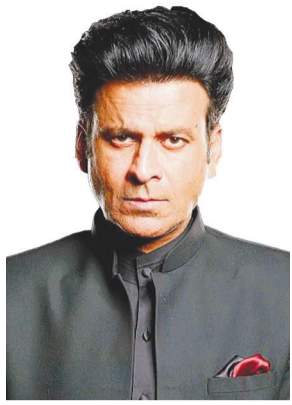


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## BRIEFLY

### DGP's public grievances redressal programme on Jan 22 in Awantipora

SRINAGAR, Jan 20 (Agencies): The next public grievances redressal programme of DGP J&K R R Swain will

Be held at DPL Awantipora on 22nd January, officials said today.

"This is to inform that the next "Public Grievances Redressal Programme" of DGP J&K will be held at DPL Awantipora on 22nd January 2024 (Monday) from 03:00 PM onwards," said a police spokesman.

A help desk has been established at DPL Crossing Jawbrara Awantipora from today where people visiting can register for the Grievances Redressal Programme.

The people who wish to bring their grievance in notice of the DGP J&K should submit a written application with full particulars and mobile number on which they can be contacted by the officers/team members for follow up action.

### Body of MBBS student who passed way in Iran to reach Sopore soon

SRINAGAR, Jan 20 (Agencies): The mortal remains of an MBBS student, who died of a suspected cardiac arrest in Tehran earlier this month, is expected to reach his native village in Sopore for last rites anytime soon.

An official told news agency Kashmir Scroll that the body of Arsalan Amin Kanjwal, who expired due to a heart attack at Medical College on 5/6 January 2024 in the capital of Iran is in the final phase of its transportation back home.

"After the post-mortem and fulfilment of other formalities, the body was airlifted from Tehran at 6.10 pm on 19-01-2024 and arrived at New Delhi at 1.15 am today", the official said.

"The body is being airlifted to Srinagar in a delayed Indigo flight and may reach Srinagar Airport by 1.45 PM", the official said. "Ambulance has been kept ready at the

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## Government tells media, social media platforms to refrain from publishing false content on Ram temple event

NEW DELHI, Jan 20 (Agencies): The government on Saturday issued an advisory to media outlets and social media platforms cautioning them against publishing any false or manipulated content related to the January 22 Ram temple event in Ayodhya.

The advisory, issued by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, said it was observed that certain unverified,



provocative and fake messages were being spread, especially on social media, which can

disturb communal harmony and public order. The consecration ceremony of the Ram Lalla

idol in Ayodhya will be held on January 22 with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and several other dignitaries in attendance.

The advisory asked newspapers, private satellite TV channels and publishers of news and current affairs on digital media to refrain from publishing and telecasting any content that may be false or manipulated or has the potential to disturb communal

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## Republic Day: No flights at Delhi airport from 10.20am to 12.45pm till Jan 26

NEW DELHI, Jan 20 (Agencies): In view of Republic Day celebrations, no flights will arrive or depart from Delhi Airport between 10:20 am and 12:45 pm from January 19 to January 26, according to an official statement from Delhi International Airport Limited.

As the country is gearing up for the 75th Republic Day, the Delhi Police on Friday prohibited flying of sub-conventional aerial



platforms, including paragliders, paramotors, hang gliders, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), unmanned aircraft

systems (UAS) in the national capital.

The prohibition has been implemented for

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## BCI President's letter to CJI demanding closure of courts on Jan 22

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 20: Bar Council of India (BCI) President Manan Kumar Mishra has written to the Chief Justice of India Justice D.Y Chandrachud to declare a holiday for all courts in the country on January 22.

The All India Lawyers Union (AILU) and many other lawyers' organizations in the country and lawyers and judges expressed their displeasure against this action. According to AILU,

"Pran-pratishtha" in Ram temple, Ayodhya or any other temple is only a religious function and not the work of government in the way the present central government is creating the environment.

There is no religious festival on that day either. Communal polarization is being done in the country to gain advantage in the elections. This program is being done as a political campaign and election preparation.

However, it is not the business of the courts to be part of such religious and communal polarization and political propaganda. The court should not surrender its existence, independence and judicial sovereignty to the government. India is a secular country and the government has no religion. The event on 22nd of Ayodhya has no religious, cultural, national or international significance. The whole purpose of this

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## Kashmir valley lives in fear of a snowless winter

SRINAGAR, Jan 20 (Agencies): Even though the 40-day long period of harsh winter called the 'Chillai Kalan' is ending in less than 10 days from Saturday, Kashmiris live in horror of a snowless winter that would spell disaster in the summer months.

"We are expecting light snow at isolated places from January 26 onwards, but so far, there is no major Western Disturbance approaching J&K," said an official of the MeT department.

Srinagar had minus 3.7, Gulmarg minus 4.6 and Pahalgam minus 5.5 as the minimum temperature today.

Leh town in Ladakh region had minus 13, Kargil minus 10.8 and Drass minus 12.8 as the minimum temperature.

Jammu city had 5.9, Katra 4.6, Batote 1.9, Bhaderwah minus 0.4 and Banihal minus 1.4 as the night's lowest temperature.

## Flights and trains affected in Delhi due to dense fog as north India continues to shiver in intense cold

NEW DELHI, Jan 20 (Agencies): The movement of commuters to and from the national capital was affected on Saturday morning as some flights and trains were delayed due to low visibility amid dipping temperatures in north India.

In New Delhi, the minimum temperature recorded on Saturday was 8.5 degrees Celsius with dense fog conditions predicted for January 22 and January 23.

According to the Indian Meteorological Department, the IGI airport reported 1,100 metres

visibility.

Low visibility was recorded in several parts of north India causing inconvenience to passengers travelling by train and air.

According to the IMD, Ambala in Haryana reported 200 metres visibility and Hisar 500 metres.

Eleven trains to Delhi from various parts of the country, like Khajuraho-Kurukshetra Express, Ambedkarnagar-Katra, and Vasco-Nizamuddin Express, were delayed due to dense fog.

Passengers were seen

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## BSF troops seize Arms, Ammunition near India-Pakistan Border in Punjab

CHANDIGARH, Jan 20 (Agencies): An AK-47 assault rifle, two magazines and 40 cartridges were seized by the BSF from a field near the India-Pakistan border in Punjab's Ferozepur district, a spokesperson of the force said on Saturday.

The seizure was made during a search operation by the Border Security Force on Friday after noticing a drone movement during the intervening night of January

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## Govt suspends 3 Directors Of SAIL, NMDC with immediate effect

NEW DELHI, Jan 20 (Agencies): The Steel Ministry has suspended two board-level officials of steel PSU SAIL and one director of iron ore major NMDC for alleged misconduct, according to exchange filings by the companies.

SAIL also has suspended 26 other officials with immediate effect for violation of its code of conduct, the steel PSU said in a filing to BSE.

The filing said the Ministry of Steel vide its letters dated January 19, 2024, "in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (1) of Rule 20 of the Conduct, Discipline and Appeal Rules, 1977 of Steel Authority of India Limited, has placed V.S. Chakravarty, Director (Commercial) and A.K. Tulsiani, Director (Finance) on suspension with immediate effect".

Another Steel Ministry PSU NMDC also announced that its board-level official, V. Suresh, has been suspended with immediate effect. "Ministry of Steel...in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule 1 of Rule 20 of the Conduct, Discipline and Appeal Rules, 1978 of NMDC Ltd. has placed V. Suresh, Director (Commercial),

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## SIA files charge-sheet against 12 accused in Sanjay Sharma killing case

SRINAGAR, Jan 20 (Agencies): State Investigation Agency (SIA) Kashmir has filed a comprehensive charge sheet against twelve individuals in connection with the brutal murder of a Kashmir Pandit Sanjay Sharma.

The case was initially registered at Police Station Litter Pulwama under FIR No. 14/2023, and was later handed over to SIA Kashmir for specialized investigation.

The officials said that the incident took place at Achhan Pulwama on February 26, 2023, and the subsequent investigation revealed a broader conspiracy originating from across the border.



The aim was to disrupt the revival of peace and communal harmony in the valley, using the murder of an innocent person from the minority community to fuel communal disharmony and sustain terrorism.

Upon taking over the case, SIA Kashmir conducted extensive

searches across south Kashmir, unearthing vital physical and technical evidence. This evidence exposed the accused persons' involvement in the crime, including providing logistical support, harboring the accused, and concealing evidence. During the course of investi-

gation SIA conducted 05 rounds of extensive searches at 32 Locations across the valley, during which evidences in the shape mobile devices, incriminating documents viz Bank Documents and 01 Pistol magazine and live cartridges were seized, officials said.

They said the charge sheet has been filed before the Special Designated Court under the NIA Act at Pulwama against the following terror accused which include Jazim Farooq Wani @Abrar S/o Farooq Ahmad Wani R/o Heff-Shirmal Shopian; @Khalid Kamran R/o Pakistan;

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## Medical Superintendent DH Kishtwar suspended for unauthorized absence

SRINAGAR, Jan 20 (Agencies): The government suspended Medical Superintendent district hospital Kishtwar for unauthorized absence on Friday. As per an order issued by Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, a copy of which lies with news agency—Kashmir News Observer

(KNO), ADC Kishtwar has been directed to conduct an enquiry into the matter. "It has come to the notice of undersigned during field visit to District Hospital Kishtwar that Dr Yudvir Singh Kotwal, Medical Superintendent District Hospital Kishtwar is unauthorized absent from

legitimate duties, which invites action under article 128 of JK CSR 1956. Therefore, he is hereby placed under suspension in terms of Rule 31 of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956," said an order.

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## J&K Sikh Coordination Committee Led by Shriman Mahant Manjit Singh calls on LG Manoj Sinha

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 20: A delegation of Sikh Coordination Committee J&K led by its patron Shriman Mahant Manjit Singh, Chief of Shiromani Dera Nangali Sahib called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, at Raj Bhawan today.

Shriman Mahant Manjit Singh ji expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor led UT Administration for resolving long pending issues of the Sikh community including implementation of Anand Mar-



riage Act and installation of statue of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur ji.

The members of the delegation submitted a Charter of demands

to the Lt Governor including construction of Gurudwara Sahib at Boarding House Trail.

They also drew the attention of the Lt

Governor towards the issues of ownership of Gurudwara properties/chunk of land by District Gurudwara Parbandhak Committees as per the

Sikh Gurdwaras and Religious Endowment Act 1973; extension of benefits of SRO 425 to the Sikh Community members living in Kashmir valley, land transfer under Section 254 C and installation of statue of Maharaja Ranjit Singh ji at Srinagar.

The Lt Governor assured the members of the delegation that the issues projected by them will be examined for early redressal.

S. Ajit Singh, Chairman, Sikh Coordination Committee J&K was also present.



## Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji Shrine lit up ahead of Ram Temple consecration ceremony

## GDC Vijaypur organises awareness rally on Nasha Mukht Bharat

### Top News Report

VIJAYPUR, Jan 20: An awareness rally was organised by Nasha Mukht Bharat Committee and Department of Political Science in collaboration with the NSS unit of Government Degree College, Vijaypur under the supervision and guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Vandana Gupta, Principal of the college to aware public of the adjoining areas regarding Nasha Mukht Bharat and the importance of voting in a democratic country like India.

More than 40 college students participated in the activity with great enthusiasm, fervour and zeal.

The event commenced with the welcome address by Prof. (Dr.) Anoop Kumar Bhagat, Convenor, Nasha Mukht Bharat Committee, Government Degree College, Vijaypur.

He briefed the students that the objective of Nasha Mukht Bharat campaign is to reduce the demand and

supply of drugs in India by focusing on its prevention, treatment and rehabilitation, encompassing a comprehensive approach to address the various facets of drug addiction.

Prof. Anita Jamwal acquainted the students that the power to vote for country is an important part of democratic country and that there has been positive increase in the Lok Sabha

elections marking it as the highest turnout in the history of India in 2019. The event was coordinated by Prof. Anita Jamwal and Dr Anoop Kumar Bhagat, and coordinated by Prof. Ritu Bhagat, Prof. Poonam Kundan, Dr. Manoj Heer, Dr. Naseem Chowdhary, Dr. Priyanka Ganjoo Dr. Gunjeet Mahiwal and Renuka Kundal.

## LG Manoj Sinha releases devotional video song 'Ram Bhajo Re'



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 20: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha released the devotional video song 'Ram Bhajo Re' by NGO Healthy India Stronger India, at Raj Bhawan today.

The Lt Governor congratulated the team of Healthy India Stronger India and conveyed his best wishes to them.

The song is sung by Sh Hira Lal Abrol, Chairman of the NGO and composed by Sh Brij

Mohan and Sh Kuldeep Sapru.

Sukhnandan Choudhary, former Minister; Gourav Abrol Trustee Healthy India Stronger India and other members of the organization were also present.

## Maj Gen Shailendra inaugurates Balini Bridge

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 20: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated 35 Projects including 29 bridges and six roads from the Dhak Bridge site in Uttarakhand.

The Dhak Bridge was physically inaugurated

dedicated 10 newly constructed bridges costing approx 64 Crores to the Nation.

In line, Maj Gen Shailendra Singh, SM, Chief of Staff HQ 16 Corps inaugurated the 130-meter-long Balini Bridge at Km 15.66 on road Jammu-Srinagar constructed by HQ 69



## NCC Cadet JUO Dechen Chuskit of JK&L Directorate awarded Raksha Mantri Padak

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 20: A momentous occasion unfolded for the Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh (JK&L) Directorate as an exceptional and outstanding NCC Cadet, JUO Dechen Chuskit of 1 Ladakh Bn NCC was awarded the prestigious Raksha Mantri Padak, with this she became the first Cadet from the newly carved UT of Ladakh to receive such a high award.

This achievement is even more commendable since only two Cadets in the Country have been awarded the Raksha Mantri Padak.

This prestigious recognition underscores the cadet's outstanding commitment to service, leadership, and exem-

plary contributions to the National Cadet Corps. The award not only signifies individual excellence but also highlights the crucial role played by the NCC in nurturing dedicated and responsible citizens. JUO Dechen Chuskit's unwavering dedication to the principles of duty and discipline has made her a beacon of inspiration, epitomizing the spirit of the NCC. Her achievement stands as a testament to the potential within our youth for national service and commitment.

JUO Dechen Chuskit even though belonging to a remote village of Kargil worked hard to secure a place in the RDC contingent of the JK&L Dte in 2023 as part of the Group Song, Group

Dance, Ballet and NIAP team thereby showcasing the rich culture and traditions of Ladakh. Her performance in all NCC related activities has been exemplary. Despite facing economic, social and cultural challenges she volunteered to participate in various NCC Camps, Social Service and Community Development Programs. Her melodious voice has earned her many laurels and she was selected for re-recording the NCC Song with Mr Shankar Mahadevan in Mumbai representing the JK&L Dte. JUO Dechen Chuskit has set an example for others to follow and continues to motivate youth of her village and adjoining areas to join NCC and contribute towards nation building.

by the Raksha Mantri, while the other projects were inaugurated virtually by establishing an online connection to each of balance 34 sites.

In line with government policy of providing last-mile connectivity, project Sampark has embarked on rapid development of infrastructure in the Poonch, Reasi & Rajouri districts.

Out of 35 Infrastructure projects inaugurated, Project Sampark

RCC. The construction work of Balini bridge was began on August 4, 2020 and it completed on August 2, 2023. With the construction of this bridge, people of adjoining villages as well as army troops would benefit.

Chief Engineer (CE) SAMPARK Project Brigadier Neeraj Madan and OC 69 RCC EE Shankar Lal Tayal were also present on the occasion.

## Shivani leaves for 4th Tata Steel Sport Climbing C'ship

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 20: Shivani Charak, an ace sport climber of J&K left today for Delhi on the way to Tata Nagar, Orissa for participation in the 4th Tata Steel Sport Climbing Championship scheduled to be held at TSAF Sport Climbing Training Centre, Bistupur, Jamshedpur from 26th to 29th January, 2024.

