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## BRIEFLY

### E-way bill generation without B2B e-invoice details to be blocked from March 1

NEW DELHI, Jan 6 (Agencies): Businesses with turnover above Rs 5 crore will not be able to generate e-way bill without including e-invoice details for all B2B transaction from March 1. Under the goods and services tax regime, e-way bills are required for inter-state transportation of goods valued over Rs 50,000.

The National Informatics Centre (NIC) said on analysis it was found that some of the taxpayers, who are eligible for e-invoicing, are generating e-way bills without linking with e-invoice for B2B (business to business) and B2E (business to exports) transactions.

### Night temp dips further, Sgr shivers at minus 5-4 degree Celsius

SRINAGAR, Jan 6 (Agencies): Amid persistent dry spell across Kashmir, the minimum temperature has recorded a further dip on Saturday with Srinagar recording a low of minus 5.4 degree Celsius.

The mercury continued to settle below freezing point in the ongoing 40-day harshest winter period, Chillai Kalan.

As per the data, Pahalgam was the coldest at minus 6.3 degree Celsius.

Kupwara in north Kashmir recorded a low of minus 5.4 degree Celsius.

Qazigund, the gateway of Kashmir has recorded a minimum temperature of minus 4.6 degree Celsius while Gulmarg, a famous ski-resort recorded a low of minus 4.5 degree Celsius.

In Kokernag, the mercury settled at minus 2.9 degree Celsius.

Perthentely, the weatherman has predicted dry weather conditions till January 14, saying there is no significant weather activity during the period.

### Man arrested for alleged sexual harassment of minor girl in Bandipora

SRINAGAR, Jan 6 (Agencies): Police on Saturday arrested a fair shop dealer over alleged sexual harassment of a minor girl in north Kashmir's Bandipora. Reports said that Police

## Nadda in J&K on Sunday, Will discuss BJP's LS Poll strategy for J&K with leaders



JAMMU, Jan 6 (Agencies): BJP president J P Nadda is reaching here Sunday on a day-long tour to discuss and finalise the party's Lok

Sabha poll strategy for Jammu and Kashmir, a leader said. Nadda will begin his tour by paying obeisance at the historic

Raghunath temple in the heart of the city before chairing a meeting of senior members led by J-K BJP president Ravinder Raina at the party headquarters here.

National General Secretary, incharge J&K, Tarun Chugh will also attend the meeting along with both Member Parliaments from J&K — Union Minister Jitendra Singh and Jugal Kishore Sharma — who have won Udhampur and Jammu seats twice for

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## Three of a family dead, one injured in Reasi road mishap

JAMMU, Jan 6 (Agencies): A husband-wife duo and their minor child died while one person was injured in a road accident at Chassana in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district.

The accident, officials said, took place on Saturday afternoon when a vehicle with registration number JK01V 8022 on the way from Tulli towards Chassana fell into a deep gorge at near Zero Point Chassana.

In the accident, officials added, three persons died on the spot. They were identified as Zahid Ahmed (27), son of Abdul Kareem resident of Balmatkote Mahore, his wife Sayra Akhter (26) and their three month-old child.

The injured was identified as Irfan Ahmed (22)

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## Fire raging in PoJK forest spreads to Indian territory, troops asked to remain alert

JAMMU, Jan 6 (Agencies): A fire that broke out in a forest area in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir has spread to the Indian side and security forces are on alert to thwart any infiltration bid under the cover of the blaze, officials said on Saturday.

The fire has spread to

the forest area along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district, they said. It broke out in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) late Friday night and spread to the Balakote sector in the Mendhar sub-division, the officials said.

They said an alert has been sounded along the LoC in view of the raging fire to ensure there is no attempt of infiltration by terrorists under the cover of the blaze.

Army troops guarding the LoC are making efforts to put out the fire, the officials said.

## Weapons seizure case | NIA attaches property in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, Jan 6 (Agencies): The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday attached a residential house here in Jammu and Kashmir in connection with a weapons seizure case, officials said. The house is located in Khan Colony in the city's Chanapora area and belongs to Mushtaq Ahmad, they said.

The property has been attached in connection



with "case RC-4/2022/NIA/JMU registered in

connection with recovery of arms and ammu-

## Monitoring power supply in J&K myself: LG Manoj Sinha

SRINAGAR, Jan 6 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Saturday said that he is personally monitoring the electricity supply on the daily basis in the UT while Srinagar has emerged as a role model for the rest of the country.

Addressing a function in Srinagar, LG, said that he personally monitors the electricity supply on a daily basis in the UT every evening. "I monitor and get feedback on area-wise power supply," he said. The LG said that the damaged transformers are being repaired within 24 hours. "There is no dearth of electricity in J&K," he said.

The LG said that under the dynamic leadership of outgoing SMC commissioner Athar Amir, Srinagar has gone through a huge transformation and is now a role model for the rest of the Indian cities.

"Srinagar has witnessed a huge transformation in the past two years. Today, we can say that Srinagar has emerged one of the best cities in the country," the LG said.

He said that the night of December 31 at Lal Chowk signifies that J&K is on the path of reviving its lost glory for which it was known for.

## 774 Fresh Covid cases in India

NEW DELHI, Jan 6 (Agencies): India has recorded a single-day rise of 774 COVID-19 cases while the number of active cases stands at 4,187, the Union health ministry said on Saturday.

Two deaths — one each from Tamil Nadu and Gujarat — were reported in a span of 24 hours, according to the ministry's data updated at 8 am.

The number of daily cases was in double digits till December 5 but it began to rise again amid cold weather conditions and after the emergence of a new COVID-19 variant, JN.1

After December 5, the highest single-day rise of 841 cases was reported on December 31, 2023, which was 0.2 per cent

of the peak cases reported in May 2021, official sources said.

Of the 4,187 active cases, the majority (over 92 per cent) are recovering under home isolation.

An official source said, "The currently available data suggests that the JN.1 variant is neither leading to an exponential rise in the new cases nor a surge in the hospitalisation and mortality."

India has witnessed three waves of COVID-19 in the past with the peak incidence of daily cases and deaths being reported during the Delta wave during April-June 2021. At its peak, 4,14,188 cases and 3,915 deaths were reported on May 7, 2021.

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## Army's Romeo Force, SOG Police conduct search operation in Poonch

POONCH, Jan 6 (Agencies): The Romeo Force of the Indian Army and Special Operations Group (SOG) of Jammu-Kashmir Police conducted search operations in Poonch district on Saturday, police said.

Further details of the search operations are awaited.

As per officials, a huge quantity of arms and ammunition was recovered by the Romeo Force and SOG of Jammu-Kashmir Police on December 30, 2023, from the Kasblari area of

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## CBI faces criticism over incomplete charge sheet in JE Exam paper leak case



SRINAGAR, Jan 6 (Agencies): The Chief Judicial Magistrate in Jammu has criticised the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for presenting an incomplete charge sheet related to the theft and leakage of question papers for the JE (Civil) examination, The Daily Excelsior reported.

After reviewing the challan submitted by the Investigating Officer

(IO), the court returned it, asserting that the piecemeal charge sheet could not be accepted until further investigation was complete.

The CJM said, "Therefore, the charge sheet in hand is returned to the IO with direction to complete further investigation and submit the complete charge sheet before the court of law. The office is directed to hand over the charge

sheet along with documents to IO on proper receipt."

The incomplete charge sheet, filed hastily according to the court, disclosed that the accused individuals had committed offences punishable under various sections of the IPC.

The investigation revealed a criminal conspiracy among the accused, involving the theft of JE (Civil) examination question papers, which were then dishonestly sold to candidates in an attempt to deceive JKSSB. Additionally, the accused were found to have leaked question papers from other exams.

The court stated that the prosecution should be allowed to submit an

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## JKMEGA acknowledges reforms under Shalindera Kumar's tenure, welcomes new secretary

SRINAGAR, Jan 6 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir Mechanical Engineering Graduates Association (JKMEGA) convened an executive council meeting on Friday at the MED Complex, Shalteng Srinagar, expressing gratitude for the reforms implemented during the tenure of Shalindera Kumar (IAS) as the Principal Secretary in PWD (R&B) & Mechanical Engineer-

ing. The association also extended a warm welcome to the newly appointed secretary, Bhupinder Kumar (IAS).

Reflecting on the decisions made under the leadership of Shalindera Kumar, the JKMEGA members acknowledged the elimination of adhocism and in-charge promotions within the Engineering cadre, particularly in the Mechani-

cal wing. One member stated, "The decisions taken during Shalindera Kumar's tenure are worth praising and will be memorable for generations to come."

The association lauded the administration for the introduction of online services, encompassing HRM, finance, and billing, which revolutionized the department, ensuring the highest level of transparency

in the system. Another member remarked, "The availability of online services has brought a revolutionary change and transparency to the department."

In light of the recent reshuffle and Shalindera Kumar's transition to a new assignment, the members expressed gratitude for the remarkable steps taken for the welfare of the public and

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## EDITORIAL

## EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP

Leadership is a unique skill among all the qualities of personality development. Through leadership, you can easily reach the heights of success in your workplace. There are many definitions of leadership. The word leadership has a broad meaning in itself. Leadership is the art of motivating a group of people or an organization to achieve a common goal.

A good leader instills positive emotions among the people. Leadership is an important skill for both personal and professional development. Leadership is the unique identity of any human being, which makes him different from others. Due to which they get name and respect in the society.

Any organization or group is non-existent without leadership. Leadership provides future direction and vision to any organization and group. Leadership plays a vital role in maintaining a lively atmosphere in the group. A good leader provides guidance, support and confidence to the people through right leadership. Leadership plays the role of a promoter in achieving goals and increasing efficiency.

Many leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Abraham Lincoln, Sir Winston Churchill and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel are living examples of good leadership.

Although any human being has leadership qualities by birth, some people acquire this quality through hard work and dedication in life. The main qualities in leadership are confidence and discipline. For leadership, a person must be aware of every aspect of life.

