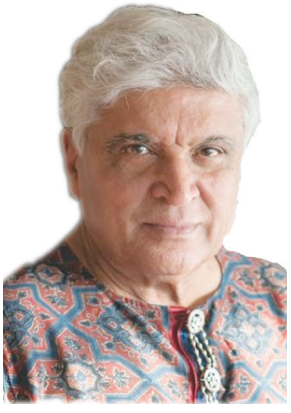


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Police arrests drug peddler in Baramulla

SRINAGAR, Jan 7 (Agencies): Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested drug peddler in North Kashmir's Baramulla district and recovered contraband substances from his possession. A Spokesperson said that a police party of Police Station Kunzer headed by SHO PS Kunzer at a checkpoint established at Ram-bailpora Kunzer, intercepted one person. During his search, 110 grams of Charas like contraband substance was recovered from his possession. He was identified as Irshad Ahmad Wani son of Ghulam Rasool Wani resident of Padithpora Tangmarg. He has been arrested and shifted to PS Kunzer where he remained in custody. Accordingly, case under relevant sections of law have been registered at police Station Kunzer and investigations have been initiated.

Was inactive but never left PDP, says Muzaffar Beigh

SRINAGAR, Jan 7 (Agencies): Former Deputy Chief Minister JK Muzaffar Hussain Beigh Sunday said that he was inactive in carrying out political activities from past some time but never left the People's Democratic Party (PDP).

Talking to media persons in south Kashmir's Anantnag, Baig said, "I didn't leave PDP. I was inactive for quite some time but I'm still associated with the party. The relation between me and PDP is like a single soul," Beigh said.

Paying rich tributes to Late Mufti Mohammad Sayeed on his 8th death anniversary at his grave in Dara Shikav Anantnag, Beigh said he is missing the PDP founder like a son misses his father.

Baig along with his wife, Safina Beigh rejoined PDP in presence of party president Mehbooba Mufti. On the occasion a considerable number of party leaders and workers

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Amit Shah to visit Jammu on Jan 9, to take part in development programmes

NEW DELHI, Jan 7 (Agencies): Union Home Minister will visit Jammu on Tuesday during which he will attend a number of development-related programmes and flag off an e-bus service in the city, officials said.

This will be Shah's first visit to Jammu and Kashmir after terrorists ambushed two army vehicles, killing five soldiers and injuring two others at Poonch on December 21.

A day later bodies of three civilians were found in the Poonch district, not far from the spot of the day before the incident, sparking outrage.

The home minister will visit Jammu on January



9 during which he will chair a review meeting on comprehensive development of Jammu and Kashmir, a home ministry official said.

Besides, Shah will launch the 'Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra', a central government initiative, flag off an e-bus service

and inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of various development works.

The home minister will also distribute appointment letters to the youths selected for different government jobs, the official said.

Shah had reviewed

the security situation of Jammu and Kashmir with top functionaries of the central government and Jammu and Kashmir administration on January 2 in New Delhi.

In that meeting, he had instructed the strengthening of the counter-terrorism operations in Jammu and Kashmir and stressed on complete elimination of terror eco-system.

While advising the security agencies for appropriate deployment in vulnerable areas in the Union Territory, Shah stressed that all due procedures should be adopted while dealing with counter-terror operations.

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LS Polls | Serving in Home Districts among several J&K Cops to be transferred soon

JAMMU, Jan 7 (Agencies): In view of the Lok Sabha polls scheduled in April-May, Jammu and Kashmir Government will soon be shifting several police officers including those serving in their home districts.

Sources in the administration said that major reshuffle is on cards in the police department ahead of a Model Code of Conduct likely to be implemented by February end in view of the Lok Sabha Polls.

"The Police Headquarters has almost finalised the proposal and submitted it to the Home Department to take a call," sources said.

"Several officers will be shifted in one go with new place of postings including those serving in their home districts as well," sources said.

The officers of top ranks including Deputy Inspectors General (DisG), Senior Superintendents of Police (SSsP), Superintendents of Police (SsP), Deputy Superintendents of Police (DySsP) and Inspectors are among to get new place of postings inter-district.

Presently, Jammu and Kashmir police have a total of 28 DIG rank officers out of which nine are currently on deputation while the remaining

19 are currently posted across the Union Territory.

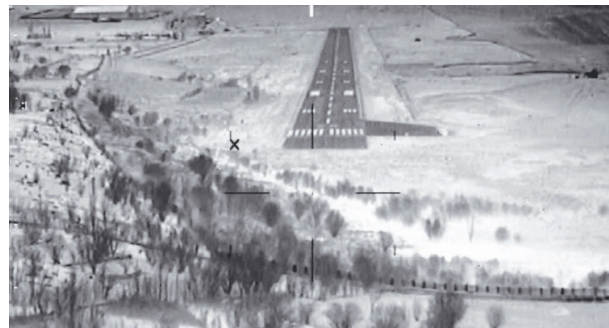
"The list of officers proposed to be shifted including those serving in their home districts is almost finalised and submitted to the concerned authorities for further necessary action," they said.

The proposed transfers are also expected to see a major reshuffle at the Range level.

Notably, there are total four ranges in Jammu division including Jammu-Samba-Kathua, Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban, Udhampur-Reasi and Rajouri-Poonch RP

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IAF's C-130J aircraft makes night landing at Kargil advanced landing ground



NEW DELHI, Jan 7 (Agencies): For the first time, a C-130J Super Hercules transport aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) carried out a night landing at the high-altitude Kargil advanced landing ground near the Line of Control (LoC) with Pakistan.

The night landing of the tactical lift aircraft with the elite Garud commandos on board at the Kargil airstrip demonstrated the IAF's

operational capabilities in the strategically crucial sector, people familiar with the matter said.

The night landing was carried out recently.

While IAF aircraft have operated from the advanced landing ground before, it was the first time that a transport plane made a night landing.

"In a first, an IAF C-130J aircraft recently carried out a night landing at the Kargil airstrip. Employing

terrain masking enroute, the exercise also dovetailed a training mission of the Garuds," the IAF said on 'X'.

The Kargil airstrip is located at an altitude of around 10,500 feet.

The defence ministry has also been focusing on enhancing infrastructure at almost all airfields along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), including the Advanced Landing Grounds (ALGs) as per operational requirements.

It is especially boosting infrastructure at the Daulat Beg Oldi Advanced Landing Ground (ALG) as well as the Nyoma airstrip.

The Daulat Beg Oldi ALG is located close to the LAC at an altitude of 16,700 feet and is

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Muzaffar Beigh, wife Safina Rejoin PDP on Mufti Sayeed's death anniversary

SRINAGAR, Jan 7 (Agencies): Senior politician Muzaffar Beigh and his wife, DDC Chairperson Baramulla, Safina Beigh, rejoined the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) at the Bijhera graveyard on the death anniversary of PDP founder late Mufti Mohammad Syed on Sunday.

The rejoining ceremony, attended by PDP President Mehbooba Mufti and other top party leaders, witnessed a warm welcome for the returning members.

Five held for unauthorised extraction of forest produce in Kishtwar

JAMMU, Jan 7 (Agencies): Five persons, including two residents of Nepal, were arrested for alleged unauthorised extraction of forest produce in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district on Sunday, police said.

A police party intercepted a vehicle at Gulabgarh and recovered five bags loaded with a large quantity of forest produce, a police spokesman said.

He said five persons — Nawang Sentam of Kabban-Paddar (Kishtwar), Kshiti Bhutani of Delhi, Mahavir of Uttarakhand and Nepal residents Sagar Tamang and Gan Magar, who are presently living in Dehradun, — were arrested and the vehicle was seized.

A case under relevant sections of law was registered at police

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At minus 5.6 degree Celsius, Sgr records coldest night of season

SRINAGAR, Jan 7 (Agencies): A thin layer of ice formed on the surface of the Dal Lake here and other water bodies in Kashmir due to the intense cold wave that is gripping the region, the officials said.

Kashmir is currently under the grip of "Chillai-Kalan", a 40-day harsh winter period, when a cold wave sweeps the region and temperatures drop considerably, leading to the freezing of water bodies as well as water in pipes.

The chances of snowfall are the highest during this period and most areas, particularly the higher reaches, receive heavy snowfall.

The Srinagar city recorded a minimum temperature of minus 5.6 degrees Celsius on

Saturday night, down from minus 5.4 degrees Celsius the previous night, the officials said.

They said Qazigund recorded a low of minus 5.0 degrees Celsius, while in the ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir it was 4.4 degrees Celsius on Saturday night, a notch down from the previous night.

Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, which serves as one of the base camps for the annual Amarnath Yatra, recorded a minimum temperature of minus 6.5 degrees Celsius, down from the previous night's minus 6.3 degrees Celsius, they said.

The minimum temperature in Kokernag town settled at minus 2.7 degrees Celsius and in

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22 Delhi-bound trains delayed, city records min temperature of 8.2 Deg C

NEW DELHI, Jan 7 (Agencies): Twenty-two Delhi-bound trains were delayed by up to six hours on Sunday due to weather-related conditions in the national capital, which recorded a minimum temperature of 8.2 degrees Celsius, one notch above the season's average.

According to the India Meteorological Department, humidity level recorded at 8.30 am was 79 per cent.

The IMD said there will be shallow to moderate fog in the coming week, with the possibility of a cloudy sky and light rains on January 9.

According to the railways, 22 Delhi-bound trains were delayed by

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Active Covid cases in Country recorded at 4,049

NEW DELHI, Jan 7 (Agencies): India has recorded 756 new cases of Covid, while the number of active cases of the infection stood at 4,049, the health ministry said on Sunday.

Five deaths — two each from Kerala and Maharashtra and one from Jammu and Kashmir — have been reported in a span of 24 hours, according to the ministry's data updated at 8 am.

The number of daily cases had dropped to double-digits till December 5, 2023 but cases began to again increase after emergence of a new variant and cold weather conditions.

After December 5, a maximum increase in single day cases was reported on December 31, 2023 when 841 cases were reported, official sources said.

Of the total active cases, a large majority of these (around 92 per cent) are recovering under home isolation.

"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 hospitalisation and mortality," the sources stated.

India has witnessed three waves of COVID-19 in the past with the peak incidence of daily

new cases and deaths being reported during the Delta wave in April-June 2021. At its peak, 4,14,188 new cases and 3,915 deaths were reported on May 7, 2021.

Since the pandemic began in early 2020, more than 4.5 crore people have been infected and over 5.3 lakh died.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease stands at over 4.4 crore with a national recovery rate of 98.81 per cent, according to the ministry's website.

According to the ministry, 220.67 crore

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WITH IMMENSE GRIEF, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SH. DEWAN CHAND SHARMA EX MANAGER SBI S/O FAQEER CHAND SHARMA R/O 194 LAST MORH SARWAL, JAMMU ON DEC 27TH, 2023.**

TENTH DAY WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 5TH OF JAN, 2024 AT 11AM AT OUR RESIDENCE. **KRIYA** WILL BE PERFORMED ON SATURDAY 6TH OF JAN, 2024 AT OUR RESIDENCE AT 12 NOON.

UTHALA/RASAM PAGRI WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 8TH OF JAN, 2024 AT SHIV MANDIR SARWAL FROM 3PM TO 4 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:**DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW AND SONS**

SMT. KANCHAN SHARMA W/O LATE ASHWANI SHARMA

SMT. RAJNI SHARMA & BUNTY

DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW

SMT. PAMMA & SURINDER SHARMA

BROTHER & BHABI:

SMT. RADHA SHARMA & SHAM SHARMA

SMT. ANITA SHARMA & ASHOK SHARMA



SH. DEWAN CHAND SHARMA
EX MANAGER SBI

TENTH DAY

It is intimated with profound grief and sorrow that our beloved father **Sh. J.B Singh S/o Sh. S M Pathania H. No 210 Rehari Mohalla Jammu** left for his heavenly abode on 27-12-2023.

TENTH DAY will be held at Rani Talab on 05th of Jan 2024 at 11.00 AM.

KRIYA will be performed on 08-01-2024 (Monday) at our residence.

The **ASSEMBLY** will be held at our residence 210 Rehari Mohalla Jammu at 9.30 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN**Sons & Daughter in Law**

Devinder Pathania & Anju Pathania

Daughters & Son in Law

Renu Pathania & Adv. Narinder Kumar

Kiran Pathania

Dr Kanchan Pathania



SH. J.B SINGH

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Jagdish Raj Magotra S/o Late Sh. Dev Raj Magotra, House No. 38-D New Plot, Opp Krishna Building Jammu, who left for the heavenly abode on 29 Dec, 2023.**

10th Day will be performed on 6/1/2024 (Saturday) at 12.00 Noon at our residence.

Kriya will be performed on 7/1/2024 (Sunday) at our residence. **Uthala** will be performed on 8/1/2024 (Monday) at 3.00 to 4.00 pm at Hari Mandir Rehari, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN :

Smt Kamlesh Magotra - Wife

Son & Daughter-in-law

Brig Rajesh Magotra

Smt Shalini Magotra

Daughter & Son in law

Mrs Jyoti Dutta

Mr Krishan Dutta

Late Mrs Anuradha Sharma

Sister & Brother in law

Smt Shakuntla

Sh Om Prakash Thanda

Brother & Sister in law

Sh Satish Magotra

Smt Sreshtha Magotra

Sh Ramesh Magotra

Smt Premilata

Late Sh Darshan Magotra

Smt Sharda

Brother & Sister in law

Sh Keshav Sharma & Sunita Sharma

Nephew & Niece

Dr Atul Thanda

Sh Rakesh Magotra

Sh Rohit Magotra

Sh Rahul Magotra

Sh Abinay Magotra

Sh Vikas Magotra

Esha, Era, Roshni, Manu, Samriti

Grand Children

Crystal, Aryaman, Parth, Shivangi, Shevtangi

Ph. 9996356845, 9996356846



Shri Jagdish Raj
Magotra

10TH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SH RAMESH KUMAR DHAR S/O LATE SH RAM CHAND DHAR** ORIGINALLY FROM VILLAGE BIJBHARA DISTRICT ANANTNAG KASHMIR PRESENTLY AT LANE NO. 21, BLOCK NO.125, FLAT NO. 18 JAGTI MIGRANT CAMP NAGROTA JAMMU WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 01-01-2024 (MONDAY).

TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 10-01-2024 (WEDNESDAY) 10.30 AM AT TRT MIGRANT CAMP NAGROTA NER BRIDGE.

GRIEF STRICKEN

SMT SUNITA DHAR -WIFE

KARTICK & SHRAVAN -SONS**BROTHERS & BHABHIS**

LT. SH DURGA NATH DHAR & SMT BIMLA JEE

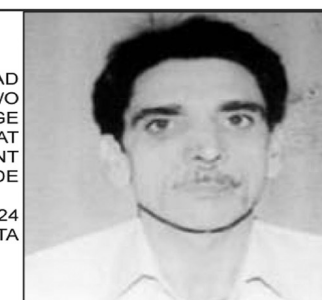
SH SHUBAN KRISHAN DHAR & SMT SAVITRI DHAR

SH VIMAL KRISHAN DHAR (BITTUJI) & SMT ANITA DHAR

SISTER & JIJA JI

SMT RAJNI KACHROO & LT. SH INDU BUSHAN KACHROO

MOB. 8803982587, 9419313187



SH RAMESH KUMAR
DHAR

TENTH DAY/13TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and sudden demise of our beloved **Smt. Kanta Devi W/o Late. Advocate Shamsher Singh R/o Ward No. 01, Near Cooperative Society Kathua** who Expired on 02-01-2024.

Tenth Day will be performed on 11-01-2024.

13th Day will be performed on 14-01-2024 at Ward No. 01, Near Cooperative Society Kathua.

Grief Stricken:-

Dr. Ravinder Singh- Son

Lect. Satinder Singh & Anuradha- Son & Daughter-in-Law

EX- Minister- Jatinder Singh alias Babu Singh- Son

Mobile Nos.: 94191-50074, 99060-98663



Smt. Kanta Devi

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Smt. Asha Gadroo W/o Sh. P. L. Gadroo** originally R/o Bohri Kadal, Srinagar at present Krishna Nagar, Miran Sahib left for heavenly abode on 31-12-2023.

The **Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed on 08/01/2024 at Akhnoor Ghat and Assembly will be held at Krishna Nagar, Miran Sahib at 11:30 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. P. L. Gadroo (Husband)

(Daughter & Son-in law)

Smt. Sapna & Sh. Anil Raina

(Daughter-in law & Son)

Smt. Meenakshi & Sh. Rahul Gadroo

DEEPLY MISSED BY

Gadroo, Safaya, Khar, Bhan, Koul, Manhas & Chauhan Family,

Mob. No.9906296796, 9906001598



Smt. Asha Gadroo

OBITUARY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THAT OUR BELOVED FATHER **SH. SOHAN LAL BHAT (VILLAGE KILAM)** S/O SH. NEELKANTH OF VILLAGE KILAM, ANANTNAG, KASHMIR CURRENTLY RESIDING AT H. No. 209, H BLOCK, SHAHEED BHAGAT SINGH NAGAR, LUDHIANA PUNJAB, HAS LEFT FOR HIS HEAVENLY ABODE ON 01 JAN 2024.

