahesh has also helped Lalit Jha, the fifth accused and mastermind, burn the mobile phones of his associates after he reached Rajasthan's Kuchaman from

Delhi.

On the other hand, last night, senior police officials, including two Deputy Commissioners of Police (DCP) and Additional Commissioners of Police, interrogated Lalit Jha, during which he narrated the whole incident to officials.

According to sources, during interrogation, it came to light that preparations for the attack were being made

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Police attaches properties of 2 involved in drug peddling in Poonch

POONCH, Dec 15 (Agencies): Police have attached property of two persons allegedly involved in drug peddling in Poonch district, an officer said on Thursday. Police attached the property of accused Shakar Din, including a house of his in Degwar-Terwan village, for his involvement in drug peddling, they said.

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Freezing cold continue to grip Kashmir Valley

SRINAGAR, Dec 15 (Agencies): Freezing cold continues to grip Kashmir even as minimum temperature slightly improved at several places on Friday.

The Meteorological Centre Srinagar predicted that the weather

is likely to remain clear at most places today.

A Western Disturbance (WD) is likely to hit on December 16 and can cause light snowfall over extremely higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir, it said.

Thereafter the weather

will mainly remain dry from December 17-24 with cold conditions to continue over most places of Jammu and Kashmir.

Shallow to moderate fog will also hunt at many places of

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AJKPC demands Panchayat elections in J&K

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SRINAGAR, Dec 15: All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC) Friday urged the government to respect the aspirations of the people of J&K and announce election dates for holding elections at the earliest.

Addressing press conference in Srinagar, President AJKPC Anil Sharma said government should respect the aspirations of the people



of Jammu and Kashmir and must set a deadline for holding elections in J&K.

"The assembly elec-

tions are due for several years and now even the term of elected representatives of Urban Local Bodies (ULB) has

also expired and soon the tenure of elected Panchs, Sarpanchs and BDCs would be over, thus it would be injustice with the people of J&K to deprive them of their right to choose their representative," Sharma told reporters.

He said in a democratic set up there can be no alternative to electoral rights of people thus it becomes imperative that dates for holding elections be declared

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EDITORIAL

UNITY IN DIVERSITY

India is a fascinating country. Indian Constitution is famous all over the world. The motherland here is greater than heaven. India is a country of diversity. People following different types of religions live together in harmony. Various types of festivals according to religions are celebrated with enthusiasm. The country of India was called the "golden bird" before independence. India is a country where even foreigners come and settle.

India is a country where even foreigners come and settle. Six seasons arrive here every year. All the seasons have their own different style. India is a country dominated by agriculture, religion and culture. The farmers here are hardworking and diligent. They are called food providers for the city residents. 'Atithi Devo Bhava' means that in India the guest has been given the status of God.

India is a religion based country. People following many religions live here. People of different sects like Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Jains, etc. live here. That is why India is called a religion dominated country. All religions have their own major festivals which everyone celebrates with great joy every year. Despite the diverse languages and religions of India, people have love, belongingness and brotherhood in their hearts.

In India, people celebrate many types of festivals according to all religions. The main festivals of Hindu religion are Holi, the festival of colors, Diwali full of lights, Raksha Bandhan, the festival of unbreakable love between brother and sister, the victory of truth over untruth, the festival of Dussehra, apart from this, festivals like Eid, Christmas, Lohari etc. are celebrated with great pomp. This is a beautiful example of unity in diversity.

The soul of India resides in the villages. Farmers, the embodiment of service and hard work, live in villages. Farmers are the providers of food to the city residents. The life of an Indian farmer is very easy and simple. They work hard day and night and grow food for us. Indian food is popular all over the world. Every state has its own special food which all of us countrymen enjoy.

India is a country where people consider themselves blessed by applying its soil on their heads. Here the ancient culture has been preserved harmoniously. After the end of slavery, our country India emerged as the strongest democracy in the world which is praised by the entire world. India is that great country where many types of warriors and patriots were born and kept fighting for the country till their last breath. Today those warriors are worshipped. India is a country where even foreigners come and settle here.

The depth of culture here attracts the whole world. India is a country that maintains its culture and traditions that have been passed down from generation to generation. Today, the golden land of this country is a topic of discussion in every corner of the world. Everyone loves their motherland India. Our beautiful country India is so blessed that even God wishes to live here.

Scope to bridge gaps that exists between the language spoken by the child and the medium of teaching

By: Vijay GarG

The educational bodies can support teachers by creating bilingual dictionaries, textbooks, and language handbooks in local languages,

India is a land of colossal cultural and linguistic diversity with a rich history and a multilingual population at its heart. It is an amalgamation of different languages, lifestyles, customs, and traditions. And so, in India, most classrooms are multilingual, and students are frequently taught in a common language rather than their first language. It is also common for students to know one local or home language in addition to the language they are taught at school. With the knowledge of English and their multilingual skills, students can communicate across language barriers in formal situations as well as in their daily lives. Adding to this, students' awareness of local cultures, history and contexts, is likely to make them more effective communicators. Educators are increasingly realising that there is a significant opportunity to celebrate linguistic diversity in the school's environment. Using multilingual approaches when teaching English in the classroom could enable teachers to tap into this opportunity and ensure more meaningful learning takes place.

