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Police arrests two drug peddlers in Baramulla

SRINAGAR, Jan 11 (Agencies): Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested 2 drug peddlers in Baramulla and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

A Spokesperson said, "A police party of Police Station Uri headed by SHO PS Uri at a checkpoint established at Tyre Morh Uri, intercepted one person. During his search. 42 grams of Charas like contraband substance was recovered from his possession. He was identified as Abdul Aziz Chaneeza son of **Ghulam Mohammad** resident of Uri Baramulla. He has been arrested and shifted to PS Uri were he remained in custody.

"Similarly, A police party of Police Station Tangmarg headed by SHO PS Tangmarg at a checkpoint established at Beighpora Hariwatnoo Tangmarg, intercepted one person. During his search, 25 grams of Charas like contraband substance was recovered from his oossession. He was identified as Mohammad Assadullah Bhat son of Ghulam Mohammad resident of Rambailpora Bawah Kunzer. He has been arrested and shifted to PS Tangmarg were he remained in custody", he said.

Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at police Station Uri & Tangmarg and investigations have been initiated.

NIA raids 32 places in Delhi, Haryana, Punjab in **Terror-Gangster** case

NEW DELHI, Jan 11 (Agencies): In another major step towards demolishing the terrorist-gangster-drug smuggler nexus in the country, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday, conducted searches at 32 locations in Delhi, Haryana and Punjab,

The raids began early this morning and multiple teams of the anti-terror agency conducted searches in close coordination with

officials said.

state police forces. Jhajjar and Sonipat in Haryana are among other places being searched by the

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Nation, One Election'

Situation along Northern Border stable but sensitive: Chief

Of Army Staff



NEW DELHI, Jan 11 (Agencies): Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande on Thursday said the situation along the Line of Actual Control in eastern Ladakh is "stable" but "sensitive", and asserted that Indian troops are maintaining a "high state" of preparedness to deal with any chal-

lenge. Addressing a press conference ahead of

Army Day, Gen Pande also said that both India and China continue to hold talks at military and diplomatic levels to

find a resolution to the

remaining issues.

Our operational preparedness continues to be at a high level, he said, noting that the Indian Army is maintaining adequate reserves to confront any security challenge in the region.

Indian and Chinese troops are locked in an over three-year confrontation in certain friction points in eastern Ladakh even as the two sides completed disengagement from several areas following extensive diplomatic and military talks.

On the situation in Jammu and Kashmir, Gen Pande said the ceasefire understanding with Pakistan is holding along the Line of Control (LoC) though there have been infiltration attempts.

We are foiling infiltration attempts along the LoC, he said.

Gen Pande said there has been a drop in overall incidents of violence in Jammu and Kashmir but such incidents have

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Mehbooba Mufti escapes unhurt in car accident in Anantnag

SRINAGAR, Jan 11 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir's former Chief Minister and PDP President, Mehbooba Mufti on Thursday escaped unhurt when her vehicle met with an accident in Sangam area in south Kashmir's Anantnag

According to officials,



Mehbooba's vehicle met with an accident in the Sangam area. There were no injuries to Mehbooba Mufti; however, reports said that her driver has received minor injury in his leg.

A police officer confirmed the incident to Kashmir Dot Com

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Security forces recover four IEDs, ammunition in Rajouri

RAJOURI, Jan 11 (Agencies): Police and security forces have foiled a possible terror plot by recovering four tiffin based Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), a wireless communication device, a mini music player and bullets.

The recovery was



made during an operation that was launched in Hayatpura village of Jammu and Kashmirs' Rajouri district by the police and CRPF.

Officials said that following some specific information, 237 Battalion of CRPF along with Jammu and Kashmir

Fire erupts

in Poonch

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Kashmir freeze unabated as Srinagar records Minus 5.0°C



SRINAGAR, Jan 11 (Agencies): There was no respite from the intense cold wave in Kashmir as the valley continued to reel under sub-zero temperatures with no improvement in the weather conditions over the next few days, officials said here on Wednesday.

A dry and snowless

winter in Kashmir has resulted in freezing nights and warmer than usual days as Srinagar's day temperatures were over eight degrees above the normal for this time of the year,

Jammu, the winter capital of the union territory. has been colder than Srinagar for the past

they said.

couple of days, recording a high of 9 degrees Celsius on Wednesday, which was nine degrees below the normal.

Jammu is currently under a cover of dense fog which has resulted in colder days.

Srinagar city recorded a minimum temperature of minus 5.0 degrees Celsius on Wednesday night, same as the previous night, the officials

They said Qazigund recorded a low of minus 4.6 degrees against minus 4.4 degrees Celsius, while in the ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir it was minus 3.5 degrees Celsius, up from minus 5.0 Turn to page 9

Vehicle with fake registration plate seized in Shopian

SRINAGAR, Jan 11 (Agencies): Traffic Police in Jammu and Kashmir have seized a vehicle with a fake registration plate in Shopian district and identified another in central Kashmir's Budgam district, officials said today.

In a swift operation, the Traffic Police in rural Kashmir, led by SSP Traffic Rural Kashmir RP Singh, seized a Maruti Alto K10 bearing a fake registration number, JK02CF 2710. Acting on reliable information, the seizure took place on the evening of January
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3,422 active Covid-19 cases recorded in India

NEW DELHI, Jan 11 (Agencies): India recorded 514 new cases of COVID-19, while the number of active cases of the infection has declined to 3,422, the health ministry said on Thursday.

Three deaths – two in Maharashtra and one in Karnataka 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 increase after the emergence of a new

and cold weather conditions.

After December 5, a maximum of a singleday rise of 841 new cases was reported on December 31, 2023, which is 0.2 per cent of the peak cases reported in May 2021, official sources said.

Of the total active cases, around 92 per cent are recovering under home isolation.

"The currently available data suggests that the JN.1 sub-variant is neither leading to an exponential rise in the Turn to page 9

forests, damages vegetation JAMMU, Jan 11 (Agen-

cies): Fire broke out in a forested area in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir, destroying a huge forest cover, officials said today. They said that the

blaze which has consumed a huge forest area broke out in Nar village in the Bhata Durian area of Mendhar sub-division where five soldiers were killed after terrorists attacked their vehicle on the national highway passed through this forest in April last year.

An official told

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Indian online delivery platforms served 65 lakh food orders on New Year's Eve

NEW DELHI, Jan 11 (Agencies): There were 65 lakh online food delivery orders from Zomato, Swiggy and others on the New Year's Eve 2023, setting a record and delivering 18 per cent higher volumes than the New Year's Eve 2022, a report showed on Thursday.

The average order value (AOV) on the day was also at least 30 per cent higher compared to other days of the year, according to market research firm Redseer Strategy Consultants.

"Spike days like the IPL, Cricket World Cups, Diwali, NYE etc. are critical for online food



delivery services as customers order more and spend more," said Abhijit Routray, Associate Partner at Redseer.

It is also important for the brands and platforms to be able to serve the increased load on these days as customer experience cannot be hampered on these celebratory occasions, he

added.

The day started with gross merchandise value (GMV) in breakfast (orders placed between 6 a.m. to 11 a.m.) being 1.5-2 times

the daily average of the year.

The GMV peaked in the dinner and latenight orders, being 2.5-3 times the average of other days.

"Another dimension to premiumisation was people ordering from premium restaurants to treat themselves on the day," the report noted.

Given the super-normal demand, platforms were able to step up to provide superior customer experience on the day with customers across city tiers expressing high satisfaction with food quality, packaging, delivery time and in-app discounts.



CADNICA ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS

Contact Person Mr. Sanjeev Kumar

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TENTH DAY/13TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and sudden demise of 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

Smt. Kanta Devi

Shri Ramesh Kumar

Raina

EX- Minister- Jatinder Singh alias Babu Singh- Son Mobile Nos.: 94191-50074, 99060-98663

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform about the sad demise of Shri Ramesh Kumar Raina S/o Late Shri Shibnath Raina originally R/o Chowgam, Devsar, Kulgam, Kashmir on 7th January 2024 at Bhopal (M.P)

10th Day Kriya will be held at Khatlapur Ghat Chota Talab, Bhopal on 16th January 2024 at 9 am sharp.

GRIEF STRICKEN Sudha Raina -Wife

Son & Daughter in law & Grand Daughter Romit, Akanksha & Aarohi

Varun Koul & Deepali Raina -Son in law & Daughter Phoola Dhar - Sister

Asha Ji Dhar & Bushan Lal Dhar **- Sister & Brother in Iaw** Geeta Ji Raina & Moti Lal Raina -Sister & Brother in Laws

Ravi Ji Raina & Girja Raina

Munu ji Raina & Fancy Raina Vijay Raina & Kamna Raina - Brother & Sister in law

Veena Dhar, Sunjay Dhar, Bharat Raina, Arti Kaul, Renu Pandith, Anita Dhar, Babita Raina, Nitish Raina, Rohit, Rohan, Sheena, Bhoomi, Vidhya, Shivranjini, - All Nieces & Nephews

Mobile Nos - 9425302538, 9753589936, 9419795215

TENTH DAY & KRIYA/UTHALA

As we navigate through this difficult time without Late Sh.Tarachand Gupta R/o 19-B New Karan Nagar Jammu, We seek the presence of all those who were dear to him. Please join us in honouring his memory during Tenth day & Kriya/ Uthala. TENTH DAY will be Performed on Wednesday (10/01/24) at Trikuta Yatri Niwas Ved Mandir

Road Ambphala at 12 Noon. KRIYA will be performed on Saturday (13/01/24) at our Residence at 12 Noon.

UTHALA Will be held on Saturday (13/01/24) at Trikuta Yatri Niwas Ved Mandir Road Ambphala from 4 pm to 5 pm.

GRIEF STRICKEN: Son & Daughter in Law: Manohar Gupta & Sunita Gupta Contact: 9419183779

Daughters and Son in Laws: Sudershana & Yoginder Gupta, Neelam & Ashok Gupta

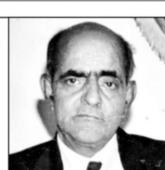
Veena & Kasturi Lal Gupta

Pinkey & Rakesh Modi Brothers & Sister-in-laws:

Smt. Geeta Devi & Sh. Madan Lal Gupta

Smt. Rani Devi (W/O Lt. Sh. Mohan Lal Gupta) Smt. Rohini Devi (W/O Lt. Sh. Mukand Lal Gupta)

Sister: Vaishno Devi



LATE SH.TARACHAND

GUPTA

Sh Omkar Nath Bhat

HON LT NAT RAM (IN)

MR. KUNAL SHARMA

(KANU)

10TH DAY/KRIYA

S/o Lt. Sudarshan Bhat

Resident of Bagwaanpura Verinag (Kashmir) presently at H.No.493, Saini Vihar, Phase-2 Baltana, Chandigarh.

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our respected father who went to heavenly abode on dated 4th Jan, 2024.

10th Day Kriya will be performed at Shani Mandir Sect-21 Panchkula at 8 am on 13 January 24.

GRIEF STRICKEN Ravi & Shashi Kaul -Son & Daughter-in-law

Sanjeev & Soni Kaul -Son & Daughter-in-law Neety & Sanjay Raina -Daughter & Son-in-law

Grand Children: Aditya, Karan, Tanvi, Neeral, Bhoomi Yatarth Kauls: 9877140450, 9316601047, 9915844707

TENTH DAY

the sad demise of our beloved **Hon. Lt Nat Ram (IN)** S/o Late Sh Bali Ram R/o H. No 343, Sector F, Sainik

TENTH DAY will be performed at residence on 12 01-2024 at 12.00 Noon to 2.00 PM

GRIEF STRICKEN Smt Asha Rani- Wife Sons & Daughter in Law Varun Kant & Neetu Arun Kant & Shivani

Brothers & Bhabhis

J.R Dogra (Chief Engg Retd) & Kamlesh Rani Sh. Vijav Kumar & Shava

Sh. Vakesh Kumar & Tannu Salochana Devi & Sh. Jai Pal - **Sister and Brother in Law**

Rakesh Kumar & Gharo Devi- Brother in Law & Sister in Law

MOBILE NO: 9419192462, 9035635584, 9419121009

TENTH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Mr. Kunal Sharma (Kanu) S/o Sh. Pawan Kumar Sharma & Ritu Sharma.

Tenth Day will be performed on 12th January, 2024 (Friday) at Rani Park Kachi Chawni Jammu at 11:30 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN Father & Mother

Sh. Pawan Kumar Sharma & Smt.Ritu Sharma

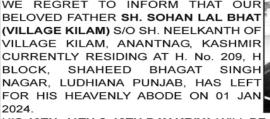
Ms. Koshika Sharma- Sister

Chacha & Chachi Sh. Sanjay Sharma & Smt.Suman Sharma

Mobile: 7889624648, 9906243115, 9086080901, 7780952647, 9419150680

OBITUARY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THAT OUR (VILLAGE KILAM) S/O SH. NEELKANTH OF NAGAR, LUDHIANA PUNJAB, HAS LEFT FOR HIS HEAVENLY ABODE ON 01 JAN



HIS 10TH, 11TH & 12TH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 10TH, 11TH & 12TH of JAN-UARY 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: KILAMS, TINGLOOS, BHATS

CONTACT NUMBERS: +91 9646701212, +91 9530730021

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Vinod Kumar S/o Late Sh Charan Dass R/o Lakshmi Nagar Ward No 67 Muthi, Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 01/01/2024.

10TH DAY will be performed on 10/01/2024 at our residence.

KRIYA will be performed on 11/01/2024 at our residence

UTHALA will be performed at KRISHNA PALACE MUTHI on 12/01/2024. 4:00 PM

GRIEF STRICKEN WIFE: ANURADHA SHARMA

DAUGHTER: VAISHALLY SHARMA SON: AMAN SHARMA

FATHER AND MOTHER IN LAW: LATE SH. DWARKA NATH & Smt. SWARN NATH BROTHER AND SISTER IN LAW: SH. ASHOK KUMAR & NEELAM SHARMA SH. DARSHAN KUMAR & RENU SHARMA

SISTER AND BROTHER IN LAW: DARSHANA DEVI & SH. THORU RAM Smt. SUNITA Sharma & SH. GOUTAM KUMAR

Lt. Smt. PUSHPA DEVI W/O SH. BADRI NATH

NEPHEW AND NIECE: NEHARIKA, SHRIYA, SHITAV

TENTH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother Smt. Mohini Raina W/o Late Sh. Kedar Nath Raina on 03rd January, 2024.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 12th January, 2024 (Friday) at Jia Pota, Akhnoor Ghat and subsequently ASSEMBLY will be held at Muthi Ghat near the office of Director, School Education, Muthi at 11 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN Sons & Daughter-in-laws

Niranjan & Anita Raina

Ramesh & Veenika Raina Asha & Sunil Khosa - Daughter & Son-in-law

Meena - Daughter

Grand Children: Ashwani, Shweta, Adit, Virankita, Amit, Abhishek, Mansi, Khushboo, Rohan, Navruti, Ashish, Rishabh, Vanika, Sapna, Jeetender, Ritvik, Dipti.

Rainas, Khosas, Bhans Mobile: 7006845858, 9311051115

RASAM PAGRI & UTHALA

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 R S Pura Jammu.

Rasam Pagri & Uthala will be performed at Devi Dwara R S Pura on 12-01-2024 (Friday) from 03:00 pm

to 04:00 pm. Grief Stricken: Smt Shakuntla Gupta - (Wife) Sisters

Smt Santosh Gupta Smt Shakti Mahajan Son's & Daughter 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

Smt. Vinod Mahajan

(Guggi)

Smt. Neelam Devi

Sh Dev Raj Gupta

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and sudden demise of **Smt. Vinod Mahajan (Guggi)** Wife of Sh. Darshan Mahajan R/o H.No. 42, Upper Laxmi Nagar, Sarwal, Jammu on 02-01-2024. TENTH DAY shall be performed on 11-

01-2024 (Thursday) at 12.00 Noon to 1.00 PM at Kotli Bhawan, Near Hari Mandir, Rehari, Jammu.

KRIYA shall be performed on 14-01-2024 (Sunday) at 11 AM at our residence H.No. 42, Upper Laxmi Nagar, Sarwal, Jammu. DEEPLY MISSED AND REMEMBERED BY:

Sh. Darshan Mahajan- Husband Sons & Daughter in Law: Sahil Mahajan & Payal Gupta

Akhil Mahajan Palvi Mahajan & Vicky Gupta- Daughter & Son in Law: Sh. Satpal Mahajan & Smt. Prem Lata- Jeth & Jethani

Late Sh. Pawan Kumar Mahajan & Smt. Jyoti Mahajan- Devar & Devrani Grand Children: Daiwik, Prashrey, Lavik, Anaya Mobile: 7006654613, 9906341613

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother Smt. Neelam Devi W/o Sh. Rajinder Kumar R/o H.No. 79/A Karan Nagar Jammu, Near Dyna Gym, who left for heavenly abode on 5 Jan. 2024.

The **Tenth Day/Kriya/Uthala** will be held at our residence on 12 Jan 2024 (Friday) at 12 Noon.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sons

Shri Shant and Ranbir Kumar



SH SOHAN LAL BHAT

(VILLAGE KILAM)

SH. VINOD KUMAR

Smt. Mohini Raina

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE INFORM SAD AND UNTIMELY DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED TRILOKI NATH BHAT 5/0 LT. SHAMBOO NATH BHAT R/O DH PORA KULGAM A/P H.NO. 80-C, OM NAGAR UDHEYWALLA BOHRI JAMMU ON 04-01-2024. TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 13TH OF JANUARY, 2024 SATURDAY AT AKHNOOR GHAT AND ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD AT MUTHI GHAT NEAR

AND ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD AT MUTHI GHAT NEAR DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AT 10.30 AM. GRIEF STRICKEN
SMT RAJ DULARI BHAT -WIFE
SMT SARLA & SH SURINDER BHAT -DAUGHTER-IN-LAW & SON
SMT JUSSY BHAT & SH AMIT KAW -DAUGHTER-IN-LAW & SON
SMT BHARTI RANI BHAT WOLT. OPENDER BHAT -DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
SMT MOHNI BHAT & SH M K BHAT -BHABHI & BROTHER
SMT FUNDIA & SH S C KOUL -SISTER & BROTHER-IN-LAW
SMT SHOW & SH C K C K SH C K ANDROO -SISTER & BROTHER-IN-LAW
SMT SHANOO BHAT & SH AMIT BHAT -DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW
MR ROM BHAT & SON

TENTH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE WRITE TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF MR AYODYA NATH RAINA S/O LATE SH AMAR NATH RAINA (MUJOO) ORIGINAL R/O RAGHUNATH MANDIR, NEAR FATEH KADAL SRINAGAR PRESENTLY AT H.NO.2152, C-2, VASANT KUNJ, NEW DELHI

ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024. THE MORTAL REMAINS WERE CONSIGNED TO FLAMES ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024

AT NEW DELHI.