HIS **10TH, 11TH & 12TH DAY KRIYA** WILL BE PERFORMED ON 10TH, 11TH & 12TH OF JANUARY 2024 RESPECTIVELY AT HARIDWAR.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Mrs. Santosh Kilam (Wife)

Mr. Sanjay Kilam & Mrs. Pooja Avasthi Kilam (Son & Daughter-in-law)

Mr. Ajay Kilam & Mrs. Kavita Dhar Kilam (Son & Daughter-in-law)

Sanjna Kilam, Shehjaar Kilam, Bhavye Kilam, Maharishi Kilam (Grand Children)

SAMAST PARIVAR:

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SH. SOHAN LAL BHAT
(VILLAGE KILAM)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform that our beloved **Mrs. Chuni Mattoo**, wife of Prof. J.L Mattoo, original resident of Bana Mohalla, Srinagar, left for heavenly abode on 2nd January, 2024 at her residence 54, lane no. 5, Hazuri bagh, Talab Tillo, Bohri, Jammu.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Muthi Ghat (Near DSE) on 11th Jan 2024 at 9.30 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

MATTOO'S AND KOUL'S

Prof. J.L Mattoo (Husband)

Brother and Sister-in-law:

Late. H.L Koul and Rekha Koul

Daughter-in-laws and Sons:

Dr. Ruchita and Dr. Rakesh Mattoo

Mrs. Kalpana and Mr. Upendra Mattoo

Mr. Subash Mattoo

Grandchildren: Sobhna, Urvashi, Jayati



MRS. CHUNI
MATTOO

10TH DAY KRIYA

With reverence and sadness we mourn the demise of **Sh. Brij Nath Kaul (Patwari)**, S/o Late Bal Ji Kaul fondly known as "Bhaji", (originally from Keni Mohalla, Rainawari) presently residing at 706/606, SABZAR, Sector 45, Faridabad.

10th Day Kriya will be held on 10th January, 2024 at Chhota Haridwar, Muradnagar followed by **Kirtan** at our residence at Faridabad from 3.30 PM.

MOURNED BY:-

Extended Kaul (Patwari) Family, Children,

Grand Children, Great Grand Children

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SH. BRIJ NATH KAUL
(PATWARI)

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/ UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Vishno Devi** on 30th December 2023.

Tenth Day will be performed on 7th January 2024 at 12.00 Noon (at home).

Kriya will be on 8th January 2024 from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm (at home).

Uthala will be performed at Hanuman Mandir, Digiana on 8th January, 2024 at 4.00 pm.

IN GRIEF

Late Sh. Jagdhar Sharma (Husband)

Kuldeep and Jyoti Sharma - Son & Daughter-in-law

Rajesh and Aruna Sharma - Son & Daughter-in-law

Daughter & Son-in-law

Kiran (Retd. Head Asst. Edu Deptt) and

Tarsem Khajuria (Retd. Vet. Officer)

Promila (Retd. Asst. Registrar Jammu Univ) and Kewal Krishan

Tripta and Late Sh. Anil Dubey

Rajni and Rajkumar Sharma

Mamta and Manoj Sharma (Retd. Honorary Captain)

and Grand Children: Kanav, Mishiti and Ojas

(Suvidha Medicos Sanjay Nagar, Bhagwati Medicos Channi Himmat)

Mob no. 9906113314, 9419134171



Smt. Vishno Devi

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Dev Raj Gupta S/o Lt. Sh. Mukand Lal Gupta R/o Ward No. 2 RS Pura Jammu.**

TENTH DAY will be performed at Devi Dwara, R.S. Pura on 08-01-2024 (Monday) from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Shakuntla Gupta (Wife)

Sisters

Smt. Santosh Gupta

Smt. Shakti Mahajan

Sons & Daughters in law

Sanjay Gupta & Preety Gupta

Rohit Gupta & Renuka Gupta

Dr. Amit Gupta & Dr. Arpana Silwal

Daughter & Son in law

Manju Gupta & Ravinder Gupta

Mob. 8290323232, 9419120404, 7027198537



Sh. Dev Raj Gupta

UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Romesh Kumar Gupta S/o Late Sh Tara Chand Gupta R/o New Mohinder Nagar, Jammu.**

The **Uthala** will be held on Monday 8th of January 2024 at Jagat Resorts from 3 pm to 4 pm

GRIEF STRICKEN :

Smt Shashi Prabha (Wife)

Daughter & Son-in-law

Smt Shalini & Sh Rajesh Gupta

Sons & Daughter-in-laws

Sh Nischal Gupta & Shweta Gupta

Sh Ritesh Gupta & Arti Gupta

Brother & Bhabhi

Sh Ashok Kumar Gupta & Smt Neelam Gupta

Sh Naresh Kumar Gupta & Smt Meena Gupta

Sisters & Brother-in-laws

Smt Trishita & Sh Bansil Lal

Smt Mohini & Sh Shiv Swaroop Gupta

Smt Sushma & Sh Subhash Gupta

Grand Children :

Ridhima-Tushar, Radhika-Arjun, Rishav, Nishita, Nakul, Nandika and Hardik

M/S TARA CHAND ROMESH KUMAR

(R K SUPER MART, CANAL ROAD)

TARA CHAND ASHOK KUMAR

R K, NAV DURGA CATERERS

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Sh. Romesh Kumar
Gupta

TENTH DAY KRIYA

It is with deep sorrow and profound grief we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Makhan Lal Koul (Papa)**, son of Late Sh. Shivji Koul, originally from Rang Teng, Ali Kadal, near Reshpee Temple-Srinagar and at present H.No. 107/2, Block A, Rop Nagar Enclave, Jammu on 02-01-2024.

The **10th-Day** rituals will be performed at Akhnoor and the Assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat on 10-01-2024, 11:00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Sons and Daughter-in-Law

Smt. Shakuntala Koul W/o Late Sh. Roshan Lal Koul

Sh. Ashok Kumar Koul and Gija Koul

Sh. Bharat Bushan Koul and Nirmala Wali

Daughters and Son-in-Law

Smt. Veena Monga and Sh. Satish Kumar Monga

Smt. Sunita Bazar and Sh. Daleep Bazar

Grand Son and Daughter-in-Law

Mr. Sumit Koul and Mrs. Shiveeta Koul

Grand Daughters and Son-in-Law

Mrs. Minisha Koul and Mr. Anshoo Raina

Mrs. Shivangi Koul and Mr. Loveesh Bhatt

Mrs. Shafalee Koul and Mr. Sandeep Koul

Great Grand Children: Shivika, Shivani, Esha, Kavish, Arav, Aavya, Aweer and Shivansh

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra draws massive crowds during urban leg at MC Billawar



Top News Report

KATHUA, Jan 7: The Urban leg of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra recently unfolded in the Municipal limits of MC Billawar, witnessing an overwhelming turnout from diverse sections of the society. Enthusiastic participants gath-

ered at Uppar Chugaan, where the Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) van captured the attention of all attendees. Numerous engaging sessions highlighted different flagship schemes, with attendees having the opportunity to interact and address queries directly with

respective department representatives. The event aimed to enhance understanding among prospective beneficiaries and foster a sense of community engagement. During the event, the Viksit Bharat Pledge was administered, with the presence of Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI)

members and Administrative Officers. Departmental stalls received significant footfall, as people eagerly seized the opportunity to learn about what they term an unprecedented holistic empowerment campaign. One beneficiary, a farmer, expressed satisfaction, deeming the event a great learning experience. The atmosphere was filled with joy when Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) beneficiaries were handed ceremonial keys to their newly constructed houses. The Yatra echoed the Prime Minister's message of achieving developed status for India by 2047, emphasizing an inclusive approach to carry every citizen along on the nation's developmental journey.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra: IEC Van traverses through panchayats of block Moughla & Kalakote in Rajouri District



Top News Report

RAJOURI, Jan 7: Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) is gaining momentum in Rajouri, driving the implementation of various government schemes and bringing about comprehensive development in the district. This initiative aims to transform Rajouri by reaching underserved areas and ensuring the effective execution of government programs, thereby improving the lives of its residents. To effectively communicate and create awareness about these initiatives, an Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) van has been deployed as an essential part of the Yatra. This mobile

communication platform has played a crucial role in engaging with local communities and equipping them with the necessary knowledge to benefit from government schemes. The VBSY has achieved remarkable success in implementing various government schemes in Rajouri District. These schemes, designed to enhance the quality of life and provide essential services, have been executed with exceptional efficiency on the ground. As a result, the community has experienced tangible benefits and witnessed positive changes in their daily lives. Today, the VBSY IEC vans traveled through the panchayats of Jun-

grial East, Jungrial West, Mallurian, Treru Uppar-A, Kothian-A, Jigni, Bathera and Kharak of Moughla and Kalakote block. The impact of the Yatra can be seen in improved access to healthcare, education, and basic amenities, as well as the overall progress of Rajouri District. This initiative has been meticulously planned and executed to align with the core objective of holistic development, leaving a lasting and positive impact on the community. The VBSY represents progress and collaboration, embodying the spirit of Viksit Bharat Sankalp. By bringing government schemes to the grassroots level and ensuring comprehensive coverage, it has created a platform for empowerment and upliftment. This transformative journey in Rajouri District stands as an exemplary model of effective governance, community engagement, and collective determination to build a better and prosperous India.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra transforms lives through PM SVANidhi in Anantnag



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ANANTNAG, Jan 7: In the heart of Anantnag, the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra unfolds a tapestry of transformative stories, showcasing the impact of the PM SVANidhi scheme on resilient street vendors. From Mattan to Qazigund, from Seer-Hamdan to Kokernag, lives are being reshaped, businesses are flourishing, and hope is rekindled. Mohammad Amin Mir, Mohammad Nawab Faridi and Punkaj Mandal's stories are the shining examples of street vendors in Mattan. From starting their businesses with minimal resources, these entrepreneurs flourished with financial aid under PM SVANidhi. Their success stories echo the experiences of millions across India, illustrating the Yatra's unwavering commitment to inclusive development.

Kaisar Ahmad Bhat's story from Qazigund is heart-touching. Facing the brink of closure during the harsh times of COVID-19, the PM SVANidhi Scheme became his lifeline. With successive tranches totaling Rs. 80,000, Kaisar not only revived his fruit-selling Rehri but stands today as a successful street vendor, a testament to the scheme's transformative power. In Seer-Hamdan, Mushtaq Ahmad Ganie, Bikram Mandal, and Kadar epitomize the success spurred by PM SVANidhi. Starting from scratch, they expanded their businesses with financial assistance, leading to increased income and a better lifestyle. Their unique stories resonate with the Yatra's commitment to leave no citizen behind. Mohammad Ayoub Bhat, a graduate from Kokernag, faced challenges accessing credit for his business. PM SVANidhi changed the game, providing a loan that fueled business growth and enhanced income. His story inspires unemployed youth across India, showcasing the Yatra's dedication to inclusive development. In Dooru Verinag, Mohammad Ashraf Mochi's fruit and vegetable vending unit faced setbacks during COVID-19. The PM SVANidhi Scheme revived his business, availing all three tranches and boosting daily income. His satisfaction reflects the scheme's impact on businesses, irrespective of education or qualification.

The Central Government's PM SVANidhi scheme emerges as a beacon of hope for street vendors nationwide. Providing working capital loans, incentivizing repayment, and promoting digital transactions, it goes beyond financial assistance, becoming a catalyst for economic resurgence and uplifting lives. As Viksit Bharat strides forward, these success stories illuminate its commitment to a future where every citizen is an integral part of the nation's journey towards progress and prosperity. This isn't just a promise; it is Viksit Bharat in dynamic action, fostering inclusivity and transforming lives at the grassroots level.

Arrangements for Republic Day celebration reviewed in Poonch



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POONCH, Jan 7: Additional District Development Commissioner, Sandesh Kumar Sharma chaired a meeting to review the arrangements for Republic Day celebration 2024 here at a conference hall of Dak Bunglow Poonch. During the meeting,

the ADDC reviewed the ongoing preparations by different departments. He also reviewed the arrangements regarding seating, barricading, drinking water and power supply, sanitation, first-aid, fault free PAS, fire-tenders, Media gallery, among others. The ADDC directed

the concerned executive engineers to ensure adequate arrangements of barricading, seating and drinking water supply besides uninterrupted power supply on the day of function. He also passed directions to the concerned officers to ensure ambulance and provision of adequate manpower at the venue of the event. He also directed concerned committee to finalize the themes for cultural items at the earliest. The ADDC impressed upon the departmental heads to put in place all the necessary arrangements well in time for the smooth and grand celebrations of the National event. The meeting was attended by CEO Tourism, Dr.Mohd. Tanveer Khan, PO ICDS, AD FCS&CA Department Poonch, District Information Officer Poonch, Vishal Deep Chandan, DYSSO and Concerned district officers.

DC Anantnag conducts Comprehensive Inspection of Child Care Institutions in district

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ANANTNAG Jan 7: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, S.F. Hamid today 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 DC 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 time-frame. 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 children, acknowledging their significant role as builders of the nation. In an immediate response to identified needs during the visit, the DC 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 DC was accompanied by District Social Welfare Officer, Muzaffar Ahmad Malik, members of the Child Welfare Committee Anantnag, and officers from the Social Welfare Department.

Cleanliness Drive organized in Srinagar's Zone West Ward No. 22 & 23, Zone South Ward No. 31

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SRINAGAR, Jan 7: The Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) on Sunday organized a significant cleanliness drive, as part of the "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" initiative. The drive was conducted in Zone West Ward No. 22, and 23, Chache Kadal upto Zampa

Kadal Bund both sides and Zone South Ward No. 31, Padshahi Bagh from garbage shed up to Masjid Shareef with a focus on enhancing cleanliness and hygiene in these specific areas of the city. Led by the Chief Sanitation Officer, Zonal Sanitation Officers, and other dedicated officers from the SMC, the drive

aimed to uplift the overall cleanliness and aesthetic appeal of the selected zones. The main activities carried out during the drive included the efficient lifting and disposal of garbage, as well as the removal of unwanted grass and vegetation. The Srinagar Municipal Corporation's objective behind organizing such initiatives is to

create a cleaner and healthier environment for the citizens, thereby contributing to the overall development and well-being of the city. By actively engaging in cleanliness drives, the SMC strives to foster a sense of civic responsibility among residents and promote a sustainable and hygienic lifestyle.

IN THE COURT OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST REASI
Public Notice

This is to inform public in General that the following Persons had filed their petition before this Court (Tehsildar Reasi) for seeking directions regarding registration of birth records.

S. No.	Name with Parentage	Date of birth (as stated by the applicant)	Place of birth (as stated by the applicant)
1	Sajida Bibi D/o Mohd Rakib	02-12-2013	At Home, situated at village Kundra, Tehsil & District Reasi.
2	Zaffar Ali S/o Mohd Rakib	20-11-2015	At Home, situated at village Kundra, Tehsil & District Reasi.
3	Guaria D/o Mohd Rakib	07-03-2018	At Home, situated at village Kundra, Tehsil & District Reasi.
4	Mahreen Bano D/o Mohd Iqbal	11-01-2020	At Home, situated at village Kundra, Tehsil & District Reasi.
5	Mohd Javed S/o Manzoor Ahmed	19-10-2006	At Home situated at village Bhabber Rasyalan Tehsil & District Reasi.
6	Rashta Begum D/o Manzoor Ahmed	22-03-2008	At Home situated at village Bhabber Rasyalan Tehsil & District Reasi.
7	Faqat Ali S/o Manzoor Ahmed	13-03-2011	At Home situated at village Bhabber Rasyalan Tehsil & District Reasi.
8	Rukhsana Begum S/o Manzoor Ahmed	12-03-2012	At Home situated at village Bhabber Rasyalan Tehsil & District Reasi.
9	Mohd Arif S/o Mohd Fareed	03-01-2017	At Home situated at Village Bidda Tehsil & District Reasi
10	Mohd Imran S/o Mohd Fareed	14-02-2018	At home situated at village Bidda Tehsil & District Reasi
11	Sirat Jan D/o Mohd Fareed	17-03-2019	At home situated at village Bidda Tehsil & District Reasi
12	Krishan Lal S/o Lt. Faqir Chand	04-12-1978	At home situated at village Gran Tehsil & District Reasi
13	Rafeeq Hussain S/o Sh. Bagh Hussain	07-03-1999	At Home, situated at Village Chapanu, Tehsil & District Reasi
14	Tafiq Hussain S/o Sh. Bagh Hussain	20-03-2002	At Home, situated at Village Chapanu, Tehsil & District Reasi
15	Yassar Hussain S/o Lt. Sh. Lal Hussain	20-05-2010	At Home, i.e. Kambal Danga (Mari) Tehsil & District Reasi
16	Muzaffer Hussain S/o Lt. Sh. Lal Hussain	10-07-2008	At Home, i.e. Kambal Danga (Mari) Tehsil & District Reasi
17	Mohd. Irfan S/o Abdul Rashid	03-04-2008	At Home situated at Village Kans kassan Tehsil & District Reasi
18	Salma Bibi D/o Abdul Rashid	02-03-2017	At Home situated at Village Kans kassan Tehsil & District Reasi
19	Irfan Khan S/o Hakam Din	22-11-2009	At home situated at village Kayala (Anji) Tehsil & District Reasi
20	Gujan Devi D/o Rakesh Kumar	27-03-2022	Govt. District Hospital Reasi
21	Sheetal Devi D/o Ashok Kumar	18-03-2009	At Home i.e. Village Gran Batoyrian Tehsil & District Reasi
22	Tanu Devi D/o Sonu	27-06-2014	At Home situated at village Panassa Tehsil & District Reasi.
23	Kriti Devi D/o Madan Kumar	10-08-2021	At Community Health Center Katra
24	Kamla Devi D/o Kartar Chand	12-07-1985	At Home Village Bhaga Tehsil & District Reasi
25	Imran Khan S/o Mohd Hanif	01-04-2004	At home situated at village Kayala (Anji) Tehsil & District Reasi
26	Nusrat Akhter S/o Lt. Mohd Ferooz	01-02-2000	At home situated at village Kayala (Anji) Tehsil & District Reasi
27	Khadam Hussain S/o Lt. Sh. Mohd Sadeeq	13-02-1997	At home situated at village Kayala (Anji) Tehsil & District Reasi
28	Sheel Kumar S/o Lt. Sh. Bodh Raj	18-01-1973	Home
29	Shayina Kousar D/o Mushtaq Ahmed	11-03-2009	At home situated at village Kayala (Anji) Tehsil & District Reasi
30	Jameel Ahmed S/o Mushtaq Ahmed	04-11-2010	At home situated at village Kayala (Anji) Tehsil & District Reasi
31	Kamal Din S/o Mohd Sadeeq	21-03-1993	At Home, situated at Village Kayala(Anji), Tehsil & District Reasi
32	Snower Bibi D/o Manzoor Ahmed	28-03-1999	At Home, situated at Village Kayala(Anji), Tehsil & District Reasi
33	Sahil Kumar S/o Suram Chand	28-03-1998	At Home Village Talwara Tehsil & District Reasi

Therefore, through the medium of this notice, public at large is informed that if any person has any objection in respect to the above mentioned details of the petitioners/applicant, he/she shall appear in this court either personally or through a counsel to file his/her objections within a period of 07 days from the publication of this notice in the newspaper.

