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#### BRIEFLY

#### Car catches fire on highway in Kulgam, travellers safe

ANANTNAG, Dec 5 (Agencies): A private car was charred to a crisp after it "suddenly" caught fire along Jammu-Srinagar highway near Shamsipora in Kulgam district, officials

said on Tuesday. The driver of the vehicle (JK02CL- 4090) belonging to one Arvin Pandita son of M L Pandita of Jammu and other travellers, whose number was not immediately known immediately, escaped unhurt in the fire, they said.

Personnel from Police station Qaimoh reached the spot and started further necessary action. SHO Qaimoh Museer Asgar told GNS that there were no injuries

reported and all people travelling in the vehicle are safe.

#### **Mughal Road** closed due to 'avalanche'

SRINAGAR, Dec 5 (Agencies): Authorities have closed Mughal Road due to an 'avalanche' reported along the thoroughfare.

An official told GNS that an 'avalanche' occurred along the road this afternoon, following which the road has been closed as a precautionary measure.

#### **Freezing** temp grips **Kashmir**; **Srinagar** shivers at minus 1.4°C, **Pahalgam** coldest at minus 4.3°C

SRINAGAR, Dec 5 (Agencies): Mercury continued to witness downward trend in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday and settled below freezing point in the Valley barring Kokernag.

A meteorological temperature department official told GNS that Srinagar recorded a low of minus 1.4°C against 0.7°C on the previous night and it was 0.5°C below normal for this time of the year in Sri-

Qazigund recorded a minimum of minus 1.6°C against minus 0.4°C on the previous night, he said. The minimum temperature was 0.5°C below normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, the official

Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 4.3°C against minus 3.4°C on the previous night

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## How can country have two PMs, two constitutions and two flags? Amit Shah in Lok Sabha

NEW DELHI, Dec 5 (Agen cies): While replying to TMC MP Saugata Ray's on J-K bills debate in Lok Sabha on Tuesday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah countered him asking how can a country have two PMs, two constitutions and two flags?

The Lok Sabha was debating on the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill, 2023 and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

"How can a country have two PMs, two constitutions and two flags? Those who did this, they did wrong. PM Modi corrected it. We have been saying since 1950 that there should be 'Ek Pradhan, Ek Nishan, Ek Vidhan' (One Prime Minister, one flag and one Constitution) in the country, and we did it." HM Shah was speaking on remarks made by TMC MP Saugata Ray's on J-K bills," Home Minister Shah said in Lok Sabha.

Lok Sabha member Sougata Ray remarked during the discussion on The Jammu &



Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill, 2023 and The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2023 in Lok

"Let me start with the situation in Jammu and Kashmir since Amit Shah took over as Home Minister. One of the major steps taken by him was to abrogate Article 370 and then convert the states of Jammu and Kashmir to Union Territories. First Jammu

and Kashmir and second, Ladakh. Earlier, Union Territories were converted into States and here, Amit Shah converted the states into Union Territories. What have you achieved?" he added.

"If there is no Legislative Assembly, then why are you making the changes? Have a Legislative Assembly and then make it. I don't know what the hurry is; the hurry should be to hold the elections in Jammu and Kashmir," he added.

"They abrogated Article 370 just to fulfil the BJP promise: 'Ek Pradhan, Ek Nishan, Ek Vidhan' (One Prime Minister, one flag and one Constitution). This was the slogan at the time of Shayama Prasad, this is not for the people of Jammu and Kashmir, as this was a political statement and was his slogan," he said.

Syama Prasad Mukherjee, who was India's first Minister for Industry and Supply in Jawaharlal Nehru's cabinet.

Meanwhile, Union Minister Anurag Thakur said that earlier in Jammu and Kashmir, their were stone-pelting incidents in Kashmir but today there are no such incidents.

"Earlier there were stone-pelting incidents in Kashmir. Today there are no such incidents. Today, not only at Lal Chowk but the Indian flag is hoisted in every lane in Kashmir," Thakur said.

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"Those with nefarious intentions can't set foot on Indian Soil": **IG BSF DK Boora** 

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JAMMU, Dec 5 (Agencies): DK Boora, Inspector General (IG) of Border Security Force, Jammu Frontier on Tuesday expressed serious concern over recent ceasefire violation from the Pakistan side and said that Security forces will not allow anyone with nefarious intentions to set foot on Indian soil.

"The action taken by Pakistan, was given a very befitting reply by our side. To protect the civilian population and remove the fear

from their hearts is the duty of BSF, which we have been performing brilliantly. The border population has also given full support to BSF. When mountain ways are closed due to snowfall, the focus of militants and infiltrators also shifts. But we are not too worried about that because our job is to make the international border seal-proof. Be it 1 or 10, our preparations are complete" IG BSF

DK Boora said. Turn to page 9

## NIA raids 8 places in J&K in IGBSF Kashmir visits forward terror funding case

NEW DELHI [India], Dec 5 (Agencies): The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday conducted raids at eight locations in Jammu and Kashmir in connection with a terror funding case.

The raids are still underway in close coordination with Jammu and Kashmir Police and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) at seven locations in Kashmir and one in Jammu, said sources privy to the development.

The agency sleuths are carrying out these raids at Shopian and Baramulla, among other areas.



The places searched included the residents and other hideouts of the suspects linked to the case.

The raids were conducted days after the central agency arrested an accused in the Pakistan-backed terrorism case involving the deliv-

ery of weapons through drones to militants active in Kashmir.

The agency had shared the input on November 29 after a team from the NIA Jammu Branch nabbed 22-year-old namely Zakir Hussain of Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district on

He was the eight accused to be arrested in the case registered by the NIA on July 30 last year after taking over the case from Kathua Police.

November 27.

One of the seven accused arrested earlier had died due to cardiac arrest while in judicial custody while two Pakistan-based terror operatives are absconding.

NIA is continuing with its investigations in the matter to unravel the bigger conspiracy of Pakistan-backed terrorist groups to carry out acts of terror and

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# areas along LoC in Kupwara



SRINAGAR, Dec 5: Inspector General, Border Security Force, Kashmir frontier Ashok Yadav on Tuesday visited the forward areas along the Line of Control (LoC) in north Kashmir's Kupwara district and reviewed the operational preparedness of the Force.

The senior BSF officer in Kashmir also interacted with all ranks and commended them for their professionalism and dedication.

"Ashok Yadav IPS, IG @BSF\_Kashmir visited

the forward areas along the Line of Control #Kupwara ensuring strategic preparedness of the unit under extreme weather challenges. He also interacted with All Ranks and commended them for their professionalism & dedication," BSF Kashmir said in a post on X.

The visit of the IG BSF comes at a time when there are high possibilities that militants try to sneak across the LoC before the winter snow blocks the infiltrating routes on high mountain passes. This year security forces have foiled nearly a dozen infiltration bids in Kupwara district in which 27 militants were killed.

## J&K witnesses rise in crimes against women

SRINAGAR, Dec 5 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed a concerning rise in crimes against women, with over 11,000 cases registered between 2020 and 2022, according to the latest Crime in India Report released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).

Despite a marginal dip from 3937 cases in 2021, J&K recorded 3716 crimes against women in 2022, significantly higher than the 3405 cases in 2020.

Kidnapping and abduction of women emerged as a major concern, with a staggering 886 cases reported in 2022.

Additionally, 462 cases were linked to kidnapping and abduction with the intent of forced marriage, and six cases involving human trafficking.

Rape cases also remained alarming, with 287 incidents recorded in 2022.

Of these cases, 276 involved offenders were known to the victim, indicating the prevalence of intimate partner violence.

The report further revealed that 3214 cases of assault on women with intent to outrage their modesty were registered in 2022, while 34 cases fell under

the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.

Cyber crimes against women also saw an increase, with 54 cases reported in 2022.

Despite these troubling statistics, the Police disposal of crimes against women in J&K in 2022 paints a complex pic-

Of the 5667 total cases for investigation, 1929 cases were pending investigation from the previous year. Furthermore, 22 cases were reopened for investigation, underscoring the challenges in resolving these cases.

Vasundhara Pathak Turn to page 9

#### **Defeat in** State elections failure of **Congress** not of INDIA alliance: **Omar Abdullah**

SRINAGAR, Dec 5 (Agencies): National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah on Tuesday said that BJP's victory in three states is not the defeat of INDIA alliance, but to some extent failure of Conaress.

Speaking with reporters in Hazratbal, Omar, as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said that the INDIA alliance
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Contact Person Mr. Sanjeev Kumar

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

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother Smt Pyari Raina (Sheela) W/o Late Sh Bansi Lal Raina on 29-11-2023 at 3 AM.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 7-12-

2023 at Delhi.

**Grief Stricken** Shri C L Raina -Brother-in-law Daughter & Son-in-law Smt Renu Saraf & Sunil Saraf

Sons & Daughters-in-law Sh Ramesh Raina & Smt Kavita Raina

Sh Rakesh Raina & Smt Sanjogita Raina Grand Children: Mainaki Saraf, Maanika Saraf

Tannshitha Raina & Lavitra Raina Mob. 9540951816, 9818758740, 09906078144 & 9873661705





With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother Lalita Pandita / Wazir W/o Bansi Lal Pandita / Wazir originally rersident of Nazuk Mohalla Anantnag presently H. No. 9 Lane 1 Anant Vihar Lale da bagh Jammu

Tenth Day will be performed on 06.12.2023 at 09:30 AM at Muthi Ghat near Director of School Education Jammu.

Grief Stricken:-

Smt. Anjali & Sh. Ramesh Wazir (Daughter-in-law & Son) 9419105122 JMC Smt. Babita & Rakesh Wazir 7006801805

Dr. Mega Wazir, Dr. Rohan Wazir, Mehak Wazir (Grand Children) Samast Wazir's, Bhat's, Razdan's and Dhar's

Gole colony Jammu.

10th Day on 4th Dec 2023 Monday at 11.00 AM at our residence.

Kriya on 7th Dec 2023 Thursday at our residence

**Grief Stricken** 

Smt Chanchla (Mother)

Sister & Jija Ji

Sh. Arjun & Smt Minakshi

MOBILE NO: 8716863372, 9622391423



## 10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of Mr Aman Dogra S/o Ramesh Kumar R/o H. No 122 Gali No 5, Ward no 31 Talab Tillo

Uthala on 8th Dec 2023 from 3 PM to 4 PM (Friday) at Agarwal Dharmshalla Viveka Anand Chowk Jammu.

Sh. Ramesh Kumar (Father)



**MR AMAN DOGRA** 

Sh. Mohan Lal Gupta

#### TENTH DAY KRIYA

With a heavy heart; profound grief and sorrow we regretfully inform the sad and sudden demise of our beloved **Sh. Mohan Lal Gupta** S/o Late Sh.Mangat Ram Vakil R/O W.NO-9; H.No-38 Arya Smaj Gali Udhampur who left for heavenly abode on 24th November 2023. Tenth Day will be performed on Sunday; the 3rd of Dec 2023 at Arya Samaj Hall at 11:30A.M.

Kriya will be performed on Wednesday; the 6th of Dec 2023 at Devika Ghat Udhampur. GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Son and Daughter-in-law

Sh. Rajeev Gupta (A.E.E) and Smt. Ramni Gupta

**Brother and Bhabhi** 

Sh.Govind Ram Gupta (Retd.Chief Engg) and Smt. Sarla Gupta

Smt.Sarla Gupta - Sister

Daughter & Son-in-Law

Suman Gupta and Sh. Dharam Pal Gupta (Rtd. Principal) Sugandha Gupta and Sh. Vinod Kumar Gupta (Executive Engg.)

Grand Children: Rohan Mahajan; Rachit Mahajan; Vigyat Gupta; Anil Gupta;

Vanshika Gupta and Rupali Gupta. W/S ESS ESS Enterprises Udhampur

Pakhetra and Kalsotra Family Mobile No: 9419158064; 9419183000

#### TENTH DAY KRIYA / UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform about the sad demise of our beloved Aditya Sharma S/o Ashok K Sharma (on 25th Nov., 2023) R/o 11/2, Laxmi Nagar, Muthi, Jammu.

Tenth Day will be performed at 11.00 am on 4th Dec.. 2023 (Monday) at our residence.

Kriya will be performed on 5th December, 2023 at our residence at 12.00 Noon.

Uthala will be held on 6th Dec., 2023 (Wednesday) at Gemini Palace Muthi at 4.00 pm.

**GRIEF STRICKEN** Smt. Neha Sharma (Wife)

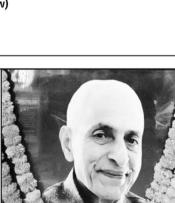
Smt. Raka and Sh. Ashok K Sharma (Mother & Father)

Sh. Brij Mohan Sharma (Taya Ji)

(Mother-in-law & Father-in-law) Smt. Madu & Sh. Chander Mohan

Smt. Ambika & Sh. Jai Shiv (Sister & Brother-in-law) Vanya & Hanesha (Daughters)

All Nears & Dears Mob.. No.: 9419133018



Aditya Sharma

LATE SH. RAJINDER **BINDROO** 

## **SHADMOS & MASVAR**

Six months have passed since you left us but we feel your presence everywhere and can't believe that you are not with us. The void created by your untimely departure can never be filled, you will always remain alive in our hearts. SHADMOS AND MASVAR of our beloved Late Sh. Rajinder Bindroo S/o Lt Sham Lal Bindroo will be performed at our residence at C/o 512, Colonel's Colony, Sector-3, Bohri, Talab Tillo Jammu on 5th and 6th Dec 2023. Deeply Remembered by:-

Smt Kamta Bindroo (Wife) Sh G.L Bindroo (Brother) Brother & Sister-in-law

Sh A K Bindroo & Guddi Bindroo Smt Phoola Kaul (Sister) Daughters & Sons-in-law

Smt Archana & Ashish K Chrangoo

Smt Anjali & Vipin Kaul

Smt Sunita & Ramesh Salman

SAMAST BINDROO PARIVAR, CHRANGOO S, KOULS, SALMANS, NAQAIBS, SELIS, BHATS AND GRAND CHILDREN

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

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SH PUSHKAR NATH BHAT S/O LATE PRASAD RAM BHAT ORIGINALLY RESIDENT OF SHEIKHPORA SHANGUS KUTHAAR ANANTNAG KASHMIR A/P LANE NO. 23 BLOCK NO. 142 FLAT NO. 24 JAGTI MIGRANT CAMP NAGROTA JAMMU ON 29-11-2023 (WEDNESDAY)

TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 08-12-2023 (FRIDAY) AT MUTHI GHAT NEAR DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AT 8.30 AM. **GRIEF STRICKEN:** 

MANI BHAT - (WIFE) RUPA WATI (PYARI)- BHABHI SONS & DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW

SH SANTOSH BHAT & SMT USHA BHAT SH VIJAY KUMAR BHAT & SMT LOPA BHAT SH SURAJ BHAT & SMT SIMRAN BHAT

SANJAY & SHANU DAUGHTERS: PRANA GANJOO, DOLLY AND JYOTI



SH PUSHKAR NATH **BHAT** 

MOB NOS: 8527055477, 8447648272, 9622317980

#### TENTH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED MOTHER SHRIMATI CHUNI **DEVI** W/O LATE BRIJNATH KACHROO AT PRESENT ADDRESS E-411 GAMMA-1, GREATER NOIDA ON 27-11-2023.

TENTH DAY KRIYA SHALL BE PERFORMED AT GHAT ON CHOTA HARIDWAR, MURADNAGAR ON WEDNESDAY 6TH OF DECEMBER 2023 AT 10 AM. **IN GRIEF** 

SON'S AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

ABAY KACHROO & INDU KACHROO BAL KRISHAN KACHROO & BUNTY KACHROO

SATISH KACHROO & SONIYA KACHROO **DAUGHTERS & SONS IN LAW** 

RAJKUMARI SADHU & SUNEEL SADHU KIRAN SAPROO & KULDEEP SAPROO GRAND CHILDREN

ANKITA, AMIT ANNKUSH, SHIVANI, SHWETA, MOHIT, SAGAR. MAHI, KRISHNA, KARTIK AND ANMOL

PHONE NUMBER - 9999551155, 7006780417



SHRIMATI CHUNI **DEVI** 

#### TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father Sh. GOVIND LAL BANGROO (NANA JI) S/o Late SHANKAR JOO BANGROO on 27th November, 2023 at his residence A - 84, Ashoka Enclave II, Sector: 37 Faridabad

Tenth Day will be performed at Haridwar Ganga Ghats on 06 12 - 2023 morning at 9 am.

**GRIEF STRICKEN: -**(Son and Daughter-in-law)

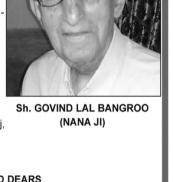
Virrender Mohan Bangru & Sunita Bangru

Rita and Vijay Kaw (Daughter and Son-in-law) Neeru and Chetan Kak (Daughter and Son-in-law)

Grand Children: -Sushant, Rishab, Rohitashv and Kamini, Smriti and Raj

Meghna and Anurag Great Grand Children: -

Vansh, Ryaann, Vaani & Pihu BANGROO FAMILY; KHODA FAMILY AND ALL NEARS AND DEARS



## **OBITUARY**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved father, Sh Autar Krishen Revo S/o Sh. Jagan Nath Revo, R/o 101 GF, Ashoka Enclave Part 3, Sector 35, Faridabad and original Resident of 7, Batyar Alikadal, Srinagar Kashmir, who left for heavenly abode in the early hours of 30th November, 2023. 10TH DAY will be performed on 8th December (Friday),

9.30 AM, at Palla Ghat Near Kanishka Towers, Palla Chowk, Bye Pass Road, Faridabad. Nearest Metro Station, Sarai Faridabad. **GRIEF STRICKEN:** 

Ashutosh & Reeta Revo - Son & Daughter in law

Dheemahi Revo - Great Grand Daughter

Anjini & Sanjay Razdan - Daughter & Son in law Abhilash & Purvi Wakhariya Revo - Grandson & Granddaughter in law Prekhsha Razdan - Granddaughter

## TENTH DAY

Contact Details: 9811206917, 9711276965, 9412902936

With profound grief and sorrow it is informed that Sri Mohan Lal Sharma Son in law of Sri Late Nand Lal Sharma R/o Kriree, Uttrasoo, Anantnag at present H.No. 116 Sec-3 (Ration Wali Gali near Jagadambha Palace) Durganagar, Jammu.