12-01-2024 AT MURAD NAGAR GHAT, UP. **GRIEF STRICKEN** RAINA'S (MUJOOS), DHARS, PANDITAS,

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound sorrow we inform the sad demise of Smt. Shanta Miskeen (Warikoo) W/o Late Sh. M L Miskeen R/o 136, Lower Laxmi Nagar, Sarwal, Jammu on Jan 05, 2024, leaving behir a legacy of resilience and contagious

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Muthi Ghat on Jan 13, 2024 at

FONDLY REMEMBERED BY

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we infor about the sad demise of our beloved father Shri Bansidhar Kath (Papa Ji) R/o H No. 66 Lane. 4 Laxmipuram Chinor (erstwhile Nazuk Mohalla Anantnag) who departed fo his heavenly abode on 04/01/2024.

TENTH DAY will be performed at Akhnoo on Saturday the 13th of January followe by an assembly at our residence H No. 66 Lane No. 4 Laxmipuram Chinor at 12 Noon

Grief Stricken: Smt Veena Kath (Wife) Sh. Vikram and Simi Kath (Son & Daughter-in-law) Mob No 9463783515

Sh. Vishal and Ruby Kath (Son & Daughter-in-law) Mob No. 9212758025 Smt. Vaishali and Sh. Dinesh Sharma (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Grand Children: Aakriti, Jhanvi, Dea, Shiv SAMAST KATH & KOUL FAMILY

BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAAS

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved fathe S. Sham Singh, Ji (Retd: Sr Lecture) School Dableher, who left for heavenly ab

Aramb Shri Akhand Path Sahib shall take place on 10-01-2024 at 9.00 A.M. at ou Kirtan and Antim Ardas shall take place

12-01-2024 (Friday) from 11.00 A.M to 1:00 P.M - at Gurudwara Sahib Main Bazaai Dablehar.

Followed by Guru Ka Langar. GRIEF STRICKEN Sons and Daughters in law Sdn: Gurkirat Kour W/o Late S. Sudershan Singh

Daughters and Son in laws

Prempora Khursi (Singhpora) Baramulla A/P H.No 13 Sec B Sainik Colony Jammu left for heavenly abode on 05/01/2024. PROGRAMME ARAMBH SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB JI A

10:00 AM on 10/01/2024 (Wednesday) at the BHOG SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB JI At 10:00

AM on 12/01/2024 (Friday) at their Residence . SHABAD KIRTAN & ANTIM ARDAS at 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM at Gurdwara Sainik Colony Jammu

Teith family and friends 9419032718



about the sad demise of our beloved Sunii
Dhar S/o Lt. Sh. Soom Nath Dhar R/o Purshiyar, Habbakadal Srinagar A/p Vive Vihar, Paloura Jammu on 03/01/24 10th Day Kriya shall be performed on Friday 12 Jan at 9:30 AM at Muthi Ghat. GRIEF STRICKEN

Neerja Dhar **- Sister-in-law** Abhimanyu Dhar - Nephew Contact No: 7006940981, 9419210783

ditional love you've given to us."
With profound grief and sorrow, it is intimated that **Smt. Manju Rani Jain** Wio Lt. Sh. K.K. Jain R/o 176 Sec 3
Trikuta Nagar, Jammu left for her heavenly abode on 3rd January, 2024.
Kriya will be performed on 12th January, 2024(Friday), at our residence, 176/3 Trikuta Nagar from 12:00 noon. **Uthala** will take place at Sector 3, Shiv Mandit, Trikuta Nagar Jammu on 12th January, 2024(Friday) from

GRIEF STRICKEN

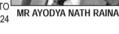
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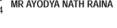
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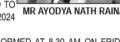
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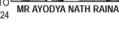




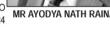






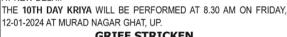


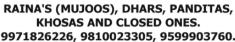






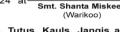








Smt. Shanta Miskeen





Shri Bansidhar Kath

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followed by Guru ka Langar.
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KRIYA / UTHALA "You've gone from our sight but not from our thoughts, one from our touch but not from our heart. Your values ways enlighten our path. An infinite thanks for your uncoditional love you've given to us."

Nagar, Jammu on 12th January, 2024(Friday) from 4:00p.m to 5:00p.m

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Sh. Jatinder Jain & Smt. Pooja Jain
(M/S Jammu Polyfabric)
Sh. Amit Jain & Smt. Supriya Jain
(M/S J K Polypacks)
Sh. Atul Jain & Smt. Divya Jain (M/S Jain Packers)

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Smt. Manju Rani Jain

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Jugal attends VBSY at Seri Panditan in Nagrota Assembly

Top News Report

JAMMU Jan 11: Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) programme was organized at Seri Panditan Block Bhalwal in Nagrota Assembly Constituency in which Jugal Kishore Sharma Member of Parliament Lok Sabha Jammu was the Chief Guest.

People of Panchayat Seri Panditan warmly welcomed Member of Parliament on reaching Panchavat Seri Pandita.

Jugal Kishore and Party Workers along with the public garlanded Modi ki Guarantee Wali Gadi on reaching Panchayat Seri Pandita.

Tehsildar Ashok Chakarbarty, Ex-Sarpanches, Panches, officials from various departments, including Agriculture, Rural Development Dept., Health, Social Welfare,CA & PD and



representatives from various other departments actively participated in the event.

Member of Parliament visited the stalls organized by various departments and took stock of registration of people who left out to avail the benefit of Central Government Schemes.

He interacted with the officials of various departments present at the stalls and directed them to reach out the

citizens in maximum numbers & disseminate information and foster awareness about the government-sponsored public-centric schemes and register them who are eligible to get benefit under various welfare schemes.

Officials from various departments including agriculture, horticulture, ICDS, Health, Social Welfare etc. held interactive sessions with the locals wherein they

were informed about the procedures to avail the benefits of welfare schemes.

Member of Parliament while addressing the gathering narrated about the goal of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra and underlined its mis-

He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working on the agenda of "Sabka Sath Sabka Vikaas aur Sabka Vishwaas" and took this VBSY to register every person who left out without taking the benefit of Modi Welfare Schemes. He said that this Yatra is working on the theme of "Sarkaar Apke Dwaar" and its motto is to reach every man standing last in the que & to register who is left out without the benefit of Modi Welfare Schemes

During the programme, officials of the Health Dept also done health checkups and informed about the healthcare schemes

District President BJP Omi Khajuria, Mandal President ashok Kerni, Ex-sarpanches Kuldeep Singh, Nasib Singh Langeh, Narinder Singh, senior BJP Leaders Mool Raj, Ashok Bhagat, Amit Singh, Vaishno Devi, Mohd. Yusuf and others were also present at the occasion.

CBJ arrests absconder, habitual offender in 3 cases

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 11: Special team of Economic Offences Wing - Crime Branch Jammu apprehended absconder - Kulranjan Sharmam son of Om Parkash Sharma, resident of H.No.401-A Rani Talab Digiana from the outskirts of Jammu after remaining elusive for a period of around 4 years when case FIR No. 39/2020 under Sections 420,465,468,471,120-B /RPC P/S Crime Branch Jammu was registered against him among two other co-accused persons viz Prop. K. K. Motors - Kulbir Singh, son of Sansar Singh, resident of Bhau R.S Pura Jammu Narotam Singh, son of Ram Saran, resident of Marjali Kangril Jammu for their involvement in hatching criminal conspiracy and cheating complainant of an amount of Rs 23.5 Lakh by getting bank loan sanctioned in his favour for sale of JCB.

The accused absconder is a notorious habitual offender who is involved in 3 case FIR's & 3 complaints viz Case FIR No. 33/2019 P/S Crime Branch Jammu and case FIR No. 32/2017 P/S Janipur, offi-

cial said adding that besides this, three complaints are also under probe against the culprit.

While the other two accused persons were already brought to justice by Crime Branch Jammu by presenting chargesheet against them in the Court of law after investigation conducted by Crime Branch Jammu was proved against them on merits of the case, however, absconder Kulranjan Sharma was constantly changing his locations to evade arrest, official

Official said that the Court had issued warrant under Section 512 Cr.PC against the absconder for his arrest on the request of Crime Branch Jammu when chargesheet was produced against the other two accused persons in the Court of law for judicial determination.

Subsequently, a Special team of Economic Offences Wing of Crime Branch Jammu was constituted and the accused was ultimately arrested with meticulous planning and well coordinated efforts after four years wait,.

DSS welcomes attention by Govt for Mubarak Mandi, demands allowing entry by citizens, tourists

opened to the public,

during fixed hours on all

days, to enable citizens

and tourists to savor the

grandeur of the historic

complex and witness

the steps being taken to

restore it to its pristine

He also cautioned

that any move to shift

the Archives from the

Mubarak Mandi Com-

plex will be suicidal

as the archives are an

intrinsic part of Dogra

heritage and have been

the soul of the complex

He said that they com-

prise rare and historic

documents/manuscripts

which are the main

attraction for scholars

of history and culture, as

well as for other tourists

Advertised Value (Rs.)

cable/pipe line etc"

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 11: Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS) has welcomed the seriousness shown by the Government in speeding up the work of conservation of the historic Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex as indicated in the course of his recent meetings separately with the Lieutenant Governor and the Chief Secretary J&K and as per the news appeared in a section of press on 10th of January.

Stating this in a press conference held at Dogra Bhawan on Thursday, Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, former Minister and President, Dogra Sadar Sabha, J&K said that it also needs to be ensured that the work is carried out in a transparent manner under the close supervision of the experts and monitoring by the Archaeological Survey of India, as already mandated by the Governing Body of the Society.

This will ensure that the conservation norms are adhered to, and no aspect of the precious heritage is lost during the restoration work.

Charak recalled that the Mubarak Mandi Jammu Heritage Society was created to look after the conservation and management of the

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 11: a

meeting was held in

GRP Jammu which was

presided over by Sunil

Kumar, ADGP Railways

The meeting was held

to review the Secu-

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tion with forthcoming

Republic Day-2024 and

other important religious

The meeting was

attended by Mohan

Lal Kaith SSP Railway

Jammu, Albeena Malik

SDPO Railway Jammu,

Naresh Kumar, Dysp

Jammu.

festivals.



largest heritage complex of its kind in Northern India and comprises, in the best traditions of heritage conservation practices observed all over the World, besides the concerned official functionaries, senior citizens having knowledge about its heritage and cultural tourism in its Governing Body.

He said that the exclusion of the private stakeholders has resulted in unnecessary ambiguity in its direction, as well as delays in execution of the conservation work, and demanded that the composition of the Gov erning Body be restored.

President DSS emphasized that Mubarak Mandi is a symbol of identity of the people of Jammu which needs to be showcased for the coming generations as well as for attracting tourists for its long-term sustainability.

He demanded that the iconic Complex be

ADGP Railways reviews R-Day

2024 security arrangements

from across the Globe who are interested in seeing and experiencing different cultures. For this reason, ancient and rare archival records are invariably housed in heritage buildings across the World.

Referring to the serious concern among the citizens about the proposal for converting part of the complex into a hotel with access from the circular road via a fly-over, Charak pointed out that both these projects violated the conservation laws.

He appealed to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, J&K, Manoj Sinha to take personal interest in the matter so that the Expression of Interest for Hotel and the orders for providing it with a flyover access, being prohibited by law, are formally withdrawn.

He also underlined the need for expediting the implementation of the approved Comprehensive Conservation and Reuse Plan for the Mubarak Mandi Com-

plex, which will enable Jammu's emergence on the World cultural tourism map and benefit multiple components of Jammu's tourism industry, including hoteliers, shopkeepers, transporters, auto and taxi operators, travel agents and others by boosting heritage tourism.

Charak also appealed to other political leadership of Jammu, especially those representing Jammu in Parliament or other high platforms, to rise above petty political considerations and take interest in this primary and precious heritage of the region for putting their weight behind its proper conservation for the benefit of the people and posterity.

Others present in the press conference were Col Karan Singh (Retd), Vice President, Prem Sagar Gupta (General Secretary), Gambhir Dev Singh Charak (I/c Youth Wing), Ravi Singh Slathia and Dr V S Sharma.

Period of Completion

OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER **POSHAN PANCHARI**

Advertisement Notice No:- 07 of 2024 Dated: 08.01.2024

Subject:-Advertisement for the post of Sahayika-IInd phase.

The applications forms on prescribed format are invited from the eliqible female candidates of the below mentioned ward of the Panchayat for engagement as **Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper) (2nd phase)** in Anganwadi Centre of Poshan(ICDS) Project Panchari, purely on honorarium basis (Sahayika @2550/- per month) in pursuance to the Govt. Order No :- 222-JK(SWD) of 2022, dated : 30.11.2022 & order No: 103-JK(SWD) of 2023, dated: 28.04.2023.

As per the norms, the unit of selection of Sahayika shall be the electoral ward of the concerned Panchayat.

Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper)

S.No	Name of the Panchayat	Ward No. of Panchayat	Name of the AWC	No. of post of Sahayika	Remarks
1.	Ladda-B	Ward No.03	Chuntagali	01	

CRIETRIA FOR SELECTION OF SAHAYIKA (ANGANWADI HELPER)

- 1. Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years as on 01-01-2024 shall be considered for the post.
- 2. The candidate should be a domicile of the UT of J&K.
- 3. The selection of Sahayikas shall be restricted to the electoral ward where Anganwadi Centre is located.
- 4. Minimum qualification for Sahayikas shall be Matriculation.
- $5. \quad \text{In case no matriculate candidate is available in the ward, candidates with qualification not less than } 8^{\text{u}\text{-}} \text{ standard}$
- 6. As per Social Welfare J&K Administrative Department's directive no. SWD-ICDS/43/2022 dated. 14.08.2023 and Mission Director's Poshan J&K communiqué no. SMD/ICDS/Recuritment/2022-23/21349-72 dated. 14.07.2023. the sole criteria for selection of Sahayikas shall be marks obtained in class 10th. However in rarest of rare case where selection committee finds a widow headed household with no source of income or a completely destitute lady with zero source of income, preference shall be given to such candidates provided all other things are equal.
- 7. In case no married candidate is available, unmarried candidate may be considered.

Sr. DEN/HQ/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled providing inspiration to

for centuries.

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tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date-26.01.2024 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tenders, and any such manua offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on **www.ireps.gov.in** portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. For mor information logon to www.ireps.gov.in Tender Type **Tendering Section Bidding System**

NORTHERN RAILWAY

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Date of Uploading Tenders			Bid Starting Date		Bid Closing Date/Time	
04.01.2024			12.01.2024		26.01.2024/15:00 Hrs	
S.No.	Tender No.		Details of Tender			
361-2023-24- ADEN-1-FZR for the year 2023-24. Misc. P.Way Wors for track maintenance in the section of SSE/P.Way/KKP in ADEN-1/FZR for the year 2023-24.					ay/KKP in the jurisdiction of	
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Validity of Offer

33,21,704.38/-66,400/-60 Days Similar nature of work :- "NIL" Crossing of 500 mm internal dia Water Supply Pipe Line passing through 700 mm internal dia D.I. 364-2023-24encasing pipe K-7 and 900 mm internal dia M.S. Heavy Duty casing pipe under the Railway Track at ADEN-1-FZR Km 63/4-5 on KKP - FKA section under ADEN-1/FZR Advertised Value (Rs.) Earnest Money Validity of Offer Period of Completion

Earnest Money

	24,19,906.52/-		48,400/-	60 Days	04 Months	
	Similar nature of work :- "NIL".					
5.	365-2023-24- ADEN-2-FZR Crossing of 1200 mm dia DI K-7 Water supply pipe line passing through 1600 mm dia M.S. hiduty casing pipe under the Railway Track ROB No. A-2 at Km 3/5-6 on JUC - FZR section u ADEN-2/FZR.					
	Advertised Value (Rs.)		Earnest Money	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion	
	80,81,940.44/-		1,61,600/-	60 Days	04 Months	
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Similar nature of work: - "Any Civil Engineering work involving earth work in banks/cuttings" Note 1:- Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender. Tender Notice No:- 361, 362, 363 & 364 2023-24-ADEN-I-FZR & 365 & 367-2023-24-ADEN-2-FZR Date: 04.01.2024

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HOW TO APPLY:

The application forms complete in all respects as per the Performa given in Annexure "A" of this notice along with all the requisite documents as mentioned should be submitted in the Office of the Child Development Project Officer Panchari, Ground Floor Jammu & Kashmir Bank Panchari by personal delivery or through registered Post during working hours against the proper receipt. The incomplete forms shall be rejected without any clarification/notice and the candidates shall have no right to claim for

Date of commencement for submission of Application Forms: 10.01.2024 **Last date for submission of Application Forms** 24.01.2024

No application forms shall be accepted after the last date i.e. 24.01.2024

DOCUMENT VERFIFICATION:

The shortlisted meritorious candidates shall be required to appear before the Document Verification Committee along with all the original documents whose copies have been attached with the application form within a week after the last date of receipt of application forms.

No. CDPO/P/17/2024 Dated. 08.01.2024

DIP/J-13698/23

Sd/-**Child Dev. Project Officer** (Poshan) Panchari (Member Secretary Selection Committee)

GRP Lines Jammu, SHO GRP Jammu and other officers of GRP Jammu.

The main focus and thrust of the meeting was to strengthen the overall security setup at Railway Station Jammu and all other Railway Stations falling in the

jurisdiction of Jammu & Vijaypur GRP subdivisions.

The officers present in the meeting gave the valuable suggestions and feedback on the issues pertaining to the security of Railway Station Jammu. ADGP Railways Jammu directed to all the officers present in the meeting to brief all the Nafri deployed on ground to remain alert and extra vigilant on assigned duties in order to thwart any nefarious designs of ANEs/ASEs in view of the present challenging security scenario and further directed to keep a close vigil on Railway Platforms, Tracks, Parking areas, Drone activities as well as Fidayeen

They were also directed to maintain close coordination with RPF and other security agencies.

EDITORIAL

YOUTH ROLE IN NATION BUILDING

he government understands this and that is why education is being given an important role. An educated person plays an important role in the development of the country because only an educated person can help in taking right decisions in different situations of the country and also the job and business done by him is successful which also benefits the country.

By looking at the history and present situation of our country, we can understand how important a role a student plays in nation building. The Constitution of our country today was written by some educated people, only then all people are able to get their rights.

If anything wrong happens in the country, law and order is made for it, only if it is done by an educated person, he is able to leave the country. From this we can understand how important education is and the person who receives education comes in the category of a student. Because of this, from history to present and future, a good student can take credit for building a good country.

When a student acquires education and makes himself aware enough to understand his responsibility towards the country and fulfill it successfully, then it is his duty in this journey to acquire so much education that he can exercise his rights.