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Executive Magistrate 1st Class
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EDITORIAL

MAKE IDEAL STUDENT

'The child is the father of the man.'

He who is a student today will be a responsible citizen tomorrow. Childhood is a stage of formation of character. A child is sent to the school for essential training for his future life. School is a place where a student learns the value of discipline in life.

Here he is under the direct training and control of his teachers who appraise his talent and guide him in his studies and in the improvement of his habits. Here he is given the shape of a perfect human being who has to face the world in future.

In this training ground, all efforts are made to mould a student's life into an ideal character so that he may not have any problem in his later life. He is praised for his good work, and punished for his folly. Thus he comes to know what is good and what is bad in this world. When this sense in him is properly developed, he becomes an ideal student. He can prove himself to be honest, obedient and bold in his character.

A free country like India demands many things from an ideal student. An ideal student is one who is conscious about his duties and responsibilities towards his family, his society and his country.

An ideal student is he who bears a good moral character, who leads a simple life with noble thinking, and who is patriotic, respectful towards his superiors, and compassionate towards his juniors.

If a student scores high marks in an examination, it does not mean that he should be called an ideal student, unless he possesses all those good qualities. He may set an academic record in the university, but he may prove to be a failure in his real life, whereas, a student, who may not make a bright academic career, may prove himself an ideal student by virtue of his noble character.

An ideal student respects and loves his parents and teachers. He behaves, both in his family life and his school life, like a sensible person, and shares equally the joys and sorrows of others. He is truthful, loyal and disciplined. He is the future ideal citizen of the world.

An ideal student is a true patriot. He does not hesitate to sacrifice his personal interests, when the question of safety of his motherland comes. In a natural calamity anywhere in the country, he volunteers himself for the service to the distressed. He gives preference to humanity more than anything else in life.

An ideal student is strong, both in mind and body. He practices physical exercises regularly in order to keep his body and mind fit. He is loved by all. He is the pride of his parents, his society, and his country.

By: Shashi Warriar

It seems that there are cat people and there are dog people, and ne'er the twain shall get along, like Swift's Big Endians and Little Endians. My wife and I have always been cat and dog people: Our in-house menagerie at one time consisted of two dogs and two cats, all living amicably together. So we took this saying with a pinch of salt until a few years ago.

A year or so after we moved into our house by the beach, a couple moved into a house nearby. There were just the two of them, and they kept themselves to themselves, never making any effort to speak to any of their neighbours except an old gentleman nearby, a retired Army NCO, who happens to be a fanatic gardener, out in all weathers tending to his vegetable patches, which are spread out over a few vacant lots in our township.

Over the weeks, we learnt something about the new couple. They are Christian, both work, and the husband is an avid — though not fanatic — gardener. Neither ever smiled: We nicknamed them Mr and Mrs Grumpy. The one unpleasant aspect of their attitude towards neighbours emerged slowly. They both belong to this state and area, and insist that anyone who chooses to live here must learn the local language. I tend to agree that if you decide to settle down somewhere it

The Christmas Conversion

makes a great deal of sense to learn the local language, but, being old, learning a new language takes time.

In any case, our first disagreement arose some months after they moved in, when I found him throwing stones at one of our dogs. I confronted him, and he replied in rapid fire Kannada that I didn't understand. We were both too angry to look for a middle ground, so we left it at that. I later asked the fanatic gardener what the man meant — I remembered some of the words he used — and discovered that he objected to our dog using the flower bed outside his house as a toilet. Understandable, I thought.

It was about then that we discovered that he and his wife are cat people. They had a pair of cats that roamed the neighbourhood at all hours. They discovered that our dogs didn't mind cats and often found their way into our verandah at night, getting into fights and making the most ungodly noises at odd hours. I thought of complaining to Mr Grumpy, but he was a cat person, after all...

For the next few months, he crossed the road whenever he saw me coming, and I ignored him. I had no idea how to deal with him, and, besides, there were other matters to take up my time.

In the middle of November a stray bitch whelped in the ditch running in front of the house. The litter con-

sisted of eight pups, one of which fell ill and died some days later, and a second disappeared... We dreaded to think that of what happened to it.

They grew fast, and, by mid-December, were little balls of fur with legs. Feeding time offered great amusement. They ate out of one very large dish, originally intended for their mother, and they did it with single-minded commitment, not hesitating to climb over each other to get at the food, and, when the food at the edges of the dish was gone, climbing into it. When the dish had been licked clean, they licked each other clean, because they'd have dog food all over their faces and their feet. Over the weeks, they learnt to bite their way through the plastic netting we'd put on the gate to prevent them coming into our compound: they even occasionally managed a mouthful or two from the dishes of our two dogs.

It wasn't all smooth sailing, though. A rat snake turned up one day, timorous and sleek and almost invisible in the drying grass of the ditch, but the mother, who must have smelt the intruder, drove it away. Crows waiting to get at the remnants of the food hovered around them, pecking unprotected bottoms and sending the puppies squealing for help which their mother was unable to give. And, this close to the sea, there were sharp-eyed predators wheeling in the

sky, waiting for a puppy-sized morsel...

All six survived until Christmas Eve. But when it was time for their second feed of that day, teatime for us humans, I was dismayed that only one of the six turned up to eat. The remaining five had disappeared. We wondered what happened to them, because we'd been home all afternoon and hadn't heard a single squeak of protest from the pups. I went looking for them in the neighbourhood, but they were nowhere to be seen. At their breakfast on Christmas morning there was still only the lone pup present, and we were getting really worried, knowing how committed they were to large meals. I just hoped that some benevolent dog-lover had carted them off, leaving one being to console the mother.

And then, on Christmas evening, Mrs Grumpy appeared around the bend in the lane that hides their house from ours. At her ankles frisked the five missing puppies, plump and playful as ever. Every now and again she bent down to give them some sort of a treat. The Grumpies had been converted that Christmas, from cat people to cat and dog people! And everyone knows: cat and dog people have to stick together.

We still call them the Grumpies, but no longer with malice. And, the next chance I get, I'm going to try to mend fences.

Time to Tear down the walls of our Outdated Educational System



By: Vijay GarG

Our classrooms, once vibrant cauldrons of curiosity and exploration, have become suffocating chambers of standardized tests and rote memorization. We cram children's minds with facts, dates, formulas, churning out human calculators instead of nurturing young Einsteins. But the greatest weapon in humanity's arsenal lies not in regurgitating textbook data, but

in the boundless fields of creativity, imagination, and empathy. It's time we stopped treating education as a factory assembly line and started cultivating the gardens of young minds.

The current system, fixated on metrics and benchmarks, stifles the very qualities that define human ingenuity. Where are the paint-splattered Picassos of the future, their fingers still sticky with the residue of creation? Where are the budding writers, weaving tales of wonder in their cluttered notebooks? Their voices are drowned out by the monotonous drone of lectures and the incessant ticking of test clocks. We've reduced learning to a zero-sum game, where a missed multiple-choice question erases the spark of a nascent idea.

This isn't just about test scores; it's about the kind of adults we're shaping. Cre-

ativity allows us to break free from the rigidity of thought, to envision solutions where none existed before. Imagination fuels empathy, the cornerstone of a compassionate society. We need doctors who can not only diagnose ailments but also feel the patient's pain, engineers who design not just for efficiency but for human well-being, leaders who build bridges, not walls. These qualities will not bloom in the sterile labs of standardized tests.

This is not a call for chaos, but for a symphony of minds in perfect harmony. We need rigour, yes, but also the freedom to question, to challenge, to create. It is imperative to equip our children not just with facts, but with the tools to navigate the uncertainties of the future: the critical thinking to solve complex problems, the empathy to build bridges across divides, and the imagination to dream

worlds they can bring into being. The stars that light our way were born not in sterile labs, but in the fiery furnaces of creativity.

The future demands not just knowledge, but wisdom. Not just facts, but empathy. Not just robots who can regurgitate equations, but human beings who can connect, create, and navigate the complexities of a rapidly changing world. It is time to tear down the walls of our outdated educational system and build a new one, brick by brick, with imagination, empathy, and the boundless potential of our children at its heart.

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Central Kashmir Range Police accord warm farewell to outgoing DC Srinagar

SRINAGAR, Jan 7 (Agencies): Central Kashmir Range Police and District Police Srinagar organised an impressive function here to bid farewell to outgoing Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad on his transfer/Promotion as Administrative Secretary, Planning & Monitoring Department and Civil Aviation.

DIG Central Kashmir Range, Sujit Kumar IPS led the farewell ceremony. SSP Srinagar, Ashish Mishra, SP East Shri Ram, SP Gaurav Skawar
SP North Zuhaib Tan-



veer, SP PC Iftikhar Talib, SP Hazratbat Mashkooor Ahmad, SSO Sajad khaliq Bhat S.O to DIG and other senior officers of the District Police Srinagar were present on the occasion. While extending their best wishes to the out-

going DC, the officers present in the function lauded the working style and leadership qualities of the outgoing Deputy Commissioner and extended their best wishes for his new assignment. DIG Shri Sujit Kumar recalled the

Team Spirit of Administration in Srinagar and historic achievements during the tenure of outgoing DC Mr Aijaz Asad which resulted in greater common good in Service of the people. The DC thanked the officers for organising a cordial farewell and also appreciated the officers for putting in their best efforts in carrying out the official duties and assignments and also for their active support and cooperation during his tenure. The DC also thanked the Hon'ble LG J & K Shri Manoj Sinha for providing him the opportunity to serve the people of Srinagar.

Srinagar Municipal Corporation bids farewell to Commissioner Athar Aamir Khan

SRINAGAR, Jan 7 (Agencies): The Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) bid a heartfelt farewell to its Worthy Commissioner, Athar Aamir Khan (IAS), as he concludes his successful tenure with the corporation. Athar's unwavering dedication and exceptional leadership have significantly contributed to the progress and development of Srinagar, leaving an indelible mark on the city's urban landscape.

During his tenure, Athar spearheaded numerous initiatives and innovative projects aimed at enhancing the civic infrastructure and services in Srinagar.



Under his astute guidance, the SMC achieved remarkable milestones in waste management, urban planning, beautification, and the overall improvement of public amenities, thereby positively impacting the lives

of the city's residents. Athar Aamir Khan's visionary approach and commitment to excellence have set new benchmarks for municipal governance and administration. On this occasion, the

SMC expresses its profound gratitude to Athar Aamir Khan for his exemplary service and remarkable contributions to the city of Srinagar. His departure leaves a void that will be challenging to fill, and his legacy will continue to inspire and guide the corporation in its future endeavors.

The Srinagar Municipal Corporation extends its best wishes to Sh. Athar Aamir Khan for all his future endeavors and endeavors to uphold the values and principles of good governance that he has exemplified during his tenure.

ABRSM advocates for Teacher Safety amidst adverse weather conditions

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 7: The Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shakshik Mahasangh (ABRSM) Jammu Kashmir has raised concerns regarding the safety and well-being of teachers facing challenging weather conditions. With a special emphasis on the necessity for teachers to attend schools without students, the organization highlighted the hardships faced, particularly by those covering long distances daily, spanning 50 to 60 kilometers.

In a recent virtual meeting chaired by Devraj Thakur, State President, and Rattan Sharma, State General Secretary, the ABRSM shed light on the pressing issue faced by teachers, notably focusing on the challenges encountered by female educators. The discussion pinpointed the difficulties arising due to inclement weather conditions, significantly risking the safety of teachers with longer commutes.

Recognizing the paramount importance of ensuring teachers' safety and convenience while maintaining uninterrupted educational delivery, the ABRSM proposed recommendations to alleviate existing concerns. One significant suggestion includes the consideration of conducting online classes until the harsh winter weather subsides, providing a safer and more accessible platform for educators to continue their crucial role in education.

Devraj Thakur, State President, emphasized, "The safety and well-being of our teachers are paramount. Amidst challenging weather conditions, it's crucial to ensure teachers can fulfill their duties without compromising their safety. We urge educational authorities to consider alternative approaches, such as online classes, to foster a conducive environment for teaching and learning."

Highlighting the need to factor in educational

and well-being impacts during emergencies, Thakur added, "Every emergency is different, but the safety of staff and students should remain paramount. Settings should strive to remain open if safe, with continuous review of risk assessments and policies."

Devraj Thakur has lodged an appeal urging the director of school education to reconsider the directive of summoning teachers to schools during severe cold weather when students are absent. Thakur emphasizes the lack of purpose in such an arrangement, highlighting the absence of both students and substantive work, making it a disheartening experience. Attending school devoid of students not only lacks productivity but also dampens the essence of the educational environment, offering minimal incentive for teachers to engage in their duties under such adverse weather conditions.

Rattan Sharma, State General Secretary, stressed a collaborative effort in addressing teachers' concerns, stating, "Our educators shape the future; it's imperative to collectively ensure their safety, allowing them to focus on providing quality education."

Rattan Sharma highlighted that in the absence of heating arrangements in schools, teachers are challenged when attending without students present, raising concerns about the comfort and feasibility of conducting classes under such conditions.

The ABRSM is committed to supporting the educational community and stands as a proponent of ensuring a conducive working environment, especially during challenging times. The organization hopes that its recommendations will be earnestly considered by educational authorities, prioritizing teacher well-being while ensuring uninterrupted educational progress.

CEC Dr Jaffer inspects Winter Residential Hostel at Lankerchey

Top News Report

KARGIL, Jan 7: Chairman/Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC, Kargil Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhoun on Saturday evening visited Government Higher Secondary School, Lankerchey to inspect the Winter Residential Hostel.

He reviewed the facilities provided in the hostel and academic activities performed with the intent to orient student regarding the examination pattern under CBSE and to mentor students with regard to clear their doubts.



Councillor Lankerchey Ghulam Hyder accompanied the CEC during the visit.

Principal GHSS Lankerchey, Sadiq Ali appraised the CEC about the facilities put in place in hostel such as library, classrooms, heating arrangements, availability of facilities and engagement of sub-

teaching staff, he expressed his satisfaction over the functioning of the hostel and advised them to provide quality guidance to the students.

CEC Dr Jaffer assured to extend all possible help to improve the educational scenario of the district and to bring the educational standard at par with the rest of the country.

While encouraging the students, he emphasized the significance of hard work and dedication in studies and urged them to strive for 100 percent results in the upcoming examinations.

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Ganesh Choudhary leads protests against unscheduled power outages

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 7: The workers of Youth Wing of Shiv Sena Hindustan J&K Unit led by its President Ganesh Choudhary took out a massive protest rally in Bari Brahmana against the power cuts in winter season which has halted the life of locals here. The protesters raised slogans against PDD and torched effigy of department who voiced their concern against the increasing power crisis as they demanded immediate redress by the administration.

Speaking on the occasion, Ganesh said that the promises made by the administration about smart meters were meant to bring relief, not exacerbate the people's woes. It is disheartening to see the government exploit the situation and burden the citizens further," he told reporters during the protest. He said, the protest was aimed at drawing attention to the administration's failure to deliver on its promises and to demand transparency



regarding the implementation and impact of the smart meter initiative. "The people of Jammu deserve answers and concrete actions to resolve the pressing power crisis, he said.

Ganesh urged the administration to reassess its approach, address the genuine concerns of the public, and work towards a sustainable solution that truly benefits the citizens of Jammu. The power crisis, according to him, has reached a critical point, leaving citizens grappling with prolonged blackouts and enduring severe hardships. "Despite tall claims by the LG administration about the installation of smart meters to alleviate power issues and ensure uninterrupted supply, the ground reality tells a different story,"

he added. He added that the people, who are already burdened by the acute power crisis, are now finding themselves facing higher tariffs, leading to a sense of betrayal by the government that promised them relief. "The increased financial burden, coupled with persistent power shortages, has compromised basic necessities, plunging many households into darkness," he said.

The protest was aimed to highlight the plight of people of area, particularly rural areas where healthcare, business, and student education are facing major challenges due to the power crisis. All the claims by the LG administration have failed," Ganesh said. He said since independence Jammu has always been in

power deficit despite the fact that a lot of power projects are generating electricity. He stated that Jammu and Kashmir should get its independent power generation system.

Ganesh appealed LG Manoj Sinha to address power crisis in Jammu region as the grid stations are not in a position to supply power as per the increased demand and the infrastructure is unable to sustain the increased load in winter. He said that the infrastructure available with the PDD at present is not well equipped to "sustain the load. He said that the power demand has increased manifold and the system is not in a position to sustain the load. "Apart from this, there are grid constraints due to which the power crisis has worsened," said Ganesh.

Kulgam administration accords warm farewell to outgoing DC Dr Bilal



Top News Report

KULGAM, Jan 7: District Administration Kulgam today on Saturday organised an impressive function to bid farewell to outgoing Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bilal-Mohi-Ud-Din-Bhat on his transfer as Deputy Commissioner Srinagar.

While extending their best wishes to the DC, the officers and officials applauded the working of Dr. Bilal Muhi ud deen Bhat and also shared that they will miss the guidance and support of the DC in Administrative matters.

The officers, officials and PRIs present in the function lauded the Dr. Bilal's working style,

leadership qualities and his responsiveness and dedication toward the service of the people and extended their best wishes for his new assignment.