However, before her departure for Tata Nagar from Delhi Shivani shall have a three days final stint of practice on international standard climbing walls at Indian Mountaineering Foundation and an international climbing Gym.

It may be mentioned here that Tata Steel Championship is India's biggest competition which carriage a total prize money of Rs. 6.50 lakhs. The championship is also unique as competitions are held in Lead and Bouldering (combined) and also in Speed Relay (Team).

Before her departure for Delhi Shivani Charak who has the distinction of being the first ever woman athlete of J&K to participate in the Hangzhou Asian Games, China called on the President of Mountaineering Association of J&K Zorawar Singh Jamwal to apprise him about her plans to compete in the forthcoming international competitions. Zorawar Singh assured her all possible help for her future competitions and wished her the best for the Tata Steel Championship. Ram Khajuria and Sumit Khajuria, Sr. Vice President and President respectively and Sonam Sidharth an executive member of Mountaineering Association of J&K who were also present on the occasion gave their best wishes to Shivani and hoped that she would enrich J&K sports by winning more medals from the prestigious competition.



## House of Shawarma starts 1st outlet at Channi Himmat



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 20: House of Shawarma (HoS) started by Vikram Sharma, Kartavya Bharti Pandoh and Arjun Sharma has opened its first outlet here yesterday at Channi Himmat.

A handout stated that the outlet is uniquely positioned to offer Lebanese Foods which is the fastest and healthiest growing segment in fast food category.

"While building HoS certainly has been a

labour of love, we have always brought an analytical eye to the process with vision for HoS to lead as national brand. We held back on expansion for first six months in order to prove our concept and work through every aspect of our business," the proprietors of HoS maintained adding: "HoS builds on unique offerings including Shawarma, Falafel, Salads, Pita/Hummus, Hot-Dogs, Burgers, Biryani and most authentic grilled chicken and Bak-

lava."

They further said that they have a proud tradition of operating great restaurants and take-aways for many years and this longstanding excellence is evident in everything that served fresh to the customers.

The handout further stated that HoS concept is perfectly attuned for customers who are increasingly seeking out a wide variety of quick and healthy food whether they are eating it outside or ordering it online sitting at home.

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**E-TENDER NOTICE**

Sr. DSTE/FZR acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders on <https://www.ireps.gov.in> against Tender No. 433-Sig-T-34-23-24 closing date/time 15.02.2024 (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 tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money **only through online payment modes** available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

Contract Type	Works	Tender closing date and time	Date Time of uploading Tender	19.01.2024 14:23
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**SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Fresh Short e-NIT No.58 of 2023-2024/Jammu East Dated 16-01-2024

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

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Advertised Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time Allowed for complete on	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Day to Day maintenance of road from Panjirthi to Sidhra Bridge and Panjirthi to Dc office Circular road including link to Balram Ji Temple road towards Panjirthi Chowk during the period of 2023-24 upto March 2024. (2 <sup>nd</sup> Call)	PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East	5.00	600	2% of Advertised Cost	Upto March 2024	(1300 Hrs) on or after 23-01-2024	A,B,C & D
2	Day to Day Maintenance of Roads from Hari Market to Indria Chowk, Raghunath Bazar to Ranbirshwar Temple via Shaheedi Chowk incl. links, Panjirthi to DC Office via Circular road, Dogra chowk to Vivekanand chowk, Gumat, JP chowk upto Indria chowk, Raghunath Temple Bazar to Gumat Ziarat incl. link road to Kanji House, Sunder Singh Gurudwara & all adjoining links (2 <sup>nd</sup> Call)	PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East	5.00	600	2% of Advertised Cost	Upto March 2024	(1300 Hrs) on or after 23-01-2024	A,B,C & D

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	16-01-2024
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 16-01-2024 to 22-01-2024 upto 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	XXXXXXX at XXXX Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East
4	Bid submission Start Date	16-01-2024
5	Bid Submission End Date	22-01-2024 upto 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	23-01-2024 on or after 1300 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

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

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## EDITORIAL

## RESPECT PARENTS

The presence of parents in a person's life is just like a Kalpavriksha which protects the small plants growing beneath it. Prepares them for external challenges and disasters and protects them.

In the same way, parents teach their children good habits, nurture them in the best possible way, provide them with good education, protect them from the crimes of the outside world and prepare them for new challenges in life. The role of parents is very important in giving responsible citizens to the country. When a child is very young he is completely dependent on others. Parents stay awake all night to put their children to sleep, feed them milk, change their dirty clothes etc. without any problem. When the child is very small, he does things like waking up and crying at night, due to which parents are unable to sleep for many nights, but still they take full care of their children without any complaint.

Then as he grows up, he senses and follows all the things around him. Children learn both good and bad habits very easily, but it is the duty of the parents to teach them to differentiate between good and bad and teach them to adopt good habits instead of adopting bad habits.

When the child grows up, the mother feeds the necessary vegetables and fruits to her child in new ways.

Whereas the father works hard all day in the office so that he can provide all the comforts and facilities to his family. Along with this, fathers also contribute in activities like inculcating good habits in their children, helping them in their studies, playing with them etc. No matter how old a child grows, he remains a child in the eyes of his parents and the parents always worry and care about him. Even when the child grows up and has children, parents do not forget to love and worry about their children, they do everything possible to give them happiness and comfort. Just like God, they take care of us, protect us and make us feel safe.

However, when children become self-reliant, start earning good money and settle down in their family life, then to some extent they ignore their parents. They forget how much struggle their parents have put in to bring them up.

The hard work, prayers and blessings of his parents have contributed a lot to where he has reached today. Many times, when children need their parents' help, companionship and love, they leave them in an old age home where they are left completely alone at the last stage of their lives.

Parents should have the highest place in every person's life. Whatever the parents do for their children, the child cannot repay it with his life. God always protects us as a parent. They are always there when we need them the most, so when they need our love, our company, our company, we should provide them that thing.

The company of elders always maintains a happy and positive atmosphere in the house. Living at home with elders also inculcates good values and conduct in children. Apart from this, children also understand religious importance very well in the company of elders.

## Will temple fervour lead to a 're-discovery' of India?

By: Sunanda K Datta  
Ray

Somewhere in the dusty corners of an akhra in mofussil Bangladesh is a piece of carving that might have stoked the fires of civil war if it had been in India. The black stone depicting Hara-Parvati was found when a tank was being excavated on our family's land. Being chipped, it was deemed unlucky, and my eldest uncle shunted it off to the akhra in respectful oblivion. I am probably the only living member of the family to be aware of its existence. I saw it last when visiting East Pakistan in 1965.

That lost link with the land of my fathers came to mind after watching two fascinating podcasts on the defining issue of our times, the inauguration of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. In one, Meenakshi Jain, author of *Flight of Deities and Rebirth of Temples: Episodes from Indian History*, seemed to warn obliquely that turmoil such as Ayodhya experienced might be repeated hundreds of times in a country bristling with ancient religious ruins. In the other, Nripendra Misra, a veteran IAS officer and key figure in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's administration, agreed that his post-retirement appointment as chairman of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust indicated that he was "an instrument of something that God has willed".

I must confess to hearing both claims with a profound sense of disquiet. Not that there is any question of disputing Dr Jain's assessment that the evidence of temples conclusively establishes the civilisational continuity that makes India a country rather than a continent like Europe or Africa.

I was also deeply impressed by Mr Misra's descriptions and recollections of the Prime Minister which revealed that Mr Modi is a man of few words who may consult others but needs no advice and whose orders must be promptly and fully obeyed.

But what of the substance of those orders? According to the Constitution, India is a "sovereign, socialist, secular, democratic republic" with a parliamentary system of government. That definition has always been interpreted to mean that Indians are free to practise any and every religion under the sun, or none at all, but that the Indian State is not committed to any particular creed.

In contrast, Britain is an avowedly Anglican Christian nation. The monarch being the supreme governor of the Church of England, cannot be or marry a Roman Catholic. Although when he was Prince of Wales, King Charles III had said several times that the monarch's title of "Defender of the Faith" should be revised to "Defender of Faiths", but he has shown no such inclination since ascending the throne. In practice, however, Britain is not bound to any one faith. Rishi Sunak, the ethnic Indian Prime Minister, professes to be a Hindu and took his oath of office on the Bhagwad Gita; Scotland's ethnic Pakistani Glasgow-born First Minister, Humza Yousaf, being a Muslim, took his oath on the Holy Quran. British society is broad-minded enough to make room for all faiths and sufficiently civilised not to restrict the privileges of full citizenship to members of any one religion.

Aiming at a similarly inclusive India, the first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, felt that the government should have absolutely nothing to do with recon-

structing the Somnath Temple in Gujarat, which Mahmud of Ghazni had plundered and destroyed several centuries earlier. Hence his reproach to Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India: "I confess that I do not like the idea of your associating yourself with the spectacular opening of the Somnath Temple. This is not merely visiting a temple, which can certainly be done by you or anyone else, but rather participating in a significant function which unfortunately has some implications." President Rajendra Prasad retorted with an astutely worded political reply that played to the populist gallery. "I would do the same with a mosque or a church if I were invited," he wrote. "This is the core of Indian secularism. Our State is neither irreligious nor anti-religious."

With national elections ahead, today's Congress Party does not mince words about the political aims of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party and the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. "Religion is a personal matter but the RSS and the BJP have made the Ayodhya temple a political project", declared a Congress statement. The party must be acutely and uncomfortably aware that the grand if disputed inauguration of the Ayodhya temple on January 22 may lead to an upsurge of nationalistic fervour in a country whose unlettered and hungry millions love nothing more than the magical bread of a circus. For some educated Indians too, it may be another discovery of India itself.

That's what the authorities want. Why else would the trust that Mr Misra heads have invited a galaxy of 4,000 "saints" -- seemingly a manufactured and marketable commodity -- and 2,400 celebrities, including sportsmen and film stars?

Readers will remember the televi-

sion coverage of the earlier bhoomi puja when Mr Modi, wearing a gilt coronet, prostrated himself at full length on the floor. The televised scene recalled for me the penitent Holy Roman Emperor Henry IV waiting barefoot in the snow for three days outside the fortress of Canossa for Pope Gregory VII to open the gates to expunge Henry's sins and repeal his excommunication.

What was a spectacle of humility and apology for the medieval European monarch will be a moment of glory for the modern Indian politician. "It is my good fortune that I was invited to witness this historical moment... From Kanyakumari to Kshirbhavani, from Koteswar to Kamakhya, from Jagannath to Kedarnath, from Somnath to Kashi Vishwanath... today the entire country is immersed in Lord Ram", Mr Modi announced with triumphant humility. Ayodhya being the symbol of the India that he claims to have discovered and is recreating, Mr Modi can adapt Napoleon's boast: "I found the crown in the gutter. I picked it up and the people put it on my head."

Thousands of such lost crowns can be picked up from forgotten sites across the length and breadth of India and beyond. Dr Jain mentioned Ayodhya, Kashi and Mathura. One recalls the historical negationist, Purushottam Nagesh Oak, claiming that Christianity and Islam were both derivatives of Hinduism; that Vatican City, the Ka'aba, Westminster Abbey and the Taj Mahal were erstwhile Shiva temples; and that the Roman Catholic papacy was originally a Vedic priesthood.

Amidst this multitude of lofty assertions, my humble Hara-Parvati might also pretend to represent some vanished Hindu tradition. Only an adventurous politician can trumpet that claim.

## Children falling apart in Shattered Relationships

By: Vijay Garg

*(The fabric of relationships is badly entangled)*

The web of relationships in our country is getting seriously entangled. The disintegration of close relationships between educated, alert citizens living in metropolitan cities and in villages and towns is coming out in the form of criminal incidents. Especially situations of conflict between husband and wife directly or indirectly take the form of criminal incidents. As a result of the distance in our shared life, some mind-shattering incidents seem unbelievable. even with loved ones. They become an example of inhuman behavior by committing barbarity. Recently, an incident that came to light due to the disintegration and separation in the relationship between husband and wife became an example of distortions in human behavior. In this incident that took place in Goa, a mother took the life of her four-year old innocent child. The main reason for the matter is the ongoing discord between husband and wife. It has come to light that the woman who committed this barbaric crime at the ripe age of thirty-nine was married in 2010. A son was born in 2019 and in the very next year i.e. 2020, husband and wife separated due to dispute. There was a divorce between them. The court ordered that the father could meet his child once a week. The mother became stressed over this matter. She did not want to allow her son to meet his father every Sunday as per the court order. In such a situation, complications in the relationship between parents and lack of emotional trust took the life of a child. However, this is not the only case of a financially independent and highly educated mother losing her wisdom. The knots in the relationship

between husband and wife suffocate some child every day. of poverty. From families trapped in a vicious cycle to privileged people, the arrogance of parents is pushing the future of the new generation towards darkness. It is unfortunate that the two people playing the role of parents do not understand that their mutual conflict also hurts the mental life of the children. In the deteriorating situation of marital relationships, the life of children also becomes difficult. Children who do not even understand the meaning of the future become surrounded by insecurity about their future life. The sting of loneliness comes to them. Accusations and counter-accusations between one's parents. They also get cut off from social life by watching sports. Prolonged marital disputes not only have a negative impact on the emotional and sensory life of children but also on their practical life. Children who witness conflict between their parents start getting disturbed in their normal routine and important daily activities. The irony is that at the age when children need physical and mental care the most, they end up alone. Children themselves also become a part of the criminal world. Most cases of marital separation. It is seen that protection of children remains a battle of ego and insecurity. Children also suffer due to deteriorating relationship between their parents. In view of such cases, some time ago the Supreme Court had made a comment that would awaken the consciousness of every parent in the matter of divorce. The court had said that children always suffer loss in the fight for custody. Children not only pay a heavy price for this, but are also deprived of the love and affection of their parents during this period. The court also said that children act without mistake. They suffer this pain. It is a matter of concern that in many cases the battle for divorce between

husband and wife continues for years. The Supreme Court has said that if a marital dispute is not resolved by mediation, then the courts should try to resolve such cases as quickly as possible. The child is paying a high price for every day this process takes. It is not difficult to understand that even during the divorce process, the bitterness, complaints and accusations between the parents make the children apprehensive about their future and Terrorizes. At the same time, after divorce, the custody, upbringing and responsibility of children becomes a matter of dispute. Adherence to judicial rules even in situations of divorce. At the same time, it is important to have a sense of human spontaneity. Especially for those who are also parents. It is true that due to mutual differences between husband and wife, if the situation becomes unbearable then the only option left is separation, but even on this issue of disintegrating relationships, sensitivity, awareness and understanding is required. Even at the time of separation, both parties share upbringing with mature thinking. It is necessary to stand on the front. Children who live with their married, biological parents consistently have better physical, emotional and educational development, even after separation, according to nearly three decades of research evaluating the impact of family structure on children's health and well-being. Due to lack of calm state of mind and stability, sometimes cases of taking one another's life come to light and sometimes the lives of children are put in danger. The mother who carried out the Goa incident has received education abroad. 'Artificial Intelligence' in 2021. She has been included in the list of 'Ethics' hundred talented women. She is a conscious woman of today. In fact, such cases are also the result of confusion in the human psyche. Sometimes out of anger for a

moment and sometimes due to fears about the future, people do not shy away from carrying out such painful incidents. Undoubtedly, the complexities of social and family relations prepare the ground for such crimes. In this case also, a brilliant, educated and financially independent woman sacrificed her innocent child. Deeply deeply in the mood to take away the life of It is necessary to understand this. If proper communication had continued between the parents regarding the child even after separation, this situation would not have arisen. Due to direct conversation and natural interaction between the two, feelings of insecurity do not develop in the woman's mind. The fact that this criminal incident is rooted in the apprehensions about the child meeting his father underlines the need for every parent going through a divorce to seriously understand such aspects. In the changing social environment, every aspect that is changing from mind to life is not positive. New questions, especially on the home-family front, new Problems are standing before us as challenges. The cases of divorce in our country are much less than in many countries of the world. Despite this, the complications related to married life are increasing the crime statistics rapidly. Figures from 'World of Data Statistics' show that even today divorce cases in India are only one percent. The real problem is that even after divorce, the understanding to accept the judicial decision and live one's life in a respectable manner is missing. Tolerance and thoughtfulness even during the ups and downs of relationships Positivity is necessary.