The duty of a student does not end here, it is believed that unless education benefits the individual and the country, education is useless. Because of this, it is also the duty of a student to do a good business or job so that his family can get good facilities so that after that he can do something good for the society and this will ultimately be his role in taking the country forward. The life of a student is full of troubles. He has to receive education in his life so that he can develop different types of perspective and he can see the problems coming in his life from a different perspective. A student's life supports the country when due to his knowledge he is able to do a good business or job because its tax goes to the country.

Apart from this, a student supports the country when he brings all kinds of facilities for his family and thinks about the well-being of the family, about the society around him and stops the bad effects happening in the society or brings about various types of changes.

Student life teaches us discipline. Teaches a new perspective. It also tells us how something can be achieved by working hard, which we can use in our lives to make not only the country but also our lives successful. It is the duty of every student to protect the nation and contribute to its progress.

Why US, Saudis aren't in a hurry to halt war in Gaza

By: Sunanda K Datta Ray

Incommitted readers of this newspaper who wonder why the United States of America does not put its foot down and stop the carnage in Gaza should remember the American phrase "All politics is local". It explains why Washington won't displease American Jewry.

From the Vatican to the Kremlin, from the White House to Capitol Hill, the world's movers and shakers view them as a force to be reckoned with. They can influence events, define and achieve important goals, reward friends and punish enemies. When, in the 1990s, Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao sought to improve India's ties with Israel, he tasked a senior diplomat, Lalit Mansingh, in India's Washington embassy, to explore openings. Mr Mansingh approached the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee, the Jewish community's main foreign-policy lobbying organisation, which has 55,000 members, a staff of 150 and a \$15 million budget. In May 1991, Washington brokered a one-day ceasefire in the bloody Ethiopian civil war only so that Israeli aircraft could evacuate 20,000 Jewish tribespeople in an unprecedented 24-hour airlift.

Mr Mansingh was only following the lead of Presidents and Prime Ministers visiting the United Nations or passing through to Washington for whom the New York offices of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League are obligatory stops.

More than a dozen foreign embassies assign diplomats to a semiofficial "Jewish desk" to maintain friendly ties with American Jews. Evidence of the community's clout is the \$3 billion Israel enjoys annually as US aid. Fully one-fifth of America's foreign aid has gone to a nation of barely five million people, just one-tenth of one per cent of the world's population. Such is the power of the Jewish lobby.

This US-Jewish entente seemed unlikely on February 14, 1945 -- Valentine's Day -- when US President Franklin D. Roosevelt flew to the Great Bitter Lake in the Suez Canal straight from the Yalta Conference with Josef Stalin and Winston Churchill to meet Saudi Arabia's King Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud who had driven out his family's hereditary enemies, united the Arabian peninsula, and established himself as the first monarch of the only country that takes its name from its royal family. The discovery of oil had made Saudi Arabia fabulously wealthy. King Abdul Aziz -- better known as Ibn Saud -- and FDR met on board the naval cruiser USS Quincy.

Ibn Saud was an absolute monarch supported by the fanatical Wahhabi clergy. He had never been to sea or travelled outside the Arabian peninsula, except once briefly to Basra. A warrior with little experience of international diplomacy, he had sent two sons, Khaled and Faisal, both later Kings of Saudi Arabia, to America to meet FDR, tour America, and report back that the US was the world's richest and most powerful nation. He was also a philosopher: when a European visitor expressed surprise at a beggar addressing Ibn Saud as "O Brother!" the King retorted that no man could insult another by calling him his mother's

Looking ahead, Ibn Saud would not have been surprised to learn that a descendant of his, Prince Bandar bin Sultan al Saud, Saudi ambassador to Washington in 1991, would virtually run the US administration during the First Gulf War. Or that oil-rich Saudi coffers would defray the costs -- an estimated \$120 billion -- of a war that, according to the Pentagon, "demonstrated effectively the capability and determination of the US and other participating nations (no fewer than 42!) to intervene forcefully to protect their interests".

In 1945, however, Ibn Saud was at least formally the supplicant. As the representative of the Palestinian-Arabs he did not deny that Europe's Jews had been cruelly treated. But he argued that innocent Palestinians should not have to pay for Germany's crimes. "Give them and their descendants the choicest lands and homes of the Germans who oppressed them", he told FDR, making no allowance for Jewry's "sentimental desire" to settle in Palestine. The desert King and FDR got on famously exchanging gifts and pleasantries. "From Ibn Saud, of Arabia, I learned more of the whole problem of the Moslems and more about the Jewish problem in five minutes than I could have learned by the exchange of a dozen letters," FDR admitted, promising to "do nothing to assist the Jews against the Arabs". The US would make "no move hostile to the Arab people," he wrote on April 5, 1945. He was dead a week later.

His successor, Harry S. Truman, tore up FDR's promises and told high-ranking US officials less than six months after his predecessor's death: "I'm sorry, gentlemen, but I have to answer to hundreds of thousands who are anxious for the success of Zionism. I do not have hundreds of thousands of Arabs among my constituents." In giving precedence to domestic politics, he had Winston Churchill's full support, albeit for different reasons.

One was Britain's Balfour Declara-

tion supporting the establishment of a "national home for the Jewish people" in Palestine, then an Ottoman region with very few Jews, contained in a letter dated November 2, 1917 from Britain's foreign secretary (later Prime Minister) Arthur Balfour, to Lord Rothschild for transmission to the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland. Turkey's entry into the war on the side of the Axis powers was another reason for supporting Zionism.

Race and colour were other determinants whose impact can never be exactly measured. Just as Israel's defence minister, Yoav Gallant, dismisses Palestinians who are being slaughtered in Gaza as "human animals", and Nazis called Jews "vermin", the British also spoke contemptuously about the Arabs. "You'd think they'd be grateful after all we did for Feisal and Abdullah", Churchill said of Ibn Saud, choosing to ignore the fact that King Feisal and King Abdullah were British proteges from a rival royal house and sworn enemies of the Saudis.

If the major powers failed the Palestinians, their own race brothers were not very helpful either. When they rejected the UN partition in 1948, Egypt, Transjordan and Syria invaded mainly to seize what Palestinian territory they could. Saudi Arabia was too remote to benefit territorially but it was only a token participant in the war. The Saudis were about to normalise relations with Israel when the Gaza conflict erupted. The canny Israelis must know that in spite of fine promises of solidarity with Palestine, wealthy Saudi Arabia won't stop supporting the US even now with vast purchases of American arms. US support helps the Saudis against local and regional adversaries.

Beauty Trends in the Year 2024



By: Shahnaz Husain

In the always-changing world of beauty, trends come and go, yet 2024 promises an exquisite fusion of classic beauty and cuttingedge innovation.

Thanks to social media, makeup trends tend to cycle in and out quickly these days. However, there is still freshness about the New Year that inspires many to try something different and ignites new trends, and in 2024, we'll see a mix of viral sensations and classic beauty.

2024 is all set to see beauty enter new realms.

It's that time of the year when we start looking forward to what the next 12 months will have in store in terms of trends

Want to get a jumpstart on the 2024 makeup trends to know about?

From futuristic aesthetics to eco-conscious choices, brace yourself as we delve into the makeup trends that will dominate the beauty scene in 2024

And if you want to get a head start on the beauty trends set to dominate the year, there's plenty to discover.

1---Tech-infused beauty

Artificial Intelligence (AI), once thought to be completely fiction is gaining popularity in the beauty and cosmetic industry. Tech-infused beauty not only addresses individual needs but also fosters a sense of empowerment and inclusivity, embracing diversity and catering to a wide range of beauty preferences and skin types.

The introduction of Artificial Intelligence and Augmented Reality technology to the beauty industry has modernized the capabilities of beauty brands and the experiences they can provide a consumer. Beauty enthusiasts are increasingly turning to cutting-edge technologies to enhance their skincare, haircare, and makeup routines.

AI can understand a human's perception of attractiveness, a difficult task even for humans themselves, as beauty is incredibly subjective. Yet it is relatively simple for a machine to discern when an individual finds someone attractive, as their body emits different signals through dopamine.

AI is helping beauty companies develop products that are more sustainable and align with the growing market demand for responsibly created products. By analyzing ingredient data and product lifecycles, AI can suggest eco-friendly alternatives and reduce the environmental footprint of cosmetics and skincare products.

AI tools are monitoring social channels to track brand mentions, customer sentiment, and emerging beauty trends. This real-time feedback helps brands adjust their strategies and stay ahead of the beauty game.

We can anticipate more sophisticated apps that can track changes in skin condition during the year 2024 and adapt skincare routines accordingly, all through a smartphone camera.

AI can analyze skin conditions and provide personalized skincare analysis. Brands can develop AI-powered tools that assess factors like skin type, concerns, and environmental influences.

As smartphones became an integral part of our lives, big beauty brands grabbed this chance and offered consumers personalized services and products to cover their individual

ware
Most of beauty companies are likely

2---Virtual Makeup Try-On Soft-

to use technology to enable the virtual try-ons for cosmetics.

The application enables customers to virtually try-on multiple brandrelated products in real-time through AR-based facial tracking technologies. They identify users' faces and specific elements to modify them in real-time by applying beauty products along with other pre-built filters.virtualreality technology makes shopping for make-up and hair colour online an easier feat, allowing you to see exactly how each product will look before making a purchase. People are turning to digital platforms to test out the latest beauty looks, from the comforts of their home.

3--SOFT GLAM MAKE UP---

Soft glam makeup is dominating social media and the runways in 2024 Soft glam creates a monochromatic makeup look, meaning the products used on the eyes, lips, and cheeks are all in the same color family.

It highlights the best parts of the face without making you look like a different person.

Soft glam simply means radiantlooking or diffused makeup, applied in a way that ensures it's perfectly blended into your skin. Most soft glam makeup looks are created using a warm, neutral palette to give your skin a soft effect.

Soft glam usually encourages an element of glamour but the overall finish should be soft, blended, and complimentary.

Soft glam is a step up from natural makeup. There shouldn't be harsh lines or heavy finishes. The skin should be glowing, soft, and natural. The eyes softly blended, whilst being enhanced.

One must stay away from bold colors and instead stick with skintoned hues across your eyes, lips, and face meme of 'a natural look,

4---Blue Make Up

Blue can be a tricky color in makeup According to Social Media trends, blue makeup is expected to continue to trend well into 2024.

The first step to blue makeup actually involves no blue at all, the best pairing for blue makeup is fresh, glowing skin. So, naturally, the look begins with skincare – the brighter the skin, the better. Start with a gentle exfoliator to brighten, followed by a hyaluronic acid applied to slightly damp skin to hydrate, and finish with a glow-boosting moisturizer.

How to get the look

Blue is a universally flattering color, so there's really no one who can't give this trend a try. The key, however, is to pick the right shade of liner for your skin tone

You need to start by colour-correcting and concealing any blemishes on your skin and follow up with a lightweight foundation to get an even tone. Then, pick a bright blue colored kohl pencil and line your upper and lower lash line. Using a mascara in a similar colour, give your lashes two, thick coats to open them up, and run a light brow pencil through your arches. Complete your makeup with a glossy nude balm

Knight Blue Makeup?

Knight blue Makeup:

Knight blue makeup is simply ultrabright blue beauty looks. This spans from graphic ultramarine eyeliners and a bold blue lip to hazy cobalt eyeshadow smudged out to the eyebrow line. Whichever feature you pick, the goal is to create a look with a vibrant colour pop befitting this new shade of Burberry blue.

(The author is an international fame beauty expert and is called the herbal queen of India)

DC Kulgam assures all possible support from administration



Top News Report

KULGAM, Jan 11: Days after taking over as Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Athar Amir Khan on Thursday held an interactive session with media persons at his office.

The delegation of JUOK representing different print and electronic media organizations was led by its President Gh Nabi Khanday and other journalists who sought cooperation and

support from DC Kulgam in upholding the dignity and sanctity noble profession journalism and fourth estate as there is onslaught of social media being handled unethically.

At the outset, DC said that the media is the important and fourth pillar of Democracy, helping District Administration to perform more accurately and efficient-

He said the media

works as an interface between government and public.

The DC urged the media fraternity to follow journalism ethics in letter and spirit while performing in the field and ensure quality journalism is displayed by each one of them.

He assured media persons full support from District Administration in highlighting the genuine public issues for their prompt redressal.

Vivek Bali chairs workers meeting-cumjoining programme

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JAMMU, Jan 11: JD(U) State General Secertary day chaired an workers meeting-cum-joining

The meeting laid emphasis on party strengthening and awareness about the unbiased agenda of Janata Dal (United), which is peace, prosperity and brotherhood.

The gathering delved into strategies for the upcoming Parliamentary elections and underscored the party's unwavering commitment to democratic values.

Vivek Bali on the occasions instructed the workers to gear up for the upcoming Parliamentary elections and strengthen the party

In a statement issued to the press, Vivek Bali impressed on the workers to work diligently for the public welfare & ensure that public grievances reach to the concerned quarters.

end their sufferings that have continued to exist for decades altogether without any resolution due to indifferent attitude adopted by the local inhabitants," Bali

During the meeting, various issues pertaining to the area were discussed and highlighted. The highlighted issues are impassable roads, inadequate supply of electricity and shortage of drinking water.

nent workers from other the party cadre.

Empowering Women: J&K Bank's CSR hits 9th District



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BARAMULLA, Jan 11: J&K Bank is delighted to announce a significant milestone in its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) collaboration with Live For Others - Being Helpful Foundation (LFO-BHF) - "Mission R-SAP (Remove Shyness Apply Pads)."

This initiative, aiming to promote menstrual hygiene awareness, encompasses the distribution of 5,00,000 sanitary napkins and the facilitation of 100 awareness seminars

The project, implemented across all 20 districts of Jammu & Kashmir, has already reached 50,000 individuals, successfully dismantling taboos surrounding menstruation. Baramulla, the 9th district to complete this mission, witnessed the distribution of over 25,000 sanitary napkins and the delivery of five impactful awareness lectures, reaching more than 2500 people.

The seminars took place in both government and private schools & college, including Govt. Girls Hr. Sec School, Sopore; Govt. Girls Hr. Sec School, Town Baramulla ; Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Baramulla ; JET College; Guru Nanak Dev Ji Model School.

The resource persons for these seminars were Ayesha, Aparna, Urfee and Hafsa.

"We are thrilled with the progress of 'Mission R-SAP' and the positive impact it's having on women's health. Currently, we eagerly anticipate the initiative's expansion to other districts, with our team working diligently on its implementation," said Vishal Singh, Co-Director & COO of LFO-BHF.

LFO-BHF expresses gratitude to the Director School Education Jammu, C.E.O Baramulla, and the Principals of all participating schools & College. Special thanks go to J&K Bank for organizing this impactful activity through their CSR fund, as acknowledged by Afreen, President, Kashmir Province.

Key members present during this activity included Shah Aamir, Maroofa, Shubam, Babita, Sahil, Urfee, Afreen, Samar, Jasleen, Abhishek Raina, Shruti, Sachin and Kunal.

Kulgam teenage boy bags gold medal in National Sqay Championship

Top News Report

KULGAM, Jan 11: A 9-year-old boy from South Kashmir's Kulgam district has clinched the Gold Medal in Sqay category at the prestigious 24th Sqay national championship, 2023-24 held at Jaipur in Rajasthan.

Ehsaan Ahmad Bhat (09) son of Irshad Ahmad Bhat resident of Toli Nowpora area of Qaimoh in South Kashmiri's Kulgam district who is a class 4th student at Ayesha Ali Academy, Kanipora Kulgam won a gold medal at the 24th SQAY National Pre-Teen, Pre-Junior,



Reflecting on his success, Ehsaan credits his achievements to the unwavering support and motivation provided by his coach, and his

family. "Sports infrastructure needs more improvement as the biggest challenge that they have also faced is lack which can create a great

impact on your journey," he said when asked about sports infrastructure in J&K.

Irshad Ahmad Bhat, father of Ehsaan, told voice of india (VOI) that his son loves martial arts and has been learning different art forms from last two years.

Ehsaan is learning different art forms at local stadium where trainer is training them and wants to go to international level.

"I am very happy that my son has achieved the Gold in the championship. He was always inclined towards sports and today his hard work has fructified. If we ents proud," he said.

of facilities like acadeguide our children's in and Junior Championmies that almost every the right direction with ship held at Jaipur, Rajsports person faces. I proper support they are asthan, from 4th Janusure to make their parguess that is something ary to 6th January 2024.

JKMA President meets with DC

Srinagar, SMC Commissioner



Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Jan 11: Jammu and Kashmir Media Association (JKMA) President and Editor Valley Headlines, Tariq Mir on Thursday

met with Deputy Com-

missioner Srinagar

GDC Darhal concludes 7-day

special winter camp

Bilal Mohudin and SMC Commissioner Kashmir Dr. Owais and discussed with them for development works in Kashmir valley and general public issues.

SMC Kashmir Dr Owais and Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Bilal Mohudin assured President and Editor Valley headlines as soon as possible I focus who developed work in Kashmir valley and Srinagar city. Tariq Mir highly thankful to SMC Commissioner and DC Srinagar.

Vivek Bali on Wednes-

programme at R S Pura.

from grassroot level.

"My aim is to work rigorously for the betterment of the condition of my people in order to

Vivek Bali assured them to work on those issues promptly and cater to their needs.

Later on a joining programme was also held after the meeting where a businessman Om Kaith, Raman Kumar and dozens of promipolitical parties join JDU. Bali welcomed the new entrants into

Prominent among those who were present on the occasion include Chairman Sikh community Dilawar Singh and District leaders Raj Kumar, Prem Paul, Rahul Mandi, Ankush Chaddha and Sonu Kumar.

JKBS terms Gandharb Motan as 'Bhajan Samrat'



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Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha (JKBS) at its brief function held here on Thursday termed Singer Gandharb Motan as 'Bhajan Samrat'.

JKBS members said, In his formative years Gandharb Motan would practice for hours but now his voice is trained. Gandharb Motan expressed his happiness on the unique position his particular brand of music occupies Devotional music can never go out of style, as long as there are Hindu festivals. I feel very lucky that people listen to my Bhajans. When people tell me that my bhajans give pleasure to their souls I feel honoured, he said.

When asked about secret of his smiling disposition, he replied, My face exudes peace because what I have inside is peace. I am nappy from within.

Prominent among those who were present on the occasion included Former Corporator Rashpal Bhardwai. JKBS President Rachhpal Kaith, Duni Singh Motan, Diwan Chand Motan, Mangal Singh Sandhu, Darshan Kumar Lakhotra, Sarsa Ram Lynder, Krishan Lal Kaith, Rakesh Kumar, Parveen Kumar and Ankush.

Congress non-participation in Ram Mandir consecration a drama to appease particular community: Purnima

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 11: Advocate Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson BJP J&K and former Deputy Mayor, has lambasted the Congress party for its decision of not participating in Ram Mandir consecration ceremony.

She said that the move is simply part of its appeasement policy towards a particular community to maintain its decimated vote bank.

