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#### JAMMU, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2023 Daily Evening Newspaper

#### **ENTERTAINMENT**

NEW DELHI, Dec 22

(Agencies): The Nation-

al Investigation Agency

(NIA) on Friday visited

the site of the terrorist

attack in Jammu and

Kashmir's Poonch dis-

trict that left five army

soldiers dead and two

It is learnt that a spe-

cialised team of the

injured yesterday.

agency ANI.

peddler

booked

under PIT

**NDPS** Act in

**Baramulla:** 

**J&K Police** 

SRINAGAR, Dec 22

(Agencies): Police on

Friday booked a wanted

drug peddler under the

Tamannaah Bhatia tars in corporate drama 11th Hour

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**BJP MP Prathap Simha's statement** recorded in Parliament security breach case: Pralhad Joshi

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# BRIEFLY

#### Commercial LPG rate cut by Rs 39.50 per 19-Kg cylinder

NEW DELHI. Dec 22 (Agencies): Commercial cooking gas (LPG) prices were on Friday cut by Rs 39.50 per 19-kg cylinder in line with softening international benchmarks. However, the price

of domestic LPG used in household kitchens for cooking purposes — remained unchanged at Rs 903 per 14.2-kg cylinder.

Commercial LPG - used in various establishments such as hotels and restaurants - will now cost Rs 1,757 per 19-kg cylinder in the national capital as against Rs 1,796.50, oil firms said in a price notification. State-owned oil firms last hiked the price of commercial LPG by Rs 21 on December 1.

Commercial LPG will now cost Rs 1,710 per 19-kg cylinder in Mumbai, Rs 1,868.50 in Kolkata, and Rs 1,929 in Chennai.

Rates differ from state to state based on incidence of local taxation. Saudi contract price (CP), the benchmark used for pricing of LPG, has softened in the last few weeks' oversupply concerns. State-owned Indian Oil Corporation (IOC). Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) revise cooking gas and ATF prices on the 1st of every month, based on the average international price in the previous month. The revision on Fridav is an outlier. Petrol and diesel prices continued to remain on freeze for a record 21st month in a row. Petrol costs Rs 96.72 per litre in the national capital, and diesel comes for Rs 89.62 per litre.

of crime in which it finds any terror angle, whether the case is handed over to the agency or not. On Thursday afternoon, five Army personnel were killed while two others were injured in the forest area of Dera ki Gali in Poonch district after two Army vehicles were ambushed by



heavily armed terrorists. The terrorists ambushed two Army vehicles carrying troops in Thanamandi, Rajouri. Security personnel are conducting a search operation in the forest area of Dera ki Gali. Recently, the NIA took over the Jammu and Kashmir Kokernag

occurred in Anantnag district in September this year in which a colonel, a major and a soldier from the Indian Army, a DySP of J-K Police, and Lashkar-e-Taiba militant Uzair Khan were killed. In the incident, the Indian Army lost 19 Rashtriya Rifles (RR) Commanding Officer Col Manpreet Singh, company commander Major Ashish Dhonchak, Jammu and Kashmir Police Deputy Superintendent of Police Humayun Bhat and trooper Pardeep Singh on September 13 at Gadole

encounter case that

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#### Around 30 Pakistani terrorists Wanted drug suspected to be active in Rajouri-**Poonch Sector: Defence Sources**

China nexus to not allow

India to ease out of the

Jammu and Kashmir

sector and deploy troops

on the China border,

especially in the Ladakh

sector, where the PLA

and Indian forces have

been in a standoff for the

last three years now,"

India moved the Uni-

form Force of Rashtriva

Rifles from the Poonch

sector to Ladakh to

counter Chinese aggres-

sion in 2020 as part of

they said.

NEW DELHI, Dec 22 (Agencies): Pakistan is trying to revive terrorism in the Rajouri-Poonch sector of Jammu and Kashmir as around 25-30 Pakistani terrorists are suspected to be hiding in the forest areas

of the region, defence Prevention of Illicit Trafsources said on Friday. fic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Sub-The sources said the stances (PIT NDPS) Act plan to revive terrorist in Jammu Kashmir's activities in the area is part of a greater game Police said the most plan by Pakistan and wanted and notorious China to pressurise the Indian Army to remove troops from the Ladakh sector and redeploy forces in this area. "There is a larger game plan by the Pakistanhiding in the upper reaches of the Poonch Rajouri sector in a forested area to launch attacks on security forces.

Over the last years since the Uniform Force left for Ladakh operations, Pakistan has started sending its own terrorists from Pakistan to the area to carry out attacks against Indian troops in an attempt to force India to redeploy its own troops in the

# 14 dead, 25 injured in Prague university shooting

Netanyahu's 'surrender or die'

ultimatum to Hamas as truce

talks hit deadlock

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serious conditions. in

the shooting at the Fac-

ulty of Arts of Charles

University on Thursday

afternoon. He added

that there was a huge

arsenal of weapons and

ammunition inside the

faculty building, Xinhua

news agency reported.

quick intervention of

"Had it not been for the

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PRAGUE. Dec 22 (Agencies): At least 14 people were killed in a university shooting in the Czech capital Prague, according to local police. Speaking at a press briefing on Thursday evening, Czech Police President Martin Vondrasek said that 14 people died and 25 were injured, including 10 in

Man dies in Police custody in Jammu

# **Outskirts** JAMMU, Dec 22

(Agencies): A 35-yrold man on Friday died under mysterious circumstances in police custody in Jourian area of Akhnoor here in the

#### **Security Forces carry** out search operation in Kishtwar

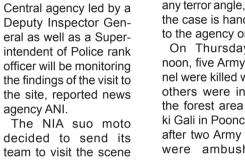
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JAMMU, Dec 22 (Agencies): Security Forces on Friday carried out search operation in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir. Police sources said that in the backdrop of an ongoing encounter in Poonch district, search operation is being conducted in the area.

"Several houses are also being searched as part of the operation", the sources said.

Notably, an encounter is underway in the Surankote area of Poonch which has so far claimed the lives of five soldiers and two others sustained injuries.





#### **Friday prayers** allowed at historic Jamia **Masjid Srinagar**

SRINAGAR, Dec 22 (Agencies): Authorities on Friday allowed congregational prayers at historic Jamia Masjid here in Srinagar The prayers took place in the grand Mosque after it remained locked for ten consecutive Fridays. Reports said that devotees in large numbers took part in prayers, while as adequate

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drug smuggler identified as Shoaib Aijaz Guru alias Shoaib ,a resident of Millat Colony KanisPora Baramulla was booked under PIT-NDPS Act after obtaining formal detention

Baramulla district.

orders from the competent Authority. "The booked drug

smuggler has been detained and subsequently lodged in Central Jail Kot-Bhalwal Jammu", police said.

"Pertinent to mention that many cases are registered against these drug smugglers and were involved in promoting drug abuse by supplying drugs to local youth of Town Baramulla & other areas of the District. Despite his involvement in many FIRs he did not mend his activities and was again involved in promoting drug abuse by supplying drugs to local youth", police added.

rebalancing and put pressure on the PLA to match Indian strength. Sources said that around 25-30 Pakistani terrorists have been

The Indian Army had recently moved in one more brigade to counter terrorist activities and has achieved success in the area.

area

### "Terrorism has not ended": Farooq **Abdullah on Anti-Terror Ops**

SRINAGAR, Dec 22 (Agencies): Former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir Faroog Abdullah said that terrorism has not ended in the Union Territory hours after four army soldiers were killed in a terrorist attack on two military vehicles in the Thanamandi area in the Rajouri sector on Thursday.

The National Conference President said,"... Even today there is terrorism in J&K, there has just been an inci-



dent. Terrorism has not ended.'

"They(Central govt) are only talking about boosting tourism in Kashmir. Even if one tourist gets

shot, no one will come here....", the NC leader warned

Meanwhile, Security personnel on Friday Turn to page 9

# Rain, snowfall likely over higher reaches of J&K during next 24 hrs: MeT

SRINAGAR, Dec 22 (Agencies): A Western disturbance is likely to hit and can cause rain or snow over the higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir during the next 24 hours, officials said. Meteorological Centre Srinagar predicted the weather mainly will remain partly to fairly cloudy at most places today with possibility

of light rain/snow over isolated higher reaches during tonight/tomorrow early morning and improvement thereafter. It said the weather will remain generally dry on December 24 to 26 and generally cloudy with possibility of light snow over isolated higher reaches on December 27. From December 28

till end of the month the weather will remain generally dry, the MeT office said and added overall no significant weather activity till ending December.

Kashmir Weather, an independent weather observer said precipitation in the form of rain/ snow is anticipated in some areas during the late-night hours of

Friday or the morning hours of Saturday.A spell of snowfall is possible in some plains as well.

He said "amid chilly weather in the Kashmir plains with temperatures well below freezing, there's a glimmer of hope for some snowfall tonight. Although temperatures will rise by

city outskirts.

Police said that a man identified as Sushil Kumar, resident of Garhi, Jourion. died under suspicious circumstances in police custody at Police Post Jourian.

The body has been sent to the Government Medical College and Hospital, Jammu for post-mortem while the matter is being investigated, police said.

The family and relatives of the deceased however, staged a protest and demanded a probe into the matter.



CADNICA ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS

Contact Person Mr. Sanjeev Kumar

9419143503

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2023

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Gouri Shree - Mother

Smt. Bimla Bhat - Wife

Brother & Sister-in-law

Sons & Daughters-in-law

Sister & Brother-in-law

Sh. Ajay Bhat & Smt. Arushi

Sh. Ashish Bhat & Smt. Vidhi

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform sad

demise of our beloved Sh. Satish Kumar Bhat S/o Lt. Sh.

Prem Nath Bhat R/o Hawal Pulwama Kashmir presently a

N-Block 243-FF Gurgaon Harvana, who expired on 14-12

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 23rd December

2023 (Saturday) at 9 AM at Chotha Haridwar Upper Ganga

Canal Road, Murad Nagar, Uttar Pradesh.

Sh. Jai Krishan & Smt. Sweetv Bhat

Rohan Bhat S/o Jai Krishan - Son

Smt. Daizy Koul & Ravinder Koul

ive on in those left behind.

Shaila & Deptanshu Chaku

Megha & Abhinav Koul

Nanak Nagar Jammu.

Nagar, Jammu at 11.00 AM

Smt Saroj and Sh. Romesh Malhotra

Smt Neelam and Sh. Ashok Malhotra

Smt Jyoti and Sh. Pawan Malhotra Smt Rumla and Sh. Satish Malhotra

Smt Prem and Sh. Suresh Kohli Smt Suman and Sh. Subash Bhasin

Smt Sunila and Sh. Vinod Bhalla

Jammu at 12.00 Noon

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Mr Shivam Malhotra

Sister and Brother in Law

Son & Daughter in Law

Ojasvi Chaku

Sweene & Raghav Taplu

Smt. Veeno Dulloo & Sh. Kuldeep Dulloo

Smt. Anita Bhat & Sh. Bushan Lal Bhat

She is survived by her children, grandchil-

dren, great grandchildren. All who knew

her, were touched by the lovingness and

generosity, and her legacy will continue to

10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed in

Radhika & Vineet Pandita with Tarrush and Tallin

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad

demise of our beloved Smt Indu Malhotra W/o Late

Sh. Sham Lal Malhotra R/o H. No 280, Sector 9

10TH Day will be performed on 22-12-2023

Friday at Durga Mandir, Rampura, Gandhi

Haridwar on December 27th, 2023. FONDLY REMEMBERED BY:

Indu & V.B. Pandita Mob: 9811818647

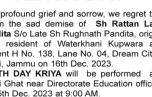
Sunila & Vinod Chaku Mob: 9899472450

Surekha & Anud Koul Mob: 8879797439

# **OBITUARIES**

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SH. RATTAN LAL SAHIB



 Smt Dali Pandita (Wife)

 Brother and Bhabi

 Sh Veerji Pandita and Mrs Jeeta Pandita

 Sh Tej Krishan Pandita and Mrs Sunita Pandita

 Sister and Brother-in-law

 Mrs Vijay and Sh Piyary Lal Pandita
 Ch

 Son and Daughter-in-law
 An

 Mr Anoop Pandita and Bhavna Bhat
 an

 udra Pandita

and Tapasya Mobile No. 7006739274, 7006324341, 9878982847

WITH DEEP SADNESS. WE INFORM THAT BELOVED MOTHER SMT PHOOLA AIMA W/O M. L. AIMA RESIDENT OF LANE NO. 5, FLAT NO. 13. BLOCK NO. 22. JAGTI NAGROTA JAMMU HAS LEFT FOR HEAV-ENLY ABODE ON 14TH DECEMBER 2023. TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON 23-12-2023 (SATURDAY) AT SAINIK



Manju Aima & R K Aima -Son & Daughter-in-law Sunita Kumari & Ajay Gupta -Daughter & Son-in-law Oshin & Ashim -Grand Children Mobile No. 8492867848, 9796263810

#### **10TH DAY**

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SH SODAGER LAL S/O SH KAKA RAM R/O VILLAGE HALQA TEH. MARH JAMMU WHO LEFT US FOR THE HEAVENLY ABODE ON 16-12-2023 MAY THE LORD GRANT THE PEACE TO HIS DIVINE SOUL.



25-12-2023 (MONDAY) AT 10 AM AT OUR SH SODAGER LAL RESIDENCE.

**GRIEF STRICKEN** ALL FAMILY MEMBERS MOB. NO. 8800462329, 9796265047

### **TENTH DAY**

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of Smt Sharika Bhat W/o Sh Makhan Lal Bhat of Khah Bazar Anantnag presently residing at Pooja Colony Lower Thathar (near park) Bantalab Jammu on 18th of December 2023. Tenth Day will be performed at Akhnoor Ghat or 27th December 2023 (Wednesday). Assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education at 10.00 AM. Grief Stricken



2023 (Tuesday). Uthala will be performed

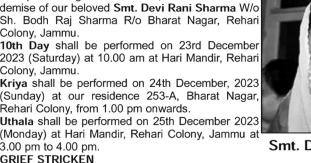
**GRIEF STRICKEN** Smt. Preeti & Rahul Mengi (Rocky)

#### **BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS**

inform the sad demise of our beloved S. Gurbachan Singh S/o Late S. Faqir Singh R/o 6-New Plot Jammu who left for heavenly

Aramb Shri Akhand Path Sahib on 22-12-

**Grief Stricken** 



BHAT Samast Parivar of Bhat, Razdan, Dulloo & Koul Contact No: 8492945915, 8899714855, 8149442083 TENTH DAY KRIYA IN LOVING MEMORY/ TENTH DAY KRIYA of Smt Raj Dulari Chaku, wife of Late Shri Moti Lal Chaku, born in Bagh Jog Lankar, Rainawari, breathed her last on December 18th, 2023, in Prayagraj, UP.



SH. SATISH KUMAR

(1934 - 2023)

Bhabhi & Brother

-Nephew Kamakshi -Niece M.No. 96821 06978

#### TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

Late Sh. Dev Raj Sharma resident of 911, Subash

Tenth Day shall be held at our residence at 12 Noor

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of Lt. Smt. Chanchal Mengi W/o Lt. Sh. Narinder Kumar Mengi R/o Ward No.10, Reasi. Tenth Day will be performed on 23-12-2023 (Saturday) at our residence Ward No. 10, Reasi between 11.00 AM to 12 Noon. Kriya will be performed at our residence on 26-12-

at Hindu Ashram, Reasi on 27-12-2023 LT. SMT. CHANCHAL (Wednesday) from 3.00 PM to 4.00 PM. MENGI

Sh. Rajiv Sadotra H/o Lt. Smt. Shaveta

Grand Sons: Aniket, Ayush, Vedant, Sidhant Ph.No: 9906036310, 9622253964

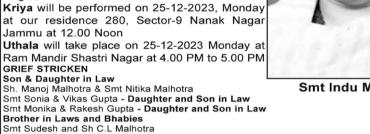
# With profound grief and sorrow we regret to

abode on 18-12-2023.

2023 Friday at 10.00 am at our residence. Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib on 24-12-2023 at 10.00 am at our residence.

Kirtan and Antim Ardas shall be performed at Gurudwara Kalgidhar Sahib Rehari on 24-

12-2023 Sunday from 11.00 am to 12.30 pm followed by Guru Ka Langer.



Smt Neelam and Shashi Kohli -Bhabhi & Brother Smt Ekta & Sandeep Kohli- Mama and Mami Grand Children

### **OBITUARY & TENTH DAY**

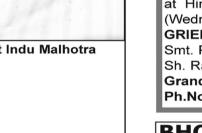
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of Tushar Raina S/o Lt. Sh. Kiran Raina & Smt. Sunita Raina R/o Patoli Mangotrian Jammu on 17-12-2023.

**TENTH DAY** will be held on 26-12-2023 at Muthi Ghat at 9 AM.

**FIFTH DAY** 

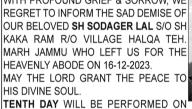


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SH. RAJESH SHARMA (VIDHYARTHI)

> SCHOOL NAGROTA AT 8.30 AM. **GRIEF STRICKEN**











Bhavarth -Son Bhavika Sharma -Daughter

11 a.m.

Pradhuman Sharma

Colony, Jammu.

Colony, Jammu.

3.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Sharma Family

on 22/12/2023

Daughter-in-law & Son

Sh. Bodh Raj Sharma (Husband)

Sh. Om Parkash Sharma (Devar)

Nagar, Jammu on 12/12/2023.

- Kriya shall be held on 23/12/2023 at our residence at Uthala shall be held at Kotli Bhawan, Rehari Colony, Jammu at 4.30 to 5.30 p.m GRIEF STRICKEN: ogita Yadav Sharma Smt. Archana & Sh. Ram Naresh Sharma (Sub Maj, Retd)

aughter and Son-in-law rs Upasana and Mr Ankush Koul **TENTH DAY** 

Sh Rattan Lal Pandita



Children : Anshul, Aryan, Sehaj, Vikas, Vishal





DEEPLY MISSED BY Smt. Sunita Raina- Mother Ms. Mehak Raina- Sister SAMAST PARIVAR **RAINA'S & RAZDAN'S** MOB: 7780893485

(Tuesday).