Upskilling of Teachers
The National Education

Policy (NEP) 2020 highlights 'multilingualism and power of language' stating that all languages will be taught with high quality, to all students. To make the learning more effective, students need access to appropriate language learning resources opportunities to listen and use language in their day-to-day communication, and most importantly, receive timely feedback on their progress. The responsibility for creating a supportive environment, as a result, falls on the teachers, further translating into the need for teachers to be equipped with English language teaching skills. The NEP also emphasises that teachers use a bilingual approach, including bilingual teaching-learning materials, with students whose home language may be different from the medium of instruction.

Robust teacher professional development is key to enabling change in the classroom. It is important to equip teachers with new and innovative methods of teaching in language education. However, this can be relative to how well the teachers know the language and if they can teach it effectively. As a result of the pandemic, teachers have now been trained in more specialised professional areas, including managing huge classrooms, teaching online or remotely, and conducting competency-based assessments.

Improving learning outcomes

Recently, several state governments have introduced initiatives to improve learning outcomes through various skill-based workshops and language training programmes to help teachers. Over a period of 10 years, the Government of Maharashtra with partners such as Tata Trusts, introduced projects to develop teachers' capacity in using student-centred English teaching pedagogy to improve learning and increase student participation in the classroom. For example, the Tejas Project focussed on developing Communities of Practice for teachers' professional development. Since 2012, nearly 2,000 teacher educators and 146,000 teachers were trained, who in turn improved the English language proficiency of 4.38 million learners in the Maharashtra state schools.

In Delhi, Bihar, and Hyderabad, the University of Cambridge conducted the Multi-LiLa Research Project (2016-2022) to examine how multilingual students in India perform in school, particularly when taught in English versus their regional language. They assessed students' cognitive, literacy, and numeracy skills between 2017-2020, aiming to determine if learning in a different language affected outcome. The project recognized the importance of teachers being proficient in English and effective language teaching methods, especially in areas

with limited English exposure. This enabled the teachers to portray confidence in their language abilities, resulting in favourable outcomes for the students.

Necessary pedagogical changes

Schooling in a child's mother tongue can improve class attendance and learning, increase student participation, and reduce the number of dropouts. Given the multiplicity of languages and dialects in India, policy leaders and educators are harnessing the regional medium of instruction in schools in India. However, there is still scope to bridge gaps that exists between the language spoken by the child and the medium of teaching. Teaching in the mother tongue is a good first step in solving the low learning outcome problem. However, for multilingual education to be successful, it must be accompanied by pedagogical changes and trained teachers who can deal with technological advancements and are accustomed to students' languages in the classroom. The educational bodies can support teachers by creating bilingual dictionaries, textbooks, supplementary reading material and language handbooks in local languages.

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The stress on the students started to increase due to the announcement of CBSE, ICSE and state board exam Dates

By: Vijay Garg

The announcement of the dates of CBSE, ICSE and State Board examinations in December must have given sleepless nights to many candidates. Of course, many such efforts have been made by the government so that the stress level among the candidates remains minimal, but the fear of failure and the pressure of scoring more marks can trouble the children. Parents also see their children's exam results as linked to their social prestige, due to which the candidates are affected. There is additional burden. Stress in exams is normal, but it should be positive, i.e. 'eustress'. Negative stress, i.e. 'distress' always harms health. Therefore, both candidates and parents should happily learn how to prepare for the exam. The question is how can candidates avoid 'exam syndrome'? Some measures can be taken for this. First of all, we have to understand that mental stress is directly related to our stomach. Stomach health starts deteriorating due to

stress. intestine because ourIt is the 'second brain', so to keep it well, it is necessary to improve the daily routine along with intake of adequate nutrients. During times of stress, the secretion of 'adrenaline hormone' also increases, due to which our heart beat increases and the muscles become tense. An easy way to handle this is to control your breathing. For this, '4-7-8 technique' of pranayama can be practiced. This involves inhaling your breath for four counts, then holding it for seven counts and slowly releasing it for the next eight counts. Action should be taken. Due to this, the heartbeat becomes normal and the stress of the body starts reducing. The possibility of children having irregular eating habits also increases during examination time. But 'good bacteria' is necessary to maintain proper digestion. For this, many 'probiotics' are available in the market, but a good option at home is to consume sugar candy with fresh curd or fresh butter. Today, dependence on mobile and internet is also a factor in increasing

stress in children. Now that these things have become mandatory, it is important for children to limit 'screen time'. It is important to increase physical activities. To maintain the balance of a healthy body and a healthy mind, we should remember four pillars - First, exercise for at least 40 minutes. Due to this, 'happy hormone' is secreted. According to the children's daily routine, the exercises can be divided into two (20-20 minutes) or three (15-15 minutes) parts. Second, adequate sleep of six to seven hours. This can also be accomplished in bits and pieces, but sleep from 11 pm to 3 am is very important, because at this time our body is doing the treatment himself. Third, positive thinking. For this, children can take help of interests like listening to music or reading good books. At this time, parents should also choose positive words while talking. Instead of talking about the things that you want to stop your children from doing, use them literally for the options that you want them to do. For example, instead of advising not to

watch TV, asking to read a certain topic. The fourth pillar is nutrients. For this a balanced diet is necessary. Eat on time and stay hungry Consuming it in small quantities is helpful in increasing concentration. During this period, liquids should also be given equal importance. It has to be understood that we are not only biological but also intellectual and spiritual units. Just one examination is not the ultimate goal of our life, hence our life does not depend on success or failure in it. The good thing is that CBSE Board has made many changes this time. Since the exam pattern has been made such that 70 percent of the questions will be from practical aspects, it is expected that the children will rise above the mentality of rote learning and study the subjects. Will try to understand the practical aspects of. This will also increase their skill and efficiency.