The DC appreciated the officers for putting in their best efforts in carrying out the official duties and assignments and also for their active support and cooperation during his three tenure as Deputy Commissioner, Kulgam.

He also expressed his gratitude to the people of Kulgam for the respect and love showered by them on him.

Later officers presented gifts to the outgoing DC as a token of love.

Officials to receive powers as ULBs, Panchayats near expiry

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Jan 7 (Agencies): The decision to grant the financial and administrative powers of the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), Panchayats, and Block Development Councils (BDCs) to the government officials is anticipated to be made in the coming days, as their terms are scheduled to expire on January 9.

Quoting official sources, the local English daily reported that a proposal on the grant of powers of BDCs and Panchayats is in the final stage.

The powers would either go to Block Development Officers (BDOs) and Panchayat Secretaries or the Government can appoint Administrators to make sure that panchayats and blocks run well until elections are held.

Five-year term of BDCs was scheduled to end in October 2024 but as per the Rules and Panchayati Raj

Act, term of BDCs is co-terminus with the Panchayats and they too will cease to exist along with Panchayats on January 9.

Election to nearly 310 BDCs were held in October 2019 while that of polls to the Panchayats were conducted in November-December 2018 and the Panchayats were formally constituted on January 8, 2019.

Meanwhile, State Election Commissioner (SEC) BR Sharma has ordered annual revision of voter lists of Panchayats.

As per an order issued by the SEC, draft rolls of Panchayats will be published on January 15. Claims and objections by the voters can be submitted till February 5. The final rolls will be published on February 26.

However, the possibility of conducting Municipal and Panchayat elections before or along with Lok Sabha polls scheduled in April-May has been ruled out.

BMS Hold seminar on contractual & out source employment

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JAMMU, Jan 7: Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh hold seminar on contract employment system at Trikuta Yatri Niwas Jammu while speaking on the occasion Harbans Choudhary working president said that now a days whether in Govt. departments or private sector every where this practice is gaining momentum and highly educated youth are being engaged in govt. departments on regular nature of work on the name of scheme, Mission etc. as thousands of employ-



ees working in medical department on the name of NHM & PHE and are being paid very less salary in comparison to regular employees and they are being exploited badly and there is no social security is being given neither covered under EPF OR ESI where

as they are supposed to work full 8 hours or even more and even regular employees also put their work on them govt should have to formulate policy so that at least minimum scale of said category be given and engagement should be only on temporarily basis requirements

and when posts are advertised these employees should be given preference in employment Ashok Choudhary Sangathan Mantri BMS highlighted the exploitation of industrial workers as in industries those who came from other states openly flouting the norms fixed by the Govt for giving 80% employment to locals peoples and use to employ workers through labour supplier agents and almost in all the big factories 80% manpower has been engaged through labour supplier agents and 12 hour duty is fixed but no over time

is given nor bonus is given no any casual leave or earned leaves is being given. Govt should have to focus on these issues and exploitations labour department should be made accountable for all these mal practices and EPFO officials also need to do practical work on this and not just to gain only media publicity. In the seminar a resolution has been passed and stressed that Govt have to call Contract Labour Advisory board meeting at the earliest so that necessary steps can be taken to save the workers from exploitation.

Javed Akhtar believes success of films like 'Animal' is 'dangerous'

The veteran screenwriter believes the onus is on the audiences today to decide which films to accept and reject.

In an apparent swipe at Sandeep Reddy Vanga's "Animal", veteran lyricist and writer Javed Akhtar has said that the commercial success of films with problematic scenes is a "dangerous" trend.

The 78-year-old screenwriter expressed his concerns about the current state of cinema at the Ajanta Ellora International Film Festival in Aurangabad early this week.

He, however, did not mention the name of "Animal".

"I believe it's a testing time for the young filmmakers today as to what kind of characters they want to create that the society will applaud.

For instance, if there's a film in which a man asks a woman to lick his shoe or if a man says it's okay to slap a woman, and if the film is a super duper hit, then that's very dangerous," Akhtar said.

He was apparently referring to a key scene in "Animal", where the film's lead character Ranvijay (Ranbir Kapoor) asks his



mistress Zoya (Tripti Dimri) to lick his shoes to prove her love for him.

While it has set the cash registers ringing, grossing close to Rs 900 crore globally, "Animal" has been labelled misogynistic and brutally violent by a section of viewers and critics.

The veteran screenwriter believes the onus is on the audiences today to decide which films to accept and reject.

"Nowadays, I feel that a bigger

responsibility is on the audiences than filmmakers. The audiences have to decide what kind of movies should be made, and what kind of films should not be made.

Also, what kind of values and moralities should be shown in our films, what should we reject, that decision is in your hands. The ball is currently in the audience's court," he added.

Akhtar also said writers face a big challenge about the repre-

sentation of a hero on celluloid.

"Today, the writers face a big challenge about what kind of a hero should be presented on screen.

This confusion is there because there's confusion in society itself. When society is clear about what is right and wrong, then you get great characters in a story.

But when society is unable to understand what is right and what is wrong, then you can't create great characters," he said.

"There was a time when life was simple, rich people were considered bad, and the poor people were considered good.

But today, we all have that thought in our head, 'Kaun Banega Crorepati?' Hence we can't make the rich people look bad since we ourselves want to be rich.

So, who should we say bad? And we don't want to go jail either, we have a lot of constraints on us," he added.

'Ayalaan' trailer sees Sivakarthikeyan joining hands with alien to save Earth



Ahead of the release of Sivakarthikeyan's Ayalaan, the makers of the film have released the trailer where we can, for the first time, hear the voice of the alien.

The 2.19-minute-long trailer opens with Sivakarthikeyan portraying the role of a farmer who cares for all living beings including pests. Scientists are conspiring to find a rare ele-

ment, potentially carrying immense power, theirs.

As an alien descends on Earth, Sivakarthikeyan, along with his friends, join hands together to find the real reason behind the scientists' sinister motive that could possibly destroy the planet and thwart their plans.

Ayalaan, directed by Ravikumar, also stars Yogi Babu, Karuna-

karan, Isha Kopikkar and Rakul Preet Singh in prominent roles. The voice of the Ayalaan or alien has been dubbed by actor Siddharth.

Interestingly, Sivakarthikeyan has previously lent his voice to Siddharth in the Tamil version of Oh My Friend (2011). The film has extensive CGI shots, made specifically for the alien. More than 4000 CGI shots, the most for an Indian film.

Ayalaan has music by AR Rahman, cinematography by Nirav Shah, editing by Ruben and stunts by Anbariv. The film is produced by Kotapadi J Rajesh under KJR Studios. The film has completed censorship formalities and has received a U certificate from the censor board.

Ayalaan, which hits theatres on January 12, will clash with Dhanush's Captain Miller and Arun Vijay's Mission Chapter 1.

Olivia Rodrigo excited about 6 Grammy nominations, says, "It's just such an honour"

Actor Olivia Rodrigo is ecstatic after being nominated for six Grammy Awards. At the premiere of 'The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes' in Los Angeles, the 20-year-old singer-songwriter said it was "such an honour," according to People.

"Yeah. So insane. It's just such an honour and such a pleasure to be recognized by the music community in such an incredible way," Rodrigo told People. "I'm very grateful."

The star also said that seeing so many friends nominated is "half the fun." She added, "Honestly, sometimes that's more exciting than you getting nominated. [You are] just so proud of everyone that you love."

"Noah Kahan got nominated for best new artist, and we were so excited," Rodrigo tells PEOPLE. "I was so excited that he got nominated. He was so excited that I got nominated. So it's just a wonderful sharing of the love."

Rodrigo has been nominated for six Grammys, including Record of the Year for "Vampire," Album of the Year for



Guts, Song of the Year for "Vampire," Best Pop Solo Performance for "Vampire," Best Pop Vocal Album for Guts, and Best Rock Song for "Ballad of a Home-schooled Girl."

The 66th Grammy Awards will be placed on February 4, 2024, at the Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles.

The three-time Grammy winner's song "Can't Catch Me Now," which was published earlier this month, is also featured on the soundtrack for 'The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes'.

"I love everything Hunger Games," Rodrigo tells PEOPLE. "I love the books, I love the movies, and I really love the soundtracks. It's such an honor to be asked to write this song, and I'm very excited to be here."

At the event, Rodrigo was dressed in a black shimmering gown that featured floral embellishments. She attended the party alongside her friend, singer-songwriter Conan Gray and the beaming pair posed together on the red carpet, reported People.

Bridgerton actor Ruby Barker opens up about a recent abusive relationship: 'Easy target, I guess'

Ruby Barker, known for playing Marina on Bridgerton, took to her Instagram account recently to share with fans something harrowing she went through. The actor shared a long note detailing an abusive relationship she was in and how it ended with her in the hospital by the end of 2023. "Trigger warning: BTS 2023. What happens behind closed doors? Nobody's daughter or son deserves this. My father died and my mum out the picture, easy target, I guess," she wrote, sharing the note.

The note In the note, Ruby details that she met a man after her father's passing in January 2023. What began as him staying back to help her clean up after a party soon turned volatile, she claims. She detailed how he would verbally and physically abuse her, alleging that his family enabled him in putting her through this trauma. "I know I joke a lot but this was not funny and ultimately nearly killed me," she wrote, adding, "I was so confused and ultimately all I wanted was my Dad back."



Seeking help While she did not reveal who her abuser was, she does reveal that she did seek help eventually but decided not to file a formal complaint. "I spent nights on the phone to the Samaritans and the Police would call me and come by my place to see if I was okay. I didn't want to press charges. Refuge helped me understand what the cycle of abuse was and what it looks like. He knows. I know. Now you know too," she wrote. Ruby turned off the comments under her post.

Generational trauma Ruby disclosed in 2022 that she had been hospitalised for mental health reasons, stating that she was "unwell for a really long time." She claimed that it was "all this inter-generational trauma bundled up" inside her. She was discharged from the hospital in May 2022 and encouraged her fans to seek professional help if they struggle. In 2023, she called out Netflix and Shondaland for failing to provide her adequate support when she suffered from two psychotic breaks in 2019 and 2022 while shooting for Bridgerton.

Kartik Aaryan-starrer Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 set to go on the floors

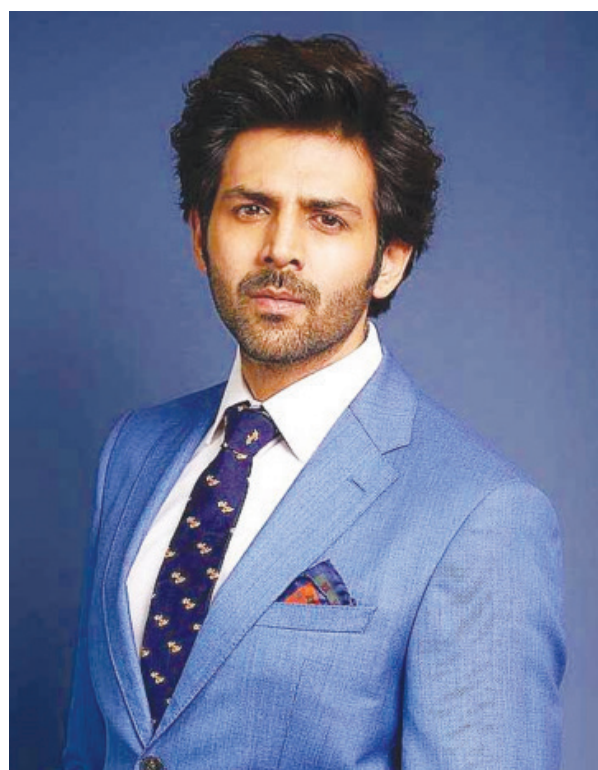
Finally, some exciting news for Bhool Bhulaiyaa fans as much-anticipated third installment of the horror comedy starring Kartik Aaryan is set to go on the floors.

Taking to Instagram, film's production house T-Series posted a candid picture Bhushan Kumar, Anees Bazmee and Kartik Aaryan from their discussion and captioned the post, "The third installment of your favourite horror-comedy franchise is set to go on floors this March. #BhoolBhulaiyaa3." Kartik headlined the second instalment of Bhool Bhulaiyaa, which emerged to be one of the highest-grossing films of 2022.

The film revolves around the story of a cursed ghost who wanders into an old man-

sion. However, hell breaks loose when the spirit, trapped for 18 years in an abandoned room, is set free. The horror-comedy has an unpredictable twist in the end, much to the surprise of the fans. Producer Bhushan Kumar expressed his elation about the film, said, "The Bhool Bhulaiyaa franchise holds a special place in our hearts, and I'm very happy to be taking it forward with a creative mind like Anees and an incredible talent like Kartik. Together, we are set to deliver a cinematic experience that will both honour the legacy of the franchise and bring double the laughter and thrill for the audience."

Director Anees Bazmee, shared his excitement for the proj-



ect, stating, "I am thrilled to take forward the world of Bhool Bhulaiyaa. In

the previous installment, Rooh baba became the most loved character."

Ajay Devgn begins 'Raid 2' shooting. Film to release on November 15

Following the tremendous success of the 2018 blockbuster 'Raid', Ajay Devgn has reunited with director Rajkumar Gupta for 'Raid 2.' Celebrating the unsung heroes of the Income Tax Department, the sequel will again narrate a true case from their books. The shooting began today, January 6.

'RAID 2' SHOOTING BEGINS

Ajay Devgn's critically acclaimed film 'Raid' is all set for the sequel. The movie has commenced shooting in Mumbai today, January 6 and will be extensively shot in Mumbai, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. It is bankrolled by Bhushan Kumar, Kumar Mangat Pathak, Abhishek Pathak and Krishan Kumar.

The film's produc-

er Abhishek Pathak, announced the news with a poster of the forthcoming film. 'Raid 2' will release in theatres on November 15, 2024.

The first film captivated audiences with its gripping narrative, and now, with the sequel underway, 'Raid 2' promises even more intensity with double the drama and suspense.

The first part was based on the real-life income-tax raid conducted by the officers of the IT department on Sardar Inder Singh in the 1980s which distinguished itself from others for being the longest raid in Indian history, lasting three days and two nights.

AJAY DEVGN WORK FRONT
Ajay Devgn has 'Maid-



aan' ready for release. He will also be seen in 'Singham Again' and in

the romantic drama titled 'Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha' opposite Tabu.

“Very Emotional”: PM Modi’s Praise For Singer’s ‘Shree Ram Ghar Aaye’ Bhajan

He also acknowledged the poems, prose, and other creative elements that are coming to the fore ahead of the Ram Temple opening on January 22.

NEW DELHI, Jan 7 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday praised singer Geeta Rabari for her Bhajan ‘Shree Ram Ghar Aaye,’ based on Lord Ram and Ayodhya.

“The wait for the arrival of Ram Lala in the divine grand temple of Lord Shri Ram in Ayodhya is about to end. My family members across the country are eagerly waiting for the Pran-Pratishtha (consecration) ceremony of Ram Lalla (infant Lord Ram) in Ayodhya. This bhajan of Geetaben Rabari ji to welcome him is very emotional,” PM Modi posted on X in Hindi.

Geeta Rabari’s song about Lord Rama and Ayodhya comes at the same time as the excitement at the Ram Mandir.

Earlier, addressing countrymen during the 108th episode of his monthly radio broadcast ‘Mann Ki Baat’, PM Modi said there was much excitement and enthusiasm across the country ahead of the Ram Temple consecration in Ayodhya.

“People are finding different channels or outlets to give voice to their feelings around the opening of the Ram Temple. You



must have seen that over the past few days, several ‘bhajans’ (devotional songs) have been composed on the theme of Shri Ram and Ayodhya. Many people are composing verses around the grand consecration event, while experienced and well-regarded artists, emerging poets, and lyricists are coming up with soul-stirring ‘bhajans’. I have also shared some of these (devotional) songs on my social media handles. It seems that the world of art is adding to the general festive ambience around this historic moment in its own unique style,” PM Modi said.

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poems, prose, and other creative elements that are coming to the fore ahead of the Ram Temple opening on January 22.

Preparations are underway in full swing for the Ram Temple inauguration on January 22, which will draw dignitaries and people from all walks of life.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will also be attending the installation of the idol of Ram Lalla at the grand temple on January 22. Preparations are underway in full swing for the event, which will draw dignitaries and people from all walks of life.

The Sri Ram Janmabhoomi Tirath Kshetra Trust has decid-

ed to enthrone Ram Lalla at the sanctum-sanctorum of the Ram Temple at noon on January 22.

Ayodhya, the birthplace of Lord Rama, holds great spiritual, historical and cultural significance for the people of India.

The trust has also invited 4,000 saints of all sects for the ceremony.

Vedic rituals for the Pran-Pratishtha (consecration) ceremony of Ram Lalla (infant Lord Ram) in Ayodhya will begin on January 16, a week before the main ceremony.

A priest from Varanasi, Lakshmi Kant Dixit, will perform the main rituals of the consecration ceremony of Ram Lalla on January 22. From January 14 to January 22, Ayodhya will mark the Amrit Mahautsav.

A 1008 Hundi Mahayagya will also be organised, in which thousands of devotees will be fed. Several tent cities are being erected in Ayodhya to accommodate thousands of devotees, who are expected to arrive in the temple town of Uttar Pradesh for the grand consecration of the Ram Temple.

ED assault case: Bengal Governor asks authorities to arrest TMC leader, probe his links with terrorists



KOLKATA, Jan 7 (Agencies): Expressing concern that TMC leader Shahjahan Sheikh, the prime accused in the case of assault on ED officials, may have “crossed the border”, West Bengal Governor C V Ananda Bose has instructed authorities to arrest him immediately and investigate his alleged connections with terrorists.

His remarks that Sheikh has links with terrorists drew sharp criticism from the ruling TMC on Sunday.

The statement issued by Raj Bhavan late on Saturday night highlighted that the Governor, upon receiving a complaint in the Peace Room, instructed the police chief to promptly arrest the culprit.