**GRIEF STRICKEN:** 

Sister-in-law and Brother-in-law

Smt Anuradha and Rajkumar Verma

Smt Arti Verma and Sh Rajesh Verma

PHONE: 7006949678, 9419161548

Niece-in-law and Nephew

Dr Palika Puri and Dr Vinod Puri



**MR. TUSHAR RAINA** (MOHIT) (2000 - 2023)

Sardarni Igbal Kour- Wife Sartaj Singh & Pardeep Kour- Son & Daughter-in-Law Kamaldeep Kour and Gurbinder Singh- Daughter & Son-in-Law Neetu Singh & Sukhdeep Singh-Daughter & Son-in-Law Nanak Singh and Manjeet Kour- Brother & Bhabhi Paramjit Kour & Gurdev Singh SE Retd. (Australia)- Brother-in-Law Mob.: 9419769755, 8493818276

# **10TH DAY**

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt Chuni Devi W/o Lt. Sh Thakur Dass of Nahama Handwara, Distt. Kupwara A/P: Block - 119, Flat - 15, Lane - 20, Jagti Colony, Nagrota.

The 10th Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education on 26-12-2023 Tuesday at 8:30 A.M

**GRIEF STRICKEN:** 

Beena Pandita (Daughter -In- Law) 9796852297 Vishal Pandita (Grandson) 7051196598 (Grand Daughter and Grand Son-in-law) Priyanka Bhat and Sahil Bhat 9149475967

### **OBITUARY/ 10TH DAY KRIYA**

Our mother and Matriarch of the Raina/ Bhan extended family, Smt. Chuni Devi Raina W/o Late Sh. Padam Nath Raina breathed her last at Noida on 19th December 2023.

10th Day Kriya will be performed at Murad Nagar Ganga Ghat, Upper Ganga Canal Rd, Muradnagar (UP) on 27th December 2023 at 9:00 AM.

ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS AND FONDLY REMEMBERED BY:

Virendra (Son)

Jharna Raina (Daughter-in Law) Indira Kaul (Daughter)

Reeta (Daughter), Vinod Kaul (Son-in-Law) Sangeeta (Daughter), Rajender Bhat (Son-in-Law)

Shashi (Son), Kavita Raina (Daughter-in-Law)

Brothers & Sisters

Krishna Bhan, Raj Dulari Trakru, Rajni Bhan, Nirja & Dr. S. N. Pandit All her loving grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family. RSVP: Virendra Raina 9313694211, 9871165845 Shashi Raina: +14165220039

Sh Makhan Lal Bhat -Husband Sons & Daughters-in-law Behari Lal Bhat & Pinky Bhat Sanjay Bhat & Bubita Bhat Dilip Bharti & Priya Bhat Daughter & Son-in-law Sunita Dhar & Sanjay Dhar Grand Children: Aryan, Angel, Krishna, Shriya, Saieesh M.No. 7006455913, 7006434467, 9999250504

### CHOUBARSI

Remembering you with heavy hearts, as years have passed since you left us. Your absence is profoundly felt, and the ache of missing you remains. CHOUBARSI of our beloved, Shri Jai Pal Singh will be performed on Saturday, 23 December 2023 at our residence-1/F Tawi Vihar, Lane 5 Cooperative Housing Colony, Sidhra Jammu at 12:00 Noon.

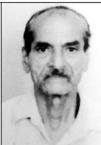


SHRI JAI PAL SINGH

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY Mrs. Kamlesh Singh (Wife) (Daughter and Son-in-law) Mrs. Vidushi and Mr. Nitin Jamwal (Daughter and Son-in-law) Late Mrs. Urvashi and Mr. Bhanu Pratap Singh Samyal ALL FAMILY MEMBERS. MOB NO. +917889839322, +917006413404

#### UTHALA/RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform that our beloved father Sh Rattan Lal Sharma Ji left for heavenly abode on 7th of Dec 2023. UTHALA/RASAM PAGRI will be performed at Geeta Bhawan, Prade, Jammu on 23-12-2023 (Saturday) a 3 PM - 4 PM. GRIEF STRICKEN



Smt. Pushpa Devi -Wife

SH RATTAN LAL SHARMA JI

Sh. Sham Lal Sharma- Brother Son & Daughter-in-law Smt Simmi & Sh Raj Kumar Smt Sushma Devi & Sh Ravi Kumar Smt. Ritu & Sh Sohan Kumar Daughter & Son-in-law Smt. Pooja & Sh. Naresh Sharma



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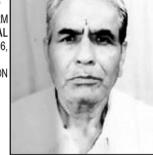
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of beloved Sh Shiv Dutt Sethi S/o Late Sh Pitamber Nath Sethi R/o Main Bazar Samba who left the heavenly abode on 19-12-2023 FIFTH DAY will be performed at Kotli Bhawan Janjghar, near Hari Mandir, Rehari Colony Jammu on 23-12-2023 Saturday at 11 am to 1 pm. Smt Sudha Puri and Sh Rattan Lal Puri

SH SHIV DUTT SETHI

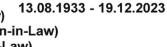


WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD & SUDDEN DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SH. RATTAN LAL SAHIB S/O LT. DAMODHAR SAHIB ON 14-12-2023, R/O H.NO. 506, SEC - 2 EXTENSION DURGA NAGAR JAMMU. TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED AT MUTHI GHAT ON 23-12-2023 ( SATURDAY ) AT 09:30 AM. **DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY :** SMT. ASHA JI SAHIB - BHABHI SMT. CHOTI SAHIB - BHABHI SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW SH. BHARAT BHUSHAN SAHIB & SMT. BHARTI SAHIB SH. DAYA KRISHAN SAHIB (BROTHER) SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW SH. KULDEEP SAHIB & SMT. RAJNI SAHIB SH. SANJAY SAHIB & SMT. RENU SAHIB (SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW) SH. SUSHIL SAHIB & SMT. SVETLANA SAHIB (SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW )

SAMAST PARIVAAR (SAHIB'S, RAINA'S, PANDITA'S, BHAT'S & MUNSHI'S ) CONTACT NUMBER - 6005966525 , 6006922661 , 9419359054



#### SH. RATTAN LAL SAHIB



**CHUNI DEVI RAINA** 

S. Gurbachan

Singh

Chuni Devi

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# LOCAL/ ADVT



A colourful Christmas procession taken out by J&K Joint Churches Fellowship of Jammu and Christian Community ahead of Christmas Day in Jammu on Friday. Pic Aman Sharma

# Congress protests against MPs suspension, draconian laws

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Dec 22: Congress on Friday held a strong protest demonstration, against the suspension for 142 MPs from Parliament to pass crucial draconian laws against democracy and asked people to rise to save democracy.

AS part of call of INDI Alliance for a nationwide protest to save democracy & Constitution and the way Modi Govt. is crushing democracy JKPCC President Vikar Rasool Wani accompanied by other senior leaders led strong peaceful protest at Shaheedi Chowk Jammu outside PCC HQ Jammu today.

Senior functionaries of JKPCC, District Presidents and representatives of frontal wings like Mahila Congress, Seva Dal, NSUI Youth Congress, INTUC, SC, ST, OBC, Minority Wing etc. took part in the protest carrying play cards and raising banners "Save democracy - Save Constitution" and denouncing the suspension of MPs took out a march and were forcibly stopped by police from proceeding ahead of Residency Road

Prominent leaders include Working President Shri



Raman Bhalla, Senior Vice tion panel of Chief Election Commission & Election Presidents Mula Ram. Th. Commissions, thus hijack-Balwan Singh & Ravinder Sharma, Vice Presidents, ing the democracy and the Yogesh Sawhney, T.S. elections. He said there is Bajwa ,Yash Pal Kundal,Th. great danger to the constitution and democracy in the Balbir Singh, Indu Pawar, country and the people will Pranav Shagotra besides have to rise against this to Gurbachan Kumar Rana and others. save democracy. JKPCC Chief strongly

Talking to media persons JKPCC Chief Vikar Rasool Wani lashed out at the BJP for the undemocratic action of suspension of 146 MPs from the house, in order to pass crucial laws, without opposition including the law to oust the Chief Justice of India (CJI) from the selecBJP Govt. is making false claims. The Govt. should take concrete steps to control militancy and save innocents and our jawans. He paid rich tributes to the martyrs and expressed sympathies with their families.

The Working Presidents Raman Bhalla strongly criticized the dictatorial style of Modi-Shah Govt.. thus hijacking democracy. 146 MPs have been deliberately suspended to pass crucial laws to hijack democracy especially to out CJI from the selection panel of ECI. It is very dangerous move and the people must rise to

save democracy and constitution, he added. Senior Vice President &

> Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma expressed great concern over the attacks on democracy by Modi Govt. and asked the people to rise to save democracy. He also expressed great concern over the rise in terrorism especially in Rajouri– Poonch and sought immediate measures to contain terrorism.

> A large number of congress workers including Mahila workers raised strong slogans and lodged strong protest as part of the nationwide call of the India alliance parties and the AICC in this regard.

PCC General Secretaries Pawan Raina, Shashi Sharma, T.S. Tony, Namrata Sharma, Narinder Gupta, Amrit Bali, Suresh Kumar Dogra, Parveen Sarwar Khan, Arshid Ahmad Tantray, Narinder Sharma, Balbir Singh, Subash Bhagat, Santosh Majotra, Thomas Khokhar, Dist. President Jammu Urban, Dist. President Jammu Rural Shamsher Singh Chib, Working President Samba Babal Gupta, Secretaries Bhushan Dogra, Sanjeev Panda, Rajveer

Singh, Th. Hoshyar Singh, Michael Wazir, Satish Sharma, Manjeet Singh Jatt, Vandana Mankhotra, Ritu Choudhry, Bhanu Mahajan, INTUC President Shiv Kumar Sharma, Congress Sava Dal Chief Vijay Sharma, SC Chairman Karan Bhagat, OBC Chairman Madan Lal Chalotra Besides Jatin K Raina, Dr. R.K. Khajuria Ricky Dalotra, Charanjeet Bhagat, Shamsher Bhagat, Sonu Dogra, Parshotam Mehra, Nassar Masih, Sham Mehra and others

#### NORTHERN RAILWAY

#### CORRIGENDUM

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/FS, Northern Railways, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India had Invited Tender (Two Packet System) for Development of GCT at Vijaypur Jammu, Railway Station. Since, there are amendments/ revision of Estimates and ESP are to be done which

will take time, the present tender for GCT at VJPJ scheduled to be opened on

26.12.2023 is hereby withdrawn on Administrative Grounds. No. 2-AC/Goods-GCT-VJPJ-FZR/23 Date: 21.12.2023

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### NORTHERN RAILWAY

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Tender No. 251-Elect-T-57/2023-24 Name of Work Electrical work for Provision of security infrastructure Phase-1 at SVDK & JAT-SVDK section in c/w Security works of Multi-Disciplinary Committee Report. App. Cost (in Rs.) 64,49,306.90 Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,29,000.00 Completion period 06 Months Opening of tender 09.01.2024 after 15:00 Hrs. Website Particulars www.ireps.gov.in 251-Elect/T.Notice No. 46-Elect/2023-24

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#### NOTICEINVITINGTENDER e-NITNo.71-JJMOF2023-24Dated:16-12-2023

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# DFSS holds protest against Pakistan

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ist attack in DKG area of

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jawans have been mar-

tyred and other injured

and termed the situation in

Rajouri-Poonch and other

parts as serious. The

militancy has revived while

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Dec 22: The workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS) under the leadership of president Ashok Gupta took out a massive protest rally in Jammu city against Pakistan by burning the effigy of the Pakistan Prime Minister as our 5 solider have been martyred.

The PAFF is a front of the terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). It was first seen after special status to Jammu and Kashmir was scrapped in August 2019.Most of the terror attacks on security forces and civilians in Jammu and Kashmir in recent times have been claimed by the PAFF.

The party workers raised slogans POJK leke rahenge.

Gupta stated that the attack would not have been possible without the help of local ground support which



is a great indication towards the Rohingyas living in Jammu.

They have been spread across the Jammu division which is a great security risk and all of the, need to be detained and send back to their country.

As per the sources in the ground a tender was allotted for the cleaning of the railway station but it was sub leased to the company which has employed as Rohingyas as workers which poses a risk to the lives of the people as railways station has a high footfall.

The party president stated that when Pakistan was begging money from IMF than Pakistan made a ceasefire agreement with India in 2021 and now when they have received the funds from IMF they have again started with the there nefarious activities.

War is now the only option to teach Pakistan a lesson. Holding talks with Pakistan is futile as it has never listened to the language of peace. Our jawans are being mutilated. How long are we going to tolerate this? Time has come to teach Pakistan a lesson. Modi government must declare war against Pakistan. The entire nation will back him.

The terror camps is POK which were destroyed during the surgical strikes have been working again ans this time a bigger attack should be done to destroy the terror camps once in for all.

The party workers who were present at the time of protest were Abhishek, Prem, Ashish, Sunita, Bhajo, Geeta, Ashish, Rampal, Vijay, Vinay and various others were present.

# Bukhari reviews public outreach program of Apni Party in Jammu

#### Asks Party cadre to hold public meet at every nook and corner

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Dec 22: Apni Party President, Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari on Friday reviewed the public outreach program that has been launched across Jammu Province to strengthen the Party.

As per the press release, a meeting of Apni Party leaders from all the wings, cells, and frontal organizations was organized here at Apni Party office in Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

The meeting was chaired by Party President, Altaf Bukhari in which General Secretary, Vijay Bakaya, General Secretary, Syed Asgar Ali, Provincial President, Jammu, S. Manjit Singh, Senior Provincial Vice President Jammu Qamar Choudhary, Senior



Apni Party.

He said that the Apni

Party aims to unite the

communities and both the

regions by bringing them

together and providing

Provincial Vice President, Jammu, Faqir Nath, Provincial Vice President, Prem Lal, Media Advisor, Farooq Andrabi, and others were present. During the meeting, Party President. In his address, Altaf Bukhari directed the Party leaders to intensify the public outreach program and educate people about the policy and agenda of

During the meeting, threadbare deliberations were held regarding the political scenario in Jammu and Kashmir and the review of the membership drive was also taken by the equitable development.

"We are focused on empowering the youth, women and neglected class of section. Therefore, the people should be educated about the policies and agenda of the Party which are public friendly," he stated.

He also issued certain directions. He asked the Party leaders of Jammu Province to hold public meetings at every nook and corner to help the people to address their unresolved issues.

Provincial Vice President, Jammu, Shafi Sheikh, Provincial Secretary, Dr Rohit Gupta, SC State Coordinator, Bodh Raj Bhagat, President J&K Apni Trade Union, Ajaz Kazmi, OBC State Coordinator, Bhagat Ram. General Secretary Youth/Spokesperson, Abhay Bakaya, Provincial President Jammu Youth, Vipul Bali, Women Wing President Jammu, Pavneet Kour, Provincial President, Apni Trade Union, Raj Sharma, Provincial President, ST Wing, Choudhary Shabir Kohli, and others were present in the meeting.

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# **OP-ED**

# EDHORIAL

### DOGRI MANYATA DIVAS

Digital anguage spoken in Jammu, Kangra of Himachal and some provinces of Northern Punjab in India. In the year 2003, it was included in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution. In the family of western hill dialects, among the people languages of the middle hill belt, Dogri, Chambyali, Madawali, Mandyali, Bilaspuri, Bagdi etc. are notable.

Dogri is a special public language in this huge family for many reasons. Its first characteristic is that the number of its speakers is particularly high compared to other dialects. Secondly, in this family only Dogri is literary dynamic and prosperous.

The third specialty of Dogri is that at one time this language had been the medium of internal dealings of the state administration in the princely state of Kashmir and Chamba state. Due to this language, its speakers are called Dogras and the linguistic area of Dogri is generally called "Duggar".

The historical city of Jammu, the autumn capital of the princely state of Jammu and Kashmir, is the main center of literary practice of Dogri, where the representative organization of Dogri literary people, in the name of "Dogri Sanstha", has been striving for the literary welfare of this language for the last 60 years.. Dogri has its own script which is called Takri or Takri script. This script is quite old. Gurmukhi script is believed to have originated from this. It is known from some ancient copper plates of Kullu and Chamba that this script was initially developed in the 10th-11th century. However, many scripts falling under Takri category are prevalent in this vast region like, Lande, Kishtwadi, Chambyali, Mandayali, Sirmauri and Kullui etc. Dr. Grierson considers Sharda and Takri as sisters. Takri script is still used in bookkeeping in the rural community of Duggar. It also has a developed form in which many texts have been published. Kashmir King Maharaj Ranveer Singh, during his reign about a hundred years ago, had tried to reform the Dogri script in line with Nagari. The use of quantity and symbols was adopted and for the first time, Ranvir Press was established by the government in Jammu to make proper arrangements for printing Dogri language texts in the new Takri script.