It is pertinent to mention here that the Congress party communiqué said on Wednesday that Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge and senior leaders including former president Sonia Gandhi and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury will not attend the Ram Temple consecration event to be held in Ayodhya on January 22. In a statement issued



to media here today, Purnima Sharma said that Congress continues to maintain its old rhetoric on the issue and the decision of this so called grand old party not to participate in the historical event is an insult to the people of India irrespective of the caste creed colour or religion to which they belong.

She asserted that Shri Ram is revered by one and all not only in India but even abroad as a symbol of 'Maryada' and the decision of the party not to attend the consecration should

not surprise anyone as Congress has blatantly violated 'Maryada' prior to independence and thereafter during its about seven decade rule in India.

Specifically making reference to the reason forwarded by Congress high command that BJP and the RSS had made the temple its political project is nothing more than a lame excuse. She said that the fact

remains that Congress leaders finding the party nearly decimated today is yet again trying to stick to its appeasement policy of keeping a few left out supporters in its Muslim vote bank in the party's good books. However, it is not at all going to benefit this party or its leaders as people can see the ulterior motives behind every Congress initiative and decision today, she added.

Army promotes national harmony with Kaumi Ekta Meet at Chas



Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Jan 11: In a dedicated effort to strengthen the bonds of unity in diversity, Indian Army organized a Kaumi Ekta Meet at village Chas of Kishtwar district of Jammu & Kashmir.

This event aimed at promoting spirit of togetherness among the

community. The Kaumi Ekta Meet provided a forum for

discussion, cultural exchange and mutual understanding. Indian Army personnel

engaged with the local community, emphasizing the significance of unity in the nation building process. 53 prominent society

members from village Chas and nearby areas attended the meeting. The event concluded

with a collective pledge for communal harmony and a shared vision for a united India.

Darhal concluded a 7-day winter camp under the aegis of Viksit Bharat@2047 here on Thursday. Nation 2047". The week-long winter camp was organized

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DARHAL, Jan 11:

The NSS unit of Govt

Degree College (GDC)

under the patronage of Prof Mussaraf Hussain Shah, Principal of GDC Darhal, and led by Dr.Mohd Akhlaq, NSS Programme Officer of the College.

Spread over 7 days,

a number of activities including cleanliness drive, awareness about drug abuse, essay writing, painting, and quiz competitions were organized on the theme "Role of NSS in making India a developed

Prof. Shah highlighted the role of youth and students, especially NSS volunteers, in nationbuilding and transforming it into a developed nation by 2047, in line with the ideals of Viksit Bharat Abhiyan. He

appreciated the NSS unit of the college for undertaking this initia-

A large number of students and staff members participated in the programme. Dr. Taseem Ahmed, Head of Department of Geography, presented the formal vote of thanks.

Prominent among others were Dr Ghulam Abbas, Dr M Saleem Wani, Dr. Mohd Riaz, Dr. Mukhtar Hussain, SamanaQusar, Abdul Qayoom and Jameel Ahmed.

While star actors will be seen on the big screen this year too, here are a few debutants who are ready to shape the narrative of Bollywood and carve a niche for themselves

As we eagerly await the cinematic offerings of 2024, a new wave of talent is set to grace the silver screen in Indian cinema. Departing from the successes of industry veterans in 2023, the stage is now poised for promising debutants. Shanaya Kapoor, Rasha Thadani, Ibrahim Ali Khan, Junaid Khan, Pashmina Roshan, Aaman Devgan, each with their unique legacy, mark the exciting entrants of the year. These debutants are all ready to shape the narrative of Bollywood now!

Pure passion Shanaya Kapoor

Shanaya Kapoor, daughter of Bollywood actor Sanjay Kapoor and Maheep Kapoor, is poised for her muchanticipated debut in the South Indian film Vrushabha, where she shares the screen with renowned actor Mohanlal. With a notable family legacy in the film industry and a clear passion for acting, Shanaya is set to bring a distinctive charm to the big screen. Additionally, she is involved in the Dharma-backed project Bedhadak, alongside Laksh Lalwani and Gurfateh Pirzada. Originally slated for her debut, Bedhadak faced a temporary halt, but now Shanaya is all set to make an entry into the world of cinema with Vrushabha.

Right act Rasha Thadani

Raveena Tandon's daughter, Rasha Thadani, is gearing up for her acting debut in an upcoming untitled film directed by Abhishek



Kapoor, which is slated for release in February. She is teaming up with Ajay Devgn's nephew, Aaman Devgun, in this project. Rasha has previously been in the spotlight for her singing videos that have gone viral.

Action zone Ibrahim Ali Khan

Ibrahim Ali Khan, the son of Saif Ali Khan and Amrita Singh, is set to embark on his Bollywood journey, carrying forward the legacy of the Pataudi family. Being launched under Karan Johar's Dharma Productions, Ibrahim's debut film, titled Sarzameen, features seasoned actress Kajol. This action thriller, directed by Kayoz Irani, son of Boman Irani, explores themes of national identity, evident from the film's title, which evokes a strong sense of patriotism.

First step Junaid Khan Aamir Khan's son, Junaid Khan, is set to

make his acting debut with Yash Raj Films' Maharaj, which will premiere on Netflix. The anticipation surrounding his debut is complemented by the news that Junaid has already commenced shooting for his second film, where he will be sharing the screen with Sai Pallavi. Junaid, who made his theatre debut in Quasar Thakore Padamsee's adaptation of German dramatist Bertolt Brecht's play Mother Courage and Her Children, is an alumnus of Los Angeles' American Academy of Dramatic Arts. Interestingly, his recent pictures from sister Ira Khan's wedding with Nupur Shikhare went viral, as fans noticed Junaid's striking resemblance to Hollywood actor Henry Cavill! Romantic journey

Pashmina Roshan Hailing from the renowned Roshan family, Pashmina Roshan, cousin of

for his acting skills but fashion choices. High flying

nering attention not just

Veer Pahariya

Veer Pahariya is set to make his acting debut in Sandeep Kewlani's film Sky Force, alongside Akshay Kumar and Sara Ali Khan. The movie. based on India's first airstrike against Pakistan, is scheduled for release in October. Veer is rumoured to be Sara Ali Khan's ex-girlfriend. Some also say that the two are back together, as they were spotted at Manish Malhotra's Diwali bash last year.

All in the family Aaman Devgan

Hrithik Roshan, is gear-

ing up for a noteworthy

double debut in the

world of cinema. Her

first venture, Ishq Vishq

Rebound, promises a

romantic journey, fea-

turing co-stars Rohit

Sharaf and Jibraan

Khan. Adding an extra

layer of excitement

to her debut portfolio,

Pashmina is also set to

appear in an untitled film

Best known for his

role as Krishi Raichand,

the son of Shah Rukh

Khan and Kajol in Kabhi

Khushi Kabhie Gham,

Jibraan Khan is set to

take on a leading role

in Ishq Vishq Rebound,

alongside Pashmina

Roshan. Serving as the

sequel to the Shahid

Kapoor-Amrita Rao-star-

rer, Ishq Vishk, this film

marks Jibraan's debut

as the leading man.

Having been a popular

child artiste, Jibraan is

now stepping into a new

phase of his career, gar-

alongside Tiger Shroff.

Leading man

Jibraan Khan

Ajay Devgn recently took to Instagram to introduce his nephew, Aaman Devgan, who is all set to make his debut under the mentorship of renowned filmmaker Abhishek Kapoor. Sharing a picture with Aaman, Ajay expressed excitement about their upcoming collaboration in Kapoor's next big screen action adventure. Aaman Devgan's entry into Bollywood adds a new chapter to the Devgan family's legacy in the industry.

Big break Ahaan Panday

Ahaan Panday, actress Ananya Panday's cousin, hogged the limelight with his viral dance videos during sister Alaana Panday's wedding. Reports suggest that the star kid has got his big Bollywood break under the YRF banner. He is said to be training with the production house and will soon be

seen in the lead role.

Sheela Sharma talks about her love for television



On the rising demand of OTT projects, senior actress Sheela Sharma, who is known for her work in shows like Mahabharat and Junoon, says she thinks television is still in demand, and it is no less than any other medium.

The TV industry is going through a transition phase for the last few years due to stiff competition given by OTT platforms.

Sheela, who portrayed Devaki in the 1988 BR Chopra's Mahabharat, savs that TV as a medium is still close to

audiences and it touches and reaches every household in rural and urban areas.

"OTT platforms are coming up with really good concepts. Their budget is also good and everything is nice about it. But TV would never stop. There are so many shows which people are hooked to. There are shows which have been going on for so many years with good ratings and that proves TV is still in demand. I love television and it's no less than any other medium," she says.

Sheela is currently seen portraying the character of Dadi in Rabb Se Hai Dua.

Talking about her role, she says, "My character Dadi is very interesting. Being the head of the family, she has a say in everything happening in the house. I feel very happy about it. In my personal life I have not become a Dadi, but in the show she is a very happening Dadi, just the way I am. So, it makes me feel happy."

Avika Gor happy to play Modern Jugni



Avika Gor has continued to charm the audience with her incredible performances for over 15 years and now she is back with a party number, Modern Jugni. From her looks to the lyrics to her moves, everything about the song has kept us hooked and how.

On what made her say 'yes' to the song, Avika says, "I am super excited about Modern Jugni. This is the first time I'm doing a proper dance in a Punjabi music video. It's a chance to reveal a new aspect of myself and showcase my abilities. The way they've portrayed me and the dance they've choreographed is beyond what I expected. " The song is sung by Jyoti Nooran.

Raveena Tandon says she is experimenting with her character in **Karmma Calling**



Raveena Tandon, who will be seen playing Indrani Kothari in the upcoming show Karmma Calling, shares how this character has

helped her explore a very different aspect of herself as an artiste, adding that it is unlike any roles she has played before.

Talking about her character in this series, the actress known for her work in Aks, says, "Playing Indrani helped me explore a very different aspect of myself as an actor, it is unlike any characters I have played before. I am experimenting with my characters."

Raveena further decodes her character, "Indrani is powerful, strong-headed and wants to maintain her position in the elitist society. She has secrets to hide but her life is altered in many ways as Karma Talwar enters the picture but she is not a woman to give in to her karma that easily."

The actress adds that Karmma Calling is a tale of the glamorous, powerful Indrani Kothari and the enigmatic Karma Talwar and it'll surely keep the audiences hooked.

The guilty pleasure series Karmma Calling features reigning queen of Alibaug, Indrani Kothari (Raveena), who is ready to take on Karma Talwar (Namrata Sheth) as secrets are dark and stakes are

Anupamaa touches many chords, reflects reality, says Sukirti Kandpal



Sukirti Kandpal, who plays the role of Shruti in the show Anupamaa, says that the show has touched many chords, and reflects reality.

Talking about her character's relatability factor, Sukirti, who is known for her work in Dill Mill Gayye, says, "Shruti is today's girl. She is a photographer, who is 34 years old, and has a cool lingo. She loves herself, so it's pretty much relatable. At the same time, she has a mature side to herself as well. So yes, I can relate to her."

The actress further says that she thinks the story is real. "For any story to touch so many hearts, it has to be real. Teenage issues are a reality and so are extramarital affairs. So many people belong to the middle class. The show has managed to touch many chords and reflect reality, so I think it's great that the story has been able to show so much," says the Kaala Teeka actress.

Tom Cruise strikes strategic movie partnership with Warner Bros

Hollywood superstar Tom Cruise and studio Warner Bros Discovery have announced a new partnership that will see them develop and produce theatrical films. Cruise, known for delivering blockbusters like Mission: Impossible franchise, Top Gun series and many more, will also star in the feature film projects. As part of the deal, Cruise and his production company will have offices on the Warner Bros Discovery lot in Burbank, California.

The pact with Warner Bros will mark a sort of homecoming for Cruise, who started his acting journey with the studio's Risky Business and then worked on films such as Edge of Tomorrow, Rock of Ages, The Last Samurai, Eyes Wide Shut, Interview with the Vampire and Magnolia.

Michael De Luca and

Pam Abdy, co-chairs and CEOs of Warner Bros Motion Picture Group, hailed Cruise as an 'absolute legend'of the film industry. "We couldn't be more excited to welcome Tom back to Warner Bros and look forward to bringing more of his genius to life on screen in the years ahead," they said. On his part, Cruise said he was looking forward to making 'great movies' with Warner Bros Dis-



covery. "I have great respect and admiration for David, Pam, Mike, and the entire team at Warner Bros. Discovery and their commitment to movies, fans, and the theatrical experience. I look forward to making great movies together," the 61-year-old actor

said. Cruise's upcoming projects include the eighth installment of the Mission: Impossible franchise as well as an upcoming action movie with filmmaker Doug Liman, who also directed the film Edge

of Tomorrow.

"100 Chartered Planes Will Land In Ayodhya **On January 22": Yogi Adityanath**

Yogi Adityanath said this will also show us the path of checking the potential of the Ayodhya airport.

LUCKNOW, Jan 11 (Agencies): Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Thursday that 100 chartered planes will land in Ayodhya on January 22 on 'Pran Partishtha Day'.

"Around 100 chartered planes will land at the Ayodhya airport on 22nd January to attend the 'pran pratishtha' ceremony of the Ram Temple. This will also show us the path of checking the potential of the Ayodhya airport" said Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

"I am grateful to PM Narendra Modi for giving the fourth international airport to Uttar Pradesh. The Ayodhya airport was inaugurated on December 30th" the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister added.

On December 30, 2023, the Prime Minister inaugurated the newly built Ayodhya Airport. Later, speaking at a public event, he said Maharishi Valmiki's Ramayana is the path of knowledge that connects us to Shri Ram.

Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, Union Minister VK Singh, and other senior officials launched the first tri-weekly flights on Thursday between Ahmedabad and

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath received the boarding pass for the first triweekly flights between Ahmedabad and Ayodhya.

"PM Modi and UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the Ayodhya Airport and Railway Station on December 30." Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said.

"We started the first flight between Ayodhya and Delhi on December 30th, operated by IndiGo and Air India Express. Today we are going to connect Ayodhya with Ahmedabad." Union Civil Aviation Minister



been integrated with 1500 public

CCTV cameras across the city,

Notably, Ayodhya's yellow

zone will be equipped with

10,715 Al-based cameras fea-

turing face recognition technol-

ogy, seamlessly integrated with

ITMS and monitored from a cen-

This strategic move aims to

enhance overall monitoring and

To bolster emergency

response capabilities, teams

from the National Disaster

Response Force (NDRF) and

the State Disaster Response

Force (SDRF) have been

SDRF teams will conduct reg-

ular boat patrols, emphasising

safety measures such as life

jackets and mandatory ID cards

for navigators while strictly pro-

hibiting any form of intoxication.

According to the release, a sig-

nificant highlight is the arrange-

ment of four cruise boats by

January 20, enhancing water

surveillance during the celebra-

Ayodhya Railway Station will

witness heightened security by

the Railway Protection Force

from January 27 to February 15.

Furthermore, fire brigade

provisions have been made

in all tent cities, ensuring swift

tral control room.

deployed.

security in key areas.

ensuring vigilant surveillance.

added

Meanwhile at the Ahmedabad airport, as the first flight for Ayodhya left from Ahmedabad, passengers arrived at the airport dressed as Lord Ram, Lakshman, Sita, and Hanuman.

In the first phase, the airport can handle 10 lakh passengers annually and after the second phase, Maharishi Valmiki International Airport will cater to 60 lakh commuters annually. Phase 1 of the state-of-the-art airport is developed at a cost of more than 1,450 crore.

The airport's terminal building will have an area of 6500 sq m, equipped to serve about 10 lakh passengers annually. The facade of the Terminal Building depicts the temple architecture of the upcoming Shri Ram Mandir of Ayodhya.

The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) took over the security of Maharishi Valmiki International Airport in Ayodhya on Wednesday.

The unit will be headed by a Deputy Commandant rank offi-

Meanwhile, the Uttar Pradesh government has implemented a comprehensive plan encompassing advanced security and traffic management measures.

The Integrated Traffic Management System (ITMS) has Special Security Force (SSF),

adds an extra layer of security against potential aerial threats. The public is advised that only those invited by the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust will be allowed entry from January 20 to 22, with appropri-

responses to any unforeseen

incidents. Police patrols will

cover the entire city, with strin-

gent verification procedures for

The implementation of an Anti-

Drone System, overseen by the

external individuals.

in place. Additionally, a primary hospital with 10 beds has been set up in the tent city, accompanied by rigorous cleanliness measures.

ate road and train arrangements

The 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony of the Ram Temple will be held on January 22. Vedic rituals for the Pran-Pratishtha ceremony of Ram Lalla 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 Mahotsav.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to attend the installation of the idol of Ram Lalla at the grand temple on January 22. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, during his first visit of the year 2024 to Ayodhya on Tuesday, directed officials to implement the 'Kumbh model of cleanliness' in Ayodhya and ensure that the 'Ramnagari' must appear as the cleanest and most beautiful city.

"Dust should not be visible on the roads, and toilets must be cleaned daily," he said. As Ayodhya gears up for the celebrations, these measures aim to ensure the safety and well-being of residents and visitors alike.

"2 Problems": Mamata Banerjee Rejects 'One Nation, One Election'



KOLKATA, Jan 11 (Agencies): Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Baneriee on Thursday hit out at the controversial 'one nation, one election' idea, labelling it "a design to subvert the basic structure of the Constitution" and create a system to allow "autocracy (in) a democratic garb to enter the national public arena". "I am against autocracy and, hence, am against your design," Ms Baneriee said.

The Trinamool Congress boss - a fierce critic of the Narendra Modi government at the centre, which she has accused of subverting the country's federal governance structure red-flagged that concern once again, declaring sarcastically, "You seem to be conveying some sort of a unilateral top-down 'decision' already taken by the central government - to impose a structure that is against the spirit of a truly democratic and federal (nation)".

In a detailed letter to Dr Niten Chandra, the Secretary of a high-level committee led by former President Ram Nath Kovind - that has called for suggestions for implementation of the 'one nation, one election' idea, the Trinamool leader said she had "basic conceptual difficulties with the principle", as also "difficulties with your methodological approach".

The two conceptual issues she raised were "the constitutional and structural implication of the term 'one nation'" and, crucially, questions over the timing of parliamentary and Assembly elections, particularly when there is a significant gap in existing poll cycles.

"In 1952, the first general election was simultaneously conducted for the centre as well as states. There was such simultaneity for some years but (this) has since been ruptured."

... different states have different elections calendars now and those are also susceptible to changes due to political developments. States which are not expecting elections should not be forced to hold (them) for the sake of introduction of coevality only," she

Ms Banerjee also pointed out potential ruptures in the 'one nation, one election' idea if either the Lok Sabha or a state Assembly "is subject to untimely dissolution", and warned, "Instability of a government at the centre should not destabilise state legislatures...'

"It is not clear how this basic issue of introduction of coevality is going to be addressed by your esteemed committee," Ms Baneriee wrote.

She also raised several "minor" objections, including "preparation of common electoral rolls", and criticised the committee for failing to include chief ministers in its make-up.