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## DC Kulgam holds public outreach programmes at Devsar, Zangulpora

Top News Report

KULGAM, Jan 20: To reach out to the people for early redressal of their grievances and issues, the District Administration Kulgam on Saturday organised public outreach programmes at Devsar and Zangulpora area of Kulgam district.

To take firsthand appraisal of issues of public importance, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Amir Khan presided over the grievance redressal



camp at Devsar and Zangulpora.

The grievance redressal programme witnessed participation of people from Devsar, Sopat, Adigam, Kilam Zangulpora Phaloo and other areas who

put forth various developmental and welfare demands including construction of flood protection bunds, shifting of utilities, and various other demands.

DDC member Devsar Reyaz Amad bhat also

projected various developmental demands of their areas.

Officers and heads of departments responded to the queries and grievances of the people pertaining to their departments and intimated

them about various welfare schemes and ongoing developmental projects.

The DC after giving patient hearing to the public issues raised during the camp addressed some grievances of the immediate nature on the spot.

ADDC Showkat Ahmad Father, ADC, Vikar Ahmad Giri; ACR Mir Imtiyaz Ul Aziz, ACD Mohd Mohd Imran Khan, and other district officers and officials were present on the occasion.

## Mahant Shastri meets Director Information

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 20: Mahant Rohit Shastri, President, Shri Kailash Jyotish evam Vedic Sansthan Trust, met Jatin Kishor, the Director of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) Jammu and Kashmir at Jammu.

During the meeting, Mahant Shastri presented the latest edition of Trust's annual magazine "Kartavya Marg" to Jatin Kishor, and enlightened him about the efforts of the trust in promoting Devavani Sanskrit and its ongoing work in religious and social domains.

Shastri emphasized the trust's commitment to enhancing Sanskrit language, cultural heritage, and traditional values.

He mentioned that through the trust, endeavours are being made to uplift Sanskrit language and cultural heritage, and he lauded



the efforts of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in promoting Devvani Sanskrit in the region.

Shastri highlighted the establishment of the Sanskrit department at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University in Katra and the increase in seats at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Sanskrit Gurukul, Katra.

Referring to the orders of LG Manoj Sinha, Shastri announced the upcoming establishment of a Sanskrit Gurukul at Venkateshwar Swami Temple

(Tirupati Balaji Temple) in Jammu.

He expressed that various initiatives are underway to further boost Sanskrit in the state and work on other subjects.

On this occasion, Prof. Sharat Chander Sharma praised Mahant Rohit Shastri for playing a crucial role as a dedicated servant of Sanskrit in the state, along with other members of the trust, in advancing the cause of Devavani Sanskrit.

## JKBS felicitates disabled Ashok Tugga for his courage



Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 20: The Kaith Biradari members paid obeisance to Baba Surgal at Shahzadpur Kothi and sought his blessings for the well-being of their families.

Baba Surgal Chela Suresh Kumar said, "Baba Surgal Ji Bahut Thande Sawaab K Devta Hain Kisi Ko Kuch Nahi Karte. Magar

Jub Koi Galti Kare Toh Bahut Gussa Hote Hain Aur Jaldi Maaf Bhi Nahi Karte. Aaj Kal Bahut Se Logon Ne Baba Surgal Ji K Asthan Apne-Apne Gharon Me Banaye Huye Hain Aur Unki Pooja Karte Hain. Baba Surgal Ji Bahut Pavitar Shud Devta Hain Aur Kabhi Bakre Ki Bali Nahi Lete Hain. Wo Bhagwan Shiv Sankar Ji Ki Pooja Karne Waalo Par."

## Ajeet demands ballots box elections across India

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Jan 20: Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Senior leader Ajeet Bhagat again raised questions over EVMS and demanded that voters be handed over VVPAT slips that can then be put in ballot boxes.

Responding to a video raising questions about the use of EVMS in elections,

Ajeet Bhagat stated that he has been saying since 2003 that he does not trust EVMS.

"To whom I want to cast my vote, I don't even know where my vote has been cast. There is no such machine in the world in which a chip is inserted which cannot be hacked. Because the chip will follow the



orders of the software embedded in it. You will type 'A' the software will say 'A' and only 'A' will be printed," he said.

"If you press 'HAL National Conference' poll symbol' on EVM, what will be printed if the software says 'lotus'? National Conference or lotus? Now the matter comes to this that the VVPAT machine showed you 'HAL' for 7 seconds, we went away happy but 'lotus' (BJP's election symbol) will be

printed! You can watch this game on Rahul Mehta's video," Bhagat said in his Statement.

He said the Opposition's demand had been that elections be conducted through ballot paper, as is done in all developed countries.

"Counting will take some more time. So be it. But the public will believe that their vote went to the person they wanted it to. Today it is not even known. If @Narendramodi and our Election Commission @ECISVEEP love EVMS so much then why don't they show the VVPAT slip, give it to us and we will put it in the ballot boxes, Ajeet Bhagat said I hope this matter will be considered Election Commission of India and we will get Justice.

## Country heading towards "dictatorship" and "democracy will not survive": Rajesh Gupta

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 20: Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) J&K UT General Secretary and media head Rajesh Gupta on Saturday while interacting to local channel said the country was heading towards "dictatorship" and "democracy will not survive" if the ruling party's actions were allowed to continue.

Gupta added, "Investigating agencies such as CBI and ED are being increasingly deployed in a selective and targeted manner with a view to completely crush political dissent and upend the fundamental premises of a representative democracy."

The Modi-government, he said, talked a lot about democracy, but did not practise what it preached. Prices of diesel, petrol and cooking gas cylinder are being increased every now and then. In the last few years, prices of petrol and diesel have been increased 60 times.

Modi government proved worst in terms



He said that people of Jammu and Kashmir are also eagerly awaiting for the next available opportunity to teach BJP and its allies a lesson for letting them down and not fulfilling promises made to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

This is not the time for us to rest...We must unite and overthrow this dictatorial government to save our democracy," the BSP leader said.

Gupta said, "We must work tirelessly putting aside personal interests.

We must prioritise the success of the party putting aside our personal differences. We must exercise self-restraint.

Organisational unity is of utmost importance, he said and stressed that "only through unity and discipline can we defeat our adversaries."

Noting the challenges that lay ahead, he said these challenges aren't just for the BSP as they concern the survival of Indian democracy and the preservation of the Constitution too.

## We get Ram Mandir due to efforts of Modi: Braham Jyot

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 20: BJP OBC Morcha Incharge Braham Jyot Satti attended Ramayan Katha Samaroh as main guest at Hari Mandir Rehari, Jammu.

In the program, organisers and devotees welcomed Braham Jyot by presenting him Mata Ki Chunni. It was organised by Ankush Sharma (social worker) and will conclude on 22nd of January, the day of Pran Pratishtha ceremony at Ram Mandir Ayodhya.

Parveen Badyal (Vice President OBC), Rakesh Pandey (Mandal President Ambphala), Sanjay Verma (Mandal President OBC), Anu Bali (Senior BJP leader), Pandit Om Prakash Shastri (story teller), Pandit Uttam Chand



(Incharge Hari Mandir) and others were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Braham Jyot said that after 1 day on 22nd of January Pran Pratishtha will be held at Ram Mandir, Ayodhya and it is not less than Diwali for Hindus and all devotees of Lord Shri Ram because we

are getting Ram Mandir with the efforts of PM Narendra Modi and life sacrifices of various Karsewaks.

He appealed public to light Diyas at their homes on 22nd January and worship Shri Ram because it will be a historic day and everyone should celebrate it. He said as world-

class infrastructure is built in Ayodhya, the temple town would see a convergence of tradition and modern Vikas (development), which from the ruling BJP's viewpoint is a must for a country's "national greatness".

He said that whole world was waiting for the "historic" Ram

temple consecration ceremony on January 22, and appealed to people to celebrate this as Diwali.

He said "If any country wants to develop, it has to protect its heritage. We are moving forward with the old and the new. Once, Ram Lalla was in a tent in Ayodhya. PM Modi ji provided pucca house to not only crores of people but also to Ram Lalla.

He said that Ayodhya would give direction to the development of the whole of UP and not just Awadh region and BJP is undertaking thousands of crores of development; it is being made smart. Roads are being widened, flyovers are coming up. New means of transportation are coming to Ayodhya.

## Fire and Fury Corps distributes clothes to Mahabodhi Old Age Home

Top News Report

LEH, Jan 20: The Units of Fire and Fury Corps have always been empathetic to the causes of the old and infirm.

In continuation of this line of effort the units distributed clothes and organised lunch for the elderly residents of Mahabodhi Old Age Home at Ladakh, in a sincere effort towards its commitment to community welfare.

Indian Army recognizes the importance of ensuring warmth and comfort for the elderly



especially during the harsh climate.

The noble gesture not only reinforces the unabated resolve of Indian Army towards its

commitments for society and social service, but also was an effort to recognise the contribution of the elderly towards the society.

## RGCN Jammu organizes Training Workshop on Basic Life Support & Automated External Defibrillator

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 20: Basic Life Support (BLS) generally refers to a level of medical care which can be provided by trained medical personnel, including emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and by qualified by standers for victims of life-threatening illnesses or injuries until they can be given full medical care at hospital.

By raising awareness, and encouraging well-informed action for this purpose Rajiv Gandhi College of Nursing, Chak Bhalwal Jammu organized one day training workshop on Basic Life



Support (BLS) & Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on Saturday at their campus, Chak Bhalwal Jammu.

All Nursing students including Nursing Faculty were present and actively participated and updated their knowledge on BLS & AED with appropriate hands on skills.

Pallvi Sharma, Nursing Tutor RGCN welcomed the resource persons and the delegates. The programme was conducted with great enthusiasm by conducting scientific session by Dr. Shalini Bernard, Chief Nursing Officer Max Hospital Dehradun on Nursing Journey towards clinical practice.

Then simulation session was held by Deepak Kapoor, Manager clinical Training Max Healthcare, Health System Strengthening-University of Melbourne for the delegates.

All delegates successfully completed BLS & AED Training. Feedback was obtained from the delegates and the delegates assured that they shall utilize the skill gained whenever and wherever needed in the clinical setting and they also addressed that the programme was highly beneficial to them.

At the end of the session, certificate was distributed to the delegates. Anjana Bavouria,

Director RGCN present momentum and expressed heartfelt appreciation for the significant role played by our resource person Dr. Shalini Bernard and Deepak Kapoor. At last vote of thanks delivered by Sonia Nanda, Associate Professor, RGCN.

Principal RGCN, Rafiq Bashir praised the faculty of RGCN, for organising this workshop. She emphasized how such training is not just a skill but a crucial element in the chain of saving lives. Management of RGCN Jammu is thankful to all the staff, IT department and all participants who joined in this program.

## Ayushmann Khurrana, who professes his love for Indian jewellery, says it's time men embrace its opulence as a celebration of individuality

In the world of showbiz, Ayushmann Khurrana is known not just for his acting prowess or his love for music, but for a new venture that set the tone for a fashion revolution. He says his recent collaboration with Bvlgari for men's jewellery in India is about inspiring a fresh wave of self-expression for men through accessories. Flaunting the gold kada, this trendsetter believes it blends tradition and modernity. Dazzling delight

"I believe fashion is a way of expressing your unique style and accessorising correctly simply adds to the look. This exquisite piece that I am wearing not only pays homage to India's rich cultural heritage with its dazzling yellow gold, but also captures the essence of modernity that defines our nation today," he says.

While the idea aligns with his desire to encourage men to embrace the opulence of Indian jewellery, Ayushmann's perspective on men wearing jewellery unfolds as a celebra-



tion of individuality. It's about making a statement! Sharing personal insights into his own affinity for jewellery, Ayushmann takes a trip back to his childhood in Chandigarh. "Growing up in a multicultural environment where Hinduism and Sikhism are celebrated, wearing a kada was a cherished tradition."

Ayushmann confesses his fondness for other accessories as well. "I really like watches

and in jewellery it would be some statement pieces like a thin chain, probably a ring." Whatever be the pick, his style is a fusion of cultural roots and a contemporary flair.

In the midst of this exploration of men and jewellery, Ayushmann also acknowledges the influence of fellow artistes. "I like Diljit Dosanjh's pairing of chains with bomber jackets." It is a testament to the versatility

of men's jewellery and its ability to seamlessly integrate into different styles, reflecting the evolving nature of fashion.

Up next

As the conversation turns to the future, Ayushmann outlines his goals for 2024, both professionally and personally. "This year will be about prioritising my musical ambitions along with my film journey. In terms of movies, I am going to experiment with a lot of genres this year. My slate of films will be extremely diverse and it will focus solely on delivering quality theatrical experience to the audience." On a personal note, Ayushmann aspires to 'live a wholesome life', finding equilibrium amidst the demands of stardom.

The anticipation for his future projects heightens as Ayushmann tantalisingly hints at an exciting line-up. While details remain under wraps, the actor assures fans that each film in the pipeline deserves a grand announcement, a promise of cinematic excellence.

## Zeenat Aman lauds 'Indian Idol 14' contestant



Nostalgia unfolds in the singing reality show

Indian Idol 14's recent episode titled 'Cele-

brating Dev Anand and Zeenat Aman'.

Faridabad's Adya Mishra, who sang Dum Maro Dum from the 1971 movie Hare Rama Hare Krishna, compelled Zeenat Aman to compliment her: "If someone with such talent entered Bollywood, it would undoubtedly make waves."

Zeenat further spoke about Dev Anand and emphasised his unconventional approach to filmmaking.

The episode not only celebrates the magic of Bollywood's golden era, but also promises to leave a lasting impression on the audience, making it a must-watch.

In a spectacular homage to the timeless icon, Dev Anand, Zeenat will extensively talk about his legendary journey in the entertainment industry and express gratitude for having had the opportunity to work with him.

## Salma Hayek sets Instagram on fire with nude throwback snaps

Salma Hayek sent fans on a wild ride after sharing a carousel of unearthened naked photographs on social media!

The From Dusk Till Dawn and Frida actress left little to the imagination as she uploaded the throwback snaps on her Instagram account, sharing the saucy collection with her 27.7million followers on the platform, sparking thousands of interactions.

The 57-year-old's upload had more than half a million likes in just one hour and thousands of comments. They look to be grabs from film print-outs, thought to have been taken several years ago, but it's not yet clear when the photoshoot took place.

Writing alongside the saucy snaps, Salma penned, "Some say never look back, but sometimes it's the best view #tbt"



## American singer-songwriter Norah Jones announces her ninth studio album 'Visions'

American singer-songwriter and pianist Norah Jones announced her ninth studio album 'Visions' and released a music video for the lead single 'Running', reported People.

In a statement, the Grammy winner opened up about the inspiration behind the 12-song record. "The reason I called the album Visions is because a lot of the ideas came in the middle of the night or in that moment right before sleep," said the 44-year-old singer-songwriter, "and 'Running' was one of them where you're half asleep and kind of jolted awake."

'Visions' was largely crafted alongside producer and multi-instrumentalist Leon Michels, who shared a special collaborative bond with Jones throughout its creation.

"We did most of the songs in the same way where I was at the piano or on guitar and Leon was playing drums and

we were just jamming on stuff," added the musician. "I like the rawness between Leon and me, the way it sounds kind of garage-y but also kind of soulful, because that's where he's coming from, but also not overly perfected."