Tenth Day will be performed on Friday 08.12.2023 - 8:30am Muthi Ghat near Education Office Muthi **GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Smt Sona Devi (Wife)

Son & Daughter-in-law

Sri Omkar Nath Sharma & Smt Lalitha Sharma Sri Dwarka Nath Sharma (Bablu Je) & Smt Dazy Sharma

Sri Sanjay Kumar Sharma & Smt Anju Sharma Daughter & Son in Law

Smt Usha Khar & Sri Ashok Kumar Khar Smt Renu Sharma & Sri Sanjay Kumar Sharma (LIC) Grand Children :

Anil , Rimi, Eshu, Rahul, Neshu, Nitin, Vicky, Koshi, Medha Siri, Saanavi, Divyanshi, Mudhar, Dikshit

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#### MASVAR & VAHARVAR

Noble souls never die. They always remain alive though we cannot see them.

One year has elapsed since you left for heavenly abode. We still feel your presence around us. Your blessings and guidance are always with us. We pray to Parmatma to bless you Vaikunth Dham.

Masvar and Vaharvar of Sh. Soom Nath Bhat S/o Late Sh. Neel Kanth Bhat (Umanagri) will be performed on 5th and 6th December 2023 (respectively) at our residence 71-P Sec 1

A Ext, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. Deeply remembered by **Samast Bhat Parivar** 

Mob: 7006772806, 9991098625



Sri Mohan Lal

**Sharma** 

**Bhat** 

#### **Bhog & Antim Ardas**

ofound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Sdrn. Harbans Kour** Wo Lt. S. Basawa Singh S Dy. Director of Social Welfare) R/o EP 258, Narrian Mol

Vednesday 6-12-2023. Kirtan & Antim Ardas at Gurudwara Kalgidhar Rehari Chi lammu from 10.30 AM to 12.00 Noon (Wednesday) 6-12-23.

Jarbjeet Singh Sudan -son :
r: Sartje Singh Sudan -Son Nyinash Kour -Daughter Audinetra - Son-In-law Audinetra - Son-In-law Audinetra - Son - Harvinder Singh (XEN, PWD) Carlo - Pourselle - Son -

Mardeep Kour & S. Harvinder Singh (KEN, PWD)

Devar's & Devrani's

I. S. Daljeet Singh (Retd. Xen) & Sdrn. Harbans Kour (Canada)

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I. dpal Singh (Retd. NHPC) & Sdrn. Rupinder Kour

I. S. Gurmeet Singh (Retd. NHPC) & Sdrn. Rupinder Kour

I. Amarjeet Singh (Retd. St. & Lt. Sdrn. Kamaljeet Kour

I. S. Narinder Singh (PDD) & Sdrn. Manjeet Kour

I. S. Narinder Singh (PDD) & Sdrn. Manjeet Kour

I. Ravinder Singh (Retd. Chief Manager J&K Bank) & Sdrn. Gurvinder Kour (Dy SP, J&K Police)

I. Harbajan Singh & Sdrn. Ranbir Kour

Ianad & Nandol

I. Sdrn. Manjeet Kour & Lt. S. Sarwan Singh

Retd. 1FOD)

Stept Brother-in-law

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(Retti., 1700) Sister & Brother-in-law Sdrn. Puran Kour & Lt. S. Hardit Singh (Lambardar) Grand Children: Panav Veer Singh, Rajveer Singh

#### **UTHALA/RASAM PAGRI**

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Vijay Gupta, R/o Nowshera, District Rajouri who left for heavenly abode or 20-11-2023.

UTHALA/ RASAM PAGRI will be per formed on 6th December (Wednesday) at 4 pm at Ward No. 10 Raghunath Mandir, Nowshera.
GRIEF STRICKEN:

Smt. Chand Bala (Wife) Sons and Daughter-in-Laws Smt. Arti and Sh. Vishal Gupta Smt. Roshi and Sh. Varun Gupta

Brothers and Bhabhis Smt. Suman and Sh. Sham Sunder Gupta

Smt. Neelam and Sh. Ashok Gupta Smt. Rajni and Sh. Ajay Gupta Grand Children: Pulkit, Ruhani, Bhakti, Lavanya, Tavish

TENTH DAY KRIYA profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sa ise of our beloved **Sh. Chaman Lal Bhat** S/o Lt. S adev Bhat R/o - Manasbal, Safapora, Kashm

Sumeer Sudesh Bhat & Smt Bharti Bhat and Children - Sahil, Ansh, Sanchita, Aadi, Avi, Ronak, Kritika

#### **10TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Chaman Lal Pandita (Boba Ji) Son of Late Sh. Jia Bantalab Jammu on 30-11-2023.

Ghat Jammu on 9-12-2023 at 9 AM. **GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Smt. Jai Kishori Pandita- Bhabhi Smt. Veena Ji Pandita- Wife

Sons & Daughters-in-law Smt. Sunita Pandita W/o Sh. Rakesh Pandita Smt. Suneeta Pandita W/o Dr. Sanjay Pandita Smt. Sohali Pandita W/o Sh. Sandeep Pandita

#### **Grand Children:** Aditya, Shivansh and Saisha TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Tripta Dev**

TENTH DAY will be performed on Monday 04-12-2023 at our residence at 10.00 AM House No 1, F -716 New Plot Jammu. KRIYA will be performed on Tuesday 05-12-2023 at our residence at 1.00 PM.

UTHALA will be performed on 06-12-2023 at our residence at 4.00 PM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN** Daughter in Law & son Mrs Renu & Mr. Jatinder Bharti Mrs Shivali & Mr. Rahul Bharti

Daughter & Son in Law



The void left in our hearts and lives will remain unfilled he blessed our lives and he will be loved till eternity with profound grief and sorrow we

Dass Sharma Tenth Day will be performed on Sunday 03/12/2023- 10 AM and Uthala on Wednesday 06/12/2023- 12 PM at Residence Raipur Satwari

Jammu Cantt 180006. Grief Stricken Smt Neelam Sharma (Wife) Sons and Daughters in law Mr Arun Banotra and Mrs Apeksha Gupta

Mr Avinash Banotra and Mrs Kamika Sharma 9419310507, 9872572942 **BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS** 

With profound grief we inform the sad demise seloved **Sdn. Gurbachan Kour** W/o Late Gur Singh R/o Chatha Farm who left for heavenly abo Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib on 04-12-2023

our residence at 9.00 am. <mark>3hog Shri Akhand Path Sahib</mark> on 06-12-2023 at o ourudwara Singh Sabi n grief: Brothers and Bhabhis:

Sdn. Dhanwant Kour and S. Harbans Singh Ji (Ex. Minister) Sdn. Gurbachan Kou ate Sdn Amrit Kour and S. Sarwan Singh

Sdn. Inder Kour

Sons and Daughters in laws:Late Sdn. Surinder Kour and S. Sukhdev Singh (Channi)

Sdn. Manmeet Kour and S. Mohinder Singh (President 2x2 Bus Poonch Rou

Sdn. Sarbjeet Kour and S. Prithpal Singh

Sdn. Gurpreet Kour and S. Fateh Singh

Daughters and Sons in law:Sdn Parkash Kour and S. Amrik Singh

Sdn Parkash Kour and S. Amrik Singh

Sdn Parkash Kour and S. Harpal Singh

Mob- 979715449

**BHOG/ANTIM ARDAS** Honouring the life of Sardarni Surjit Kaur W/o Late Sardar Daleep Singh Bali

Monday December 4, 2023 at 9.30 AM. **Arambh Shri Akhand Path** at Resi. House No. 31, Gurudwara Lane, Burzulla Baghat Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 9,30 AM. Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib at residence & 10.30 AM - 12.30 PM. Kirtan & Antim Ardas at Gurudwara Shaheed Bunga Sahib.

Fondly Remembered By : Sunita Kaur & Harpal Singh (Son-in-law) S. Inder Paul Singh & Sumeeta Bali (Daughter-in-law Grand Children

Naveen and Amelia, Aran, Rachel, Hazel and Armin Amar (Great Grand Son)
Contact: 9419064246 & 8800292687

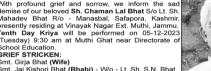
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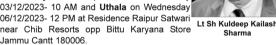
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## Couple charge sheeted for cheating on pretext of arranging JDA plot

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Dec 5: Economic Offences Wing of Jammu Crime Branch on Tuesday produced 214 page charge-sheet in case FIR No. 63/2023 under Section 420, 120-B RPC P/S Crime Branch Jammu in the Court of law for judicial determination against accused Husband-wife duo Jameel Anjum, son of Nasir Ahmed and Sana Mir, wife of Jameel Anjum both residents of H.No.45 Naraian Mohalla Jammu for hatching criminal conspiracy and cheating the complainant- Tripta Charak, daughter of Lt. Kartar Singh Charak, resident of H.No.133,



Afghana Mohalla Jammu on the promise of arranging allotment of JDA plot after swindling an amount of Rs. 6 lakhs from her.

Jammu Crime Branch spokesperson said, "The case originates from a written complaint lodged by Tripta Charak I/C Lecturer DIET Jammu, alleging that accused Jameel Anjum

took an amount of Rs. 6 lakh from the complainant through cheques on the pretext to arrange allotment of a piece of JDA land (plot) situated at Channi Rama Jammu for which complainant had to get the personal loan sanctioned from

towards the bank. "The accused also

the bank and later paid

Rs. 3.47 Lakh interest

ant that he was Public Relation Officer of a Cabinet Minister, in October, 2013. However, the accused neither arranged a piece of JDA plot for her nor refunded the money taken from her as an advance amount," spokesperson added.

On receipt of the complaint, spokesperson said, a preliminary enquiry was initiated and during the course of enquiry the allegations levelled were prima-facie substantiated, leading to the registration of formal case under relevant sections of law for in-depth investiga-

During the course of

investigation material evidences were gathered from which it came to fore that the accused Jameel Anjum and Sana Mir connived and took an amount of Rs. 6 lakh from the complainant on the pretext of providing JDA plot.

On the basis of statements of complainant, witnesses, Bank account statements, and other material records, documents obtained from the concerned departments, it has been proved that accused with malafide and dishonest intention have cheated the complainant on the pretext of providing JDA plot, spokesperson said adding that the culprit is a habitual offender and is involved in 04 more criminal cases.

#### Hindi heartland displays faith in "Modi Ki Guarantee" while rejecting false promises of Congress: BJP

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU. Dec 5: The resounding victory of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the Hindi heartland has not only set the stage for the 2024 parliamentary elections in favour of BJP but has also punctured the over swollen egos of the many Congress leaders whose arrogance was not only felt by its partners of I.N.D.I.Alliance but was visible to the discerning voters as well, asserted Brig Anil Gupta (retd) Spokesperson of the party.

While the Congress leadership was busy in display of arrogance, pessimism, lies, unparliamentarily vocabulary and list of false promises, the BJP Karyakartas led by the PM were presenting their report card to the people along with the list of fulfilled prom-

It goes to the credit of the people of the Hindi heartland that they refused to fall prey to the false promises of the Congress displaying their political mood and maturity in rejecting the divisive and opportunistic politics of is leadership while on the other hand Modi's imprint was writ large on the electoral verdict, claimed Brig Gupta.

The fact that it was pro incumbency in BJP ruled MP and anti - incumbency in the Congress ruled states has established that the performance during the incumbency is a decisive factor for the voters.

The positive vote for good governance and people oriented welfare schemes has proved beyond doubt that the discerning voter is no more prone to get lured by opportunistic slogans, false promises, manufactured accusations & allegations.

At the same time the electorate has imposed faith in Modi's guarantee of 'viksit & Aatmnirbhar Bharat' with Sabka Saath, Sabka Vishwas, while vehemently rejecting anti-Bharat and anti-Sanatan statements made by the Congress leaders and its alliance partners

Rather than respecting the people's verdict gracefully, the Congress leadership has resorted to flimsy excuse making including oft-repeated faulty EVMs which is not going well with the people since they are unwilling this time to forgive the Congress for its repeated attempts to break Bharat's fabric through caste-ridden divisive politics.

To cover up the sound thrashing given by the voters the Congress is now taking shelter behind statistics and claiming that the total votes polled by Congress in the four states are more than the BJP least realizing that the proof of the pudding lies in its eating and BJP would form government in three out of the four states among which two have been snatched from the Congress,

emphasized Brig Gupta. Congress has been confined to just three states and still it continues to harbour the idea of rebranding and relaunching one of its leaders as the prime ministerial candidate. It's high time for the Congress to discard those leaders whose expiry date is long over-

Taking a dig at its

spokesperson's claim that the election was fought between the secular and divisive forces in the country, Brig Gupta asserted that the nation's verdict of who is secular and who is divisive is evident from the results irrespective of the negative narrative floated by Congress and its partners of I.N.D.I. Alliance. Beginning with the partition of the country, Congress has been at the forefront of dividing Bharat's fabric through appeasement, caste-ridden politics and divisive agendas, the latest being the North-South divide. "Those who fail to be winners should aspire at least to be a good looser."

#### District Rajouri Volleyball C'ship on Dec 7

**Top News Report** 

RAJOURI. Dec 5: District Rajouri Volleyball Association is going to organise District Volleyball Championship for women on December 7, 2023 at Middle School Bagnoti.

All the women volleyball clubs are requested to confirm their entries before or on December 7. For further information, interested clubs can contact Mohd Tariq, Incharge Rajouri Volleyball Association on

#### **Kargil Vijay Diwas: Cross Country Championship** organised at Army Camp Villgam



#### **Top News Report**

KUPWARA, Dec 5: As part of countrywide celebrations of Kargii Vijay Diwas, Rajat Jayanti Mahotsav to commemorate 25 years of Operation Vijay, a Cross Country Championship was organised at Vilgam Army Camp for the girls of Ramhal, Kupwara, Magam, Taratpora and

Zachaldara Blocks. The competition was designed for a distance of 5 km for the age

group of 13 - 16 years. The event was participated by a total of 122 girls with full spirit and enthusiasm.

To further motivate

the students and instill the competitive spirit amongst the girls, a cash prize of Rs 5000 for 1st, followed by the Rs 3000 for 2nd, & Rs 1000 for 3rd and Rs 300 consolation prize

for next 7 places were

given on the occasion. Seerat Ahad, Romisa Habib and Sadiva Bashir of Gotingo Boys High School proved themselves to be better than others and secure 1st, 2nd & 3rd position respectively.

Such sport events organised by Army Camps promotes physical activity amongst the youth and are widely appreciated.

## BJP, Nat Manch felicitate 37th **National Game Medallist of** Roll Ball at Jammu



#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Dec 5: Braham Jyot Satti ( Incharge BJP OBC Morcha Jammu Kashmir) and Dr Tarun Sharma (Chairman, Nat Manch) felicitated Antra Mahajan, Khushi Gupta, Ashima Gupta, Bavanshi Verma who won bronze medal in 37 national games (Goa) in Roll ball

Er Palvi Sharma ( International Karate Player), Ankush Gupta . Pawan Sharma and others were present on

the occasion.

In the program dignitaries honoured Athletes by presenting them Appreciation certificate and Momento.

Speaking on the occasion Braham Jyot congratulated Antra Mahajan, Khushi Gupta, Ashima Gupta, Bavanshi Verma and their coach for this big achievement and wish them all for bright and better future ahead.

He appreciated whole sports fraternity for this achievement and said that this proud moment

for all jammuties that our little children are representing at Jammu Kashmir at national levels and clinching medals.

He also appreciated all sports achievers and said they are our pride because they highlighted the name of Jammu Kashmir globally because of their commendable performances at international and national events.

He congratulated all medallists and their coaches who have won medals for Jammu Kashmir in National games and said when an athlete shines and become successful, it is result of hardwork of that athlete as well as his coach and family.

He said our dynamic PM Narendra Modi is working a lot in the field of sports and construction work of many sports Stadiums is going on and very soon these stadiums will be hand over to coaches and their trainees very soon.

He said our PM Narendra Modi is also sports lover person. Modi is also organizing felicitation ceremonies for meritorious sports. He is providing sports facilities in urban as well as remote areas across nation and as a result India is shining in the field of sports and even talent of Jammu Kashmir is excelling at International/ National events.

He congratulated all medal winners who won medals for Jammu Kashmir recently and he extend greetings to their coach who make them a sports star from a civil-

He said along with them many athletes have brought laurels to Jammu Kashmir by clinching various medals at international and national events of different sports disciplines and many of them are giving their services in various government departments

He urged all students and youth to join sports and make carrier in sports it will make physical and mentally strong and said BJP always stands with our sports pillars and if any sportsperson needs any kind of help he/she can contact us any time

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#### **SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Fresh Short e-NIT No. 28 of 2023-2024/Jammu East Dated 01-12-2023

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

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1	Improvement of Infrastructure in the building of Directorate UNDER CAPEX BUDGET-2023- 24 (UT SECTOR) (PART 4) (3 <sup>rd</sup> Call)	PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East	26.06	600	2% of Advertised Cost	03 Month	(1300 Hrs) on or after 07-12-2023	A & B

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <a href="http://jktenders.gov.in">http://jktenders.gov.in</a> as per below schedule :-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	01-12-2023		
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 01-12-2023 to 06-12-2023 upto 1800 Hrs		
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	XXXXXXXX at XXXX Hrs. in the Office of Executive		
		Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East		
4	Bid submission Start Date	01-12-2023		
5	Bid Submission End Date	06-12-2023 upto 1800 Hrs		
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids	07-12-2023 on or after 1300 Hrs in the Office of Executive		
	(Online)	Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East		
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed		

- 1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to MH 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East and upload the same i.e treasury challan / receipt, Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East. The CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of L1 be submitted to the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East at the time of allotment.
- The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder needs not to make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential- submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids.
- The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The <u>Financial-bids of responsive bidders</u> shall be opened online in the <u>Office of Executive Engineer PWD</u> (R&B) Division Jammu East. The date for same shall be intimated separately.

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Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East

## BJP committed to social justice, equitable socio-economic development: Kavinder to provide benefit to all while

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Dec 5: Kavinder Gupta, former Dy. CM and senior BJP leader accompanied by Shailja Gupta, J&K BJP working committee member, listened to the public grievances at BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

J&K BJP All Cell Incharge Rakesh Mahajan and Mahila Morcha Cultural Incharge Salma Sheikh were also present on the occasion.

While conducting grievance redressal at BJP headquarters, Jammu, Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister, said that with the responsiveness and commitment to the masses, senior party leaders are daily attending the public at the party headquarter.

Kavinder Gupta said that Bharatiya Janata Party is committed to social justice and equi-



table socio-economic development. The party has committed itself to the development of all the sections of the society and particularly those classes which were neglected earlier due to the skewed policies of the past Congress led governments.