People like leaders because of their qualities like honesty, patience and transparency. The leader should be full of creativity and positive attitude. The ability to delegate responsibility effectively strengthens leadership. Along with being empathetic, a leader must also be strong, courageous and have the ability to take necessary decisions. A leader can inspire anyone with his speeches, ideologies, background or just his personality. In good leadership, the leader has a long-term vision and good intentions.

There are many types of leadership. But it is divided into three main departments. When a person guides people on the basis of having specific knowledge in any field, it is called competency-based leadership. When a person is active in achieving objectives on the basis of his personality and actions, it is called leadership based on personality.

When a person motivates group members to work, it is called position based leadership.

Actually, there are many tasks under leadership. They have to carry an entire group or organization with them. Taking decisions according to circumstances is the first duty of leadership. Along with taking decisions, directing the work is also very important.

Commanding your group is also a technique. It is the job of a leader to give proper direction to the work and maintain control over the organization. It is also the responsibility of the leader to maintain unity in the group or organization and to instill confidence among the people.

With effective leadership we can achieve high morale. The true test of leadership ability comes in difficult times. The leader must have the spirit to dedicate himself to the growth and progress of humanity. The love of excellence is found in a great leader.

A true leadership will take you to the best heights and a wrong leadership will take you to the path of destruction. To make leadership a part of one's life, one should move forward with hope and confidence since childhood.

## Will Ulfa accord really bring peace to Assam?

By: Wasbir Hussain

On December 29, 2003, just around a week ago, yet another rebellion ended in Assam. This time it was the tripartite accord that the Government of India and the Assam state government signed with the United Liberation Front of Asom (Ulfa) in New Delhi in presence of Union home minister Amit Shah and Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.

Has this peace accord with the Ulfa, formed on April 7, 1979, brought the curtain down finally to insurgency in Assam? The answer is no, because the breakaway faction under the leadership of the elusive Paresh Baruah, which had named itself Ulfa (Independent), is still active and has not given up the practice of hurling grenades or launching the odd attack on the security forces, although in an irregular fashion.

What then has the Ulfa accord achieved? Unlike the peace accord with the Bodo rebels that had initially led to the creation of the Bodoland Autonomous Council, which later got elevated to the Bodoland Territorial Council, the Memorandum of Settlement with the Ulfa does not provide any new autonomous politico-administrative structure. This means that the leadership of the Ulfa who have put their signatures on the agreement, including chairman Arabinda Rajkhowa (who signed under his real name Rajib Rajkonwar) and general secretary Anup Chetia (who signed as Golap Baruah, his actual name), would not come to head any administrative structure, unlike Hagrama Mahilary, for instance, who became the chief executive member of the BTC once the Bodo Accord was signed in 2003 and his rebel group, the Bodo Liberation Tigers (BLT), was dis-

banded.

Many are already arguing that the Ulfa accord has achieved nothing because one need not carry out an armed insurrection for four-and-a-half-decades leading to the death of around 10,000 people to secure from the government an assurance to resolve inter-state boundary disputes or prevent the enrolment of illegal migrants in Assam's voters' list (these are assurances the government has provided in the MoU). But, the Ulfa accord has certainly achieved something which other peace agreements with other organisations in Assam have not.

The Ulfa accord is seen by its leaders as well as Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma as a document that will go a long way to preserve and protect the identity of Assam's indigenous population, and that way, Assam's very own identity. What the accord has managed to get from the Government of India is a promise to continue the "guidelines and methodology" adopted for the delimitation exercise conducted in 2023 in future delimitation processes. Now, the 2023 delimitation exercise saw a rejig of populations that is expected to ensure maximum representation for indigenous communities in the 126-member Assam Assembly by keeping non-original inhabitants, mainly migrant settlers from present-day Bangladesh, out. In his New Year interaction with the media, Dr Sarma said the 2023 delimitation has made it impossible for non-indigenous communities to contest and win in 106 of the 126 Assembly constituencies in Assam. This is the safeguard that Assam has always wanted and various organisations have been fighting for it.

Another significant provision in the Ulfa accord is that a citizen of the country who is ordinarily resident in an Assembly constituency

shall only be entitled to be registered in the voters list of that constituency. No person shall be registered in the voters list of more than one constituency.

This aims at preventing, say, migrant settlers from relocating to other places, vote in another constituency and thereby alter the demographic profile of that area.

Talking to this columnist after the accord was signed, Ulfa general secretary Anup Chetia said: "We never fought for power or position, we battled to safeguard Assam's and the Assamese identity. If we have been able to secure 106 of the 126 Assembly constituencies in Assam for the indigenous people, I think we have achieved a lot." The government of Assam will now set up a committee to examine and recommend measures for implementation of political reservations for Other Backward Classes (OBC) and More Other Backward Classes (MOBC) in the urban local bodies and panchayats in the state. This means that there will be reservation of seats for OBCs/MOBCs at the grassroots level elective bodies that will give several communities the rights to decide their development strategy.

Will the recalcitrant Ulfa (Independent) chieftain Paresh Baruah be now under some pressure to rethink on his decision to stay away from possible peace negotiations with New Delhi following the Ulfa accord? The fact remains that the government has succeeded in clinching peace deals with all insurgent groups in Assam who were active in the Bodo heartland, the Dimasa and Karbi inhabited districts, the tea garden belts and now with the Ulfa itself. The only rebel group left to be tackled is Ulfa (Independent). Will the government adopt a strategy to totally sideline the Ulfa (Independent) or will it adopt a strategy to bring this group

too to the negotiating table? That's the big question.

Well, Ulfa (Independent) chief Paresh Baruah has almost welcomed the accord, saying he is happy that the fighters have now managed to be free of the grip of the outfit. Paresh Baruah would not comment on what has been achieved or not by the accord. But the Ulfa (Independent) leader has made a path-breaking statement in an interview after the December 29 Ulfa accord. Paresh Baruah said in a televised interview on News-Live, Assam's largest satellite news channel, that if the Government of India agrees to discuss the "historical and political rights of Assam" and the "political issues concerning all communities in the state", which he calls "United Assam", the Ulfa (Independent) might consider sitting for peace talks. Of course, Paresh Baruah described this as his personal opinion and said that if New Delhi comes up with such an offer, he would discuss with his colleagues in the outfit. This statement is path-breaking because the Ulfa (Independent) and Paresh Baruah himself has always maintained that there can be no talks with the Government of India unless it agrees to discuss their "core issue" of "sovereignty" for Assam.

The Ulfa accord may have ended the insurgency for its 700-odd cadres who have been living in designated camps, and may even trigger efforts to now bring the Ulfa (Independent) to the negotiating table, but there is no guarantee that no new militant group would emerge in the days ahead if only to avail the government's rehabilitation packages. This remains a challenge before the government, apart from an effective implementation of the 21-page MoU that has just been signed.

## Benefits of The JEE Main Computer - Based Mock Tests at Home

By: Vijay GarG

Mock tests are very important as it will provide the actual performance of the IIT JEE candidate. It is more important for those students who are facing computer based exams for the very first time. Here below are some listed benefits of JEE Main Computer-Based Mock Tests:

In Knowing your Knowledge Depth

Mock tests help you to know which areas you are weak in and what all things you don't know. It will clear the basic concepts of students quickly and make them able to prepare for the exam more efficiently. By attempting, students will understand the actual pattern of the examination and the process and pre-exam preparation.

Time management

Time management is very important as it's a regular kind of thing which generally we hear like one has left the questions despite knowing the answer to the questions. Mock tests will help to know the time management like which question needs to be attempted first, what should be in order to attempt the question or what will be a suitable speed to solve the question so that all the questions could be covered within the provided time limit.

Tracks topic wise concept

Mock tests will help in tracing topic wise concepts and let you know about your weak areas and help to select the specific topic / topics which need to be revised more frequently. It will also track your time to time progress of the preparation for the examination.

Actual test environment

Mock tests help you in getting accustomed to the actual test environment to overcome your examination anxiety, improvement in your physical ability during exam period like sitting power, concentration power, recall power, increase speed and accuracy etc.

Habit for Computer - based examination

Mock test gives you the idea about the computer-based test. Some of the things during the examination like 'Screen change with every question' etc. could create some disturbance in the concentration of the candidate.

Analysis After Mock Test

The most important part of attempting mock tests is analysis after the test. Without analysis attempting a mock test is purely a wastage of time. Here below is a sample through which you could analyze your performance in a mock test.

Answered correctly and confidently : The topics from which the questions have been answered with perfect concepts.

Answered correctly but not confidently: The topics from which the questions have been answered, but not sure about the concepts.

Wrongly answered : You have wrongly answered the question and the reason behind that may be

Doesn't have the concept to solve the question.

Lack of concentration while answering, which may be due to examination fear, noises inside examination hall etc.

In a hurry to solve the question you have not read carefully or have read partially and answered.

Not attempted : there may be some questions about which you may not have the idea or may not have the time to look into that.

Summarize the analysis to correct the concept

After such analysis you got some conclusions about the subject or topics like:

You have answered exactly with the required concept and need not to revise the topic frequently.

There may be some topics which require more concepts and need to be revised frequently.

Now you should have to list down each topic and revise as per need. It is necessary to revise all the topics weekly or at least in 15 days. This will help to minimize the mistakes and increase the accuracy.

Summarize the analysis to correct the behavioral mistake

This includes the kind of mistakes you have done due to lack of concentration or hurry to solve, like you have partially read the question and answered or you have used the concept of upper or lower question while answering or you have marked in the wrong column or sometimes it may be due to overconfidence.

You may attempt more mock tests and make a three hour study slot to overcome this kind of mistake.

Analyze your Strategy

A candidate must have a certain strategy to solve the paper, like generating a strategy of solving the easy and solvable question first. This will increase the speed, accuracy and time management of candidate. A smart and efficient candidate would always analyze his strategy.

Conclusion

As per the conclusion, a candidate must attempt a computer based mock test at home. There are several online platforms like 'Physics Wallah' etc who are providing the accurate and appropriate questions with the latest syllabus, where students need to register and attempt for the mock test.

