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Jammu and Kashmir declares dry day on January 22

JAMMU, Jan 21 (Agencies): As the country gears up to witness the grand 'Pran Pratistha' ceremony at Ayodhya's Ram temple, the J&K government has decided to observe a 'dry day' on January 22 to mark the auspicious day.

Winter vacations for Jammu Summer Zone Schools extended up to Jan 27

JAMMU, Jan 21: In view of prevailing extreme cold conditions, the Directorate of School Education has further extended winter vacations in all private and Government schools falling in the Summer Zone of Jammu Division till January 27.

J&K Tourism Dept offers free tickets to pilgrims in Jammu on Jan 22

JAMMU, Jan 21 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Cable Car Corporation on Sunday announced that it will offer free tickets to devotees visiting Peerkho, Mahamaya and Bahu temples in Jammu on January 22.

"In order to give impetus to Religious and Spiritual Tourism in #Jammu and to celebrate Sri Ram Mandir consecration at #Ayodhya, J&K Cable Car Corporation offers free tickets to pilgrims intending to visit the revered Peerkho, Mahamaya and Bahu temples on Monday 22/01/24," posted Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Department on its official handle X.

Fire incidents in Ramban, Vaishno Devi Hills

JAMMU, Jan 21 (Agencies): Major fire incidents were reported in Ramban district and Vaishno Devi Hills in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Police here on Sunday said that a devastating fire broke

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Man killed, 17 injured as minibus rolls into gorge in Rajouri

RAJOURI, Jan 21 (Agencies): One person was killed while seventeen others were injured after a vehicle they were on board met with an accident in Rajouri district on Sunday afternoon.

Quoting an official, Kashmir Scroll reported that a Matador vehicle bearing number JK02M 8723, on the way from Teryath to Pouni, met with the accident at Saryo due to alleged over speeding. "A passenger was killed on spot and seventeen others were injured in the accident."

The deceased has been identified as Pritam Lal son of Isher Das, a



resident of Narla Bambil Khawas Rajouri/

The injured have been identified as Rakesh Kumar son of Bansil Lal (35) of Thangriote, Mohd Arif son of Mohd Younis (10) of Khorbani, Gulab Jaan wife of Mohd Bashir (45) of Bissi Kalakote, Aku Akhter daughter

of Gulzar Ahmed (9) resident of Basantpur, Nisha Devi wife of Jagdish Lal (25) of Arnas, Mohd Altaf son of Iqbal (24) of Kala Reasi, Jagdish Lal (30) Arnas Reasi, Mohd Jamil son of Abdul Ghani (37) of Narla, Mohd Sakhi Khan son of Sadhik Khan (54)

of Keri Teryath, Maroon Khan son of Mohd Sakhi Khan (7) of Keri Teryath, Indu Devi wife of Joginder Pal (27) of Gulabgarh, Joginder Pal son of Baldev Raj (35) of Gulabgarh, Shakuntla Devi wife of Kamal Singh (22) of Keri Teryath, Mamta Devi daughter of Kamal Singh (24) of Keri Teryath, Fareena Begum wife of Sakhi and Fullan Begum (60) of Birpur.

A police official said that soon after receiving information a police party was sent to the site. "Cognisance has been taken into the

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J&K Govt announces half-day public holiday in connection with consecration of Ram Temple

JAMMU, Jan 21 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir government on Sunday ordered a half-day public holiday on January 22 in connection with the consecration of the Ram Temple at Ayodhya.

In this regard, a notification was issued by the General Administration Department.

"In continuation of Government Order No. 1582-JK (GAD) of 2023 dated 11.12.2023 and Government Order No. 1583-JK (GAD) of 2023 dated 11.12.2023, it is hereby ordered that a

half-day public holiday (till 02:30 pm) will be observed on January 22, 2024, in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir," the order reads.

On the occasion of the Ayodhya Ram Mandir Pran Pratisthapana celebration on January 22, prayers for peace, prosperity, and national harmony will be held at Shankaracharya Hill in Srinagar at 12:30 p.m. and Lal Chowk at 8 p.m. The programme will be followed by "Langar" at Shankaracharya Hill.

Rs 5 Lakh subsidy reserved only for buses: RTO Kashmir



SRINAGAR, Jan 21 (Agencies): Regional Transport Officer (RTO) Kashmir, Shahnawaz Bukhari, clarified on Saturday that the recently introduced amnesty scheme for over 15 years old vehicles in Kashmir applies to buses only. The RTO chief had a week ago invited owners of these buses to avail the scheme.

While briefing press, the RTO said that the subsidy scheme of Rs 5 lakh is specifically targeted at bus owners whose buses have surpassed the 15-year life span.

He mentioned the possibility of extending the scheme to other vehicle segments such as minibuses depending on the feedback the department gets, news agency KNO reported.

"Bus owners with buses exceeding 15 years in service, seeking the subsidy for a new bus, can submit their applications at our office. The process will be carried out accordingly," Shahnawaz Bukhari informed.

Responding to queries about the backlog in driving license issuances, the RTO said that the printing of driving licenses has been outsourced to a government agency.