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Is Munawar Faruqui in trouble? Ex Ayesha Khan to enter 'Bigg Boss 17' as wild card

Ayesha Khan had recently made double-dating claims about Munawar Faruqui

There seems to be a new wild card entry soon in 'Bigg Boss 17' house. Rumour mill has it that stand-up comic and singer Munawar Faruqui's ex-girlfriend Ayesha Khan is all set to enter 'Bigg Boss 17'.

According to popular X handle Bigg Boss _Tak, Ayesha was recently spotted outside the sets of Salman Khan's controversial reality show in Mumbai. Salman Khan was also shooting for the upcoming Weekend Ka Vaar episode.

If the report is correct, Ayesha will be the fourth wild-card entrant after Manasvi Mangai, Samarth Jurel and K-pop singer Aora.

In a recent interview, Ayesha Khan alleged that Munawar was 'double dating' her. This was before Munawar joined the 'Bigg Boss' show. Ayesha claimed that Munawar approached her on social media to feature in his music video. She said, "The video never happened, but the second time I met, he was like 'I love you'."

In the same podcast conver-



sation, Ayesha said that when she questioned Munawar about his relationship with Nazila, his girlfriend, he told her that they had broken up. "The first question I asked this man was if we start whatever we are doing, will anybody in your personal life be

affected by it, to which he said 'no'," she claimed.

Ayesha, a social media influencer, claimed that she found out about Munawar double-dating her after he joined the reality show. "I saw a story of him and his girlfriend (Nazila) on the lat-

ter's account and realised that he was dating me while being in a relationship with her," she said.

Upset that she was being cheated upon, if Ayesha joins 'Bigg Boss 17', it is being said that she would confront Munawar.

Recently, Munawar's girlfriend Nazila wrote a cryptic note on her Instagram stories that read, "One thing I wish more people knew is that everything isn't how it seems online. nobody is as pure and morally correct as they pretend to be, in fact, the reality will take you by surprise. This is why they usually say 'never meet your idols' because in most cases the way you perceive them is very different from how they actually are so don't be fooled by what you see online or on TV."

Although there has been no confirmation yet on Ayesha's entry, but just like Samarth Jurel's entry added a shock value to the show, hers is going to be no less.

Suhana Khan didn't know that dad Shah Rukh Khan had received Padma Shri; star daughter has embarrassing moments at 'KBC 15'



Actor Shah Rukh Khan's daughter Suhana Khan, along with the star cast of the film 'The Archies' and its director Zoya Akhtar, was seen promoting her debut film on the latest episode of KBC 15.

However, during the show, Suhana

was left red-faced while answering questions as she got an answer about her father wrong.

With Suhana, Zoya Akhtar and actor Vedang Raina on the hot seat, host Amitabh Bachchan asked the question, "Shah Rukh Khan has not yet received which of these honours?" and gave the options: A) Padma Shri, B) Legion of Honour, C) L'Etoile d'Or, and D) Volpi Cup.

While one would expect Suhana to instantly answer the correct option, this, however, was not the case.

Suhana chose Padma Shri as the answer, which turned out to be wrong, leaving everyone surprised. The correct answer was Volpi Cup, the principal award given to actors at the Venice Film Festival.

Following Suhana's fiasco, Amitabh says, "Beti ko pata nahi hai ki pita ko kya mila hai. Keval itna bataya gaya hai pita ne ki jo saamne baitha hai, wo hamaare baap ka role kiya hai, unse puch lena ki bhaiya thoda aaram se prashan puche. Itna aaram se prashan pucha, uska jawaab hi nahi de payi ye."

Hearing this, everyone starts laughing. Bachchan then tells Suhana that SRK was conferred the Padma Shri in 2005.

Tejasswi Prakash talks about her relationship with Karan Kundrra, what makes them a 'real couple'

Television actress Tejasswi Prakash has spoken about her relationship with her actor boyfriend Karan Kundrra and how they have set a bar for couple goals.

Talking about her relationship with Karan and the fandom #TejRan have, she said, "Why do you think people love us? We weren't the most perfect couple inside the (Bigg Boss) house! We fought; we didn't speak to each other for a time period inside the house."

"Then we've patched up and been the most real couple, which is why people love us. We have never tried to portray ourselves as the most ideal couple."

She added, "We have shown how real couples are, and real couple's fight in real world."

Tejasswi and Karan share pictures from their appearance on 'Temptation Island India'.

The actress said she and her beau are both "strong minded" people.

She added: "Especially when two strong people are together. Karan is a very strong-minded person, and I am too. And when two strong-headed people come together, fights are bound to happen."

Karan revealed the reason why he



believes in reality shows.

He said: "There's a reason I believe in reality shows like Temptation Island India: I met my partner in a reality show of this kind, and such shows test your true love. You come out stronger from the experience."

'Temptation Island India' airs on Jio Cinema.

Arjun Kapoor makes confession about his relationship with Malaika Arora, navigating trolls

In a recent episode of Koffee With Karan Season 8, Arjun Kapoor, accompanied by actor Aditya Roy Kapur, delved into various aspects of his personal life, particularly addressing questions about his long-term relationship with Malaika Arora.