Kavinder Gupta said that certain opposition parties are hell bent to destroy the social harmony in the society for their own petty gains. He added that the Union Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Bharatiya Janata Party are committed to provide policies or reservations safeguarding the interests of every single community and uplifting the 'earlier left out' social classes

Kavinder Gupta further said that the BJP, through various policies and schemes has given special focus to uplift the classes like OBCs, Paharis, STs, SCs, women in Jammu & Kashmir and has special care

not snatching advantage from anyone. Shailja Gupta, remained pres-

ent and diarized the issues presented. She said that senior party leaders listen to the issues of public daily at the party headquarter and many people visit the party leaders to present their issues.

Numerous individuals and deputations from different parts of Jammu & Kashmir visited the party office to represent the issues of their respective areas as well as their individual concerns before the senior party leaders

Listening patiently to the various issues represented by the deputations, senior BJP leaders telephonically talked to the concerned departmental officials for resolving the issues and also issued letters to many of them.

## **EDITORIAL**

# USE TIME PROPERLY

here is a saying in English that time is money. Throughout his life, man makes continuous efforts to earn money and attain wealth. Ultimately; He gets the money. By following doctor's advice and doing exercise, lost health is also regained. Lost childhood friends meet again, but the moments of life once gone are never seen again in this life. The wheel of time continues to rotate. Once a moment passes, it never comes back.

Only those people achieve success in life, who do not waste even a single moment of their time, but make maximum use of it. Now it is up to you how you utilize these precious time – in sleep or in personal work, in learning or in dispute, in friendship or in discord, in protection or in torture. How great are Kabir's lines indicating the preciousness of time

The secret of success in life lies in the proper use of time. Be it poor or rich, farmer or laborer, king or subject, scholar or fool, everyone has equal right on time. Usefulness of time makes even the most ordinary person great. The secret of success of all the great men till date has been the proper utilization of precious moments of time. Vijay Vyjayanti always chooses them even in the biggest troubles and most terrible conflicts.

There is an ancient saying "Time waits for no one". This means that all human successes, hopes and desires depend on time. For example, the Austrians, who were unaware of the importance and greatness of "five minutes", were defeated in the war by Napoleon. The five-minute delay in the arrival of Grushy, Napoleon's only companion, left Napoleon with the title of prisoner.

Therefore, it is very important for humans to make good use of time. The usefulness of time is to do every work at the right time without being lazy. People who postpone today's work for tomorrow never complete their work. They always burn in the fire of repentance in life. But there is no benefit in burning because – "Samya Chuki Puni Ka Pachitane" They remain behind even when they are moving forward. A wise person does not let even his leisure moments go waste.

A wise person does not let his leisure time go waste, he spends his time in studying the holy scriptures, but fools waste their time in bad habits, sleeping or fighting among themselves. In their view there is neither value of time nor value of transience of life. But an intelligent person experiences spiritual joy and physical happiness by making good use of time. Society respects such persons.

Wasting time is tantamount to suicide. Being bored with the world, man looks for a means of suicide to become free from life. Suicide frees him from the struggles of life forever. Similarly, misuse of time makes human life dead for an indefinite period of time. Misuse of time makes man cowardly, manless, unindustrious and indolent. Misuse of time not only corrupts thoughts but also leads to moral degradation of humans.

To make proper use of time, a person should properly divide his daily work. He should keep in mind what work he has to do at what time. A person whose schedule is not fixed spends most of his time here and there in vain. The person who works by making a fixed program and concentrating his mental instincts definitely achieves success in the struggle for life.

## Congress Complacency Helps Modi win Back Hindi belt

By: Shikha Mukerjee

In politics as in cricket, the better side wins. It is credit that must necessarily be shared between the leader/captain and members of the team. The BJP has won in Madhya Prad-esh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan, led by its star campaigner Narendra Modi and party mastermind Amit Shah.

The elections in the five states just ended, with the advantage firmly with the BJP, is in part a gift of the Congress and in part the extraordinary resilience of Mr Modi in reinventing his message by tweaking the details to make it a new, fresh package for voters, who were seriously disgruntled over the chronic cost of living crisis, unemployment and meagre poverty alleviation programmes.

In all three states, the fight was a one-on-one combat between the Congress and the BJP. The basic common flaw in the Congress strategy was to believe it could win on its own without the benefit of the multiplier effect that could have delivered more seats if partners from the Indian National Inclusive Developmental Alliance (INDIA) collective had been accommodated. In every state, the advantage of the exclusion of allies worked in the BJP's favour.

The setback for the Congress, contrary to its president Mallikar-jun Kharge's initial reaction, is not "temporary". It iterates the biggest problem that is second nature to the Congress, superciliousness combined with complacence born of over-confidence. In other words, the Congress delivered to the BJP an advantage it did not have even three months before the elections were announced. It banked on its old guard to deliver a fresh victory, when what was needed was an

infusion of new blood, within the party and from allies. The failure of the central leadership was underestimating Mr Modi's capacity to renew his image by recasting it in a slightly different new mould.

Mr Modi has summarised the victories as the outcome of "the politics of good governance and development". The subtext is voters have chosen the party that has promised the most. An expansion of the cryptic catchphrase could be read as the "guarantees" Mr Modi promised on the campaign trail, in violation of the Model Code of Conduct and topping of promises by the Congress in direct cash transfers to beneficiaries in the three states, which convinced voters that the BJP was a better choice.

The "guarantees" included the five-year extension of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, a Covid-19 programme that in the worst of times was repeatedly extended by three months on the plea that the Modi government couldn't sustain it forever. It was a politically masterly stroke, because it allowed Mr Modi as the helmsman to seamlessly link it to his version of caste politics, as a combination of the poor, women, youth, farmers and socially backward. The Pradhan Mantri Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group Mission worth Rs 24,000 crores worked like a charm in Chhattisgarh, with its promise of safe housing, clean drinking water and sanitation, improved access to education, health and nutrition, road and telecom connectivity, and sustainable livelihood opportunities. Then there were the top-ups on programmes under implementation in erstwhile Congress-ruled states that became part of the development agenda rather than financially unsustainable freebies when Mr Modi endorsed them.

Elections are moments when voters assess what the ruling party has done for them and what they can expect in future. The "double engine sarkar" model is therefore likely to be a winner most times, if backed by five-year guarantees and the probability that Mr Modi will win a third term in 2024.

The perception that the majority of voters, most of whom are Hindus or co-opted as Hindus, are moved by the ideological appeal of decolonisation and the renaming of places to erase the "thousand years" of Muslim subjugation is as likely to be correct as it is likely to be an exaggeration.

When 5 kg of foodgrains per person is offered to 800 million people out of a 1.4 billion total population, the most probable reason for voting for the BJP is the guarantee.

Elections are times when voters bet on future prospects. Mr Modi's "guarantee" that India would become one of the world's three wealthiest economies in the near future is a vision designed to raise hopes that the rising tide would lift the poor and the relatively poor out of poverty. The Congress made promises of development, but failed to lay out a grand and shiny vision of the future. It promised to deliver productive changes that would lead to faster development and release from poverty, but it packaged the future as tough, bleak and boring.

The win in Telangana divides India into two parts: the BJP-mukt South of the Vindhyas and nearly Congress-mukt North, barring Himachal Pradesh. The driving force behind the Telangana victory was the energetic Revanth Reddy, who committed to the fight in ways that Kamal Nath and Bhupesh Baghel failed. In Madhya Pradesh, the Congress outsourced

the election to Kamal Nath. Instead of a thorough cleanup, it allowed him to decide unilaterally on candidates. It allowed him to reject an alliance proposal from the Samajwadi Party, which cost the Congress in terms of seats. In Rajasthan, though Ashok Gehlot fought hard and hostilities with Sachin Pilot were contained, the voter decided a change as usual was better than endorsing the Congress for a second time. Mr Gehlot was allowed to keep the old and dismiss the idea of an alliance with the AAP. In Chhattisgarh, Bhupesh Baghel was popular but his teammates were not and the Congress failed to counter the Modi appeal.

The meeting of the INDIA collective on December 6 called by Mr Kharge is likely to be stormy. Partners like the Trinamul Congress are justifiably critical and annoyed, while Sharad Pawar is clearly disappointed. A choice and a decision awaits the alliance and Mr Kharge: will the Congress acknowledge that there is, as of now, no natural leader of the collective? The party is in no position to claim primacy. It urgently needs to repair its relationships with the Samajwadi Party and AAP, if these regional parties are willing to take the risk of giving the Congress a chance.

The Congress' failures in Rajasthan, Chhatt-isgarh and Madhya Pradesh have made it tougher for the regional parties in opposition to the BJP to hold on to their bases in 2024. Across the territory north of the Vindhyas, the BJP won 178 seats out of 225 in the 10 Hindi heartland states in 2019. A weak Congress could be a liability with the fight for seats in 2024 getting harder after Mr Modi has surged back as an extraordinary vote-

## The condition of Newspapers and Writers is Alarming

By: Vijay Garg

**T**ewspapers have played an impor-awareness in the society. This role is not limited to any one country or region, no one can deny the important role of newspapers in all forwardthinking countries of the world. The media, and particularly the print media, has an incredible power to shape public opinion. Newspapers act as a bridge to gather public opinion in policy making and convey public opinion to policy makers. Traditional journalism served by newspapers in India has seen many ups and downs. Be it the first English-language newspaper, the Bengal Gazette published by James Hickey in 1779, or the newspapers that began to be published in Indian languages in the first half of the 19th century. Government restrictions, economic recession and the expansion of television have shaken the newspaper industry before, but never before has the question been asked whether print media will survive in India. But today newspapers and writers also have to defeat Google and Facebook to survive. The question is that the deterioration is located How will they do this, given the way? The most important

factor is the rise of news carriers Google, Facebook and others. On the one hand they take away the news prepared by someone else and on the other hand they take away the livelihood of newspapers. Even worse are the newspaper writers who work hard every day, but when they get paid, it is like finding pearls in the sea, but the writer has no support. Due to the abundance of content on the Internet, the newspaper can be picked up anywhere stick to In such a situation, neither the author nor the writer's support is needed. Due to this, today journalism has become a business of cunning people, who print hundreds of copies or bring digital editions and in turn earn money from advertisements. Not only this, instead of giving literary support to writers, such people ask questions. Writers also ask for money to publish their articles. Such journalism is shameful. This is a worrying situation because newspapers are still reliable because of their format, which is certain. a newspaper is complete. It is finally ready, in itself, certain. In contrast, digital news is constantly updated, improved and changed. This "completion is the strength of newspapers. Once something is printed, it cannot be changed like on television or

digital platforms. But the challenges for this mixed format are mounting. A big dilemma is whether Indian readers are interested in paying for quality content, when free content is available everywhere? The answer to this question is not easy. If readers do not pay, As a result newspapers are also turning away their writers in the name of payment. But if there are no writers left, newspapers will die. So it is the responsibility of newspapers to keep writers alive. One thing to think about with newspapers is what is the financial condition of the writers? I don't know much, but except for a few big writers and journalists, it's hard to support your family just by writing. It is a dream to see two lakh rupees in lump sum. Why does the writer feel overwhelmed by seeing so much money at once? The newspaper's greatest asset is its foundation It is also structured, which is also its problem. This is huge, as the industry is dependent on large numbers of human labor due to large editorial teams, printing presses, circulation and marketing networks. Most newspapers subsidize production costs from their revenues. Circulation due to no support from the government is decreasing day by

day. Almost all newspapers

have the same story. They are closing due to lack of funds. Newspapers survive today only because of the commitment of those who run them. Newspapers or serious news The industry can no longer do just one job of aggregating news. Multiple formats. Hopefully, newspapers will focus on these realities before it is too late. Finally, privately run video blogs, social media platforms, messaging groups and applications are also taking traffic away from newspaper portals', Vd.At the same level, consumers understand that their messages on social media can have a greater impact. So naturally consumers around the world are moving away from traditional media. The serious news industry can still survive by producing high-quality content because it still has a strong reporting team under the watchful eye of solid old-time editors, who are not averse to technology and to work with the new generation of dynamics. are ready.

(Vijay Garg Retired Principal Educational Columnist Malout)

## ABHA registration camp held at New Era Public School Doda

**Top News Report** 

DODA, Dec 5: In order to cover all the eligible beneficiaries under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), a special camp in connection with ABHA was organized at New Era Public School Doda by Health Department Doda.

The camp was held on the directions of worthy Block Medical Officer Ghat Dr Ab Gafoor Ahmed, which aims to cover all the citizens under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.

Speaking on the occasion, the health staff asked the people to avail the benefits of such camps as the purpose of these camps is to provide services to the common people at their door steps. They said that Aadhar Card is the most significant identity document of a person in India and a gateway to avail any kind of benefit under the schemes rolled out by the Government.

They also threw light on the benefit of ABHA (Ayushman



Bharat Health Account) Card which previously known as Health ID. "It helps individuals to access healthcare benefits and store their medical informa-

tion digitally in one place. ABHA health card benefits users by letting them enjoy healthcare services, including registration, appointment scheduling with a

doctor, and storing electronic medical records. The Health ID card can also be linked to multiple health schemes and insurance plans, providing various benefits. Therefore, a Health ID card is one-stop identification for all healthcare-related activities. It makes it easier for individuals to access and manage their overall wellness," they said.

The team comprising Shariqa Anjum (CHO/MLHP), Monika Devi (FMPHW) and Rinku Devi (FMPHW) attended the camp from the health department, who generated around 50 ABHA Ids on the spot and generated mass awareness on the occasion.

Principal of the School, Nishad Ahmed Tak who was also present on the occasion thanked the BMO Ghat and the health team for organizing such a camp in their school, which would surely benefit the beneficiaries in the time to come, in which safer and efficient digital health records shall be maintained.

## SMC/ SMDC Training Program organised by Education Zone Handwara



**Top News Report** 

HANDWARA, Dec 5: In a concerted effort to boost the quality of education and encourage active community involvement in the Educational Zone Handwara, the training programme for School Management Committees (SMCs) and School Development and Management Committees (SMDCs) were organised at Govt Middle School Kandi Khass organised under the aegis of the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, was hosted by Zone Handwara and represented a significant stride towards improving educational standards.

The programme commenced with a recital of Tilawat and Naat by students, establishing a spiritual ambience for the day. In his opening speech, Zonal Education Officer Handwara Shamus ud Din Samoon cordially welcomed all participants and underscored the Educational Zone Handwara dedication to raising academic standards and refining the work culture in schools. Key speakers at the event stressed the significance of collaboration between SMC and SMDC members and school management.

DDC Nutnussa Adv Zahoor Ah Magray was Chief Guest on this occasion and CEO Kupwara Ab Majeed was present as Guest of Honour.On this occasion Tehsildar Handwara Shahbaz Ah Aakhoon, District Coordinator SMC/ SMDC Diet Kupwara Ab Rashid Mir, Principal Hr Sec School Kandi, Head Assistant Nazir Ah, Reyaz Ah Incharge Samagra, Aijaz Ah, Hilal Ah and CNO's of Zone Handwara along many SMD Members / Sarpanch where present.

DNO Ab Rashid Mir had extended a throw detailed light on aims, objectives, rights & responsibilities of SMDC Members.CEO Kupwara Ab Majeed Dar shared Valuable points and responsibilities of SMDC Members during this program.

At the end of program, mementoes and certificates distributed among students who showed their best performance during this training program.

## Training workshop on Learning Management System organised at Commerce Deptt JU

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Dec 5: P.G. Department of Commerce, University of Jammu on Tuesday organized training Workshop for the students to register them on Learning Management System (LMS).

Dr. Ashok Sharma, Department of Computer Science, Bhaderwah Campus, University of Jammu was the resource person of the workshop.

Dr. Jeevan Jyoti, HoD, Commerce formally welcomed the resource person and Prof. Namrata Sharma, Coordinator LMS and Chairperson CASH, University of Jammu gave a brief



description about the LMS to the students of commerce and Philosophy.

Dr. Ashok Sharma, acquainted the students with the registration process on the LMS portal.

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He also familiarized the students with the various functions of LMS like assignments, courses offered, attendance, profile editing, schedule of classes,

The resource person resolved queries and doubts of the students. Other faculty members attended the workshop were Dr. Tarsem Lal, Dr. Jyoti Sharma, Dr. Sunil Kumar, Dr. Harleen Kaur, Dr. Rupa Mahajan, Dr. Vishal Gupta, Dr. Sumeet Kour and Dr. Deepti Abrol.

## 258 poets participated in 23rd International Poetess Conference at Amritsar

**Top News Report** 

AMRISTAR, Dec 5: As many as 258 women poets, writers and artists from all over world participated on the 2nd day of 3 days 23rd International Poetess Conference Punjab 2023 at Khalsa College for Women here on Tuesday.

Padma Shri Dr. Surjeet Patar was Chief Guest during the occasion.

Giving information, convener of conference and known face of Punjabi literary world and national awardee Dr. Simrat Sumaira said that the women poets, writers and artists from all over India and from twelve foreign countries including two Padma Shri women writers, painters, danc-



ers and musicians are participating in the conference.

Among others Padma Shri Usha Tomar, Dr. Larry Azad, Dr. Roshan, Sukhi Bath, Gurinder Pal Singh Joson, Dr. Jaswinder Kaur Sohal, Shalini Dutta, Dr. Surinder Kaur, Dalveer Kaur, Dr. Varinder Kaur, Dr. Pankaj Mahajan, Dr. Satinder Kaur Buttar, Vijayta Bhardwaj, Navjot Chabba, Har-

simrat participated in the conference.

During the occasion, souvenirs and books of authors including Punjab Women's Sabha Chairperson Bibi Kushal Bhaura's book "Dastane-Chaman" and Harkirat Kaur Chahal and Aman Deep Aman books were also released.

Meanwhile the research paper presentation session was chaired by Dr. TM Geethanjali, Prof Sat-

inder Pannu. It was co-chaired by Prof. Sima Baruah, Dr. Satinder Kaur Kahlon. Prof Ravinder Kaur, Dr. Mamta and Vinay

Sharma.

The multilingual Kavyadhara was chaired by Prof. Kamal Kumari Dash and co-chaired by Jyoti Badami, Dr. Sunder Bains. An open session was chaired by - Dr Shailaja Kulkarni and Dr. Satinder Kaur Kahlon. It was co-

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# Confederation of Associations of DPs of 1947, 65, 71 from POJK demands 12 assembly seats for DPs

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 5: Confederation of Organizations of DPs of 1947, 65, 71 (Camp and Non-Camp) from POJK and Chhamb demanded 10 to 12 seat in J&K Assembly for POJK displaces persons.

"A special parliamentary session from December 4, 2023 has been convened and it is understood that the Bill for constitution of Assembly for UTJK including proposing two assembly seats for Kashmiri Migrants and one seat for DPs from POJK of 1947 & 1965 & 71 by nomination will also be taken up in ensuing session," Convener, Confederation, J.S Sudan said in a press conference here on Tuesday.