Trumpet Player Dave Guy, bassist Jesse Murphy, and drummers Brian Blade and Homer Steinweiss all contributed to the album, which is Jones' first full-length release since 2021's 'I Dream of Christmas'.

According to People, 'Visions' is set for a March 8 release via Blue Note Records, and Jones will embark on a North American tour in support of the album in May.

Ticket information is available on her website.

In a 2022 People interview, Jones pondered on her debut album 'Come Away with Me', which was released 20 years ago.

The project was a



## Fantasy & fantastic

Here are sci-fi movies to watch out for in 2024

Kalki 2898 AD  
Upcoming movie Kalki 2898 AD is a combination of sci-fi and mythology. It stars Prabhas, Amitabh Bachchan, Kamal Haasan, Deepika Padukone and Disha Patani. The movie has been directed by Nag Ashwin and is set to release on May 9, 2024.

Kingdom Of The Planet Of The Apes  
The fourth instalment of the Planet of the Apes reboot franchise is set to hit the theatres on May 10. Wes Ball has directed the film, which stars Owen Teague in the starring role alongside Freya Allan and Kevin Durand.

Madame Web  
Dakota Johnson stars as the upcoming Marvel character Madame Web. The film is intended to be the fourth instalment in



Sony's Spider-Man Universe (SSU). The character has extraordinary

psychic talents, which she utilises to help those with spider powers! The

film has been directed by SJ Clarkson and will be released on Febru-

ary 14.

Deadpool 3  
Deadpool 3 follows Wolverine as he recovers from his injuries and crosses paths with Deadpool.

The movie's narrative revolves around two renowned heroes teaming up to beat the villain (played by Emma Corrin) in an epic battle. The film will be released on July 26.

Venom 3  
Last we saw, Venom entered the Marvel Cinematic Universe and realised his new identity as Spider-Man (played by Tom Holland). Spider-Man and Venom are renowned comic book foes, and their reunion has been awaited since Venom 2's post-credit scene. Kelly Marcel has directed the film, which is set to be released on November 8.

## Manoj Bajpayee to host Secrets of the Buddha Relics



Warner Bros. Discovery returns with the third edition of the Secrets franchise, Secrets of the Buddha Relics, which will be releasing on January 22 on Discovery Plus and on February 26 at 9:00 pm on Discovery Channel. Created by Neeraj Pandey's Friday Storytellers and hosted by the versatile National Award and Padma Shri-awardee Manoj Bajpay-

ee, the documentary will acquaint viewers with the historical and cultural significance of Buddha's relics.

Actor Manoj Bajpayee said, "I am thrilled to continue my ongoing collaboration with Warner Bros. Discovery for the Secrets franchise. Working alongside Neeraj Pandey is always a rewarding experience with insightful takeaways that

contribute to shaping the documentary. The documentary promises to transport viewers to the time of the Buddha, delving into the historical period that witnessed his life and teachings. It aims to connect audiences with profound stories that have played a pivotal role in shaping our spiritual heritage."

Created by showrunner Neeraj Pandey, the documentary unravels the mysteries surrounding the last days of Gautama Buddha and the relics that serve as the epicentre of Buddhism in modern times. It will trace the origins, cultural significance and mystical stories behind these relics, exploring their spread worldwide and the role they play in making Buddhism the world's fourth-largest faith. Delving into the types of relics and their classification, the documentary combines historical and mythological narratives to provide a comprehensive understanding of their role in Buddhism.

## PM Narendra Modi offers prayers at historic Srirangam temple in Tamil Nadu, listens to Kamba Ramayana in Tamil

*Ramayana being a national epic, one can find composed versions of Ramayana in various languages*

NEW DELHI, Jan 20 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday offered prayers at the historic Srirangam temple in Tamil Nadu and listened to Kamba Ramayana in Tamil, one of the oldest language versions of the epic.

Ramayana being a national epic, one can find composed versions of Ramayana in various languages.

The Kamba Ramayana is a very old version of the Ramayana and was composed by Tamil poet Kamban in the 12th century.

The temple that the PM visited on Saturday has a deep connection with the Kamba Ramayana.



It was at this temple that Kamban first publicly presented his Ramayana and won the hearts of the people.

Even today, there is a plat-

form/Mantapam in the temple called Kamba Ramayana Mantapam to commemorate that occasion.

The PM sat in that very place

where Kamba first sang the Tamil Ramayana, reinforcing the deep connection between Tamil, Tamil Nadu and Sri Ram.

Later, the PM will listen to a special programme featuring the rendition of Ram Kathas in various languages and scripts, including Gurmukhi, Kashmiri and Assamese.

The PM will be in Tamil Nadu on Saturday and Sunday to visit temples that are significant to the episodes from Lord Rama's life.

The PM also received a special offering for the Ayodhya Ram temple on behalf of the presiding deity at Shri Ranganath Swamy temple.

## India Will Get Rid Of Naxalism In 3 Years: Amit Shah



TEZPUR, Jan 20 (Agencies): Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Saturday that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country will be cent per cent free of the problem of Naxalism in the next three years.

"I believe that in the next three years under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, the country will completely get rid of the problem of Naxalism," Mr Shah said while speaking at the 60th Raising Day of Sashatra Seema Bal (SSB) in Assam's Tezpur on Saturday.

Lauding the bravery of the SSB in fighting against Naxalism, Amit Shah said that along with the CRPF and the BSF, the SSB has brought the Naxal movement to an edge.

"Along with protecting the border of friendly countries of Nepal and Bhutan, the SSB has fought against Naxalites in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Bihar. I have heard of your bravery whenever I have gone on review of Naxal operations in these areas," Shah said.

Speaking on the role of the SSB in eliminating terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, the Union Home Minister said, "In Jammu and Kashmir, the SSB has laid down their lives while fighting

together with the CRPF, BSF, Jammu and Kashmir Police and the Indian Army against terrorists."

Amit Shah said that the government has released a postal stamp to mark the occasion of the 60th Raising Day of SSB.

"Today on the occasion of the 60th Raising Day of Sashatra Seema Bal, the Government of India also released a postal stamp. It will keep the SSB's devotion to duty alive in front of the people of the country forever."

Shah said that the central government has taken several steps for the welfare of all the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) including the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and other organizations.

"In the last nine years, Prime Minister Modi has taken several steps for the welfare of all the CAPFs, be it CRPF or all the other organizations deployed on the border like the SSB," Shah said.

Speaking about the history of the SSB, Shah said, "The SSB has a rich history of being immersed in the service and protection of our country. After the India-China war, SSB was established in 1963 and after Atal ji (Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee) implemented the policy of 'One Border One Force', SSB has been dutifully protecting the India-Nepal border since 2001 and the India-Bhutan border since 2004."

The Union Home Minister attended the 60th Raising Day of Sashatra Seema Bal at SSB Complex in Tezpur along with Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.

## 'Don't see any problem': Spiritual leader on PM doing Pran Pratistha on Jan 22

NEW DELHI, Jan 20 (Agencies): Morari Bapu, who is the biggest donor of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi ahead of the mega 'Pran Pratistha' (consecration) ceremony on January 22. Speaking to news agency, he also spoke about those who have decided not to attend the inauguration, saying it is a "lost opportunity" for them.

"I have no problem with PM Modi doing the pran pratistha. He is the Prime Minister of the country. One should not look at which side (party) he hails from, but the fact that he represents the nation. He has made an immense contribution, which is why Ram Mandir inauguration is even happening today," Morari

Bapu said.

Bapu donated Rs 18.6 crore for the Ram temple construction. He told news agency that his followers sent the money within three days only.

Morari Bapu also shared his views on those who have declined to attend the inauguration, saying that they get "proof in the next few months" whether the move was "good or bad". He, however, said it's one's choice to go to an event or give it a miss, and did not divulge the matter, stressing that he does not associate himself with any side and maintains an "honourable distance".

"Nobody is happier than me about the Pran Pratistha," he told news agency in an exclusive interview.

Morari Bapu, who is known to narrate Ram

Katha (stories of Lord Ram), said he can feel his happiness about the Ram Mandir inauguration but "cannot give proof" of the same.

Asked about the four Shankaracharyas questioning the consecration and saying it is against the scriptures, Morari Bapu appealed to them to give their blessings for the occasion.

"I am sure the Shankaracharyas find no fault in Ram Mandir, I request them to send their blessings," he said.

He added that no 'muhurat' (auspicious time for a ritual) need not be selected for the consecration as when it happens on January 22, it in itself will be a "sacred moment".

"(Lord) Ram is the image of dialogue. There should not be any controversy (around it). All debate should end



now. Everyone should bless this occasion," Morari Bapu said during the interview.

He said that on January 22, he will attend the consecration ceremony alone. He also termed the event as the "biggest festival" of the country and through which, India will "inspire the world".

Morari Bapu has been reciting Ram Kathas since he was a child. In August last year, he became the first Hindu leader to recite Ram

Katha at Cambridge University. The spiritual leader's event was hosted for nine days from August 12 to 20 at the historic Jesus College.

UK Prime Minister, who is the first Hindu premier of the country, was among the attendees at the event.

Notably, during an exchange with Morari Bapu, Sunak said, "Bapu, I stand before you not as the Prime Minister, but as a Hindu."

## Former Haryana MP Ashok Tanwar joins BJP in presence of Manohar Lal Khattar

NEW DELHI, Jan 20 (Agencies): Former MP from Haryana, Ashok Tanwar, who quit the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) two days ago over the party's 'alignment' with Congress, joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Saturday in Delhi.

Tanwar joined the BJP at the party's national headquarters in Delhi in the presence of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and state BJP chief Nayab Singh Saini.

Speaking to the media after joining the Congress, Tanwar praised the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said that he was influenced by him.



"The country has been transformed in the last ten years under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi. We are influenced by the work being done by PM Modi to make India number one. I will work towards nation-building as much as possible," he said.

"We will work as a team with CM Manohar Lal Khattar, (Haryana) state President Nayab Singh Saini to ensure in 2024 that we win 400 Lok Sabha seats," he added.

Welcoming him into the BJP, Khattar said, "Big day of expansion of BJP

Haryana as the former Congress state chief and a former leader of AAP-- Ashok Tanwar has joined the BJP with his supporters".

"He is my nephew as his mother and I belong to the same village," Khattar added.

Khattar further said

that he was pained when Congress workers targeted Tanwar when he was in the grand old party.

"He wanted to join the BJP after getting fed up with Congress," Khattar said to the media.

Tanwar had left Congress but ended up joining the AAP instead of the BJP in April 2022. He ended up committing the mistake, Khattar said.

But now, after his experience, Tanwar rectified his mistake and joined the BJP, he added.

Notably, on Thursday, Tanwar quit the AAP, expressing displeasure with its alignment with the Congress.

## Doctor couple dies by suicide over debt in Madhya Pradesh, note found

SAGAR, Jan 20 (Agencies): A doctor couple died allegedly by suicide at their house in Madhya Pradesh's Sagar district on Saturday due to an outstanding debt, police said.

Doctors Balbir and Manju Kaithoria were found dead in their house located in Nandan Colony in Bina town, some 70 km from the district headquarters, a police official said.

The couple's son,

who was studying out of town, discovered the bodies when he returned home this morning, he said.

Balbir was found hanging from the ceiling fan while his wife's body was on the bed, the official said.

Prima facie, it appears that the woman had died after consuming or injecting herself with a poisonous substance, he said.

A suicide note was found in the room, in

which the couple mentioned that they were worried about an outstanding debt, the official said.

The deceased were doctors with the state health department. Balbir was posted at the community health centre in Kurwai, and Manju was a gynaecologist at Bina Civil Hospital, he said.

A case has been registered, and further investigation is underway, the official said.

## Creator of deepfake video of actor Rashmika Mandanna arrested from south India

NEW DELHI, Jan 20 (Agencies): Delhi Police on Saturday said they had arrested a man in connection with a deepfake video of actor Rashmika Mandanna that was widely circulated on social media.

The accused, who is suspected to be the creator of the video, was arrested from south

India and had been brought to Delhi, an official said, adding that he was being interrogated.

On November 10, an FIR was registered under Sections 465 (punishment for forgery) and 469 (forgery for purpose of harming reputation) of the IPC and Sections 66C and 66E of the Information

Technology Act at the Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations (IFSO) Unit of the Delhi Police's Special Cell.

Soon after registering the FIR, the IFSO Unit wrote to Meta to get the URL and other details to identify the accused who made the video and put it on the social media, officials added.

## Hemant Soren records statement in land scam case amid protest by party workers

RANCHI, Jan 20 (Agencies): Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren gave his statement to the Enforcement Directorate officials on Saturday in a money laundering case linked to an alleged land scam.

Hemant Soren's party workers had staged a protest outside his house, saying they wouldn't allow ED officials to reach the Chief Minister's house.

In view of the protests, security was beefed up around the Chief Minister's house and zonal office of the Enforcement Directorate in Ranchi.

The probe agency had sent a letter on January 13 asking Soren to be available for questioning in the case between January 16



and January 20. The Jharkhand Chief Minister told the ED it could record his statement

on January 20 at his residence.

Soren, the 48-year-old executive president of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), had skipped seven earlier summonses by the ED and accused the BJP-led government of using central agencies to destabilise his government.

Earlier this month, the probe agency had even raided the premises of Soren's press advisor, officials of Sahibganj district and a former MLA as part of a money laundering probe into alleged illegal mining in the state.

The agency, since 2022, has been probing a trail of Rs 100 crore of "proceeds of crime" generated from illegal mining operations in the state.

## 13 students reported killed in an elementary school dorm fire in China's Henan province

*The boarding school caters primarily to students in the elementary grades, though it has an attached kindergarten*

BANGKOK, Jan 20 (Agencies): A fire broke out in dorms at a boarding school for elementary students in central Henan province, and 13 students died in the blaze, Chinese state media reported on Saturday.

All of the dead were third grade students, a teacher told Zonglan news, a state-backed media outlet from Hebei province. One person rescued from the scene was being treated in the hospital, CCTV, China's state broadcaster said.

The fire started Friday night and was put out just before midnight at Yingcai School in



rural Fangcheng district in central Henan, and the school's owner was detained, CCTV reported.

Local authorities said they were investigating the cause of the fire.

The boarding school caters primarily to students in the elementary grades, though it has an attached kindergarten, according to the school's WeChat page. Many of the boarding students come from rural areas, the Beijing Youth Daily reported.

The facility is in Dushu township and is one of the school's two branches.

## Pakistan agrees to de-escalate tension with Iran after retaliation

ISLAMABAD, Jan 20 (Agencies): Pakistani Foreign Minister Jilil Abbas Jilani spoke with his Iranian counterpart Hossein Amir-Abdollahian and agreed to de-escalate the situation that emerged after strikes by both sides in each other's territories, said the Pakistani Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Foreign Ministry in a statement said Jilani talked to Amir-Abdollahian over the phone and expressed Pakistan's desire to work with Iran based on the spirit of mutual trust and cooperation while stressing the close brotherly rela-

tions between Pakistan and Iran, Xinhua news agency reported.

Jilani stressed that respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty must underpin the cooperation, said the statement.

According to the Ministry, the two Foreign Ministers agreed that working-level cooperation and close coordination on counter-terrorism and other aspects of mutual concern should be strengthened.

Both Foreign Ministers also discussed the return of the ambassadors of the two countries to their respective capi-

tals, the Ministry added.

Pakistan on Wednesday accused Iran of violating Pakistan's airspace, killing two Pakistani children, after Iran hit some targets near the Pakistan-Iran border inside Pakistan.

Later on Wednesday evening, Pakistan recalled its ambassador from Iran and advised the latter not to send its ambassador to Islamabad.

Pakistan's military announced that the country carried out effective strikes against hideouts inside Iran used by "terrorists" responsible for recent attacks in Pakistan.

## Japan becomes fifth country to land spacecraft on the moon

TOKYO, Jan 20 (Agencies): Japan became the fifth country in history to reach the moon when one of its spacecrafts without astronauts successfully made a soft landing on the lunar surface early Saturday.