When asked by host Karan Johar about the next step with Malaika, Arjun Kapoor tactfully expressed his desire to let their relationship unfold organically. He stated, "I'm very happy where I am, and I think we make no bones about the fact that we survived through whatever we've had to be in this comfortable happy space."

Arjun emphasised that discussing the future without Malaika present wouldn't be fair, noting, "I think it's unfair to be sitting here without her



and talking about the future. I think that would be the most respectful thing. Once we reach that stage, we will come and talk about it together."

Addressing the frequent trolling he and Malaika endure, Arjun shared his perspective, acknowledging the impact while highlighting the importance of detachment from negative reactions.

Reflecting on online criticism, he remarked, "It also shows their upbringing and their culture, those people who are putting up random comments. You also know that they're trying to get your attention." Arjun further revealed his strategy for dealing with such situations, urging a deeper understanding of the motivations behind online comments.

The couple, who reportedly started dating in 2018 and made their relationship public in 2019, has been subjected to occasional breakup rumours.

However, Arjun dispelled these speculations by posting a romantic photo on Instagram to celebrate Malaika's birthday. The two have been together for over five years, and Arjun affirmed their commitment, saying, "I'm very, very happy where I am."

As the episode unfolded, Arjun Kapoor's candid responses offered a glimpse into the complexities of navigating love in the public eye and addressing rumours with grace. The Bollywood duo seems to be embracing the journey of their relationship and focusing on their shared joy.

'If it's not difficult, it's not love'

Mouni Roy on challenges of relationship

Actress Mouni Roy, who is the host of Temptation Island India, has opened up on the challenges within relationships on the show, saying the "reality has proven once again to be stranger than fiction."

In the recent episode, viewers witnessed the emotional breakup of Arjun and Cheshita, juxtaposed with the united decision of Nidhi and Mohak to face the future together.

The upcoming episode promises to unravel the fate of Nishank and Chetna, and Gargee and Ronak, bringing clarity to the intricacies of their relationships.

Throughout the journey, the Queen of Hearts, Mouni, has been an integral part of the show, providing insights and guidance alongside host Karan Kundrra.

Mouni said, "The temptations that once resided in the villas have now evolved into meaningful connections.

Delivering the final verdict of love will not be an easy task. This show

has transformed mere attractions into profound realisations about relationships. Sahi hi kehte hai, jo mushkil nahi hai, wo pyaar nahi hai (if it's not difficult, it's not love)."

She further emphasised, "I've witnessed individuals undergo significant transformations on the show, evolving into strong and self-assured personalities."

"Simultaneously, many explored the depths of their connections to their fullest potential. I am genuinely intrigued to witness the unfolding chapters in the lives of these couples."

"Reflecting on Temptation Island India, I must say, reality has proven once again to be stranger than fiction! The dynamics of relationships presented a roller coaster ride is beyond my expectations. We take pride in breaking toxic patterns and fostering positive changes in relationships," added the actress. Temptation Island India airs on Jio Cinema.



'Barbie' director Greta Gerwig is Cannes Film Festival 2024 jury president

Director Greta Gerwig, who set the box-office on fire with her film 'Barbie', will preside over the jury of the 2024 Cannes Film Festival.

'Barbie' grossed \$1.4 billion at the global box office this year and just picked up nine Golden Globe nominations. Gerwig has attended Cannes alongside her partner Noah Baumbach before, notably in 2017 when his 'The Meyerowitz Stories' premiered, but she's never presented a film there, reports Variety.

There were early talks to bring 'Barbie' to Cannes earlier this year but the timing didn't work. The Warner Bros. movie was released on July 19 and became an instant classic and the highest-grossing worldwide movie of the year. On top of leading the Golden Globe nominations, 'Barbie' is also expected to land numerous Oscar nominations.

"I love films - I love making them, I love going to them, I love talking about them. As a cinephile, Cannes has always been the pinnacle of what the universal language of movies



can be," Gerwig said in a statement, accessed by Variety.

"Being in the place of vulnerability, in a dark theatre filled with strangers, watching a brand-new film is my

favourite place to be. I am stunned and thrilled and humbled to be serving as the president of the Cannes Film Festival Jury. I cannot wait to see what journeys are in store for all of us," she

added.

Two-time Palme d'Or winner Ruben Ostlund presided over the 2023 Cannes jury.

As per Variety, Gerwig will be the first American female director to take on the role of jury president at the Cannes Film Festival. At the age of 40, she's also the youngest person to take on the role since Sophia Loren, who was 31 when she presided over Cannes' jury in 1966.

Other notable female jury presidents include Jane Campion in 2014 and Olivia de Havilland, Cannes' first female jury president, in 1965.

Starting out as an actor, Greta Gerwig broke through as a solo director with 'Lady Bird' in 2017. She became the fifth woman to be nominated for best director and the movie earned a total of five Oscar nominations. Her next film, 'Little Women', was also a critical hit and was nominated for five Oscars, winning best costume design. With 'Barbie', Gerwig became the most bankable female director in history.

Gurpatwant Pannun murder plot accused Nikhil Gupta's family moves Supreme Court, seeks Indian govt's intervention to secure his release

A Bench led by Justice Sanjiv Khanna agrees to take up the petition on January 4

NEW DELHI, Dec 15 (Agencies): The family of Nikhil Gupta -- an Indian national accused of plotting to assassinate US-based Sikh separatist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun and currently detained in the Czech Republic -- has moved the Supreme Court seeking the Government of India's intervention to secure his release.