"From the tenor of your correspondence and manner in which you accept half-baked assumptions as facts, we doubt if the committee is seriously interested in analysing the demerits of the case..." Ms Banerjee said sharply.

Manipur: 3 of 4 who went missing while collecting firewood found dead

GUWAHATI, Jan 11 (Agencies): Three out of four people, who went missing while collecting firewood in a forest amid fresh violence in ethnic riot-hit Manipur, were found dead in Churachandpur district on Thursday, reported news agency. Four people from Akasoi in Bishnupur district went missing on Wednesday afternoon while collecting firewood in the nearby hills in Churachandpur. The bodies of Ibomcha Singh, 51, and his son Anand Singh, 20, and 38-year-old Romen Singh were found near Haotak Phailen, police said. A search is on for the other missing

said. The three persons were suspected to have been killed by terrorists, a police officer said.

person, identified as Dara Singh, they

Fresh violence erupted in Manipur on Wednesday as an incident of firing was reported in the Bishnupur district. The firing incident occurred between Kumbi in Bishnupur and Wangoo in Thoubal. Six rounds of mortar firing took place before firing from small firearms ensued, according to local reports.

Several people went missing in Manipur after the ethnic strife rocked the state from early May 2023.

Body of missing woman official of Rajaji Tiger Reserve in Uttarakhand found in Chilla canal

RISHIKESH, Jan 11 (Agencies): The body of a missing Rajaji Tiger Reserve official was recovered from the Chilla canal here on Thursday, taking the death toll to five, an SDRF official said.

The tiger reserve's wildlife warden Aloki Devi had been missing since January 7 after she fell into the canal from an electric vehicle which crashed into a tree during a trial run, killing four people, including two forest officers.

On Thursday morning, Devi's body was found floating on the surface of the canal, which had been scoured by a team of divers since the accident occurred, SDRF inspector Kavindra Sajwan said.

The body was pulled out of the water and handed over to the police, he said.

On Wednesday, the police registered a case against the representatives of the companies which manufactured and customised the electric vehicle that met with the accident during a trial run.

The FIR has been registered under various sections of the IPC, including 304-A (causing death by negligence), 279 (negligent driving endangering human life) and 338 (causing grievous hurt by rash, negligent action), against the representatives of Aska and Pravaig Dynamics companies and the vehicle driver Ashwani Biju. Lakshman Jhula police station SHO Ravi Kumar Saini said.

Bengaluru CEO fed high dosage of cough syrup to 4-year-old son before smothering him to death, say police

There is no trace of the child struggling before death and it is because the boy was in a state of dizziness, police sources say

BENGALURU, Jan 11 (Agencies): Investigation has revealed that the accused CEO mother from Bengaluru gave a high dosage of cough syrup to her fouryear-old son before strangling her to death in a Goa service apartment, police sources said on Thursday.

The Goa Police have recovered two empty bottles of a cough syrup from the room where accused Suchana Seth. CEO of a Bengalurubased Artificial Intelligence start-up company, stayed for two nights and committed the crime.

After making the baby gulp down higher dosage of syrup, the accused had smothered him with a pillow. There is no trace of the child struggling before death and it is because the boy was in a state of dizziness, police sources



When the cops had enquired about the cough syrup bottles with the hotel staff, they had said that Suchana had claimed that she had cough and got the syrup bottles, police said.

The police are waiting for the post-mortem report. The doctors had confirmed that the death of the child had taken place due to suffocation. The accused was taken to the Goa Medical College and Hospital and Institute of Psychiatry

and Human Behaviour for medical evaluation.

The police have also issued notice to her former husband Venkataramana to appear before the Goa Police for questioning. Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant reacting to the development had stated that instructions were given to the police to dwell deep into the case.

The investigation into the murder has taken a twist with the police suspecting that the

accused, 39-year-old Suchana Seth, was planning the crime for long and had cooked up the story of attempt to suicide.

Sources said Suchana had put up a post on social media by putting the picture of her son and giving the hashtag "what will happen to him?". Police sources said the post was written on October 10, 2023 and the development had aroused suspicion on pre-planning of the murder by the accused

mother. Sources said Venkataramana, the father, after getting entitled to visitation rights had arrived from Jakarta in Indonesia to Bengaluru to meet his son on Sunday. He had brought toys and new clothes for the child. But Suchana had taken the kid to Goa on Saturday. Venkataramana made several phone calls and video calls to

her but they remained unanswered

Suchana had claimed that she tried to render her son unconscious to stop him from talking to his father over video call by pressing the pillow on his face and the child was suffocated to death.

Seth had claimed that later she tried to slash her hands, but failed. Not about to figure out what to do in the situation, she stuffed the body into a suitcase and checked out of the hotel.

The investigation has shown that the deceased boy had spoken to his father over video call on Sunday. Seth had confessed that she did not want her son to talk to his father at all.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that she committed the crime to deny her exhusband access to the child after a court granted him visitation rights.

6-month-old baby from 16th floor of highrise of blood. Both had already succumbed GREATER NOIDA, Jan 11 (Agen-

Greater Noida: Woman jumps to death with

cies): A 33-year-old woman reportedly took her own life, along with her six-month-old daughter, by jumping from the 16th floor of her apartment in Greater Noida on Wednesday. Police said today

Late at night, a loud noise of a fall from Tower 2 in La Residentia Society was heard. When the society guards reached the scene, they found a woman and her daughter lying in a pool

to injuries before they could be taken to the hospital.

The security team informed the police, who arrived and took control of the bodies for post-mortem. The entire incident occurred within the jurisdiction of the Bishrakh area police station.

During the police inquiry, the relatives of the deceased revealed that Sarika was suffering from an illness and was undergoing treatment for depression.

These Two Indian Cities Voted Cleanest This Year

In the 'best-performing states' category in 'Swachh Survekshan Awards 2023', Maharashtra bagged the top spot, followed by Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

NEW DELHI, Jan 11 (Agencies): Indore and Surat were adjudged the 'cleanest cities' in the country while Navi Mumbai retained the third position in the Central government's

annual cleanliness survey, the results of which were announced

In the 'best-performing states' category in 'Swachh Survekshan Awards 2023', Maha-

rashtra bagged the top spot, followed by Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

President Droupadi Murmu gave away the awards to the winners at an event held here.

Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri and others attended the

Indore bagged the cleanest city title for the seventh time in a row.

According to the survey results, Maharashtra's Sasvad got the cleanest city award among all cities with less than 1 lakh population.

Chhattisgarh's Patan

and Lonavala in Maha-

and cleanest Ganga town, followed by Praya-

rashtra got the second

and third positions in this

Varanasi is the best

category, respectively.

Mhow Cantonment

Board in Madhya Pradesh has got the top rank in the category of cleanest cantonment boards.

According to the data, 4,447 urban local bodies participated in the Swachh Survekshan 2023 and 12 core citizen responses were received.

The government claims it to be the world's largest cleanliness survey.

As Antony Blinken Heads To Egypt For Talks, Israel Bombards Southern Gaza

Hamas's press office said early Thursday that 62 people had been killed in strikes overnight, including around Gaza's main southern city of Khan Yunis.

PALESTINIAN TERRITO-RIES, Jan 11 (Agencies): Israel bombarded the southern Gaza Strip overnight, as US Secretary of State Antony Blinken prepared to travel to Egypt on Thursday for more talks aimed at containing Israel's war against Hamas.

The diplomat was set to meet Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi in Cairo, a day after talks with Palestinian Authority leader Mahmud Abbas, who "committed" to reforming the body to potentially reunite Gaza and the occupied West Bank under its leadership after the war, Blinken said.

The Middle East trip, his fourth aimed at preventing the conflict's spread, coincided with a UN Security Council resolution on Wednesday demanding an "immediate" end to attacks in the Red Sea by Yemen's Houthi rebels carried out in solidarity with Hamas.

It also comes as Israel was set to face accusations brought by South Africa at the UN's top court on Thursday that it has committed "genocidal" acts in Gaza, charges both Israel and Blinken have dismissed as baseless.

Hamas's press office said early Thursday that 62 people had been killed in strikes overnight, including around Gaza's main southern city of Khan Yunis.

Israeli army spokesman Daniel Hagari said in his evening briefing the night before that forces were continuing "to act decisively above and below ground" in the area.

Earlier in the day, the army said that troops east of the city had found "tunnel shafts, tunnel routes, and numerous weapons and materials", and killed "dozens of terrorists".

The Palestinian Red Crescent Society said an Israeli strike on an ambulance in central Gaza killed four medics and two other passengers on Wednesday.



The Israeli military did not immediately comment on the incident when contacted by agency.

In Deir al-Balah, also in central Gaza, people wounded in a strike at a nearby school were brought to the Al-Aqsa hospital.

"There are injured people at the school since last night, no cars or ambulances are reaching it -- nothing," Ramadan Darwit told agency at the hospital

During a visit with troops in central Gaza, Israeli army chief Herzi Halevi called it a "complex battlefield".

"The fighting is... below ground, it's above ground, and (against) an enemy that prepared its defences over a very long period of time in a very organised way. There is a population here, many houses -- a very, very complex battlefield," he said.

'Indescribable' crisis

The war in Gaza erupted when Hamas launched its unprecedented October 7 attack, which resulted in about 1,140 deaths in Israel, mostly civilians, according to an AFP tally based on official figures.

Militants also took around 250 hostages, 132 of whom Israel says remain in Gaza, including at least 25 believed to have been killed.

been killed. Israel has responded with a relentless military campaign that has killed at least 23,357 people, mostly women and children, according to the Hamas-

run Gaza health ministry.

The war has triggered an acute humanitarian crisis, with an Israeli siege sparking shortages of food, water, fuel and medicine.

UN aid chief Martin Griffiths posted on the social media platform X that Gaza's health sector "is being slowly choked off".

The World Health Organization called the humanitarian situation "indescribable".

In the southern border town of Rafah, which has been overrun with displaced people fleeing fighting further north, former Gaza health ministry staffer Zaki Shaheen converted his shop into a makeshift clinic.

Shaheen said he had worked in emergency care "my whole life"

"So we decided to open a medical department, and we got help from the health ministry," he told AFP, noting the goal was to take pressure off of already-overburdened hospitals.

"We receive no less than 30 or 40 cases per day, morning to night. I'll be sleeping, then someone comes in with an injury or a burn, so we treat them."

The United Nations estimates 1.9 million Gazans have been displaced inside the territory, which had already endured years of blockade and poverty. Blinken sketched out a possible post-war future for Gaza after meeting Abbas and Bahrain's King Hamad on Wednesday.

Blinken told Abbas that Washington supported "tangible steps" towards the creation of a Palestinian state -- a long-term goal that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's hardright government has opposed.

In Bahrain, Blinken said Abbas was "committed" to reforming the Palestinian Authority "so that it can effectively take responsibility for Gaza, so that Gaza and the West Bank can be reunited under a Palestinian leadership". Houthis warned

Fears, meanwhile, have soared of a widening conflict between Israel and Iran-backed armed groups, especially Lebanon's Hezbollah, but also others in Syria, Iraq and Yemen.

Houthi rebels in Yemen who claim to be acting in support of Hamas have carried out numerous attacks on merchant ships in the Red Sea, a vital artery for international trade.

The United States has set up a multinational naval task force to protect shipping from the attacks, which Blinken on Wednesday said were "aided and abetted" by Iran and would bring "consequences".

The same day, the UN Security Council passed a resolution demanding "that the Houthis immediately cease all such attacks, which impede global commerce and undermine navigational rights and freedoms as well as regional peace and security".

Just a day before, the rebels had "launched a complex" attack in the area, US Central Command said, adding that US and British forces had shot down 18 drones and three missiles, with no casualties or damage reported.

UK Announces Plans For Biggest Nuclear Power Expansion In 70 Years

The UK currently has nine operational nuclear reactors on five sites but many are nearing the end of their operating lives.



LONDON, Jan 11 (Agencies): The UK government on Thursday announced plans for what it said was the country's "biggest expansion of nuclear power for 70 years to bolster its energy independence and meet carbon emission targets.

The Civil Nuclear Roadmap includes exploring the construction of a major new power station, 300 million pounds (\$382 million) of investment to produce an advanced uranium fuel and "smarter regulation".

Taken together, the measures would quadruple UK nuclear power by 2050 to 24 gigawatts, enough to provide a quarter of the UK's electricity needs.

"Nuclear is the perfect antidote to the energy challenges facing Britain -- it's green, cheaper in the long-term and will ensure the UK's energy security," said Prime Minister Rishi Sunak.

"This is the right longterm decision and is the next step in our commitment to nuclear power, which puts us on course to achieve net zero by 2050 in a measured and sustainable way," he added.

The government says it is committed to the 2050 net zero target but has come under fire after announcing last summer it will issue "hundreds" of new oil and gas licences in the North Sea.

It is also grappling with a cost-of-living crisis partly caused by the spike in oil and gas prices following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Energy minister Claire Coutinho said the plans would mean the UK would "never again be held to ransom over energy by tyrants like Vladimir Putin".

The government said the proposals represented "the biggest expansion of nuclear power for 70 years", adding it would "reduce electricity bills, support thousands of jobs and improve UK energy security".

Construction

The most eye-catching proposal is the possible construction of another

power station as big as

Sizewell in east England, construction on which is due to begin this year, and Hinkley in west England, which is currently under construction.

Both power stations will be capable of powering six million homes each.

The UK currently has nine operational nuclear reactors on five sites but many are nearing the end of their operating lives.

Six reactors on three sites have been shut down since 2021 and will be dismantled.

However, operator EDF announced in March that it was extending the life of two British power plants -- Heysham 1 and Hartlepool.

The UK intends to build up to eight new reactors by 2050.

The government said on Sunday it will invest up to 300 million pounds into producing the HALEU fuel required for new high-tech reactors, and which currently is only commercially produced in Russia.

"The UK will lead the way from its North West production hub to provide the world with this form of uranium fuel, with the first plant aiming to be operational early in the next decade," said the government.

Regulators will also be allowed to assess projects while designs are finalised in a loosening of rules aimed at speeding along construction plans.

China tells US to 'refrain from intervening' in Taiwan election, slams official visits

BEIJING, Jan 11 (Agencies): China on Thursday called on the US to "refrain from intervening" in self-ruled Taiwan's elections, slamming official visits between the island and the US after Washington said it would send a delegation there following this week's polls.

Washington must "refrain from intervening in the elections in the Taiwan region in any form, so as to avoid causing serious damage to China-US relations", foreign ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said.

"China always firmly opposes any form of official exchanges between the US and Taiwan," she added, following Washington's announcing plans to send an "unofficial" delegation to Taiwan after a crucial election on the self-ruled island.

"There is only one China in the world, and Taiwan is an inalienable part of China," she added.

Mao also condemned a US warning to Beijing against stoking tensions over the polls.

15 Killed As Riots Erupt In Papua

New Guinea's 2 Largest Cities

Papua New Guinea police commissioner David

Manning said eight people died in the capital Port

Moresby during riots on Wednesday evening, while

seven people died in the city of Lae.

China "expresses strong dissatisfaction and resolute opposition to the American side's brazen chattering about the elections in the Taiwan region," she said.

"Taiwan is the core of China's core interests and is the number one red line that must not be transgressed in the China-US relationship," Mao stressed.

"We urge the US side... to take practical actions to deliver on the commitments made by the two countries' leaders." she said.

As War Rages, Israel To Face Gaza Genocide Charges At World Court

GAZA/THE HAGUE, Jan 11 (Agencies): Israel prepared to defend itself on Thursday at the top UN court against accusations of genocide in Gaza, as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu publicly rebuffed for the first time calls by some rightwing ministers to permanently occupy the enclave.

As Israel's war in Gaza continued to rage, the International Court of Justice in The Hague, also known as the World Court, was to hold hearings on Thursday and Friday in a case brought by South Africa in December claiming Israel's war against Hamas militants in Gaza violates the 1948 Genocide Convention.

Israeli government spokesperson Eylon Levy said on Wednesday: "Tomorrow, the State of Israel will appear before the International Court of Justice to dispel South Africa's absurd blood libel, as Pretoria gives political and legal cover to the Hamas Rapist Regime."

The hearings will deal exclusively with South Africa's request for emergency measures ordering Israel to suspend its military actions in Gaza while the court hears the merits of the case - a process which could take years. Colombia and Brazil expressed their support of South Africa late Wednesday.

Israel launched its offensive after Hamas fighters carried out an October 7 cross-border rampage in which Israel says 1,200 people were killed and 240 abducted.

Since then, Israeli forces have laid much of Gaza to waste, and nearly all its 2.3 million people have been driven from their homes at least once, causing a humanitarian catastrophe. More



than 23,000 Palestinians have been killed.

On the eve of the hearings, Netanyahu for the first time publicly stated opposition to calls from right-wing members of his government, including Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich and National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, for Palestinians to leave Gaza voluntarily, making way for Israelis to settle there.

While the stance has been Israel's official policy, Netanyahu's prior comments on permanent occupation of Gaza have been inconsistent and at times opaque.

"I want to make a few points absolutely clear: Israel has no intention of permanently occupying Gaza or displacing its civilian population," Netanyahu said on social media platform X. Potentially timing his com-

ments ahead of the ICJ hearings, he added: "Israel is fighting Hamas terrorists, not the Palestinian population, and we are doing so in full compliance with international law."

Jordan and Egypt warned on Wednesday against any Israeli

reoccupation of the Gaza Strip and appealed for uprooted residents to be allowed to return to their homes as Jordan's King Abdullah and Egyptian President Abdel Fatah al-Sisi met.

UN Demands Houthis Stop Ship Attacks

On the ground in Gaza, the fighting appeared as intense as ever. Israeli strikes in southern and central Gaza intensified on Wednesday despite a pledge by Israel that it would pull out some troops and shift to a more targeted campaign, and pleading from its ally Washington to reduce civilian casualties.

Israel's chief military spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari said in a televised briefing late on Wednesday that the military was focusing its operations on Khan Younis and the refugee camps in the centre of the strip.

In the latest sign of the threemonth-old war spreading, U.S. and British warships in the Red Sea fended off the biggest attack yet from Yemen's Houthi movement, which says it is acting to support Gaza. Washington and London said they shot down 21 drones and missiles aimed at shipping lanes. No one was hurt.

The U.N. Security Council late Wednesday approved a resolution demanding the Houthis immediately cease the shipping attacks.

Israel had said this week it was planning to begin drawing down troops, at least from the northern part of Gaza, after weeks of U.S. pressure to scale down its operations and shift to what Washington says should be a more targeted campaign.

The World Health Organization cancelled a planned medical aid mission to Gaza due to security concerns, the sixth such cancellation in two weeks.

The Palestinian Red Crescent said four of its staffers were killed when their ambulance was hit by an Israeli strike on the main road near Deir al-Balah, in the central Gaza Strip. Two passengers in the ambulance were wounded and later died.