However, space officials said they needed more time to analyze whether the Smart Lander for Investigating Moon, or SLIM, achieved its mission priority of making a pinpoint landing. They also said the craft's solar panel had failed to generate power, which could shorten its activity on the moon.

Space officials believe that the SLIM's small rovers were launched as planned and that data was being transmitted back to Earth, said Hitoshi Kuninaka, head of the Institute of Space and Astronautical Science, a unit of Japan's space agency.

But he said that SLIM's solar battery wasn't generating power and that it had only a few more hours of battery life. He said the priority was for the craft to gather as much data about its landing and the moon as possible on the remaining battery.

Japan follows the United States, the Soviet Union, China and India in reaching the moon.

Kuninaka said he believes that Japan's space program at least achieved "minimum" success.

SLIM landed on the moon at about 12:20 a.m. Tokyo time Saturday (1520 GMT Friday).

There was a tense wait for news after the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency's mission control initially said that SLIM was on the lunar surface, but that it was still "checking its status." No further details were given until a news conference nearly two hours later.

For the mission to be considered fully successful, space officials needed to confirm whether SLIM made a pinpoint landing. Kuninaka said that while more time was needed, he personally thought it was most likely achieved, based on his observation of data showing the spacecraft's movement until the landing and its ability to transmit signals after landing. He said the solar panel is possibly not in the planned angle, but there is still hope.

Despite the solar panel issue, "it's delight-

ful news," Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said in a message posted on X, formerly known as Twitter, pledging the government's continuing backing for the endeavors toward new challenges.

NASA Administrator Bill Nelson also lauded SLIM's landing with an X message, congratulating Japan "on being the historic 5th country to land successfully on the Moon! We value our partnership in the cosmos and continued collaboration" in the U.S.-led multinational Artemis Moon exploration.

SLIM, which was aiming to hit a very small target, is a light-weight spacecraft about the size of a passenger vehicle. It was using "pinpoint landing" technology that promises far greater control than any previous moon landing.

While most previous probes have used landing zones about 10 kilometers (six miles) wide, SLIM was aiming at a target of just 100 meters (330 feet).

A landing of such precision would be a world's first, and would be crucial technology for a sustainable, long-term and accurate space probe system, said Hiroshi Yamakawa, president of Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, or JAXA.

Japan needs the technology to secure its place and contribute in international space projects, Yamakawa said.

The project was the fruit of two decades of work on precision technology by JAXA.

SLIM, nicknamed "the Moon Sniper," started its descent at midnight Saturday, and within 15 minutes it was down to about 10 kilometers (six miles) above the lunar surface, according to the space agency, which is known as JAXA.

At an altitude of five kilometers (three miles), the lander was in a vertical descent mode, then at 50 meters (165 feet) above the surface, SLIM was supposed to make a parallel movement to find a safe landing spot, JAXA said.

The spacecraft was testing technology to allow moon missions to land "where we want to, rather than where it is easy to land," JAXA has said. The spacecraft also was supposed to seek clues about the origin of the moon, including analyzing minerals with a special camera.

The SLIM, equipped with a pad each on its

five legs to cushion impact, was aiming to land near the Shioli crater, near a region covered in volcanic rock.

The closely watched mission came only 10 days after a moon mission by a U.S. private company failed when the spacecraft developed a fuel leak hours after the launch.

SLIM was launched on a Mitsubishi Heavy H2A rocket in September. It initially orbited Earth and entered lunar orbit on Dec. 25.

Japan hopes to regain confidence for its space technology after a number of failures. A spacecraft designed by a Japanese company crashed during a lunar landing attempt in April, and a new flagship rocket failed its debut launch in March.

JAXA has a track record with difficult landings. Its Hayabusa2 spacecraft, launched in 2014, touched down twice on the 900-meter-long (3,000-foot-long) asteroid Ryugu, collecting samples that were returned to Earth.

A successful pinpoint landing by SLIM, especially on the moon, would raise Japan's profile in the global space technology race.

Takeshi Tsuchiya, aeronautics professor at the Graduate School of Engineering at the University of Tokyo, said it was important to confirm the accuracy of landing on a targeted area.

"It is necessary to show the world that Japan has the appropriate technology in order to be able to properly assert Japan's position in lunar development," he said. The moon is important from the perspective of explorations of resources, and it can also be used as a base to go to other planets, like Mars, he said.

Experts say Japan needs to demonstrate its consistency in the precision landing technology to be competitive.

SLIM was carrying two small autonomous probes — lunar excursion vehicles LEV-1 and LEV-2, which officials said were believed to have been released just before landing.

LEV-1, equipped with an antenna and a camera, is tasked with recording SLIM's landing. LEV-2, is a ball-shaped rover equipped with two cameras, developed by JAXA together with Sony, toy-maker Tomy and Doshisha University.

## Donald Trump mocks Nikki Haley's first name, his latest example of attacking rivals based on race

ATLANTA, Jan 20 (Agencies): Donald Trump used his social media platform to mock Nikki Haley's birth name, the latest example of the former president keying on race and ethnicity to attack people of colour, especially his political rivals.

In a post on his Truth Social account, Trump repeatedly referred to Haley, the daughter of immigrants from India, as "Nimbra".

Haley, the former South Carolina governor, was born in Bamberg, South Carolina, as Nimarata Nikki Randhawa. She has always gone by her middle name "Nikki". She took the surname "Haley" upon her marriage in 1996.

Trump, himself the son, grandson and twice the husband of immigrants, called Haley "Nimbra" three times in the post and said she "doesn't have what it takes".

The attack comes four days before the New



Hampshire primary, in which Haley is trying to establish herself as the only viable Trump alternative in the Republicans' 2024 nominating contest.

Trump's post was an escalation of recent attacks in which he referenced Haley's given first name — though he misspelled it "Nimrada" — and falsely asserted she is ineligible for the presidency because her parents were not US citizens when she was born in 1972.

The attacks echo Trump's "birther" rhetoric against President Barack Obama. Trump

spent years pushing the conspiracy theory that the nation's first Black president was born in Kenya and not a "natural born" US citizen as required by the Constitution. That effort was part of Trump's rise among Republicans' most culturally conservative base ahead of his 2016 election that surprised much of the US political establishment.

Haley has dismissed Trump's latest attacks as proof that she threatens his bid for a third consecutive nomination. "I'll let people decide what he means by his attacks," Haley told

reporters in New Hampshire on Friday when asked about Trump's false assertions that her heritage disqualifies her from the Oval Office. "What we know is, look, he's clearly insecure if he goes and does these temper tantrums, if he's spending millions of dollars on TV. He's insecure, he knows that something's wrong." Trump's campaign did not reply to an inquiry about his comments.

Since Monday's Iowa caucuses — which Trump won by 30 points over Ron DeSantis, who placed second — Haley has aimed to portray the rest of the GOP primary battle as a two-way race between Trump and herself despite her narrow third-place finish. Haley's campaign is aiming for a stronger showing in New Hampshire, hoping for a springboard into her home state South Carolina, which holds the South's first presidential primary next month.

For his part, Trump bounces between declarations that the nominating fight is already effectively over and blasting Haley as if the two are indeed locked in a tight contest. Trump still criticizes his other remaining rival, DeSantis, but his preferred pejoratives for the Florida governor, "Ron DeSanctimonious" or "Ron DeSanctus," have nothing to do with race or ethnicity. DeSantis is white.

Trump's focus on Haley's name comes as far-right online forums have for months been littered with mentions of her given name alongside racist commentary and false "birther" claims. Haley's name and family background also have become talking points on the left. Some widely circulating social media posts have called her a hypocrite for saying America was "never a racist country" when she likely experienced racism herself.

## UN humanitarian warn of dwindling water supply in Gaza

UNITED NATIONS, Jan 20 (Agencies): UN humanitarian have warned that the availability of water for drinking and domestic use in Gaza is shrinking each day.

The municipal wells are currently at just a tenth of their production capacity prior to the escalation of hostilities -- just over 21,000 cubic metre a day now, down from 255,000 cubic metre a day, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) quoted its humanitarian partners as saying on Friday.

Water from these wells is known to be substandard, given it is brackish. Water from the Israeli-operated lines had been the best source of safe drinking water prior to the hostilities. However, at present, only one of the three Israeli lines, the Bani Saïd point, is functional, yielding less than half of what would have been available if all lines were working, said OCHA.

Furthermore, water availability through the short-term desalination plants is currently at just 7 per cent of the pre-crisis capacity. Due to import restrictions on critical items, water testing kits and chlorine to treat the water across Gaza are unavailable, it added as quoted by Xinhua news agency report.

The accumulation of solid and fecal waste, which has been worsened by rains and floods, is also giving rise to severe health and environmental threats. The WHO is already reporting 152,000 cases of diarrhoea -- more than half among children under the age of 5 -- and the inability to do water chlorination to kill bacteria is aggravating the already concerning situation, said OCHA.

Disrupted routine vaccination activities, as well as a lack of medicines for treating communicable diseases, are further raising the risk of diseases spreading. Many people who lack access to health

facilities may be going undiagnosed, indicating that the situation could be more severe than it appears. Routine surveillance systems are not currently functioning, hampering effective detection, analysis, and response to public health threats, it added.

Meanwhile, Israeli restrictions on the import of critical equipment, including communications devices, are severely compromising safe and effective aid operations anywhere in Gaza, it said.

In the north, the UN and partners are trying to increase humanitarian deliveries. But access denials by the Israeli military are preventing a scale-up. Just seven of 29 planned missions during the first two weeks of January could be fully or partially carried out. All but one of 19 missions planned to deliver medicines and fuel to health facilities and water reservoirs and wells in northern Gaza were denied during the first half of January, OCHA added.

## Microsoft says Russian state-sponsored hackers spied on its executives

BOSTON, Jan 20 (Agencies): Microsoft said that a Russian state-sponsored group hacked into its corporate systems on Jan. 12 and stole some emails and documents from staff accounts.

The Russian group was able to access "a very small percentage" of Microsoft corporate email accounts, including members of its senior leadership team and employees in its cybersecurity, legal, and other functions, the company said.

Microsoft's threat research team routinely investigates nation-state hackers such as Russia's "Midnight Blizzard," who they say is responsible.

The company said its probe into the breach indicated the hackers were initially targeting Microsoft to learn what the technology giant knew about their operations. The company said the hackers used a "password spray attack" starting in Nov. 2023 to breach a Microsoft platform. Hackers use this technique to infiltrate a company's systems by using the same compromised password against multiple related accounts.

The Russian Embassy in Washington and Ministry of Foreign Affairs did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Microsoft said it investigated the incident and disrupted the malicious activity, blocking the group's access to its systems. "This attack does highlight the continued risk posed to all organizations from well-resourced nation-state threat actors like Midnight Blizzard," the company said, noting that the attack was not the result of a specific vulnerability in its products or services.

Microsoft's disclosure follows a new regulatory requirement implemented by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in December that mandates publicly-owned companies to promptly disclose cyber incidents. Affected companies must file a report about a hack's impact within four business days of discovery - disclosing the time, scope and nature of the breach to the government. Midnight Blizzard is also known as APT29, Nobelium or Cozy Bear by cybersecurity researchers and linked to Russia's SVR spy agency, according to U.S. officials. The group is best known for its intrusions of the Democratic National Committee surrounding the 2016 U.S. election. Microsoft products are widely used across the US government. The company faced criticism last year for its security practices after Chinese hackers stole emails belonging to senior US State Department officials.



## MP Khatana directs Forest Dept to implement FRA 2006 & aware public

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 20: MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana directed the Forest department to implement the Forest Rights Act 2006 in right earnest and launch a rigorous information, education and communication campaign to educate the tribal community in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory about the benefits and advantages of the Act.

In a joint meeting of the Forests, Tribal Affairs and Rural Development Departments Chaired by MP Er Gulam Ali and presided by Financial Commissioner/Addl. Chief Secretary Forests department Dheeraj Gupta, IAS and attend-



ed by Administrative Secretary Tribal Affairs Shiv Anant Tayal, IAS, PCCF Roshan Jaggi, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu Ramesh Kumar Jangid, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Jammu Sachin Kumar Vaishya, IAS and others, MP Khatana asked to decide the cases under

FRA(1) and FRA(2) at the earliest. He said that implementation of FRA 2006 is a game changer for the poor and exploited tribals of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that tribals were robbed of their rights by the previous governments for 70 years and PM Narendra Modi has provided them

political and economic rights after abrogation of Art 370.

He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi under Forest Rights Act provided constitutional guarantees to the forest dwellers, use of forest produce, basic amenities without infringing upon the biodiversity of the forests. He said, "Tribals have been living in these forest areas for hundreds of years and have protected and preserved the ecological balance."

"It is the rapid urbanization with population explosion which has become a threat to the nature and the environment but tribals have been living at ease with the nature and forests

are protected by them not destroyed," said Khatana, adding that the Forest department too was trying to do its duty but they should take tribals into confidence before launching any drive.

Financial Commissioner Forests Dheeraj Gupta, directed Divisional Commissioner, Jammu to speed up the process for finalization of individual claims and community claims under FRA 2006 and hold awareness camps for making people aware about the benefits of FRA 2006.

They appreciated the efforts of the MP to bring all the stakeholders on one table and discuss the issues threadbare.

## HR conclave held at NMIMS



### Top News Report

CHANDIGARH, Jan 20: A HR conclave about AI impact on HR practices and strategies was held at Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies at Sarangpur on Saturday.

Taking part in the panel discussions during the conclave, Industry leaders and HR professionals discussed how to develop resilience in the workplace and manage and retain performance in a hybrid workforce.

Speaking during the occasion, Dr Jaskiran Kaur director NMIMS

Chandigarh said that we emphasize the importance of knowledge, attitude, skill and habit in fostering holistic development and success of our students.

Anirban Das CHRO-Lakshmikumar and Sridharan Law Firm while shedding light on HR practices said that companies evaluate people through internships, and there has been a drastic increase in the integration of AI in the field of law.

"We believe in equal rights, equal pay and equal work, asserted Gunjan Joshi head

talent acquisition at Trident Group India," they said.

Dr. Ajay Sharma, CEO & Founder of Metaboxfy said, "As artificial intelligence (AI) continues to advance, there is a possibility that individuals whose work is considered to have limited or diminished value may be replaced by AI technologies."

Emerging from one's comfort zone can be challenging, and the real struggle to secure employment is a common reality, opined Amanjot Kaur director at IFM Fincoach.

## Three-day Capacity Building Programme on 'Child Rights concludes at SCERT Jammu

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 20: A Three-day Capacity Building Programme on 'Child Rights and enforcement of Child Rights in schools' organized from January 18 to 20, 2024 concluded on Saturday at SCERT J&K Jammu.

This programme was organized by Department of Education in Languages, Academic Unit -I, SCERT J&K Jammu under the patronage of Prof. (Dr.) Parikshat Singh Manhas (Director

SCERT) and the guidance of H.R Pakhroo (JD Central) and Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu Kapoor (JD SCERT) Divisional Office, Jammu .

The inaugural ceremony was chaired by H.R Pakhroo, Joint Director SCERT J&K (Central).

While addressing the gathering, he impressed upon the need to spread awareness regarding child rights as welfare of children is central to education system and urged all the stakeholders to take optimum measures to enforce child rights in schools

During the inaugural,

Sultana Kousar Head AU-I, SCERT Jammu, presented the welcome address speaking at length about child rights.

All the faculty members including Prof. Swarn Singh Jara, Prof. Surjeet Sharma, Tahira Parveen, Associate Professor, Pushpa Kaith, Parveen Akhtar, Dr. Sanjeevani, (Assistant Professors) JKSCERT graced the inaugural.