# Technology has taken away skills from man's hands and has created a counter-man against man

#### By: Vijay GarG

supporter of the nonviolent ideas of Mahat-Lana Gandhi and Vinoba Bhave was an Australian-born philosopher, Ivan Illich. His view was that vehicles had taken away the strength of human legs. Mechanical technology has taken away the skills of man's hands and efforts are being made against man to develop a replica of him in the form of 'robot' and leave man alone in the jungle of cement, concrete and machines. There is family and society, yet they are in the clutches of slavery of machines, their freedom By putting intelligence into the robot, we are busy making it the ruler of humans. Till now, the work of developing robots in new forms was done by humans in the form of scientists, but artificial intelligence has given such wings in the sky of technology that robots have now started updating themselves with the help of artificial intelligence. Whether the consequences of this power of automatic transformation of robots and creation of new robots will be fruitful or fatal, is in the womb of the future, but it is definitely a point to consider. The robot of the future will no longer be merely a mechanical human.Efforts are being made to transform it into a living human being with the help of machines and artificial intelligence. In this direction, American scientists have also invented a model of a living robot. A group of scientists has succeeded in transforming the living cells of frog embryos into other new life forms. In this, sense perception can be achieved through a device of minimum weight. Twenty-four sensory instruments are attached to it. It carries out work by sensing muscle movements and brain. It is called 'Esper Bionics Prosthetic'Named 'Hand'. Keeping it functional is done with the help of AI and cloud technology. Through this technol-

ogy, data and programs available on the Internet are obtained. In the initial stage, the robot was a device made from the coordination of hardware and software. Initially its utility was associated with difficult and dangerous tasks within the reach of humans. In view of its effective productivity, changes continued in it and this technology was named robotics. Over time, living robots became living robots through the coordination of digital, AI and internet technology.A species of robots came into use, which were named 'Bionics' and 'Xenobots'. Scientists of the world have been making efforts to develop two types of artificial humans since the beginning of the twentieth century. One is 'Android' i.e. artificial human and the other is 'Cyborg' i.e. machine human. Scientists got the idea of creating such humans from fiction literature. Literature and science are two such subjects which have the power to make the present past and the future present in industries. These mechanical humans who used to do manual labor can now do it automatically with the help of artificial intelligence.While being operated, thousands of intelligent machines are becoming humans. The wonder of this artificial intelligence is that now there will be no need for any expert human being to guide it, rather it will remain active automatically with the artificially developed intelligence system in its nerves. Chat-GPT and Chat Bots software will be their tools, which will make them multilingual with advanced word-formation capabilities and will automatically become active towards solving problems. The world's scientists have created artificial intelligence in 'android' and 'cyborg' forms.I am trying to make a human being. Android means such humans, who are made in the laboratory only from organic compounds and are completely artificial. Their structure is similar to that of humans, hence these robots

are also called 'human robots'. Well, we know the word Android very well as Android mobile. Battery operated moving dolls come in this category. In the present world, many types of artificial humanshaped robots have been invented and have come into discussion. various among the communityPerforming different types of roles. Among these, 'Ada' is a feminine robot, who has been considered the world's first 'robot artist'. Artificial intelligence is used in its eyes to detect cameras and objects. Through its performance at Oxford Ye Manav University, it proved how different people present art from different angles. Similarly, a Hong Kong company has given shape to a robot named 'Sophia'. It will become a symbol of the future in the field of artificial humans and intelligence. Is e. Its amazing uniqueness is that it is capable of capturing a person's imagination. It has proved its artificial intelligence in many TV shows and international conferences. It has made significant contributions to the latest research through ultramodern intelligence. Saudi Arabia has accepted its human incarnation by granting it citizenship. It has been developed with a view to work in the fields of education, research and entertainment. Now the world has moved ahead with the creation of robots that look like men and women. This China is leading in the race. Now robots like dog, cat, butterfly and other animals based on Android technology have come into existence. China has developed seven hundred and forty types of unique robots. These robots help us in our daily tasks and complete them easily. That is why they have been named companion humanoid robots. Among them, there are robots that prepare tea, coffee and serve food, but there are also robots that clean and keep the scattered items in their place. Therefore they are included in the category of professional servants.Has

been kept. They are also capable of talking like humans. India is now taking initiative towards becoming a big player in robot manufacturing. India is far behind America, China, Japan, Germany and South Korea in robot technology. As a result, the government is coming up with a national strategy to give impetus to the robotics business. Under this, the government will provide financial assistance for everything from making robots to adopting robotics. A complete system of research and development will be developed in this field, starting from the necessary raw materials used in robots.'Robotics Innovation Unit' (RIU) will be established for this work. This unit will function as an agency under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India. At present, robots are used in India for everything from patient surgeries to automobiles. Its global turnover has reached \$6.7 billion. India is still far behind in this field. Approximately 33 thousand robots are operational in all sectors together. Human robots invented by human intelligence are also proving to be Bhasmasur. kiss by robot The first incident of taking a human life has occurred at the car manufacturing company 'Fox Wagon' plant in Berlin, the capital of Germany. Here a robot caught hold of an employee in its claws and threw him to death. This robot was doing the work of assembling car parts. In this case, since the killer is a mechanical human, police action was also not possible. After all, no machine can be made an accused?

(Vijay Garg Retired Principal Educational Columnist Malout Punjab)

# New Rajasthan CM hits the ground running

#### By: Dilip Cherian

\_n a notable display of urgency, newly appoint-Led Rajasthan chief minister Bhajan Lal Sharma wasted no time in making his mark on the administration. Even as he is consulting the Centre on the composition of his cabinet, within hours of assuming office he announced the selection of three seasoned IAS officers for crucial roles in the Chief Minister's Office (CMO). Though it is pointed out that this is a temporary arrangement, T. Ravikanth was appointed as the principal secretary to the chief minister, succeeding Kuldeep Ranka who served ex-chief minister Ashok Gehlot. Adding further depth to Mr Sharma's team, Ms Anandhi, an IAS officer of the 2007 batch, assumed the role of Secretary to the CM, while Dr Saumya Jha of the 2017 batch joined as joint secretary to the CM, to inject fresh perspectives and youthful dynamism. Such prompt actions, observers note, not only set the tone for Mr Sharma's leadership but also underscore the urgency with which he aims to address key issues facing Rajasthan, as much as his desire to distance his government from the previous Congress government

under Mr Gehlot. Still, these are early days of the administration and among Sharma's tasks will also be to show that despite his rookie status within the BJP, he has what it takes to do a good job. Security breach fallout: Time for a swift overhaul The recent security lapse at the Parliament has highlighted the inherent risks associated with prolonged vacancies in critical positions, emphasizing the urgent need for a reevaluation of our approach to national security. This most significant breach since the 2001 terror attack, has prompted a reassessment of key affairs, particularly the management of personnel at the highest echelons. One glaring issue lies in the extended absence of a full-time joint secretary to head the Parliament security service. Currently filled by Brijesh Singh, a director-level officer, the executive director (security) position at the Parliament has been vacant for too long. In the aftermath of the security breach, there was a presumption among officers across services that the executive director (security) would be promptly replaced. However, it was discovered that the vacancy had persisted since mid-November, following the departure of Raghubir Lal, a 1997-batch IPS offer to Uttar Pradesh as ADG (security) after completing an extended one-year tenure. similar upheaval. However, among UP babu circles the big question is whether chief secretary Durga Shanker

Further, the incident has woken up the government to the precarious situation of key central armed police forces like the CRPF and CISF, which have been operating under ad hoc arrangements for months. Notably, the post of CRPF Director General has been ad hoc managed by ITBP DG Anish Dayal Singh since the beginning of this month, replacing Dr Sujoy Lal Thaosen. Similarly, the DG CISF post has been filled by IPS officer Neena Singh in an ad hoc arrangement, since the retirement of Sheel Vardhan Singh in August.

Prolonged vacancies in such critical roles pose a direct threat to national security and demand swift action.

UP chief secy's next move remains a mystery

With the appointment of three new faces as chief ministers in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, the Modi Sarkar, once again, revealed its penchant for unpredictability. The attention has now shifted to the intensifying politicking in Uttar Pradesh, where some punters are predicting a Mishra will get another extension of service.

Mr Mishra's trajectory follows a unique and unprecedented path. Originally the Union Secretary for Urban Affairs, he became chief secretary of Uttar Pradesh in December 2021. A growing consensus suggests that Mr Mishra's tenure may extend beyond this month, marking his third successive extension. But, unlike previous extensions, this one might be limited to six months.

If Mishra indeed secures another extension, sources claim that political rivals are expected to resort to legal challenges, as seen recently in similar cases like that of ED chief S.K. Mishra and Delhi chief secretary Naresh Kumar. However, the Centre has successfully navigated such challenges in the past.

Another school of thought suggests that after December 31, Mishra may wade into politics and potentially contest the 2024 Lok Sabha elections from UP. This however seems like a remote possibility given the Centre's likely reluctance to release him before achieving its Mission 2024. Mr Mishra is unlikely to defy the decisions of the Centre.

# **LOCAL**

# **Poetry Recital organized by Literary Club of Utsaah the Clubs, JU** of Urdu, and the students of

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Dec 22: The Literary Club under the aegis of "Utsaah," the Clubs, University of Jammu showcased an extraordinary poetry recital programme in the Seminar Hall of the Department of English of the Main Campus as a part of the outreach activities being organised under the "Viksit Bharat @2047" campaign of the Government of India.

The Chief Guest for the occasion was Mohd Yaseen Kichloo, Indian Police Services, Senior Superintendent of Police Security, Civil Secretariat, Jammu and Kashmir. The programme commenced with the felicitation of the chief guest with a token of regard.

While addressing the audience, Mohd Yaseen Kichloo applauded the commendable work on the part of The Literary Club and its spearheading body, Utsaah, the Clubs, University of Jammu, and congratulated the participants for their enamouring recital. He stressed on the importance of every citizen's participation in realising the dream of a developed nation. The young particularly would prove to be the beneficiaries and agents of a "viksit" future of India.



participated and helped make

the programme a phenomenal

Later, Prof. Satnam Kour

Raina, Chairperson, Utsaah for-

mally introduced Mohd Yaseen

Kichloo, Senior Superintendent

of Police Security, Civil Secre-

The participants who studded

the afternoon with their poetry

recitation were from across the

departments of the University

The performances that

remained the most appreciated

amongst a plethora of excel-

lent readings were those by the

participants from the depart-

ments such as the Depart-

ment of MCA, the Department

of Punjabi, the Department of

English, the Department of

Psychology, the Department

tariat, J&K, to the audience.

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of Jammu.

Earlier in her formal welcome address, Prof. Satnam Kour Raina, Chairperson, Utsaah, the Clubs, and Head, Department of Psychology, University of Jammu acknowledged the initiative of Dr. Sadaf Shah, Coordinator. The Literary Club and Associate Professor, Department of English, and lauded her for organising the poetry recitation programme of December 22, 2023.

She highlighted the importance of educational institutions and organisations such as The Literary Club and its parent body, "Utsaah" in undertaking such initiatives that facilitate exponential strides in development of not just individuals but the nation and the society as a whole. She heartily congratulated each and everyone who the Design Your Degree Programme (DYD), namely, Harshit Kour, Suraiya Bano, Suhani Behl, Garima Sharma, Paridhi Mahajan, Bhoomi Samnotra, Malhar Khadyal, Radhey Sharma, Narayan Choudhary, Pawandeep Singh, Shubham Sharma, Manjot Singh, and Sarnish Kour. The programme ended with the presenting of certificates to the participants. The official vote of thanks for

the occasion was offered by Dr. Sadaf Shah, Coordinator, The Literary Club, University of Jammu who expressed her gratitude towards every individual who contributed to the triumphant success of the programme.

The convivial occasion was graced by the presence of Prof. Monika Sethi, Prof. Parmil Kumar, Dr. Pritam Singh, Rakesh Sharma, Dr. Amarjeet Singh, and Dr. Sunil Bhougal. The master of ceremonies for the occasion was Dr. Divya Sharma.

And the introduction to the participants, was given by Suraiyya Bano, and Harshit Kour. The overall arrangements for the programme were looked after by the members of The Literary Club.

JU's dept of Psychology organizes group discussion under Viksit Bharat@2047



#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Dec 22: In honour of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision for "Viksit Bharat@2047 with the Voice of Youth", the Department of Psychology, University of Jammu, held a group discussion.

The event, guided by Dr. Sarita Sood, Assistant Professor, engaged students and scholars in exploring various subthemes such as empowered Indians, thriving and sustainable economies, innovation, science and technology, good governance and security, and India in the world, fostering dialogue to contribute towards the development of India.

Prof. Satnam Kour, the Head of Department, shared her ideas at the event. Approximately 30-35 students engaged in a group discussion, contributing suggestions on various themes.

In a ground-breaking exploration, Amandeep Kour Nanda, Research scholar, delved into the realms of empowering India and the indispensable role psychologists play in this transformative journey.

Students also stressed the impor-

tance of a clearer roadmap, especially regarding assessment methods, curriculum changes and the integration of new technologies. Participants discussed the importance of active citizenship, ranging from civic engagement to sustainable practices to promote change in India.

The consensus revolved around cultivating a sense of responsibility and contributing positively to the community, thus fostering a collective environment conducive to progress. Discussions also centred on individuals viewpoints towards Utopia.

While acknowledging the complexity of such an ideal, participants highlighted the role of empathy, inclusivity, and innovation in working collectively towards a society that prioritises equality and well-being.

Prof. Satnam Kour, Head of the Department of Psychology, University of Jammu, played a pivotal role in overseeing the coordination of the program.

The programme's success was enhanced by the enthusiastic participation of faculty members, research scholars and students.

### **BJP govt using dictatorship to suppress** voice of opposition: Vijay Sharma

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Dec 22: Expressing anger over the suspension of opposition MPs from the Lok Sabha, Congress Seva Dal President Vijay Sharma Babbi said that the BJP is adopting a dictatorial attitude to suppress the voice of the opposition in the country.

The opposition is being wiped out from the House to pass repressive bills without discussion. Opposition parties in the Lok Sabha are demanding a statement from Home Minister Amit Shah on the lapses in Parliament security, but instead of



suspending the MPs of the opposition parties. In this too, Congress members are being targeted the most. Modi government does not want the people of India to listen to the protests. Therefore the government is adopting the policy of suspending. BJP wants to destroy democracy in this country. This is being done so that the BJP MPs who helped two infil-

#### 13 are saved.

Till date, no action has been taken against the BJP leaders who used abusive and objectionable behavior inside the Parliament, which proves that the government has descended into dictatorship. The BJP government wants that there should be no one in the country to oppose it and they should continue to do whatever they want.

If any leader associated with BJP is found guilty in any case anywhere in the country, no action is taken against him but opposition leaders are put in jail without any crime. Congress will not sit silent and will

# **Pathseekers acknowledges Indian Army for** empowering border area students

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU / JHANSI, Dec 22: Pathseekers International School (Ramgarh) extended its heartfelt gratitude to the Indian Army and its esteemed officers for their invaluable contribution towards empowering the students from the border area of Ramgarh Sector, Jammu and Kashmir.

In a recent initiative, the Indian Army facilitated an enlightening session focusing on career counselling and familiarization with the Army



the students. This significant opportunity allowed the students to gain firsthand insights into the life and prospects of the armed

Moreover, the students had the privilege to explore the prestigious Sainik School Jhansi under the leadership of Principal Sainik School

ing the ethos and discipline integral to such esteemed institutions. Manpreet Kaur, the Principal of Pathseekers International School,

General M K Mathur for spearheading such impactful initiatives.

"This initiative stands as a testament to the exemplary governance of the Government of India, offering equal opportunities to the youth and fostering a sense of patriotism and service among the commoners," said Manpreet Kaur.

Pathseekers International School applauded the Indian Army and the Ministry of Defence for their unwavering commitment to nurturing and guiding the youth

giving a statement, the government is arbitrarily trators enter the Lok Sabha on December

continue to oppose the wrong policies of BJP.

at Jhansi (UP), offering invaluable exposure to

forces, further broadening their horizons.

Jhansi Lt Col. Prashasti Chouhan, experienc-

expressed her deep appreciation to Major towards a bright and purposeful future.

#### Awareness programme organized by Civil **Defence Jammu**



#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Dec 22: One day awareness programme was held at NCC camp Nagrota, which was organized by Civil Defence, Jammu under the supervision of Dy. SP, Anita Pawar, Dy. Controller Civil Defence Jammu.

The programme was organized in the premises of the NCC Camp Nagrota where 290 NCC cadets (144 Boys & 146 Girls) participated.

Awareness about First Aid, Fire Fighting and other improvised rescue methods during the disaster was given by the Civil Defence experts to the students.

A demonstration on first aid & fire fighting was also presented by

the Civil Defence team. The main objective of the awareness programme was to inform the students about precautionary measures during natural or man-

made disaster. On the occasion, Commanding officer Col. S.P. Tiwari, Adm. Officer C.O., M. Boro 1st Bn. NCC Srinagar, Paramjit Kumar, Chief Warden CD Jammu, R. Vijay Magotra, Dy. Chief Warden CD Jammu, Ram Dayal Saini S.I, In charge Trainings, Civil Defence and other staff of the NCC Camp Nagrota

was also present.

# **Chaar Sahibzaade Hockey Gold Cup** Master Tournament to start on Dec 23

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Dec 22: Jammu Kashmir UT Master Hockey Association informed that 2nd Seven A side Chaar Sahibzaade Hockey Gold Cup Master ( 2023) will be held from December 23 To 25 at Hakku Stadium Jammu, said Chairman Mahant Rajesh Bittu while addressing the press conference along with President Balvinder Singh and Gen Sec Jaswinder Singh (Kuku). Rajesh Bittu, while interacting with the media, said that Veer Bal Diwas is being

December. He said that from 21st to 27th, people of the country Like other states, Martyrdom Week will be celebrated in Jammu and Kashmir in which Chaar Sahibzaade will be remembered and tribute will be paid to them. He said that a hockey tournament is

also being organized by the organization in their memory

the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for declaring 26 December as Veer Bal Divas.

Balwinder Singh said that if someone has given martyrdom at the youngest age then he goes to Char Sahibzade. He said across the country from 21st to 27th December at celebrate tha martyr of Chaar Sahibzaade. Tribute will be paid to and in his memory, a hockey tournament is being organized by the organization from 23rd December to 25th December. It is being organized at Hakku Stadium Jammu.

Other Present Sr Vice President Rajinder Singh Sudan, Vice President Janak Singh, Treasurer Iqbal Singh, Res Sec Angat Singh and tournament Director Manjit Singh Reen.