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## Need more Gurukuls in India to protect cultural heritage while providing modern education: Rajnath

### Top News Report

JAMMU / NEW Delhi, Jan 6: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has called for setting up more Gurukuls in the country to not only provide modern education, but also protect India's moral and cultural heritage.

After laying the foundation stone of 'Gurukulam Evam Acharyakulam' at Swami Darshanand Gurukul Mahavidyalay in Haridwar, Uttarakhand on Saturday, Rajnath Singh stated that at a time when moral values are deteriorating due to imitation of foreign culture, Gurukuls must come forward to provide modern education while incorporating moral values among the youth. "About 1,000-1,500 years ago, there were many big universities in this country, wherein the Gurukul tradition was prevalent. After that, the country saw foreign invaders nearly destroying that system. They, in turn, developed a system which provided education to our youth, not in accordance with the country's cultural spirit. Indian culture was portrayed as inferior. This feeling not only affected us politically but also mentally. During



that time, Swami Darshanand ji established this Gurukul which has been illuminating our young generations since then," he said.

Referring to the National Education Policy 2020, Rajnath Singh voiced the Government's resolve to inculcate moral values in the young ignited minds right from primary education.

"The new education policy is being implemented in many educational institutions across the country. The process is long as no change in the educational system takes place suddenly. Gurukuls can play a very

important role in this long process," he said.

The Defence Minister pointed out that Gurukuls give an impression that they only follow ancient methods of education, but in today's times they have progressed and become modern.

He exhorted the Gurukuls to advance in the areas of emerging and cutting edge technology, such as Artificial Intelligence and quantum technology, along with traditional education, in sync with today's constantly-evolving times.

"Develop such technologies that will make the nation a leader in this

field. Gurukuls should act as a guide for other educational institutions. In the times to come, they should once again represent the country and its culture, and become the new identity of India," he said.

Rajnath Singh underscored the role Gurukuls can play in the cultural development in the country. He highlighted the efforts being made by the Government, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, towards cultural upliftment.

"Infrastructural development from Kashi Vishwanath corridor & Mahakaleshwar Dham to Ram Mandir shows

that the Government is working towards the preservation of our cultural heritage and its upliftment. The idea goes beyond cultural preservation, so that our future generations can be proud of the culture of this great country. Gurukuls can play a major role in this direction," he said.

The Defence Minister made special mention about Yoga and how the ancient Indian practice has been followed by the entire world due to its benefits. "India follows the concept of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (The world is one family). Our vast store of knowledge is dedicated to the entire world. Today, 21st June is celebrated by the United Nations as International Day of Yoga Day across the world. The practice, which was once considered limited only to India, has not only been accepted by the people globally, but is now an important part of their daily life," he said.

Highlighting the important place of Sanskrit in Indian literature, Rajnath Singh stressed on the need to promote the ancient Indian language in the same way Yoga was made accessible to the people.

## Shiv Sena warns fanatics, attacks on Hindu temples hurt religious sentiments

### Conspiracy to break Hindu-Sikh brotherhood: Sahni



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 6: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit expressed strong reaction on the continuous targeting of religious places of Hindus on foreign soil, warned the fundamentalist forces to desist from their cowardly actions and appealed to the Modi government to strengthen the security of Hindu temples on foreign soil.

Shiv Sainiks gathered at the party state office under the leadership of chief Manish Sahni, holding placards with the words "Cowardly

attacks on Hindu temples will not be tolerated", warned the radicals to desist from their cowardly actions.

Sahni said that religious places of Hindus are being continuously targeted on foreign soil.

Some fundamentalist forces active in foreign countries are conspiring to break the brotherhood of Hindus and Sikhs through their cowardly actions, which cannot be tolerated at all.

Sahni said that this is the second incident of attacks on Hindu temples in America in the last 15 days.

Earlier, Hindu temples were also targeted in Pakistan, Australia and Canada.

Sahni has demanded Prime Minister Narendra Modi to put a complete stop to the increasing incidents of targeting Hindu religious places by using their growing influence in foreign countries, as per the claims of BJP leaders.

General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Chairman Rakesh Gupta, President Kamgar Wing Raj Singh, Sarista Devi, Ghulshan Ara, Jagbir Singh, Mangu Ram, Rahul Kumar and many others were present.

## Director Health Services Kashmir visits Kulgam, participates in Bharat Sankalp Yatra



### Top News Report

KULGAM, Jan 6: Director Health Services Kashmir Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed Rather visited Qaimo, Kulgam on Saturday where he participated in "Vakshat Bharat Sankalp Yatra" at PHC Qaimo.

Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Kulgam Muhammad Imran Khan, CMO Kulgam, Anantnag and other officers and line department officers also

participated in the programme. The program was well attended by people.

The Director interacted with the local people besides taking feedback from the beneficiaries regarding the implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) in the area.

A pledge was taken by the participants and Prime Minister's video messages and other promotional videos were also shown on the IEC

van in the presence of Director Health.

Speaking to Voice of India correspondent Ghulam Nabi Khanday on the occasion, Director Health said that the focus of the Yatra is to reach people, create awareness and benefit welfare schemes. He further said that Vakshat Bharat Sankalp Yatra is proving to be a one-stop solution for people to register themselves and avail benefits for various welfare schemes.

## Only NC can give tough fight to BJP in ensuing polls in J&K: Bhagat

### Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Jan 6: Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) senior leader Ajeet Bhagat emphasized that only the National Conference has the mettle to give a formidable challenge to the Bharatiya Janata Party in the upcoming polls in Jammu and Kashmir.

He asserted that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have now understood well that BJP lead-

ership has expertise in befooling public and telling lies, therefore it is the time for one and all in the UT to extend wholehearted support to NC leadership in the upcoming polls to bail out people from the morass created by BJP Government at the Centre.

He also stressed the people of the Jammu and Kashmir to strengthen hands of Dr Ferozq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah to once again.

## Medical camp organised by Panzgam Army Camp

### Top News Report

KUPWARA, Jan 6: Lunahare COB under Panzgam Battalion organized a medical camp in Govt Middle School, Central Moh, Rathanpura A.

Doctors from Panzgam Army Camp gave consultation and treated patients of the area. The patients came from all age groups including 30 children, 48 females and 70 males.

Everyone was given a medical checkup along with specific medical advice. Post completion of checkup medicines were distributed as endorsed in the medical slips.

The medical camp was organized in a way to function smoothly. The locals thanked the Army for the treatment given and appreciated the efforts done by the medical team.

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 6: Continuing its efforts to take theatre to peoples' doorsteps, Vomedh Rangmanch, the prominent theatre group of J&K today began 2nd season of Terrace Theatre by staging the 1st episode of its much talked about Terrace Theatre Series at House No 8, Lane No 7, Surya Vihar, Bohri where its short play "Nanhi Kali" written by Rajni Bhatti and directed by Rohit Bhat was performed.

Senior Journalist, Social Activist and Theatre Artist King C Bharati was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Today's episode was hosted by Anita Sharma on the terrace of her house at Surya Vihar, Bohri.

The neighbours and theatre lovers assembled on the terrace and watched the engrossing short play enacted beautifully by artists of Vomedh.

The theatre series is yet another step in promoting

regular theatre activities by Vomedh group which has carved a niche in theatre circles of Jammu and Kashmir and presented various theatrical presentations in J&K and outside getting huge appreciation from one and all which include Ek Aur Birbal, Ateeth Ke Sakshi, Khoya Bachpan, Gadeh Bateh, Rovmut Bhatta, Mujrim Mein Nahi Par Mein Hi Hoon etc.

This is a path breaking concept to revive the old cultural neighbourhood bonding on the terrace and at the same time promoting art and culture, says Rohit Bhat, director Vomedh.

He added that Vomedh will go to other places and the Terrace of other people to perform such short plays to involve the community at large in theatre and social upliftment.

Rakesh Roshan Bhat, playwright feels that this concept would go a long way in promoting theatre in Jammu and also appreciated the artists of Vomedh who make all efforts to take

the terrace series to different areas with dedication.

Speaking on the occasion King C Bharati said that "Terrace Theatre" will involve youngsters and new entrants in theatre to give them as well as the theatre lovers an opportunity to watch performances on a regular basis.

He appreciated the fact that Vomedh was also initiating a regular workshop series for the fresh aspirants and theatre lovers which will be conducted by Vomedh groups senior artists to keep the flame of meaningful and quality theatre alive.

It is worth mentioning here that this theatre series helps people to watch live theatre in their vicinity and bond with each other like the good old days to free themselves from the whirlpool of social media.

The artists who performed in the play include Bharati Kaul, Himagini Moza, Ishu Bharati Pandit, Suman Bhat, Priya Khar and Aarohi Moza Bhalotra.

Vomedh has received a lot of offers from different areas by theatre lovers to perform on their terrace where neighbours can join to watch the plays.

Vomedh can be contacted for any such performances to promote theatre and cultural activities on 9796899219.

## DC Anantnag conducts comprehensive inspection of Child Care Institutions



### Top News Report

ANANTNAG, Jan 6: Deputy Commissioner Syed Fakhruddin Hamid conducted a thorough inspection of Child Care Institutions (CCIs) in Anantnag district. The primary goal of the visit was to assess operations, infrastructure, and address concerns regarding the well-being of children in these institutions.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner actively engaged with both the staff and inmates of the CCIs. Inmates shared valuable suggestions on

infrastructure and operations, prompting the DC to promptly instruct relevant departments to incorporate these suggestions into the institutions' operational plans within a specified timeframe.

Emphasizing the district administration's commitment, SF Hamid highlighted the crucial necessity for the proper physical, mental, and educational development of CCI inmates, recognizing them as the future of society. He further directed the CCI staff to provide diligent care to the chil-

dren, acknowledging their significant role as builders of the nation.

In an immediate response to identified needs during the visit, the Deputy Commissioner sanctioned a TV for Palaash and warm clothing for the inmates of Pareesha and Palaash. Additionally, he directed concerned authorities to maintain adequate heating arrangements, considering the chilly weather conditions, to ensure the comfort and well-being of the children.