“On receipt of a complaint in the Peace Room of Raj Bhavan that Shahjahan Sheikh is supported by some political leaders with the connivance of some police officers, Hon’ble Governor instructed the Police chief to arrest the culprit forthwith and report compliance,” the statement said.

The Governor emphasised on the

need to ascertain Sheikh’s whereabouts and take appropriate action.

The complaint alleging that Sheikh may have “crossed the border” and “liaison with the terrorists” may be “enquired into immediately”, the statement added.

Responding to the governor’s comment, TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said, “We don’t know what is the basis of his remarks. According to the Constitution, the governor works in consultation with the state government. So how can he make such remarks without any concrete report or evidence? He is not here to run a parallel government.”

Amid a political uproar over the assault on an Enforcement Directorate (ED) team in West Bengal, the family of the TMC leader and the Central agency filed police complaints against each other on Saturday. The complaints were related to a raid during which the ED officials were attacked and injured by a mob.

The police also lodged a suo motu case against the ED officers, who were conducting the raid in connection with the alleged ration distribution scam. The charges included molestation, forcible entrance and theft.

The ED issued a lookout notice against Shahjahan due to concerns that he might flee the country following the incident in which three ED officers were injured and several vehicles were damaged by a mob at Sandeshkhali in North 24 Parganas district, close to the Bangladesh border, on Friday.

UP Woman Poisons Children, Dies By Suicide After Fight With Mother-In-Law

FATEHPUR, Jan 7 (Agencies): A woman in Uttar Pradesh’s Fatehpur district gave poison to her son and daughter and died by suicide after a fight with her mother-in-law on Sunday morning, police said. The incident happened in Gangchauli village under Aung police station limits, police said.

While the woman’s six-year-old son Adarsh died during treatment, the condition of her 10-year-old daughter Anshika remains critical. A preliminary probe revealed that the woman, identified as Sarla Devi, was scolding her children in the morning when her mother-in-law intervened.

This led to an argument between Sarla and her mother-in-law Pachina Devi following which the woman poi-

soned her children and hanged herself inside the house.

Within no time, villagers and Sarla’s husband Vinod took the children to a nearby hospital for treatment.

However, they were referred to Kanpur where one of them died.

Upon receiving information, police officials reached the spot, took possession of the woman’s body, and sent it for a post-mortem examination.

“Sarala Devi gave poison to her children and died by suicide. The woman and her son have died and her 10-year-old daughter is undergoing treatment at a hospital. The bodies have been sent for an autopsy and a further investigation is underway,” Aung police station in-charge Vidya Devi said.

Chhattisgarh Man Kills Mother, 2-Month-Old Son With Axe After Argument With Wife

BALOD, Jan 7 (Agencies): A 30-year man allegedly killed his mother and two-month-old son and injured his wife with an axe after an argument with the latter in Chhattisgarh’s Balod district, police said on Sunday.

The incident took place on Saturday in Usarwara village under Purur police station limits.

The accused, identified as Bhawani Nishad, was arrested on Saturday evening after a police team reached the spot on being alerted by a local person, said Shishupal Sinha, station house officer of Purur police station.

As per preliminary investigation, the man allegedly stole an ATM card of a villager about a week back and withdrew ₹ 40,000 using it from the person’s account, he said.

Later, villagers started talking about the theft and the accused apparently felt guilty about having stolen the money, the official said.

On Saturday, the accused reached his house in an inebriated state and entered into an argument with his wife over the matter.

The accused then allegedly attacked his wife, mother and son with an axe saying he will finish off the entire family and will kill himself too. His father was

not present in the house at that time, Sinha said.

After learning about the incident, locals reached the man’s house and informed police, he said.

His mother Shanti Nishad (50), and son Vaibhav were killed in the attack while his wife Jageshwari (26) suffered injuries, the official said.

The injured woman was shifted to a hospital in Dhamtari and her condition was reported to be out of danger, he said.

The accused told police that he had committed the offence, the official said.

A case has been registered in this connection and further probe is underway.

In a similar incident on January 1, a 34-year-old man from a village in Bilaspur district allegedly killed his wife and three minor children over suspicion that she was having an extra-marital affair.

On December 25, 2023, a 40-year-old man allegedly gave poison to his wife and two minor daughters before consuming it himself in Durg district. The man and one of his daughters died.

On December 29, a couple and their 14-year-old daughter were found hanging inside their house in state capital Raipur.

‘Emotional, happy’: Muslim kar sevak, social worker share feelings on Ram temple consecration

LUCKNOW, Jan 7 (Agencies): Mohammad Habib got emotional as some unbroken, uncooked grains of rice and a letter came for him from miles away in Ayodhya.

Along with that came a photo of the Ram temple in the holy city.

“I became emotional as I got the ‘akshata,” the 70-year-old former ‘kar sevak’, who has also held various posts in the district unit of the BJP, told agency from Mirzapur.

The ‘akshata’, the letter (patram) and the Ram temple photo have been sent from Ayodhya as the city prepares for the grand consecration ceremony on January 22.

He will watch the ceremony on his TV and will visit the temple any day after January 22, as has been urged by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He says he was a ‘kar sevak’ and stayed in Ayodhya for 4-5 days from December 2, 1992, with “my group of people”.

The Babari mosque was brought down on December 6, 1992, sparking a countrywide riot.

The protracted legal battle between Hindu and Muslim sides settled on November 9, 2019, when a Supreme Court order paved the way for the construction of a Ram temple by a government trust at the disputed site in Ayodhya and ruled that



an alternative five-acre plot must be found for a mosque in the Hindu holy town.

The consecration ceremony at the temple has been scheduled for January 22.

“It will be a historic day for everyone,” Habib says.

“We have got this date after a lot of ‘tapasya’ and a lot of battles.” “I am an old-timer of the BJP. After almost 32 years, I have got the results, and old memories have revived,” he said.

Habib says he considers Lord Ram his ancestor.

“And remembering ancestors is Bhartiya (Indianness).” In Mirzapur’s neighbouring district of Varanasi, social worker Nazneen Ansari, who runs her Muslim Mahila Foundation which works for the welfare of Muslim women, is also happy.

As is her associate Najma.

They have decided to bring Ram Jyoti (special diyas) from Ayodhya and distribute them among 400-500 families -- both Hindus and Muslims -- in Varanasi.

“We will bring the Jyoti of Lord Shri Ram and give it to Hindu and Muslim families in Kashi and will appeal to them to keep it burning uninterrupted till January 22. This is because not a single person here can say that Lord Ram is not our ancestor. Lord Ram resides in every particle. We all know that we can change our religions, but we cannot change our ancestors. Lord Ram will be consecrated in Ayodhya, what could be more joyful than this,” Najma told agency.

Nazneen Ansari says they have “seen a period of hatred where it was scary to take the name of Ram temple. And, today we are also seeing happiness across the country because of the construction of Ram

Mandir. I am feeling very happy because of that.”

Ansari says she started following Lord Ram following blasts in the Sankat Mochan temple in Varanasi in 2006.

The bomb blasts at the temple and the cantonment railway station had left at least 20 people dead.

“I along with 70 Muslim women went to the Sankat Mochan temple and recited Hanuman Chalisa,” she said, adding she will watch the consecration ceremony on TV.

But Iqbal Ansari of Ayodhya, who represented the Muslim side in the Ram temple-Babri mosque dispute case, will be among the audience who will be present at the consecration ceremony.

He has got an official invitation from the authorities for the consecration ceremony.

“Ayodhya has always symbolised Ganga-Jamuni tehzeeb (a cul-

ture of peaceful coexistence). The harmony that exists in Ayodhya is also in me. I welcomed the person who came to give the invitation card to me,” Ansari told agency from Ayodhya.

He had also received the invitation to attend the August 5, 2020, Bhoomipujan of the Ram temple and had attended that event as well.

“When the Supreme Court gave its judgement on November 9, 2019, the Muslims of the entire country welcomed it. There were no protests nor any agitation anywhere in the country. All these issues have ended on November 9, 2019,” the 55-year-old advocate told agency.

Ansari, whose family has been living in Ayodhya for the past 100 years, said whatever is happening in Ayodhya is historic, and added that development is taking place in the temple town.

Ganga Singh, RSS’ Sampark Pramukh Avadh Prant, who delivered the invitation to Iqbal Ansari, told agency, “He (Iqbal Ansari) accepted the card with enthusiasm and respect. He said that he would come to attend the pran pratishtha and also have a darshan of Ram Lalla.”

The advocate’s father Hashim Ansari, the oldest litigant in the land dispute case, died at the age of 95 in 2016, after which Iqbal started pursuing the case in court.

Delhi Woman Lures 12-Year-Old Girl; Tea Seller, 3 Minors Rape Her

NEW DELHI, Jan 7 (Agencies): A 12-year-old girl was allegedly gangraped by a man and three boys after a woman lured her to a secluded spot in Delhi’s Sadar Bazaar, police said on Sunday. All five accused, including the three minors, have been detained, they added.

Police said the woman was a customer at the man’s tea stall in Old Delhi’s Sadar Bazaar.

The three boys aged 12, 14 and 15 years were workers at the stall.

On January 1, the tea stall owner asked the woman, who worked as a waste picker in the area, to arrange for a girl to “celebrate the New Year.” The accused had built a temporary shelter out of plastic tarpaulin inside a sealed building in the area to spend the night. Police suspect that the man

might have offered the woman some money in exchange for bringing the girl to them.

The next day, the woman met the 12-year-old girl, another ragpicker, and allegedly told her to collect garbage from the roof of a building in Khurshid Market. When the girl reached the area, the four accused were waiting for her. They took turns to rape

her inside the temporary structure. Afterwards, they threatened to kill her if she told anyone about the incident.

The girl returned to her home in North West Delhi and kept quiet for two days. On January 5, when she returned to Sadar Bazaar to pick garbage, she confided in her cousin who lives in the area. The cousin informed her

parents and the family approached the police.

A case of gangrape was registered and all the accused were detained, hours after the survivor lodged her complaint, police said.

The tea shop owner is a resident of Chhattisgarh while the three boys who worked at his shop hail from Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.

Delhi in grip of cold wave, winter vacation extended for students up to Class 5



NEW DELHI, Jan 7 (Agencies): Winter vacation in city schools has been extended till January 12 for primary

class students in view of cold wave conditions, Delhi Education Minister Atishi said on Sunday.

Schools were earlier slated to resume on Monday after the winter break.

“Schools in Delhi will remain closed for the next 5 days due to the prevailing cold weather conditions, for students from Nursery to Class 5,” Atishi said on X.

Delhi is in the grip of a cold wave and the India Meteorological Department has predicted dense fog, light rainfall and drop in temperature for next few days.

Voting begins for Bangladesh's General Election amid boycott by main Opposition BNP

PM Sheikh Hasina eyes another term

DHAKA, Jan 7 (Agencies): Bangladeshis on Sunday began voting in the General Election expected to be won by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the absence of the main Opposition BNP which is boycotting it.

Voting began at 8 am local time and will continue till 5 pm.

A total of 119.6 million registered voters are eligible to vote at Sunday's polls in more than 42,000 polling stations, according to the country's Election Commission.

The voting is being held in 299 out of the 300 constituencies. The election to one seat will be held later due to the death of a candidate.

More than 1,500 candidates from 27 political parties are contesting in the election besides 436 independent candidates.

Over 100 foreign observers, including three from India, will monitor the 12th general election, which is being held under tight security.

More than 7.5 lakh members of law enforcement agencies and security forces have been deployed to ensure law and order during the polls.

The election commission said it expected the results to start flowing from early on January 8.

Prime Minister Hasina cast her vote at Dhaka City College polling centre at 8:03 am local time. Her Daughter Saima Wazed also accompanied her.

Hasina, 76, has been in power since 2009 and her Awami League won the last election in December 2018.

The BNP boycotted the 2014 election but joined the one in 2018.

Prime Minister Hasina's ruling Awami League (AL) is expected to win for a straight fourth time as the main Opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) of



former premier Khaleda Zia, 78, who is under house arrest as a convict of graft charges, boycotted the polls.

The 27 political parties that are contesting the elections include the opposition Jatiya Party (JAPA). The rest are members of the ruling Awami League-led coalition, which experts dub as "satellite parties."

The BNP is observing a 48-hour nationwide general strike which began at 6 am on Saturday and will end at 6 am on Monday. It has called upon voters to shun the election to mark the beginning of an end of what it calls a "fascist government."

As part of its vote boycott campaign, BNP has been calling countrywide general strikes. It has enforced intermittent transport blockades and strikes for the past three months. The party has been claiming no election under the incumbent government would be fair and credible.

BNP spokesman Ruhul Kabir Rizvi said the strikes were aimed at pressing for their demands for "resignation of the illegal government, establishment of a non-party neutral government and release of all party leaders and activists from prison."

Ahead of the elections, Hasina's government arrested

tens of thousands of rival politicians and supporters, a move which rights groups have condemned as an attempt to paralyse the Opposition.

Fifteen other political parties are also boycotting the election that is being watched globally.

The boycott as well as fear of violence can keep a large number of voters away from voting.

"What's the point of going to the polling centres when the election is nothing but a battle between two groups of the same party? We all know Awami League will win the race at the end of the day," The Daily Star newspaper quoted Md Monir Hassan, a resident of Dhanmondi, as saying.

Monir also fears violence. On Saturday, at least 14 polling stations in Bangladesh were set on fire, including one on the outskirts of the capital, Dhaka.

On Friday night, at least four people were killed and many others injured as arsonists set a running train on fire in Dhaka. Overall, nine people have lost their lives in eight incidents of arson on trains since November 16.

Additionally, at least five people have been killed in clashes and attacks on rival rallies since the official start of the election cam-

paigns on December 18.

The ruling party has done everything it could to make the election look participatory and competitive. It allowed party leaders to join the polls in droves as "independent" candidates. As a result, in every seat, two or more AL candidates are pitted against each other.

The AL also formed dedicated teams across the country to bring as many voters as possible to the polling centres to ensure high turnout in efforts to garner international support.

"Come to the polling centres without fear and cast your vote to exercise your constitutional rights. Don't bow down to any intervention and intimidation," AL General Secretary Obaidul Quader told a press conference on Saturday.

"I will ask them (people) to come (and vote) as it is a beautiful day. It is a winter morning, and everybody is excited and eagerly waiting (to cast their votes)," said Bangladesh actor and Awami League leader Firdous Ahmed.

Former Election Commissioner Brig Gen (ret'd) Sakhawat Hussain termed Sunday's polls a unique one compared to the previous two elections.

"This time the election is taking place between candidates from the same party in the name of independents and dummies. As a result, voters are less interested in the polls," said Sakhawat.

He also said some parties that joined the race are not well-known, while some are facing existential crisis.

"So, it is a unique model election ... Results of the election are certain, everybody knows who is going to win. The only thing that is uncertain is who will be in the opposition bench," he added.

6 Killed In Israeli Raid In West Bank, Says Palestinian Health Ministry

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Violence has intensified in the West Bank following an unprecedented attack on Israel launched from the Gaza Strip by Hamas on October 7, which resulted in the deaths of around

1,140 people, most of them civilians, according to an agency tally based on official Israeli figures.

In response, Israel is carrying out a relentless bombardment and ground invasion that have killed at least 22,722 people, most of them women and children, according to the Hamas-run Gaza health ministry.

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The town of Jenin and its refugee camp have been the scene of repeated Israeli raids. Israel has occupied the West Bank since the Six-Day War in 1967.

China sanctions 5 US defence companies in response to US sanctions and arms sales to Taiwan

BEIJING, Jan 7 (Agencies): China announced sanctions on Sunday on five American defence-related companies in response to US arms sales to Taiwan and US sanctions on Chinese companies and individuals.

The sanctions will freeze any property the companies have in China and prohibit organisations and individuals in China from doing business with them, the Foreign Ministry said in a statement posted online.

The companies are BAE Systems Land and Armament, Alliant Techsystems Operation, AeroVironment, ViaSat and Data Link Solutions.

The Foreign Ministry said the US moves



harmed China's sovereignty and security interests, undermined peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait, and violated the rights and interests of Chinese companies and individuals.

"The Chinese government remains unwavering in our resolve to safeguard national

sovereignty, security and territorial integrity and protect the lawful rights and interests of Chinese companies and citizens," the ministry statement said.

China regards Taiwan, a self-governing island off its east coast, as a renegade province that must come under Beijing's control at some point in the future.

Japan PM Vows "Ceaseless" Aid As Snow Hampers Earthquake Relief Efforts

TOKYO, Jan 7 (Agencies): Japan's prime minister Fumio Kishida vowed to provide "ceaseless" support to areas devastated by the New Year's Day earthquake as snow and sleet hampered rescue and relief efforts and local media reported that the disaster had now claimed at least 126 lives.

The adverse weather on the Noto peninsula continued to vex survivors at the epicenter of the magnitude 7.6 quake that left more than 30,000 homeless and cut power to tens of thousands of residences and businesses.

At least 222 people are still reported missing and more heavy snow or rain is forecast overnight for the region.

Footage on national broadcaster NHK showed construction trucks digging through piles of dirt three meters (almost 10 ft) tall to unearth houses buried by landslides.

"Rescuing people trapped



under the rubble and responding to isolated areas are issues that must be tackled with the highest priority," Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said on an NHK program on Sunday.

"As we move forward with ceaseless reconstruction and recovery efforts, we must not hesitate in responding due to budget constraints in the disaster-affected areas," he added.

Kishida had said on Friday that his government would tap 4.74 billion yen (\$32.77 million) of budget reserves for reconstruction efforts.

The governor of Ishikawa Prefecture, where the Noto peninsula is located, declared a state of emergency on Saturday, calling the quake "an unprecedented disaster" for the region, NHK reported.

In the city of Wajima, on the peninsula's northern coast, a line of cars stretching as far as the eye could see had formed to refuel at a petrol station as fuel supply to the region gradually returned.