"We will have this on January 4 after vacations. We will decide on the next date. Serve a copy to the central agency (Central government)," a Bench led by Justice Sanjiv Khanna told senior counsel Aryama Sundaram after he pressed for a direction to the Central government on behalf of the petitioner.

During the brief hearing on the habeas corpus petition filed on behalf of Gupta by his family, the Bench said the petitioner would have to move a court in the Czech Republic where Gupta was detained.

"You have to go before the court which is outside India. Go over there. We are not going to



have an adjudication over here. The person detained has not given the affidavit. If there is violation of any law etc, you have to go to the court concerned over there," the Bench noted.

The US prosecutors have charged Gupta with working with an Indian government employee in the alleged foiled attempt to kill Pannun -- who holds dual citizenship of the US and Canada -- in the US.

Sundaram said it was the second such indictment on behalf of the US and that Gupta

had been caught in the cross-fire.

Gupta -- who was in the Czech Republic on a leisure/business exploration trip -- was illegally detained at the Prague Airport on June 30, the petition alleged. At the time of exiting the airport, Gupta was approached by certain individuals who identified themselves as law enforcement officials and detained him without assigning any reason, it added.

"The circumstances surrounding his arrest were marked by

irregularities, with no formal arrest warrant presented, and the apprehension executed by self-claimed US agents rather than local Czech authorities," the petition submitted.

"The petitioner asserts that the subsequent events, spanning over 100 days of solitary confinement, have given rise to grave violations of his fundamental rights," the petition alleged.

It alleged that Gupta was not shown any arrest warrant during the initial detention. Instead, he found himself in the custody of individuals purporting to represent US interests.

"The petitioner, a devout Hindu and vegetarian, claims that he was subjected to forced consumption of beef and pork during his detention in Czech custody, a direct violation of his religious beliefs. Moreover, he alleges that he was denied consular access, the right to contact his family in India, and the freedom to seek legal representation," the petition submitted.

Delhi airport expected to have full body scanners by May 2024: BCAS chief

NEW DELHI, Dec 15 (Agencies): Full body scanners are expected to be installed at the Delhi airport by May 2024, a senior official said on Friday.

Besides, Computed Tomography X-ray (CTX) machines where passengers will not be required to remove electronic items from their hand baggage during the security check are also anticipated to be installed by May next year.

The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) Director General Zulfiqar Hasan on Friday said the deadline for installing the full body scanners and CTX machines at certain airports is being extended.

The deadline for installing the full body scanners at airports with more than 10 million annual passenger traffic is December 31.

The last date for installation of CTX machines at airports with more than

5 million passengers is also the same.

At a briefing in the national capital, Hasan said there have been some provisioning issues and BCAS is in discussions with airport operators on the installation of the scanners.

"We expect the full body scanners and X-ray machines to come in May...," he said and added that both are expected to be installed at the Delhi airport by May next year.

The Delhi airport is the country's largest airport and passenger traffic is expected to cross 70 million in the current fiscal ending March 2024.

Once CTX (Computer Tomography X-ray) scanners are in place, passengers will not have to remove their electronic gadgets from baggage during security checks at airports.

BCAS will be deploying the full body scanners in a phased manner.

Last year, BCAS recommended installation of scanners based on computer tomography technology at airports whereby passengers will not be required to take out electronic devices from their hand baggage before going through the scanner.

At present, passengers have to remove and keep electronic items in a separate tray during security check at airports.

The scanners used at airports provide a two-dimensional view of the objects inside hand baggage. Installation of such scanners is also expected to help in speeding up the security check-in process at airports.

India is one of the fastest-growing civil aviation markets in the world.

Domestic airlines carried more than 13.82 crore passengers during the January-November 2023 period, as per the latest official data.

Tribal woman paraded naked in Belagavi: Nadda forms probe panel

NEW DELHI, Dec 15 (Agencies): BJP president Jagat Prakash Nadda on Friday strongly condemned the incident of parading naked of a tribal woman in Belgavi, Karnataka and said heinous crimes specially against women are on the rise since the Congress government has come to power in Karnataka.

Nadda constituted a probe panel of the BJP to investigate the crime in Belagavi.

He said the crimes ex-



pose the irresponsible behaviour of Congress governments every wherein the country in tackling such crimes.

The five member fact finding committee which

will visit the incident site will include MPs Arjun Kumar Sarangi,

Sunita Duggal, Lokesh Chatterjee, Ranjeeta Koli, and BJP national secretary Asha Lakra.

Supreme Court defers hearing on Mahua Moitra's plea against expulsion till January 3

NEW DELHI, Dec 15 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Friday deferred the hearing on a plea by Trinamool Congress leader Mahua Moitra challenging her expulsion from the Lok Sabha till January 3 next year.

Moitra challenged her expulsion in the top court after the Lok Sabha adopted the report of its ethics committee that held her guilty of accepting gifts and illegal gratification from a businessman.

As soon as the matter was taken up for hearing, a bench of Justices



Sanjiv Khanna and SVN Bhatti told senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, who was appearing for Moitra, that the bench had not gone through the case files and it would like to hear it

upon reopening of the court after the winter break, which ends on January 3.

On December 8, after a heated debate in the Lok Sabha over the panel report -- Moitra

was not allowed to speak --, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi moved a motion to expel the TMC MP from the House for "unethical conduct," which was adopted by a voice vote.