It is pertinent to mention that approximately 100 children currently reside across the four CCIs in the Anantnag district.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by District Social Welfare Officer Muzaffar Ahmad Malik, members of the Child Welfare Committee Anantnag, and officers from the Social Welfare Department.

## Ram Temple consecration ceremony of joy for everybody: Purnima

### Urges market associations to decorate markets, organize Bhandaras on Jan 22

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 6: The consecration ceremony of January 22 at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya will be a "great moment of joy for everybody" and the people of Jammu and Kashmir should celebrate the day as a "festival".

This was stated by Adv Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson BJP J&K and former deputy Mayor Jammu, while interacting with the members of various market associations of Jammu East constituency.

Purnima Sharma has appealed to various Bazaar Associations of Jammu East constitu-



ency to enthusiastically celebrate the consecration ceremony of Shri Ram at Ayodhya in Jammu with great enthusiasm.

The senior BJP leader approached the office bearers of different traders and bazaar associations and held elaborate discussions on celebrating the above said

event in order to make it a memorable one. Asserting that 22nd Jan 2024 is a historic day not only for the Hindus but for the people of other communities too as Ram belongs to one and all not only in India but across the globe, she urged the office bearers of the associations to ensure the best decora-

tion of the markets with multicolour buntings and illuminations. She said that the markets and houses must present the look of Deep Mala on the auspicious day. She also urged the business community to organize Bhandaras by every market association across the East constituency for which well

decorated stalls should be established for the people especially for the needy ones.

It is pertinent to mention here that the main associations with which the celebration programmes for 22nd Jan were discussed included Kanak Mandi Bazaar Association, Raghunath Bazaar Association, Lakhdatta Bazaar Association, Rajinder Bazaar Association, Residency Road Association, Veer Marg Association, Link Road Association, Gali Darugiran Association, Ranbir Market Association, Purani Mandi Bazaar Association, Super Bazaar Association and Shalimar Road Association.

## Get ready for fireworks...

Deepika Padukone pairing with Hrithik Roshan in *Fighter* is a match made in cinematic heaven! Wait, here's more of such fresh dynamic jodis who promise to keep us delighted throughout the year

In the cinematic landscape of 2024, Bollywood enthusiasts are in for a treat as an eclectic mix of both anticipated and unconventional pairings are set to ignite the silver screen with their sizzling chemistry and charisma spanning various genres. So, whether you are craving for high-octane action or heart-warming romances, this year's lineup of some fresh jodis and exciting tales holds a promise to delight everyone.

**Action in Tehran**  
Manushi Chhillar and John Abraham  
John Abraham and former Miss World Manushi Chhillar are set to share the screen in the action-thriller *Tehran*, inspired by true events. Produced by Maddock Films and directed by Arun Gopalan, the film is slated for a theatrical release on April 26. In the announcement stills, Manushi and John look action-ready holding guns in their hands. While John has a broody appearance in the picture, Manushi sports a tomboyish look

with curly, short hair. Interesting blend  
Janhvi Kapoor and Jr NTR  
Janhvi Kapoor is set to make her debut in the South Indian film industry alongside Jr NTR in *Devara Part 1*. The new on-screen pair is expected to bring an interesting blend of their respective styles and acting skills. Janhvi, at an event, said that she prayed everyday to work with 'her favourite' Jr NTR. Directed by Koratala Siva, the movie is scheduled for release on April 5.

**Fighting spirit**  
Raashii Khanna and Siddharth Malhotra  
Raashii Khanna and Siddharth Malhotra unite for the action-packed film *Yodha*. Backed by Karan Johar's production house, this fresh collaboration has sparked excitement among fans. As the film also stars Disha Patani in the lead role, it is also being touted as a love triangle. The anticipation is high for the intensity and vigor these actors will bring to the upcoming thriller scheduled to



be released on March 15.

Prepare for an on-screen spectacle in 2024 as these dynamic couples set the stage ablaze.

Aiming for the sky  
Deepika Padukone and Hrithik Roshan  
The much-anticipated film *Fighter* is set to feature the dynamic pairing of Deepika Padukone and Hrithik Roshan. Directed by Siddharth Anand, the action-packed movie, scheduled for release on

January 25, promises to showcase the electrifying chemistry between the two actors. Playing Indian Air Force pilots, the film is hailed as India's first aerial action franchise, with teasers and songs already offering glimpses of their sizzling on-screen connection. The duo's collaboration has stirred excitement.

Quite a twist  
Radhika Madan and Akshay Kumar  
In the official Hindi remake of the Tamil hit

*Soorarai Pottru*, with working title *Production No.27*, there's an unconventional pairing of Radhika Madan and Akshay Kumar. This duo is set to bring a fresh perspective to the narrative, injecting innovation and excitement into the Hindi version of the Tamil blockbuster.

Youthful energy: Ibrahim Ali Khan and Khushi Kapoor

Khushi Kapoor and Ibrahim Ali Khan are set to make their on-screen debut in a

romantic comedy produced by Karan Johar. This fresh pairing of the youngsters is generating excitement, as they are expected to bring a contemporary vibe and youthful energy to the yet-to-be-titled film. The collaboration of Khushi and Ibrahim also marks the coming together of two influential Bollywood families.

North meets South: Vijay Sethupathi and Katrina Kaif  
This year's film calendar will begin with the film

*Merry Christmas*, directed by Sriram Raghavan, and it is set to feature the unexpected yet intriguing pairing of Katrina Kaif and Vijay Sethupathi. The film is scheduled to premiere on January 12. This mystery thriller, shot simultaneously in Hindi and Tamil, promises to be a tale of strangers' encounters. Merry Christmas marks Katrina Kaif's Tamil debut.

Contemporary couple: Sara Ali Khan & Aditya Roy Kapur

Prepare for a captivating on-screen duo as Sara Ali Khan and Aditya Roy Kapur come together for Anurag Basu's *Metro...In Dino*, set to release on March 29. Billed as an anthology of 'heartwarming stories of contemporary couples', Sara and Aditya's camaraderie is expected to be a visual treat.

Back in time: Rashmika Mandanna and Vicky Kaushal

Laxman Utekar directs the highly anticipated film *Chaava*, featuring the dynamic pairing of Vicky Kaushal and

Rashmika Mandanna. Scheduled for release on December 6, this fresh collaboration is said to be one of the highlights of the film. Vicky Kaushal, reprising the role of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, reunites with director Laxman Utekar after their previous success with *Zara Hatke Zara Bachke*. Fans eagerly anticipate the magic the duo.

Gripping tale: Shahid Kapoor and Pooja Hegde

Shahid Kapoor and Pooja Hegde are set to create fireworks this Dusshera with their collaboration in the riveting thriller *Deva*. The gripping action-thriller will release on October 11. Directed by Rosshan Andrews, known for Malayalam blockbusters such as *Salute* and *Kayamkulam Kochunni*, the film follows an intense tale of a rebellious police officer (Shahid) investigating a high-profile case, who is entangled in a web of deceit and lies.

## Michelle Yeoh breaks down her fight scenes in *The Brothers Sun*

The Oscar-winning actress Michelle Yeoh cracked history open when she won the Academy Award for Best Actress in *Everything Everywhere All at Once* last year, but she's not sitting back to bask in the glow. The actress described her process for a harrowing fight scene in her new series *The Brothers Sun*, which dropped on January 4 on Netflix.

She said, "I exercise every day. I do my whole routine of being in shape and knowing my moves. When you are in shape and ready to strike, it's not difficult." As a martial arts icon who has made her mark on some of the most influential action movies of all time like *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, *Supercop* and

Yes, Madam, it's no surprise she's prepared for all comers.

*The Brothers Sun*, ruthless Taipei gangster Charles Sun (Justin Chien) travels to Los Angeles to protect his mother, Eileen (Yeoh), who fled the triad with her younger son, Bruce (Sam Song Li), an average 20-something clueless to the family business.

Eileen is a caring mother who also harbours ambitions of once again ruling the underworld. Yeoh says she created the multidimensional matriarch by making an in-character diary and collaborating closely with the show's creators, Brad Falchuk and Byron Wu. "They're always an e-mail away," Yeoh said "And I'm like, 'Sit down with me,



please. Let's go through this because once we do, it will be so easy on the day. You will get the emotions that you need from me."

Another upside of working with super-producer Falchuk is that he's a powerful ally in pushing for equality in the entertainment industry, a cause Yeoh has battled for throughout her career. "For the last few years, I have been fighting for different roles and hoping to find the entry point into where we all deserve to have a seat at the table," she said.

"It's only in the last couple of years that you see more and more of the Asian stories being told. And also, Brad Falchuk is not Asian, but he championed our story," she added.

## Megan outshines all in *Expendables*



She's here to serve looks and bullets! Megan Fox aka Gina is the newest member of the *Expendables* gang and she's giving the boys a run for their money. She's smart, resourceful, brave, fierce and especially 'foxy'.

Megan Fox says, "They end their relationship because they're just too competitive with one another. I feel at home in these action movies. She's clever. That's probably her strong suit. She's clever and also reckless. I think they're probably all reckless. That's why they are *The Expendables*. Even after their wild break-up, there's still something there, Christmas wants to connect with her, but he doesn't have the capacity for that. They have this cat-and-mouse relationship."

## Billie Eilish dedicates her award to people struggling emotionally at Palm Springs gala



Singer-songwriter Billie Eilish and her brother Finneas won Chairman's Award for

their chart-topper *What Was I Made For?* from *Barbie* at the Palm Springs International

Film Festival's annual gala hosted by Mary Hart.

Billie Eilish paid a tribute to her parents and recalling their journey as aspiring actors, Eilish got candid about the emotional song's personal meaning. She dedicated her award to "Anyone who experiences hopelessness and the feeling of existential dread, and feeling like 'what's the point'."

It was an emotional night for many of the honorees. 'The Holdovers' star Paul Giamatti, who received the Icon Award from his *Sideways* co-star Sandra Oh, paid tribute to his late mother, who passed away prior to the 2004 comedy, and older sister, who died before the opening of Alexander Payne's latest critically acclaimed film. Meanwhile, Cilian Murphy bagged the Desert Palm Achievement Award, Actor for *Oppenheimer*.