#### **ICccR & HRM, JU** organizes week-long series of activities under Viksit Bharat@2047 Campaign

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Dec 22: International Centre for Cross Cultural Research and Human Resource Management (ICccR & HRM), University of Jammu, organised a videography competition conceived under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Viksit Bharat@2047 campaign, to actively involve the students and faculty members in shaping the vision of a developed India.

Viksit Bharat @2047 is the vision to make India a developed nation by 2047, the 100th year of independence.

The vision is in line with the Prime Minister's vision to actively involve the youth of the country in the formulation of national plans, priorities and goals of the country, providing a platform to the youth of the country to contribute their ideas to the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.

The series of activities included one week workshop on Financial Literacy, Brainstorming/ Discussion Sessions and 'Voice of Youth' competition, where students of ICccR & HRM competed in teams to generate innovative ideas of the youth that can be transformed into nation building by inviting them to ideate and contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat.

The concerted efforts of students channelizes their role as "empowered Indians" and ponder upon finding ways to make India a developed country at a faster pace and also identify specific sectors for improvement towards becoming a developed nation.

Prof. Hardeep Chahal, Director, ICccR & HRM, flagged the initiative and highlighted the role of universities and higher education institutions sharing a symbiotic relationship with the development of the country. She emphasized on the of the role of students, faculty and all university stakeholders, who constitute our largest youth population group in leading India to the idea of Viksit Bharat by 2047.

Prof. Parmeshwari Sharma, Former HoD, Department of Hindi and Culture Committee Chairperson, University of Jammu, graced the event as Chief Guest and felicitated the students of ICccR & HRM, who excelled and participated in the "Voice of Youth" Competition.

celebrated on 26th Team Jammu condemns terrorists attack on **Army personnel in Poonch** 

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Dec 22: Strongly condemning yesterday's attack on Army personnel in Poonch district, Team Jammu today said it is the right time that Government of India directs the security forces to once again "attack and destroy" terrorist training camps across the border in Pakistan besides giving befitting reply to terrorists by neutralizing their barbaric acts.

"Centre government should adopt a proactive policy to flush out and eliminate all terrorists operating in different parts of the state," stated Chairman, Team Jammu while addressing emergent meeting of its members.

"Instead of adopting a soft approach towards terrorists, the Centre government should adopt a decisive and pro-active policy and formulate an action plan to flush out and eliminate all militants," pointed out Zorawar Singh Jamwal and added that "The time has come once when our forces should be asked to attack and

destroy the militant training camps across the border so that a clear cut message goes to Pakistan either to stop using its land for mushrooming terrorists' camps or face consequences ."

While paying tributes to army personnel who attained martyrdom in the terrorist attack, Chairman, Team Jammu Zorawar Singh Jamwal also expressed sympathies for bereaved family members. "We stand by our forces and their families.

Mahant Bittu praised

# **ENTERTAINMENT**

# It's Christmas weekend and the fun times are rolling. Here's checking out the party zones...

The tricity is gearing up for the Christmas weekend. From a carnival, kids' party to live concerts and comedy shows, it looks like city is in total celebratory mode. Here are some places that will make it a memorable time for you. Concert mania

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Spain and Talja hit-maker Jassa Dhillon will be performing live on Christmas Eve at Playboy Club, Chandigarh. Whereas veteran Punjabi singer Babbu Maan, who mesmerised the audience with his melodious voice at Chandigarh Carnival in November, is gearing up for a Christmas show in Panchkula now. Reportedly, he will perform at the Shalimar Ground, Sector 5, Panchkula.

Food bonanza

After treating his fans at Delhi's Zomaland festival, Juggy D will be in Chandigarh to perform exclusively for tricity audience. Zomaland is a food and music festival hosted annually by Zomato and enters its fourth edition. The two-day event is observed at various cities of India and in Chandigarh it will be



double the fun. as it coincides with the Christmas weekend. Juggy D will be entertaining the foodies with R&B and bhangra this time.

Also, get ready to get Obsessed as singer Riaar Saab will be performing at Zomaland on December 23. It has an incredible line-up of artistes from Tirath Sandhu aka Tricksingh to music band When Chai Met Toast. To be hosted at Chimney Heights Resort on December 23 and 24, it will

be an epicurean journey with 25 plus renowned restaurant partners, featuring the delectable Roll Xpress, Noorani by Nihari, Baba Chicken, Sector 22, Paojee, Naturals and many more. Bookings are available via food delivery app, Zomato. Social, Sector 7, will also host 'The Social Christmas Bazaar' on December 24 and the entry will be free.

Olive Café and Bar Chandigarh has come up with a Christmas special menu till December

30. On Christmas, the restaurant will offer a special brunch with live stations, picnic baskets for each table, goodies for kids and live music. Brownie Point, Sector 68, Mohali, is offering mouthwatering menu of pies and cakes for those who have a sweet tooth.

For the kids

The newly launched mall at Airport Road Mohali, CP67, is set to transform into a Christmas Merryland, as it combines a delightful Doraemon Meet & Greet for kids with an enchanting Santa Parade over the Christmas weekend. CP67 is inviting young visitors to meet their favorite cartoon character, Doraemon, and his friends during the exclusive Doraemon Meet & Greet sessions on December 23 and 24, starting at 3 pm. A dedicated kids' area will host an array of engaging activities and workshops. The Santa parade on December 25 will feature a musical band with all foreign nationals singing carols, artistes dressed as angels, and more.

# Tamannaah Bhatia tars in corporate drama 11th Hour



Atrangii OTT will be releasing a corporate drama, titled 11th Hour, on Upendra Namburi's book 8 Hours, in which the protagonist Aratrika Reddy (Tamannaah Bhatia) faces a multilayered high-stakes boardroom challenge that unfolds in a single night.

Tamannaah says, "I was thrilled when I first read the script. It's a refreshing story where a woman finds herself entangled in a high-stakes corporate drama. My character (Aratrika Reddy) is that of a fearless woman who dons multiple hats. She leads a company, takes care of her son, and is a devoted daughter. Shooting for this web series was an incredible experience, and I had the privilege of working with an exceptional team. I can hardly wait for the audience to delve into this edge-ofthe-seat thriller."

11th Hour will be streaming from today.

### **Elnaaz Norouzi on playing Mimi**

Actress Elnaaz Norouzi has carved her niche in the entertainment industry with remarkable finesse. Her journey spans across diverse platforms, showcasing her talent not just in acting but also in music.

Kriti Sanon starred in the 2021 comedydrama Mimi, which was praised by critics and viewers alike. In a recent interview, Elnaaz claimed that she could have played the role of Mimi as well as Kriti.

Her statement sparked discussions. While Sanon's performance in Mimi was lauded for its depth and authenticity, Norouzi's self-assuredness in potentially delivering a parallel portrayal speaks volumes about her confidence and belief in her craft.



sha and Karan wel-

comed their first child

on November 12, 2022,

six years after their mar-

riage. Taking to Insta-

gram, Bipasha shared a

post through which she

announced the name of

The picture read,

"12.11.2022. Devi Basu

Singh Grover. The phys-

ical manifestation of our

love and blessings of

Ma is here now and she

Bipasha and Karan

first met on the set of

Bhushan Patel's film

'Alone' in the year 2015,

which marked their first

on-screen collaboration

and they tied the knot

after one year of dating

Meanwhile, on the

work front, Karan is

gearing up for the

upcoming aerial action

thriller film 'Fighter'. The

film is primarily shot at

air bases in India with

real Sukhois, Indian

Helmed by Siddharth

Anand, the film stars

Hrithik Roshan, Deep-

ika Padukone and Anil

Kapoor in the lead roles.

the theatres on January

'Fighter' is all set to hit

fighter planes.

25, 2024.

in April 2016.

her baby.

is divine.

# Taraji P Henson is 'tired' of being underpaid in Hollywood

Actress Taraji P Henson got emotional while talking about being underpaid in Hollywood. Discussing the same during an interview with Gayle King, the Empire alum broke down in tears and said she's "tired" of getting unfair payment in the industry.

"I am just tired of working so hard, being gracious at what I do and getting paid a fraction of the cost," the 53-yearold said.

She added: "I'm tired of hearing my sisters say the same thing over and over. You get tired. I hear people go, 'you work a lot.' Well, I have to....we don't do this



alone. It's a whole team behind us. They have to

Bhatia in the lead role

The series is based

get paid." Henson, who was promoting her new movie, The Color Purple, went on to elaborate: "When you hear someone go 'such and such made \$10 million'... that didn't make it to their account. Off the top, Uncle Sam is getting 50 per cent. Now have \$5 million. Your team is getting 30 per cent of what you gross, not after what Uncle Sam took. Now do the maths."

"I'm only human. Every time I do something and break another glass ceiling, when it's time to renegotiate I'm at the bottom again like I never

#### did what I just did, and I'm tired...It wears on

Henson claimed she's been told that there was not a lot of money on the table because 'black actors and stories 'don't translate overseas', among other excuses.

"I am tired hearing of that my entire career. Twenty-plus years in the game and I hear the same thing and I see what you do for another production but when it's time to go to bat for us, they don't have enough money. And I'm just supposed to smile and grin and bear it. Enough is enough," the Oscar and Emmy-nominated actress said.

Bipasha Basu shares glimpse of

### **Tiffany Haddish**

**India's official Oscar entry** 

you," she said.

### her daughter Devi's "first birthday party" as attendee

She took to her Instagram stories to share pictures of the birthday celebration featuring the little girls



Brimming with joy, Bipasha Basu is creating memories with her husband, Karan Singh Grover, and their cute daughter, Devi. She keeps treating her fans with lovely family pictures. Recently, the stunning couple, along with their daughter, attended the birthday party of 'Dill Mill Gayye' actor Ayaz Khan and his wife Jannat Khan's little daughter Dua.

She took to her Instagram stories to share pictures of the birthday celebration featuring the little girls.

In the pics, Devi can be seen enjoying the company of her little friend and birthday girl, Dua,

in several photos and videos.

The two little princesses are decked up in endearing frocks with similar patterns and big back bows.

A few days ago, Bipasha shared a glimpse of her family vacation. In the picture, Devi sits next to Santa Claus while doting mother Bipasha can be seen looking at her. Karan can be seen striking a pose with actor Vivan Bhatena.

Bipasha didn't show the face of her daughter and used an emoji.

She also shared a video of Devi playing in a park and captioned it, "Nature lover." Bipapleads not guilty to **DUI charge** 



Actress Tiffany Haddish has pleaded not guilty through an attorney to two misdemeanor DUI charges stemming from her arrest in November.

Haddish, 44, is charged with one count each of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a 0.08 per cent blood alcohol content, according to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

A pre-trial hearing is set for February 14. Haddish was taken into custody at about 5:45 am, on November 24, according to the Beverly Hills Police Department. She was released from custody that day, jail records revealed.

Haddish had performed at The Laugh Factory in West Hollywood the night before the club's 43rd annual free 'Thanksgiving' feast for the community. Haddish was also arrested on suspicion of DUI near Atlanta in January 2022 and later pleaded not guilty. That case is still pending.

# '2018' fails to make it to final 15

Malayalam film "2018: Everyone is a Hero", India's official entry in the international feature film category at the 2024 Academy Awards, is out of the Oscars race.

The Jude Anthany Joseph-directed film failed to make it to the shortlist of 15 films for the category, which was announced by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) on Friday. Jonathan Glazer's his-

torical drama "The Zone of Interest" (UK), Denmark's "The Promised Land", starring Mads Mikkelsen, and "Perfect Days" from Japan are being billed as the frontrunners of the category. The shortlist also includes "Amerikatsi" (Armenia), "The Monk and the Gun" (Bhutan), "Fallen Leaves" (Finland), "The Taste of Things" (France), "The Teachers' Lounge" (Germany), "Godland" (Iceland), "Io Capitano" (Italy), "Totem" (Mexico), "The Mother of All Lies" (Morocco), "Society of the Snow" (Spain), "Four Daughters" (Tunisia) and "20 Days in Mariupol" (Ukraine).

Films from 88 countries were eligible in the category. The shortlisted movies will advance to



the next round of voting. "2018", starring Tovino Thomas in the lead, was announced as India's official entry for the 96th Oscars in September this year. The movie narrates the story of the devastating Kerala floods in 2018. According to the makers, the film has

earned over Rs 200

crore at the box office

to become the highest

grossing film in Malay-

The AMPAS also

unveiled shortlists for

nine other categories

original song, original

score, sound, docu-

mentary feature, docu-

mentary short, animated

short film, live action

short film, makeup and

alam cinema.

hairstyling, and visual effects.

At the 95th Academy Awards, "RRR" and "The Elephant Whisperers", the two Indian films which won the best original song and best documentary short, were sent to the Oscars directly by the makers, but India's official entry in the international film category, Gujarati film "Chhello Show"(Last Film Show), couldn't make it to the final five nominations.

The last Indian film that made it to the final five was the Aamir Khan-led "Lagaan" in 2001.

The 96th Academy Awards are scheduled to take place on March 10, 2024 in Los Angeles.

# **NATIONAL**

# Threat of global conflict looms large, says **IAF chief VR Chaudhari**

Was addressing the inaugural of the 20th Subroto Mukerjee seminar organised by the think-tank Centre for Air Power Studies

NEW DELHI, Dec 22 (Agencies): Indian Air Force chief Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari on Friday said the landscape of international relations is shifting and traditional power structures are increasingly being challenged by new players and threat of global conflict looms large, fuelled by ideological divisions, resource scarcity and climate change.

These threats have created interconnected challenges like economic disparity and resource exploitation, ACM Chaudhari said.

He was addressing the inaugural of the 20th Subroto Mukeriee seminar organised by the think-tank Centre for Air Power Studies here.

The IAF chief referred as 'Global South' to the countries that were left out of the industrialisation era and were mostly at the receiving end of imperialism and colonial rule, saying India had played a proactive role in international fora to protect the Global South's interests

"As we navigate these uncharted skies, air power would undoubtedly play a pivotal role and also serve as a symbol of national strength. The IAF may easily act as a catalyst for progress, fostering strategic partnerships and contributing to



offered through Indian Techni-

cal and Economic Cooperation

(ITEC) programme had paved

the way for increased coop-

eration. Such programmes had

focused on capacity building

and human resource develop-

"Over the years, ITEC has

trained more than 2 lakh officials

in both civil and defence sectors.

The IAF has a long and proud

tradition of training AF cadets

from nations of this group. This

exchange of knowledge and

experience has broadened our

stature and strengthened diplo-

matic ties and cooperation. In

the past nine years, Indian Air

Force alone has trained more

than 5,000 foreign trainees from

countries of the Global South,"

Beyond long-term training,

ment, he said.

he said.

the collective advancement of the Global South.

"Our engagements with the countries of the Global South have resonated across the board and allowed us to exchange best practices, improve interoperability and build trust. These engagements are crucial for tackling shared security challenges and ensuring regional stability."

The IAF has increased the footprint of training and cooperation with these nations and the IAF conducts regular training programmes for these partner nations sharing best practices in the fields of operations and maintenance, ACM Chaudhari said.

He lauded the role played by the Indian Military Advisory Teams saying the courses

short-term curated courses on specific areas of expertise for target countries could be formulated and offered on a regular basis, he added.

"India's growing indigenous defence capability has already opened the doors for partnerships and exports and in future establishing joint ventures with these nations can be mutually beneficial. This could involve co-development of components, sharing production facilities and creating regional maintenance and support hubs.

"Another area that we need to explore is joint research and development projects, defence innovation and technological exchange. The IAF can actively support initiatives that promote sustainable development in the Global South," he added.

"We must identify contemporary security challenges faced by India and the Global South, and create fora for discussing terrorism, cyber threats, regional conflicts and other shared concerns to create collaborative defence strategies to mitigate these challenges. These fora could be in the form of bilateral or multilateral defence agreements for conduct of joint military exercises, intelligencesharing and technology collaborations," he concluded.

### 31 people lost their lives in rain-related incidents in **TN: Nirmala Sitharaman** sons here.



NEW DELHI, Dec 22 (Agencies): As many as 31 people have lost their lives in the four districts in Tamil Nadu due to heavy rainfall, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said

on Friday. The Centre has already released Rs 900 crore funds in two instalments to be used in this financial year to Tamil Nadu, she said, addressing mediaper-

Sitharaman said the Regional Meteorological Centre, Chennai has ultra-modern equipment including three dopplers and had forecast on December 12 itself that there would be heavy rainfall in the four districts - Tenkasi, Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli and Tuticorin on December 17

When such a massive disaster was taking place in Tamil Nadu, Chief Minister M K Stalin was in Delhi with the INDI Alliance, she said.

### **BJP MP Prathap Simha's statement** recorded in Parliament security breach case: Pralhad Joshi

NEW DELHI, Dec 22 (Agencies): Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi on Friday said the statement of BJP Lok Sabha member Prathap Simha has been recorded as part of the probe in the Parliament security breach case.

Addressing a press conference here, Joshi said an investigation is going on in the December 13 security breach, and the law will take its

course after the report is submitted. The protesters who had jumped into the Lok Sabha chamber on December 13 and set off smoke canisters had entered Parliament on passes issued by Simha's office. Simha is a two-term Lok Sabha member from Mysuru.

# Man Calls Wife Just To Hear Her Voice, Then Kills Himself **Minutes Later**

THANE, Dec 22 (Agencies): A 41-year-old man from Maharashtra's Thane district died allegedly by suicide minutes after calling his wife and expressing his desire to hear her voice, an official said today.

According to the police, Dombivali resident Sudhakar Yadav, and his wife Sanjana Yadav, 31, had a fight on December 19 after which she left to stay with her sister in Diva.

Around 10 am the next day, Sudhakar called up Sanjana, who was on her way to work at Kurla in Mumbai, saying he wanted to hear her voice for two minutes, said the official. After the call, Sanjana told the police that she received a photo of Sudhakar, about to hang himself, on WhatsApp. Sanjana requested her neighbour to



check on her husband. The neighbour knocked on the door but there was no response. He then broke it open to find Sudhar hanging from the ceiling, said the official.