"The POJK DPs are the first saviors of J&K state, fought the Pak Army/Tribal raiders to defend the State and faced genocide sacrificing more than 70,000 lives, dislocation, struggle, misery etc. for more than seven decades are being ignored. In 1947 before the Indian Army landed in Srinagar raiders had killed more than 4000 DPs in the valley only apart from those killed in POJK. During the 1971-Indo Pak war GOI handed over some areas to Pakistan for strategic reasons and thousands of the residents were displaced from their homes and hearth," he

He added that these DPs with a populace of around 16 lakhs (65% Hindus and 35% Sikhs) are living in Jammu province mostly on the



IB and LOC all along Indo-Pak border from Poonch to Kathua districts.

"These DPs have been suffering from the off and on cross-borderfiring and violations of cease fire all these years resulting in loss of humans as well as cattle and damage to property. These DPS have been struggling for permanent Relief & Rehabilitation since last seventy five years,: he said adding that Deptt. Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs, GOI vide its report No. 183 dt. 22nd Dec 2014 making clear recommendation to give 3-eight Assembly Seats to these DPs viti para 3.2.2 on page 24 under caption "Defreezeing of Seats in Legislative Assembly".

Unfortunately not even a single recommendation of the report has been implemented till date, he said adding that the number of family units of DPs of 1947 being

in the 3rd and 4th generation has grown 12-15 times and the number of DPs families units today is around 4,50,000-5,00,000.

The Kashmiri Migrants have been allowed 2-assembly seats for mere 1,58,000 souls of Migrants only on the analogy of dislocation though their constituency segments are very much in India, as such not giving 10-12 seats for more than 16-lakh souls of POJK DPs will only go against justice and the spirit of our constitution and equality, he said adding that the govt have all along surpassed our constitutional right of representation as if not concerned.

All for POJK DPS and appeared intended to give such vacant seats only to people presently residing in POJK, Sudan said.

"The Confederation has high hopes from PM Modi to give the DPs justice and fulfill the demand," he said.

## Jammu Bar Association welcomes CAT Jammu Bench members

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Dec 5: The Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, Jammu (JKHCBAJ) extended a warm welcome to the esteemed members of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), including B Anand Administrative Member, Sanjeev Gupta Judicial Member, and Rajinder Singh Dogra Judicial Member in the Bar Hall, High Court Complex, Jammu.

The gathering marks a significant occasion for collaborative engagement between the Bar and Bench furthering the established norms that collective experience and wisdom present contribute to the richness of our legal community.

The ceremony began with a formal presentation of floral bouquets to the members of the CAT, Jammu Bench by the Junior and Senior members of the Bar.

The event commenced with warm welcome to the senior members and colleagues from JKH-CBAJ, recognising their invaluable contributions to the legal fraternity.

The President of JKHCBAJ, Senior Advocate Vikram Sharma addressed the gathering, adding a distinguished perspective to the dialogue.

Parvesh Singh Salaria, General Secretary of JKHCBAJ, expressed enthusiasm about the unique opportunity for constructive dialogue and collaboration.

"The presence of esteemed CAT members creates a platform for meaningful exchange and mutual enrichment," he stated.

the interaction, members engaged in discussions about the challenges faced by the legal fraternity when handling cases at



CAT, particularly due to technical hitches in online proceedings.

members collectively emphasized the need to address these challenges, highlighting the importance of raising these concerns with the Lieutenant Governor and the Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Discussions also revolved around the existing infrastructure issues at the CAT building, such as parking constraints and the congested building space-inadequate for working atmosphere.

Members emphasized the urgency of addressing these concerns to enhance the working environment for legal professionals.

The occasion emphasized the significance of fostering cooperation and understanding between legal professionals.

The event aims to encourage an exchange of ideas and experiences, shaping the future course of the legal community in Jammu and Kashmir.

Those present in the gathering appreciated the concerns of the Bar Association ably represented by its President Sr. Adv. Vikram Sharma, who also assured that his team will make sure that the CAT Bench Jammu gets adequate

space, building and infrastructure so that the physical hearing starts at the earliest for the better of CAT's functioning and effective deliberation.

As the event unfolds, the Vice President JKHCBAJ Amit Gupta along with Chetan Misri Joint Secretary and Utkarsh Pathania Treasurer welcomes this opportunity to strengthen the bonds within the legal fraternity, appreciating the diversity of perspectives and experiences brought together in this collaborative environment.

Many members who were present at the meeting namely P.S. Dutta Sr. Adv., Surinder Kour Sr. Adv, C.M. Koul Sr. Adv, S.K. Anand, Anwar Chowdhary, Sheikh Shakeel Ahmed, D.S. Chauhan, Raghu Mehta, Radha Sharma, Rozina Afzal, Monika Kohli Sr Addl AG, Rajesh Thappa, Sudesh Magotra, F.A. Natnoo, Veenu Gupta, Hunar Gupta, Bharat Singh Jamwal, Sunil Khajuria, Nitin Bhasin, Pawan Dev Singh, Nissar Ahmed Gattuu, Zulkernain Choudhary, Amarvir Manhas, Majid Shah, Deepali Kapoor, Sachin Dev Singh, Isha Manpreet Kour, Ashwani Sharma, Mamta Chib, Damini Chouhan and many others.

## As many as 28 songs and 14 artistes, musical thriller Chamak offers an interesting, engaging and intriguing world set in the backdrop of Punjabi music industry

A thriving industry, talented artistes, undercutting jealousies and performances marred by violence, director Rohit Jugraj builds a fictional world that's reflective of the times in Chamak. Twenty eight songs and 14 artistes come together in this musical thriller, which has its lead in Paramvir Singh Cheema, who is named Kaala.

As the ambitious SonyLIV show nears its release, director Rohit Jugraj and actor Paramvir Singh Cheema open up on the journey. "I have lived and observed Punjabi music industry up, close and personal. We have been witness to what the world is seeing today. There was Chamkila and then we have had Sidhu Moosewala. This is a truth that's hard to ignore," opens up Rohit, who has given films like Jatt James Bond, Khido Khundi and Arjun Patiala.

As the writing team dug deep, they found other interesting undercurrents, including jealousies, at play, "While music and violence don't belong together, we found an intriguing world that we believe the audience would enjoy," avers Rohit.

Star power The story charts a father-



lenges, he reveals, "I got a few

calls to know if we intend to

show any real names, but our

show is fictional. Art essentially

mirrors society and that's what

Despite so many artistes,

we notice the name of Diljit

Dosanjh, with whom Rohit has

frequently collaborated, includ-

ing in Sardaarji and Sardaarji

2, missing from Chamak. Rohit

explains, "He is already doing

a film by Imtiaz Ali sir in similar

space, so it could have been a

clash of interests." The shoot of

the series that began in Mumbai

moved to Delhi followed by

Punjab, and dooja (second)

Punjab, which is Canada! Men-

tion the reported shooting inci-

dent outside Gippy Grewal's

house, and Rohit says, "It only

Chamak is.'

son revenge saga; a Canadian rapper, Kaala, makes it to Punjab and turns into a folk singer. A musical, it has special guest appearances from the likes of Gippy Grewal, Mika, Kanwar Grewal, Afsana Khan, Asis Kaur, Shashwat and MC Square. Music is by Master Saleem, Sunidhi Chauhan, Malkit Singh and the likes. "Chamak brings together legendary artistes, whose songs one has grown up listening to. We have Malkit Singh bhaji, and such super singers will be seen with their amazing music in our episodes." In fact, Rohit wanted Sidhu Moosewala to be part of this web series too, but before anything concrete could be planned the tragedy struck. Not that Rohit did not face chal-

confirms that things have stayed the same."

(Chamak streams on SonyLIV from December 7) Playing the lead

Paramvir Singh Cheema is kicked about getting to play the lead in Chamak. What's heartening is how from a Canadian rapper he becomes a folk singer! Paramvir's name was suggested by SonyLIV team post his Tabbar performance and Rohit signed him sans audition. "When Rohit sir got in touch, I was shooting in Mizoram, and after a few more calls, he sent me the contract. I was zapped. But that's how he works, based on his gut instinct, and I believe that has led to something extraordinary in Chamak." For stepping into Kaala's shoes. Paramvir took inspiration from a host of artistes, "Right from Tupac, the Canadian rapper who was killed rather young, to Gurdas Maan to the late Sidhu Moosewala, I drew inspiration for my character from many stars." Even more fun was the physical transformation. "Not just that I grew my hair and stayed with that look for months together, I also took in a lot of sun, for Kaala couldn't be gora, which I am in real life."

## In a first, Deepika **Padukone attends Academy Museum Gala in LA**



Deepika Padukone is in attendance at the Academy Museum Gala in Los Angeles. She is the first Indian star to be invited to the prestigious

The Academy Museum Gala is the second biggest stage after the Oscars, which is organised by the same board. Earlier this year, Deepika was seen on the stage at the Oscars to present the Indian song act.

Deepika took to Instagram Stories, where she shared a string of pictures dressed in a dark purple velvet floorsweeping gown with a plunging neckline. She completed her look for the event with some sparkly diamonds.

On the work front, Deepika had a fabulous year with Pathaan. She will next be seen in Fighter, alongside Hrithik Roshan and Anil Kapoor. Deepika also has Kalki 2898 AD with Prabhas and Amitabh Bachchan lined up.

## Actor Dinesh Phadnis, who played Fredricks in popular TV show 'C.I.D', passes away at 57

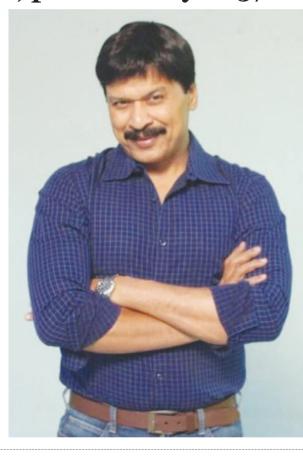
Actor Dinesh Phadnis, known for his portrayal of Fredricks in the popular television show 'C.I.D' passed away around midnight on December 5. He was

Phadnis' co-star Dayanand Shetty, famous for portraying Daya on 'C.I.D' confirmed the news and attributed his death to liver damage.

Earlier, there were claims that Phadnis had suffered a massive heart attack. However, these claims were rubbished by Shetty.

Reportedly, Phadnis was in a critical condition and had been on the ventilator for the

past couple of days. 'C.I.D.' was quite popular and aired for almost two decades from 1998 to 2018 before being discontinued.



## In Chandigarh, renowned singer Sadhana Sargam vouches for more meaningful lyrics

Popular playback Sadhana singer Sargam, the melodious voice behind hits like Har Kisiko Nahin Milta Yahan Pyar Zindagi Main, Jab Koi Baat Bigad Jaye and Teri Umeed Tera Intezar Karte Hain, made a brief stop in Chandigarh on Sunday. "I have come here after long but am happy that Chandigarh has retained its beautiful, natural self," she beamed.

Thirty five years in the industry, the 2002 National Film Award winner for Tamil song Paattu Cholli admitted things have changed drastically. "Only constant in life is change; life, lifestyles to music and musicians have changed remarkably ever since I stepped into the industry," she avers.



As for things she likes is the reach that new artistes have today. "So many reality shows have sprung up giving the young singers a platform. Couple it with the power of social media, now artistes can find their audience anywhere in the world."

On the downside, while she loves the contemporary music and rhythm, she misses the lyrics and melody. "I love the new music and beats. But somehow I would like more songs that have beautiful, meaningful lyrics. Not like we don't have lovely lyrics today, but more would be welcome.'

Sing along

As for her favourite songs, she says, "I like songs that have found fans among younger

(Jo Jeeta Wohi Sikandar) and Chupke Se (Saathiya) have gotten much love. Saat Samundar Paar Main Tere Piche Piche Aa Gayi is still demanded and played by the DJs frequently at parties."

While Sargam has continued playback singing, she loves travelling for performances. In fact, she was in city as the celebrity quest for an event by the musical Group Vibrations at Tagore Theatre on Sunday. Sargam mesmerised the audience with her hits, along with other music artistes. While she enjoyed the evening, she couldn't see Rock Garden as she had intended to, so another visit is in the offing soon we believe!

## Billie Eilish loses over 100K followers on Instagram after confirming she's queer



Grammy-winner Billie Eilish has reportedly lost over 100K followers on Instagram after she said that she's queer.

It was reported that the singer lost 117,750 followers in the last 30 days with the peak. On that day, a day after the interview took place, 40,428 Instagram users hit the unfollow button

on the Grammy winner's page.

During the interview at Variety's annual Hitmakers Brunch event, Billie discussed her statement about being "attracted" to women in the magazine's Power of Women issue last month, reports aceshowbiz.com.

Asked if she had intended to come out in the article, the "bad quy" singer said: "No I didn't. But I kind of thought, 'Wasn't it obvious?' ... I didn't realise people didn't know."

She went on to say she didn't "really believe in the concept of coming out," adding that "I'm just like, 'Why can't we just exist?' I've been doing this for a long time, and I just didn't talk about it. Whoops."

Upon catching wind of Billie's remarks, fans quickly took to social media to express their shock.

Eilish also talked about her reaction after the article was published last month.

"I saw the article and I was like, oh... I guess... I came out today!" she recalled. "..OK cool. But it's exciting to me because I guess people didn't know... but it's cool that they know. Ooh, I'm nervous talking about it!" before concluding: "But... I am for the girls."

### **Sumbul Touqeer's** talk series premieres with a brave survivor



Sumbul Touqeer, famous for the show Imliee, a Bigg Boss contestant, and currently seen in the show Kavya, takes a courageous leap into uncharted territory with her new YouTube talk series, Ek Jazba Ek Junoon. Unlike conventional shows, it promises a genuine look into the lives of everyday heroes who've triumphed over adversity. The debut episode features an anonymous acid attack survivor.

About how this idea came to her, Sumbul says, 'Heroes aren't just the ones we see in reel life or on social media; real heroes are those who have bravely faced challenging situations. I've been inspired by them not just recently, but since my childhood. Their stories have always motivated me. I will be interviewing one real life personality every 15 days.'

## **Bully High actress Aneesha** Madhok does not believe in networking!

In the entertainment industry, networking and references matter when it comes to getting the right opportunity. But Bully High actress Aneesha Madhok does not believe in networking! "I was acting in a play in Los Angeles and was spotted by filmmaker Bill McAdams Jr, who was sitting in the audience. He cast me as the lead in my first independent Hollywood film. From there on, I just kept getting spotted by other filmmakers and managers. So, I believe one should just keep doing what they love," she says.

Merit has its value, so does luck but the actor with contacts often gets the opportunity. "Hard work beats talent if talent doesn't work hard! I have gotten more opportunities in the global film industry instead of my country. I don't think my talent is valued here and I have made peace with that. I don't care if all the roles go to nepotism



babies, I will create my own opportunities," she continues. "I have not much to say about nepotism because it is everywhere in Bollywood. I feel like I can be friends with anyone so I do vibe with a lot of the star kids, but I feel Bollywood should look for

global talent," she adds. Aneesha shares that right opportunities are everywhere. "Because there is a lack of innovation, retro songs are constantly repeated and the same clichéd structure is repeated. What's the point?" she questions.

## **Beware of opposition's divisive** agenda, prepare for more meltdowns: PM Modi

Says the opposition's 'old habit of 70 years can't go away so easily'

NEW DELHI, Dec 5 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday warned people against what he termed as the opposition's divisive agenda.

Reacting to use of unparliamentary references made by senior opposition leaders including Congress' Rahul Gandhi, the PM said, "May they be happy with their arrogance, lies, pessimism and ignorance. But beware of their divisive agenda. An old habit of 70 years can't go away so easily."

PM added that people have to be ready for many more meltdowns.

"Panauti" remarks that Rahul Gandhi made during a poll rally in Rajasthan recently after India lost the Cricket



World Cup to Australia at the Narendra Modi stadium, is believed to have harmed party's prospects in the state where the BJP won 115 out of 199

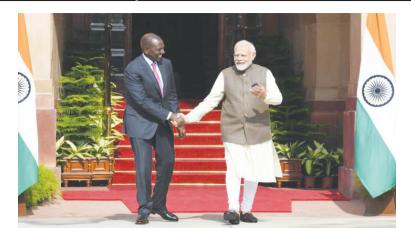
## India to provide USD 250 million line of credit to Kenya for modernisation of its agriculture sector

Kenyan President William Samoei Ruto arrived in India on Monday on a 3-day visit with an aim to expand overall ties between the two countries

NEW DELHI, Dec 5 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday announced India's decision to provide USD 250 million to Kenya for modernisation of its agriculture sector following his wide-ranging talks with visiting Kenyan President William Samoei Ruto.

Ruto arrived here on Monday on a three-day visit with an aim to expand overall ties between the two countries.

In its foreign policy, India has always given high priority to Africa and has expanded its overall ties with the continent on a mission mode in the last nearly one decade, Modi said in his media statement after the



"I am confident that President Ruto's visit to India will not only strengthen bilateral ties but will give a new momentum to our

engagement with Africa," he added.

The prime minister said India will provide USD 250 million as Line of Credit to Kenya for modernisation of its agriculture sector.

Referring to the Indo-Pacific, Modi said closer cooperation between India and Kenya in the region will advance common

efforts.

India and Kenya are of the view that terrorism is the most serious challenge facing the humanity, he said while noting that both sides have decided to enhance counter-terror cooperation.

The prime minister said both sides will continue to explore new opportunities to realise full potential of India-Kenya economic cooperation.

#### 35 meetings of MSP panel held, report awaited: Tomar

NEW DELHI, Dec 5 (Agencies): Union agriculture minister Narendra Tomar on Tuesday informed the Lok Sabha that the government constituted panel on MSP regime effectiveness had met 35 times and its report and recommendations were awaited.

Tomar was responding to a supplementary query on Minimum Support Price in the Lok Sabha by Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury.

Chowdhury wanted to know

whether the government was thinking of legalising the MSP regime as demanded by farmers who had agitated against three agriculture reform legislations forcing their revocation in 2020.

Tomar said the BJP government was working to implement 200 of the 201 recommendations made by the MS Swaminathan Committee which presented its report in 2007 under former PM Manmohan Singh.

"One of the major recommendations was fixing MSP at 50



% profit over cost of production. Congress was in power from 2007 to 2014 but did not implement this suggestion. I

am happy to report that it was implemented after PM Narendra Modi came on power in 2014. As against Rs 1 lakh crore spending on procurement on MSP under Congress today we are spending Rs 2.28 lakh crore," Tomar said.

The minister said the MS Swaminathan Committee was formed when late Atal Behari Vajpayee was the prime minister but the report was submitted in 2007 under the UPA government under Manmohan Singh.