Palestinian health officials at Abu Youssef An-Najar Hospital in Rafah, said four Palestinian children were killed in an Israeli air strike on a house in Rafah.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, on his fourth trip to the region since the war began, went to Ramallah in the Israeli-occupied West Bank on Wednesday and met Palestinian leaders, including Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas.

The State Department said Blinken expressed support for a Palestinian state and discussed efforts to protect and aid civilians in Gaza. The Palestinian Authority said Abbas told Blinken no Palestinians should be displaced from Gaza or the West Bank.

PORT MORESBY, Jan 11 (Agencies): At least 15 people have died in riots across Papua New Guinea's two largest cities, the country's police commissioner said on

Thursday.
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David Manning said
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Chandan Datta greets SDM North for his people friendly approach

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 11: Social Activist and Chairman Kotli Welfare Trust Chandan Datta greeted SDM North for his people friendly approach and strict stand against land mafia and his vision to ensure centrally sponsored schemes reaches door steps of each household in a rural area. Datta welcome and hails the vision of SDM Nitish and his stand against land mafia to deal with them on strict hands and also take pro active measures for the gross root level village issues. SDM Nitish ensure his office approach and support to people for genuine readdress grievances and also seek participation of civil society in supporting vision of Govt at block and tehsildar level.

KCWT ensured it's support and also appeal to people that if any of the

people matter may not be listen at village and block level by concern officers then kindly either approach us or directly approach to SDM North office for the genuine issue. Your issue will be resolved with a vision and will of SDM office.

We try our best to ensure administration that will brought genuine issues u der your kind consideration which may needs your intervention for the larger interest of people and society.

We extend our wishes to Nitish Rajora and extended support to his noble vision as we have witnessed since he joined and assume charge as SDM North working tirelessly for the betterment of society and at the larger interest of mankind and people.

Chairman Chandan Dutta appreciated SDM North Nitish for his people-friendly approach and foresight.

Ojas Hospital, Panchkula launches 'Sports Injury Centre of Excellence'



Top News Report

JAMMU / CHANDI-GARH, Jan 11: Ojas Hospital, Panchkula a unit of Alchemist Hospitals Ltd on Thursday announced the launch of its cutting-edge Sports Injury Centre of Excellence department. During the occasion, a patient information booklet 'Post-Operative Physiotherapy Regimen' was also released.

Talking about key features of the center, Dr. Suresh Singla, head of department of Joint Replacement and Sports Medicine said that center boasts the latest diagnostic tools to ensure accurate and swift assessments of sports injuries, enabling timely and effective

treatment plans. The department boasts of innovative surgical equipment and infrastructure designed to deliver precision and efficacy in the treatment of sports injuries. This includes arthroscopic

surgeries, joint preser-

vation techniques, and

individualized reha-

bilitation programs, all

tailored to ensure a swift return to sports and normal life for our patients. Dr. Navdeep Gupta, Consultant Joint Replacement Arthroscopic Surgeon said," Centre offers specialized rehabilitation programs designed to facilitate the safe and

efficient recovery of ath-

letes. Our focus is on

tailoring rehabilitation

plans that address the unique needs of each individual, promoting optimal recovery and performance.

Dr. Anmol Sharma, Consultant Replacement Arthroscopic Surgeon said,"Our centre will actively engage in research initiatives and educational programs, contributing to advancements in sports injury treatment and preven-

He also emphasized the role of warm-up and stretching, use of proper technique conditioning the body before engaging into any contact sports or team sports.

Dr. Singla further

said that ligament and tendon injuries which fall under sports related injuries can even occur in our day to day life like after falling from stairs, slipping on a wet floor and after a minor accident. Delaying medical attention in such situations and in sports injuries can lead to long term discomfort, hindrance from returning to sports at pre-injury levels and even permanent damage in some

NYKS J&K and Ladakh **UTs to organise National** Youth Day 2024

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 11: 12th of January 2024 marks the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, and is celebrated as National Youth Day. The Department of Youth Affairs is gearing up for National Youth Day, with a unique and expansive approach designed to engage and empower every corner of the country's young demographic. This year, National Youth

Day will be celebrated by all field organisations of the Department of Youth Affairs in districts pan-India in collaboration with multiple Government departments. MY Bharat volunteers throughout the country, with support from NSS units, NYKS and many educational institutions will coordinate their energies to carry out activities to VOL-UNTEER FOR BHARAT. Youth Clubs will also bring their vibrant energy to the celebration, ensuring a truly inclusive atmosphere.

Road safety awareness events are being conducted at major cities and 750 districts headquarters of the country on 12th January. Volunteers are registered for these events through My Bharat digital platform (https:// mybharat.gov.in). Trained Road Safety volunteers will be flagged off by Central/State Ministers, local MPs or MLAs, marking a commitment to building a safer tomorrow through an intensive campaign. These volunteers will be deployed to assist in handling traffic in traffic choke points and also conduct road safety awareness activities. More than 88,000 volunteers

paign In many locations of J&K and Ladakh UTs, volunteers will also be visiting anganwadi centres for story telling sessions for children, conduct information dissemination about

will participate in the cam-

Government schemes. Nehru Yuva Kendra Jammu is organising the National Youth Day at GCW, Parade Ground Jammu and GDC Vijaypur in Samba districts. In Jammu district and Samba

district , Young volunteers will be trained as first responders in accidents. The Hon. PM is inaugurating the National Youth Festival at Nashik Maharashtra on 12th January and will address the youth of the nation. A district level mega program on National Youth Day 2024 will begin with a reverent floral tribute to Swami Vivekananda, followed by a live screening of the Prime Minister's address to the nation. Shri Jugal Kishore Sharma Hon'ble MP Lok Sabha Jammu has given his consent to be the Chief Guest in programme to be organised in GCW Parade Ground Jammu on 12th

During the programme winners of the district-level declamation competitions on the theme "MYBharat-Viksit Bharat@2047- By the Youth, For the Youth" will deliver the Youth Day address on life and message of Swami Vivekananda during the event .A cultural program showcasing the diverse cultural heritage of the district and talents of the youth with the participation of winners of Yuva Utsav as well as teams/individuals from the host institutions shall also be presented at the end of the program. The mega program at the venue focusing on Traffic Awareness, will also be conducted.

January 2024.

All the above events are being created at district level on the digital MY Bharat platform so as to improve youth outreach. Such event generation ensures that each district's unique character and youth aspirations are reflected in the outdoor activities.

Youth across India can indicate interest in participating in activities nearest to them. They can also upload photos and media of their participation on the MY Bharat platform National Youth Day 2024 promises to be more than iust a celebration: it's a declaration of faith in India's young generation, a platform for their ideas to flourish, and a springboard for them to propel our nation towards a brighter, better, Viksit Bharat@2047.

Rekha urges people to avail maximum benefits from schemes launched by Modi Govt



Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 11: To mark the public outreach including the beneficiaries program, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan said, that numerous magical schemes launched by the central government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi proved instrumental in enriching people's lives in the union territory of J&K.

Mandal President Gadigadh Vijay Sharma, District Vice President Shalu Gupta, OBC Morcha District President Rampaul, Ramesh Kumar and other local were present.

While addressing the inhabitants of Jammu South, Rekha Mahajan urged the residents of Ward 73, Bhour Khotey to avail maximum benefit of the centrally sponsored schemes and organize awareness camps to ensure that all those eligible are

enrolled under them. She stated that the initiatives taken by the central government remained instrumental in enhancing the prosperity and well-being of the population and contributing significantly to the enrichment of the

lives of citizens in J&K. Mahaian Rekha expressed that to disseminate information about the government's flagship schemes and ensure their benefits reach every corner of Jammu South. Under the leadership of PM Modi India has made

remarkable achievements in different sectors during the last ten

years of good governance. Rekha said the BJP rule was marked by "Seva, inclusion and improvement of Micro.

Small and Medium

Enterprises (MSMEs)." She highlighted Modi Sarkaar at the Centre has provided excellent governance with zero corruption and efficient use of money in the last successful ten years.

Rekha noted the reforms brought in by Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led union government in the financial sector have helped the ease of doing business, particularly for youths in the small and medium sectors in the country.

Rekha Mahajan further said that the Modi government has accorded priority to the growth of MSMEs by removing archaic laws and compliance burdens.

As many as 1,500 archaic laws and 39,000 compliances have been completely removed which rules out the possibility of them becoming instruments of corruption.

Army encourages thoughts with Elocution Competition at Navapachchi

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Jan 11: In an initiative to foster intellectual growth and community engagement, the Indian Army organised an Elocution Competition at village Navapachchi of Kishtwar district of Jammu & Kashmir.

The event aimed to encourage young minds to express their thoughts, promote public speaking and instill a sense of confidence and articulation.

The event witnessed 63 enthusiastic participation of young minds from village Navapach-



ing their oratory skills on a diverse range of topics. This platform aimed to nurture public speaking

abilities, foster self-confidence and stimulate intellectual discourse among young minds.

The winners were applauded and awarded with medals and prizes recognizing their outstanding contributions.

This event exemplifies not only Indian Army's commitment to nurturing the potential of the younger generation but also as a bridge to connect with the community.

Situation along Northern Border stable but sensitive: Chief Of Army Staff

increased in Rajouri-Poonch sector.

Terror infra continues to thrive across the border, he said in an apparent reference to Pakistan's support to various terrorist

This is an area where our adversary is active in abetting terrorism, he said referring to Rajouri-Poonch sector.

Asked about talks between Bhutan and China to resolve their boundary dispute, Gen Pande suggested the developments having bearing on India's security are being monitored.

We have robust military engagement with Bhutan and closely monitoring developments, he said The Army Chief described the situation along the Indo-Myanmar border as a matter of concern.

We are closely watching developments there, he said.

He also said that integration of Agniveers into the Army is moving forward well.

The Army Chief also said that 2024 will be year of technology adoption for the Indian Army as part of overall modernisation of the force.

Mehbooba Mufti escapes unhurt in car accident in Anantnag

and said they have reached the spot and Mufti proceeded safely towards her destination Khanabal to meet the fire victims.

Security forces recover four IEDs, ammunition in Rajouri

police launched a cordon and search operation in Hayatpura village falling under Manjakote police station jurisdiction in the

During this operation, they said, four Tiffin based IEDs were found kept hidden in the

Weighing several kilograms, officials said these IEDs having large damage radius area were kept hidden and were likely to be used in days to come to trigger explosions in areas under a terror plot.

cases, he opined.

Alongside, a wireless communication device and a tape based mini music player and some bullets have also been recovered from the area

Operation of CRPF and police is still underway in this village, officials said.

Kashmir freeze unabated as Srinagar records Minus 5.0°C

degrees Celsius recorded the previous

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 6.3 degrees Celsius.

The minimum temperature in Kokernag town settled at minus 2.4 degrees Celsius while it was minus 5.3 degrees Celsius in Kupwara.

Kashmir is currently under the grip of "Chilla-i-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.

Kashmir has been going through a prolonged dry spell and a 79 per cent deficit in rainfall was recorded for December while there has been no precipitation in the first week of January.

There has been no snowfall in most plain areas of Kashmir, while the upper reaches of the valley have received lesser than usual amounts of snow.

The meteorological department has forecast mainly dry weather till January 12.

'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'

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Vehicle with fake registration plate seized in Shopian

9, 2024, under Section 207 of the Motor Vehicles Act, said an official.

The traffic police, working under the supervision of SSP RP Singh and DvSP Traffic Pulwama Shopian Dr. Mudasser Tramboo, identified discrepancies in the engine and chassis numbers, as well as the High-Security Registration Plates (HSRP) on the front and rear of the vehicle. Further investigation revealed differences between the class of vehicle mentioned in the original and duplicate Registration Certificates (RC)

The information, as per officials, was promptly shared with the district police, leading to the initiation of a criminal case against the accused, Mohd Iqbal Bhat, resident of Pashpora Keegam Shopian, under FIR No. 10/2024, Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 IPC, dated January 10, 2024, at PS Shopian.

Additionally, another vehicle with a fake registration plate was identified in Budgam. and legal proceedings under the Motor Vehicle/Criminal Act have been set in

SSP Traffic Rural Kashmir RP Singh emphasized the role of E-challans in detecting vehicles with fake registration numbers. He urged legal vehicle owners to promptly report any suspicious online challan messages to rural traffic headquarters for swift identification and legal action against vehicles with fake registra-

3,422 active Covid-19 cases recorded in India

new cases nor a surge in the hospitalisation and mortality," the official source 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 during April-June 2021

At its peak, 414,188 new cases and 3915

deaths were reported on May 7, 2021. 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

According to the website, 220.67 crore doses of COVID-19 vaccines have so far been administered in the country.

Fire erupts in Poonch forests. damages vegetation

Greater Kashmir that forest department has deployed firefighters to douse the blaze. He said that the flames are spreading in the dense vegetation very rapidly due prolonged dry spell.

The Nar Forest is spread between Bhata Dhurian and Naka Manjari villages of

NIA raids 32 places in **Delhi, Haryana, Punjab** in Terror-Gangster case

agency. Agency sleuths searched premises of members linked to dreaded gangster Lawrence Bishnoi's organized terror-crime

The raids were conducted days after the NIA on January 6 attached four properties owned by Lawrence Bishnoi.

Of these properties, three were immovable and one was movable. The properties were attached in a coordinated swoop by the NIA teams in Haryana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, of 1967 earlier.

The NIA has said it found all these properties to be 'proceeds of terrorism', used for hatching terror conspiracies and executing serious crimes.

The properties attached include Flat-77/4, Ashrev-1, Sulabh Awas Yojana, Sector-1, Gomti Nagar Extension, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, belonging to Vikas Singh, a harborer of the terror gang in Lucknow, Uttar

Pradesh.

Two other properties attached were located in village Bhishanpura, Fazilka, Puniab owned by accused Dalip Kumar. alias Bhola, alias Dalip Bishnoi. The two properties are Khewat No. 284, Ragba Tedadi (Pluralistic) 59-15 in 187/2390, Hissa (share) Bagadar, and Khewat No. 296, Ragba Tedadi (Pluralistic) 225-12 in 127/752, Hissa (share) baqadar.

One Fortuner car registered in the name of Joginder Singh, resident of Yamunanagar in Haryana, was also seized.

As per NIA investigations, Vikas Singh is an associate of Lawrence Bishnoi, who has harboured terrorists, including accused persons involved in a Rocket-Propelled Grenade (RPG) attack on Punjab Police Headquarters.

While Joginder Singh is the father of gangster Kala Rana- a close associate of Lawrence Bishnoi. Joginder Singh was facilitating gang members by allowing them to use his Fortuner car for the purpose of transporting arms and ammunition for promoting terrorist acts.

The property belonging to accused Dalip Kumar was being used as a shelter and warehouse for storage and concealment of weapons, and also for harbouring terrorist gang members.

The NIA had registered a case against the organised crime syndicate of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi and his associates under UA(P)A in August 2022.

The agency's investigations showed that the gang had spread its mafia-style criminal networks in several states of the country. These networks were involved in many sensational crimes, such as the murders of popular Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala as well as religious and social leaders like Pardeep Kumar, besides large-scale extor-

tions from businessmen and professionals. NIA investigations have further revealed that many of these terror conspiracies were masterminded from abroad, including Pakistan and Canada, or by leaders of organised terror syndicates operating from

prisons across India. As part of its efforts to disrupt and dismantle such terror and mafia networks and their support infrastructure, the NIA has adopted several targeted strategies in recent months, including attachment and seizure of their properties derived from 'proceeds of terrorism'.

Sensex, Nifty gain in volatile trade ahead of Infosys, TCS Q3 results

The S&P BSE Sensex rose 0.38 per cent to 71,927.75 at 9:16 am, while the NSE Nifty50 gained 0.40 per cent to 21,705.25.

NEW DELHI, Jan 11 (Agencies): Benchmark stock market indices opened higher on Thursday, tracking Asian peers and as investors wait for top information technology companies, Infosys and TCS, to declare their Q3FY24 results.

The S&P BSE Sensex rose 0.38 per cent to 71,927.75 at 9:16 am, while the NSE Nifty50 gained 0.40 per cent to 21,705.25. Broader market indices also started off the trading session on a positive note, even as volatility increased.

Most of the Nifty sectoral indices were trading in positive territory apart from Nifty IT and Nifty Metal.

The top five gainers on the Nifty50 were Hero MotoCorp, Bajaj Auto, IndusInd Bank, Eicher Motors, and Reliance Industries Limited. On the other hand, the top losers were Dr Reddy's, Infosys, Nestle India, Grasim and SBI Life.

The increased volatility in the market comes ahead of crucial Q3 results of companies



like Infosys and TCS, to be released later in the day. According to analysts, both IT behemoths are expected to report muted results.

Ahead of today's market opening, Aditya Gaggar, Director of Progressive Shares, said, "A late surge in heavyweight counters delivered support to the Index to settle the day at 21,618.70. By retesting its dual support of 21,470 as well as 21DMA, the Index has formed a piercing candlestick pattern which is bullish and indicates a resumption of the current uptrend.'

"A zone of 21,430-21,470 will act as a strong support while the immediate resistance comes at 21,72521,750. From the Auto sector, we prefer Hero Motocorp (set to trade in uncharted territory) and Tata Motors (Ascending Triangle Breakout). Rather than focusing on just Auto stocks, one should keep an eye on ancillary stocks as well," he noted.

"Consolidation of almost 2 years in energy giant Reliance comes to an end with a Cup and Handle Formation breakout. Going forward, we expect that the stock will lead the sector as well as the Index rally. Couple of Metal stocks are pointing towards the reversal of the trend with a hidden bullish divergence in RSI, one should keep an eye on the sector," Gaggar added.

Meta lays off technical programme managers at Instagram

NEW DELHI, Jan 11 (Agencies): Meta has started the New Year with laying off some technical programme managers (TPMs) at Instagram and reports said that at least 60 such jobs are either being consolidated or eliminated.

According to a post on Blind, an anonymous forum and community for verified tech employees, the company has given these employees time until the end of March to re-interview for product management roles or other jobs.

A verified Meta professional noted in the thread that job cuts "will soon (be) expanded to other orgs for TPMs". It means other technical programme managers at Meta may also find their roles consolidated or reorganised

"Meta layoffs: all TPMs in Instagram laid off today. Confirmed by my spouse who works there. She is not in the Instagram org and not affected. Product managers are not affected," read another Blind post.

According to Business Insider, at least 60 such employees have lost their

jobs. TPMs are somewhere positioned between technical workers like engineers and product managers (PMs).

A former Instagram employee posted to LinkedIn about "expected changes to TPM roles," saying that people are expected to "re-interview for PM roles" or product manager roles.

Meta did not immediately comment on these layoffs.

After planned mass layoffs last year, Meta Founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg has not denied "that more jobs would be eliminated in the future".

According to the report, he was still aiming to reduce the company's overall headcount to that of 2020 before it went on the mass hiring spree.

In March last year, Zuckerberg announced the company would cut 10,000 jobs in the coming months, along with newly reorganised teams and management hierarchies.