The programme was attended by 50 teachers/masters /DIET faculty from all the districts of Jammu Division .The three day programme aimed at sen-

sitizing the teachers regarding the enforcement of child rights in schools. Resource persons namely Monica Sharma, Shamim Nazki, Manu Vasudeva, Amit Sharma, Paawan Vivek, Sanjay Kumar, Pooja Sharma, Dr Harpreet Kaur, Dr. Balgar Singh, Vivek Jandial (All Academic officers) SCERT JD and Arti Sharma, Sr. Lect., oriented the participants about the Constitutional Provisions of School Safety and security for ensuring Child rights, female children rights, prevention of corporal punishment

in schools, POCSO act ,Cyber security ,child protection mechanisms for enforcement of child rights in schools and ways to ensure emotional well being of children in schools.

The training programme was coordinated by Shamim Nazki and she was assisted by Monica Sharma. Deepak Kumar and Arsh Kour were the technical coordinators.

The organizing team included Manisha Chun, Ruksana Kousar and Ruksana Gulbaban, Academic Officers, SCERT J&K Jammu.

## Kaith Biradari members pay obeisance to Baba Surgal

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JAMMU, Jan 20: The Kaith Biradari members paid obeisance to Baba Surgal at Shahzadpur Kothi and sought his blessings for the wellbeing of their families. Baba Surgal Chela

Suresh Kumar said, "Baba Surgal Ji Bahut Thande Sawaab K Devta Hain Kisi Ko Kuch Nahi Karte. Magar Jub Koi Galti Kare Toh Bahut Gussa Hote Hain Aur Jaldi Maaf Bhi Nahi Karte. Aaj Kal Bahut Se Logon Ne Baba Surgal

Ji K Asthan Apne-Apne Gharon Me Banaye Huye Hain Aur Unki Pooja Karte Hain. Baba Surgal Ji Bahut Pavitar Shud Devta Hain Aur Kabhi Bakre Ki Bali Nahi Lete Hain. Wo Bhagwan Shiv Sankar Ji Ki Pooja Karne Waalo Par."

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### Government tells media, social media platforms to refrain from publishing false content on Ram temple event

harmony or public order in the country. "Further, as part of their due diligence obligations, social media platforms are advised to make reasonable efforts to not host, display or publish information of the nature mentioned above," the advisory stated.

### Republic Day: No flights at Delhi airport from 10.20am to 12.45pm till Jan 26

29 days—from January 18 to February 15—unless withdrawn earlier.

"It has been reported that certain criminal or anti-social elements or terrorists inimical to India may pose a threat to the safety of the general public, dignitaries, and vital installations by the use of sub-conventional aerial platforms like para-gliders, paramotors, hang gliders, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), unmanned aircraft systems (UASs), micro-light aircraft, remotely piloted aircraft, hot air balloons, small-size powered aircraft, quadcopters or even by para-jumping from aircraft etc," the Delhi Police said in a statement.

"Now, therefore, in pursuance of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi's O.M. No. VI-23014/209/Delhi/2018-VS dated 10.05.2019, I, Sanjay Arora, Commissioner of Police, Delhi in the exercise of the power conferred upon me by section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 read with Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi's Notification No. U-11036/3/1978 (i) UTL, dated 01.07.1978, do hereby prohibit flying of sub-conventional aerial platforms like para-gliders, para-motors, hang gliders, UAVs, UASs, micro-light aircraft, remotely piloted aircraft, hot air balloons, small size powered aircraft, quadcopters or para jumping from aircraft etc. and their online sale over the jurisdiction of the National Capital Territory of Delhi on the occasion of Republic Day Function-2024 and doing so shall be punishable under section 188 of the Indian Penal Code," it added.

"As the notice cannot be served individually on all concerned, the order is, hereby, passed ex-parte. It shall be published for

the information of public through press and affixing copies on the Notice Boards of the offices of all DCSP, Addl. DCSP, ACSP, Tehsils, all Police Stations and offices of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi & New Delhi Municipal Corporation, Public Works Department, Delhi Development Authority and Delhi Cantonment Board," the notification read.

"This order shall come into force with effect from January 18, 2024, and shall remain in force for a period of 29 days i.e., up to February 15, 2024 (both days inclusive) unless withdrawn earlier," it added.

### BCI President's letter to CJJ demanding closure of courts on Jan 22

exercise is basically to project hardcore political Hinduism as Indian nationalism, to politicize religion and get votes from it in upcoming Lok Sabha and State Assembly elections by religious polarization.

The temple-mosque controversy, the demolition of the Babri Masjid, and subsequent riots, vandalism, arson, murder and rape by communal organizations and people of both religions destroyed social fabric of nation. Whole Episode is a wound on the political and moral values of modern India.

Therefore, giving a holiday in respect of this temple program is a completely wrong and inappropriate indication of the secular and democratic values of the Constitution of India.

It is beyond the jurisdiction of the Chief Justice of India and dishonourable to the dignity of the Chief Justice of India to seek and grant such leave from the Bar Council of India.

It is the duty of the judicial system to preserve and perpetuate the values of secular constitutional morality.

It is wrong for the Bar Council of India to participate in the ruling party's religious-political type of agenda like this. That is why the letter written by the BCI President to the Chief Justice of India requesting him to declare leave is highly objectionable, inappropriate and unacceptable.

This action of the President of the Bar Council of India is unilateral. Neither the BCI nor its chairman represents the will of the majority of lawyers in India. His personal will is against the wishes of all the constituents of the judiciary who are interested in the constitutional values of India and who are making legal arguments to preserve them.

The All India Lawyers Union strongly condemns this offensive behavior and action of the President of the Bar Council and

### Flights and trains affected in Delhi due to dense fog as north India continues to shiver in intense cold

waiting for their scheduled flights at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport as some flights were delayed and a few got cancelled amid fog.

The Indian Meteorological Department on Saturday predicted dense fog conditions for January 22 and 23 in the national capital and fog conditions for the rest of the days.

The temperature will hover between 6 degrees Celsius and 20 degrees Celsius till January 25.

SpiceJet airlines on Saturday morning said flight services in Dharmashala and Jammu might get affected amid cold conditions.

"Due to poor visibility in Dharamshala (DHM), all departures/arrivals and their consequential flights may be affected. Passengers are requested to keep a check on their flight status. Due to poor visibility in Jammu (IXJ), all departures/arrivals and their consequential flights may be affected," SpiceJet posted on X.

### BSF troops seize Arms, Ammunition near India-Pakistan Border in Punjab

18 and 19. It resulted in the recovery of a packet wrapped in a white coloured gunnysack, which, besides the arms and ammunition, contained Rs 40,000 cash, the spokesperson said.

The vigilant BSF troops successfully thwarted nefarious designs of the terror-mongers from across the border, the official added.

### Medical Superintendent DH Kishtwar suspended for unauthorized absence

It said that Dr Kotwal will remain attached in Chief Medical office Kishtwar during his period of suspension and BMO Kishtwar

has been given the charge of Medical Superintendent District Hospital Kishtwar in addition to his own duties. "The ADC Kishtwar shall conduct the discreet enquiry into the matter and shall submit the detailed report to this office along with his recommendation for further action within a period of 07 days positively," it added.

Soon after the suspension order was issued, Dr Kotwal managed to sanction five day casual leave with effect from January 15-19. "During his leave period Dr Sajid Hussain Butt, Consultant Surgeon, DH Kishtwar will look after the routine and emergency work of the hospital," said the order, a copy of which lies with KNO.

Official sources said that taking serious notice of the issue of how casual leave was sanctioned after the Medical Superintendent was suspended clearly indicated that DHSJ is involved in it.

They said that higher ups including the Chief Secretary and Secretary Health and Medical Education intervened in it following which the casual leave order was rescinded by DHSJ with immediate effect. "In reference to the subject and reference cited above, 05 days of Casual Leave sanctioned in favour of Dr Yudvir Singh, Medical Superintendent District Hospital Kishtwar vide this office order No.ES-3/4156-58 dated 19.01.2024, is hereby rescinded with immediate effect," said the order.

### Govt suspends 3 Directors Of SAIL, NMDC with immediate effect

NMDC Ltd. under suspension with immediate effect," NMDC said.

SAIL also said that 26 below-board-level officials of the company have also been suspended with immediate effect. "The company has also placed some below-board level officials which include S.K. Sharma, ED (F&A), CMC, Vinod Gupta, ED (Commercial), Atul Mathur, ED (Sales & ITD) and R.M. Suresh, ED (Marketing Services), on suspension with immediate effect," it said. In a separate statement, SAIL said the issue pertains to some investigations being carried out as per the directions of Lokpal. SAIL Chairman Amarendu Prakash said "The company's business is being carried out as usual and it is not going to impact the performance of the company. We are dedicated to uphold the highest standards of corporate governance and ethical conduct. SAIL continues to stand strong in the industry focussing on quality and customer satisfaction." SAIL, under the Ministry of Steel, is the country's largest steel-making company, while NMDC

### SIA files charge-sheet against 12 accused in Sanjay Sharma killing case

Zaffar Hussain Bhat @Khurshheed Kashmiri S/o Lt. Sana-UllahBhat R/o Livar Sallar Srigufwara, Anantnag; Nassir Farooq Shah S/o Farooq Ahmad Shah R/o Wanteng Mohalla, Bijbehara; AamirHussain Wani S/o Ghulam Mohammad Wani, SIL/o late Abdul Aziz Bhat R/o Ashajipora, Anantnag; Shameem Ahmad Bhat alias Uncle S/o Ghulam Hassan Bhat R/o Heff-Shirmal, Shopian; Towseef Ahmad Pandith S/o Late Bashir Ahmad Pandith R/o Jablipora Bijbehara, Anantnag; Sajjad Ahmad Bhat @ Afnan Bhat S/o Ghulam Mohiuddin Bhat R/o Goriwan, Bijbehara; Sarjeel Ahmad Bhat S/o Zahoor Ahmad Bhat R/o ReshiporaQaimoh, Kulgam; Danish Ahmad Thokar S/o Abdul Hamid Thokar R/o Chakoora, Shopian; Ubaid Ahmad Paddar S/o Wali Mohammad Paddar R/o Chakoora, Shopian; and Sahil Bashir Dar S/o Bashir Ahmad Dar R/o Dhobi-Gath Bijbehara, Anantnag; while investigation continues for accused Yasir Shabir Wani, 8 out of the 13 accused, including 3 juveniles, are currently under judicial custody. Notably, Jazim Farooq Wani, Danish Hamid Thokar, and Ubaid Ahmad Paddar have been killed in encounters with security forces. Meanwhile, Zaffar Hussain Bhat @Khurshheed Kashmiri and @Khalid Kamran are presently absconding.

The investigation unveiled that the accused individuals were acting on instructions from terror handlers across the border, maintaining communication via encrypted online messaging platforms. Notably, Jazim Farooq Wani, who pulled the trigger, received weapon handling training from Nassir Farooq Shah on the directives of Pakistani handler @Khalid Kamran, officials said.

They said that SIA Kashmir reaffirms to follow the case vigorously in the court of law. The investigation of the case shall continue and SIA is committed to ensure all the accused who have been a part of the crime in any way are brought justice.

### Body of MBBS student who passed way in Iran to reach Sopore soon

airport to further shift the body to native village in Sopore", the official said further.

## RIL's net up 10.9% as digital & retail arms deliver strong performance

*Jio Platforms Ltd, RIL's digital arm, made an 11.6 per cent rise in net*

MUMBAI, Jan 20 (Agencies): Aided by profits posted by digital and retail arms, Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL), the largest listed company in terms of market capitalisation, reported a 10.9-per cent rise in consolidated net profit at Rs 19,641 crore for the quarter ended December 2023 as against Rs 17,706 crore in the same period last year.

The net profit (attributable to the owners of the company) rose 9.3 per cent to Rs 17,265 crore in the third quarter (Q3FY24) as against Rs 15,792 crore a year ago. Revenue from operations rose 3.2 per cent to Rs 248,160 crore in Q3 from Rs 240,532 last year.

Jio Platforms Ltd, RIL's digital arm, made an 11.6 per cent rise in net



profit at Rs 5,445 crore during the December quarter (Rs 4,881 crore last year) and a revenue of Rs 32,510 crore (Rs 29,195 crore).

Reliance Retail Venture Ltd (RRVL), the retail subsidiary of RIL, posted a net profit of Rs 3,165 crore in the latest quarter as against Rs 2,400 crore a year ago and revenue of Rs 83,063 crore (Rs 67,623 crore).

"Jio has completed in India the fastest rollout

of True 5G services anywhere in the world. Every city, town, and village in the country is now equipped with high-speed digital connectivity, which will usher in a new era of unparalleled digital accessibility and technology-led growth," RIL Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh D Ambani said.

He also lauded the conglomerate's retail segment for its financial performance. "Reliance Retail remains focused

on enriching customer shopping experience by adding new brands and offerings to its portfolio. Its new commerce initiatives continue to support the growth journey of millions of small merchants through technology, generating immense societal value," Ambani said on RRVL.

He said the oil and gas segment posted its highest ever quarterly earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortisation (EBITDA). "KG D6 is now contributing 30 per cent of India's gas production, fuelling its transition towards a greener and cleaner tomorrow. The O2C (oil-to-chemical) segment delivered resilient performance aided by operational flexibility and strong domestic demand. Reliance has

become the first Indian company to chemically recycle pyrolysis oil into circular polymers," he said.

Revenue from RIL's oil-to-chemicals business declined by 2.4 per cent to Rs 141,096 crore (\$17.0 billion) primarily on account of lower price realisation led by 5.3 per cent decline in average Brent crude oil prices.

Crude oil benchmarks declined due to concerns of global economic slowdown and seasonal lower demand. Crude supply remained adequate despite headline production cuts by OPEC nations, it said.

RIL shares closed almost flat at Rs 2,735.05 on the BSE on Friday. It has risen 36 per cent from the 52-week low of Rs 2,012.14.

## UIDAI update Aadhaar rules: Check details on revised forms, changing information format

NEW DELHI, Jan 20 (Agencies): The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has issued new rules under the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) rules, wherein it has updated the enrolment and updating processes. The new changes are referred to as the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Amendment Regulations, 2024. The changes have been revised to make the enrolment process more accessible for residents and non-residents alike.

The 12-digit unique Aadhaar number can now be updated online and offline, as per its notification on January 16. UIDAI has introduced two new forms for enrolling for Aadhaar and updating the information in it. Different forms have been issued for resident individuals and non-resident individuals (NRIs) for Aadhaar enrolment/updates purposes.



Update of information : The new rules give the applicants the flexibility to update information in the Central Identities Data Repository (CIDR) - by visiting enrolment centre or via the website/mobile application.

Earlier, the rules, introduced in 2016, provided only for update of addresses in online mode. To update other details, the Aadhaar number holder had to visit the enrolment centre.

Revised forms UIDAI has revised the old forms to make them more user-friendly. Form 1: Aadhaar's enrolment and update. Anyone aged 18 years

and above, residents or non-resident Indians (NRI) can use this form to apply for an Aadhaar number. Applicants should have an Indian address proof.

The same form can also be used to update details in Aadhaar.

Form 2: For NRIs This form can be used by the NRIs, who have their proof of address outside India. They can use it for enrollment and update their details.

Forms 3 to 6: For Kids Forms 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 have been introduced to cater to the enrolment and updates for children of various age groups, both residents and NRIs.

## IRFC, RVNL, IRCTC: Railway stocks rally ahead of Budget. Key expectations

New Delhi, Jan 20 (Agencies): Shares of Indian Railway Finance Corp Ltd (IRFC) climbed 83 per cent in the last one month while those of Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd have soared 84 per cent during the same period. Shares of IRCTC are up 24 per cent; Jupiter Wagons Ltd (up 31 per cent) and Titagarh Rail Systems (up 14 per cent) have also gained in the last one month, ahead of the interim Budget. Railways can see a decent increase in capex, considering greater emphasis on railway modernisation and more Vande Bharat trains, said Prabhudas Lilladher.