#### Woman doctor found dead in flat in Thiruvananthapuram



THIRUVANANTHA-PURAM, Dec 5 (Agencies): A woman postgraduate student of medicine died in her apartment here, police said on Tuesday.

She was found unconscious in the apartment and was declared dead at the hospital, they said.

Dr Shahana was a postgraduate student at the Government Medical College here, they

The recording of the statement of her relatives is going on and a case is yet to be registered, police said.

### With Mamata, Nitish, Akhilesh, Stalin skipping it, Mallikarjun **Kharge postpones INDIA meet**

NEW DELHI, Dec 5 (Agencies): With top opposition leaders set to skip the anti-BJP INDIA alliance meeting scheduled for Wednesday, the Congress has decided to postpone the meeting until a date "convenient to all". Congress president Mallikarjun

Kharge had called the December 6 meeting of the bloc after the party's rout in Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and MP. However, TMC chief Mamata Baner-

iee, SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin and Bihar CM Nitish Kumar were set to skip the meeting.

Mamata on Monday said she had no information of any meeting on December 6 and was proceeding for a tour of north Bengal for a week.

The SP said it was yet to decide whether to attend.

Stalin is busy addressing the impact of the cyclone in Tamil Nadu and Nitish Kumar is learnt to have conveyed that he is unwell

"The Parliamentary Party leaders of India Alliance will meet at 6 pm on December 6th, 2023 at the residence



of Congress President Sh. Mallikarjun Kharge. Thereafter meeting of Party Presidents/ Heads of the India Alliance will be scheduled in third week of December at a date convenient to all," Gurdeep Sappal, coordinator in the Congress chief's office, tweeted.

Allies have been gunning for the Congress since it lost to the BJP. Mamata had said the loss was of the Congress and not of the people. The SP has accused the Congress of arrogantly declining their coalition overtures in MP.

Leaders of the JDU have said that the Congress needs to show a bigger heart if it wants to defeat the BJP and needs to take regional parties along.

## Michaung landfall underway, eye of the storm close to Bapatla in Andhra Pradesh

VIJAYAWADA, Dec 5 (Agencies): Severe Cyclone Michaung made landfall near Bapatla around 1 p.m. on Tuesday. The landfall process commenced at around 11:30 a.m., and it is expected to take 3-4 hours to complete. As the severe cyclonic storm proceeds further on the land towards the northerly direction, it will gradually weaken and disappear, according to meteorological department officials.

The landfall of Severe Cyclone Michaung triggered very to extremely heavy rainfall in the Bapatla region. Gusty winds with speeds of 90 kmph to 110 kmph are making their presence felt. All the mandals on the cyclone track have been alerted to heavy

The state government has deployed as many as 50 special teams in Bapatla at the mandal level to take up cyclone relief measures. Several trees and electric poles were uprooted at different places in Bapatla, and relief teams are engaged in clearing

People from low-lying areas have been shifted to relief camps set up at schools and government office buildings in the district. Over 1,350 people in seven mandals have been relocated to 27 relief camps as a precautionary measure.

Bapatla district collector P Ranjit Bhasha instructed officials

to visit 111 villages where the impact of the cyclone was severe. Meanwhile, agriculture department officials are conducting field visits to inspect crop damage. The people in coastal areas, including Repalle, Vemuru, Bapatla, and Nizampatnam, are instructed not to come out of their houses for the next few hours.

Severe Cyclone Michaung came near the Nellore coast in the early hours of Tuesday and moved northwards parallel to the coastline before making landfall near Bapatla. It triggered widespread heavy rains in Tirupati, Nellore, and Prakasam districts. West Godavari and Konaseema districts also received heavy

The sea turned rough

in Suryalanka, with 2-meter-high waves hitting the coast. The sea also surged by a few meters in coastal areas, including Bapatla, Repalle, and Nizampatnam, due to the cyclone's impact. Meanwhile, a 35-year-

old police constable of the 11th Battalion identified as Satya Kumar died in Bhakharapeta of Kadapa district when an uprooted tree fell on him while he was going to duty on his motorcycle.

There were reports of extensive damage to agriculture and horticulture crops in Tirupati, Nellore, Kadapa, Prakasam, Bapatla, Krishna, NTR, and Konaseema districts.

Besides paddy, horticulture crops like bananas suffered damage.

Taking stock of the situation, Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy directed the officials to ensure no loss of life and minimize damage to properties. Officials informed him that 9,500 people were shifted to 211 relief camps in coastal districts as a precautionary measure. He directed the energy department to restore power connectivity at the earliest, and officials were instructed to extend relief aid to people in relief camps within 48 hours. Furthermore, he directed them to engage village/ward volunteers for enumerations of losses due to the cyclone.

## Karni Sena President Sukhdev Singh Gogamedi shot dead in Jaipur, gunmen flee

JAIPUR, Dec 5 (Agencies): Rashtriya Rajput Karni Sena president Sukhdev Singh Gogamedi was shot dead by unidentified assailants in Jaipur on Tuesday. Two people who were with Gogamedi were injured in the shooting

incident.

According to the police, Gogamedi was standing outside his house at around 1.45 pm when two men on a scooter opened fire at him and fled the spot.

he died of his injuries. Ajit Singh, who was with Gogamedi during the incident, was seriously injured, officials said. "As per initial reports,

Gogamedi was then taken to hospital, where

four people entered a house where Gogamedi was present and opened



One of Gogamedi's security personnel and another person were injured in the firing," Rajasthan Director General of Police (DGP) Umesh Mishra told news agency.

The police are investigating the incident.

#### 15-year-old girl gangraped in Punjab



CHANDIGARH, Dec 5 (Agencies): A 15-year-old girl was allegedly raped by four youths in Punjab's Ferozepur district, with police registering a case against the accused, officials said on

The girl, stated to be a budding athlete, was out for a run on the evening of November 30 when the incident took place, a police officer said.

The girl was intercepted by the youths from her village who allegedly forced her to consume an intoxicant and then raped her, he said.

A case has been registered under relevant provisions of the law, including the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act against the accused, who are on the run.

### Jailer, 5 others suspended after murder accused shot dead in Jharkhand prison

DHANBAD, Dec 5 (Agencies): A jailer and five prison staff have been suspended after a murder accused was shot dead in Dhanbad Jail, officials said on Tuesday.

The contracts of two other jail staff have also been terminated, they said.

Aman Singh, one of the accused in the Dhanbad deputy mayor murder case, was shot dead inside the jail on Sunday afternoon following a dispute among inmates, police had

"The administration has ascertained the lapses of the officials and personnel that caused the incident. Jailer Md Mustkin Ansari has been suspended and departmental action has been recommended against him," Dhanbad Deputy Commissioner Barun Ranjan told

reporters here. "Five prison staff ('kaksha pal') were suspended, while the contracts of two others have been terminated." he said

The authorities have also recommended the transfer of Dhanbad Jail Superintendent M Barua and the shifting of 23 prisoners to other jails in the state, Ranjan said.

The DC said one of the main accused in the shooting case has been identified as Sunder Mahto, who is being interrogated.

"Four FIRs have been lodged and the hospital ward where the incident took place has been barricaded," he said. Further investigation is

underway.

#### will do whatever I am told: Shivraj Chouhan NEW DELHI, Dec 5 (Agencies): Caretaker chief minister of Madhya Pradesh Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Tuesday released a video statement saying he was never a CM contender,

neither in the past nor today and has always discharged whatever duties the BJP had assigned to him. "I am a simple party worker. I

have never been a CM contender. I was not a CM contender in the past. I am not one today. In my capacity as a humble party worker I will discharge whatever role is given to me," said Chouhan moments after welcoming a Ram Rath Yatra at his Bhopal residence where people shouted two slogans "Hamara mukhya mantri kaisa



Not a CM contender, neither in past nor today,

ho, Shivraj Chouhan jaisa ho", and "Behnon ka bhai kaisa ho, Shivraj bhaiya jaisa ho".

Chouhan said he was fortunate to be working under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's lead-

ership in the BJP, which was on a mission to rebuild India.

Last year, Chouhan had become the longest-serving BJP chief minister in the party's history, surpassing Raman Singh's record in Chhattisgarh. Chouhan crafted the "Ladli Behna" scheme in March this year to give monthly cash to poor married, divorced and widowed women. The scheme was central to BJP's comprehensive campaign, which had other winning elements, including the Modi factor, Hindutva, nationalism and development schemes for the beneficiaries.

Chouhan's statement came amid hectic BJP parleys to select the new CM of MP where the BJP posted the second best performance this time after 2003 when it had won 173 seats out

of 230 under Uma Bharti. Chouhan, however, remains a top contender for the job.

## Israel strikes in and around Gaza's second largest city in an already bloody new phase of the war

KHAN YOUNIS, Dec 5 (Agencies): Israel intensified its bombardment in and around Gaza's second largest city early Tuesday, as ambulances and private cars came racing into a local hospital carrying people wounded in a bloody new phase of the war in Gaza.

Under U.S. pressure to prevent further mass casualties, Israel says it is being more precise as it widens its offensive into southern Gaza after obliterating much of the north.

Aerial bombardment and the ground offensive have already driven three-fourths of the territory's 2.3 million people from their homes.

At the Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, ambulances brought dozens of wounded people in throughout the night.

At one point, a car pulled up and man emerged carrying a young boy in a bloody shirt and whose hand had been blown off.

"Where is the Red Cross? where is the United Nations?" a woman screamed outside the emergency department.

My children, since 10 p.m., are still under the rubble.

Satellite photos taken Sunday showed tanks and troops massing outside Khan Younis, the latest target of the offensive, which was home to more than 400,000 people before the war. Israel has ordered people out of nearly two dozen neighbourhoods instead of the entire

region, as it did in the north.

But with most of Gaza's population already packed into the south, cramming U.N. shelters and family homes, there are few

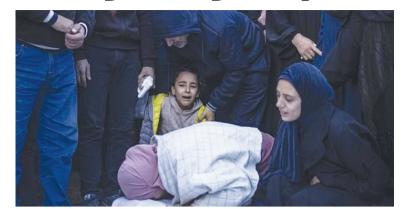
places left to go.
Israel has barred people who fled the north earlier in the war from returning.

Palestinians say that as Israel continues to strike across the besieged territory, there are no areas where they feel safe, and many fear that if they leave their homes they will never be allowed to return.

THE QUEST TO ELIMINATE HAMAS

Israel says it must dismantle Hamas' extensive military infrastructure and remove it from power in order to prevent a repeat of the Oct.7 attack that ignited the war.

The surprise assault through the border fence saw Hamas



ed a similar figure for the death

toll in Gaza on Monday, after

weeks in which Israeli officials

had cast doubt on the ministry's

The official said at least 15,000

people have been killed, includ-

ing 5,000 militants, without

saying how the military arrived

The military says 84 of its sol-

diers have been killed in the

White House national secu-

rity adviser Jake Sullivan said

Monday that it was too soon to

pass judgment on Israeli opera-

tions, but that it was unusual for

a modern military to identify pre-

cise areas of expected ground

maneuvers and ask people to

move out, as Israel has done in

"These are the kinds of steps

that we have asked them to

"These are the conversations

we're having day in, day out.

The U.S. has pledged unwav-

ering support to Israel since the

Oct.7 attack, including rushing

weapons and other aid to the

Airstrikes and the ground

offensive in northern Gaza

have reduced large swaths of

Gaza City and nearby areas to

Hundreds of thousands of

residents fled south during the

Now around 2 million people

-- most of the territory's popula-

tion -- are crowded into the 230

square kilometers (90 square

miles) of southern and central

Since the truce's collapse, the

military has ordered the popula-

tion out of an area of about 62

square kilometers (24 square

miles) in and near Khan Younis,

according to the evacuation

a rubble-filled wasteland.

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undertake," he said.

and other Palestinian militants kill about 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and capture some 240 men, women and children.

The Israeli military says it makes every effort to spare civilians and accuses Hamas of using them as human shields as it fights in dense residential areas, where it has a labyrinth of tunnels, bunkers, rocket launchers and sniper nests.

But the militant group is deeply rooted in Palestinian society, and its determination to end decades of open-ended Israeli military rule is shared by most Palestinians, even those opposed to its ideology and its attacks on Israeli civilians.

That will complicate any effort to eliminate Hamas without causing massive casualties and displacement.

Even after weeks of unrelenting bombardment, Hamas' leaders in Gaza were able to conduct complex cease-fire negotiations and orchestrate the release of more than 100 Israeli and foreign hostages in exchange for 240 Palestinian prisoners last week.

Palestinian militants have also kept up their rocket fire into Israel, both before and after the truce

The fighting has meanwhile brought unprecedented death and destruction to the coastal strip.

The Health Ministry in Gaza said the death toll in the territory since Oct.7 has surpassed 15,890 people, 70% of them women and children, with more than 42,000 wounded.

The ministry does not differentiate between civilian and combatant deaths.

It says hundreds have been killed or wounded since the cease-fire's end, and many still are trapped under rubble.

An Israeli army official provid-

maps issued by the Israeli military.

further reduces the space available for Palestinians by more than a quarter.

KHAN YOUNIS IN THE CROSSHAIRS

Satellite photos from Sunday, analyzed by The Associated Press early Tuesday, show around 150 Israeli tanks, armored personnel carriers and other vehicles just under 6 kilometers (3.7 miles) north of the heart of Khan Younis.

The army did not respond to a request for comment and rarely publicizes troop deployments.

Constant bombardment on the edge of Khan Younis lit up the sky over the town Monday

Over the past few days, Israeli strikes have been on a ferocious scale, said Mohammed Aghaalkurdi, an aid worker with the group Medical Aid for Palestinians in Khan Younis.

He said neighborhoods and shelters were emptying as people fled.

Leaflets dropped by the Israeli military warn people to go south toward the border with Egypt, but they are unable to leave Gaza, as both Israel and neighboring Egypt have refused to accept any refugees.

Adding to the chaos, phone and internet networks across Gaza collapsed again Monday evening, the Palestinian telecom provider PalTel said.

It was the latest of several outages that have complicated rescue efforts.

Communications were restored hours later.

The area that Israel ordered evacuated covers about a fifth of Khan Younis.

Before the war, that area was home to some 117,000 people, and now it also houses more than 50,000 people displaced from the north, living in 21 shelters, the U.N. said.

It was not known how many were fleeing.

Israeli media also reported intense fighting between Israeli troops and Hamas militants in northern Gaza, in the Jabaliya refugee camp, a built-up urban area, and in the Gaza City district of Shijaiya, both of which have seen intense bombardment and battles in recent weeks.

#### Bus crashes in western Thailand, killing 14 people and injuring more than 30 others



BANGKOK, Dec 5 (Agencies): A bus crashed in western Thailand early Tuesday, killing 14 people and injuring more than 30 others, officials said.

The accident occurred in Prachuap Khiri Khan province as the bus was traveling from the capital, Bangkok, to Songkhla province in the deep south. It was carrying 49 people when it ran off the road

and hit a tree near Hat Wanakorn National Park, a local police official said. Prachuap Khiri Khan province is located on a coastal stretch between the Gulf of Thailand and Myanmar.

"We presume the driver might have fallen asleep," said Pol. Col. Weerapat Ketesa, the superintendent of the Huay Yang Police Station, adding that officials

were waiting for the result of a blood test on the driver, who survived the accident.

Police were still investigating what caused the crash, he added. Most victims were Thai and a few were Burmese, Weerapat said.

Some 35 people were being treated for injuries at local hospitals, according to the Sawang Rungrueang Rescue Foundation.

## Four injured in blast in Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province



PESHAWAR, Dec 5 (Agencies): At least four people, including three children, were injured on Tuesday when an improvised explosive device (IED) exploded here in Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

According to the police, the blast occurred around 9:10 am near a school in the provincial capital Peshawar, Geo News reported.

At least four kilogrammes of explosives, planted in a cemented block on the side of the road, were used in the blast

Police and rescue teams were sent to the site as soon as the blast was reported, Warsak Superintendent of Police Arshad Khan was quoted as saying by the Dawn newspaper.

The injured children, between the ages of seven and 10, were moved to a private hospital, the report said.

The condition of two children was critical, a spokesperson of the Peshawar Lady Reading Hospital was quoted as saying in the report.

Khan said that the police launched a search operation in the surrounding areas.

"The element of extortion is also being considered in the blast," he was quoted as saying. "It would be premature to say who was the target," he added.

Recently, Pakistan has been hit by a wave of terrorist activities orchestrated by various terror outfits.

According to a recent report by the Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies (PICSS) think tank, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province was the most affected by terror attacks in November, recording 51 attacks with 54 deaths and 81 injuries.

#### House Explodes After Man Fires Flare Gun To Scare Off Cops In US

ARLINGTON, Dec 5 (Agencies): A massive explosion was reported in a locality in the US after a suspect fired a flare gun at the police executing a search warrant, authorities said on Tuesday.

The incident occurred in the Bluemont neighborhood of Arlington, in the state of Virginia across the Potomac River from Washington, and residents were told to shelter in place by the local government.

"As officers were attempting to exe-

As officers were attempting to execute a search warrant at the residence, the suspect discharged several rounds inside the home. Subsequently, an explosion occurred at the residence and officers continue to investigate the circumstances of the explosion," the Arlington County police said.

"Expect continued police activity and avoid the area," they added.

The officers on the scene reported minor injuries with no one transported



to the hospital, the Arlington County police said.

According to media reports, the flames and smoke from the explosion were seen from miles away.

"I think it blew up the entire duplex," a neighbor told local media outlet ARLnow. "I'm sure the family next door was evacuated before it blew up, but they lost their home."

# Is Of Porn-Watching Age LONDON, Dec 5 (Agencies): Britain proposed new age-check guidance on Tuesday to protect children from

(Agencies): Britain proposed new age-check guidance on Tuesday to protect children from accessing pornography online, including a suggestion to use Al-based technology to see if a viewer looks to be of legal age.

The government's newly passed Online Safety Act requires sites and apps that display or publish pornographic content to ensure that children are not normally able to encounter pornography on their service. The legal age to watch porn in Britain is 18 or over.

On average children



first see online pornography at 13, while nearly a quarter come across it by age 11, and one in 10 as young as 9, a 2021-2022 study by the Office of the Children's Commissioner for England showed. "Regardless of their

"Regardless of their approach, we expect all

services to offer robust protection to children from stumbling across pornography, and also to take care that privacy rights and freedoms for adults to access legal content are safeguard-

ed," media regulator

Ofcom CEO Melanie

Dawes said.

UK Recommends Use Of AI To Judge If User

The regulator described its suggestion on facial age estimation as using Al to analyse a viewer's features. That would likely require taking a selfie on a device and uploading it.