## Soulful song *Ram Dhun* from Pankaj Tripathi-starrer *Main Atal Hoon* released



After evoking a sense of patriotism among the audience with the song *Desh Pehle*, makers of the Pankaj Tripathi-starrer *Main Atal Hoon* finally unveiled the soulful song *Ram Dhun*.

Taking to Instagram, production house Hitz Music treated fans with a full song video and captioned it, "Jab dhunki laagi Ram naam ki, bhul gaye sab kaam! #RamDhun song out now #MainAtalHoon in cinemas 19th January, 2024."

The song was released on a grand scale in Delhi recently. Written, composed, and sung by Kailash Kher, *Ram Dhun* is a melodious song about Lord Rama. *Main Atal Hoon* is helmed by director Ravi Jadhav. It features Pankaj Tripathi in the lead role as Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

## Arti Singh says 'silence is the mantra for 2024'

Arti Singh, who was in Gulmarg, Kashmir for her New Year vacation, has shared her mantra for the year 2024, and it is 'silence'.

Known for her work in shows like *Maayka*, *Uttaran*, *Devon Ke Dev Mahadev* among others, Arti took to her Instagram, and shared her holiday album, wherein she can be seen posing against the snow-clad mountains of picturesque Kashmir.

Arti also shared a reel with a dialogue which says, "Ab is naye saal me ek kaam to karna hai mujhe, ki apne sukoon ke sath koi compromise nahi karna. Jo galtiyan ho gayi unhe repeat nahi karna... apne par kaam karna hai. (Now this year I have to do one thing that is not to compromise with my peace. I won't repeat the mistakes I have made... I will work on myself)."

The video was captioned as, "Reel says it all new year, new goals."



Silence is the mantra #gulmarg #khyber. Meanwhile, on the

work front she is currently seen in the show *Shravani*.

## Indian Navy trying to hunt down pirates involved in hijacking attempt; Indian crew of Liberian-flagged vessel thanks it for rescuing them

NEW DELHI, Jan 6 (Agencies): Indian naval forces are on Saturday investigating suspected vessels in the North Arabian Sea to track down the pirates involved in an attempt to hijack a merchant vessel with 21 crew members, including 15 Indians, officials said.

The Indian Navy on Friday thwarted the attempted hijacking of Liberian-flagged vessel MV Lila Norfolk and rescued all its crew members.

The crew of the bulk carrier are now engaged in restoring the propulsion system, power supply and steering gear of the platform, the Navy said. "Thereafter, MV Lila Norfolk will recommence her passage to her destination under escort of the Indian naval warship," it said.

The Navy deployed a warship, maritime patrol aircraft P-8I, helicopters and MQ9B Predator drones to assist the vessel after it sent a message on the UK Maritime Trade Operations portal, saying unidentified



armed personnel had boarded it on Thursday evening.

On Friday, Indian Navy's elite marine commandos rescued all 21 crew members of the commercial vessel after boarding it from frontline warship INS Chennai.

The Navy came out with a statement detailing its response to the hijacking attempt.

In a video shared by the Navy, three Indian crew members of the bulk carrier thanked the force for rescuing them. "I am

proud of Indian Navy," said one of them.

The Navy said it swiftly responded to the hijacking incident by deploying considerable strength of assets, both ships and aircraft, with an aggressive intent to counter the attack by pirates.

"INS Chennai-guided missile destroyer arrived at the scene of action by 1515 hours. Continuous aerial recce of MV Lila Norfolk was undertaken by MQ9B (Sea Guardian drone),

P8I (maritime patrol aircraft) and integral helicopters," it said in the statement.

It said that subsequently, the Indian Navy Marine Commandos boarded MV Lila Norfolk and undertook thorough sanitisation of the upper decks, machinery compartments and living spaces.

"The team did not find any pirates on board. Forceful warnings by the Indian Naval aircraft to the vessel and likely interception by the Indian Navy warship, probably compelled the pirates to escape during the night hours," the Navy said.

"All 21 crew of MV Lila Norfolk have been rescued and are safe. Indian naval forces are investigating the suspected vessels in the area," it said.

"At present, the crew of MV is engaged in restoring propulsion, power supply and steering gear," it said.

This is among a series of such maritime incidents witnessed in the strategic waters over the last few weeks.

## Taking out Nyay Yatra as govt didn't give us a chance to raise issues in Parliament: Mallikarjun Kharge



NEW DELHI, Jan 6 (Agencies): Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday said his party is taking out the Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra as the government did not give it a chance to raise issues in Parliament.

The Rahul Gandhi-led Manipur-to-Maharashtra yatra, which will begin on January 14, will cover 6,713 km and its participants will travel on buses and foot.

"The Yatra will focus on basic social, political and economic issues of the country," Kharge told a press conference here.

He added that INDIA bloc leaders and members of civil society had also been invited to join the march along its route.

The Congress had earlier said that the east-to-west Yatra would prove to be as impactful and transformative as

the earlier south-to-north Bharat Jodo Yatra from Kanyakumari to Kashmir.

The Congress is taking out the Yatra as "the government did not give us the chance to raise our issues in Parliament", Kharge said and added, "We will listen to people through this platform (yatra)."

The yatra being organised ahead of the 2024 general election will cover 110 districts, 100 Lok Sabha seats and 337 assembly segments in 66 days, starting from Manipur capital Imphal.

Targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Kharge said unfortunate incidents had taken place in Manipur and the prime minister who spoke everywhere and did photo sessions had not visited the state.

He also attacked the BJP government at the Centre, alleging that it is blatantly misusing agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate and the Income Tax Department to threaten opposition leaders.

On whether he would attend the January 22 Ram temple consecration ceremony, Kharge said he had got an invite and would soon decide on it.

Referring to the new labour laws and criminal laws, the Congress chief said the legislations brought in by the government showed signs of dictatorship.

## 4 die as car hits pedestrians, rams into stationary vehicle in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer

JAIPUR, Jan 6 (Agencies): Four people died and as many were injured in Jaisalmer when a speeding car hit two pedestrians before colliding with a stationary pickup van, police said on Saturday.

Four people, including the driver, were travelling in the car. Shortly before the accident, one of the occupants of the car had uploaded on his social media account a video of the four consuming alcohol in the vehicle, they said.

The incident took place on Friday night

when the car was going towards Barmer from Akal village in Jaisalmer.

A police team tried to stop the car at a check-point but its driver did not stop, police said.

When the car reached Devkot town in Jaisalmer, it hit two pedestrians standing on a road and then rammed into a pickup van that was parked on the roadside, they said.

The two pedestrians, Menkala (34) and her son Manish (13), and two car passengers, Roshan Khan and Bha-

wani Singh, died in the accident. Four people were injured in the incident, said Vikas Sangwan, Superintendent of Police, Jaisalmer.

"The car's driver was said to be under the influence of alcohol at the time of the incident. He is undergoing treatment at a hospital and will be arrested on Saturday," he said.

Police said shortly before the accident, Roshan had shared on his social media account a video of him and his friends consuming alcohol in the car.

## ISRO's Aditya-L1 spacecraft to be placed in its final destination orbit shortly

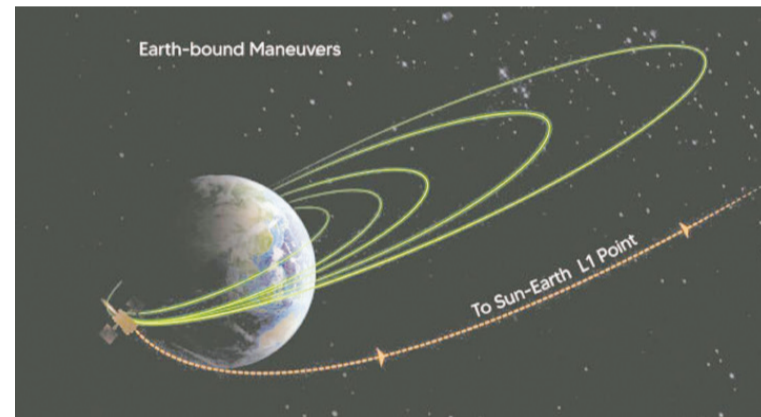
BENGALURU, Jan 6 (Agencies): ISRO will perform the final manoeuvre on Saturday to inject Aditya-L1 spacecraft -- the first space-based Indian observatory to study the sun -- into its final destination orbit, some 1.5 million kilometres from the earth.

According to ISRO officials, the spacecraft will be placed in a halo orbit around Lagrange point 1 (L1) of the sun-earth system, about 1.5 million km from the earth. The L1 point is about one per cent of the total distance between the earth and the sun.

A satellite in a halo orbit around the L1 point has the major advantage of continuously viewing the sun without any occultations/eclipses, they said, adding that this would provide a greater advantage in observing solar activities and its effect on space weather in real time.

"This manoeuvre (at around 4 pm on Saturday) will bind the Aditya-L1 to a halo orbit around L1. If we don't do this, there is a possibility that it will continue its journey, maybe towards the sun," an ISRO official told agency.

The Polar Satellite Launch



Vehicle (PSLV-C57) launched the Aditya-L1 spacecraft from the second launch pad of Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota, on September 2 last year.

After a flight duration of 63 minutes and 20 seconds, it was successfully injected into an elliptical orbit of 235x19,500 km around the earth.

The spacecraft underwent a series of manoeuvres thereafter and headed sun-earth Lagrange Point 1 (L1), having escaped the earth's sphere of influence.

The spacecraft carries seven payloads to observe the photosphere, chromosphere and the outermost layers of the sun (the corona) using electromagnetic

and particle and magnetic field detectors.

"Using the special vantage point L1, four payloads directly view the sun and the remaining three payloads carry out in-situ studies of particles and fields at the Lagrange point L1, thus providing important scientific studies of the propagatory effect of solar dynamics in the interplanetary medium," according to the space agency.

The suits of Aditya L1 payloads are expected to provide the "most crucial information" to understand the problem of coronal heating, coronal mass ejection, pre-flare and flare activities and their characteristics, dynamics of space weather, and propagation of particles

and fields, officials said.