The Vishnu Nagar police in Dombivili

### By suspending 150 MPs from Parliament, government has shut voice of 60% Indians: Rahul Gandhi

#### INDIA bloc protests suspension of opposition MPs, Kharge says democracy under threat

NEW DELHI, Dec 22 (Agencies): The opposition INDIA bloc on Friday staged a protest at Jantar Mantar here against the suspension of 146 MPs from the two Houses of Parliament during the Winter Session and called on people to unite to save democracy in the coun-

try. The protest, which was organised under the banner of the Indian



Mallikarjun Kharge, former party chief Rahul Gandhi and leaders of Left parties, DMK, NCP, SP, NC, TMC, JMM, RJD and other members of the opposition coalition Addressing the gathus, the more we will rise. We are fighting unitedly to save the country and democracy," he said. Gandhi said opposition members were suspended from the Lok

more you try to crush

Sabha and the Rajva

Sabha for demanding

answers from Union

Home Minister Amit

Shah on the December

13 Parliament security

breach issue.

"By shunting out 150 MPs from Parliament, the government has shut out the voice of 60 per cent Indians," he said.

NCP leader Sharad Pawar, CPI-M's Sitaram Yechury, CPI's D Raja, JMM's Mahua Maji, DMK's Tiruchi Siva, RJD's Manoj Kumar Jha, TMC's Mausam Noor, NC's Hasnain Masoodi, **Revolutionary Socialist** 

have registered a case of accidental death and are trying to ascertain the exact reason behind the suicide, the official added.

National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA), was attended by Congress president threat under the BJP government.

ering, Kharge said the

leaders of INDIA par-

ties had come together

as democracy is under

"When all unite, Narendra Modi won't be able to do anything...The

"The more the BJP spreads, the more love and brotherhood INDIA parties will spread," he said.

Party's NK Premachandran and SP's ST Hasan were among the leaders present at the protest.

# 11-year-old boy emulates act seen in reels in UP, accidentally hangs himself to death

HAMIRPUR, Dec 22 (Agencies): An 11-yearold boy died tragically while attempting to emulate a move he had seen on 'reels' on his mobile phone.

The Class 5 student of a local school in Uttar Pradesh's Hamirpur accidentally hung himself in his house, in an attempt to mimic an act shown on reels on

Thursday. The family lives in Rabindranath Tagore Nagar in the district. According to his father, the boy returned from school on Thursday afternoon and was engrossed in watching

videos on his mobile

phone. Captivated by

these videos, the boy

attempted to mimic the

life-saving technique he

had seen, using a makeshift noose made from a scarf of his mother. Tragically, the noose

tightened around his neck, leading to his death. His mother found the boy hanging when she entered his room. The boy was rushed to the local hospital where duty doctor, Dr Tarun Pal, declared him dead after a thorough examination. The family, however, did not inform the police about the loss of the child

The police learnt about the incident through social media and counselled the parents who were averse to an autopsy.

The deceased boy was the eldest among two brothers and a sister. SP Hamirpur, Deeksha

In a major security

breach on the anniver-

sary of the 2001 Parlia-

ment terror attack on

December 13, two of

the accused -- Sagar

Sharma and Manoran-

jan D -- jumped into the

Lok Sabha chamber

from the public gal-

Sharma, said that the phone examination has shown he was active on YouTube, and last watched a reel in which a child using a handkerchief makes a noose of sorts and acts as if he hung himself and, at the end, emerged unscathed saying 'dekha mujhe kuch nahi hua (see nothing has happened to me'.

### Delhi High Court agrees to list on Friday plea against providing FIR copy to Parliament security breach accused

NEW DELHI, Dec 22 (Agencies): The Delhi High Court on Friday agreed to list for hearing during the day a plea by the city police challenging a trial court order directing it to supply a copy of the FIR to an accused in the Parliament security breach case.

The matter was mentioned for hearing before a bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Mini Pushkarna by the counsel for the police.

"We arrested four accused persons. In sensitive matters where

we don't provide a copy of the FIR, they have to approach the commissioner. (Trial court), however, directed that we supply a copy," the lawyer said.

"List it today if in order," Justice Manmohan said. On Thursday, Special Judge Hardeep Kaur extended till January 5 the custody of four accused -- Manoranjan D, Sagar Sharma, Amol Dhanraj Shinde and Neelam Devi -- arrested

rity breach case. On an application by Neelam, the trial court also directed the Inves-

in the Parliament secu-



tigating Officer (IO) to hand over a copy of the FIR to her counsel.

"The IO (investigating officer) concerned is directed to furnish the copy of the present FIR to the applicant/accused as per law," the court said.

lery during Zero Hour, released yellow gas from canisters and shouted slogans before being overpowered by some MPs.

time, two others -- Amol Shinde and Neelam Devi -- sprayed coloured gas from canisters while shouting "tanashahi nahin chalegi" outside the Parliament House premises. Besides the four accused, police have

arrested Lalit Jha and Mahesh Kumawat in the case. All the six accused are being interrogated in police custody.

**Maoists blow up railway** tracks in Jharkhand, 13 trains cancelled

Trains that were cancelled include Tata-Itwari Express and nine mainline electric multiple unit passengers

bhum Superintendent of

Police Ashutosh Sekhar

"Security has been

tightened in the locality.

The repair work on the

railway tracks has been

started from early morn-

ing," he said, adding that

Maoists also put up ban-

ners and posters in the

Chakradharpur Divi-

sion Assistant Com-

mercial Manager Vinit

Kumar said that train

operations in the divi-

sion restored at around

"At around 10:08 pm

on Thursday, an explo-

sion occurred between

Mahadevsal and Posoi-

ta stations, which blew

up the third line of the

9 am on Friday.



said.

area

CHAIBASA, Dec 22 (Agencies): Members of the banned CPI (Maoist) blew up a portion of railway tracks in Jharkhand's West Singhbhum district, disrupting train services on the Howrah-Mumbai route for several hours, police said on Friday.

At least 13 trains were cancelled and one has been diverted due to the incident, a railway official said

The incident occurred late Thursday night in the Chakradharpur division of South Eastern Railway between Mahadevsal and Posoita stations, around 150 km from the state capital Ranchi, West Singhmovement of trains was controlled and the convenience of the passengers was ensured," a railway communiqué said. "Tracks of around two

section. No casualty

has been reported. The

to three metres were damaged in the blast by unidentified persons,' Kumar said.

Help desks at Rourkela, Tatanagar, Chakradharpur and Jharsuguda stations were immediately set up for passenger services, it stated.

"Due to this incident, Samarsata Express has been diverted and 13 trains have been cancelled." the release said. The trains that were cancelled include Tata-Itwari Express and nine mainline electric multiple unit passengers.

Notably, the banned outfit has been observing 'protest week' from December 16 and had called for a bharat bandh on Friday.

Around the same

# **INTERNATIONAL**

# **Israel killed 11 Gazans in front of families, could** lead to war crimes probe: UN

UNITED NATIONS, Dec 22 (Agencies): The United Nations Human Rights Office has called for an immediate investigation following reports that Israeli forces "summarily executed" at least 11 unarmed Palestinian men in front of their families in Gaza City. If confirmed, the actions of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) could amount to war crimes, it said.

According to the UN agency, the incident allegedly occurred when IDF troops took control of the Al Awda building in the Al Remal neighbourhood, where multiple families had sought refuge.

In a statement, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

separated men from women and children before shooting the men "While in control of the

men from the women and early 30s, in front of



alleged that the soldiers

building and the civilians sheltering there, the IDF allegedly separated the and children, and then shot and killed at least 11 of the men, mostly aged in their late 20s

their family members," said the UN body. The women and children were then confined to a room where they were subjected to violence, with some sustaining serious injuries,

the OHCHR said. "The IDF then allegedly ordered the women and children into a room, and either shot at them or threw a grenade into the room, reportedly

seriously injuring some of them, including an infant and a child," it said.

The OHCHR confirmed the killings but added that details and circumstances are "still under verification." It called for a prompt, independent, and thorough investigation into these allegations. The IDF has yet to

release a statement

regarding the reported incident.

Reports of the deadly raid in Al Remal add to growing concerns over the conduct of the Israeli military campaign in Gaza, which has seen significant civilian casualties.

Top US officials have called on Israel to minimize deaths of civilians as it continues its military operations against Hamas in the enclave. According to Hamas, at least 20,000 Palestinians in Gaza have been reported killed since Israel began bombing the territory in the wake of the militant group's October 7 attacks.

The death toll marks the heaviest loss on the Arab side in any conflict with Israel since the 1982 Lebanon invasion.



**Turkey detains 304 people** 

"Operation Heroes-34",

was carried out simul-

taneously across the

"We will not allow any

terrorists for the peace

and unity of our people.

We will continue our

battle with the intense

efforts of our security

forces," he said, shar-

ing footage of the oper-

ations which showed

police entering apart-

ments and buildings and

dragging suspects into

Islamic State con-

country

vehicles.

over suspected links to

ANKARA, Dec 22 (Agencies): Turkish authorities have detained 304 people suspected of having ties to militant group Islamic State in operations across 32 provinces, Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya said on Friday.

The majority of the suspects were detained in Turkey's three biggest cities of Ankara, Istanbul and Izmir, Yerlikaya said on social messaging platform X. He said the operation,

trolled one third of Iraq and Syria at its 2014 peak. Though beaten back, it continues to wage insurgent attacks. It has conducted numerous attacks across Turkey, including on a nightclub in Istanbul on January 1, 2017, in which 39 people were killed.

Authorities have ramped up operations against Islamic State and Kurdish militants in recent weeks, after Kurdish militants detonated a bomb near government buildings in Ankara on October 1. Turkey regularly conducts operations at home and in northern Irag on the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), which it regards as a terrorist organisation.

# **Couple in Italy miraculously** cheats death in separate plane crashes the same day

ROME, Dec 22 (Agencies): Call it a good-luck charm for each other or destiny as a couple in Italy survived two separate plane crashes on the same day just a few miles apart.

Thirty-year-old Stefano Pirilli and his 22-year-old fiance Antonietta Demasi had decided to take two light aircraft to travel for a lunch with friends near Turin in Italy.

But on their way back, they experienced dreadful moments as their planes plummeted to the ground as the sun set. leaving them in darkness and a sudden mist, reports mirror. co.uk.

Amid the confusion, both planes crashed as they came into land, but neither of them suffered serious injuries.

As Pirilli's aircraft went



while the pilot sustained a head wound, the Daily Mail reported.

Pirilli was unharmed from the wreckage of a two-seater Tecnam P92

happened. The day had Echo Super. started so beautifully, This was Antonietta's and it ended up with us both crashing in sepafirst flying experience, Pirilli said, adding he rate planes. "We fell foul was sorry for how it of the weather and the turned out. He added that their day started on a beautiful note but ended with both crashing in separate planes. He said they were fortunate not to have died, adding their thoughts were with the injured pilots. Stefano, who was San Gillio.

# Netanyahu's 'surrender or die' ultimatum to Hamas as truce talks hit deadlock

JERUSALEM, Dec 22 (Agencies): Negotiations for a truce deal between Israel and Palestinian terror group Hamas appeared to make little headway as fighting between the warring sides raged on in Gaza. Israel rebuffed demands from Hamas to permanently stop fighting in the besieged enclave, The Times of Israel reported.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reiterated his country's long-standing position on the war that the fighting wouldn't stop at all unless Hamas was "completely destroyed" and hostages were released safe and sound. He said Hamas was given "a simple choice -- either to surrender or die" as they did not "have any option".

Here are the latest developments in the Israel-Hamas war: Netanyahu said after Israel achieved its goal of eliminating Hamas, he would "work with all my power" to ensure that Gaza no longer posed a threat to the



hostages held by Hamas. In the previous agreement, Hamas released 105 hostages and Israel freed 240 Palestinian prisoners during a week-long ceasefire.

"We made clear to everyone in Israel and outside of Israel that it's time to renew the shaping up of new hostages (release) structure," the official said, adding that Israeli and Qatari officials met twice this week for negotiations on a new framework for a truce deal. In an interview with Qatarbased Al Jazeera news, Hamas spokesperson Ghazi Hamad asserted that the group was not keen on freeing hostages in exchange for a ceasefire as Israel would resume its hostilities in Gaza.

Al Thani and CIA chief Bill Burns earlier this week, a source familiar with the negotiations told news agency.

White House spokesperson John Kirby expressed hope that there would be some outcome in the ceasefire talks.

"These are very serious discussions and negotiations and we hope that they lead somewhere," Kirby told reporters aboard Air Force One. On the other hand, US President Joe Biden said, "We are pushing," news agency Reuters reported.

So far, Israel's counteroffensive in response to the October 7 attack by Hamas has killed more than 20,000 people in Gaza, the Palestinian Health Ministry said.

Meanwhile, fighting in Gaza was intense as Israel bombarded most of northern Gaza, with orange flashes and explosions being seen from a distance. Israeli planes also dropped bombs over central and southern Gaza, leading to plumes of smoke everywhere, residents said, Reuters reported. In Tel Aviv, Israel's commercial capital, sirens went off and rockets exploded overhead after they were intercepted by Israeli defences. Shrapnel fell on a school but no children were injured as they were in shelters, Israel's Ynet news site reported.

down, Demasi's plane also encountered similar trouble soon after. Firefighters immedi-

ately rescued the couple from the crash sites. Demasi's pilot Paolo Rotondo also survived the incidents. Demasi suffered a pelvic injury, time - the mist started to come up as the temperature dropped and then all of a sudden it was night. We decided to try and land at Busano and I called Antonietta and told her and the pilot of her plane said he would land at the airfield near

plane, told MailOnline:

"This was Antonietta's

first flying experience

and I'm so sorry for what

Jewish nation.

"We are fighting until victory. We will not stop the war until we achieve all its goals -- completing the destruction of Hamas, and releasing all of our hostages," he added.

A senior Israeli official said Israel was ready to discuss new stages for the release of political bureau leader Ismail Haniyeh visited Egypt and held talks with the country's intelligence chief Abbas Kamel.

"Some people are looking for a

small pause -- a pause here and

there for one week, two weeks,

three weeks. But we want to

stop the aggression (complete-

ly). I think we will not play this

game," said Hamad, who earlier

said Hamas wanted to carry out

October 7-like attacks on Israel

repeatedly until the country was

Meanwhile, hectic parleys

were on as Qatar-based Hamas

destroyed.

On the other hand, David Barnea, the director of Israel's Mossad intelligence agency, held a "positive meeting" with Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman

# New North Korean nuclear reactor appears to be operational: IAEA

Since North Korea expelled its inspectors in 2009, the IAEA has been denied access to the country.

SEOUL, Dec 22 (Agencies): A second reactor at North Korea's Yongbyon nuclear facility appears to be operational, according to the UN atomic agency.

Yongbyon is North Korea's main nuclear complex and home to its first nuclear reactor, with a five-megawatt capacity, and has been the only known source of plutonium for its weapons programme.

A second one -- a light-water reactor -- now also appears to be operational, based on observations that warm water is being discharged from it, the International Atomic Energy Agency said in a statement released late on Thursday.

"The discharge of warm water is indicative the reactor has reached criticality," IAEA Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi said in a statement.

In the operation of a nuclear reactor, criticality is the state in which a nuclear chain reaction is self-sustaining, according to experts.

Since North Korea expelled



its inspectors in 2009, the IAEA has been denied access to the country.

The agency has since been primarily relying on satellite imagery to monitor the North.

"Without access to the facility the Agency cannot confirm its operational status," Grossi said. He emphasised that the "construction and operation" of the light-water reactor (LWR) was against the United Nations Security Council resolutions and "deeply regrettable".

"The LWR, like any nuclear reactor, can produce plutonium in its irradiated fuel, which can be separated during reprocessing, so this is a cause for concern," Grossi said.

Plutonium, which is a primary material for nuclear weapons, is believed to be extracted through the reprocessing of spent fuel rods produced during the operation of the first nuclear reactor at Yongbyon.

Kim Dong-jin, a researcher at the Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute, confirmed to AFP that warm water discharge would indicate any reactor was operational

"Warm water discharge is a common occurrence in operating light water reactors," Kim said.

"During the operation of a power plant, it is necessary to circulate cooling water. As a result. the water is heated."

South Korea's Yonhap news agency also reported that the IAEA statement suggested that a "larger light-water reactor" has begun operation at Yongbyon. North Korea conducted its first nuclear test in 2006 and carried out its sixth and most powerful

one in September 2017. In March this year, Kim called for expanded production of "weapon-grade nuclear materials" as North Korea unveiled what appeared to be a new, smaller tactical nuclear warhead.

The country on Monday launched its solid-fuel Hwasong-18 intercontinental ballistic missile, the largest weapon in its arsenal.

Kim on Thursday also warned through the country's state media that Pyongyang will not hesitate to launch a nuclear attack if "provoked" with nukes.

# **Russian drones hit** residential building in Ukraine's Kyiv, 2 injured



KYIV, Dec 22 (Agencies): Russian drones bore down on the city of Kyiv early on Friday, with Mayor Vitali Klitschko and other officials reporting strikes on widely separated

residential districts. It was the sixth drone attack on the capital this month. At least two people were injured.

Klitschko said a drone had hit a block of flats in the Solomyanskyi district, south of the city centre, triggering a fire. Two people were

injured, including one being treated in hospi-

"The upper floors are in flames. Emergency crews are on site,' Mavor Klitschko said. A video posted on social media showed a giant orange flame going skyward in the night.

Klitschko also said drone fragments had set fire to a house under construction in Darnytskyi district on the eastern bank of the Dnipro River that runs

through the city. He said there were no injuries. Pictures posted online showed construction materials strewn about the site.

Serhiy Popko, head of Kyiv's military administration, reported fragments from a downed drone had struck an apartment building in a third area - Holosiivskyi district - also south of the city centre.

Popko posted pictures showing smashed windows and heavy damage to apartments.