The watchdog said its proposed guidance also included photo identification matching, requiring a user to upload a photo ID such as passport or driving licence to prove their age, and credit chard checks.

Another suggestion was open banking, whereby users can consent to their bank sharing information with online porn sites to confirm they are over 18.

nomic Affairs, a freemarket think tank, said mandatory age verification threatened user privacy and would expose users to breaches and abuse by increasing the amount of sensitive data held by third parties.

The Institute of Eco-

The regulator said weaker methods such as self-declaration of age, online payment methods that do not require a person to be 18, and disclaimers or warnings, would no longer meet the standards in its new guidance.

Ofcom said it expects to publish its final guidance in early 2025.

## Siberia Freezes In Temperatures Below -58 Degrees Celsius

YAKUTSK, Dec 5 (Agencies): Arctic weather enfolded swathes of Russia on Tuesday, with temperatures in the wilds of Siberia falling to minus 58 degrees Celsius (minus 72 degrees Fahrenheit). Yakutsk, one of the world's coldest cities which lies some 5,000 km (3,100 miles) east of Moscow, was covered in freezing clouds and fog,

drone footage showed.

"I specially came here
to Yakutsk to experi-

ence such weather - so I am lucky as in December you don't usually get it," said Danila, whose beard, hat and scarf were caked in ice.

"I am actually not that cold as I prepared properly," he said. "If I had not got the right clothes, I would be frozen in minutes."

He said that the extreme temperatures made his coat much stiffer, while his phone lost charge within minutes. Two pairs of gloves

were essential, as well as layers of clothes.

Temperatures in parts of the Sakha Republic, a vast region a little smaller than India that is located in the northeastern part of Siberia, went below minus 55 overnight.

In Oymyakon, a settlement in Sakha, the temperature was minus 58 C on Tuesday. Weather forecasters said that would feel like minus 63 C given the humidity and

wind.

At the market in Yakutsk, fish were sold deep frozen, packed in dozens of boxes at the market. No freezer was needed. The saleswomen were muffled in large fur hats.

"It is cold," said one resident, Pyotr. "You need to just have the right quality clothes and then everything will be okay. The main thing is to keep moving so your blood circulates."

## Indonesia Volcano Death Count Rises To 13, Search On For 10 Others AGAM. Dec 5 (Agenmountain.

AGAM, Dec 5 (Agencies): The total number of hikers found dead after a volcano eruption in Indonesia has risen to 13 after two more bodies were found, a local rescue official said Tuesday.

"The total number of people who have died is currently 13," Abdul Malik, head of Padang Search and Rescue Agency told agency, adding that 10 hikers were still missing, while 52 have been evacu-



The bodies of the two hikers were found late Monday, he added.

The rescue mission is being hampered by further volcanic activity and bad weather.

"The volcanic ash has reached the foot of the hill, which is a challenge for the team. Both routes will be steep and slippery," Malik said.

Eleven dead hikers were found Monday near the crater of Mount Marapi on the island of Sumatra, while several others were found alive and carried down the The volcano spewed an ash tower 3,000

metres (9,800 feet) -taller than the volcano itself -- into the sky on Sunday. Mount Marapi, which means 'Mountain of Fire', is the most active volcano on Sumatra island. Indonesia experiences frequent seismic and volcanic activity due to its position on the Pacific "Ring of Fire", where tectonic plates collide. The archipelago nation has nearly 130 active volcanoes.

## **IIM Jammu Management Development Programme for PNB Metlife India ends**

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Dec 5: The Indian Institute of Management Jammu (IIM Jammu) marked the valedictory ceremony of the Management Development Programme (MDP) for PNB MetLife India Insurance Company Limited at its permanent campus at Jagti. The event showcased the culmination of a transformative five-month program designed to enhance managerial acumen among Life Insurance Professionals.

The event was graced by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, Mohit Bahugana, Business Head, PNB Metlife, Anjan Jyoti Talukdar, Associate Director and L&D Channel Head, PNB Metlife, Rashmi Verma, Associate General Manager, Learning and Development, PNB Metlife, Dr. Kriti Khurana, Manager- Content Development Learning & Development, PNB Metlife and other officials of both the organizations.

The Program Directors for this training program were Dr. Ashish Kumar, Dr. Manu Bansal, Dr. Pratik Maheshwari, and Dr. Niti Shekhar, faculty, IIM Jammu.

Dr. Ashish Kumar, Program Director, presented the program report followed by learnings



from the program put forward by Mohit Bahugana, Business Head, PNB Metlife along with complementing the unique program put forward by the best brains from IIMs and PNB Metlife.

In his address, Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, mentioned that the valediction of the first batch of PNB MetLife MDP is a testament to the commitment and diligence of the participants.

During his address, he reiterated on creating a position of Professor of Practice in the Institute for Industry leaders along with sending faculty of IIM Jammu for industry interaction leading to a unique two-way blend of academia and industry. He mentioned IIM Jammu remains steadfast in its mission to provide industry-relevant education, empowering professionals to navigate the complexities of the business landscape. We believe that the skills and knowledge acquired during this MDP will not only benefit the individuals but also contribute to the growth and success of the rap-

idly growing insurance industry. Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu stated that IIM Jammu is committed to providing education that goes beyond

traditional boundaries. The MDP for PNB MetLife exemplifies our dedication to creating programs that not only equip professionals with essential skills but also foster a deeper understanding of industry dynamics.

He mentioned that valedictory session does not mean the closure but it the start of the new journey and emphasized on the need to have peer competition, collaborating for knowland taking the key takeaways from the session for their journey ahead. Lastly, he extended his congratulations to the participants on their successful completion of this transformative journey.

The program, led by the faculty of IIM Jammu, aimed to equip participants with essential skills in entrepreneurship, finance, strategy, design thinking, innovation, and communication.

The valedictory ceremony featured insights from participants and program directors, highlighting the value gained from the comprehensive curriculum. The participants expressed gratitude for the practical knowledge and strategic insights provided during the course. This was followed by certificate distribution.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Pratik Maheshwari, Program Director and Co-Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy, (EE &C), IIM Jammu.

The success of this MDP further solidifies IIM Jammu's commitment to fostering industryrelevant learning experiences. The institute continues to play a pivotal role in shaping the next generation of leaders in various sectors. The entire program was coordinated by Executive Education and Consultancy (EE &C), IIM Jammu.

#### Tata Motors launches all-new Intra V70 pickup, Intra V20 Gold pickup and Ace HT+

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Dec 5: Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, announced the launch of the all-new Intra V70, Intra V20 Gold and Ace HT+, in line with its commitment to make first and last mile transportation more efficient. These new vehicles are engineered to carry higher payloads over longer distances with better economics.

Offering best in class features, these vehicles can be used for a variety of applications, delivering higher profits and productivity, both in urban and rural India. Tata Motors also launched improved versions of its popular Intra V50 and Ace Diesel vehicles, reengineered to lower fuel consumption with reduced cost of ownership.

With these new launches, Tata Motors offers the widest range of small commercial vehicles and pickups, enabling customers to choose the most optimal vehicle for their requirement. Bookings for these vehicles are now open all Tata Motors CV dealerships, across the

country. Launching these vehicles, Girish Wagh, Executive Director, Tata Motors, said "In addition to providing optimal solutions for a variety of applications, our small commercial vehicles and pickups are known to provide livelihoods and improve quality of life of our customers. The vehicles we are launching today have been developed basis specific inputs and demand from a large segment of actual users. They are engineered to optimise fuel efficiency and carry higher payloads over longer distances. Fuelled by rapid urbanisation, booming e-commerce, increase in consumption and rise of the hub-and-spoke model, the significance of efficient and effective last and first mile transportation in logistics management can't be emphasised enough. Hence, every vehicle is designed to provide a robust and reliable cargo transport solution along with the assurance of greater commercial benefits to individual customers as well as fleet owners, both proudly servicing the

buoyant needs of India's

growing economy."

In addition to robust and reliable vehicles. Tata Motors customers also enjoy a range of benefits and complete peace of mind with the widest array of valueadded services. Support from India's largest service network, benefits of the new-age telematics system Fleet Edge for efficient fleet management, convenience of annual maintenance contracts, easy availability of spares for highest uptime and a comprehensive Sampoorna Seva 2.0 programme ensures a holistic and hassle-free vehicle ownership experience, reinforcing Tata Motor's strong commitment to customer satisfaction.

The launch of these new vehicles is being amplified with a purposeful marketing campaign to expand customer outreach, increase top-of-the-mind awareness and brand recall. This impactful campaign leverages digital technologies, including social media and influencer engagement, along with rich presence in conventional marketing and advertising mediums.

## HDFC Bank, Reserve Bank Innovation Hub Launch i-Innovate

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Dec 5: In a pioneering move towards fostering financial inclusion, HDFC Bank today announced its partnership with the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) to introduce i-Innovate, a nationwide initiative specifically designed to champion FinTechs focussing on differently abled per-

This initiative is singularly focussed on leveraging Assistive Technology (AT) to not only enhance, but also revolutionise the financial inclusion for differently abled persons.

RBIH, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), spearheads efforts to cultivate an environment conducive to innovation across the financial sector. HDFC Bank, under its CSR brand Parivartan, supports startups working in the social space through its Parivartan StartUp Grants programme.

HDFC Bank and the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub have come together to leverage social innovation and entrepreneurship to bridge existing gaps and enhance financial accessibility for differently abled persons. Further, AssisTech Foundation (ATF) has been roped in as a supporting partner to contribute with expertise in innovating for this segment of the population, as well as provide specialised support in incubation, acceleration and nurturing startups in this space.

With more than 2.2% of the population falling under this demographic, i-Innovate aims to implement a range of programmes aimed at nurturing innovation and inclusivity within the financial sector for differently abled persons. This partnership will embark on an extensive iourney to study today's financial landscape, focus on identifying key market gaps and challenges at the intersection of assistive technology and finance. Additionally, various initiatives such as innovation challenges, hackathons, acceleration programmes, and awards will be rolled out to actively support and recognise startups dedicated to building solutions for the financial inclusion of differently abled per-

Ms. Smita Bhagat, Retail Branch Banking Head, HDFC Bank said, "Nearly three-quarters of persons with disabilities reside in rural parts of the country. Persons with special needs in our country lack access

to formal financial services. HDFC Bank is collaborating with RBIH to identify gaps in the adoption of financial service and innovate inclusive financial products that enable economic independence and empower persons with special needs. We are a Bank for all, and believe that financial inclusivity for persons with special needs is not a niche agenda; it is a catalyst for nationwide economic growth and innovation. Our goal is clear – to build a banking system that is as diverse as India itself.

Shalini Sahay, Head - Corporate Communications, Marketing and

Partnerships, RBIH said, "This partnership is a significant step towards innovation and inclusivity in finance. Through ilnnovate, we commit to bring forth groundbreaking solutions at the intersection of assistive technology and finance."

The official launch of i-Innovate took place on December 3, 2023, on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. With the insights gained from this project, HDFC Bank and RBIH are committed to setting new benchmarks for accessibility in banking, striving to ensure that financial empowerment is attainable for all, irrespective of physical ability.

#### **How can country have** two PMs, two constitutions and two flags? Amit Shah in Lok Sabha

was introduced in Lok Sabha on July 26, 2023. It amends the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Act of 2004.

The Act provides for reservation in jobs and admission in professional institutions to members of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and other socially and educationally backward classes.

The key features of the Bill comprise socially and educationally backward classes that include people residing in villages declared as socially and educationally backwards by the Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir, people residing in areas adjoining the Actual Line of Control and International Border, and weak and under-privileged classes (social castes), as notified.

The government may make inclusions or exclusions from the category of weak and under-privileged classes, on the recommendations of a Commission.

The Bill substitutes weak and underprivileged classes with other backward classes as declared by the UT of Jammu and Kashmir. The definition of weak and underprivileged classes is deleted from the Act.

The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2023 was introduced in Lok Sabha on July 26, 2023. The Bill amends the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019. The Act provides for the reorganisation of the state of Jammu and Kashmir into the union territories of Jammu and Kashmir (with legislature) and Ladakh (without legislature).

The Second Schedule of the Representation of the People Act of 1950 provides for the number of seats in legislative assemblies. The 2019 Act amended the Second Schedule of the 1950 Act to specify the total number of seats in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly to be 83.

It reserved six seats for Scheduled Castes. No seats were reserved for Scheduled Tribes. The Bill increases the total

number of seats to 90. It also reserves seven seats for Scheduled Castes and nine seats for Scheduled Tribes.

The Bill adds that the Lieutenant Governor may nominate up to two members from the Kashmiri migrant community to the Legislative Assembly. One of the nominated members must be a woman. Migrants are defined as persons who migrated from the Kashmir Valley or any other part of the state of Jammu and Kashmir after November 1, 1989 and are registered with the Relief Commissioner.

Migrants also include individuals who have not been registered due to being in government service in any moving office, having left for work, or possessing immovable property at the place from where they migrated but are unable to reside there due to disturbed conditions.

The Bill adds that the Lieutenant Governor may nominate to the Legislative Assembly one member representing displaced persons from Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

Displaced persons refer to individuals who left or were displaced from their place of residence in Pakistani-occupied Jammu and Kashmir and continue to reside outside such place

Such displacement should have taken place in 1947-48, 1965, or 1971 due to civil disturbances or fear of such disturbances. These include successors-in-interest of such persons.

#### "Those with nefarious intentions can't set foot on Indian Soil": IG BSF DK Boora

"We will not allow anyone with nefarious intentions to set foot on Indian soil," he

The Jammu Frontier IG further said that since November, they (Pakistan) have tried to violate ceasefire 3 times.

"Since November they have tried thrice and the response given to them is that we have come to know from our sources that there is huge loss on Pakistan's side. The border population face a lot of problems due to the Ceasefire violations. Our effort is to maintain peace but if Pakistan does not understand this then a similar response

#### FROM PAGE 1 will be given," DK Boora said.

He also informed that the violation by Pakistan was not done for infiltration purposes and the actual reason can't be shared among the public as it can impact

"This violation has not been done for infiltration but the reason behind it would not be right to be shared among the public, tactically for us. There is no need for people to worry, especially the border population. We are fully capable of dealing with such situations. BSF is always there for your safety," he added.

Earlier, a BSF jawan, head constable Lal Fam Kima, was killed after Pakistan Rangers opened unprovoked firing from automatic weapons along the International Border (IB) in the Ramgarh sector of Samba district on November 9.

"As far as the question of drones is concerned, a very big gang busted at the beginning of this year, and since then drone activities especially in Jammu have gone down. Because whenever a drone is sent, there must be someone to receive it and I want to congratulate the border population that they do not indulge themselves in work like this," Jammu Frontier IG said.

"BSF makes the strategy for every weather, we have different strategies for rainy season, different for summer season, foggy season, snowfall season. Our strategy is reviewed every 2-3 months, based on which we move forward," he added.

The decision to recommit to the 2003 ceasefire agreement between India and Pakistan was taken after a meeting between the Directors General of Military Operations (DGMOs) of India and Pakistan on February 24-25, 2021.

In 2021, 72 such cross-border firing incidents were recorded at the international border and Line of Control (LoC), but most were before the two sides agreed to hold

Prior to this, incidents of cross-border firing on patrolling troops, villagers, the Indian army and BSF forward posts were recorded every year in thousands. In 2020, close to 5,133 incidents of ceasefire violations- the highest since 2003, while 3,479 violations were registered in 2019 when the Indian government revoked Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir.

#### NIA raids 8 places in J&K

#### in terror funding case

violence in the Kashmir valley and across

#### **J&K witnesses rise in** crimes against women

Masoodi, former chairperson of the J&K State Commission for Women while talking to agency expressed deep concern over the stark increase in crimes against women in the region.

"Cases of gender-based violence such as rape, murder, dowry deaths, suicides, sexual offences at workplaces, and acid attacks have amplified unabashedly in J&K. The numbers underscore a pressing need for quick and steady introspection and redressal to safeguard the well-being of women in the region," she said.

Expressing concern over the justice system, Masoodi said, "Where such cases have witnessed a sharp rise, per contra. the conviction rate is relatively very low. A low conviction rate emboldens the abusers, as they feel that anyone can get away with such cases, given that convictions hardly take place.'

She said that people were spending insanely on wedding functions and dowry items to ensure the well-being of their daughters in their matrimonial homes which is backfiring in many cases.

"As the demands of the husband's family keep recurring and they don't seem to be content with anything. Finally, the girls are either sent back to their parental homes or killed or the girls commit suicide. Lack of awareness in such cases plays a pivotal role. I hope the J&K administration rolls up its sleeves and swings into imminent action to curb violence against women in Jammu and Kashmir," she said.

As per the NCRB, the number of registered cases of crimes against women rose 4 percent to 445,256 in 2022 as compared to 428,278 in 2021 across India.

In the metro cities, with a population of over two million, the increase in such crimes was steeper at 12.3 percent to

Among the states, Uttar Pradesh reported the highest number of crimes against women at 65,743 and among the Union Territories, Delhi reported the highest number of crimes against women at 14,247.

#### **Defeat in State** elections failure of **Congress not of INDIA** alliance: Omar Abdullah

has not failed at all, but some statements have come to fore, which need to be discussed and put to an end.

"The state elections were not fought by the alliance, but different political parties contested on their own, thus it's not the defeat of the alliance, but to some extent the failure of Congress party at individual level," he said.

Replying to a query, Omar said, he cannot speak whether Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee has got any intimation or not, but as far as National Conference is concerned, it has received an invitation for dinner at Rahul Gandhi's residence

#### Freezing temp grips **Kashmir: Srinagar** shivers at minus 1.4°C, **Pahalgam coldest at** minus 4.3°C

and it was 1.0 °C below normal for the famous resort in south Kashmir.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir. recorded a minimum of 0.2°C against 0.8°C on the previous night and the temperature was above normal for the place by 0.8°C, the official said.

Kupwara town in north Kashmir recorded a low of minus 1.4°C against minus 2.5°C on the previous night and it was 0.3°C below normal there, the official said.

Gulmarg, the official said, recorded a low of minus 2.3°C against minus 3.0°C on the previous night and the latest temperature was 1.0°C above normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir.

Jammu recorded a minimum of 9.9°C against 11.0°C on previous night, and it was above normal by 0.1°C for the winter

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

## India set to become 3rd largest economy by 2030: S&P

The growth rate will remain at 6.4 per cent in the next fiscal (2024-25) before climbing to 6.9 per cent in the next and 7 per cent in 2026-27, the rating agency says

NEW DELHI, Dec 5 (Agencies): India will become the world's third largest economy by 2030, S&P Global Ratings said on Tuesday as it forecast the nation's GDP growth reaching 7 per cent in 2026-27 fiscal year. In its Global Credit Outlook 2024, S&P saw a 6.4 per cent GDP growth in the fiscal year through March 2024 (2023-24) as compared to 7.2 per cent in the previous financial year.