The major science objectives of the Aditya-L1 mission are:

\*Study of the Solar upper atmospheric (chromosphere and corona) dynamics.

\*Study of chromospheric and coronal heating, physics of the partially ionised plasma, initiation of the coronal mass ejections, and flares.

\*Observe the in-situ particle and plasma environment, providing data for the study of particle dynamics from the sun.

\*Physics of the solar corona and its heating mechanism.

\*Diagnostics of the coronal and coronal loops plasma: Temperature, velocity and density.

\*Development, dynamics and origin of coronal mass ejections (CMEs).

\*Identify the sequence of processes that occur at multiple layers (chromosphere, base and extended corona) which eventually leads to solar eruptive events.

\*Magnetic field topology and magnetic field measurements in the solar corona.

\*Drivers for space weather (origin, composition and dynamics of solar wind).

## Sexual harassment case: Delhi Police urge court to frame charges against ex-WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh

*The police say the incidents of sexual harassment, allegedly committed by Singh, overseas and in India, including Delhi, are part of the same offence*

NEW DELHI, Jan 6 (Agencies): Delhi Police on Saturday urged a court here to frame charges against BJP MP and former WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh in a case of alleged sexual harassment of women wrestlers.

The police opposed the contention of the accused that since some of the alleged incidents took place overseas, they do not fall in the jurisdiction of

courts in Delhi, as it concluded arguments on framing charges against Singh.

The police submitted before Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Priyanka Rajpoot that the incidents of sexual harassment, allegedly committed by Singh, overseas and in India, including Delhi, are part of the same offence.

"Delhi court has jurisdiction to try this case," the police told the



judge.

The court will hear the matter on January 20.

The city police had filed a charge sheet in the case against Singh, a six-time MP, on June 15, 2023 under Sections 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 354-A (sexual harassment), 354-D (stalking) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code.

## 18-year-old Uttarakhand youth 'inspired by Lawrence Bishnoi, Godly Brar' arrested in Delhi, weapons seized

NEW DELHI, Jan 6 (Agencies): An 18-year-old youth from Uttarakhand was arrested in Sector 23 of Delhi's Rohini with two illegal firearms and live cartridges, police said on Saturday.

They said Pradeep Singh, who dropped out after Class 8, was inspired by the Lawrence Bishnoi-Godly Brar gang and wanted to become like them.

A police officer said Singh came in contact with the Lawrence-Godly gang via social media platforms and they provided him with the firearms and asked him to wait for further directions.

He was arrested from Rohini's Sector 23 with two illegal firearms and half a dozen live cartridges, the officer said.

During questioning, Singh told police that he was unemployed.

He said that from Uttarakhand, he went to his relative's place in Rajasthan where he studied till Class 8. Then, he went to Haryana and stayed with his friends.

"On reading stories of Lawrence Bishnoi and Godly Brar, he started surfing them on social media. He came in contact with their gang members and told them that he wanted to join their group," another police officer said.

Police said Pradeep is further being interrogated about his plan.

Brar is a key member of the Bishnoi gang.

## Man loses over Rs 2 lakh to fraudsters offering job in Qatar varsity

THANE, Jan 6 (Agencies): A 32-year-old man from Thane district in Maharashtra was allegedly duped by two unidentified persons who took more than Rs 2 lakh from him on the pretext of giving a job of professor in Qatar University, police said on Saturday.

The case was registered on Friday at the Ambernath police station, they said.

"The victim is a resi-

dent of Gautam Nagar area of Ambernath. In his complaint, he said that two unidentified persons posing as recruiters contacted him over the phone and emails and offered to provide him the job of professor at Qatar University," an official said.

The accused asked him to pay money for registration, document verification, visa processing and a medical

examination. Believing them, the victim transferred Rs 2,28,600 to the fraudsters between August and October 2023," he said.

But when the victim sought to know when he would be appointed, they gave evasive replies. Finally, he approached the police and lodged a complaint, he said, adding that investigation into the case is on.

## ED concludes searches in Religare Finvest Limited case; documents, digital data seized

NEW DELHI, Jan 6 (Agencies): The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Saturday concluded its searches in a money laundering investigation linked to the alleged diversion of funds worth more than Rs 2,000 crore from Religare Finvest Limited (RFL), official sources said.

The agency had launched the raids on Friday and searched nine locations in Delhi-NCR, including the corporate offices of RFL, M3M India Holdings, RHC Holding Pvt Ltd, Hillgrow

Infrastructure Pvt Ltd, Dion Global Solutions and Prius commercial, the sources said.

The raids ended on Saturday. Officials said "incriminating" documents, including digital evidence, were seized during the searches and large-scale proceeds of crime generated out of criminal activities have been identified.

RFL said in a regulatory filing that its current management had also complained to the ED to initiate a probe.

"Pursuant to Regulation 30 of the Listing Regulations, we wish to inform that the Enforcement Directorate officials, basis

a complaint made by the present management of Religare Finvest Limited, wholly owned subsidiary company of Religare Enterprises Limited (REL/Company) and pursuant to the ongoing investigation with respect to Corporate Loan Book, collected relevant information/ documents on January 05, 2024 to expedite the investigation as per request

made by RFL recently."

"The information and documents as advised were provided/submitted to the officials of the authority," the company said in a statement.

The ED's money laundering case stems from a Delhi Police Economic Offences Wing (EOW) FIR and the federal agency had arrested ex-Fortis promoters Malvinder Mohan Singh and Shivinder Mohan Singh and CMD of Religare Enterprises Ltd.









## India will need 'experienced' Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma at T20 World Cup 2024: Irfan Pathan



NEW DELHI, Jan 6 (Agence): Irfan Pathan feels that India will need the experience of both Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma on and off the field during the T20 World Cup 2024 as there will be quite a few unknown pitches during the tournament.

The schedule for the T20 World Cup 2024 was announced on January 5, with India being grouped with Ireland, Pakistan, USA and Canada. India's campaign, which begins on June 5, will see them play three of their group stage matches in New York and the final one in Florida.

The big question heading into the tournament has been the availability of Kohli and Rohit. Both men haven't played any T20s since India's World Cup 2022 semi-final exit.

However, the star duo are reportedly eager to play the tournament in June this year.

Speaking to Star Sports, Pathan said he would love to see Kohli back in the format as he was able to regain his touch during the T20 World Cup 2022 and IPL 2023.

Pathan also suggested that the unknown pitches in the USA and the Caribbean would require experienced campaigners to

boost the squad.

"Personally, I would like to see Virat on the pitch because when we talk about two years back, definitely he was not in his best form. But the last IPL and T20 were one of the most amazing tournaments for him. Also, when you are playing in countries like West Indies and the USA,

there are quite a few unknown pitches, and here you will need experienced players like Kohli and Rohit Sharma, both on and off the field," said Pathan.

Would love to see Kohli and Rohit on the field

Pathan would conclude by saying the selection of both stars would ultimately be a call by the team management and would depend on their fitness. However, the former cricketer expressed his desire to see both men perform in the T20 World Cup, especially with Rohit also regaining his touch.

"The playing of both the players also depends upon team management and their fitness, but I would love seeing both of them on the field, especially when Rohit has also changed his form and has been making a lot of runs in One Day Cricket," said Pathan.

## Warner leads Australia to victory in his final test match, completing a 3-0 sweep over Pakistan



SYDNEY, Jan 6 (Agence): David Warner scored 57 runs to help lead Australia to an eight-wicket victory over Pakistan on Saturday in his final test match, ending a 112-test career as a winner on his home ground.

With Australia needing only 11 runs to claim its third consecutive victory in the three-test series, Warner was out lbw off the bowling of Sajid Khan. He walked off the Sydney Cricket Ground to loud applause as he waved to the crowd.

The only other wicket to fall in Australia's second innings was when opener Usman Khawaja was also adjudged lbw off Khan's bowling for a six-ball duck.

Pakistan scored 313 and 115 and Australia responded with 299 and 130-2. Marnus Labuschagne scored 62 and was at the crease with Steve Smith (4) when the match ended.

Australia quickly took Pakistan's three remaining wickets on Saturday morning to set a 130-run victory target with almost two full days remaining.

After Josh Hazlewood (4-16) ran through Pakistan on Day 3, the visitors offered little resistance before they were all out. Mohammad Rizwan (28) and Aamir Jamal (18) put on 42 for the eighth wicket, but Pakistan folded quickly once Nathan Lyon had Rizwan caught at leg slip.

Lyon also bowled Hasan Ali to end the innings, finishing with figures of 3-36.

Warner had earlier led the team onto the field to start the day, while "Thanks Dave" with his trademark leap also painted on the ground in front of the Members Stand.

Australia won the first test in Perth by 360 runs and the second by 79 runs at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

## "We Won't Go": Ravi Shastri Wants BCCI To Reject South Africa-Like Two Test Series Invitations Due To 'Waste Of Time'

NEW DELHI, Jan 6 (Agence): Legendary India cricketer Ravi Shastri blasted the scheduling of the India-South Africa Test series as he called the two-match series a "waste of time". South Africa outplayed India completely in the first Test while the Rohit Sharma-led side claimed a historic win in the second Test match that lasted for just 107 overs. Shastri said on commentary that India should focus on playing either 'T20s and Test matches or ODIs and Test matches' while touring and just refuse to play any two-match Test series in the future.

"After watching this Test series, the Indian cricket establishment should make sure to never play just two Tests. If some country invites you for a two-Test series, say, 'We won't go'. Two-Test match series are a waste of time. It's neither here nor there. Focus should be on either playing T20s and Test matches or ODIs and Test matches. They could have easily played three T20s and three Tests," Shastri said on Star Sports.

Meanwhile, India skipper Rohit Sharma called out the International Cricket Council (ICC) as well as the match referees over the standard of rating pitches after the second Test.

The second Test at Newlands, saw India claiming a seven-wicket win with a total of 642 deliveries bowled in both innings. The Test was the shortest in the history of red-ball cricket, eclipsing the previous shortest involving Australia and South Africa in 1932 in Melbourne (656).