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# No Hello, No Namaste only "Jai Dugger": Shiv Sena

#### Demand to include Dogra history, a symbol of heroic



#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Dec 22: "Mithri Ae Dogre Di Boli, Te Khand Mitthe Log Dogre", despite having such a sweet voice, Dogri language could not reach its true destination, let's come together and take a pledge of "Jai Duggar", this is stated by Shiv Sena(UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit chief Manish Sahni.

On Dogri Recognition Day, a special program was organized at Shiv Sena office, Shiv Sainiks held placards written "No Hello, No Namaste - only Jai Duggar"

Party state chief Manish Sahni said that after a struggle of almost half a decade, Dogri language was included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution on 22 December 2003 and exactly after 17 years, on 2 September 2020, Dogri got the status of the official language. of Jammu and Kashmir, but even today Dogri language has not reached its original destination. Sahni said that Dogra's history and stories of

bravery and Dogra rulers who brought out the social evils should be included in the school curriculum.

Sahni said that regarding the promotions of Dogri, the administration is merely fulfilling its needs. In government schools, Dogri is taught only up to the primary level, after that Dogri language is disrespected from the secondary level. Along with this, Dogri was completely ignored in private schools.

Sahni said, "Dogri represents our linguistic identity and we need to make it a part of the curriculum from school to university level.' He stressed the need to communicate in

mother tongue. Sahni

said that Dogri is a thriving language but the way Dogras are focusing on teaching Hindi and English to their children, Dogri will soon turn into an endangered language.

He said that unless we respect our languages, we will not be able to respect our culture, civilization and nation.

Sahni called upon the people to make all efforts to promote Dogri language, art, culture and preserve the Dogra heritage.

Sahni said that let's come together and take a pledge of "No Hello No Namaste only Jai Duggar".

On this occasion president Mehila wing Meenakshi Chhibber, General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Charman Rakesh Gupta, Vice President Sanjeev Kohli and Balwant Singh, president Kanghar wing Raj Singh, Mangu Ram and many others were present.

#### Vedyansh of DPS Jammu excels in open Jammu Taekwondo Championship

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Dec 22: Vedyansh Rana (III-D), a student of Delhi Public School Jammu brought laurels to the school and her parents by securing second place and silver medal in Open Jammu Taekwondo Championship organized by J&K Taekwondo Association held at Indoor Stadium, Bhagwati Nagar from

19-20 December, 2023. The esteemed Management DPS Jammu, President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC- Dr. Ritu Singh, Director- S.S Sodhi along with Principal-DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chabra and staff congratulated Vedyansh and her parents for the brilliant performance in the event. They also extended their best wishes to her for all her future endeavours.

#### **Discussion on 'Hindi Language: Technological Development'** held by Hindi Deptt JU

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Dec 22: A discussion on the topic 'Hindi Language: Technological Development' was organized by the Hindi Department, Jammu University, Jammu on 22-12-2023 at 10:30 am in the smart class room of the Hindi Department. In this program Prof. Rajni Bala, Head of the Hindi Department, served as the keynote speaker.

Explaining the importance of Hindi at the global level, he inspired to find the development of technology in Indian languages

He also clarified that Hindi language has the culture of Indianness and in the absence of this culture, technical development is not possible. Highlighted the importance of Hindi conferences

organized at the global level. He also said that IIT Kanpur, Delhi and Pune while playing a major role in connecting Hindi with technology, have also connected it with the language of the economic world The House was introduced to various

packages, websites and software in the context of Hindi and technology. Dr. Parshotam Kumar of Hindi Department, Dr. Bandana Thakur and post-graduate students of the department and all the researchers of the department were present in this program About 75 students, researchers and teachers participated in this discus-

sion. Formal thanks were given by Dr. Koshiha Sharma and the program was conducted by Dr. Bhagwati Devi.

### Dogri Sanstha Jammu celebrates **Dogri Maanta Divas**

this auspicious day with

a memento and a shawl.

ing Dogri language.

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Dec 22: Dogri Sanstha Jammu celebrated 'Dogri Maanta Divas' in a simple but an impressive function organized at Kunwar Viyogi Auditorium, Dogri Bhawan, Karan Nagar Jammu. B.R Sharma (Retired IAS), State Election Commissioner, Jammu & Kashmir was chief Guest, Ravi Shankar Sharma, Special Secretary Higher Education Jammu & Kashmir was special Guest and Prof. Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha Jammu presided over the func-

tion. During the function Sahitya Akademi Awardee of last year Prof. VeenaGupta, Dr. Nirmal Vinod for translation award and this years' Bal Sahitya Puraskar awardee Balwan Singh Jamoria, and Dheeraj Bismil for Yua Puraskar and Veteran Dogri litterateurs Puran Chand Sharma, Tara Chand Kalandaria, Dr. Bansi-LalSharma, eminent actor Arvind Anand, media personality Sudesh Verma and flute player Rakesh Anand were also honoured on



the active participation of all Dogras. On this occasion, a

In his address, chief musical evening was guest B.R Sharma also organized which said that we should be enamored the audience concerned about our with scintillating permother tongue and proformances by Chinamote it right from our may Sharma, Kusha own home. It is the high Sharma and Vanshikatime that we should real-Jaral who gave voices ize our responsibilities to Ashok Anguarana towards our language and Gyaneshwar's and cultural traditions. lyrics. On instruments As a special guest, Sunil Sharma was on Ravi Shankar Sharma synth and Rajeev on said that it is a special Dholak. The music was day which makes us composed by prominent to realize our duties music composer of UT towards our roots which of J & K Brij Mohan. get nourished by mother The proceedings of the tongue while Prof. Lali function were conducted tMagotra recalled the by well-known theatre contributions made by Dogri Sanstha for the

activist and poet PawanVerma whereas vote of last so many years for thanks was presented preserving and promotby Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju' General Sec-He extended his warm retary, DogriSanstha greetings to all Dogras Jammu.A large number on this special day and of litterateurs and literahoped that our mother ture lovers attended the tongue will flourish with function.

### Journalists honoured by NDS on Dogri Manata Divas

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Dec 22: Nami Dogri Sanstha (NDS) held a special programme to commemorate Dogri Bhasha Manata Divas. Kavinder Gupta former Deputy Chief Minister Jammu Kashmir was Chief Guest on the occasion whereas Nishi Kant Khajuria a Senior Journalist Presided over the function. Nidhi Dogra Sharma Patron Dogra Samaj Trust Mumbai and Daughter of Late Girdhari Lal Ji Dogra was Guest Of Honour and Parveen Sharma Chairman The Citizen Co-operative Bank was



guage and its Culture in particular A Trophy and a Ang

Vastar each was presented by the diginitories on the occasion. Yash Pal Yash Gener-

ing the request param-India gave accent on 4th eters for 8th Schedule of January 2004 at that time but he and Kavinder Gupta, his team took up the while congratulating the Dogras on Manata challenge to create the parameters in terms of Divas, said that we all cataloging the Dogri have to join heads to forclass has to come forward and lead from the front to re-establish our strong connect with Dogri and its heritage. Praveen Sharma said that new generation has started associating

# **District Library Kathua celebrates** Dogri Manyata Divas



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#### **Top News Report**

KATHUA, Dec 22: District Library Kathua celebrated Dogri Manyata Divas in District Library Hall with great pomp and show with the collaboration of Literary Organisations namely Triveni Kala Kunj and Sabras Sahitiya Sangam. Librarian ,Dist Library Kathua Sunil Sharma Welcome the dignitaries and brief the details of the programme.

A Dogri Kavi Sammellan was organised in which noted Dogri Poets and students studying in the library participated. All the poets recited their dogri poems stressing the need for spread of Dogri language and especially introducing Dogri as compulsory subject in the schools and colleges. Prominent poets who participated in the Kavi sammellan were Usha Monga President

Triveni Kala Kunj, Tilak Raj Sumbriya President Sabras Sahitya Sangam, Vijay Sharma Hasya Kavi, Madan Lal Toofan IRS (Retd), Sham Lal Khajuria, Shashi Sharma, Vijay Sharma compared the proceedings. Other prominent dignitaries present were Manuj Kesari, Shadi Lal Sharma ETO Retd, Yash Paul Sharma, President Wholesale Pharmaceutical Products.

Special Guest.

Prof. Anupama Sharma Patron NDS, Capt. Lalit Sharma Convener NDS and Advocte Dogra Harish Kaila President NDS shared

the Dias. Four eminent Journalists Surinder Sagar, Ritesh Gupta, Rajinder Kitchloo and Jang Singh Verman were honoured and felicitated on the occasion for their outstanding services in Field Journalism in general and for propagating the cause of Dogri Lan-

al Secretary NDS read citations as the mementoes were presented to the journalists. Capt Lalit Sharma IFS

former APCCF in his opening address said that inclusion of Dogri language in 8th schedule of Indian Constitution started way back in 1954 when Padam Shree Ram Nath Shastri and his team of Dogri Sanstha pledged it in the constitution of the Sanstha

Though Dogri Language was not fullfill-

Folk, writing of literature on all modes, journals for Dogri, compilation of dictionary in collaboration with Cultural Academy so on and so forth. After five decades of preparatory struggle in 1990 Dogri Sangharsh Morcha was formed to accelerate the movement. Finally the Dogri got the esteem position of standing along with other major language in 8th schedule during December 2003 when Parliament passed the bill and President of

mulate a concrete strategy that our children start speaking dogri in their homes.

Nishi Kant Khajuria said that we have to take help of emerging technology to take Dogri Language to every household and to write the healthy literature. Nidhi Dogra Sharma expressed concern that we are disassociating ourselves from our mother tongue, Dogri Culture and our rich heritage.

He said that our elite

with Dogri and our rich heritage and suggested that Artificial Intelligence can play a big role to strengthen this cause. Prof. Anupama Sharma called for new experiments in the field

of Dogri Music bringing to the taste and likings of our younger generation. Advocate Dogra Harish Kaila appealed all Dogras to make Dogri and its culture a mass movement

Yash Paul Yash General Secretaryconducted the programme and Dr. Sushil Bhola extended vote of thanks.

#### NIA team visits site of **Poonch terrorist attack**

Forest of Kokernag in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir. The operation was completed after six days on September 19. Stating about the Kokernag encounter, Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbagh Singh had said that it was the handiwork of some vested interests to blow the Kokernag encounter out of proportion.

The DGP had said that terrorists opened the fire first in the encounter leading to the killing of three officers.

### 14 dead, 25 injured in **Prague university shoot**ing

the police, there would have been many more victims.'

Earlier, Vondrasek told journalists that more than 15 people lost their lives and at least 24 others were injured.

Police said on social media X that they are still investigating the identity of the victims, one of whom is a foreigner. The assailant has been eliminated.

According to the Czech News Agency (CTK), local police were informed that a young man from Hostoun in the Central Bohemia Region was to leave for Prague, saying he wanted to take his own life. About 25 minutes later, the young man's father was found dead in Hostoun, and the police consequently launched a search for the son as a suspect.

The police were also informed that the shooter was to give a lecture at the Faculty of Arts building on Celetna Street in Prague. Thus they evacuated the building, but the shooting took place in another one at Jan Palach Square, the CTK reported.

Czech Prime Minister Petr Fiala told media on Thursday evening that at the moment, the shooting seemed to be the act of a lone gunman, and it was neither international terrorism nor the act of an organised group.

Calling the shooting "a terrible act, unprecedented in the history of the Czech Republic," Interior Minister Vit Rakusan has said that there is no indication that the shooting was linked to international terrorism.

"Terrorism has not ended": Faroog Abdullah

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#### on Anti-Terror Ops

morning conducted a search operation in the forest area of Dera ki Gali in the Rajouri district where two Army vehicles were ambushed by heavily armed terrorists.

Four Army personnel were killed while three others were injured in the terror attack on Thursday evening.

The terrorists ambushed two Army vehicles carrying troops in Thanamandi, Rajouri.

"At around 3.45 pm on December 21, two Army vehicles carrying troops were moving to the operational site, which was fired upon by the terrorist. The fire was immediately retaliated upon by our troops," an Army official said.

Indian Army troops immediately retaliated after being attacked by terrorists, they said.

"The troops were going to reinforce a joint operation against terrorists underway in the area since last evening. The operations are taking place in the 48 Rashtriya Rifles area," Army officials added.

### Rain, snowfall likely over higher reaches of J&K

#### during next 24 hrs: MeT

3-5°C, it'll still be cold enough for precipitation to occur in the form of snow, especially in the Shopian-Kulgam belt".

He said the chances of snowfall are likely in Shopian, Kulgam, Anantnag, Pulwama, Srinagar, Ganderbal, Budgam, Baramulla, Bandipora, Kupwara and a spell of snowfall can't be ruled out at Gulmarg and Sonmarg, he said.

In view of the WD the minimum temperature improves at most stations and Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded below 1.3°C of the normal -2.0°C against the -3.3°C on Thursday.

The freezing cold continued in Kashmir valley resulting in choking of water taps and several water bodies in parts of iconic Dal Lake and other parts of the valley due to the impact of the falling temperatures.

The maximum temperature in Srinagar was1.8°C above the normal of 9.0°C recorded the previous day. Day temperature also recorded above normal in other parts of the Kashmir valley amid sun appearing during the period.

Qazigund, on Srinagar-Jammu national highway in south Kashmir settled at-3.0°C on Friday against -4.0°C and it was 1.0°C

below normal, while Kokernag recorded a low of 2.4°C against the -3.0°C recorded on Thursday and it was 0.3°C below normal for the famous picnic spot of south Kashmir.

The mercury in Pahalgam further improved and was recorded at-4.8°C on Friday against the -5.8°C on Thursday. It was 0.2°C above normal for the tourist hot spot of south Kashmir's Anantnag district. Gulmarg recorded a low of -1.4°C against the -3.0°C recorded a day ago. It was 4.8°C above normal for the famous ski resort of north Kashmir.

The minimum temperature at Kupwara had a low of -3.4°C against the -4.0°C recorded Thursday night. It was 0.8°C below normal for the frontier north Kashmir district, the MeT office said

### Friday prayers allowed at historic Jamia Masjid Srinagar

security arrangements were put in place outside Jama Masjid to thwart any misadventure. Meanwhile Mirwaiz Umar Farooq was not allowed by authorities to lead the prayers as he was confined to his residence at Nigeen Srinagar.

# **BUSINESS / HEALTH**

# **Markets climb in early trade** on firm global trends

#### Sensex climbs 180.55 points to 71,045.65; Nifty goes up by 58 points to 21,313.05

MUMBAI, Dec 22 (Agencies): Benchmark equity indices began the trade on an optimistic note on Friday tracking firm global market trends.

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 180.55 points to 71,045.65 in early trade. The Nifty went up by 58 points to 21,313.05.

However, both the benchmark indices faced volatile trends after early optimism but later bounced back to trade with significant gains.

Among the Sensex firms, Tata Steel, Tata Motors, NTPC, JSW Steel, Sun Pharma and Bajaj Finance were the major winners.

Infosys, HDFC Bank, Asian Paints, Tata Consultancy Services, ICICI Bank and IndusInd Bank were among the laggards. In Asian markets,

Seoul, Tokyo and



Shanghai were trading with gains while Hong Kong quoted lower.

The US markets ended in the positive territory on Thursday. "Despite FIIs selling and concerns about the Omicron variant, optimism prevails with expected Federal Reserve rate cuts and positive sentiments on India's growth," said Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.92 per cent to USD 80.12 a barrel.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 1,636.19 crore on Thursday, according to exchange data.

The BSE benchmark jumped 358.79 points or 0.51 per cent to settle at 70,865.10 on Thursday. The Nifty rallied 104.90 points or 0.50 per cent to 21,255.05.

### AI could help in early diagnosis of autism: Study

NEW YORK, Dec 22 (Agencies): Artificial intelligence (AI), coupled with data from an iPad colouring game, could assist in early diagnosis of autism, a new study shows. Researchers from the University of Southern California (USC) said the results indicate the potential for an easy and novel method for early detection of autism and developmental coordination disorder.

"This is especially important as motor signatures appear early in autism usually before social symptoms. And this methodology does not involve potential biasing by the assessor," said Lisa Aziz-

For example, developmental coordination disorder primarily a motor skills disorder has features that overlap with autism.

Children with autism spectrum disorder often have both motor and sensory deficits in addition to the social deficits that are the hallmark of the disorder.

For the study, published in the Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders, 54 children between the ages of 8 and 17 took part in a five-minute colouring game on iPads. Eighteen had autism, 16 had developmental coordination disorder, and 20 were developing typically.

distinguish between a typically developing child and one with autism spectrum disorder with 76 per cent accuracy," said Aziz-Zadeh.

Researchers also were able to correctly distinguish between typical development and developmental coordination disorder with 78 per cent accuracy, and autism and developmental coordination disorder with 71 per cent accuracy.

The study was conducted in high-functioning children and adolescents with autism and needs to be replicated in larger, younger, and more diverse groups, researchers said.

# Walmart invests \$600 mn in Flipkart

#### Latter likely to receive another \$400 million, new investors to join fresh funding round

BENGALURU, Dec 22 (Agencies): Homegrown ecommerce marketplace Flipkart has received \$600 million fund infusion from parent company Walmart. Flipkart confirmed the fundraising to this newspaper. As per reports, the company might receive another \$400 million funds and new investors will also join the fresh fundraising round. Though Flipkart didn't comment on this, it is said the funding will value the company at a premium of 5-10% from its current valuation. It was last valued at about \$35 billion. Flipkart will use the funds to expand its operations. Flipkart co-founder Binny Bansal, Accel and Tiger Global Management in July exited the e-commerce firm and sold their shares to Walmart.

Earlier in July, Walmart in its filing said during the six months ended July 31, 2023, it paid \$3.5 billion to acquire shares from



certain Flipkart non-controlling interest holders. The US retail company paid about \$1.4 billion to Tiger Global to buy its remaining shares in Flipkart. In 2018, Walmart paid about \$16 billion for a 77% stake in the ecommerce firm, and according to Tracxn, Walmart now holds about 80.5% stake in the company.