Data showed capital expenditure registered strong 31 per cent YoY growth for April-November FY24 and achieved 59 per cent of BE against the last 10-year average of 58.5 per cent. Among major capex-oriented ministries, railways (71 per cent of BE) has been the frontrunner, Phillip-Capital noted.

Elara Capital said the government has been prioritising capital spending, especially for railways, roads and defence. It expects this focus to continue, albeit at a moderate pace.

"We project FY25E capital expenditure to



rise 20% on the back of 30.5 per cent growth in FY24E, which is lower than the budgeted growth of 37.4 per cent. We also do not rule out trimming of the budgeted allocation for the interest free 50-year loan to the states from the Centre by Rs 30,000 crore. Of the overall capex by the Centre, we see 60 per cent to be allocated to roads, railways and defence," it said.

The capex quality (roads, railways, etc.) can be maintained by curbing some spends such as on recapitalisation, Kotak Institutional Equities.

Sharing his Budget expectations, Vivek Lohia, Managing Director at Jupiter Wagons said his expectations for the Budget revolve around advocating decongestion measures and strategic planning and fostering indigenous manufacturing.

"The infrastructural boost towards improve-

ment of the National Rail Network needs to continue and the 3000 MT mission must not get diluted by any means. Rolling stock-up upgrade and modernisation need to fast-track for better efficiency in revenue generation. Procurement of Rolling Stock assets to remain a high-priority subject. The number of wagons going to be overaged between 2024 and 2031 is anticipated to be around 45,000 and it is essential that the new stocks must be added at a much higher rate," he said. ICRA said in its Budget expectations note said the FY2025 target for the government's capital spending, a key engine of growth, would be keenly awaited. We continue to expect adequate allocations towards the infrastructure sectors such as roads, highways, railways, etc. in FY2025 in the backdrop of healthy domestic growth amid tepid external outlook, it said.

## Centre to lower fiscal deficit despite capex boost in Budget 2024

NEW DELHI, Jan 20 (Agencies): The Centre would aim for a lower deficit in the 2024-25 fiscal year despite increasing capital expenditure to a record level in the Union Budget 2024, as per a Reuters poll of economists. The February 1 budget is



anticipated to strike a balance between populist measures and fiscal prudence while narrowing the fiscal deficit, according to the survey conducted from January 10-19 with 41 economists.

In the backdrop of an election year, the budget, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is pitching for his third term, is anticipated to navigate a delicate equilibrium between populist schemes and fiscal responsibility.

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According to the polls, the February 1 budget is projected to focus on narrowing the fiscal deficit to 5.30 per cent of GDP in 2024-25.

Notably, the poll revealed that none of the economists identified education and healthcare as the primary budgetary con-

cerns. Respondents highlighted infrastructure investment (34) as the foremost priority, followed by rural development (17) and job creation (16), given the challenge of accommodating millions entering the workforce annually.

Additionally, the focus on deficit control is expected to limit the expansion of welfare schemes, and gross borrowing is predicted to remain largely unchanged at 15.60 trillion rupees from the current year's projection.

## Can acne be passed on from parents to their children?

NEW DELHI, Jan 20 (Agencies): Acne, a common skin condition that affects millions worldwide, is often considered a rite of passage for adolescents. However, for some people, acne extends beyond individual experiences and becomes a shared familial concern. Known as familial or hereditary acne, this skin concern affects multiple members in a single family.

Dr Rashmi Shetty, a dermatologist, recently shed light on identifying familial acne through a few key indicators. In an Instagram post, she urged individuals to inspect their parent's skin for old scars or active acne. "If not, then look at your siblings and parent's siblings as well," advised Dr Shetty.

So, what exactly is familial acne?

While there's no scientific term for familial acne, Dr Seema Oberoi Lall, consultant, dermatology at CK Birla Hospital, Gurugram, explains that a person may be more susceptible to acne if their parents also experience it. "Some people may have a tendency to have oilier or acne-prone skin that could be inherited from their parents," she noted.

Identifying familial acne often involves



exploring family history. "If it is genetic, acne may start early on in life as soon as puberty sets in, and such people can experience stubborn acne requiring specialised professional dermatology care for treatment," explained Dr Lall.

A 2019 study published in the Journal of Investigative Dermatology found that specific genetic variations can increase the likelihood of acne development within families.

However, these genetic factors merely set the stage, with environmental and lifestyle elements stepping into the spotlight.

Environmental factors such as exposure to pollutants, humidity, and dietary choices can amplify the genetic predisposition to acne. "A diet high in refined carbohydrates, sugary and fried foods can trigger acne flare-ups in susceptible individuals," Dr Lall said.

Additionally, skincare

habits can inadvertently exacerbate acne concerns. "For those with oily skin, caution is advised against using greasy products, oiling hair, and using oil-based makeup, creams, face washes, massages, and facials," warned Dr Lall. Healthy lifestyle choices: Encouraging a healthy lifestyle, including a balanced diet, regular exercise, and stress management, can positively impact the entire family's skin health.

Individualised skincare regimens: Recognising that each family member may have different skin types and needs, tailoring skincare regimens to individual preferences can help manage acne effectively.

Product hygiene: Emphasising the importance of personal hygiene and discouraging the sharing of skincare products can minimise the risk of bacterial transmission within the family.

## Can eating more tomatoes daily help lower high blood pressure?

NEW DELHI, Jan 20 (Agencies): For older adults with mild high blood pressure, a new study suggests consuming tomatoes may help manage hypertension and may even lower the risk of developing high blood pressure in the first place.

In the study, people without high blood pressure who ate the most tomatoes or tomato-based foods had a 36% lower risk of developing hypertension than those who ate the least.

In people who already had high blood pressure, especially those with stage 1 hypertension, moderate consumption of tomatoes

was associated with a reduction in blood pressure.

The study involved 7,056 participants, 82.5% of whom had hypertension. They were questioned regarding their daily consumption of tomatoes and sorted into four classifications: less than 44 grams per day, 44-82 grams (intermediate), 82-110 grams (upper intermediate), and more than 110 grams.

The authors of the study observed a lowering of diastolic blood pressure in those with both the highest and intermediate levels

of tomato consumption compared with the lowest levels of consumption. Participants with stage 1 hypertension and intermediate tomato consumption experienced a lowering of both systolic and diastolic blood pressure compared with participants who consumed the fewest tomatoes.

Diastolic blood pressure reflects the pressure in arteries when the heart is at rest. It is expressed as the lower blood pressure number, with systolic blood pressure, the upper value, indicating the pressure in the arteries as the heart beats.

## Would you eat ice cream with olive oil and salt? Dua Lipa does; but is it healthy?

NEW DELHI, Jan 20 (Agencies): In the latest food trend making waves on social media, influencers are elevating their traditional vanilla ice cream experience by drizzling it with olive oil. Yeah, you read that right.

While the flavour combination may initially strike some as unusual, this dessert, loved by Dua Lipa, has pleasantly surprised those with a sweet tooth. Despite initial assumptions that the treat might be subpar, many are now dubbing the concoction an "elite combination."

For those unfamiliar, this ice cream dish is also an Italian staple known as "gelato con olio e sale."

The preparation involves serving two, sometimes four, scoops

of creamy vanilla ice cream, followed by a generous drizzle of "good" olive oil and a sprinkle of flaky sea salt.

In a TikTok video that garnered 7.9 million views, influencer Nara Smith expressed her delight, stating, "It's so good; it's so addicting." Actress and content creator Claudia Sulewski, who is the girlfriend of musician Finneas O'Connell (Billie Eilish's brother and collaborator), also shared her endorsement of this decadent dessert online, although some in the comments deemed it a luxury snack.

Though Dr G Sushma, consultant - clinical Dietician, CARE Hospitals, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, said mixing olive oil and salt with ice cream may not nec-

essarily make it "unhealthier in a broad sense," but "it can significantly change the flavour profile and might not be appealing to everyone."

"Olive oil and salt are not traditional ice cream toppings, and the combination might be an acquired taste," she tells indianexpress.com in an interaction. However, Dr Sushma added that both olive oil and salt can be part of a healthy diet when consumed in moderation. "The key is moderation, as excessive intake of added fats and salt can contribute to health issues."

According to Dr Sushma, there may be potential health benefits to adding a small amount of olive oil and salt to ice cream:

Olive oil is a source of mono-

unsaturated fats, which are

considered heart-healthy fats. Incorporating small amounts into your diet may have positive effects on cardiovascular health.

Olive oil can add a rich and savoury flavor to the sweetness of ice cream, creating a unique taste experience.

Salt is necessary for bodily functions, in limited amounts. However, it's crucial to consider the overall nutritional content of the ice cream.

If the ice cream is already high in sugar and saturated fats, adding more fats in the form of olive oil may not necessarily make it a "healthier" option, warned Dr Sushma. It's also important to be mindful of portion sizes and not overindulge in calorie-dense toppings.

## India captain Harmanpreet Kaur receives invite for Ram temple 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony

NEW DELHI, Jan 20 (Agencies): India women's cricket team captain Harmanpreet Kaur received an invitation to attend the Ram temple 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony, scheduled to be held in Ayodhya on Monday, January 22. The Mumbai Indians skipper became the latest cricketer to be invited to the much-anticipated Ram temple ceremony, which is expected to be attended by thousands of devotees, including top celebrities from across the country.

Superstar cricketers from across the country have been receiving invitations to the Ram temple consecration on Monday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is also set to attend the ceremony, which has dominated national headlines in the recent past.

On Friday, India men's cricket team off-spinner R Ashwin



received an invite to the Ram temple ceremony. He was invited by Tamil Nadu's BJP State Secretary Dr. SG Suryah and vice-president Venkatraman C at his residence.

Sachin Tendulkar, MS Dhoni, and Virat Kohli are some of the other Indian cricketers who have received invitations to attend the Ram temple ceremony. Dhoni,

like Ashwin, received the invite at his residence in Ranchi as the former World Cup-winning captain is gearing up for his competitive return in IPL 2024.

It remains to be seen whether India men's team players, who are set to be part of a Test series against England from January 25, would be able to attend the ceremony.

India Test regulars are set to assemble in Hyderabad for a pre-series training camp, starting January 20. Head coach Rahul Dravid confirmed the development after India won a T20I series against Afghanistan in Bengaluru on Wednesday, saying that hosts are set to play a 5-Test series after a long while, and it could prove challenging.

Harmanpreet Kaur came under criticism during the recently-concluded multi-format series against Australia at home. The skipper Harmanpreet scored just 26 runs across 7 matches, including the one-off Test, against Australia. India lost the T20I series 2-1 and ODI series 3-0 to Australia and Harmanpreet's inability to get going in the white-ball leg hurt the hosts' chances after the historic Test match win in Mumbai.

## IND vs ENG: Virat Kohli and the many milestones that await him in high-voltage England Test series



NEW DELHI, Jan 20 (Agencies): Virat Kohli is expected to hold the key when India lock with England in a high-voltage five-match Test series, which gets underway on January 25 at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad.

Having hit 29 hundreds and 30 fifties, the 35-year-old Kohli is expected to pose a massive threat to the opposition. Kohli has been in good form of late after he finished as India's highest run-scorer and the second-highest overall in the two-match Test series against South Africa.

In 2 matches, Kohli scored 172 runs at an average of 43 and a strike-rate of 79.62. His top score of 76 came in the second innings

of the Centurion Test, which India lost by an innings and 32 runs.

If Kohli gets going against England, it will be tough for the opposition batters to restrict him. It goes without saying that the English bowlers need to dismiss him early.

Let us look at the milestones Virat Kohli can achieve in the Test series against England

1 - Virat Kohli is only 152 runs away from scoring 9000 runs in Test cricket. Only three Indian cricketers, Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid and Sunil Gavaskar have achieved the feat.

2 - Virat Kohli is 9 fours away from completing 1000 fours in Test cricket. Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Virender Sehwag, VVS Laxman

and Sunil Gavaskar are the Indian batters to have hit 1000 or more fours.

3 - Virat Kohli needs 9 runs to complete 2000 runs in Tests against England. Among Indians, only Sachin Tendulkar and Sunil Gavaskar have more runs than him against the Three Lions. In 28 Tests, Kohli has scored 1991 runs at an average of 42.36.

4 - Virat Kohli also needs 52 runs to make England his most prolific opponent in Test cricket. Currently, Australia is his most prolific team as he has scored 2042 runs against them from 25 Tests.

5 - Virat Kohli needs 16 runs to complete 3000 Test runs as the non-captain of the Indian men's cricket team. In 45 Tests, he has scored 2984 runs at an average of 40.87 with 9 hundreds and 12 fifties.

6 - Virat Kohli needs 3 centuries to become the Indian batter with most Test hundreds against England. Tendulkar and Gavaskar have 7 hundreds apiece to their names while Kohli has 5.

## Australian Open: Carlos Alcaraz races into last 16 after Shang Juncheng retires

MELBOURNE, Jan 20 (Agencies): Carlos Alcaraz outclassed Shang Juncheng to reach the fourth round at the Australian Open for the first time on Saturday before the Chinese teenager was forced to retire injured.

The Spanish world number two, 20, playing a tour-level match against a player younger than himself for the first time in his career, was leading 6-1, 6-1, 1-0 when his 18-year-old opponent had to pull out.

Alcaraz, who missed last year's tournament at Melbourne Park with an injury, said

it was "not the way anybody wants to move on" after the lopsided contest, which lasted just 66 minutes on Rod Laver Arena.

"I missed the tournament last year," he said. "I was watching the matches at home from the couch, wishing to play in the second week here.

"This is the first time I have moved to the second week in Australia. It feels special."

Shang held serve in his first game but Alcaraz won the next six games to take the set, not facing a single break point.

The second set was also one-way traffic,

with the Chinese player unable to live with Alcaraz's power and range of shots.

Shang needed a medical timeout when 4-1 down in the second set, receiving treatment to his upper leg, but lost the next two games to give himself a mountain to climb.

Alcaraz broke for a sixth time in the match at the start of the third set and in the next game Shang decided he could not continue.

The two-time Grand Slam champion next faces Serbia's Miomir Kecmanovic, who is ranked 60th in the world and beat 14th seeded American Tommy Paul in five sets.

## Lionel Messi and Inter Miami begin their preseason with 0-0 draw against El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, Jan 20 (Agencies): Four days after being named FIFA's best men's player, Lionel Messi began the preseason with Inter Miami of Major League Soccer, which played to a scoreless draw with the El Salvador national team in an exhibition on Friday night.

The Argentina star played in the first half alongside Uruguayan striker Luis Suarez, his new teammate for the upcoming MLS season. Suarez reunited with Messi in Miami after the pair played six seasons together with Barcelona.

Fans packed the Cuscatlan stadium several hours before the start. El Salvador's president, Nayib Bukele, took the opportunity to meet Messi and hosted the team at the Presidential House ahead of the game.

Messi had a couple of scoring chances and set up Jordi Alba for a scoring opportunity in the 39th minute, but goalkeeper Mario González deflected the shot.

Inter Miami coach Gerardo Martino rested Messi, Suárez, Jordi Alba and Sergio Busquets in the second half. The club still con-

trolled possession, but El Salvador had the best scoring chance when Steven Vázquez's shot rattled the crossbar in the 83rd minute.

The 36-year-old Messi arrived in Miami last July and scored 10 goals in seven games. He led the club to its first-ever trophy by winning the Leagues Cup final on Aug. 19.

Inter Miami will play FC Dallas next Monday at the Cotton Bowl and then will travel to Saudi Arabia to face Al Hilal on Jan. 29 and Cristiano Ronaldo's Al-Nassr on Feb. 2.

## "Keep Both Hardik Pandya And Shivam Dube": Ex-India Star On Potential Selection Dilemma For T20 World Cup

NEW DELHI, Jan 20 (Agencies): Indian cricketer-turned-commentator Aakash Chopra opined that India can pick both all-rounders Shivam Dube and Hardik Pandya in the squad for the much-awaited T20 World Cup, starting from June in the West Indies and in the United States of America. The 46-year-old asserted that the Dube reminds him of former India all-rounder Yuvraj Singh as he attacks the bowler in the same way. He said that the 30-year-old should bat a little down the order for India.