After winning the shortest Test in his-



tory, Rohit opened up on the criticism of some Indian pitches for being rank turners favouring the hosts.

"I mean, we saw what happened in this match, how the pitch played and stuff like that. I honestly don't mind playing on pitches like this. As long as everyone keeps their mouth shut in India and don't talk too much about Indian pitches, honestly," Rohit said as quoted from ESPNcricinfo.

"Because you come here [in Test cricket] to challenge yourself. Yes, it is dangerous. It is challenging. So, and when people come to India, it is again pretty challenging as well. Look, when you are here to play Test cricket, we talk about Test cricket, the ultimate prize, Test cricket being the pinnacle and stuff like that. I think it's important that we also stand by it."

When you are put up against, a challenge like that, you come and face it. That's what happens in India, but, in India on day one, if the pitch starts turning, people start talking about 'Puff of dust! Puff of dust!' There's so much crack here on the pitch. People are not looking at that," Rohit added.

## Mercurial India Women Wary Of Australia Backlash In Search Of T20I Series Win

A mercurial Indian Women's team will be keen to produce another all-round show as they look to seal the three-match series against Australia in the second T20I

MUMBAI, Jan 6 (Agence): A mercurial Indian Women's team will be keen to produce another all-round show as they look to seal the three-match series against Australia in the second T20I in Navi Mumbai on Sunday. Putting behind the disappointment of a 0-3 hammering in the ODIs — marred by poor efforts in all areas — India Women came out firing on all cylinders in the first T20 to thrash Australia by a huge nine-wicket margin for the first time in history. Criticised for being sloppy in the ODIs, India were spectacularly athletic in the field on Friday, while the bowlers led by young Titas Sadhu did not allow Australia to get away at any stage in the first half of the opening T20.

Shafali Verma (64 not out) and Smriti Mandhana (54) then shared 137 runs -- India's best opening partnership against Australia in T20I history -- to take them home.

It was a near-perfect night for the 19-year-old Sadhu (4/17), who set the ball rolling with three



powerplay wickets, while spinners Deepti Sharma and Shreyanka Patil too claimed two wickets each to support the young pacer.

The Indian team also brought up their fielding several notches higher to save plenty of runs. The catching was good too with skipper Harmanpreet Kaur herself holding on to four chances.

Even Titas did well on one occasion to snaffle her fourth wicket when Ashleigh Gardner gave a return catch on her follow through.

"Behind every match or every good performance, there are hours of hard work that is for

any given match," Titas told the media after the match.

"I felt like our fielding effort was brilliant because a bowler can't give her best until and unless she is supported by all the nine players inside the ground." India's comprehensive win on Friday night at the DY Patil Stadium has put them in pole position to push for a first-ever series win against Australia at home, for they have beaten them in an away series 2-1 in 2015-16.

But accomplishing this task would be easier said than done given India will have to show consistency and at the

same time, watch out for Australia's fightback who will be determined to celebrate legendary Ellyse Perry's 300th international game.

"Really excited for Sunday, actually. I think it's a great opportunity for our team to celebrate someone who has been, you know, at the forefront of our game and sort of seen the evolution of women's cricket right around the world in Ellyse Perry," Australia captain Alyssa Healy said.

"The opportunity to be a part of her 300th fixture, everyone's really excited for her. She doesn't want to talk about it. I've already brought it up at breakfast this (Friday) morning. She doesn't want to talk about it. It makes her feel old." Australia had their in-form batter Phoebe Litchfield notching up yet another significant score of 49 and teaming up with Perry again to set a platform for a 79-run fifth wicket stand.

But the visitors lost wickets in heaps on either side of the Litch-

field-Perry rearguard, which they need to address.

The visitors also were not up to the mark on the field, giving away too many extras. In fact, Darcie Brown gave away 14 extras in the first over itself and Australia would look to be more disciplined with the ball.

India: Harmanpreet Kaur (c), Smriti Mandhana (vc), Jemimah Rodrigues, Shafali Verma, Deepti Sharma, Yastika Bhatia (wk), Richa Ghosh (wk), Amanjot Kaur, Shreyanka Patil, Mannat Kashyap, Saika Ishaque, Renuka Singh Thakur, Titas Sadhu, Pooja Vastrakar, Kanika Ahuja, Minnu Mani.

Australia: Darcie Brown, Heather Graham, Ashleigh Gardner, Kim Garth, Grace Harris, Alyssa Healy (c&wk), Jess Jonassen, Alana King, Phoebe Litchfield, Tahlia McGrath (vc), Beth Mooney (wk), Ellyse Perry, Megan Schutt, Annabel Sutherland, Georgia Wareham.

## 2 Bihar teams showed up for Ranji Trophy match against Mumbai. Complete chaos

Controversy erupted during Bihar's Ranji Trophy 2023-24 match against Mumbai at the Moin-ul-Haq Stadium in Patna when two teams arrived at the venue at the Moin-ul-Haq Stadium.

PATNA, Jan 6 (Agence): Two teams from Bihar arrived in Patna to play the state's first Ranji match of the 23-2024 season, resulting in chaos and confusion. A dispute arose, causing a split in the Bihar Cricket Association (BCA), as the president, secretary, had issued separate team lists. The police stopped the secretary's team from entering and playing the game against Mumbai.



an Elite Group Ranji match at Moin-ul-Haq Stadium in Patna. Cricket's fervour was back in Patna at Moin-ul-Haq Stadium after a long time, albeit amid controversies. The dispute unfolded within the Bihar Cricket Board, where two separate team lists were released for the same team.

While BCA President Rakesh Tiwari announced one team, the ousted Secretary Amit Kumar released another. This internal strife within BCA questioned which team would face Mumbai. Both BCA teams arrived outside the stadium in the morning. However, the police sternly escorted the Secretary's faction,

making them sit in their bus and leave. Players listed by BCA President Rakesh Tiwari participated in the match.

However, a while later, unknown individuals attacked BCA's OSD Manoj Kumar. Reports suggest an incident akin to an assault took place, wherein someone struck him on the head with a stone, causing injuries. Following this event, it was stated that the identification of all culprits is underway from the BCA's side.

Subsequently, strict legal action was promised against them to prevent such incidents. Sources said that the BCA stood united, but that a few individu-

als were conspiring to defame the state body by running campaigns against it.

BCA has been facing such internal disputes for many years, even raising questions about player selections.

President's Team List - Captain: Ashutosh Aman, Himanshu Singh, Ravi Shankar, Rishabh Raj, Navaj Khan, Vipul Krishna, Akash Raj, Baljeet Singh Bihari, Sarman Nigrodh, Veer Pratap Singh, Sakibul Gani (Vice-Captain), Vipin Saurabh (Wicketkeeper), Babul Kumar, Sachin Kumar Singh, Vaibhav Suryavanshi.

Secretary's Team List - Captain: Indrajit Kumar, Shashi Anand, Lakhman Raja, Yashasvi Rishabh, Prateek Kumar, Vikrant Singh, Himanshu Hari, Shashi Shekhar, Vedant Yadav, Abhinav Kumar, Kamalesh Kumar Singh, Vishwajeet Gopala, Prashant Srivastava, Deepak Raja, Apoorv Anand (Vice-Captain), Vikash Ranjan (Wicketkeeper), Shashim Rathore, Samar Kudari, Kumar Mridul, Kumar Rajneesh.

## AIFF President Evaluates Possibility Of Implementing 'Additional Video Review System' In India



NEW DELHI, Jan 6 (Agence): The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has written to the International Football Association Board (IFAB) to explore the possibility of India participating in the trial of the 'Additional Video Review System' (AVRS). "The President's recommendation aims to consider the extension of the existing technical infrastructure to accommodate an 'on-demand' video review request from the ref-

erees through a multi-angle, multi-camera broadcast feed," AIFF said in an official statement. "Our prime objective here is to reduce the margin of error by empowering match officials with the technology to assist in their decision-making. While we will continue to work to implement VAR, I feel that, to begin with, AVRS can be a great option for a country like India," AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey said. "AVRS would help

us study the impact of the technology, train our match officials with the new concept, and assess its adaptation by players, coaches, and clubs alike," he added.

Currently, the mass adoption of VAR is limited due to financial and infrastructure requirements set out in FIFA's Implementation Assistance and Approval Programme (IAAP). Only about 30 percent of the 211 football-playing nations—mainly in Europe and South America—currently have VAR subscriptions for either full domestic seasons or selective stages.

The President has suggested the AIFF Referee Department undertake the study to seek FIFA's suggestions and approval.

# Skaters of IHRSC clinch 9 medals for J&K at 61st National Skating Championship

**'Indomitable' Udhay Narayan emerges national speed champion with triple gold haul**

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 6: In a triumphant display of athletic prowess, the illustrious Indian Hawks Roller Skating Club (IHRSC) has etched its name resolutely in the annals of national sports, securing a multitude of medals at the 61st National Roller Skating Championship held recently in Chennai.

Continuing with yet another dazzling performance at national sports arena, four distinguished skaters of this prestigious club have proven their mettle on the grand stage, showcasing exceptional skill, dedication and sportsmanship.

The skaters of Indian Hawks in J&K's contingent, with their unwavering commitment to excellence, seized an impressive array of medals across various age categories, standing as a testament to the club's commitment to fostering a culture of athletic brilliance.

The skaters' performances have not only garnered acclaim for their individual achievements but have also collectively propelled IHRSC to the forefront of national sporting recognition.

In a crowning moment of glory, one of IHRSC's ace skater



Udhay Narayan has ascended to the pinnacle of success by clinching the coveted title of National Champion by bagging all the three gold medals in his age category races.

This outstanding accomplishment stands as a beacon of club's commitment to nurturing talent and producing skaters of extraordinary caliber.

The club's success in the National Championship underscores the meticulous training regimens, strategic coaching, and unwavering perseverance that define IHRSC's sporting ethos.

Such a stellar performance resonates not only within the precincts of the championship arena but also elevates IHRSC to a commendable stature within

the broader sporting community.

The triumphant narrative of the aforesaid club in the national sporting sphere not only enriched the club's legacy but also set a lofty standard for aspiring athletes across the country.