The ethics committee found Moitra guilty of "unethical conduct" and contempt of the House as she shared her Lok Sabha members' portal credentials -- user ID and password -- with unauthorised people, which had an irrepressible impact on national security, Joshi had said.

The committee had

also recommended that in view of the "highly objectionable, unethical, heinous and criminal conduct" of Moitra, an intense legal and institutional inquiry be initiated by the government with a set deadline.

The motion moved by Joshi said Moitra's "conduct has further been found to be unbecoming as an MP for accepting gifts and illegal gratification from a businessman to further his interest, which is a serious misdemeanour and highly-deplorable conduct" on her part.

Home minister mum in Parliament, but giving interview on TV: Kharge on security breach issue

NEW DELHI, Dec 15 (Agencies): Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday asked Union Home Minister Amit Shah why he was not giving a statement in Parliament on the security breach issue but was giving interviews to TV channels.

He also asked if "illegally" suspending MPs who asked questions on the Parliament breach was justice.

"What kind of justice is it to illegally suspend opposition MPs over the huge lapse in security of Parliament and its MPs," Kharge asked.

He said that leaders of various parties had met in the morning to discuss their joint strategy in both houses.

Several MPs suspended on Thursday for disrupting the House with their protest on the security breach issue staged a silent protest in the Parliament



complex against the suspension.

Kharge said the Home Minister of the country can give interviews on TV but is averse to stating the floor of Parliament.

"INDIA parties demand that Shri Amit Shah should give a

statement in the Parliament and then it should be discussed in both the houses," the Congress chief said.

"It is our duty to raise our voice on this serious issue of national security, it is our parliamentary duty," Kharge also said in a post

in Hindi on X.

AICC general secretary Jairam Ramesh concurred with his colleague's demand for a statement from Shah on the "shocking" security breach.

"MPs of the INDIA parties are demanding that the Home Minister make a statement in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha on the shocking incidents of December 13, 2023, involving intruders into the Lok Sabha whose entry was facilitated by a BJP MP Pratap Simha.

"The Home Minister is simply refusing to make such a statement on what is a very serious security issue.

His refusal has led both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha to get adjourned till 2 pm today," Ramesh said after both houses were adjourned amid opposition protests.

Telangana cop shoots self after killing wife, two children



HYDERABAD, Dec 15 (Agencies): A security guard of Siddipet District Collector shot dead his wife and two children before killing himself.

The shocking incident occurred in Ramunipatla village of Chinnakodur mandal in Telangana's Siddipet district

on Friday.

According to police, police constable Akula Naresh (35), working as gunman of district Collector Prashant Jeevan Patil, killed his wife Chaitanya (30), son Revanth (6) and daughter Himashri (5) by opening fire from a pistol.

He later turned the gun on himself to die by suicide.

Naresh had not gone for duty on Friday and stayed at home. On hearing the gunshots, neighbours rushed to see all the four lying dead.

The villagers alerted the police, who rushed to the scene and shifted the bodies for autopsy.

Police registered a case and took up investigation. Financial problems are suspected to have led to the incident.

According to locals, Naresh was addicted to online betting and had borrowed money from others. Police, however, said they were probing the case from all angles.

Tamil Nadu IPS officer gets 15 days' jail in contempt case filed by MS Dhoni

CHENNAI, Dec 15 (Agencies): The Madras High Court on Friday sentenced IPS officer G Sampath Kumar to 15 days' imprisonment in a contempt of court case filed by former Indian cricket captain MS Dhoni.

A division bench comprising Justices SS Sundar and Sunder Mohan, however, suspended the operation of the sentence for 30 days to enable Sampath Kumar to file an appeal against the sentence.

The ace cricketer had filed the contempt of court case against the IPS officer for allegedly having made contemptuous remarks against the Supreme Court and the High Court.



Dhoni sought to punish Sampath Kumar for the remarks made by him against the judiciary in his counter-affidavit filed in response to a defamation suit, seeking Rs 100 crore in damages, filed in 2014 for having named him in the IPL betting scam.

Mumbai crime branch summons actor Sahil Khan, 3 others in Mahadev betting app case

MUMBAI, Dec 15 (Agencies): The Mumbai police's crime branch, which is probing the Mahadev betting app case, has summoned actor Sahil Khan and three others to record their statements on Friday, an official said.

A special investigation team (SIT) of Mumbai police has been formed to probe alleged illegal transactions between certain financial and real estate firms in the



state and the promoters of the controversial Mahadev betting app, the official said.

The size of the scam is about Rs 15,000 crore, as per the FIR.

An SIT official said an investigation is under way against Khan and 31 other individuals in connection with the Mahadev betting app case. The probe involves examining their bank accounts, mobile phones, laptops and all

technical equipment.

The crime branch has summoned Sahil Khan, his brother Sam Khan, Hitesh Khushlani and one more accused person, he said. They have been asked to remain present before the officials of SIT at Mumbai crime branch, the senior police official said.

Sahil Khan, known for films like 'Style' and 'Excuse Me', has become a fitness expert.

DIG Range Jammu flags off students to attend attend 24th Rashtra Katha Shivar

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JAMMU, Dec 15: Shri Vedic Mission Trust is organizing the 24th Rashtra Katha Camp at Rajkot Gujarat from December 17 to 24, 2023 in which 25 students each from Government High School Greater Kailash Lower Chowadi, Jammu, Government High School Kalideh Sunderbani, Government High School Kandoli Nagrota and Govt. Higher Secondary School Utter Behani, Samba are participating.



who described the glorious history, various social & welfare activities undertaken by the CRPF.