The fresh cuts came just four months after Meta laid off 11,000 employees, or 13 per cent of the company's workforce, in November 2022.

Interim Budget 2024: Import duty cuts on mobile phone parts likely, says report

NEW DELHI, Jan 11 (Agencies): The government is contemplating a reduction in import duties on crucial components used in manufacturing high-end mobile phones, a move that could particularly benefit companies like Apple and bolster the nation's exports, reported news agency.

The consideration comes as the electronics and information technology ministry in India is fine-tuning a proposal, aiming to include the potential duty cuts in the upcoming Interim Budget 2024-25 on February 1.

Several industry players have been advocating for reductions on nearly a dozen components to lower the production costs of smartphones within India. The move is intended to level the playing field with regional competitors such as China and Vietnam.

The proposal, still under wraps, is being developed by the electronics ministry, and details, including the size of the duty cuts and the specific

components involved, are yet to be disclosed, according to the Mexico, and

The finance ministry will make the final decision on these proposed cuts when finalising the budget. The current import duties on mobile phone components, including camera modules and chargers, range from 2.5 per cent to 20 per cent, according to information from the India Cellular and Electronics Association (ICEA).

news agency's report.

This puts India's levies among the highest compared to six similar manufacturing nations, including China, Vietnam, Mexico, and Thailand.

Import duty cut may boost phone exports

Industry experts argue that unless these duties are reduced, India's mobile phone export growth may decelerate.

Mobile phone exports doubled to \$11.1 billion in the last fiscal year (2022/23) compared to the previous year, aided by government incentives supporting local manufacturing. The industry anticipates exports to reach \$15 billion in the fiscal year 2023/24. Key players in mobile phone

exports from India, aside from Apple, include Samsung from South Korea and China-based Xiaomi. While Apple currently assembles iPhones in India, the company is exploring opportunities to expand production to include iPads and AirPods, diversifying its manufacturing away from China.

In the previous fiscal year's budget (2023/24), Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman eliminated a 2.5 per cent customs duty on select parts of mobile camera phones. This decision aimed to encourage the assembly of high-end mobile phones within India.

In addition, the trade department is also seeking import duty cuts on more than a dozen items, ranging from engineering goods to inputs for garment production.

These efforts align with broader initiatives to boost domestic manufacturing and enhance the competitiveness of Indian products in the global market.

Microsoft may soon overtake Apple as world's most valuable company

NEW DELHI, Jan 11 (Agencies): Microsoft may soon surpass Apple as the world's most valuable company after a recent decline in Apple's stock, triggered by concerns over iPhone sales.

Apple's shares have experienced a 4 per cent decrease in 2024, following a 48 per cent surge the previous year. In contrast, Microsoft has seen a 2 per cent increase this year, building on a substantial 57 per cent surge in 2023.

On Wednesday, Apple's shares dipped by 0.4 per cent, while Microsoft's rose by 1.6 per cent, narrowing the gap between the two



tech giants. Apple's current market value stands at \$2.866 trillion, with Microsoft closely trailing at \$2.837 trillion.

Apple reached its peak market capitalisation at \$3.081 trillion on December 14, while Microsoft achieved a high of \$2.844 trillion on November 28. However, a 30 per cent drop in iPhone sales in China in the first week of 2024,

as noted by Jefferies analysts, indicates growing competitive pressure from Huawei and other domestic rivals.

Apple is gearing up to launch its Vision Pro mixed-reality headset on February 2 in the United States, marking its most significant product launch since the iPhone in 2007. Despite this, a UBS report estimates that Vision Pro sales will

have a relatively small impact on Apple's earnings per share in 2024. Not the first time

Microsoft has intermittently surpassed Apple as the most valuable company since 2018, notably in 2021 when concerns about supply chain shortages related to the Covid-19 pandemic affected Apple's stock price.

Both tech stocks are currently considered relatively expensive in terms of their priceto-expected-earnings ratios.

Apple is trading at a forward PE of 28, significantly above its 10-year average of 19, according to LSEG data. Microsoft is trading around 31 times forward earnings, exceeding its 10-year average of 24.

In its most recent quarterly report in November, Apple provided a sales forecast for the holiday quarter that fell short of Wall Street expectations, primarily due to weak demand for iPads and wearables.

Analysts anticipate Apple will post a modest revenue increase of 0.7 per cent to \$117.9 billion for the December quarter, marking its first year-on-year revenue increase in four quarters. Apple is scheduled to report its results on February 1.

Liver, kidney transplant from daughter of Army soldier helps critical patients

NEW DELHI, Jan 11 (Agencies): In a profound act of generosity amid tragedy, the family of a 15-year-old daughter of an Indian Army soldier, who was declared brain dead, made the decision to donate her organs, giving new life to those in dire need.

The young girl's liver and kidneys were successfully harvested at Command Hospital, Chandi Mandir, Haryana, and transplanted to individuals grappling

ern parts of India, including

Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi,

Punjab, and some areas of

Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan

Dense fog conditions have

brought schools and many

offices to a standstill. In times

like this, maintaining an active

lifestyle in the cold months is

difficult, no matter how crucial it

is for both physical and mental

Dr Meenakshi Fullara, HOD,

Physical Rehabilitation, Aakash

Healthcare, told IndiaToday.

In that winter it is an oppor-

tune time to embrace the chilly

weather and prioritise exercise.

"Exercising in colder tempera-

tures offers numerous benefits,

such as enhancing endurance,

on January 11.

well-being.

with life-threatening conditions, details of the recipients were not disclosed.

The Indian Army's official page, ADGPI, shared this touching story on social media, highlighting the noble contribution of the soldier's family during such a difficult time.

"A miraculous midnight surgical endeavour performed by the Transplant team of Command Hospital #Chandimandir, by harvesting Liver and Kidneys from a brain

when its cold outside

dead 15 year old daughter of #IndianArmy Soldier," the post reads.

The harvested organs were swiftly transported by the Indian Air Force (IAF) to the Army's Research and Referral (R&R) Hospital, ensuring that they reached the recipients without delay. "This Noble initiative of organ donation by the soldier in his hour of grief, bringing new hopes in others lives is highly commendable," the post reads.

This donation aligns

How to add physical activity to your daily routine

with India's legal definition of brain death, which is recognised under the Transplantation of Human Organs (THO) Act passed in 1994.

This gift of life has provided them with an opportunity to lead healthier lives following successful transplant surgeries. Brain-stem death, as it is technically referred to, is considered the irreversible end of all brain activity, allowing for organ dona-

tion to proceed with the consent of next of kin.

Organ donation in India gives hope for many, with long waiting lists for transplants. The average wait can span from three to five years, and in some regions, even longer.

The decision by the soldier's family to donate their daughter's organs not only saved lives but also raised awareness about the importance of organ donation in a country.

Human testing of first Nipah virus vaccine begins NEW DELHI, Jan 11 to build a suite of tools desh, India and Singa-

NEW DELHI, Jan 11 (Agencies): After successful preclinical trials of a vaccine candidate, called ChAdOx1 NiV, for the brain-swelling Nipah virus, it has entered the human testing phase.

Conducted by the University of Oxford with 52 participants, the human trial will assess safety and immune response in individuals aged 18 to 55, a spokesperson for the University's Pandemic Sciences Institute told news agency.

The first participants in the Oxford trial received doses of the vaccine over the last week. With no existing vaccine, the trial will use the same technology similar to the development of AstraZeneca's and Serum Institute of India's Covid-19 shots.

"Nipah has epidemic potential, with its fruit bat hosts found in areas home to over two billion people. This trial is a step forward in efforts

to protect against this killer virus," said Dr In-Kyu Yoon, an executive at the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI).

While Oxford Vaccine Group is leading the trial, the human testing is being funded by CEPI, a global coalition that supports the development of vaccines against emerging infectious diseases.

Further trials are expected to follow in a Nipah-affected country.

Nipah virus infection is a zoonotic illness spread to humans through contact with infected animals such as bats and pigs. Direct contact with an infected individual can also lead to transmission, although this route is less common,

according to the WHO.

It was first identified about 25 years ago in Malaysia and has led to outbreaks in Bangla-

desh, India and Singapore. In September 2023,

India's Kerala witnessed its fourth Nipah outbreak in five years. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare reported six laboratory-confirmed cases, including two deaths, in the Kozhikode district.

The viral infection can cause severe symptoms, including acute respiratory infection and fatal encephalitis. Infected individuals can experience fever, headache, cough and difficulty breathing, with brain swelling likely to follow. Its fatality rate is estimated at 40% to 75%, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The only way to reduce or prevent infection in people is by raising awareness about the risk factors and preventive measures to protect themselves.

NEW DELHI, Jan 11 (Agenimproving cardiovascular funccies): Winter can be a tempting tions, and even alleviating mustime for people to curl up under culoskeletal pains. Rather than a warm blanket and survive on slowing down, take advantage warm liquids. The India Meteoof this season to stay active and rological Department (IMD) reap the rewards it brings to vour overall well-being," advised forecast the continuation of cold wave conditions in north-Dr Meenakshi Fullara.

As per the expert, exercising in the cold months not only boosts your immune system, aids in burning calories, enhances sleep quality and strengthens muscles but also plays a significant role in overall health.

"One of its notable advantages is combating seasonal mood swings, a common occurrence during shorter, darker winter days," added Dr Fullara.

The reduced exposure to natural light can lead to vitamin D deficiency, which can be avoided as exercising stimulates the release of mood-boosting endorphins, fostering a sense of well-being and mental resil-

ience.
There are numerous ways to engage in exercises during

colder months, allowing for a variety of options and methods to keep you active.

"Nature walks serve as an excellent option, offering a refreshing way to exercise," said the expert.

Additionally, participating in yoga sessions, engaging in online workouts, or practising resistance and strength training using tools like therabands and wrist weights provide significant benefits for muscle development and bone strength.

"Incorporating stretching exercises, such as spot running or brisk walking, alongside activities like dancing, can also contribute positively to your fitness routine," suggested Dr Fullara.

Embrace the great outdoors Winter offers unique opportunities for outdoor activities that can invigorate your mood. Consider brisk walking or jogging to get your heart rate up while enjoying the crisp air. Remember to dress in layers to regulate body temperature and protect

yourself against the cold.
Indoor alternatives

When the weather outside is frightful, bring your workout indoors. Online workout classes offer a variety of options, from aerobics to dance to strength training all of this can be done at home. Active housework, such as vacuuming and sweeping, counts towards your fitness goals too.

Stay motivated

Setting short-term goals can keep you motivated throughout the winter. Track your progress and celebrate small accomplishments along the way. Find an accountability partner or join a group to add social pressure and camaraderie to your routine.

Stay safe and healthy

Always monitor the weather and plan ahead to ensure safety. Wear appropriate gear, stay hydrated, and don't forget to apply sunscreen on sunny winter days.

Knocking Afghanistan out cold?

India's T20 WC preparation begins with series against Afghans in chilly weather Kohli pulls out of first game

MOHALI, Jan 11 (Agencies): With a cold wave sweeping the northern states, the opening game of the first bilateral threematch T20I series between India and Afghanistan is expected to provide the fireworks for the spectators here today.

Due to the cold weather conditions, heavy dew is expected at IS Bindra PCA Stadium. It could make life difficult for the bowlers, resulting in a big-scoring game. "The dew factor will be for both the teams," India coach Rahul Dravid said. "Usually, it affects the team bowling in the second innings. However, given the cold weather conditions, the dew is expected to come early, which will affect both the teams," he added.

Spotlight on Rohit

The series will see the return of stalwarts Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli to the T20I team. However, Kohli has opted out of the first game due to personal reasons. In his absence, the limelight will be on Rohit, who will open the innings with Yashasvi Jaiswal. Local boy Shubman Gill is expected to come in at No. 3.

"We will be certainly opening with Rohit (Sharma) and (Yashasvi) Jaiswal," said Dravid. "You have to have that flexibility to do whatever is required. So, nothing is closed. But certainly, we're really happy with what Jaiswal has done as an opener for us, and he gives us a leftright combination as well at the



top," he added.

The coach kept his cards close to his chest about the inclusion of Rinku Singh in the middle-order. "He has started his career well. He has finished some important games for us, and played the role of a finisher with responsibility," said Dravid.

Picking the wicketkeeper for this series will be another task for the coach. In KL Rahul's absence, Jitesh Sharma and Sanju Samson are available for selection.

The bowling attack will be led by local pacer Arshdeep Singh. With the pitch and weather conditions offering help to fast bowlers, India are expected to play three pacers.

Prioritising events: Dravid It will be India's last T20I series before the World Cup, and the players will have to rely on the

IPL experience for preparation.

The league will also help Dravid

with the team selection. "There have been quite a few ICC events over the last few years. At various stages, in the last couple of years that I've been here, we've had to prioritise certain formats, certain tournaments, simply because of the amount of cricket that is being played," said Dravid.

"We have always had to prioritise what is important, especially for the players who are playing all the three formats. Even in this series, people such as Jasprit Bumrah, Ravindra Jadeja and Mohammed Siraj have missed out because of the five Test matches that we have against

England," he added. No disciplinary issues with Ishan, Shreyas

Rahul Dravid denied reports that there was a disciplinary reason behind the non-inclusion of Ishan Kishan and Shreyas lyer in the squad for the series. "He (Kishan) was not available for selection. He had requested for a break in South Africa which we agreed to and supported," said Dravid. "I am sure when he is available for selection, he will play some domestic cricket before coming back to the squad," he added.

"Iyer's case has absolutely nothing to do with any disciplinary issue. It is just that he missed out. There are a lot of batsmen in the team. He did not play in the T20s in South Africa as well," he added. "It's unfortunate because he is a fine player but there are a lot of batsmen and it is not easy to fit everyone into the squad or playing 11. No discipline issues were discussed, at least during my discussion with the selectors,' he added.

India vs Afghanistan T20I results

1 May, 2010: India beat Afghanistan by seven wickets. 19 September, 2012: India beat Afghanistan by 23 runs.

3 November, 2021: India beat Afghanistan by 66 runs. 8 September, 2022: India beat

Afghanistan by 101 runs. 7 October, 2023: Match abandoned due to rain.

lots of good players in T20 and we are good in this format, I am sure we

will perform well.

Ibrahim Zadran hopes

his team shows bite

Afghanistan looking to improve batting,

says captain

All our boys are playing good cricket, so I am sure they will have a good series against India," added the 22-year-old.

Afghanistan are 10th in the T20I rankings. "We have one of the best spinners in the world, we have fast bowlers as well, but our aim is to improve batting skills," he said.

Rashid ruled out of

The skipper also confirmed that Afghanistan's trump card Rashid Khan will be unavailable for the series.

The leg-spinner, who underwent a back surgery after the ODI World Cup in November, has been named in the squad but will not be available for the three games as he undergoes his rehabilitation.

"He is not totally fit, though he attended the practice sessions.

He is doing his rehab. We will miss him in the series. Without him there are a few players we trust," said Zadran.

Rashid has not played a competitive game since the ODI World Cup and missed Afghanistan's series against the UAE. In his absence, Afghanistan's spin attack is expected to be led by the experienced Mohammad Nabi and Mujeeb Ur Rahman.

"We have been training here for the last twothree days, and there was no dew. Hope the conditions will remain similar on the match day," said Zadran.

David Warner to land via helicopter at Sydney Cricket Ground for BBL 13 game after brother's wedding

SYDNEY, Jan 11 (Agencie): David Warner is set to make a Hollywoodstyle grand entrance at the Sydney Cricket Ground as the star opener is likely to arrive via helicopter for the Big Bash League (BBL) Sydney derby.

The 37-year-old cricketer's arrival is not just any entry; it follows his attendance at his brother's wedding in the Hunter region earlier that day. Warner will make a dramatic transition from wedding festivities to the cricket field, landing on the SCG outfield before the gates open to the public.

This game marks Warner's return to the BBL, where he will play in the final three regular-season games for the Sydney Thunder. Following these matches, Warner is scheduled to travel to the United Arab Emirates to join the Dubai Capitals in the ILT20 league. However, fans can look forward to seeing him back in action on Australian soil as he is expected to return for the Twenty20 series against West Indies, taking place from February 9 to 13, which will be his last international games in Australia before his swansong at June's T20 World Cup in the Carib-



Warner's high-profile return to the BBL is juxtaposed with the absence of English all-rounder Tom Curran, whose season with the Sydney Sixers has ended prematurely due to a knee injury. Curran will miss the final two regularseason games and potentially his ILT20 commitments as well, following a ban and subsequent apology for an incident involving an umpire during the season.

As the SCG prepares for Warner's thrilling arrival and the BBL gears up for an electrifying match, the stage is set for what promises to be an unforgettable evening of cricket under the lights.

partnership to snatch a historic draw vs Australia NEW DELHI, Jan 11 (Agen-

cie): Ravichandran Ashwin and Hanuma Vihari displayed remarkable resilience to forge a defiant stand and help India secure a historic draw against the formidable Australian side at the SCG on this very day in

The day began with India's hopes hanging by a thread, as they resumed at 98 for two, with a daunting target of 309 runs ahead. The early loss of skipper Ajinkya Rahane added to the pressure, but Cheteshwar Pujara and Rishabh Pant reignited India's chances with a 148-run stand. Pujara's stoic 77 off 205 balls and Pant's aggressive 97 off 118 balls kept the game alive. However, their dismissals set the stage for what was to become a legendary last stand.

Enter Ashwin and Vihari, who were not just battling the Australian bowlers but their physical ailments. Vihari, hampered by a severe hamstring injury



MOHALI, Jan 11

(Agencie): Relying

heavily on their spin

attack, Afghanistan

captain Ibrahim Zadran

said that the India

series will be a platform

to improve the team's

batting before the T20

Afghanistan have

never defeated India in

T20Is, having lost four of

the five matches — with

one being a no result —

played between the two

"Playing against India

on their home soil is dif-

ficult, but we are here to

win and show our skills."

said Zadran. "We have

January 11, 2021: R Ashwin, Vihari forge defiant SCG

World Cup.

sustained during his innings, and Ashwin, suffering from excruciating back pain that prevented him from sitting down even during breaks, displayed a masterclass in grit and endurance. Their partnership was not about scoring runs; it was about survival, about saving the game one ball at a time.

Together, they faced 259 deliveries, adding an unbeaten 62 runs over more than 42 overs after joining forces in the 89th over of India's second innings.

Vihari's 23 not out off 161 balls and Ashwin's 39 not out off 128 balls were not just numbers on the scoreboard; they were a testament to their indomitable spirit. The duo wore down the Australian attack, which had been relentless throughout the series, and batted through pain, having taken large doses of painkillers to continue their rescue operation

Their partnership was a lesson in Test-saving batsmanship, a skill that seems largely extinct in the era of fast-paced cricket. It was a partnership that spoke volumes about the mental fortitude required at the highest level of the game.

The communication between Ashwin and Vihari was pivotal, as they navigated through the challenging conditions and the formidable Australian bowling lineup.