Prefectural governments have sent trailers equipped with several flushable toilets to evacuation centres in Wajima and other disaster-struck cities, where water supplies are only just restarting, NHK reported.

At a centre near Wajima's famed "Asaichi" morning market, which was burnt to the ground after the quake, some of the 700 people taking shelter there stood in a line on a stairway, passing boxes of water to higher floors.

"Some people have left as electricity is restored in parts of the city (but) we are still at capacity and not accepting new evacuees," the centre's receptionist said.

"Did Not Fire A Single Shell": Kim Jong Un's Sister On South Korea Claims

SEOUL, Jan 7 (Agencies): North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's powerful sister on Sunday denied Seoul's claims that Pyongyang had fired dozens of artillery rounds near their border a day earlier.

On Saturday, Seoul's military said North Korean forces had fired over 60 artillery rounds near Yeonpyeong Island, a day after both sides staged live-fire drills in the same area near their contested maritime border.

The South's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the shells landed in a buffer zone created under a

2018 tension-reducing deal. That deal fell apart in November after the North launched a spy satellite.

"Our military did not fire a single shell into the water area," Kim Yo Jong said in a statement carried by the official Korean Central News Agency.

Kim claimed instead that her country's military had detonated explosives simulating the sound of gunfire 60 times and "watched the reaction" of the South Korean forces.

"The result was exactly as we expected," she said, adding: "They



misjudged the sound of explosives as gunfire, assumed it was an artillery fire provocation, and shamelessly made up a lie."

"In the future, they will misjudge even the rumbling sound of thunder in the northern sky as

artillery fire from our military," she said.

Residents on two South Korean islands near the border were ordered to evacuate on Friday after the North fired more than 200 artillery shells near Yeonpyeong and Baengnyeong

during the live-fire exercises.

Relations between the two Koreas are at one of their lowest points in decades after leader Kim Jong Un last year enshrined his country's status as a nuclear power into the constitution and test-fired several advanced ICBMs.

At Pyongyang's year-end policy meetings, Kim threatened a nuclear attack on the South and called for a build-up of his country's military arsenal ahead of armed conflict that he warned could "break out any time".

Russia Launches 28 Attack Drones At Ukraine Overnight, Kyiv Says 21 Destroyed

KYIV, Jan 7 (Agencies): Russia launched 28 attack drones and three cruise missiles at Ukraine overnight, Ukraine's air force said on Sunday, adding that its air defence systems destroyed 21 of the drones.

The air force said on its Telegram messaging channel that Russia targeted mainly south and east of Ukraine, but it did not say what happened to the three cruise missiles that it says Russia had launched.

"The enemy is shifting

the focus of attack to the frontline territories - Kherson and Dnipropetrovsk regions were attacked by drones," Ukraine's Air Force spokesperson Yuriy Ihnat told national television.

Agency could not independently verify the report. There was no immediate comment from Russia.

No damage or casualties have been reported by both military and civilian authorities.

Ihnat said drones were predominantly

destroyed by mobile teams, saving "scarce" air defence missiles.

He said Ukrainian forces used some missiles to repel two recent major Russian attacks but "processes are underway to continue to provide Ukraine with the number of missiles needed to repel air attacks."

Russia deployed almost 300 missiles and more than 200 drones in attacks in the last days of 2023 and the first days of 2024.

Sat review Shah's visit preparations



Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 7: As a part of reviewing preparations for Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit here on Tuesday Former Minister Sat Sharma CA as In charge of the Programme along with Mandal President

Talab Tillo Keshav Chopra, JKUT BJP Secretary Ayodhya Gupta, Prabhari Nowshera Zila Sanjay Kumar Baru, Health and Medical Cell Convenor JKUT BJP Puneet Mahajan, Former Councillors Satpal Karlupia, Neelam Nargotra took meeting

of the party workers. Sat Sharma threadbare discussed Various things related to Amit Shah Visit and said that there is massive enthusiasm among the BJP workers and the common man to Participate in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra

Programme of Home Minister.

Keshav Chopra stressed that we should reach to maximum people to aware them about the Visit of Home Minister Amit Shah so that they can reach to the Gulshan Ground, HM has kept special focus on Jammu Kashmir Union Territory Keshav further added. K.L Sharma, Pratibha Sharma, Munish Gupta, Paramjeet, Sumit Malhotra, Rahul Nargotra, Bablu Chand, Ex Sarpanch Raj Kumar, Omkar Verma, Ritesh Peer, Abhishek Sharma, Shobhit Sharma and others were also present.

J&K National Conference constitutes Block Jaganoo Committee

Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Jan 7: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), today announced the formation of Block Jaganoo in Udhampur district. The constitution took place in the presence of prominent party leaders including District President Sunil Verma, District Secretary Capt Pavitar Singh, District President Ex-Servicemen Cell Capt. Balbir Singh, Ch Farooq Mohd Khata and Sr. Youth Leader Akash Verma.

The newly formed cell comprises a dedicated



team committed to representing and addressing the concerns of general public. The appointed members included Subash Chander Sharma as Block President, Hans Raj Thakur as Vice President, Ch. Shamasdin as Block Secretary & Block

President ST Cell along with Ch. Farman Ali as Joint Secretary, Ch Chattu as Block Secretary ST Cell Gujjar Bakkarwal. Speaking on the occasion, Sunil Verma, District President JKNC Udhampur urged the newly appointed mem-

bers to work diligently and strengthen the hands of party leaders Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah. He expressed his hope that the newly constituted Committee will play a vital role in promoting the party's vision and policies within the district.

"The formation of Block Jaganoo Committee signifies the Party's commitment to inclusivity and social justice. It is expected that the dedicated team will work towards addressing people's issues at grass roots level and will also work for strengthening the base of the Party," he added.

BJP OBC Morcha organised PM Vishwakarma Yojna Awareness and registration camp in Tri Murti Mandir Janipur



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JAMMU, Jan 7: Sunil Prajapati, State President BJP OBC Morcha JK UT, Suresh Salgotra (Vice President OBC Morcha Jammu), Rakesh Gupta (BJP Leader), Vikas Singh (Mandal President OBC Morcha), Sham Shingari (Mandal General Secretary OBC Morcha) and other BJP Workers were Present in the Program.

The Program was organised by Vikas Singh. To rejuvenate India's rich heritage of traditional crafts, the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, initiated by the Modi Government, aims to revolutionize the sector by empowering artisans across the nation.

Sunil Prajapati said that the PM Vishwakarma Scheme has designed to bolster local economies, bridging the gap between age-old artistry and modern market demands. By providing artisans with enhanced

access to resources, training, and market exposure, the scheme promises to breathe new life into the diverse tapestry of Indian craftsmanship, ensuring sustainable livelihoods and preserving cultural legacies for future generations, he added.

Sunil Prajapati urged the party workers to remain proactive at the grass roots level and highlight the essential features of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme in their respective areas so that maximum number of people will take benefit of this marvellous scheme. He asked the party workers to raise awareness through outreach activities to achieve saturation of PM Vishwakarma scheme across the Union Territory.

Emphasizing that BJP's workers have always played a vital role in achieving the targets set by the party, Sunil Prajapati asked party cadre to reach out to the unreached and the needy people who are

eligible under the aforesaid scheme but have not availed the benefit so far. For this it is necessary to disseminate information and generate awareness about the same among the left out lot. Moreover, it is also necessary to interact with beneficiaries of PM Vishwakarma and other schemes and their personal success stories and experience with those who are yet to avail the benefit of the schemes.

Sunil Prajapati highlighted salient features of the Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana asserting that it has the full potential of empowering the aspirants be it the youth including women or other artisans and crafts-persons. He said that the seriousness of PM Modi and his Govt in this regard can be well gauged from the fact that a whole of government approach has been adopted to ensure the widest possible participation of all concerned for the ultimate benefit of the people of this nation.

Kashmiri displaced people wing J&K of DPAP leaders demand rights in exile

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 7: The KDP Wing of DPAP Leaders in a joint statement issued through Shri Sanjay Dhar, President, Sh. Piary Lal Pandita, Chairman, Shri Raj Kumar Ticku, General Secretary, have demanded the following be favoured to the exiled people by the Govt. of India as well as by the U.T. Government at an earliest being the exiled people A class Citizens of India. The employment package to the tune of balance 9000, out of 15000 recommended by the Parliamentary Committee, headed by Sushma Swaraj, Chairman, during 2008-09. Balance ex-gratia of gutted houses against assessment of loss valued by competent Authorities, including compensation of damaged properties, orchards, agriculture land with compensation to traders of displaced people. Providing of transit accommodation to six thousand PM Package employees with vacation of accommodation occupied by Forces, Panches, BDC'S, and other non PM Package employees, and a special rent to those employees who are not provided transit accommodation.

Creation of two Police Battalions specially for Kashmiri Hindu Exiled and for the youth still living in Valley, with relaxation of all prescribed norms. Grant of compensation to Traders, overaged educated youth, stipend to unemployed youth highly educated. Issuance of formal appointment orders of selected 120 candidates class fourth, verifications conducted since, the file reportedly pending since last one and a half year. Handing over of Jagti Water Supply Scheme to Jal Shakti Department ordered by the Govt. during 2021.

Sanction of Permanent Police Chowki in Migrant Camp Jagti, with deployment of at least fifteen police personnel in the Camp for ensuring proper safety of the camp inmates. Exemption of Bio Metric Attendances for PM Package employees in Valley till restoration of normalcy in view of security scenario. Improvement of civic issues in all Camps, including renovation, repairs, maintenance of lanes, drains, parks. The leaders have prayed for earliest working out of permanent rehabilitation policy of displaced people, for immediate repatriation to birth place in Valley.

Shabnam Khan pays rich tributes to late Mufti Mohammad Syed on his 8th death anniversary

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Jan 7: JKPYC Vice President Baramulla, Shabnam Khan has paid rich tributes to former Chief Minister, Mufti Mohammad Syed on his 8th birth anniversary being observed Today. In her message, Shabnam Khan

described late Mufti Mohammad Syed as a visionary leader who would always be remembered for his contribution and patriotism and will guide us to path of peace and prosperity. He served as Congress President in J&K and as home minister of india during the hard times of turmoil in the state.

Empowering progress in Pulwama: Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra continues its Transformative Journey

Top News Report

PULWAMA, Jan 7: The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, an unwavering force for holistic development, continues to weave a narrative of positive transformation in District Pulwama. Since its launch on November 25, 2023, the Yatra has transcended boundaries, resonating not only in Panchayats and Municipalities but also ingraining itself within the fabric of Pulwama's villages.

Today, the Yatra reached six villages, igniting vibrant celebrations and fostering a sense of community spirit. Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) vans, like messengers of change, traversed these villages, delivering the visionary message of the Hon'ble

Prime Minister and the mission behind the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra. The residents of these villages wholeheartedly embraced the Sankalp pledge, embodying the ideals of the Yatra with enthusiasm. Cultural programs unfolded, showcasing the essence of the Yatra through captivating performances by students and locals alike. Government departments actively participated, setting up stalls to display their schemes and providing on-the-spot services. This engagement not only highlighted the initiatives but also opened avenues for the community to explore diverse opportunities.

The "Meri Kahani Meri Zubani" segment brought forth heartfelt stories from beneficiaries, illustrating the tangible impact of Government interventions on their lives. The Yatra has undeniably achieved its core objective - ensuring the saturation of government schemes, reaching the unreached, and laying a robust foundation for Viksit Bharat. It goes beyond rhetoric, turning aspirations into reality and ensuring that the benefits of Government schemes touch the life of every individual. As the Yatra progresses, it solidifies its role as a catalyst for positive change, instilling hope and progress throughout District Pulwama. The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra stands as a beacon, not just as a journey of promises but as a transformative force, empowering progress in the heart of Pulwama.

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Director Agriculture inaugurates Awareness programme on quality control of fertilizers/pesticides at Kulgam & Shopian

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Jan 7: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal today inaugurated an awareness programme on quality control of fertilizers/pesticides at Town Hall Kulgam.

Speaking on the occasion, Director Agriculture Kashmir (who was the chief guest) highlighted the importance of quality control of fertilizers/pesticides in the region.

He said that the quality of different inputs

including fertilizers, pesticides, seeds etc is of paramount importance to the overall success of an agriculture enterprise. He underscored the need for awareness among the farmers about the quality parameters of different agricultural inputs.

Director Agriculture asked the stakeholders to work with more coordination. He said the quality of fertilizers, pesticides would decide the future of the agriculture sector in the region. He asked the farmers

to minimise the use of chemical fertilizers and adopt an organic way of cultivation. He said the trend is changing and it is shifting towards the organic cultivation of different agricultural crops. Later, Director Agriculture Kashmir visited Shopian and chaired an interactive meeting with fertilizers and pesticides dealers. He took a review of the stock, supply and distribution position of insecticides, pesticides and fertilizers in the district.

KNO Chief Editor Bereaved, Aunt Passes Away

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Jan 7: Paternal aunt of editor-in-chief news agency Kashmir News Observer (KNO) Nasir Azam passed away at her home in Pather Masjid locality of Srinagar on Saturday evening.

She passed away suddenly at her home last evening. Her Fateh Khawani will be observed on Tuesday at 11 at the ancestral graveyard Bahaudin

Sahab in Srinagar.

KNO executive editor Abid Bashir and entire team held a condolence meet in Srinagar to extended solidarity with the bereaved family, especially with KNO chief Nasir Azam. Special prayers were held for the departed soul.

Meanwhile, several organisations condoled with KNO chief on the passing away of his aunt and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

Central Kashmir Range accord warm farewell to outgoing DC Srinagar, Aijaz Asad

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Jan 7: Central Kashmir Range (CRK) and District Police Srinagar organised an impressive function here to bid farewell to outgoing Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad on his transfer/Promotion as Administrative Secretary, Planning & Monitoring Department and Civil Aviation.

DIG Central Kashmir Range, Sujit Kumar led the farewell ceremony. SSP Srinagar, Ashish Mishra; SP East Shri Ram; SP Gaurav Skawar; SP North

Zuhaib Tanveer; SP PC Itfikhir Talib; SP Hazratbal, Mashkoor Ahmad; SSO, Sajad Khaliq Bhat; S.O to DIG and other senior officers of the District Police Srinagar were present on the occasion.

Extending their best wishes to the outgoing DC, the officers present in the function lauded the working style and leadership qualities of the outgoing Deputy Commissioner and extended their best wishes for his new assignment.

DIG, Sujit Kumar recalled the Team Spirit of Administration in Srinagar and his-

toric achievements during the tenure of outgoing DC, Aijaz Asad which resulted in greater common good in Service of the people.

The DC thanked the officers for organising a cordial farewell and also appreciated the officers for putting in their best efforts in carrying out the official duties and assignments and also for their active support and cooperation during his tenure.

The DC also thanked the Hon'ble LG J&K Shri Manoj Sinha for providing him the opportunity to serve the people of Srinagar.

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Amit Shah to visit Jammu on Jan 9, to take part in development programmes

Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha, National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, Chief of Army staff (CoAS) General Manoj Pande and top officials of intelligence and other security agencies attended that meeting.

LS Polls | Serving in Home Districts among several J&K Cops to be transferred soon

Range while Kashmir has Central Kashmir, NKR Baramulla and SKR Anantnag

Range. "Some of the DIsG will be relieved from the additional charges they are holding in various wings," sources added and said that moreover, SSP rank officers will also be shifted including posting of newly appointed Senior Superintendents of Police.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration a couple of days back also ordered a major reshuffle in the top hierarchy of the administration.

IAF's C-130J aircraft makes night landing at Kargil advanced landing ground

known as the highest airfield in the world. Temperatures in Daulat Beg Oldi drop up to minus 40 degrees Celsius during harsh winter months.

The Nyoma airfield is located at a height of around 13,000 feet.

Five held for unauthorised extraction of forest produce in Kishtwar

station Atholi and further investigation is on, the spokesman said.

At minus 5.6 degree Celsius, Sgr records coldest night of season

Kupwara at minus 5.3 degrees Celsius. People who live in houseboats at the Dal Lake had a tough time breaking the layer of ice over the water body to reach its banks. Water in pipes also froze in several parts of the Kashmir valley. Kashmir has been going through a prolonged dry spell and a 79 per cent deficit in

rainfall was recorded for December.

There has been no snowfall in most plain areas of Kashmir, while the upper reaches of the valley have received lesser than usual amount of snow. The meteorological department has forecast mainly dry weather till January 12. Srinagar 'Chilla-i-Kalan' will end on January 31. However, the cold conditions will continue after that with a 20-day 'Chilla-i-Khurd' (small cold) and a 10-day 'Chilla-i-Bachha' (baby cold).

22 Delhi-bound trains delayed, city records min temperature of 8.2 Deg C

one to six hours due to weather-related conditions in Delhi and different states. The IMD has forecast a mainly clear sky on Sunday with shallow fog in the morning.

The Air Quality Index (AQI) was recorded at 341 'very poor' at 10 am, according to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

An AQI between zero and 50 is considered 'good', 51 and 100 'satisfactory', 101 and 200 'moderate', 201 and 300 'poor', 301 and 400 'very poor', and 401 and 500 'severe'.

Active Covid cases in Country recorded at 4,049

doses of Covid vaccines have so far been administered in the country.

Was inactive but never left PDP, says Muzaffar Beigh

attended the function and paid tributes to the party founder.

Budget 2024: Real estate sector bats for tax sops

"The proposal to increase the qualifying cost for affordable properties and release government-owned lands at reduced rates aligns with inclusive growth objectives."

NEW DELHI, Jan 7 (Agencies): The real estate industry has high hopes from the Union Budget 2024 as it expects the budget to boost the affordable housing segment, which is facing inflationary pressure. The industry is eagerly anticipating Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on February 1 to announce supportive measures, the most prominent being increasing the deduction for home loans (u/s 24).