Chief Guest Ramesh Kumar DIG Range Jammu, addressed the children and briefed them regarding the importance of the camp for awakening national

spirit, apprise the rich history and culture of India, sense of national integration, social harmony, overall personal development and the programs/activities to be held in the camp.

He told that during the Katha Shivar, the Constitution of India, national integration, cultural

and personal development, nationalism and patriotism, national security issues, environment, water, digital India, climate change & conservation, human rights, use of science & technology, Spirituality, disaster management, first aid & rules of the road are taught. Apart

from Martial arts, judo, karate, basketball, tug of war, yoga pranayama and meditation will also be conducted in the Camp.

During the camp Indian Army, Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard, BSF, CRPF, NDRF SSB, ITBP will present/showcase various activities through exhibition and educate the students about various types of innovations and modern equipment for future progress.

At the end of the program, Chief Guest Ramesh Kumar DIG Range Jammu flagged off the buses for their onward journey to attend 24th Rashtra Katha.

Parmodh Kapahi pays obeisance at Tirupati Temple participates in Abhishek ceremony



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JAMMU, Dec 15: Parmodh Kapahi BJP Distt President Jammu along with former Corporator Pritam Singh on Friday paid obeisance at Tirupati Balaji Temple Jammu and participated in the special Abhishek of Tirupati.

He prayed for the welfare of the country. Every Friday the ceremony of Abhishek of Lord Venkateshwar is performed.

Parmodh Kapahi expressed happiness over the temple said that it is a feeling of pleasure and proud that the Tirupati Balaji temple is established here for the people of Jammu.

With this temple we are able to witness the culture of south India and this feeling is heavenly.

He appealed people to visit the temple and pay obeisance here. He said that he is ready for any kind of help to the

temple and devotees.

Pritam Singh said the dedication of Lord Venkateswara temple would give a boost to spiritual tourism and a major fillip to the economic development and employment opportunities in the Union Territory.

On this occasion Subramanyam the Superintendent of Temple also appealed Transport Commissioner to start the bus service for the temple so that devotees can come easily to the temple.

He also emphasized to start the Bharat Darshan bus service here so that tourists also came to know about the temple.

Other dignitaries present were Sai Krishna, Temple Inspector, Subramanyam, Superintendent Raviteja, Pradhana Pandit, Amit Shukla and Veda Pandit.

Manjit Singh demands political reservation for Sikhs, Jatts in J&K

Seeks reservation of eight assembly seats for PoJK DPs



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RAMGARH, Dec 15: Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, Manjit Singh on Friday demanded political reservation for Jatts and Sikh Communities in Jammu and Kashmir in the legislative assembly.

The Former Minister was speaking at a meeting here at Ramgarh that was organized by Apni Party District President, Legal Cell, Samba, Adv Sahil Bharti.

The meeting was also attended by District President, Samba, Raman Thappa, Block President, Ramgarh, Bachan Choudhary, and others.

The meeting was organized to discuss the emerging political situation in Jammu and Kashmir and the demands of the people that would help them to overcome the difficulties they are facing for the last many decades.

In his address, Manjit Singh expressed concern over the plight of the marginalized section of society especially the Sikhs and Jatts who have a huge population, but they were not given political representation.

To upgrade their living standard, political and economic status, he said that it becomes imperative for the Govt to grant political reservation to both Sikhs and Jatts in Jammu as well as Kashmir Provinces.

He said that the Sikhs should be given political representation by

reserving one legislative assembly seat each in Jammu as well as in Kashmir.

Meanwhile, he demanded that Pakistan occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK) Displaced Persons (DPs) should also be given reservation of legislative assembly up to eight seats.

"The reservation of one legislative assembly seat for the PoJK DPs is insufficient and therefore, the seats for the PoJK DPs should be enhanced up to eight seats," he said.

He stated that the Govt should seriously look into the demands of the DPs and resolve them accordingly.

He said that the people in both the regions of Jammu and Kashmir have been waiting with desperation for the assembly elections because the present form of Govt is incompetent to resolve the problems of the people.

"The situation is suitable for holding assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir. Hence, the Election Commission of India should take the demand of the people into consideration and announce the assembly polls," he added. Earlier, the developmental issues were also discussed in the meeting.

The District President, Legal Cell, Samba, Advocate Sahil Bharti also spoke on the occasion and highlighted various issues confronted by the people in Ramgarh.

BJP Mahila Morcha celebrates passage of Women Reservation Bill

Women's power is the power of nation: Sanjita Dogra

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JAMMU, Dec 15: Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Mahila Morcha unit led by its President Sanjita Dogra, celebrated the passing of historic women reservation bill in both the houses of the Parliament and especially for Jammu and Kashmir, by dancing on drum beats and distributing sweets.

J&K BJP vice-president Anuradha Charak, Veenu Khanna, secretary, spokesperson Rajni Sethi, Ex Dy. Mayor Purnima Sharma, Neha Mahajan, Reema Padha, Neeru Anand, Anita Gandotra, Prena Nanda, Suman Raina, Usha Rajput, Poonam Gupta and others were amongst the prominent present to celebrate the occasion.