Flipkart hived-off its payments entity PhonePe in December

last year and in July, the company distributed cash payout worth \$700 million to nearly 24,000 employees, including former employees. This is to compensate them for the separation of PhonePe from the ecommerce firm. In an earnings call in August, Walmart had said that both Flipkart and PhonePe are continuing to demonstrate impressive growth and Flipkart delivered strong GMV (gross

merchandise value) and net sales growth as the core business continues to grow well.

The Flipkart Group includes group companies Flipkart, Myntra, Flipkart Wholesale, Flipkart Health+, and Cleartrip. It claims a registered user base of over 500 million, and there are over 14 lakh sellers on the platform, including Shopsy sellers. In FY23, Flipkart reported consolidated losses of Rs 4,890.6 crore and its consolidated net income stood at Rs 56,012.8 crore.

In its Flip Trends 2023, the homegrown ecommerce firm said that shoppers spent an average of 7 hours on Flipkart this year, and that the platform also witnessed over 41 million new customers up until November 2023. It also said that the company saw 100% growth in infant formula and premium skin care baby products which saw 50% growth in 2023.

# **Marengo CIMS Hospital endeavours to create**

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Dec 22: Lung Transplantation is the most complex medical endeavor undertaken by mankind. Marengo CIMS Hospital, Ahmedabad is a recognized Lung Transplant Centre. Lung transplantation is a definitive treatment for Idiopathic Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension. IPAH, also known as Primary Pulmonary Hypertension (PPH), manifests in the second and third decades of life. It kills young people suddenly and is one of the causes of sudden

cardiac (heart) death. Symptoms of IPAH are shortness of breath, easy fatigability, chest pain, blackouts, and sudden cardiac death. These symptoms are progressive. Marengo CIMS Hospi-



tal therefore endeavors to create awareness of this disease - Idiopathic Pulmonary Arterial

The Lung transplantation team consists of Dr Jnanesh Thacker, Director, Lung Transplantations, Minimal Invasive Lung Transplantations, Marengo CIMS Hospital with Dr Dhiren Shah, Director, Heart Transplant & Cardiothoracic Surgery, Mechanical Circulatory Support (MCS) and rest of the transplant team which consists of five other surgeons, 4 Anesthe-

tists, and 5 Perfusionist to mention a few.

The total number of transplantation team members exceeds more than 50.

Dr Jnanesh Thakkar, Director, Lung Transplantations, Minimal Invasive Lung Transplantations said, "The IPAH can be a combination influenced by genetic and environmental factors. There are treatments at the early stages of diagnosis that can help manage symptoms and improve the quality of life for a patient. These may include medications to dilate the blood vessels, reduce blood clot formations, and alleviate symptoms. However, at end-stage failure of the lungs, a transplantation of the lungs from a cadaver is a preferred option."

Marengo CIMS Hospital, Ahmedabad is the The deceased organ only hospital that offers Minimally Invasive Lung Transplantations (MILT). This is compared to the standard procedure which is done by clamshell incision. A clamshell incision is a bilateral anterior thoracotomy with Transverse Sternotomy. Simply means that this incision is a cut right across the chest.

In Minimally Invasive Lung Transplantations, the cuts are made only on the sides. The sternum is not divided. The advantages of MILT are less pain, quick recovery, and cosmetically loved by female patients. The scars are not seen from the front and the back or the side. It is only seen when she raises her hands as the incisions lie in the donation rate in India at less than 1 percent per million population, is a major handicap and translates to less than one person per million opting to donate their organs. Superstitions and stigma, lack of transplant coordinators, and lack of required infrastructure for certifying and maintaining brain-dead patients are the reasons behind the low donation numbers in India. While the lack of organ donation is one side of the story, the other is the lack of required processes, skilled experts, hospital infrastructure, and the lack of sufficient examples of long-term organ transplant survivors in the community who become role models for organ transplantation.

# increased awareness about IPAH crease of her breasts.

Hypertension (IPAH).

Mumps cases rise among children:

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Zadeh, a professor at USC.

Previous studies have shown it is possible to use technology to categorise autism from typically developing individuals, but it can be difficult to distinguish autism from other similar developmental disorders.

The iPads collected touchscreen kinematic data for example, how hard kids are pressing and the jerkiness or velocity of movements. The researchers used machine learning analytics, a form of artificial intelligence, to process the information. "We were able to correctly

"We would want to see this signature as early as possible," said Christiana Dodd Butera, a postdoctoral student at USC. "Early identification allows for tailored therapeutic approaches, which result in better long-term developmental outcomes," she added.

### **Childhood trauma increases risk** of chronic pain in adulthood

LONDON, Dec 22 (Agencies): Physical, sexual, or emotional abuse, or neglect, either alone or combined with other types of childhood trauma, increases the risk of chronic pain and related disability in adulthood, according to a new research.

The new findings underscore the urgency of addressing adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)-potentially traumatic events that occur before 18 years of age-and taking steps to mitigate their long-term impact on people's health.

ACEs may affect a child or teenager directly through physical, sexual, or emotional abuse, or neglect-or indirectly through exposure to environmental factors like domestic violence, living with substance abuse or parental loss. Chronic pain is one of the leading causes of disability worldwide.

Long-term painful conditions such as low back pain, arthritis, headache and migraine, can affect a person's daily functioning to the point they can't work, eat properly, or participate in physical activities.

For the study, published in the European Journal of Psychotraumatology, the team conducted a systematic review that included 85 studies.

Of those, results from 57 studies could be pooled in meta-analyses.

They found that individuals exposed to a direct ACE, whether physical, sexual,

or emotional abuse, or neglect, were 45 per cent more likely to report chronic pain in adulthood compared to those not exposed.

Childhood physical abuse was associated with a higher likelihood of reporting both chronic pain and pain-related disability.

The odds of reporting chronic pain or pain-related disability in adulthood increased with exposure to any direct ACE, either alone or combined with indirect ACEs.

The risk of reporting chronic pain in adulthood significantly increased from exposure to one ACE to four or more ACEs. "These results underscore the urgency of addressing ACES, particularly in light of their prevalence and health repercussions," said Prof Jan Hartvigsen, from the University of Southern Denmark.

"A more nuanced understanding of the precise relationship between ACEs and chronic pain will empower healthcare professionals and policymakers to devise targeted strategies to help diminish the long-term impact of earlylife adversity on adult health.'

The researchers proposed that future research should delve into the biological mechanisms through which ACEs affect health across the lifespan, aiming to deepen understanding and develop ways to mitigate their impact.

# **Experts reveal why**

The viral infection, mumps, presents as fever followed by painful swelling of both areas around the ears.

NEW DELHI, Dec 22 (Agencies): There has been a rise in cases of mumps in children in several parts of the country including Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, making it a matter of concern for parents.

The viral infection, mumps, presents as fever followed by painful swelling of both areas around the ears. It begins with non-specific symptoms such as low-grade fever, malaise, headache and loss of appetite, lasting around 3 to 4 days.

This is followed by inflammation of the parotid glands located on both sides of the face, causing pain, swelling and tenderness in the cheek and jaw area, which typically lasts from 7 to 14 days.

It is caused by paramyxovirus, a member of the Rubulavirus family.

"Mothers are at increased risk if they are infected during the first trimester, which could result in miscarriage. If they were immunised or had mumps during childhood then there is no need to worry.

Other complications of mumps, more severe than orchitis and more common in unvaccinated individuals, include pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas), meningitis, encephalitis (inflammation of the brain), and myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle)," Dr Prashant



Udavant, Paediatrician, Neonatologist at Ruby Hall Clinic, told IndiaToday.In.

Though less frequently reported, these complications can lead to intensive care unit (ICU) admissions and result in prolonged effects like deafness and heart failure.

Mumps usually spread if there is a history of contact with another child with mumps in the school or at home, followed by fever and neck swelling.

Consulting a doctor and immediate quarantine are importnat steps when a child is infected with mumps.

Dr Rupkatha Sen, Chief Intensivist, Critical Care, SRV Hospitals, Chembur, told IndiaToday. In the reason for this increase in mumps cases is the decline in vaccination rates.

"Mumps is a preventable viral infection, and routine immunisation is crucial for maintaining herd immunity. If a significant number of children are not vaccinated or are under-vaccinated, the virus can easily spread within communities," said Dr Rupkatha Sen.

The expert added that another reason for this rise is the "waning immunity over time."

"The mumps vaccine usually administered in childhood, may offer protection for a certain period. However, as time passes, immunity may decrease, leaving individuals susceptible to the virus," said Dr Sen.

Additionally, variations in vaccine coverage and access to healthcare can lead to pockets of vulnerable populations where the virus can circulate more easily.

Social and environmental factors may also play a role. "Increased contact among children in schools or other

communal settings provides opportunities for the virus to spread. Poor hygiene practices and inadequate sanitation can further facilitate transmission," added Dr Sen.

Preventive measures

Ensuring sufficient hydration by drinking plenty of fluids orally to prevent dehydration. A soft diet is recommended to ease discomfort while chewing. Getting adequate bed rest.

Applying scrotal support and ice packs to reduce inflammation, especially in cases involving swelling of the testicles.

Using cold compresses on the parotid glands to alleviate swelling.

Taking non-steroidal antiinflammatory drugs to manage pain and reduce inflammation. Preventing secondary bacterial infections.

Considering the use of steroids in extremely complex and severe cases.

Mandatory MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella)vaccination has been introduced by the IAP (Indian Academy of Paediatrics) This has significantly decreased the number of complications in mumps cases.

However, as the virus spreads through infected respiratory droplets, it's crucial to implement contact isolation for affected individuals to prevent a mumps outbreak, suggested the experts.

# **SPORTS**

# Unfortunately haven't been able to give Samson chance at No. 3: KL Rahul

Samson, elevated to No.3 spot, smashed his maiden ODI century in the third and final match against the Proteas on Thursday as India won by 78 runs to wrap up the series 2-1

PAARL (SOUTH AFRICA), Dec 22 (Agencies): India captain KL Rahul conceded that a "phenomenal" Sanju Samson was finding it difficult to find a place in the side as stalwarts in the team occupy key spots, adding that he was pleased the talented cricketer grabbed his chance in the series against the Proteas.

Samson, elevated to No.3 spot, smashed his maiden ODI century in the third and final match against the Proteas on Thursday as India won by 78 runs to wrap up the series 2-1.

"Pleased for Sanju, he's been a phenomenal performer in the IPL over the years. Unfortunately, we haven't been able to give him the chance at No. 3, because obviously there are stalwarts in the ODIs who occupy those key spots.

"Glad he was able to grab his chances here," said Rahul following the big win.

Samson's measured 108 (114 balls) and Tilak Varma's patient 52 (77 balls) guided India to a competitive 296 for eight. South Africa challenged the tourists through a fifty by Tony de Zorzi (81, 87 balls) but were eventually bowled out for 218 in 45.5 overs



since I came over to South

Africa after some time away

following a disappointing World

'Player of the match' Samson

said he was happy to have

scored his maiden ODI century

in 16 outings, and added the

extra 3-4 overs he got to bat

coming in at No.3 helped him in

"Proud of it (century), especial-

ly considering the result as well.

Have been working hard. This

format gives you some extra

time to understand the wicket

and the bowler's mindset. Bat-

ting at the top of the order gives

you those 10-20 extra deliver-

He added that the juniors in

the side had really upped their

Cup final," he added.

his endeavour.

ies," said Samson.

Samson didn't get the opportunity in the first ODI as the target set by South Africa was very low, while in the second match, the wicketkeeper-batter scored 12 coming in at No.5. But in the decider, he was elevated to No.3 as Virat Kohli is not touring with the ODI side.

Rahul added the focus of the team will now shift to the two-Test series beginning in Centurion on December 26. Regular skipper Rohit Sharma and Kohli will be back in the side and Rahul will be the first-choice keeper.

"Will celebrate with the the boys and then switch back to focusing on the Test series in a day or two. Love being around the boys, that's how it's been

game and made the seniors proud.

"The whole country is very proud of how Tilak Verma has stepped up, lots more expected from him. The seniors have set the standards of Indian cricket and the juniors are coming in and doing the job. It's not very easy, travelling in between and playing every 2-3 days but they're getting the job done."

Left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh, who returned sublime figures of 4 for 30 to add to the five-for in the first ODI, said the IPL experience had made him a much better cricketer.

"The plan was simple, it was to bowl wicket-to-wicket and get lbws and bowled. Sometimes when there isn't anything happening on the wicket, you need some support from the umpires, that's why I had to appeal a lot," said the 'Player of the Series' for his 10 wickets.

"IPL has been a very good platform for us youngsters, there isn't a big gap between IPL and international cricket. You understand the mindset of international cricketers and it helps. We are all loving the chances we've got. We'd love to give our all in the future as well and do well," he added.

### Last 3-4 months were mentally challenging, grateful for maiden **ODI ton: Samson**

PAARL, Dec 22 (Agencie): India wicket-keeper batter Sanju Samson revealed that the past three-four months have been mentally challenging for him but he kept at it by working on himself and bounced back by scoring his maiden ODI ton.

Samson was overlooked for the ODI World Cup in India with selectors preferring to go with the likes of Ishan Kishan and Survakumar Yadav despite the Kerala batter averaging 55.7 with a strike rate of 104 in 13 ODI innings.

"The last three, four months were challenging for me mentally," Sanju said after the 78-run win on Thursday.

"So going through all that and coming here I think doing what I did today, I think I feel really happy and grateful." Samson was also not picked for the Asian Games, indicating that he is really low in the selectors' pecking order.

On Thursday, however, he took things in his own hand and scored his maiden ODI century to help India win the third game and clinch the series 2-1 against South Africa.

"I've been blessed in my genes. My father is also a sportsman, so how much ever setbacks you have, I think there's always no other way to come back and bounce back... think how much you can work on yourself and how you can come back more strongly," he added.

Elevated to the number three spot. Samson, who scored a measured 108, joined forces with Tilak Varma (52) to take India to a competitive target. "Honestly, I think I was not looking at

the scorecard. Until I had a partnership with Tilak till then I just wanted to play and like go with the merit. I just watched the ball and bat and the boundaries and the scoring options ultimately happened.

"So I was just focused on the process and plaving one ball at a time and then I think the scorecard kept on ticking.

"When Tilak came in when we both had a tough four or five overs where I think (Keshav) Maharaj, was bowling the best. I think both the ends were a bit tight. That's when we thought that we need to go on and take some risks at the moment."

Asked how he kept his calm during the knock, Samson said, "I don't know actually. It comes very naturally to me.

"It's very important to make really good decisions. When you are calm and when you are aware of your thoughts, emotions of your physical being and mental being that helps me to make some really good decisions."

The home side looked on course for victory before the Indian pacers, led by left-armer Arshdeep Singh, bowled the South Africans out for 218 in 45.5 overs.

"I think the power-play, the way South African openers batted, I thought they are taking the game away five overs before.

"But after that when our fast bowlers came in between, and the ball I think was maintained nicely by all the teammates... the fast bowlers also hit some proper areas to get those crucial wickets of David (Miller) and crucial wickets were important for us."

# **Wrestling Federation of** India election a fixed match

Those opposing Singh panel also accommodated; Bajrang says career 'doomed'

NEW DELHI, Dec 22 (Agencie): In Indian wrestling the term 'noora kushti' is a way to explain if a bout is fixed. The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) election had the same feel. The opposing groups — led by Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh loyalist Sanjay Singh and Anita Sheoran ---did not show any signs

of friction. There was no jostling



"I want to thank the government," a heavily garlanded Brij Bhushan man has won the WFI told the media. "It was elections. After what

happening," he added. "His (Brij Bhushan)

# ICC reprimands Australia batter Usman Khawaja over black armband to support Palestinians in Gaza

SYDNEY, Dec 22 (Agencie): Australia batter Usman Khawaja has been reprimanded by the International Cricket Council for wearing a black armband in support of Palestinians in Gaza during the first cricket Test against Pakistan.

ICC regulations prevent cricketers from displaying messages of political, religious or racial causes during international matches.

Khawaja was born in Pakistan and is the first Muslim to play Test cricket for Australia.

An ICC spokesperson confirmed the charge in breach



first Test match against Pakistan without seeking the prior approval of Cricket Australia and the ICC to display it, as required in the regulations for personal messages," it said.

"This is a breach under the category of another breach and the sanction for a first offence is a reprimand."

The charge means Khawaja can accept a warning and continue to play. However, he faces additional sanctions if he wears the armband again in the second Test against Pakistan beginning in Melbourne on

"Usman displayed a personal message (armband) during the

Tuesday.

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for votes, not even a hint of unrest among the 47 voters who came to the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) house for the election. Everything was calm, and there lied the biggest clue that the parties had come to an understanding. Since the day the Supreme Court vacated the stay on the election, there had been murmurs of backchannel parleys a few seats were to be sacrificed to pacify the protesting wrestlers, including Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik and Vinesh Phogat.

While Sanjay Singh won the top post by an overwhelming margin of 40-7 votes, the results of two other posts showed that it was indeed a fixed match. Prem Chand Lochab and Devinder Kadian were elected as secretary general and senior vice-president, respectively, of the WFI's new executive body.

A source told agency that outgoing president Brij Bhushan was asked to accommodate both Lochab and Kadian, who are BJP party members in Haryana. And when Brij Bhushan publicly thanked the Union Government for paving the way for today's election, there was no doubt in anyone's minds that the government engineered this fix.

the government that cleared the way for today as they pleaded to restart the election process with the Supreme Court. The Sports Ministry also opposed the stay by the Punjab & Haryana High Court and today I want to congratulate the government, the ministry that free and fair elections could be held today," he added

Two-time Asian Games gold medallist Kartar Singh was elected as a vice-president after getting 44 votes, the highest in the elections. Other than Sheoran,

who could only tally seven votes, the other losers in today's elections were the protesting wrestlers, who had made it a personal fight to see that none of the Brij Bhushan loyalists got elected into the new body. The results did not sit well with them as they questioned the government for failing to

act on their assurances. "The Sports Minister (Anurag Thakur) said on camera in January that neither Brij Bhushan nor his people will be part of the new body," Bajrang said. "But results unfortunately show that it has not been done. I do not feel that we will get justice for the girls as the system worked to break the unity of the complainants. It is still happened today, I think he will get a favourable verdict from the court as well. I still believe in the courts. We fought and this fight has to be continued for the next two generations. We fought with all our might but whatever assurances the government gave to us, they did not fulfill. It is sad that we need to fight to get justice," he added.