"The proposal to increase the qualifying cost for affordable properties and release government-owned lands at reduced rates aligns with inclusive growth objectives. Crucially,



the push to raise the tax deduction limit on home loans from R2 lakh to R5 lakh aims to rejuvenate the budget housing segment amidst recent interest rate hikes," said Avneesh Sood, Director Eros Group. Anuj Puri, Chairman of Anarock Group, said increasing the rebate to at least

R5 lakh can stimulate a more robust market for housing, particularly in the budget homes segment, which has seen a decline in demand since the pandemic.

Puri added that the industry's outlook for 2024 is positive, but the results of the upcoming general elections

will have a significant impact on the demand for and growth in residential real estate. Puri said that several interest stimulants that were offered to developers and consumers in this market over the years have expired in the last one to two years and now it is imperative to

revive and extend significant benefits, such as tax breaks, to encourage developers to construct more affordable housing and to make it possible for customers to acquire such homes.

National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO) National President G Hari Babu said NAREDCO has submitted a representation to the finance ministry seeking "Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) status" for small builders and introduction of a scheme for those earning salaries up to R40,000 per month. Property developers are also seeking a GST rate cut on construction material.

Kalyan Jewellers' revenue rises 33% in third quarter



CHENNAI, Jan 7 (Agencies): Kalyan Jewellers has witnessed a consolidated revenue growth of 33% in the third quarter compared to the same period last year. Revenue growth of its India business increased 40% in the quarter, the company said in the Q3 FY2024 business update.

This is led by robust operating momentum on the ground with healthy same-store-sales growth across all

the key markets in the country, similar to levels seen in the previous quarter, the company said in exchange filings.

Revenue growth in the Middle East for the quarter was at 6% compared to the same period in the previous financial year and contributed 13% to the consolidated revenue. Kalyan Jewellers has added 22 new showrooms in India during the quarter. About 16 of these were under

the franchise owned franchisee operated model (FOCO), and it plans to convert more company-owned showrooms, launched during the previous quarter to FOCO model in the current quarter.

It also plans to add another 15 Kalyan showrooms in India, two in the Middle East and 13 Candere showrooms in Q4, including the launch of the company's 250th showroom in Ayodhya. The Jeweller has signed a letter of intent for 80 showrooms planned for 2025 financial year with a majority of these being established under a franchise model. The company has set out a goal to move towards an asset-light model with more franchise operated stores.

Study finds reason, cure for cancer immunotherapy-induced colitis

NEW YORK, Jan 7 (Agencies): US researchers have identified a mechanism that causes severe gastrointestinal problems with immune-based cancer treatment.

The team from the University of Michigan Health Rogel Cancer Center also found a way to deliver immunotherapy's cancer-killing impact without the unwelcome side effect.

The findings are published in Science.

"This is a good example of how understanding a mechanism helps you to develop an alternative therapy that's more beneficial. Once we identified the mechanism causing the colitis, we could then develop ways to overcome this problem and prevent colitis while preserving the anti-tumor effect," said Gabriel Nunez, Professor of Pathology at Michigan Medicine.

Immunotherapy has emerged as a promising treatment for several types of cancer.

But immune checkpoint inhibitors can also cause severe side



effects, including colitis, which is inflammation in the digestive tract.

Colitis can cause severe gastrointestinal discomfort, and some patients will discontinue their cancer treatment because of it.

The problem facing researchers was that while patients were developing colitis, the laboratory mice were not. So researchers couldn't study what was causing this side effect.

For the study, the team created a new mouse

model, injecting microbiota from wild-caught mice into the traditional mouse model.

In this model, the mice did develop colitis after administration of antibodies used for tumor immunotherapy.

Now, researchers could trace back the mechanism to see what was causing this reaction.

In fact, colitis developed because of the composition of the gut microbiota, which caused immune T cells

to be hyper-activated while regulatory T cells that put the brakes on T cell activation were deleted in the gut.

This was happening within a specific domain of the immune checkpoint antibodies.

Researchers then removed that domain, which they found still resulted in a strong anti-tumor response but without inducing colitis.

"Previously, there were some data that suggested the presence of certain bacteria correlated with response to therapy. But it was not proven that microbiota were critical to develop colitis. This work for the first time shows that microbiota are essential to develop colitis from immune checkpoint inhibition," Nunez said.

To follow up what they saw in mice, researchers reanalysed previously reported data from studies of human cells from patients treated with immune checkpoint antibodies, which reinforced the role of regulatory T cells in inducing colitis.

Immune system can influence behaviour, finds study

Without immune system communication, the brain does not warn the body about potential dangers in the environment and does not try to avoid those threats, the study shows



WASHINGTON, Jan 7 (Agencies): Those who are allergic to seafood may feel quite ill just by smelling it, increasing their proclivity to avoid it. People who acquire food poisoning after eating a particular meal exhibit the same avoidance pattern.

Scientists have long known that the immune system has a role in human sensitivity to allergens and diseases in the environment, but it was unknown whether it also played a role in producing these types of behaviours in response to allergic stimuli.

According to a Yale-led study published in the journal Nature, the

immune system plays a critical role in modifying our behaviour.

"We find immune recognition controls behaviour, specifically defensive behaviours against toxins that are communicated first through antibodies and then to our brains," said Ruslan Medzhitov, Sterling Professor of Immunobiology at Yale School of Medicine, investigator for the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, and senior author of the study.

Without immune system communication, the brain does not warn the body about potential dangers in the environment and does not try to avoid those threats, the

study showed.

A team in the Medzhitov lab, led by Esther Florsheim, at the time a postdoctoral researcher at Yale and now an assistant professor at Arizona State University, and Nathaniel Bachtel, a graduate student at the School of Medicine, studied mice that had been sensitized to have allergic reactions to ova, a protein found in chicken eggs.

As expected, these mice tended to avoid water laced with ova, while control mice tended to prefer ovalaced water sources.

The aversion to ovalaced water sources in sensitised mice lasted for months, they found.

The team then examined whether they could alter the behaviour of sensitised mice by manipulating immune system variables.

They found, for instance, that mice allergic to ova lost their aversion to the protein

in their water if immunoglobulin E (IgE) antibodies, produced by the immune system, were blocked.

IgE antibodies trigger the release of mast cells, a type of white blood cell that, along with other immune system proteins, plays a crucial role in communicating with areas of the brain that control aversion behaviour.

Without IgE as an initiator, the transmission of information was interrupted, so mice no longer avoided the allergen.

Medzhitov said that the findings illustrate how the immune system evolved to help animals avoid dangerous ecological niches. Understanding how the immune system memorises potential dangers, he added, could one day help suppress excessive reactions to many allergens and other pathogens.

Government notifies revised schedule M guidelines; tightens rules to ensure pharma companies meet quality norms

Guidelines come against the backdrop of complaints of sub-standard Indian drugs and overseas deaths

NEW DELHI, Jan 7 (Agencies): The Union Health Ministry has notified the Revised Schedule M guidelines under which pharmaceutical companies will have to intimate the licensing authority about recalling a drug and also report product defects, deterioration or faulty production.

Till now there was no provision for informing the licensing authority about drug recall.

Schedule M part of Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940 deals with 'Good Manufacturing Practices' to be followed by pharmaceutical manufacturing units in the country.

The new guidelines issued on December 28 state the manufacturer must be responsible for the quality of the products so that "they are fit for their intended use, comply with the requirements of the licence and do not place patients at risk due to inadequate safety, quality or efficacy".

These guidelines come against the backdrop of complaints of sub-standard Indian drugs and deaths abroad reportedly due to it since 2022.

The amended guidelines stress the need for stability testing of drug substances in accordance with recommended climate conditions with an aim to upgrade MSMEs at par with global standards, espe-

cially to those of WHO, and ensure production of globally acceptable quality of drug.

It also specifies that release of the finished product is conditional upon satisfactory results of these tests.

"The licensing authorities shall be informed if a manufacturer is considering action following the faulty manufacture, product deterioration, a suspect product or any other serious quality problems with a product," the new guidelines read.

Besides, the licensee shall have a pharmacovigilance system in place for collecting, processing and forwarding the reports to the licensing authorities for information on the adverse drug reactions emerging from the use of drugs manufactured or marketed by the licensee.

In order to have smooth transition from the present Schedule M to revised Schedule M, it has been decided to provide a transition period of six and 12 months for large manufacturers (over Rs 250 crore turnover) and MSMEs (less than Rs 250 crore turnover), respectively.

Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs) are mandatory standards which build and bring quality into product by way of control on materials, methods, machines, process-



es, personnel and facility/environment etc.

The GMP was first incorporated in Schedule M of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 in the year 1988 and the last amendment was done in June, 2005.

There are around 10,500 manufacturing units in the country out of which around 8,500 fall under the MSME (Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises) category. India is a major exporter of medicines to low/middle-income countries (LMICs) which require WHO GMP certification, an official said.

"We have around 2,000 units in the MSME category in the country having WHO GMP certification," he stated.

The pharmaceutical manufacturing and quality domain has developed and progressed significantly in last 15-20 years.

"Our understanding of the domain has increased because of development in pharmaceutical and manufacturing sciences. Linkage between manufacturing and product quality and interdependence between the two has been established," the official explained.

Also, observations from ongoing Risk Based Inspections (RBI) further reiterated the need to have a relook at the current GMP regulations and Quality Management Systems being followed by pharmaceutical manufacturers, the official stated.

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has inspected 254 manufacturing units and 112 public testing labs in the last few months.

Major issues found during RBI inspections are poor documentation, lack of process and analytical validations, absence of self-assessment, absence of quality failure investigation, absence of internal product quality review, absence of testing of incoming raw material and faulty design of manufacturing and testing areas etc, the official said.

"Based on the above factors and to keep pace with fast changing pharmaceutical manufacturing and quality domain, there was a necessity to revisit and revise the principles and concept of GMP mentioned in current Schedule M. This would bring our GMP recommendations and compliance expectation at par with global standards, specially to those of WHO, and ensure production of globally acceptable quality of drug," the official said.

Accordingly, based on the discussion and recommendation of the Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB), a draft notification was issued on October 2018 to upgrade and synchronize the Schedule M comparable to inter-

national standards.

Large number of comments/suggestions were received from various stakeholders and after review and multiple consultations with them, the draft revised Schedule M was published.

Some of the major changes which will happen with introduction of revised Schedule M to support upgradation of the units are introduction of Pharmaceutical Quality System (PQS), Quality Risk Management (QRM), Product Quality Review (PQR), Qualification and Validation of equipment, Change control management, Self-inspection and Quality audit team, Supplier audit and approval, Stability studies as per recommended climate condition, Validation of GMP related computerized system and Specific Requirements for Manufacturing of Hazardous products etc.

"The revised guidelines will address most deficiencies related to documentation, failure investigation and technically qualified personnel with right person doing the right job. It will support development of robust quality management system in the company thereby enabling production of globally acceptable quality medicine," the official stated.

Sunil Gavaskar backs Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli to play T20 World Cup in June, says they're still terrific fielders

Both Rohit and Virat have not played a T20I since India's semifinal loss to England at the 2022 T20 World Cup, but the duo is keen to return to the shortest format

NEW DELHI, Jan 7 (Agencies): Former captain Sunil Gavaskar has backed Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli to play in the T20 World Cup in June, saying the two senior players are not only the key batters, but also terrific fielders in the Indian team.

Both Rohit and Virat have not played a T20I since India's semifinal loss to England at the 2022 T20 World Cup, but the duo is keen to return to the shortest format.

"What makes me feel good is their fielding. Rohit and Virat are still great fielders and will be of great help on the field. In addition to seniority in the dressing room, they will contribute on the field, too," Gavaskar told Star Sports.

"Sometimes, you get slow when you turn 35-36 years; your



throw isn't that good anymore. So, there are discussions over where to keep you while setting the field. That's not a problem for these two because they are still terrific fielders," he added.

The T20 World Cup is being co-hosted by the West Indies and the USA from June 1-29.

In Rohit's absence, Hardik Panya has led

the Indian team in T20Is. The all-rounder had also taken over as the Mumbai Indians captain from Rohit.

Whether Rohit will lead India in the shortest format if included in the team is yet to be known. But given Rohit's experience, he will still have a lot to offer despite not leading the side, according to Gavaskar.

"We don't know if Rohit

will be captain, but whatever the case, any captain will surely benefit from that."

"Kohli's form has been outstanding in the last 1.5 years. He played unbelievably in the 2023 World Cup, making 750 runs with 3 centuries. So there is no doubt about his limited-overs batting," he added.

Former India pacer Irfan Pathan also feels

that Rohit and Kohli should be part of the Indian team for the T20 World Cup as a few pitches in the USA and the West Indies are unknown commodities and the duo's experience will be required on and off the field.

"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," said Irfan.

"Both the players playing 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," added Irfan.

New generation of athletes not hungry enough: Star boxer Mary Kom



NEW DELHI, Jan 7 (Agencies): Six-time world champion boxer MC Mary Kom believes the next generation of athletes are not as hungry as she is to achieve success and are content with a single major accomplishment. The Olympic bronze medalist also stated that at 41 years old, she is "super fit" and eager to "achieve more and more."

"I will fight (on), that fighting spirit only Mary Kom has... I have that something unique from other sports stars," Mary Kom, who has not ruled out turning pro in the coming years, said during an event.

"I am 41 years (old), I cannot fight any international (amateur) competition from this year because there is that age limit. But I want to continue for one, two or three years," she said.

Mary Kom also stated that the current generation, despite having more sports facilities and options than when she began boxing, is not hungry enough.

"I am super fit, I want to achieve more and more, that hunger I have. This young generation, they (become) one (time) champion and finished, they are satisfied, (they) settle down. This is the

difference," she said. "If, like me, they have that spirit and that hunger, we will have so many medals in our country," Mary Kom added.

India returned from the Asian Games in Hangzhou last year with the richest-ever haul of 107 medals, with many athletes winning multiple medals. Mary Kom expressed her delight at the increased number of young women taking up boxing.

"My hard work has paid off and now there are so many Mary Kom's coming up. I feel so proud to be a girl, a mother, an Indian... so many are following my footsteps," she said.

While training and proper guidance are important for young athletes, hunger and inner drive are what make the difference, according to the boxing legend.

"Training is tough. Inner hunger and drive are the most important. Now, facilities are better. In 2001 when I started my career, no one knew women in boxing," she said.

Mary Kom believes that winning a medal in individual sports requires far more determination than winning a medal in team events.

"(In) football, cricket and basketball (you) still have a chance... in individual sport, you lose and finish in one second. It comes from inside, chahe kuch bhi ho jaye medal lena hai (you have to win a medal irrespective of what happens). If you're not willing, nothing can happen," she added.

If India produce turning tracks, it will negate bit of their strength in seam attack: Bairstow

LONDON, Jan 7 (Agencies): England wicketkeeper batter Johnny Bairstow feels if India opt for turning pitches during the five-Test series later this month, "it will negate bit of their strength in their seam attack".

England had lost the Test series 1-3 to India on spin-friendly tracks during their 2021 tour of the country.

"India can produce different pitches: it doesn't have to turn. We've seen how potent their seam attack has been recently," Bairstow told Sky Sports.

"Look, I'm sure the pitches will turn: it's whether or not they'll turn from day one, which potentially negates a bit of their strength in their seam attack. We know how strong they are," he added.

The 34-year-old added that he does not want to overthink the challenge of facing spin bowling in India.

"Obviously, the last time Axar and Ashwin played well. You forget that in that first Test match, the guys played really well, Rooty (Joe Root) got a double in the first Test match in Chennai and then conditions changed quite drastically."

"We know that it's the quality spinners, especially in India, we



know that they are going to come at us. Whether Axar plays, whether he doesn't play. Whether Jadeja plays or Kuldeep plays, who knows?"

"We'll have to wait and see. But there's no point in overthinking things before their squad's announced before we see the pitch and the conditions that (are) in front of us." Bairstow said the onus will be on the entire team and not just the spinners to pick wickets.

"I think it will be the whole bowling attack's effort to go out there to take 20 wickets but it's not just the spinners. The seamers have got a

big job to do, the batters in the field have massive jobs to do."

With fellow wicketkeeper Ben Foakes earning a recall to the England team for the series, Bairstow is unsure who will be donning the wicketkeeper's gloves in India.

"I've not spoken to anyone about that. As long as I'm over there, as long as I'm fit and firing, the selection decisions will be taken out of my hands. But look, I'm fairly happy with where I'm at, whether I'm keeping, batting or whatever it is."

Defending champions England had a miserable ODI World Cup in India last year and with the Test series soon approaching, Bairstow wants to "get himself into a position where he can go and take on an Indian Test".

"I've been getting my ankle right, just training in the gym pretty hard, catching up with friends and family."

"Having come back from the injury that I had, it was a pretty full-on summer... it's been great to just have a bit of a refresh, have a bit of time with the family and just to make sure the ankle is as good as it can be."

The five-Test series starts on January 25 in Hyderabad.

IND W vs AUS W: Ellyse Perry aims to play 400 international matches, says Australia team are in good hands

MUMBAI, Jan 7 (Agencies): Australia all-rounder Ellyse Perry wants to play 400 international matches. Perry is standing on the verge of playing her 300th international match and will achieve the feat if she plays against India in the second WT20I match of the series on January 7. Speaking ahead of the WT20I match against India Perry said that she aims to play 400 international matches if she remains fit.

Perry stands fourth on the list of most matches played by a women's cricketer. Mithali Raj leads the list with 333 internationals, while England's Charlotte Edwards and New Zealand's Suzie Bates played 309 internationals respectively. No Australian woman has ever played 300 international matches, and Perry will be the first one to reach



that feat.

"I'm very much open to whatever pans out in the next little bit for me. I'm absolutely loving the opportunity to be a part of this group still, and I think if I'm in the same phase as I am at the moment, then I'd love to play 400," Perry said ahead of the 2nd T20I.

Perry has been in top form against India in the WODI series where Australia clean swept the Indian team. The Australian team lost the first WT20I match against India and Perry would hope that she can get the side back to winning

ways.