India finished the day at 334 for 5 in 131 overs, achieving an extremely unlikely draw, thanks to the tenacity of these two

The SCG partnership between Ashwin and Vihari will be remembered as a magical moment in cricket, where sheer willpower triumphed over adversity. It was not just a draw; it was a moral victory, a statement of courage that resonated with cricket fans around the world. On that day, Ashwin and Vihari didn't just save a match; they inspired countless others with their exemplary display of perseverance and teamwork.

Shooter Rhythm Sangwan seals record 16th Olympic quota for India

CHENNAI, Jan 11 (Agencie): It has barely been two years since Rhythm Sangwan began competing at the elite level and yet she has become one of the recognizable faces in Indian shooting.

Her nose for big scores and her ability to compete in two vital Olympic events with similar amounts of output have made her one of the key members of the team, especially ahead of the upcoming Paris Games.

But despite her talent and her visible aptitude for the sport, she has had to be patient.

In a sport that is defined by fine margins, Rhythm has had to endure some harsh realities in crunch moments, moments that have seen her miss out on potential medals in marquee competitions. During the Asian Games, where Indian shooters had a historic campaign, the team gold (25m pistol) masked her miss in the individual category. Moreover, despite her decent efforts at elite competitions, which included her shattering a Qualification World Record (women's 25m pistol), she was yet to earn an Olympic quota for the country.

But a talent like Rhythm cannot be denied for long.

On Thursday, Rhythm's

wait for an Olympic quota finally ended after she pocketed a bronze medal in the ongoing Asian Championship, an Olympic qualifying event, in Jakarta. After near-perfect hits in the rapid stage of women's 25m pistol qualification, she showed she can thrive under pressure in the finals. Despite flirting with danger early on in the finals (she missed five out of her first 10 shots), Rhythm



managed to steady the ship and get back on track before finishing off strongly. Incidentally, this is India's 16th Olympic quota in the sport so far, which is the highest ever. In the last Olympics in Tokyo, India had won 15 quotas. During the 2016 Olympics in Rio, India had won 12 quotas.

Jiin Yang and Kim Yeii. meanwhile, led South Korea to a one-two

With Rhythm's effort, India now has secured of quotas (two) in this event. Manu Bhaker, who is not part of this ongoing continental event, had won the other quota last year. The latest outcome should come as a big relief for the 20-year-old, who was inspired by her father, DSP in the Haryana Police, to pursue the craft. Just a few days ago, she had captured a bronze medal but missed out on the all-important quota to compatriot Esha Singh.

AUS vs WI: Shimron Hetmyer left out of ODI and T20I squads by West Indies after poor run of form

MELBOURNE, Jan 11 (Agencie): Shimron Hetmyer has been left out of both West Indies' ODI and T20I squads for the upcoming tour of Australia after his wretched run of form with the bat recently.

Jason Holder and Kyle Mayers, who had made themselves unavailable for the Test series to play franchise cricket. are back in the T20I squad but won't be part of the side that will be playing the 50-over format against the Aussies.

Brandon King and Sherfane Rutherford will also be part of the T20I squad as they have been allowed to play franchise cricket.

Lead selector Desmond Haynes said, as quoted by Cricinfo, he expects the ODI side to be very competitive in Australia after their series win against Eng-

"On the back of a



series win against England, we are expecting our ODI team to be very competitive in Australia," lead selector Desmond Haynes said. "We have some new inclusions, who have impressed over a significant period and a couple of returning players, who we think will have an impact.

"For the T20I series, this forms part of our crucial preparations for the upcoming T20 World Cup where we are hosts. We are hoping to build on strong overall performances against India and England and to keep improving as we approach the major tournament.

Hetmyer's poor run of form comes back to haunt him

Despite being one of the most destructive batters in white-ball cricket, form hasn't been on the side of Hetmyer in recent times. In three ODIs against England, the southpaw registered scores of 32, 0 and 12 before a rough time in the first two T20Is.

Hetmyer scored just three runs in the first two matches against England in the series and was subsequently dropped for the remaining three.

West Indies ODI squad

vs Australia

Shai Hope (capt), Alzarri Joseph, Alick Athanaze, Teddy Bishop. Keacy Carty, Roston Chase, Matthew Forde, Justin Greaves, Kavem Hodge, Tevin Imlach, Gudakesh Motie, Kjorn Ottley, Romario Shepherd, Oshane Thomas, Hayden Walsh Jr.

West Indies T201 squad vs Australia

Rovman Powell (capt), Shai Hope, Johnson Charles, Roston Chase, Jason Holder, Akeal Hosein, Alzarri Joseph, Brandon King, Kyle Mayers, Gudakesh Motie, Nicholas Pooran, Andre Russell, Sherfane Rutherford, Romario Shepherd, Oshane Thomas.

The ODI series between Australia and West Indies will be from February 2-6 while the T20I series will start on February 9. Steve Smith will be captaining Australia's ODI side.

GMC Jammu conducts Capacity Building Training on early identification of Psycho-social issues among Children



Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 11: In a collaborative effort supported by UNICEF, the Child-guidance and Well-being Centre (CGWC) at the Psychiatric Disease Hospital, GMC Jammu, recently organized a comprehensive capacity building training program.

The training aimed to equip Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs) and CCI Caregivers with the necessary skills to identify early psychosocial issues among children and provide effective Counselling, led by resource persons, Ambica Jamwal, **Advocacy Coordinator** from CGWC, and Vidushi Sharma, State Programme Coordinator from Children in India.

The workshop welcomed participants with great enthusiasm. Dr. Manu Arora, Head of the Psychiatry Hospital, emphasized the significance of mental health in children and adolescents, setting the tone for the training sessions

ing sessions.

The training was divided into two sessions, each focusing on different aspects of psycho-social wellbeing. In the first sessions

sion, Ambica from CGWC shed light on the importance and dynamics of mental health, discussing symptoms of deteriorating mental health, causes of mental health issues in children and adolescents, coping strategies, and

interventions.

The participants actively engaged in discussions and were encouraged to develop referral protocols to CGWC centres for comprehensive services.

The second session, led by Vidushi Sharma, SPC Children in India Trust delved into the issues reported in children at DEIC's (Developmental and Early Intervention Centres).

The training emphasized early identification of multiple disorders and disabilities, as well as the collaborative rehabilitation services provided by CGWC to strengthen support in the Jammu region

region.
The workshop witnessed the participation of 50 individuals, including frontline functionaries, ANMs from SMGS and Psychiatric Disease Hos-

pital, GMC Jammu, CCI Caregivers, and students from Bee Enn

College of Nursing.
To assess the effectiveness of the training, pre-and post-evaluations were conducted, revealing impressive improvements in participants' knowledge and skills.

Dr. Manu Arora, in his closing remarks, expressed gratitude to all participants and assured them of future trainings and workshops to further enhance and streamline mental health services in the Jammu region

region.
This capacity building training, supported by UNICEF, marks a significant step towards early identification and intervention of psychosocial issues among children.

By equipping healthcare professionals and caregivers with the necessary skills, the Child guidance and Well-being Centre aims to create a robust referral system and advocate for the active involvement of mental health professionals in addressing the needs of children in distress.

KDP Wing of DPAP projects demands

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 11: In a joint statement issued by leaders of Kashmiri Displaced People KDP wing of Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) through its President Sanjay Dhar, Chairman Piaray Lal Pandita, Roop Krishen Koul Vice President, General Secretary Raj Kumar Ticku and Naveen Gosani Youth President submitted the demands to the Govt of India as well to the Govt.of J&K for earliest action.

The Leaders have demanded for earliest working out of the resettlement/rehabilitation policy regarding displaced Kashmiri Hindus, with reservation of four assembly and two Parliamentary seats in Valley, on election basis but not on selection/nomination basis.

The Leaders have demanded that the PM Package employees Cadre be merged into U.T. Govt. employees, with abolition of Supernumery created posts so as to get these employees their right of services at par with U.T.Govt. employees both for service rules and salary rules from U.T. Government, as these employees are serving shoulder to shoulder with U.T.Govt .employees in the Valley.

The Leaders have demanded exemption of Biometric Attendance for PM Package employees till fullest normalcy is restored in Valley, as on any security alert the PM Package employees only are advised by Concerned SHOs to remain indoor their residence and concerned DDOs take action for not making biometric attendance on the other side

The Leaders have demanded that DDOs must regularly submit Budget requisitions in advance as most of the PM Package employees complain irregular availability of funds on account of non receipt of budget in time.

The Leaders have appealed the Lt Governor to create two individual Police Battalions for Kashmiri Hindu low educated unemployed youth, irrespective of relaxation of norms, for making a satisfied bridge between Majority Valley Community and displaced people.

The Leaders have also demanded for release of pending ex-gratia of gutted houses, loss of property, orchards for last 34 years with compensation to traders, overaged youth, and educated unemployed youth for their survival and have appealed for enhancement of cash assistance from Rs.108/per day per soul to Rs.250/-per day per soul, as the rates of essential commodities have touched the sky.

The Leaders have further appealed the balance 9000 posts out of 15000 posts be created for Kashmiri Hindu Exiled People both for exiled as well as still living in Kashmir,as was recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee lead by its Chairman Sushma Swaraj.

Sushma Swaraj.

The Leaders have demanded that the Jal Shakti Department be asked to take over Water Supply Scheme of Jagti Camp as per orders of Govt. issued during April,2021 and have requested for immediate full maintenance of Quarters in all Camps including modernisation of lanes, drains, parks and civil hydienic conditions.

The Leaders have appealed for immediate deployment of at least fifteen police Personnel in Jagti Camp, to control the 25000 souls safety with installation of CC TVs already sanctioned with Police Nakas at entry and with posts of least Camp

exit posts of Jagti Camp. The Leaders have appealed to post an individual Nodel Officer for maintenance of Estates in Camps, as the Camp Commandant posted in Jagti has to cover office works of three Zones, is unable to take care of estates buildings in Jagti Camp, resulting a sufferings to Camp inmates regarding redressal of Grievance in respect of renovation repairs and maintenance of their flats.

The leaders have requested for immediate implementation of Central govt. schemes officially for Kashmiri Displaced People, as some political parties introduce Pradhan Mantri Yojna Schemes within their party workers without any publicity among common people.

Thoughts of Swami Vivekananda are eternal in today's era: Kavinder

Unveils statue of Swami Vivekananda at SVMMC Hospital



Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 11: Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former deputy Chief Minister, today paid tributes to the enduring thoughts and wisdom of Swami Vivekananda, emphasizing their eternal relevance in shaping India's future. He highlighted the profound impact Swami Vivekananda's teachings continue to have on the nation's ethos.

The senior BJP leader was speaking after inaugurating the statue of Swami Vivekananda ji in the premises of Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission Charitable (SVMMC) Hospital Jammu. On the occasion, management of Swami Vivekananda Hospital, Jammu, senior doctors and prominent citizens of Jammu City were present. Senior BJP leaders who accompanied Kavinder Gupta include Sat Sharma, Vinay Gupta, Narendra Koki, Ankush Gupta, Bharat Bushan, Vishal, Rajinder, Dinesh Gupta, Kuldeep Magotra, Suneet Raina, Parduman Singh, Purnima Sharma, Sanjita Dogra, Bipna Manhas, Anita Gandotra, Suman Raina, Aarti Thakur Koul, Sunita Raina, Updesh

Andotra and Indu Puri.
He expressed that Swami
Vivekananda's ideas are
not confined to any particular era but are timeless,
resonating with the spirit
of India and inspiring gen-

erations to strive for excellence. He underscored the need to imbibe Swami Vivekananda's values in everyday life to foster unity, tolerance, and progress in the country.

As India is going to celebrate the National Youth Day on Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary tomorrow, the senior BJP leader urged the youth to draw inspiration from the revered spiritual leader's ideals and contribute towards building a stronger, self-reliant, and culturally side nation.

rich nation The senior BJP leader affirmed the Modi government's commitment in promoting Swami Vivekananda's teachings through educational initiatives, cultural programs, and events that encourage the youth to connect with their roots and uphold the country's glorious heritage. He emphasized that the thoughts of Swami Vivekananda will continue to guide the nation towards prosperity, unity, and the realization of its true potential.

It is noteworthy to mention that the statue of Swami Vivekananda Ji was generously donated by Kavinder Gupta. Additionally, two more statues, one of the late former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji and the other of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur, have been installed at prominent locations in

Jammu, and the associated expenses were covered by Kavinder Gupta.

During his tenure as Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta played a pivotal role in the installation of various statues in Jammu city. Notable figures such as Maharaja Hari Singh, Acharya Chanakya, Jai Prakash Narayan, and many others found a place in the cityscape, contributing to the cultural and historical richness of the region.

Earlier, Dr Subhash Gupta, Chief Patron of the Hospital and former Principal GMC Jammu, informed that that the Hospital is providing charitable medical services to the poor and needy people at affordable rates irrespective of cast, colour, creed and religion of the patients. He said that the Hospital has also been registered for the Ayushman Bharat scheme for surgical, orthopaedic and other patients free of costs.

Among those who were present include Amar Chand Gupta, Senior Vice President, Atma Saroop Gupta Vice President, B.B. Gupta General Secretary, B.S Jamwal, Secretary, Mohan Singh Chauhan, Dr SAtya Dev Gupta, Dr Brij Mohan Gupta, Dr S.L Shri., Dr Neeraj Puri, Dr Dharamveer Chopra, Dr Sachin Gupta, Shankar Dutt Sharma, Dr Jatinder Gupta and Dr. Ramesh Gupta (Administration).

Shri Sanatan Dharam Sabha nominates new body



Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 11: Parshotam Dadhichi, President Shri Sanatan Dharm Sabha Jammu Kashmir, after being elected unanimously announced and introduced office bearers of Shri Sanatan Dharam Sabha Jammu Kashmir for next Decision.

Prabhat Singh Jamwal nominated as Working President, Shakti Dutt Sharma and Arun Gupta as Vice Presidents, Sanjay Gupta as General Secretary, Rajan Sharma as Treasurer, Subhash Kumar and Anil Magotra as Joint Secretaries, Ashok Kumar Joint as Treasurer, Dilip Gupta as Media Secretary, Ashutosh

Sharma as Building and Store Pramukh and Vijay Kumar as Office Secretary.

While interacting with media persons, Parshotam Dadhichi made an appeal to all those who are criticizing and creating unnecessary controversies about Sanatan Dharma and particularly Pran Pratishtha of Prabhu Shri Ram to desist from such behavior

In case these politicians will continue to use such language then, he made an appeal to the masses to show them there berth as and when they get chance in 2024.

He further said that there is an element who

is went upon to disturb the peaceful atmosphere in for flung and hilly areas of J&K State by doing sacrilegious act

in temples and shrines.
He further made an appeal that on 22nd January 2024 only those persons should go to Ayodhya who have been properly invited just to avoid any disturbance in management made by Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Nyaas.

Parshotam Dadhichi also made an appeal to the Kirtan Mandalies, Katha-vachaks, Ramleela Samities, Jagran Samities not to perform and deliver any such thing or material which can distort the image of Santana Dharma and Santana values of life.

Farooq, Omar conveyed condolences

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 11: National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Omar Abdullah expressed grief over the passing away of Sanjay Handoo, son of Late P.L Handoo Adv former member of Parliament and former minister and conveyed condolences to the bereaved family.

In their messages, Dr Farooq Abdullah and Mr Omar Abdullah prayed for peace to the departed soul and expressed solidarity with other members of the family.

In the condolence message, General Secretary Haji Ali Mohammed Sagar, Dr Sheikh Mustafa Kamaal, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra Additional General Secretaries. Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President Jammu, Nasir Aslam Wani Provincial President Kashmir, Sheikh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary, Ajaz Jan Provincial President YNC Jammu and former MLA, Altaf Ahmed Kaloo former MLA, Javed Ahmed Rana Zonal President Pir Panjal Zone, Surinder Choudhary, Ch. Liaquet Ali Central Sec retaries have also expressed grief and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, Dr. Mustafa Kamaal Additional General Secretaries, Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President Jammu, Nasir Aslam Wani Provincial President Kashmir, Sheikh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary Jammu, Ajaz Jan Provincial President YNC Jammu and former MLA, Altaf Ahmed

Kaloo former MLA, Bushan Lal Bhat Ex-MLC, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, Umesh Talashi Additional Spokesperson, Rakesh Singh Raka, Amit Koul and other party functionaries of JKNC participated in the cremation at Bantalab today.

Senior leaders of the National Conference have also conveyed their condolences to the bereaved family. Those who prayed for neace to the departed soul include: Khalid Najeev Suharwardy Vice President Jammu Province, Babu Rampaul former minister and President Central Zone. Saiiad Ahmed Kichloo Zonal President Chenab Valley, Abdul Gani Malik Zonal President Udhampur Reasi, Avub Malik, Pardeep Bali Provincial Secretaries, Jugal Mahajan, Bimla Luthra Ex-MLA Satwant Kour Dogra Provincial President Women Wing Jammu, Deepinder Kour Ex-MLC, Ghar Singh Ankush Abrol, Surjeet Singh Manhas Joint Secretaries Jammu Province, Vijay Lakhshmi Datta, Muzaffar Ahmed Khan Spokesperson, Zeeshan Rana, Th. Yashvardhan Singh Additional Spokesperson Jammu, Chander Mohan Sharma District Pres ident Jammu Urban, Raghvir Singh Manhas District President Jammu Rural A, Naresh Bittu District President Jammu Rural B, D.S Chouhan President Legal Cell,Nar Singh President Labour Wing, Harshvardhan Singh President NCSU, Waris Gill President Christan Cell. and

Nat Manch organizes PM Vishwakarma Scheme registration camp



Top News Report

JAMMU Jan 11: Nat Manch organized PM Vishwakarma Scheme registration camp at Jammu.

In the program many people registered themselves for the PM Vishwakarma Scheme.

Speaking on the occa-

sion President Nat Manch & BJP leader Dr. Tarun Sharma briefed all about PM Vishwakarma Scheme and said PM Vishwakarma, a Central Sector Scheme, was launched on 17th September, 2023 by the Prime Minister to provide end-to-end support to artisans and craftspeople who work with

their hands and tools.

The Scheme covers artisans and craftspeople engaged in 18 trades.

He said Under the PM Vishwakarma Yojana, there is a provision to provide training for skill development to artisans associated with 18 traditional works including blacksmiths, goldsmiths, potters, carpenters and cobblers, and a training allowance of Rs 500 per day and an incentive amount of Rs 15,000 for tool kit.

He said especially women are participating actively in this program and praising PM Narendra Modi for his efforts and tireless working for upliftment of middle class public.

He said now everyone is able to set up his/her business and becoming able to live life in a better way. This is all happening by our dynamic PM Narendra Modi .

By PM Vishwakarma Scheme no one will remain unemployed. This scheme is especially for our youth who want to open their work /business. They will get training and avail loan benefits for their business set up and can provide employment to

Other present on the occasion were Arti Khajuria, Varun Gupta and Ajay Khajuria.

others, he added .

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