"Shivam Ati Sundaram - his power is talking loudly. I felt he was sent slightly early in the third match. You could have sent either Sanju Samson or Rinku Singh ahead of him because he is not a grafter, he is an attacker. He reminds me



of Yuvi (Yuvraj Singh). So you need to keep him slightly down the order," Chopra said on his YouTube channel.

The former batter further added that both Hardik and Dube should be there in the T20 World Cup squad.

"The way he hit sixes in the first two matches, the power was evident. Some people have even said to leave Hardik and pick Dube. I am saying keep both. Shivam Dube is a real contender based on these three matches. If he does well in the

IPL, it will be the icing on the cake," the former India opener added.

Pandya missed the three-match T20I series against Afghanistan this month as he continues to recover from his ankle injury which he got while playing against Bangladesh in the 2023 ODI World Cup.

Dube was a part of the recently concluded T20I series against Afghanistan where he scored 124 runs and snapped two wickets in the three matches.

The former Kolkata Knight Riders batter said that power should never be underestimated in the shortest format of the game, especially as pitches in the Caribbean and the United States are expected to be spinner-friendly, with the West Indies also boasting decently large pitches.

## Australian Open: Dayana Yastremska reaches career-best 4th round, Anna Kalinskaya shocks Sloanne Stephens

MELBOURNE, Jan 20 (Agencies): Dayana Yastremska pulled off a stupendous performance after beating USA's Emma Navarro 6-2, 2-6, 6-1 in the third round of the women's singles in the Australian Open 2024.

Ranked 93 in the world, Yastremska took an hour and 46 minutes to defeat Navarro 6-2, 2-6, 6-1. With the win, the 23-year-old from Ukraine advanced to the Round of 32 at Melbourne Park for the first time. It was also the second time that she qualified for the fourth round after Wimbledon in 2019.

The youngster has a challenging task in hand as she will next face the winner of the blockbuster clash between two-time Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka and 2017 French Open winner Jelena Ostapenko.

Kalinskaya beats Stephens in thriller

In another women's singles match, Anna Kalinskaya made her way through to her maiden fourth round in Grand Slams. Before the ongoing tournament, the 25-year-old had never played in a third round match at the highest level



with the second rounds in the US Open (2019, 2020, 2022 and 2023) being her best.

On Saturday, January 20, Kalinskaya defeated 2017 US Open champion Sloanne Stephens 6-7 (8-10), 6-1, 6-4 at the Kia Arena in two hours and 45 minutes.

Kalinskaya earned 4 breaks of serve, compared to Stephens' 1 and that turned out to be the deciding factor in the context of the match.

Stephens was also let down by the 33 unforced errors that she

made. Kalinskaya will next face the winner of the match between Anna Blinkova and Jasmine Paolini.

Oceane Dodin also put in her career-best performance after beating Clara Burel 6-4, 6-4 on Court 3. It took Dodin an hour and 14 minutes to get the better of Burel.

Dodin churned out 27 winners, but would like to cut down on the 27 unforced errors that she made. She broke Burel's serve five times to stamp her authority on the match.

## NZ vs PAK: Daryl Mitchell out of 5th T20I, call on Devon Conway's availability to be taken on matchday

WELLINGTON, Jan 20 (Agencies): New Zealand Cricket on Saturday confirmed that Daryl Mitchell will miss the 5th and final T20I of their home series against Pakistan on Sunday, January 21 in Christchurch. The decision to release Mitchell from the squad was taken, keeping in mind the star batter's workload in the New Year.

All-rounder Rachin Ravindra has been added to the squad for the 5th T20I, which is a dead rubber as New Zealand are ahead 4-0 in the series, having dominated the touring Pakistan side so far.

"Daryl is an important player for us across all three formats and ensuring he's in the best place to perform in international cricket is vital," head coach Gary Stead said on the eve of the 5th T20I vs Pakistan.



Daryl Mitchell hit a match-winning 72 not out off 44 balls in a defining partnership with Glenn Phillips in the 4th T20I on Friday in Christchurch.

"Rachin is coming off a period of rest himself and will bring a valuable skill set to the group in this final match as he continues his return to cricket," he added.

Rachin Ravindra, who took the ODI World Cup by storm in India, last

played the home ODI series against Bangladesh in December 2023. He returned to action in a Super Smash game on January 15 after a period of rest.

WILL DEVON CONWAY PLAY 5TH T20I?

Meanwhile, New Zealand will wait until the matchday morning to take a call on Devon Conway's availability. The star opener missed the 4th T20I in Christ-

church after testing positive for Covid-19. Bowling coach Andre Adams also tested positive for Covid-19 and both of them remained at the team hotel in isolation on Friday.

New Zealand had roped in Chad Bowes as cover for Devon Conway for the 4th T20I. Wicketkeeper-batter Tim Seifert moved up a spot to open the batting on Friday while Will Young slotted into the No. 3 spot.

Stand-in captain had Mitchell Santner tested positive for Covid-19 and missed the series opener. However, he recovered and returned to lead New Zealand in the 2nd and 3rd T20Is.

New Zealand, who are looking to complete a 5-0 sweep of the T20I series, will next play a 2-Test series against a visiting South African side from February 4.

## ABVP JU unit pays tribute to victims of Kashmir genocide of Jan 19, 1990

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 20: Today, as we mark the solemn anniversary of the tragic events of 19 January 1990, ABVP Jammu University unit stands united in remembrance and solidarity with the victims of the Kashmir genocide.

This day remains etched in the collective memory as a dark chapter in our history, and we extend our heartfelt tribute to those who suffered during those harrowing times.

The horrific events of 19 January 1990 witnessed a mass exodus of Kashmiri Pandits from their homeland, forced to leave behind their homes, culture,



and history.

ABVP Jammu and Kashmir recognizes the pain and trauma endured by the victims and their families during this period of upheaval.

As we commemorate this day, ABVP Jammu University unit reaffirms its commitment to fostering an inclusive and harmonious society.

We believe in the prin-

ciples of justice, peace, and coexistence. Our tribute to the victims is a reflection of our unwavering dedication to upholding the values of unity and understanding.

In honoring the memory of those who suffered, ABVP Jammu and Kashmir calls for continued efforts to ensure justice for the

victims and their families. We urge all stakeholders to work collaboratively towards creating an environment where diversity is celebrated, and the rights of every individual are respected.

On this solemn occasion, ABVP Jammu University encourages open dialogue, empathy, and education as

essential tools in building bridges of understanding among communities. By remembering the past, we aspire to build a future where the principles of tolerance and compassion guide our collective journey.

JU Unit President Sahil Choudhary said that may the memory of the victims serve as a reminder of our shared responsibility to foster a society that embraces diversity and stands against any form of injustice. ABVP Jammu University unit stands in solidarity with all those affected by the Kashmir genocide, and together, we envision a future of unity, peace, and reconciliation.

## Bhajan 'Phir Aya Ram Raj' released



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 20: There is excitement and enthusiasm across the country regarding the consecration of Lord Shri Ram in Ayodhya.

The devotees of Lord Shri Ram are busy praising Lord Shri Ram in their own way.

In a program organized at the Press Club of Jammu today, Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu

and Kashmir unit chief Manish Sahni released the Hindi Bhajan "Phir Aya Ram Raj" of famous Jammu singer Amit Singh Rajput.

Sahni said that special enthusiasm is also visible among the artists for the Pran Pratistha ceremony to be held on 22nd January.

"Bhajan has been released by Rajput Production on the YouTube

channel "amitsinghrajput phir aya Ram raj", its lyrics have been written by Rahul Udai-puriya and directed by Ajay Raina. Amit Singh Rajput has given his melodious voice to this Bhajan," Sahni said.

Along with this, 8 year old Alya Singh has also enthralled the listeners by singing the praises of Lord Shri Ram with his charming voice.

## Ram Temple consecration: SSH plans grand celebration at Kachi Chawni

### Urges Nation to celebrate Deepavali on January 22

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 20: Shiv Sena Hindustan (SSH) is planning to celebrate the Ram Temple consecration ceremony, being organised in Ayodhya, in a grand manner in Kachi Chawni.

This was disclosed by Shiv Sena Hindustan J&K President Pt Rajesh Kesri in a press conference today.

Addressing media persons, he called upon the citizens to light a 'Shri Ram Jyoti' in their homes and celebrate Deepavali on January 22.

The date marks the consecration of the idol of Lord Ram at the Grand Temple in Ayodhya.

"A magnificent temple of our revered Lord Shri Ram is being built in Ayodhya and the idol consecration ceremony is scheduled to take place on January 22. It will be a great moment of joy for all of us, including those living abroad, as after several years of efforts, a magnificent temple of our Lord Shri Ram is being built in Ayodhya," said Kesri.

"It will be an occasion for a festival. Everyone will not be going to Ayodhya. People will celebrate this festival by visiting their nearest temples. At night time, all should light Diyas at their homes," added Kesri.

"It will be a great moment of joy for all of us. It will be a moment of harmony," he said and added, "And, I think that with the consecration of the idol at the temple, India will keep up its march on the path of progress."

Kesri said, "It is a matter of self-esteem for the country. We always seek blessings from Lord Ram. It is a matter



of pride for the people that a temple for Lord Ram will be inaugurated.

"Today the whole world is eagerly looking towards Ayodhya. "Everyone wants to come to Ayodhya. The whole country has become imbued in the spirit of Lord Shri Ram," he said adding that this historic programme of 'Pran Pratistha' (consecration) is an occasion of joy, pride and self-satisfaction for crores of Sanatan believers.

Kesri further said that Shiv Sena Hindustan has decided to set up large screens for the live telecast of the Shri Ram Consecration in Kachi Chawni.

This initiative is designed to offer a platform for the general public to witness the consecration of Shri Ram Lala.

"This way, the general public can have darshan of Shri Ram Lala and witness the consecration ceremony," added Kesri.

He said that SSH will organize community feasts for Ram devotees.

He said SSH has decided to honour Karsevaks who were part of Ram Janma Bhoomi movement.

## APS Damana releases Annual School Magazine 'Paina'

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 20: Army Public School (APS) Damana unveiled the 22nd edition of the School Magazine 'Paina' in a special morning assembly held in the school premises.

The event was graced by the Chief Guest Brig Vivek Puri, SM Cdr, Chenab Brigade and Chairman of the school. Lt Col Randeep Singh Slathia, SO School was the special guest on the occasion.

The Special Morning Assembly commenced with the formal welcome of the guests followed by the recitation of a tranquilizing Shloka.

The Chief Guest along with Principal of the school released the 22nd Edition of School Magazine 'Paina' which is an important occasion in the academic calendar of the



school. 'Paina' forays into the artistic and linguistic manifestation of the students in collaboration with their innovation.

This captivating edition of school magazine delves into exploration of striking expressions of the staff and students of the school - a whirlwind of captivating brilliancy and creativity of the students, presenting the nuances in academic excellence, curricular and co-curricular

domains. 'Paina 2023-24', like its previous editions, bears ample testimony to the quality of the School and immortalizes its reputation as a leading school.

In the function, the National Achievers in the category of Sports who have shown their impeccable efficacy and unwavering determination in various sports events at National Level were also applauded with Track Suits.

Besides, the students were also awarded in three categories - 'Olympiad Winners', 'Inter-House & Inter Section Winners' and '100% Attendance Winners'.

The school acknowledged all its achievers with Certificate of Excellence and Trophies for having attained a sterling record in co-scholastic domain.

In addition, the outstanding educators who have contributed

in various ways to the seamless functioning of the school were also felicitated. It was indeed a proud moment for the recipients of the awards.

The Chief Guest, in his address, congratulated the Editorial Board for their relentless efforts in the timely release of school magazine.

Moreover, he congratulated the young jubilant prize-winners and blessed them to soar high and make a positive difference to the society through their resilience, grit and leadership.

Pushpinder Kaur, Principal of the school appreciated the students for bringing the incandescent glory to the institution attaining the pinnacle of perfection in sports and other co-curricular activities and motivated them to keep up the same in their future endeavors.

## Ramakrishna Mission holds free health cum blood donation camp



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 20: The Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre Jammu successfully organized a one-day free health and blood donation camp at the Mission Hospital in Udheywala Jammu. The camp featured Dr. Ranjit Singh Rathore, a renowned

Urologist from Jammu among other specialists. The health camp provided a comprehensive range of free medical services, including consultations with Urologist, Orthopaedist, Gynaecologist, Dental Surgeons, ENT specialist, Gynaecologist, Ophthalmologist, Allopathy Physician, Ayurveda

Physician and Physiotherapist. A total of 192 patients benefited from the expertise of 15 doctors at this camp. Refreshments were also provided for all attendees.

The camp featured a blood donation drive, encouraging individuals to contribute to this noble cause in collabo-

ration with Govt. Medical College Jammu. A total of 27 No. of people donated blood. The donors received 2 certificates, books of Swami Vivekananda and refreshments.

In addition to the free consultations, the camp offered check-ups for blood sugar, HbA1c, and blood pressure at no cost. A Full Body Check-up covering 65 parameters, including CBC, LFT, KFT, Lipid profile, BSF, Urine tests, and thyroid function tests (T3, T4, TSH), was available for a nominal fee of Rs. 700, a substantial discount from the usual price of Rs. 1400. The camp also facilitated 60 free blood sugar, HbA1c tests and distributed some medicines free of charge.

This camp was a part of Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre's ongoing commitment to serving the community and providing accessible healthcare services to all.

Distinguished guests included Shri Rajiv Khajuria, President National

Development Foundation, Dr. Vijay Sawney of SMGS Hospital, Dr. Deepshikha from Gov. Medical College, Manjit Singh, a social activist graced the event with their presence.

Rajiv Khajuria commended the Centre's efforts in alignment with Swami Vivekananda's vision and urged public support for such humanitarian initiatives.

Swami Yajnadhara Ji, Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu, highlighted the organization's commitment to the ideals of Sri Ramakrishna Dev, MaaSarada, and Swami Vivekananda, emphasizing service to humanity as a form of divine worship. He also announced plans to organize such free camps monthly.

For other information contact us on number 9596984032. Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu provides cultural, educational and medical services following the ideals of Sri Ramakrishna Dev, MaaSarada and Swami Vivekananda.

## Transport Unions hold medical camp for drivers

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 20: As a part of ongoing National Road Safety Month, Transport Unions along with MVD Jammu organized a free health cum eye check up camp at ISBT Narwal here today.

The camp was organized on the directions of Transport Commissioner Rajinder Singh Tara which was held under the supervision of RTO Jammu Pankaj Bagotra in collaboration with various Transport Unions.

As many as 300 drivers and conductors participated in the camp and availed the facilities like eye checkup for colour-blindness, defect in eye

sight, test to check B.P, Diabetes, Hb. Earlier a team from Red Cross Society also imparted First Responder Training to drivers which help them to handle any urgency.

Speaking on the occasion representatives from M.V.D informed the participants that aim of organizing such medical camps is to spread awareness among drivers about significance of personal health and hygiene for welfare of society. They added that such camps will be organized on regular basis in future for the drivers as they hold the responsibility to ensure the safety of passenger so they should often keep their health in

good condition and well monitored.

Parvinder Singh Happy on behalf of Transport unions welcomed the participants and stressed on drivers to follow traffic regulations strictly for the safety of passengers.

ARTO HQ Rehana Tabassam, ARTO B.O.I (G) Esha Chib, MVIs of MVD, Team of Doctors from CMO Jammu & Red Cross Society, Yougal Gandotra KD Singh president 2X2, Ranjeet Singh Pardhan Tanker Union, Inderpal Singh Manpreet Travels Rashpal Singh, Robin Singh Baggi and Harasis Singh and representatives from various transport Unions participated the event.