The growth rate will remain at 6.4 per cent in the next fiscal (2024-25) before climbing to 6.9 per cent in the next and 7 per cent in 2026-27, the rating agency said. "We see India reaching 7 per cent in 2026-27

"India is set to become the



third-largest economy by 2030, and we expect it will be the fastest growing major economy in the next three years," S&P said. India currently is the fifth largest economy in the world behind the US, China, Germany and Japan.

"A paramount test will be whether India can become the next big global manufacturing hub, an immense opportunity. Developing a strong logistics framework will be key in transforming India from a servicesdominated economy into a manufacturing-dominant one,

Unlocking the labour market potential will largely depend upon upskilling workers and increasing female participation in the workforce.

"Success in these two areas will enable India to realise its demographic dividend," it said. S&P said a booming domes-

tic digital market could also fuel expansion in India's high-growth startup ecosystem during the next decade, especially in financial and consumer technology.

In the automotive sector, India is poised for growth, building on infrastructure, investment and innovation, it added

#### **Equity market benchmarks hit fresh** peaks; Sensex breaches 69,000 mark



MUMBAI, Dec 5 (Agencies): Equity benchmark indices continued their winning streak for the sixth straight session on Tuesday amid massive buying by foreign institutional investors and easing crude oil prices.

Analysts said robust sentiment built up over favourable macroeconomic data in the previous week got a further boost after the results of assembly polls of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh raised hope of the BJP retaining power at the Centre in 2024.

Also, investors are expecting the RBI to maintain the status quo on the interest rate in its monetary policy decision to be announced later this week, they

The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 169.94 points, or 0.25 per cent, to a new peak of 69,035.06 in early trade. The broader index Nifty also climbed 52.60 points, or 0.25 per cent to hit its all-time high of 20,739.40.

Among the Sensex firms, Adani Enterprises and Adani Ports sustained their gaining momentum and traded higher by 4.4 per cent and 4.37 per cent, respectively. BPCL, Axis Bank, Mahindra & Mahindra and SBI were the other major gainers.

On the other hand, HCL Tech, Infosys and Bajaj Auto traded in the negative zone with a loss of up to 1.54 per cent. As many as 20 stocks of the 30-share benchmark were trading in the positive territory. Among Nifty stocks, 29 shares registered gains.

Foreign institutional investors purchased shares worth Rs 2,073.21 crore on Monday, according to exchange

## **Akums Drugs and Pharma** acquires new facility in Baddi

BADDI, Dec 5 (Agencies): Akums Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited ("Akums"), a contract manufacturing pharmaceutical company in India, on Tuesday announced the acquisition of a new formulation facility in Baddi, Himachal Pradesh. This facility, the 12th under Akums and the second in Baddi, will enhance the company's tablet manufacturing capacity, as per the release.

The newly acquired facility, spread across approximately 6 acres, is currently being upgraded and is likely to be operational in 2024. "Once operational,



the Baddi facility will play a significant role in augmenting our manufacturing capabilities, allowing us to efficiently address the needs of our clients," said Sanjeev Jain, Joint Managing Director, Akums.

Akums has a network

of manufacturing facilities which create pharmaceutical formulations of numerous dosage forms in various therapeutic segments.

The company is also planning to launch its initial public offering (IPO) next year.

## Adani Group shares gain big after US finds Hindenburg allegations irrelevant

NEW DELHI. Dec 5 (Agencies): Adani Group companies witnessed significant gains in the stock market on Tuesday following the US government's declaration that allegations of fraud by short-seller Hindenburg Research were "not relevant". All 10 listed Adani Group firms witnessed substantial gains during the trading session.

Adani Enterprises, the conglomerate's flagship company, gained 17.38 per cent increase and reached Rs 2,971 per share. It emerged as the top gainer position on the Nifty 50. Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone shares



also surged nearly 15 per cent to settle at Rs

Several other Adani Group stocks reached their upper circuits, with Adani Green Energy, Adani Transmission, and Adani Total Gas achieving 20 per cent gains, closing at Rs 1,084.40, Rs 1,348.50, and Rs 878.70, respectively.

The positive momentum extended across the board, with Adani Power rising by 15.33 per cent to settle at Rs 535.95, Adani Wilmar gaining 9.99 per cent to reach Rs 380.85, NDTV shares experiencing an 18.11 per cent increase to Rs 265.80, ACC shares advancing by 8.15 per cent to Rs 2,184, and Ambuja

Rs 507.50. Earlier in the day, the US government said

Cements concluding

6.94 per cent higher at

fraud against Indian billionaire Gautam Adani, as asserted by short-seller Hindenburg

Research, were not relevant.

This decision was reached as the International Development Finance Corp (DFC) allocated roughly \$553 million for a container terminal project in Sri Lanka, following a comprehensive due dili-

allegations of corporate

Hindenburg Research's severe report had previously led to a significant erosion of around \$100 billion from the Adani Group's market value earlier in

gence examination of

the Adani Group.

the year.

A senior US official from the DFC quoted in a Bloomberg News report said the accusations levelled by Hindenburg Research did not apply to Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone Ltd., the subsidiary leading the Sri Lankan initiative.

The official from the DFC, who chose to remain anonymous during the discussion of the negotiations, affirmed that the agency, following its due diligence, was content and found no merit in Hindenburg's allegations regarding Adani's alleged corporate

## Oncologists should tap wisdom of **Ayurveda: Experts**

THIRUVANANTHA-PURAM, Dec 5 (Agencies): Traditional wisdom and modern science can exist together and the benefits of Ayurveda should be utilised to develop an integrated treatment protocol for cancer patients, said Dr Jun Mao of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York at the ongoing Global Ayurveda Festival.

Mao, who is the head of the Integrative Medicine Service at the institution which is considered one of the most prominent oncology research centers globally, said he had the good fortune of undergoing the Ayurveda massage and shirodhara (oil libation) after landing here for the Ayurveda conclave.

"I am impressed by the powerful techniques in the therapies," he said, adding that he was convinced that this could

be beneficial to cancer patients who suffer from side effects of treatments like radiation and chemotherapy.

The American oncologist said alternative medicines like Ayurveda can help in improving the quality of life for cancer patients.

"Both traditional wisdom and modern medicine can coexist. You need both to balance and create harmony for the field to evolve."

Mao said his research centre has already incorporated elements of yoga, Chinese medicine, and acupuncture into the integrated treatment of cancer.

"In India, there is so much wisdom and empirical experience of Ayurveda that the world can learn a lot about what has been practiced for centuries. Moreover, patients desire this kind of approach as they



Dr Santhosshi Narayan, from the MD Anderson Cancer Center and also associate

want a healthier life."

professor at the University of Texas, said research done by her team showed that both patients and oncologists treating them are looking for the same information diet, pain management, and a healthy lifestyle for cancer patients. She said Ayurveda

practitioners and oncologists should commu-

nicate with each other and develop a platform to share their knowledge to complement their respective treatments.

Narayan, who did her medical graduation in India before moving to the US for her post-graduation and research, said she hoped more Western medicine doctors attend conferences like the Global Avurveda Festival.

"There is so much to learn from each other," she added

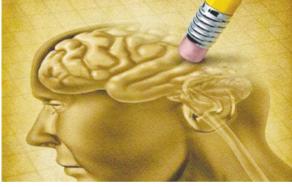
## Plant-based diet may reduce risk of Alzheimer's disease: Study

NEW DELHI, Dec 5 (Agencies): Plant-based and traditional diets found in countries such as China, Japan and India may reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease, especially when compared to the Western diet, according to a study.

Researchers from the Sunlight, Nutrition, and Health Research Center, US, found that Alzheimer's disease rates rise in these countries as they make the nutrition transition to the Western diet.

The study, published in the Journal of Alzheimer's Disease, discusses in detail the role of diet in modifying the risk of Alzheimer's disease.

It identifies dementia risk factors, including higher consumption of saturated fats, meat, especially red meat such as hamburgers and barbeque, as well as processed meats



such as hot dogs, and ultra-processed foods high in sugar and refined grains.

This review also analyses why certain foods increase or reduce the risk of Alzheimer's dis-

For example, meat raises the risk of dementia the most by increasing risk factors such as inflammation, insulin resistance, oxidative stress, saturated fat, advanced glycation end products, and trimethylamine N-oxide.

This study also outlines several foods that

are protective against Alzheimer's disease, such as green leafy vegetables, colourful fruits and vegetables, legumes (like beans), nuts, omega-3 fatty acids, and whole grains.

Ultra-processed foods can increase the risk of obesity and diabetes, themselves risk factors for Alzheimer's disease, the researchers said.

Ultra-processed foods often lack the very ingredients found in whole plant foods that keep dementia away, such as anti-inflammatory components and antithat a diet that empha-

oxidants, they said.

"Evidence from diverse

perspectives support

sises fruits, vegetables, legumes, nuts, whole grains, and de-emphasises meat, especially and ultra-processed foods is associated with lower risk of Alzheimer's disease," said Edward Giovannucci, Professor of Nutrition and Epidemiology, Harvard University.

"Physical inactivity and obesity also contribute to higher risk. In addition, the dietary and lifestyle patterns associated with a higher risk of Alzheimer's disease are known to affect the constellation of mechanisms believed to increase risk, including inflammation, insulin resistance, and oxidative stress, among others," Giovannucci, who was not involved in the study, said.

## Being overweight hampers body's immune response to Covid infection: Study

'It shows that being overweight creates an impaired antibody response to SARS-CoV-2 infection but not to vaccination'

NEW DELHI, Dec 5 (Agencies): Being overweight can impair the body's antibody response to SARS-CoV-2 infection but not to the protection offered by COVID-19 vaccination, according to a

study. The finding, published in the journal Clinical & Translational Immunology, builds on the team's existing research on how COVID-19 affects people who are overweight.

"We have previously shown that being overweight not just being obese increases the severity of SARS-CoV-2," said Marcus Tong, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Queensland in Aus-

"But this work shows that being overweight creates an impaired antibody response to SARS-CoV-2 infection but not to vaccination," Tong said.

The team collected

blood samples from people who had recovered from COVID-19 and not been reinfected during the study period, approximately three months and 13 months post-infection.

"At three months postinfection, an elevated BMI was associated with reduced antibody levels," Tong said.

"And at 13 months post-infection, an elevated BMI was associated with both reduced antibody activity and a



reduced percentage of the relevant B cells, a type of cell that helps build these COVIDfighting antibodies," he added.

The body mass index (BMI) is defined as the body mass divided by the square of the body height.

In contrast, an elevat-

ed BMI had no effect on the antibody response to COVID-19 vaccination at approximately six months after the second vaccine was administered, the researchers

According to Kirsty Short, Associate Professor at the University of Queensland, the results should help shape health policy moving forward.

"If infection is associated with an increased risk of severe disease

and an impaired immune response for the overweight, this group has a potentially increased risk of reinfection," Short said.

"It makes it more important than ever for this group to ensure they're vaccinated," she added.

The researchers noted that from a public health perspective, this data draws into question policies around boosters

and lockdowns. "We'd suggest that more personalised recommendations are needed for overweight people, both for ongoing COVID-19 management and future pandemics," Short said

"Finally, the data provides an added impetus to improve SARS-CoV-2 vaccination in low-income countries, where there's a high percentage of people who are overweight and are dependent on infection-induced immunity," she added.

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In the lower-order,

Axar Patel, who was left

out of the South Africa

tour with Ravindra

Jadeja being made vice-

captain, showed why

he has to be among the

first names on the sheet.

Ravi Bishnoi did well and

so did Arshdeep Singh,

spearheading the pace

attack as the senior fast

bowler. Even when the

likes of Jasprit Bumrah

and Mohammed Shami

come back, he could

well retain his place in

Strategist & recruit-

ment analyst Dan

Weston feels that excit-

ing times ahead for India

in the shortest format.

"I think that they've

got these really good

options and there's this

new breed of T20 batters

coming through, which

perhaps wasn't neces-

sarily the case 3-5 years

ago where I felt that the

Indian batting in general

was a little bit too con-

servative," says Weston

while talking about the

rise of Jitesh and Rinku.

the team.

they can accomplish.

## **Future could be perfect for India**

The Australia series may have been devoid of jeopardy but the next batch of youngsters coming through the system have done well

NEW DELHI, Dec 5 (Agencies): When the Indian team took the field against Australia in a bilateral T20I less than 100 hours after the ODI World Cup final, there were questions over its context. How could a fan be excited for an inconsequential T20I days after such a highstakes match. After all, India had come so close to ending the ICC trophy drought before falling flat in the summit clash.

The sentiment was understandable. And the schedule came under scrutiny. However, ten more days and five T20Is later, there is something to be excited about in Indian cricket. There are questions, for many of which there are no answers at the moment, but the next generation of T20I cricketers have given something to look forward to.

A 4-1 bilateral series win against Australia might not have had any impact in the larger scheme of things, but the players who stole the show had. Take the case of Yashasvi Jaiswal. He has had some 2023. After having a breakthrough IPL season, the youngster broke into the national side. He made his Test debut and replicated his success with the T20I side as well

The left-handed opener has infused a breath of fresh air at the top where no bowler is spared. He has married



Indian cricket's favourite word 'intent' with consistency and the results are there to see. At the other end is Ruturaj Gaikwad, very different from Jaiswal in terms of approach, who took some time to get his eye in but when he cashed in, he did it in a big way. And he is capable of playing the aggressor, too, as one saw with Chennai Super Kings in the 2023 IPL season. Gaikwad — 223 runs at an average of 55.75 at a strike rate of 159.28 and Jaiswal — 138 runs at 27.6 avg and 168.29 SR — have shown what they are capable of.

Then there is Jitesh Sharma and Rinku Singh. The latter's stocks in Indian cricket is rising fast and with a valid reason. The IPL success has boosted his confidence. On multiple occasions, he was there as the last man standing, taking India home. His innate hitting ability apart, what sets Rinku apart is the nerveless method that he applies

and how he backs himself to do the job for the team. Jitesh, at the moment, is still growing as a finisher, but he has shown signs of being the middle-order intent merchant. It does not matter where his entry point is, Jitesh comes out all guns blazing, not letting the bowlers settle one bit. He has less than 100 runs in three innings, but his boundary percentage and immedi-

ate impact makes him

an exciting prospect to

keep an eye on.

Between the openers and the finisher is Suryakumar Yadav, who has a batter is still India's best in the format, and he continued to show why. While Shreyas Iyer was the other batter with SKY, he could just be warming the seat for when Hardik Pandya, who has led India since the last T20 World Cup, comes back from injury. And when he does, the top six — Jaiswal, Gaikwad, SKY, Pandya, Rinku and Jitesh — could be very

It might seem like Indian cricket has drawn a line in the sand, beginning to rebrand themselves in T20Is. However, that is not the case yet. The South Africa tour would be a continuation of what the Australian series was with the same bunch of youngsters, most of whom would be playing in such conditions for the first time.

While it goes without saying that they should be backed irrespective of the outcome, that might not be the reality. Will Pandya take over the team officially as T20I captain when he comes back? Are they going to bring back Rohit Sharma to lead because of the way he captained and batted in the ODI World Cup? Will Virat Kohli be back for the T20 World Cup that is set to happen in the United States of America and West Indies? Will Rishabh Pant make his India comeback after the IPL?

Some of the answers could become clear by the time the home series against Afghanistan comes along in January. And for some more, it might all come down to how these youngsters and the seniors do in the first half of the Indian Premier League. For now, all one can say is that the new generation of T20 cricketers have given something to look forward to in Indian cricket.

## Youngsters show promise to build on in more A-team tours

Captain Minnu used five bowling options in the death overs, and all delivered in the pressure situation.



NEW DELHI, Dec 5 (Agencies): One look at the playing XIs for the three-match T20 series between India A and England A would confirm the contrasting aims of the two sides. While England A had the likes of Charlie Dean and Issy Wong, who have represented England on multiple occasions, including World Cups and Ashes, India A's most experienced player was their captain, Minnu Mani, who made her debut just this year against Bangladesh and has played all of four T20Is

for the senior team. On the one hand, England A wanted most of their players, who have not played in subcontinental conditions before, to get acquainted with the environment. India prefered their young performers gain some muchneeded experience at the level, which different from their domestic challenge and closer to the international cricket. And even though the result didn't go their way, they learned many lessons.

India's defence of 134 runs in the first T20, even after a fine halfcentury from Hollie Armitage, showed a sense of maturity in the young players, especially that by the bowling unit who took five wickets in the last five overs, without conceding a boundary. Captain Minnu used five bowling options in the death overs, and all delivered in the pressure situation.

Special mention has to go to Shreyanka Patil, who not only defended nine runs in the final over after giving away five wides up front in the final over, but also dismissed Grace Scrivens, who was player of the Tournament at the U19 T20 World Cup earlier this year. Patil's rise through domestic system and Women's Premier League is a success story itself. And with the selection in the squad for the T20I series against England starting from December 6, she has been rewarded for her consistent performance.

Another takeaway has been the way some of the young batters batted throughout the tournament especially the wicketkeeper and opener, Uma Chetry. Her risk taking approach did not necessarily resulted in a longer stay at the crease, but it helped give her team a quick start on all three occasions. If India are to compete with the likes of England and Australia, they need more plavers taking the attacking approach, which could put pressure on the opposition throughout the innings.

In the final T20 of the series India's performance with the bat was certainly below par, but their batters stood up at the different levels to take the game deep. Bowling unit, led by Patil and Minnu with their two wickets each, gave a brave fight till the last over.

Which is why, it came as no surprise that Patil got her maiden India call-up for the England T20Is that begin on Wednesday. With the 2024 T20 World Cup in Bangladesh and 2025 ODI World Cup on the home soil, India has the opportunity to build on this base and go for the ultimate glory. They need to take special care of this young generation and give them more A-team and emerging tours to move up to the next level.

#### 'Virat Kohli is stylish': Neeraj Chopra reveals alternative career path he would have chosen

BENGALURU, Dec 5 (Agencies): Indian world champion and Olympics gold medallist javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra answered some interesting questions about his life, from his favourite sports movie to what he would have been if not a sportsperson.

The star javelin thrower was in Bengaluru to speak at Royal Challengers Bangalore Innovation Lab's Leaders Meet India.

He played a rapid-fire question game at the

On the first thing that comes to his mind when he sees Bengaluru, Neeraj said, "I have trained here in 2016-17, I remember it. It was really good." Neeraj said that when it comes to playing cricket, he can both bat and bowl well, though he prefers to do bhatta (throwing) style of bowling.