Sanjita Dogra, while speaking on the occasion, said that the introduction of the bill to provide 33 per cent quota for women's representation for the women of



Jammu and Kashmir is a "significant step" towards 'Nari Shakti' which is also 'Rashtra Shakti', the power of nation. It will go in the annals of India's 75-year history in golden letters as the day when half of the nation's population will get adequate representation in the highest law-making body of the country, she said.

She thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the introduction of the bill and its passage in both the houses, saying, "Women's power is the nation's power, and both women and the nation are set to attain greater heights in Amrit Kaal till 2047".

Congratulating all the women, Dogra said,

"Our Nari Shakti is excelling in every field. India's vision of women-led development is both acknowledged and adopted by the global community." "The world today recognizes that true progress of humanity can only be achieved when women are placed at the forefront."

After celebrations, Ashok Koul, BJP General Secretary (Organization), chaired organizational meeting of State Mahila Morcha, wherein he appreciated the working of the Morcha and stressed on to strengthen their teams in the build-up of 2024 elections, which are just around the corner next year.

Sahil Mahajan releases Punjabi Song 'Gang Sign'



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JAMMU, Dec 15: Sahil Mahajan (BJP JK UT Co-Convenor Sanskriti, Art Culture Cell), Rinku Chouhan (BJP JK UT Spokeperson), Baba Khandeshwari and Baba Divyansha released Punjabi song 'Gang Sign' in Press Club, here on Friday. Program was organised by KK Malhotra (Video Director).

The song was released under banner Vishal Jakria and Sung by Vishal Jakria Ft Kuldeep Jakria, music by Wazir X Music, directed by KK Malhotra, lyrics

by Vishal Jakria, Asstt Director Prena Sharma. Speaking on the occasion, Sahil Mahajan said that in Jammu and Kashmir, the Punjabi songs of Gods and Goddesses are played everywhere during every religious ritual or function whether it is Jagrata, Langar, Seva, Pooja or other religious rituals.

He said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir should also support and encourage the local artists of Jammu and Kashmir so that they can also grow and reach new heights in their respective industries as

it will make every citizen of Jammu and Kashmir proud.

Sahil Mahajan further added that the youth of J&K should also participate more in the religious activities and rituals as it will guide them towards an enlightened future and prevent them from going on the wrong track in life and doing illegal activities like drugs and ruining their own lives.

Sahil Mahajan said that the Cell is always there to support every artist of Jammu and Kashmir and if they need any help they can approach party for the assistance.

Retd ZEO Rashmi Wazir with her supporters joins BJP

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JAMMU, Dec 15: Rashmi Wazir (Retired ZEO) and daughter of Daya Krishan Kotwal, former BJP State President and tall leader of Jammu & Kashmir hailing from Baderwah, accompanied by a large number of supporters joined Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here on Friday.

Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), J&K BJP, Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, former minister & General Secretary, Anuradha Charak, Vice-President, Sanjita Dogra, President, Mahila Morcha, Baldev Singh Billawaria, former Dy. Mayor welcomed the new entrants in the party fold.

Ashok Koul, while welcoming the new entrants into the party fold, recalled the contribution of late Daya Krishan Kotwal towards the nation, society and the party. He said that living an exemplary life, Kotwal inspired everyone who came in contact with him and added



that the party is sure that Rashmi would serve the nation and the party with the same zeal.

Kavinder Gupta, while welcoming Rashmi Kotwal and her supporters, appreciated them for the decision. He said that Rashmi Kotwal, during her service, served the society as a social worker also and is willing to contribute to society after her retirement.

Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal said that the family of Daya Krishan Kotwal has gone through all the struggles in Baderwah along with him and the party has faith in her that her sincere efforts will further the mission of the party.

Sanjita Dogra welcomed her into the party fold and said that

her presence will reinforce the BJP as well as Mahila Morcha.

Rashmi Wazir said that it was only a matter of time after her retirement that she made her mind to officially join the BJP. She said that patriotism runs through her veins and she felt so alive after joining the party as all the earlier remembrances with her father (Day Krishan Kotwal) refreshed in her mind. She said that inspired by her father's struggles she always remained connected to the emotions of societal service and nationalism throughout her life until now.

Mahila Morcha General Secretaries Neha Mahajan and Reema Padha managed the proceedings of the joining programme.

Samvedna committed to work for unreached sections: Keshav Chopra



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JAMMU, Dec 15: To provide Aadhaar services at one place, Samvedna Society Chairman Keshav Chopra organised an Aadhaar enrollment Camp for the children rescued by the Child Protection team during the drive launched by the District Task Force Jammu.

The Aadhaar Camp

was inaugurated by District Child Protection officer Mamta Rajput.

Mamta Rajput said that the purpose of organising Aadhaar enrollment camp is to ensure proper rehabilitation of these children, out of school children's shall be enrolled in schools for further studies and for that Aadhaar card is necessary. Mamta also appreciated the work of

Chairman Samvedna Society Keshav Chopra for organizing the camp.

Keshav Chopra said that the aim of Samvedna Society is to reach the unreached sections of the Society and aim of organizing this camp was to provide Aadhaar related services to these rescued children so that they can also get benefits of government sponsored schemes and get proper education.

"We will continue conducting these camps in future also so that everyone can take advantage of these camps," Keshav further added.

Yogita Thakur Superintendent of the Shelter Home, Operator Love Jyot Singh and others were also present during the camp.