It is a testament to the indomitable spirit and relentless pursuit of excellence that characterizes the IHRSC, marking it as an exemplar of sporting prowess in the esteemed landscape of national championships.

The medal winner skaters of IHRSC include Udhay Narayan (3 gold medals and declared as National Speed Champion), Samarjot Singh (2 gold and 1 bronze medal), Kartikeya Puri (2 silver medals) and Puneesh Puri (1 gold medal).

Other skaters of the club who also played with high class sportsmanship but couldn't made upto podium include Tamanna Saini, Tabish, Sanvi Grover, Adwait, Achintya, Praagat Kour and Rudra Arora.

In a message to media persons, Ashok Gandotra (Retd Chief Engineer) Chairman of IHRSC lauded the medal winners for bringing laurels to the Union Territory, Club and their parents.

He however asked other skaters in J&K to follow the pursuit looking at the scintillating performance of the aforesaid four medal winner skaters stressing on adding more medals into the tally in upcoming tournaments at the national arena.

Ashok Gandotra also thanked President JKRSA and all the members of the association for providing the opportunity to budding skaters.

Meanwhile, invincible Udhay and other medal winners thanked the trainers at the IHRSC for providing world class coaching and winning tips at the rink that led to this milestone achievement giving them opportunity to touch skies of success and rule the podium meant for medal distribution.

# Police Wireless Communication Course commences at PTTI Vijaypur



## Top News Report

VIJAYPUR, Jan 6: Police Wireless Communication Course (PWCC) Level-1 commenced at PTTI Vijaypur for Police personnel of Telecommunication Wing of Jammu and Kashmir Police.

The duration of the course includes two weeks Refresher Course followed by 12 weeks PWCC-Level-1 with a objective to enhance the capabilities of participants and expose them to the latest tools and tech-

niques.

The course was formally inaugurated by Dushyant Sharma, SSP, Vice Principal, PTTI Vijaypur who during inaugural function briefed the trainees to take keen interest in their Indoor/Outdoor classes to secure better results in their examinations and emphasized upon them to maintain proper discipline in the Institute.

Vice Principal further told the trainees that during training period they will be familiarized with various latest

Electronics Devices and Circuits besides taught important topics like Radio Communication, Digital Electronics, Radio Communication, Optical Fibre, POLNET 2.0, Radio Trunking System etc. which would definitely help them in performing field duties after training course.

Among others, Surinder Paul, DySP (Indoor/Tech), Insp. Ram Lal (CL), Insp. Himanshu Dutta (CTI), Insp. Mulkh Raj, Insp. Kanwal Raina, Insp. Shehbaz Ahmed were present during inaugural function.

# NCC Cadets carry out Plastic Free Tawi Campaign in collaboration with local civic bodies at Nagrota



## Top News Report

NAGROTA, Jan 6: In a remarkable display of community collaboration, the National Cadet Corps have undertaken a significant Socially Useful and Productive initiative.

The focus of this endeavour is the Cleaning of Tawi River Banks in Nagrota, with a specific emphasis on removing plastic waste materials.

540 NCC Cadets and Staff of 2J&K BN NCC of Jammu Group (JK&L Dte) participated in the cleanup drive.

The Sarpanch of Panchayat Dhok Wazira, Raman Wazir, Puran Chand, Naib Sarpanch, Lambardars Rattan Singh and Kulwant Singh, 41 Civilians and employees of Block

Development Nagrota extended their wholehearted support to this noble cause.

Alongside the cleanup plastic activity, awareness programs are being conducted to educate the community about the long-term consequences of plastic pollution.

A total of approx. 700 kg plastic was collected and properly disposed to Garbage dumping site at Kot Bhalwal.

The "Plastic Free Tawi Campaign" signifies the power of collaborative action between youth organizations, local leadership, and community members. This initiative is not just about cleaning the riverbanks; it's a symbol of collective responsibility towards our water Bodies.

# KCCI delegation calls on LG Sinha, discusses business community issues

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 6: The President Kashmir Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI) Javed Ahmad Tenga called on the Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha at Jammu and discussed important issues facing business community requiring his attention. A memorandum was also submitted to the Lt. Governor.

The matter of renewal of Tourism Registration Licenses of Hotels, Guest Houses, Restaurants, Houseboats was discussed. The prolonged delays, absence of Single Window system, non adherence to Ease of Doing Business norms, multiple NOCs caused tremendous difficulties to tourism stakeholders which needed to be addressed on priority basis.

The Lt. Governor's attention was invited to the deteriorating hospitality sector infrastructure due to non-issue of permissions for repairs, renovation and reconstruction of hotels at Pahalgam, Gulmarg, Sonamarg, Srinagar etc. The properties needed to be upgraded to bring them in sync with the amenities and facilities required during modern times.

The KCCI sought Lt. Governor's intervention

in the implementation of Industrial Policies in letter and spirit and addressing other Industry issues.

The Tagging of 125 J&K BOSE affiliated private Schools with Government Schools across Jammu & Kashmir would affect at least 2300 employees, cause difficulties for thousands of students.

The KCCI proposed 1 year extension to these schools to comply with the required compliances with special consideration by the government on lease and related issues.

Standardization of J&K BOSE Books in consonance with NEP-2020 would be affecting 200 Private Publishers, 1000 representatives of publishers, 3200 Book sellers and more than 10000 families.

KCCI suggested that in view of a huge amount of capital both of the Bank and the traders was involved, a deferment of two years be considered to enable them to liquidate the same.

The KCCI impressed upon the Lt. Governor the urgent need of announcing an uncapped and longer period valid OTS Scheme by the Jammu & Kashmir Bank. It was brought to his notice that

with a new OTS Scheme both the Banks and borrowers would benefit-Bank would recover its money whereas the borrowers accounts would get regularized. Such a gesture would send positive signals to the business community.

The KCCI pleaded announcement of amnesty to the Commercial Power Consumers on the analogy of the amnesty granted to the domestic consumers.

The Lt. Governor assured the KCCI team that the genuine issues raised by them will be addressed. The President thanked the Lt. Governor for the time and opportunity he provides to KCCI to present important trade related issues.

The Senior Vice President Ashaq Hussain Shangloo & Treasurer Zubair Mahajan were also present in the meeting.

On 5th of January the KCCI team had a meeting with the Principal Secretary Agriculture Production Shailendra Kumar and discussed the issue of withheld subsidies and other issues relating to his Department. He issued on spot orders to the concerned officials for addressing the issues raised by KCCI Team.

# Gurmeet takes blessings of Guru Gobind Singh



## Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 6: On the "holy Occasion of the birthday of the Guru Gobind Singh, Gurmeet Singh President Beopar Mandal, & General Secretary JKPCC Congress Jammu East Constituency, took blessing and paid his services since last 41 years at "Jooda Ghar Sewa" involvement in such religious & pious works, privileged.

Briefing to the "holy Occasion of the birth of the Shree Guru Gobind Singh" as stated "Guru Gobind Singh Ji was the 10th Sikh Guru of Nanak. He was born at Patna, Bihar, India, on December 22, 1666. His birthday sometimes

falls either in December or January or even both months in the Gregorian calendar. The annual celebration of the Guru's birthday is based on the Nanakshahi calendar."

Guru Gobind Singh was the son of Guru Tegh Bahadur, who gave his life to protect religious freedom. He succeeded his father when he became a Guru at nine years of age. Shree Guru Gobind Singh Ji's teachings have a big impact on Sikhs. In his lifetime, he stood against the Mughal Rulers and fought against injustice. In 1699, Shree Guru Gobind Singh Ji took five men from the lower caste of society and

baptized them as His Five Beloveds, endowing them with great courage and a devotion to God. It was his dedication to God, his fearlessness and his desire to protect the people from being oppressed that led Shree Guru Gobind Singh Ji to establish the Khalsa, a military force of saint-soldiers which he baptized. Gurmeet said.

Prominent members present were Manpreet Singh, Rajveer Singh, Amandeep Singh, Apu Singh, Karanjit Singh, Bupinder Singh, Gurmeet Singh, Jaspal Singh, Gagandeep Singh and Guneet Singh.

# Rotary Club Jammu Helping Hands donates wheelchair to Govt Hospital Gandhi Nagar

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 6: A new motor-powered wheelchair has been donated to Govt Medical Hospital Gandhi Nagar on Saturday by Rotary Club Jammu Helping Hands.

Speaking on the occasion, Karuna Gupta, the President of the Club, said Rotary Club is a humanitarian organisation and there is a need to put smiles on the faces of the less privileged in



society. She highlighted the work her club is doing for socio-economic upliftment of needy and down

trodden class of society. Dr Rakesh Magotra, Medical Superintendent of Government Hospitals

Gandhi Nagar appreciated the gesture and support from the club and he hoped to get more contri-

butions in the future also. Jaswinder Singh Kuku, Secretary of the Club, in his speech thanked Dr Ruchita Mahajan and Dr Geetanjali Jasrotia who were the conveyors of the project.

Rtn Rohit Vashisht presented vote of thanks to rotary members who came forward to help with wheel chairs, Dr Prem Sharma, Kamal Gupta, Retd Col. S S Koushal, Sarita, Vandana and Vijaydeep Mangotra.

# JKSSB aspirants seek revival of waiting list



## Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 6: Amidst rising concerns over unemployment, JKSSB aspirants held a protest at Maharaja Hari Singh Park in Jammu, urging the revival of the waiting list.

With the recent absence of this crucial provision, candidates securing multiple selections are left with the choice to opt for one post, leaving numerous

positions vacant.

The revocation order issued on 26th September 2023 has left over thousands of aspirants in turmoil, facing uncertainties in securing employment due to the absence of waiting lists for previously advertised posts.

This dire situation has sparked fears that the unemployment rate in Jammu and Kashmir could soar, with meritorious candidates next

in line being deprived of opportunities.

Aspirants emphasized that the restoration of waiting lists is crucial to ensure fair and transparent recruitment processes, preventing wastage of seats and securing opportunities for deserving candidates.

They have firmly warned that they will continue their protest at the site until their demands are met.