"I can bat well. I can

also bowl some good bhatta (throw) balls if asked to," said Neeraj. Neeraj said his role model is javelin thrower Jan Zelezny, who has a world record in the discipline. He is a Czech Republic athlete who holds the record of the best throw in men's javelin throw with 98.48 metres. He is also a world and Olympic

champion. Asked about his favourite sports movie, Neeraj replied, 'Bhaag Milkha Bhaag'. The movie is based on the life of legendary Indian athlete

unleashed a scorching

critique of David War-

Milkha Singh and was released in 2013.

On what he would have been if not a sportsperson, Neeraj said, "I like photogra phy a lot. I like to take pictures wherever I go."

On being asked to name the most stylish cricketers, Neeraj said, "Shreyas Iyer, he likes clothes and sneakers a lot. Shubman Gill and Virat Kohli are also stylish."

This year has been a memorable one for Neerai

Neeraj lived up to expectations to win the gold at the Asian Games. His compatriot Kishore Kumar Jena took home a silver medal as Indian athletes put up a powerpacked performance at the Hangzhou Olympic Stadium on October 4. Neeraj defended his title and scripted history at the continental event.

## Pakistan women clinch historic T20I series win in New Zeland after Fatima Sana, Aliya Riaz heroics

Pakistan women's tour of New Zealand: Fatima Sana and Aliya Riaz shone as Pakistan successfully defended 137 in Dunedine to seal an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the 3-match T20I series.

DUNEDIN, Dec 5 (Agencies): Nida Dar-led Pakistan women scripted history on Tuesday in Dunedin as they defeated New Zealand for the first time in a T20I series. Pakistan held their nerve to clinch a 10-run win in the 2nd T20I of the ongoing 3-match series as they successfully defended 137 against a power-packed White Ferns side at their own backyard.

New Zealand had only won their first T20 international match against New Zealand in the series opener on December 3 and they have followed it up with a historic series victory. It was the first time Pakistan women won a T20I series outside Asia and Ireland and it was their first overseas series

victory since October 2018. Asked to bat first, Pakistan posted a competitive total with handy contributions from the entire batting unit. Young opener Muneeba Ali scored a brisk 35 off 28 balls, and Aliya Riaz provided a late surge with



her 32 off 22 deliveries. With 3 boundaries and a six, Aliya made sure Pakistan gave their bowlers something to work with and kept their hopes of sealing the series early.

Molly Penford rocked the Pakistan batting line-up with wickets of Bismah Maroof and captain Nida Dar in a space of three deliveries. Losing their two well-set batters in the 13th over, Pakistan were under pressure at 86 for 4 but Aliya Riaz's late

blitz ensured the visitors did not collapse after losing their star batters.

New Zealand Women fought valiantly but could only muster 127 runs for 7 wickets in their 20 overs. Hannah Rowe's spirited 33 off 24 balls and Georgia Plimmer's steady 28 off 28 were highlights of their chase. However, the Pakistani bowlers held their nerve, with Fatima Sana leading the charge by claiming three crucial wickets for 22 runs.

Sadia Igbal supported her well, taking two wickets for 29 runs, ensuring that the pressure never eased on the home side.

NZ vs PAK, 2nd Women's T20I **Brief Score** 

Pakistan - 137 for 6 in 20 ov (Muneeba 35, Aliva 32; Penford (2/17) beat New Zealand 127 for 7 in 20 ov (Rowe 33; Fatima (3/22), Sadia (2/29)) by 10 runs. Fatima Sana emerged as Pakistan's hero once again as she has now taken 6 wickets in the two T20Is.

Sana got the big wicket of Suzie Bates for the second successive game. It was Sana's opening burst that hurt New Zealand in the first T20I in which they were restricted to 127 in 20 overs. Pakistan chased down the total in just 18.2 overs for the series-opening win.

With Aliya Riaz and Fatima Sana firing on all cylinders, Pakistan will be looking to complete a clean sweep when they face New Zealand in the 3rd T20I in Queenstown on December 9.

## David Warner has been an absolute champion: Glenn Maxwell backs his Test selection after Mitchell Johnson criticism

SYDNEY, Dec 5 (Agencies): Superstar all-rounder Glenn Maxwell refused to get drawn into the heated topic of Mitchell Johnson vs David Warner, but backed his teammate and veteran opener's selection to the Test team for the upcoming series against Pakistan. Warner is all set to retire at the end of the 3-Test series and likely to get a farewell in his home ground - the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Mitchell

Johnson

ner's plans for a 'farewell' Test series against Pakistan. In a column that has sent ripples through the cricketing world, Johnson questioned the propriety of granting Warner a ceremonious exit given his recent form and his central role in one of the most infamous episodes in Australian cricket the 2018 ball-tampering scandal

Maxwell's support for Warner comes

after Usman Khawaja slammed Mitchell Johnson for his comments on the opener. Khawaja had said that he considered his opening partner as one of the heroes of Australian cricket who deserves to be celebrated.

"I am not going to throw my name into some headlines about this," Maxwell told SEN on Tuesday, December

"But Davey's been an absolute champion of Australian cricket for



a long period of time and the selectors were pretty clear on what they thought of it (selecting him). I am looking forward to seeing Davey in that first Test and him making a lot of runs this summer.'

Warner was picked in the 14-man squad for the first Test against Pakistan which will get underway from December 14 in Perth. There were speculation about Warner not finding a place in the squad but chief selector George

Bailey said the selectors and the team management believed that Warner is still the best option available for these conditions against Pakistan.

Warner's performance in the Test arena has been underwhelming, with an average of just 31.79 since January 2020, amassing 1399 runs across 26 matches. This period includes only two centuries, with no three-figure scores in 2021. His Ashes series performance in 2023

was particularly lacklustre, averaging a mere 28.50. Notably, Johnson said

on Tuesday that his decision to criticise Warner in the column was ignited by a "pretty bad" and "quite personal" text message he received from the Australian opener. This exchange, which occurred earlier in the year, marked a turning point for Johnson, who felt compelled to address the matter publicly.

#### NC pays tribute to Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohd Abdullah on 118th birth anniversary

Party committed to safeguard rights & aspirations of people: Sadhotra



#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Dec 5: J&K National Conference on Tuesday paid floral tributes to Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah on his 118th birth anniversary during a function held at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan Jammu.

On the occasion, Ajay Sadhotra, Additional General Secretary of JKNC, Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President, Surinder Chourdhary Central Secretary, Abdul Gani Malik former minister and Zonal President Udhampur Reasi, Bimla Luthra, Sheikh Bashir Ahmed, Satwant Dogra and other party workers paid tributes to the Baba-e-Qoum, Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah. The homage giving function started with Quran Khwani which was organized by G.H

Malik Senior leader. Speaking on the occasion, Ajay Sadhotra said sustaining secular ethos is the best and befitting tribute to Sheikh Sahib, a towering among tallest of leaders of his times in the sub-continent. "We are proud inheritors of this legacy," he said, while recalling the landmark and pioneering Land Reforms Act, which empowered the farmers by making them masters of their own

destiny overnight. In the face of misrule and injustice, the former minister asserted that the National Conference stands as a beacon of hope for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Under the leadership of Dr. Faroog Abdullah and Omar Abdullah, the National Conference has consistently strived to safeguard the rights and aspirations of the people, unwavering in its commitment to restore dignity, integrity, and fundamental rights, he added.

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Rattan Lal Gupta, in his address, discussed various aspects of Sheikh Abdullah's life and highlighted his contribution to improve the conditions for the weak and the downtrodden sections of society. He added that Sheikh Abdullah's secular and progressive outlook will continue to be a source of inspiration for generations.

Throughout his charismatic political career, Sheikh Abdullah symbolised the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir in a manner no other individual could even dream

of, Gupta said.

The best tribute to Sheikh Abdullah will be to strengthen the amity among the Hindus, Muslims and the Sikhs, Gupta said. He also urged the party cadre to take a pledge to uphold and preserve the legacy of brotherhood and communal harmony bequeathed by Sheikh Abdullah.

Surinder Choudhary Central Secretary paid floral tributes to Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah and pledged to work for steering Jammu and Kashmir as peaceful, progressive and a politically stable part of the country by strengthening JKNC and its leadership.

Sheikh Bashir Ahmed

said that National Conference is a secular party and only it will fulfill the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He appealed to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to strengthen the hands of Dr Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah for the equitable development and brighter future of Jammu and Kashmir.

While paying homage to the legendary leader, Abdul Gani Malik Zonal President Udhampur Reasi threw light on various facets of Sher-e-Kashmir life and recalled his sacrifice and contribution to ameliorate the lot of people, especially those belonging to weaker and down-trodden segments

of society. Bimla Luthra, in her address, stated that the Party has always been at the forefront of the struggle for gender equality, and it remains committed to ensuring that women in Jammu and Kashmir are empowered in every way possible. "Women are an integral part of our society, and it is our duty to empower them in every sphere – be it education, politics, or the economy," he said.

She emphasized that women's empowerment is not just a political slogan but a core principle of the NC's ideology. She added that women have a pivotal role to play in democracy as well as in shaping the future of the state.

Others who paid rich tributes to Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah included Qazi Jalal Ud Din, Master Noor Hussain, Bushan Lal Bhat, Deepinder Kour, Pardeep Bali, Ayub Malik, Satwant Dogra, Dr. Shamshad

Shan, Shahmim Begum, Ch. Rehmat Ali, Ghar Singh, Ankush Abrol, Nar Singh, Harshvardhan, Zeeshan Rana, Waris Gill, Chander Mohan Sharma, Raghvir Singh Manhas, Naresh Bittu, Sudagar Chand Gupta, Rashida Begum, Pinky Khalsa, S. Tejinder Singh, S. Sandeep Singh, Rakesh Sharma, Mohinder Singh, Rakesh Singh Raka, Rita Gupta, Faroog Mughal, S. Nirmal Singh, Dr. Vikas Sharma, Sandesh Shan, Som Raj Taroch, Puspa Dogra, S. Gurnam Singh, Ashwani Charak, Dharminder Sharma, Jatinder Kumar, Chander Udhay Singh, Amir -Ud-Din Kasana, Amirsh Sharma, Nitish Gowsami, Zamir Quershi, Sahil Kerni, Rajeshwar Singh, Imtiyaz Ahmed, Ishtiaq Ahmed, Asha Mehra, M. K Rana, Riyaz Hakala, Hassina Begum, Zarina Begum, Kousar Malik, Zahangir Malik, Harminder Singh, S. Prithpal Singh.

Meanwhile, rich tributes were paid to Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah across the Jammu province. Various functions were organized to commemorate his legacy and honor his contributions to the state.

tions to the state. In Kishtwar, a similar program was held under the chairmanship of District President Tanvir Kichloo: in Doda, a similar programme was organized under the chairmanship of Provincial Vice President Khalid Najeeb Suhrawardi; in Banihal / Ramban, a similar programme was organized under the chairmanship of District President Saiiad Saheen: in Udhampur a similar programme was organized under the chairmanship of District President Sunil Verma; in Poonch, a similar programme was organized under the chairmanship of Ajaz Jan Provincial President JKNC Youth; in Rajouri, a similar programme was organized under the chairmanship of District President Shafayat Khan and DDC Chairperson Liaquat Ali; In Kalakote, a similar programme was organized under the chairmanship of District President Ashok Sharma and Yashu Vardhan Singh; similar programmes were also organized by the District Committee members at Reasi, Kathua and Billwar respectively to

pay homage to Sheikh

Mohammad Abdullah.

#### JKBS members congrats Gornoor on obtaining first rank in Punjab State Painting competition

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Dec 5: Members of Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha (JKBS) on Tuesday congratulated Gornoor Motan of Ludhiana for obtaining first rank in the Punjab State Painting Competition and said, we are so proud of him.

They also congratulated his father Pinder Pal Motan and mother Kavita Motan for this and said, his paintings always amazed them. They had never seen such great

paintings like this before. JKBS's General Secretary R.L.Kaith said, Artists like Gornoor Motan are quite hard to find, I feel obliged to witness his work.

The Sabha sent him a 'Certificate of Appreciation' as an encouragement and wished him even more success in the future.

The Sabha also hailed the appointment of Jyoti Mandi of Hoshiarpur as Patwari and congratulated her parents for this.

## BJP denying democratic rights to people of J&K: BSP



#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Dec 5: Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) J&K UT General Secretary Rajesh Gupta has accused BJP of avoiding Assembly elections in J&K and continuing with direct Central rule. Gupta flayed BJP and accused Election Com-

mission of India (ECI) for delaying elections.

"For more than four years, there has been proxy rule by the BJP," he said adding that BJP in collaboration with ECI is denying democratic rights to the people of

The BSP leader said that one more lie of BJP has been exposed as two senior BJP leaders B.L Santosh and Tarun Chug had claimed that Assembly elections will be held in J&K in April-

May 2023

Gupta said "It is irony that the voice of people of Jammu who are known for their secular and nationalist credentials has always been suppressed and discriminated."

Gupta strongly maintained that BJP leaders seem to be unaware about the ground realities. He alleged that BJP has been totally failed to genuine issues of the people from Jammu region while deliberating upon various day to day problems being faced by the public in the absence of any elected Govt. people of UT are deprived of basic amenities like power, water supplies.

"The BJP cannot escape from elections forever. Today or tomorrow, they have to hold elections in J&K," he maintained.

Rajesh Gupta claimed that after revocation of special status and statehood from J&K in August 2019, the Centre has promised elections in the newly-formed Union Territory after delimitation.

## Ruheena grieved over loss of lives on Shimla road accident

**Top News Report** 

SRINAGAR, Dec 5: Social activist and BJP Vice President District Ganderbal Ruheena Shahzad has expressed shock and grief over the loss of lives in Shimla road accident.

In a condolence message, Ruheena Shahzad said: "I send my heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved families and wished those injured a speedy recovery."

Soon after learning about this devastating road accident, Ruheena Shahzad demanded for adequate compensation to the next of kins of those killed and those who got injured in this road accident.

#### Dr. Vikas Sharma gets prestigious NAHEP Fellowship to visit Korea

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 4: Dr. Vikas

Sharma, son of Harbans Lal Sharma and Pushplata Sharma, resident of Channi Himmat, Jammu has been awarded prestigious fellowship under the National Agricultural Higher Education Project-Institutional Development Plan (NAHEP-IDP) for his exposure/short visit to Jeju National University, Republic of Korea.

NAHEP fellowship is an

initiative of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) that aims to promote excellence in higher education and research via international training of Scientists of SKUAST-Jammu in Overseas Institutions.

During his visit to Korea,

Dr. Sharma will participate in an intensive training at Phenomics Laboratory of Jeju National University of is expected to provide him with valuable insights and exposure to the latest developments in identification of anticancer drug targets using phenomics and machine learning.

The prestigious award

Korea and the programme

is conferred to Dr Vikas Sharma on the recommendation of selection committee headed by Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu. Working as Associate

Professor in the Division of Biochemistry, Faculty of Basic Sciences, SKUAST-Jammu, Dr. Sharma has 77 full length publications to his credit and guided 09 Ph.D and 07 MSc. students as a Major Advisor.

He is recipient of many

National and International awards / recognitions from various Govt. Organizations for his contributions in the field of Science.

### Workshop on 'Management of Anxiety and Stress at Work place' organized at PTTI Vijaypur



#### **Top News Report**

VIJAYPUR, Dec 5: Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur, organized one day workshop on Management of Anxiety and Stress at work place in the Institute for staff and trainees. On the occasion Dr. Rajinder Kumar, Psychiatrist delivered an impressive lecture on the topic and explained about different types of anxiety and stress, symptoms, sources and its effects. He also discussed the ways to manage stress to live healthy and stress free life to improve work effi-

While interacting with staff and trainees, Dr. Rajinder Kumar told that stress is the main cause of maximum diseases and in order remain mentally fit and agile one should avoid memorizing past miss-happenings repeatedly as such state of mind may lead to stress and ultimately depression. He advised to keep away from negative thoughts and involve in healthy discussions with family members and friends.

He also thanked Principal Shiv Kumar, for organizing workshop on the subject matter.

Shiv Kumar, Principal PTTI Vijaypur also paid

his sincere gratitude to Dr. Rajinder Kumar for sparing his valuable time to interact with staff and trainees and guiding them about manag-

ing day-to-day stress. Khushwant Singh, Dy. SP Admn., Kuldeep Rai Dy. SP Tech/Indoor, Asif Iqbal, Sr.PO, Dr. Vijay Thapa, Dr. Abdul Qayoom, Insp. Javed Hussain (RI), Insp. Surinder Singh (CDI), Insp. Anil Kumar, Insp. Pawan Kumar, Inspr. Vivek Kalsotra, Inspr. Himanshu Dutta (CTI), Inspr. Ashish Dharmat, Insp. Shehbaj Khan and others were present on the occasion.

#### **KC College of Education observes World Soil Day**



#### Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 5: Environmental Club of K.C. College of Education on Tuesday observed World Soil Day which is held annually on 5th December as a means to focus attention on the importance of nutrient rich soil and to advocate for the management of soil.

In this context, convener of the club Dr.

Puja Sharma organized Slogan Writing Activity for the students of semester 3rd. The theme of the activity was "Soil and Water: A source of Life".

The activity was conducted in the college premises just to make the students aware about the importance of soil in our lives. A good number of students participated in the activity and wrote amazing slo-

gans.

Principal of the college, Dr. Sanjay Tickoo appreciated the efforts of the students and mentioned that such activities should be conducted more often to make the students aware of the important components of our environment. The whole event was planned & executed by the convener and the members of the club.

## Workshop on Aero Modelling conducted at SMVDU



#### KATRA, Dec 5: One Day Workshop on Aero

Modelling conducted by the School of Mechanical Engineering and Automation and Emerging Technology Club at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University. Yadvinder Singh

Kokkhar, CEO, Khokhar Hobby Tech. Bhatinda, Punjab took a theoretical session on the theory of flight and conducted a practical session on flying handmade models of keen interest in learning about making models and flying models. Students of the AET club are getting expo-

sure to the latest technologies in the fields of Automation, robotics, 3D printing, aero-modelling etc under the mentorship of faculty mentors, Dr. Balbir Singh, Assoc. Professor, Dr. Yatheshth Anand, Assistant Professor and Dr. Mir Irfan UI Haq, Assistant Professor from the School of Mechanical

sor Pragati Kumar, Vice

Chancellor, SMVDU advised students to venture into the field of Drone and UAV having vast job potentials in the fields of agricultural, security and defence applications.

Dr. Varun Dutta, Sec-

retary of the Workshop facilitated the smooth conduct of the workshop and expressed a vote of thanks in the concluding session of the workshop.

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