Threat, allegations

Bajrang also raised the spectre that those who ioined the protests may perish in accidents or face allegations to tarnish their image.

"Those who joined us, coaches and wrestlers, our careers are doomed now. We may face an incident like a car accident or wild allegations. Wait and watch, it will start to happen now. We have seen how powerful he is. We do not know whether we will get justice," Bajrang said.

"We fought but we lost today but someone needs to continue this fight. Vinesh just said that despite Bhagat Singh's sacrifice it took us a number of years to get independence. We do not know when we will get independence in wrestling. We are doubtful that we will be allowed to continue in wrestling because all his people have been elected today," he added.





CAPE TOWN, Dec 22 (Agencie): Former South Africa captain Dean Elgar has said that he will retire from international cricket after playing the twomatch Test series against India at home. Elgar is set to conclude his international career following the Test series against India at home, as announced by Cricket South Africa (CSA) on Friday, December 22nd.

"Playing the game of cricket has always been a dream of mine but having the opportunity to represent your country is the ultimate!" Elgar said in his statement. "Having had the

privilege to do it for 12 years internationally is simply beyond my wildest dreams. It has been an incredible journey that I have been fortunate enough to have.

"As they say, 'all good things come to an end', and the Indian home series will be my last, as I have made the decision to retire from our beautiful game. A game that has given me so much. The Cape Town Test will be my last. My favourite stadium in the world. A place I scored my first Test run against New Zealand and hopefully my last too."

Elgar is set to play 86 Test matches after featuring in both games against India, marking a 12-year career that has seen him accumulate 5146 runs. This places him as South Africa's eighth-highest run-scorer in Test cricket, with only eight players

crossing the 5000-run mark. He trails Mark Boucher, the seventh-highest, by 352 runs.

However, his decision to play these Tests means he'll miss South Africa's two-Test series in New Zealand. This absence creates a challenge as key players will be engaged in the SA20 league, leaving the team with a makeshift lineup. Elgar, without an SA20 deal, would have been a valuable addition and potentially considered for captaincy in Temba Bavuma's stead. Instead. the Titans' batsman Neil Brand is anticipated to lead the squad, partnering with Tony de Zorzi at the top of the batting order. This pairing showcased their opening prowess for South Africa A against West Indies A in a recent threematch series.

# NZ vs BAN: Kane Williamson, Kyle Jamieson withdrawn from Bangladesh T20I series

WELLINGTON, Dec 22 (Agencie): New Zealand have withdrawn Kane Williamson and Kyle Jamieson from their upcoming T20I series against Bangladesh. The Black Caps took the decision as a precautionary measure before the Test series against South Africa and Australia.

The 33-year-old Williamson was earlier named as the Kiwis' skipper for the series, but will now be replaced

by Mitchell Santner. Williamson returned to competitive cricket in the World Cup after facing injury concerns over the last seven months or so. Jamieson, on the other

hand, has had issues with his hamstring and New Zealand refrained from taking a chance with him in the Bangladesh T20I series.

"We want both Kane and Kyle to be in the best possible place leading into the next

block of Test cricket against South Africa and Australia. Based on discussions with the medical staff and the players it was decided a period of rehabilitation and conditioning was the best option for both of them," New Zealand coach Gary Stead was quoted as saying.

The hosts, in the meantime, have roped in fast bowler Jacob Duffy and talented all-rounder Rachin Ravindra for the upcoming series.

"Jacob is an experienced T20 cricketer and always brings a lot when he is part of the Black Caps environment. He's worked very hard on his white ball skills in recent seasons. Rachin adds to any environment he's a part of and has a great desire to learn and develop his game - across all three formats," Stead added. New Zealand's opening T20I against the Tigers is on Wednes-

day, December 27 at the

McLean Park in Napier. Mount Maunganui will host the other two T20Is on December 29 and December 31 respectively.

Updated New Zealand squad for Bangladesh T20ls

Mitchell Santner (c), Finn Allen, Mark Chapman, Jacob Duffy, Adam Milne, Daryl Mitchell, James Neesham, Glenn Phillips, Rachin Ravindra, Ben Sears, Tim Seifert, Ish Sodhi, Tim Southee.

# LOCAL

**JKBS mourns demise** 

of Darshan Lal Tugga,

**Ravi Kumar Motan** 

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Dec 22: To

mourn the sad, sudden

and untimely demise

of Sodagar Kaith and

Ravi Kumar Motan,

who hailed from Village

Chatha Gujjran and

Phillore Herm Kund,

respectively, the Jammu

# **Dogri Deptt of GDC R S Pura** commemorates "Dogri Manta Diwas"



#### **Top News Report**

R S PURA, Dec 22: 22 December 2003 is a major milestone for Dogri language because on that day Dogri was recognised as a National language of India in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian constitution which is a matter of pride for all Dogras. From that day it is celebrated as 'Dogri Manta Divas' every year.

To commemorate the day Department of Dogri, Government Degree College (GDC) R. S. Pura organized a seminar on "Role of Mother Languages in achieving goal of Viksit Bharat". Under the banner of Viksit Bharat @2047 initiative.The objective of the event was to open new vistas for Dogri language as it is the part of culture, produced or created by cultural beings and entrusts new responsibilities upon the Dogras in development of Dogri as its study expands over knowledge of its sors, their creative processes and strategies, their material functions. Students of the college participated in the event with great zeal, enthusiasm and fervor. Speaking on the occasion Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch, HoD Dogri said, "Mother-tongue education enables better understanding and transfer of the structure of language to several new languages, which flows down into the entire socioeconomic fabric. It also helps in other

essential skills, such as critical thinking and literacy skills. By learning in their native language, students will be able to understand and appre-

ciate their culture more effectively which help in promoting social cohesion and national unity and also play a vital role in achieving India's goal of Viksit Bharat upto 2047. The event was organized under the guid-

Bhagat, Principal of the makers and its proces-College.

She highlighted the need for the promotion of Dogra language and culture in today's times and it is a matter of pride that Dogri language was included in the eighth schedule after a long period of struggle and now when it has received recognition it become our duty to take care of it and for this we have to pledge for taking this language forward by joining hands together.

The whole event was coordinated by Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch, HoD Dogri/ Nodal officer Viksit Bharat@2047 and the faculty members who grace the occasion were Dr. Rajinder Sharma, Dr. Rakesh Choudhary, Prof. Meeshu Pandita, Prof Shelly Kalsi and Prof. Vishal Sharma. The event concluded

with formal vote of thanks which was presented by Dr. Bandana Khajuria from Department of Dogri. ance of Dr. Rajni

#### and Kashmir Batwal families to bear this Sanha called a meeting immeasurable loss here today. boldly. GDC Darhal organizes trekking from college to Noonpal

**Top News Report** 

DARHAL, Dec 22: The ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) aimed at creating awareness about various Centrally Sponsored Schemes across different Panchayats of Jammu and Kashmir. As part of the yatra, Govt. Degree College Darhal in collaboration with the Visiting/Prabhari Officer of Panchayat Chowkian-A (Darhal) conducted an adventurous trekking program to Noonpal (Chowkian, Darhal) on 21st of December 2023 under the banner of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra program.

The general public of the said Panchayat thanked the Principal GDC Darhal Prof. Mussaraf Hussain Shah and Visiting/Prabhari Officer Dr. Ahsan UI Rehman Rizvi for their keen interest forencouraging public engagement in developmental initiatives and compassion shown for upliftment of the area.

During the program Dr. Ahsan Ul Rehman Rizvi Visiting/Prabhari officer of Panchayat reported that tourism department has been conveyed to select some "View Points" in the Panchayat.

As "Noon Pal/Bagla" Ziyarat is a beautiful place in this Panchaythat this physical visit of the area also aimed to review/follow-up the issues raised during B2V4 & B2V5, reassessment of the progress made during back to village programs and inspection of the ongoing Govt. developmental projects in the Panchayat as all the Visiting/Prabhari officers have been instructed by the J&K government to make quarterly physical follow up visits to the Panchayats (allotted to them) besides monthly

The whole event was organized under the esteemed guidance Darhal, Prof. Mussaraf Hussain Shah, who development and bet-

The trekkers started their journey from the College and reached at their destination at 11:00 am.

hours their and trekked downhill reaching in the college at 03:00 pm.

# **Sociology Dept JU celebrates** "Viksit Bharat @2047: Samajshastra Ki Drishti Se"



#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Dec 22: A group discussion and poster-making activity was successfully organised by the Department of Sociology in light of the vision plan Viksit Bharat @2047.

A group discussion was organised with the students and scholars of the department under the guidance of Dr Hema Gandotra, Head in charge, Department of Sociology.

She acquainted the students with the agenda of Viksit Bharat@2047 and motivated the students to post their ideas and suggestions on the My Gov.in portal.

A brief documentary

was screened, follow-

ing which the students

engaged in stimulating

On the second day

the poster-making activ-

ity was also organised

on the theme "Viksit

Bharat @2047: Samaj-

shastra ki drishti se" and

was supervised by the

teacher in charge Kajal

Kalsi, Assistant Profes-

sor, Department of Soci-

Students of both 1st

and 3rd semester enthu-

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group discussion.

siastically participated in the activity and the posters reflecting sociological vision of a Viksit Bharat were displayed in the department. Other faculty mem-

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bers of the department including Diksha Nargotra and Dr Gopal Sharma were also present during these activities.

Dr. Hema Gandotra appreciated the students for participating in the activities. All the students of the Department of Sociology (M,A. IIrd and Ist Sem) have registered on the My Gov.in portal.

### **National Mathematics Day-cum-**Symposium held at JU



ties, including Prof. R.

K. Sharma (IIT Delhi),

Prof. Jatinder Singh

(HOD, Department of

Mathematics, Guru

Nanak Dev University.

Amritsar), Prof. S. D.

Sharma (Former Head,

Department of Math-

ematics, University of

Jammu and Central Uni-

versity of Jammu), Prof.

Rahul Gupta (Dean,

Mathematical Sciences

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Dec 22: The Department of Mathematics, University of Jammu, Jammu on the 'National Mathematics Day cum One Day National Symposium' with renowned mathematicians across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and from other parts of the country participated and enlightened the budding mathematicians both on the subject as well as the life and achievements of Srinivasan Ramanujan. Various renowned mathematicians drawn from different universi-

The programme consisted of two sessions where lectures were delivered by Prof. R. K. Sharma and Prof. Jatinder Singh in the first as well as in the second session followed by a series of presentations given by the students as well as the Research Scholars.

The HOD, Prof. Romesh Kumar, Department of Mathematics, University of Jammu

# GDC R S Pura celebrates National Mathematics Day

#### **Top News Report**

R S PURA, Dec 122: The Department of Mathematics of Govt. Degree College, R.S. Pura, organized a program to celebrate National Mathematics Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujan, a great mathematics genius of all times, in the presence of Dr. Rajinder Kumar Sharma, convener (IQAC) under the overall guidance of Dr. Rajni Bhagat, the worthy principal of the college.

The proceedings of

welcomed the chair, the staff members, and the august gathering and informed the audience about the relevance of National Mathematics Day in particular and

mathematics in general. Dr. Rajinder Kumar Sharma, Convener (IQAC), while addressing students, applauded and encouraged the department of mathematics for organizing such activities, as these activities will surely inspire the students to channel their energies toward the

mental horizons in the field of mathematics. A documentary film on the life and works of Srinivasa Ramanujan was screened for the audience.

More than 35 students from the college attended the session, and positive feedback was recorded, which beacons the successful consummation of the program with the expected outcome.

A formal vote of thanks was presented to the chair by Prof. Jugal Kishore. Dr. Kiran Pathania

Darhal as well as District Rajouri especially for unemployed youth of the region.

While speaking, JKBS'

members said, both

Darshan Lal Tugga and

Ravi Kumar Motan were

humble, thorough gentle

All present prayed to

Almighty to grant eternal

peace to the departed

souls and give immense

strength to the bereaved

and of helping nature.

Dr. Rizvi reported

virtual participation every month.

of the Principal GDC appreciated the Visiting/ Prabhari Officer of Panchayat for his collaboration and accompanying them for the cause of terment of the area.

They spent a couple of College staff mem-

bers who participated

the programme were initiated with a welcome address by Prof. Jugal Kishore, HOD Mathematics, wherein he

ematics and advise the students to participate in such activities as this will broaden their

advancement of math-

Dr. Sunil Kumar, and Dr. Sumita Lalotra were also present on the occasion.

# **GDC Darhal celebrates National Mathematics Day**

#### **Top News Report**

DARHAL, Dec 22: Govt. Degree College Darhalcelebrated National Mathematics Day to mark 136th birth anniversary of great mathematician S. Ramanujanas part of Viksit Bharat @2047 here today.

On this occasion an intra-college symposium on the theme "Mathematics for Everyone," organized. Principal of College, Prof. Mussaraf H. Shah.was Chief Guest on the occasion whereas Dr. MohdAkhlaq, Head, Department of Mathematics coordinated the event. Prof. Shah highlighted the contribution of S. Ramanujan, in his keynote address, lucidly explained the genius work of Ramanujan discovering some 3900 equations, summaries and results independently in his short life of just 33 years (22 December 1887 - 26 April 1920). At the age of

solution and at age 17 Bernoulli number then he gave the number theory, prime number theorem (named after him, Ramanujan prime), divergent series, arithmetic functions etc. that laid foundation of mathematics for generations of mathematicians, he underlined.

Prof. Shah said that Mathematics is a mother discipline and lauded the work of Ramanujan as one of the greatest mathematician of all times.

He also emphasized upon the need for the promotion of mathematics at all levels which is more important than many disciplines in today's life.

"Genius work of Ramanujan is a great source of inspiration for all of us and furthering it for a better world shall be real tribute to him", he added. Hibza Tabassum of Semester-1st, won first prize in symposium

9, Ramanujan gave PNT whereas Sayka Kosser and Danish Ali of same semester bagged 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively.

Ghulam Abas, Dr. Associate Professor & Head Department of Persian, Dr. Mohd Saleem Wani, Associate Professor & Head Department of English, Dr. Taseem Ahmed Assistant Professor & Head Department of Geography and Dr. Ahsan UI-Rehman, Assistant Professor & Head Department of Arabicadjudged the competition.

The program was conducted under the supervision of Dr. Mohd Akhlaq NSS Program officer. A large number of students and staff members participated in the program. Dr. Imran Asad, Head Department of Urdu presented the formal vote of thanks. Prominent among others were Dr. MohdRiaz, DrZahoor Ahmad Mir, Fayaz Ahmad Bhat,SamanaQusar and Gh.Nabi Dar.

at, hence developing this place as a tourist spot by providing sheds, electricity, water and road connectivity will be a great step to promote local tourism which will be very beneficial for whole Tehsil

in the trekking include Dr. Ghulam Abas (HOD Persian), Dr. Mohd Saleem Wani (HOD English), Dr. Taseem Ahmed (HOD Geography) and Dr. Mohd Akhlaq (HOD Mathematics).

and Registrar, University of Jammu), etc., graced the occasion as experts and threw light on the achievements of Srinivasan Ramanuian with their inspiring, motivational and fruitful thought-provoking addresses.

lauded the efforts of all the participants and research scholars as well as the joint efforts of Dr. Shallu Sharma and Dr. Sahil Billawria. Assistant Professors, Department of Mathematics in bringing the event to fruition.

# **NCC Wing of GGM Science College organizes Awareness Lecture on Viksit Bharat @2047**

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Dec 22: The NCC Wing of GGM Science College, under the esteemed guidance of Prof (Dr) Rajesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of the College, took a significant stride towards fostering awareness and engagement among the youth with an enlightening lecture on Viksit Bharat @2047.

The event witnessed the presence of distinguished personalities, Dr. M.S. Saini, Head of the Department of Chemistry, and Dr. Veer Singh, Associate Professor, including the key note speaker, Dr. Ashaq Hussain, Associate Professor, and Coordinator of Viksit Bharat @2047 at the College.

In his address, Dr. Ashaq Hussain emphasized the pivotal role that the youth plays in the progress and prosperity of the nation. He elucidated that Viksit Bharat is not just a slogan; rather, it serves as a compelling call to action, inviting every



student to actively contribute to the growth and development of the nation.

Dr. Hussain urged the cadets to be catalysts for positive change, fostering innovation, embracing sustainability, and promoting inclusivity.

"As students, you are not merely recipients of knowledge; vou are architects of the future.' remarked Dr. Ashaq Hussain. Viksit Bharat encourages students to be conscientious citizens, addressing the challenges our country faces and committing to finding solutions across various fields such as science, technology, arts, and social sciences.

The event culminated with a pledge taken on the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, symbolizing the commitment of the cadets towards actively participating in the campaign.

In his address, Prof. (Dr.) Rajesh Gupta, the Principal of GGM Science College, encouraged students to work diligently,

think creatively, and contribute their ideas to the Viksit Bharat @ 2047 initiative.

Prof. Gupta added that this pivotal moment presents an opportunity for students to contribute in building the nation and he further stressed that today our nation thrives on its diversity, and it is the duty of each student to promote tolerance, understanding, and unity. Embrace the richness of our cultural tapestry, and strive to create an India where every individual, regardless of background, has an equal opportunity to succeed.

Prof. Shafia, ANO, NCC Senior Wing of the college, extended a warm vote of thanks, urging the cadets to serve as responsible ambassadors and take the Viksit Bharat @2047 campaign to every student in the College.

The event marked a significant step towards instilling a sense of responsibility and commitment among the youth for the betterment of the nation.

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