"But I don't think any of us have a crystal ball either, so if that doesn't pan out as well, then I've more than had my fair share of amazing experiences with this group. As long as I can contribute to the team, and it's something that I find really motivating and enjoyable, I'd love to be here," Perry added.

The Australian women's team are currently going through a transition phase after the retirement of legendary Meg Lanning and vice-captain Rachael Haynes. Perry spoke

about the phase and assured that the team was in good hands.

"It's a great time for us, of evolution. You've seen a lot of that in the way that Phoebe Litchfield has performed in those one-day matches; Annabel Sutherland, her last 12 months. That's something we're incredibly conscious of, (to) maintain the success we've had, but equally evolve that, to look a little bit different in the way the team plays," Perry said.

"The game is moving at such a rapid pace. There's a new environment. In a lot of ways, for our game at the moment, the sky's the limit in terms of where it can go. For me, it's just always trying to make the most of what pops up and hopefully continue to get better for as long as I can," concluded the all-rounder.

WTC Final should be played as a series? R Ashwin cites India's twin losses to propose new idea

NEW DELHI, Jan 7 (Agencies): India spinner Ravichandran Ashwin has floated the idea of turning the World Test Championship Final into a 3-match affair. Speaking on his YouTube channel, Ashwin said that India have lost two WTC Finals in a row now, but in a game of fine margins, the loss might not be a fair reflection of how the team performed. Ashwin has said a 3-Test series would give the teams to make a comeback if they lose the opening encounter.

"Yes, we lost two WTC finals, I accept it wholeheartedly. But in a case of Test series, a comeback is always possible," Ashwin said on his YouTube channel.

"We played New Zealand in England, then we played Australia in England; we lost both. But was there a chance of comeback if we played two more Test?" the spinner further added.

India lost two finals in 2021 and 2023 against New Zealand and Australia. In the rain-curtailed final in 2021, India had poor luck due to the conditions. However, against Australia, India were simply outplayed in 2023.

"It's just fine margins. So, should the WTC final be played as a series? Is there a window available for it? The ICC



should decide that," Ashwin said.

India are currently in the second rank in WTC points table. India were dethroned from their top position by defending champions Australia who thrashed Pakistan 3-0 in their home series. Australia have started well in the 2023-2025 campaign, first by drawing the Ashes series in England and then dominating Pakistan in their home venue. Later in 2024, Australia will also be hosting India for a 5-match Test series.

The Indian team on the other hand drew their 2-match series against South Africa. After getting hammered in Centurion, India defeated South Africa in Cape Town in the shortest Test match in the history of cricket.

"The Moment Rishabh Pant Is Fit...": Ex India Star Issues Bold KL Rahul vs Shreyas Iyer Statement

KL Rahul took the wicket-keeper's role while Shreyas Iyer slotted in at No. 5 position for India in the 2-match Test series against South Africa.

NEW DELHI, Jan 7 (Agencies): As India's tour of South Africa concludes, there remain plenty of questions that the selectors and the team management are left to answer. The performances of Shubman Gill, Shreyas Iyer, Yashasvi Jaiswal, and Prasidh Krishna left much to desire while a few others managed to deliver in fragments. As far as the No. 5 debate goes in the Test team, former India cricketer Sanjay Manjrekar feels it's a position that will be decided between KL Rahul and Shreyas Iyer once wicket-keeper batter Rishabh Pant is fully fit and ready to return.

With Pant still working his way to make a comeback to the national team, Rahul was given the wicket-keeper's role, making him the team's go-to



player behind the stumps across the three formats. But, Manjrekar feels that's only the case till Rishabh is unavailable.

"I think he's a guy who cares about every format. You know

how he's built to value every opportunity that he gets after he got that 100. You know, I am looking two years from now and I thought he's really competing with Shreyas Iyer for a batting

position in the middle order because the moment Rishabh Pant is fit, he becomes your keeper batter, and there's great quality to Rishabh Pant batting and keeping as well," he said in a chat on Star Sports.

Rahul did score a century on the tour of South Africa, reaching the triple-digit score in the first Test.

But, he struggled to get enough support from the other end as India lost the match within the first three days.

"That innings was just incredible (First Test hundred). Unfortunately, you know, Dean Elgar got a 180, they got 400 because we at the time thought that 260 was gonna be enough. And that was the moment if India could have latched onto, there would have been a series win in South Africa," he added.

JKNPP gears up for Parliamentary elections: Strategy meeting charts path for electoral success



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JAMMU, Jan 7: The Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party held a crucial strategy meeting on 07.01.2024 under the Chairmanship of Vilakshan Singh President of the party. The meeting was aimed at robust preparations for the upcoming parliamentary elections. The meeting was attended by the senior leaders of the party and District Presidents.

In the spirited meeting, chaired by Vilakshan Singh, discussions revolved around pivotal strategies, constituency-wise planning, and engagement tactics aimed at reaching every corner of the region. The meeting underscored the party's commitment to addressing the concerns and aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, aiming to voice their needs at the highest level of governance.

Vilakshan Singh also announced that the

parliamentary board of the party shall be constituted within a couple of days and the candidates for the parliamentary elections shall be announced soon. He asked all the party leaders who are desirous of contesting parliamentary elections to approach the respective Provincial Presidents so that their names can be considered by the parliamentary board.

Hakikat Singh Jamwal, State General Secretary of the party emphasized the significance of grassroots initiatives, calling for increased engagement with local communities to understand their challenges and offer effective solutions. He highlighted the party's dedication to ensuring representation that genuinely reflects the voices and interests of the diverse populace of Jammu and Kashmir. Farooq Ahmed Dar Provincial President Kashmir expressed confidence in the collective efforts of the party mem-

bers and their unwavering commitment to the cause. He reiterated the party's unwavering dedication for upholding the principles of democracy, secularism and serving the people of Jammu and Kashmir with utmost sincerity. He said that the J&K National Panthers Party stands resolute in its determination to bring about positive change and advocate for the rights and development of the region.

In the meeting, it was also decided that the District bodies of the party shall be reconstituted in consultation with the concerned Provincial Presidents.

The leaders who attended the meeting included Naresh Chib (State General Secretary), Ravinder Jamwal (State Secretary), Rakesh Gupta (District President Jammu), Ab. Rashid Ganaie Provincial General Secretary Kashmir, Abdul Rashid parra (District President Budgam), Mehraj ud Din Dagg, (District President Srinagar), Peerzada Mudasir Rashid Shah (District President Kupwara), Mushtaq Ahmed Khan (District President Shopian), Mohd.Amin Naikoo (District President Gulgam), Abdul Rashid Bhat (District President Pulwama), Abdul Rashid Ganie (District President Ganderbal), Ab Hamid Najjar (District president Anantnag), Ab.Ahad Najjar (District President Baramulla), Mushtaq Ahmed Sarpanch (District President Bandipura).

Natrang stages Munshi Prem Chand's famous short story 'Kafan'

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JAMMU, Jan 7: Natrang staged a dramatic presentation of Munshi Prem Chand's famous short story, 'Kafan' here today at Natrang Studio Theatre in its Sunday Theatre Series. The play was directed by Neeraj Kant. Though written many years ago by country's most celebrated visionary writer, the story appears timeless and still has a lot to convey to the present generation and even generations to come and it is a very precise satire on the degradation of human values.

The play revolves around a father and his son who work as labourers in a village. The



son's wife is near the end of her pregnancy and is in need of medical attention, which the family certainly cannot afford. The poor lady cries in pain as 'Ghisu' and his son 'Madhav' watch helplessly. She

eventually dies during childbirth, adding to the problems of the father and son. Driven to extreme poverty and despair, they have no money or means to perform the funeral rites for the unfortunate women.

They cannot ignore the dead body lying in their hut, and set out to ask the villagers for some monetary assistance which they get after some effort but when it comes to the purchase the shroud for her, they change their mind and rather buy liquor out of that charity money, giving consolation to their sinful souls that what would a dead woman do with that piece of cloth, she does not need anything but blessings. The play very emotionally exposes the monster of alcoholism and the story seems to be so relevant and close to the contemporary times. The play shows that people ruin their life and lives of their dependents in lust of

alcohol and those who are captured in its trap may have nothing to eat and feed their family but will go out of ways to muster resources for the acquisition of liquor. Kafan which translates to a shroud in English describes the degradation of human beings to the lowest level possible.

Natrang young actors who performed in the play included Sanket Bhagat, Vishal Sharma, Chaitanaya Shekhar, Abhimanyu Choudhary and Harshul Kaul. Lights of the play were designed and executed by Neeraj Kant whereas Kananpreet Kaur rendered the music of the play. The show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.

Nazakat Choudhary welcomes new DC Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat

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RAJOURI, Jan 7: Nazakat Choudhary, a recipient of the Prime Minister's award and Ambassador for MyGov India Citizen Engagement Platform under the Government of India, extends a warm welcome to the newly appointed Deputy Commissioner of Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat.

As a prominent figure in citizen engagement and a delegate of the Ministry of Education, Government of India, Nazakat Choudhary congratulates Om Prakash Bhagat on his new assignment. Bhagat, having previously served as the Managing Director of the Financial Corporation, brings a wealth of experience and a commendable track record in public services.

Nazakat Choudhary expressed, "Om Prakash Bhagat is known for his honesty, integrity, and unwavering dedication to

public service. His impressive history in various public service roles makes him an invaluable addition to the administration of Rajouri."

The Ministry of Education delegate further conveyed his gratitude to the government for appointing such a capable officer like Om Prakash Bhagat in district Rajouri. Choudhary added, "The arrival of Om Prakash Bhagat as DC is indeed good news for the people of Rajouri. His reputation for excellence and commitment is a positive sign for the region."

As an Ambassador for MyGov India, Nazakat Choudhary remains committed to promoting citizen engagement and fostering collaboration between the government and the public.

He extends his best wishes to Om Prakash Bhagat, confident that Bhagat's tenure will bring positive changes and development to the district.

JKBS holds general body meeting at Shahzadpur

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JAMMU, Jan 7: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha held its monthly general body meeting at Shahzadpur Kothi here today, which was attended by a large number of Batwal community members hailing from different corners.

At the outset, the JKBS' office-bearers greeted their community members on new year and distributed among them the new year calendars.

Thereafter, the meeting discussed the activities to be organised on Guru Gyagi Birth Commemorative Function slated to be held on Saturday, 24 February, 2024 at Shahzadpur Kothi.

The meeting passed a resolution to urge the State Administrative Council to honour Guru Gyagi by issuing



an official notification declaring his birthday as public holiday in district Jammu where Batwal community is densely populated.

The meeting nominated Hony Captain as Block President for Marh and Panch Joginder Sargotra as Block President for Mandal.

Besides, a Purchase Committee was also constituted with Duni Singh Motan as its head while Hony Captain Om Parkash Kaith, Subedar Baldev Chand Sandhu,

Subedar Ram Paul Lakhotra, Naib Subedar Krishan Lal Kashyap, Panch Joginder Sargotra, Master Sat Pal Sargotra and Hans Raj Loria as members.

Prominent among the community members who attended the meeting included Former Corporator Rashpal Bhardwaj, Rachhpal Kaith, Havildar Des Raj Kaith, R.L.Kaith, Mohinder Singh Motan, Darshan Kumar Lakhotra, Ujjagar Singh Bassa and Chaman Lal Tugga.

Kesri condemns attack on Arnia General Secretary Bhushan Kumar

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JAMMU, Jan 7: Shiv Sena Hindustan J&K President Pt Rajesh Kesri today convened meeting of Arnia Block over attack on Arnia General Secretary Bhushan Kumar by four Sikh youths with sharp edged weapons two days ago in a village of Block RS Pura where all Shiv Sena workers and village heads were present. Speaking on the occasion, Kesri said that attackers knocked down Bhushan Kumar from motorcycle and snatched his mobile phone and Rs 2000 cash from him. He said Bhushan suffered serious injuries and thanked God that the lights of a vehicle saved him as



attackers out of fear ran away on a motorcycle. He said FIR has been lodged in RS Pura Police station and SHO has assured that whosoever involved in attack will be taken to task soon. Kesri termed attack on Shiv Sena leader "condemnable and unfortunate" and called it an attack on humanity. If the people of Jammu and Kashmir begin condemning these acts, similar incidents can be prevented in the future. This condemna-

tion should come from the people themselves, not just the political parties of Jammu and Kashmir," he said. On the occasion, Balveer Kumar, Balwant Fauji, Bhushan Kumar, Rajkumar Baba, Sanjeev Sharma, Suresh Kumar, Captain Ghara Ram, Captain Om Prakash, Deshraj, Rajesh Kumar, Balveer, Darshana Devi, Anju Devi, Neeru Devi, Rajni Devi and dozens of Shiv Sainiks were present on the occasion.

JKBS condoles demise of Shankar Dass and Bainti Devi

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JAMMU, Jan 7: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha at a condolence meeting held here today, expressed deep grief over the demise of Shri Shankar Dass of Village Garhi and Smt. Bainti Devi of Village Charkail.

JKBS members described both as most polite, humble and considerate.

While offering heartfelt sympathies and condolences, JKBS members prayed to Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed souls and patience for the

bereaved families to bear this immeasurable loss.

The condolence meeting was attended among others by Former Corporator Rashpal Bhardwaj, JKBS' Chairman Dilay Ram Kaith, Deputy Chairman Des Raj Kaith, President Rachhpal Kaith, Senior Vice President Birender Kaith, General Secretary R.L.Kaith, Treasurer Mohinder Singh Motan, Hony Captain Om Parkash Kaith, Subedar Baldev Chand Sandhu (Retd), Subedar Ram Paul Lakhotra (Retd), Hans Raj Loria, Duni Singh Motan, Darshan Kumar Lakhotra and Ujjagar Singh Bassa.

Narinder pays tributes to PDP founder Mufti Mohd Sayeed on his 8th death anniversary

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JAMMU, Jan 7: The PDP on Sunday paid rich tributes to party founder Mufti Mohammad Sayeed on his eighth death anniversary at Party headquarter in Jammu. In this regard senior PDP leader Narinder Sharma along with hundreds others from RS Pura paid rich tributes to Mufti Mohammad Sayeed at party headquarter in Gandhi Nagar Jammu today.

Paying his tributes, Narinder highlighting the role of Mufti Mohammad Sayeed recalled that the party founder had an amicable demeanour and enormous courage to take on varied challenges during his six-and-a-half decade long political career. He underlined that Mufti Mohammad Sayeed rejuvenat-



ed the hope for peaceful Jammu and Kashmir as he took a series of confidence-building measures. He said Mufti Mohammad Sayeed made strenuous efforts in making peace an inseparable feature of Jammu and Kashmir. Even towards the last days of his life, he recalled that Mufti Mohammad Sayeed gave utmost priority to his people.

Narinder called for taking for-

ward the Mufti Mohammad Sayeed's mission and urged people to strengthen the party at all levels. He also underlined that there was a need to promote young leaders and hoped that the party leadership will take necessary steps to realize the endeavor in line with the mission of Mufti Mohammad Sayeed.

While praying for peace to the departed soul, Narinder underscored that bereavement was

not restricted to party President Mehbooba Mufti but entire PDP family. He castigated the BJP over its "dubious role" towards Jammu and Kashmir and said "even when the people in Jammu voted in droves for the party during the polls, it backstabbed them, denying the coming generation the livelihood opportunities in a ruthless manner". He asked the party functionaries to work with greater coordination and strengthen the party on the ground. "This crucial juncture of history it is the PDP alone that has the ability to steer the ship to the shore and that time has proven beyond doubt that the PDP has stood steadfast every time against all odds to safeguard Jammu and Kashmir's core interests," he said.

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JAMMU, Jan 7: Sadhguru Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj of Sahib Bandgi, while delighting the Sangat with the nectar of his sermons in Rakhbandhu today, said that for God there are diversities in the world. Some people consider the soul to be the greatest power. In Buddhism, soul is considered everything. Some Kabir followers also believe this. Kabir Sahib has not told everything to the soul. He said about the capacity of the soul that this soul is very powerful. Some ignorant people have said that soul is everything. A Kabir follower came to Mahatma Gurudev. When we talked, Gurudev said that soul is everything so why is it in bondage. He said that because of karma. Gurudev said that then karma itself has become bigger. There are four beliefs of four Vedas in our country. There are dif-

ferent opinions. Some call it Saguna, some Nirguna, some call Karma the main thing, some call the soul itself the Supreme Soul. Rig Veda has first given the description of the formless world. Muslims are also saying the same thing. This is what Christian people are also saying. Whoever has caught it says that this is all. If you talk more, they say it is only one thing. This idiom is to get rid of the burden. Is not logical.

Due to the curse of Harishchandra's father Trishanku Vashishtha, he became a demon. But Vishwamitra had created a human being again with his power of yoga and sent his body to heaven. From there he was pushed back and sent back. When he was falling, Vishwamitra stopped him in the middle and said, wait, I am making another heaven. When he started building another heaven, Indra came and prayed, he became jeal-

ous and said that he should not build another heaven. If the second heaven is created then all the gods will be there, it will also create the Trinity. When we read stories, it seems that the center of power is somewhere else. Even when we watch serials, it seems that some matter is ahead. Vishwamitra put a condition that if you keep it there then I will not create another heaven. Now Indra was afraid that if another heaven was built, the glory of this place would diminish. Therefore, when Trishanku got a place there, Vishwamitra stopped the creation of the second heaven. This means that Vishwamitra had become the creator. It is karma. Goswami ji is also saying the same thing in Ramayana that the world was created based on karma. One gets the result according to the work he does. But this creature can also rule over the entire universe.

King Jalandhar had so much power that even the Trinity was afraid. Who gave him so many powers? What is the matter. How many powers did Ravana have? But could not escape lust. Despite being born in a Brahmin clan, Ravana is considered to be of a demon clan. This means that no other strength is required to overcome these disorders. She is found from somewhere else.