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NIA arrests a juvenile in Dhangri terrorist attack case

NEW DELHI, Jan 21 (Agencies): The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday arrested a juvenile for harbouring terrorists involved in the killing of five civilians in Dhangri village of district Rajouri of Jammu and Kashmir in January last year.

The juvenile/CCL was incidentally lodged at Observation Home, R.S.Pura, Jammu in another case, registered at Police Station Gursai, Mendhar, District Poonch. He was taken into custody yesterday by the NIA and produced before the Juvenile Justice Board, Rajouri, for remand.

The said terrorist attack had taken place on 1st January, 2023, and five persons belonging to the minority Hindu community were killed and several seriously injured. The case was initially registered as FIR no. 01/2023 at PS Rajouri u/s 302/ 307 /120-B/452/323 of IPC, sections 13/16/18 of UA (P) Act 1967 and sections 7/27 of Arms Act. NIA had taken over and re-registered the case on 13th Janu-



ary.

Investigations by the NIA had revealed that the apprehended juvenile, along with two other earlier arrested persons namely Nisar Ahmed @ Haji Nisar and Mushtaq Hussain @ Chacha, was involved in harbouring the terrorists who had carried out the horrendous attack. Nisar Ahmed and Mushtaq Hussain were arrested by the NIA on 31st August 2023, and are presently lodged at Central Jail,

Kot Bhalwal, Jammu.

The duo had provided logistic support to the terrorists for more than two months and had sheltered them in a hideout which they had constructed on the directions of Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) handlers, namely Saifullah @ Sajid Jutt, Abu Qatal @ Qatal Sindh and Mohd. Qasim.

A team of NIA officials had regularly camped in the hilly terrain of

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As 3 quarters of 'Chillai-Kalan' go dry, MeT predicts wet spell in last phase in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, Jan 21 (Agencies): While three-quarters of 'Chillai-Kalan', the 40-day harsh period of winter, have elapsed without rain or snow, weatherman has forecast wet spell at isolated places in the final phase of it in Jammu and Kashmir.

A meteorological department official here told GNS that while dry weather was expected to continue till Wednesday; generally cloudy weather with light snow at isolated higher reaches was likely on January 24 and 25.

From January 27-28, he said, generally cloudy weather with light rain/snow over scattered places.

"There is possibility of light to moderate rain/

snow at many places very likely (details awaited) from January 29-31," he said.

Meanwhile, he said, moderate to dense fog and fall in day temperature over plains of Jammu division was likely during next two days.

Regarding night temperature, he said Srinagar recorded a low of minus 4.8°C against minus 3.7°C on previous night and it was 1.6°C below normal for the summer capital of J&K for this time of the year.

Qazigund recorded a minimum of minus 5.0°C against minus 4.0°C on the previous night, he said. The minimum temperature was 1.1°C below normal for the

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"Been divorced for a few months now": Sania Mirza's sister confirms her divorce from Shoab Malik

NEW DELHI, Jan 21 (Agencies): Retired Indian tennis star Sania Mirza's sister, Anam Mirza, on Sunday confirmed the former's divorce from former Pakistan cricketer Shoab Malik, saying that they were legally separated for 'some months'.

Taking to her personal handle on Instagram, Anam, who is married to former India skipper Mohammad Azharuddin's son Assaduddin, confirmed Sania's divorce from Shoab, posting, "Sania has always kept her personal life away from the public eye. However, today the need has arisen for her to share that Shoab and she have been divorced for a few months now. She wishes Shoab



well for his new journey ahead!"

The statement comes a day after the former Pakistan all-rounder tied the knot with Pakistani actress Sana Javed.

Taking to his Instagram handle, the former Pakistan all-rounder shared several pictures of his nuptials with the divorced Pakistani

actress.

Sana, too, took to her social media handles to share dazzling images from their 'Nikah' ceremony.

The newlyweds shared the images from the wedding ceremony with the caption, "And We created you in pairs".

Shoab and Sania got married in 2010 and

have been staying in Dubai ever since. They announced the birth of their son, Izzaan Mirza Malik, in 2018.

Sana became a household name in Pakistan with her exploits in the show-business space, Sana made her television debut in 2012 with 'Shehr-e-Zaat' and later on appeared in several other shows. She received recognition for her portrayal of the titular role in the romantic drama 'Khaani'.

The former batting all-rounder who contributed handsomely to many of Pakistan's memorable wins, Shoab made his international debut in 1999 in ODIs.

Over the course of an illustrious

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10TH DAY & KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother **Late Smt. Krishna Devi** W/o Late Sh. Ishwar Dass Padotra R/o A/p Industrial Estate, Thanda Paddar, W.No. 21, Udhampur.

10TH DAY will be performed on Friday, 19th January 2024 at Raj Palace, Dhar Road, Udhampur, Udhampur at 11.00 AM.

KRIYA will be performed on Monday, 22nd January 2024 at Devika Ghat at 10.00 AM.

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

Sh. Rajinder Parshad Gupta & Smt. Anita Gupta

(Daughters & Son-in-law)

Sh. Surinder Gupta & Smt. Neelam Gupta

Sh. Surinder Gupta & Smt. Sweetsy Gupta

Sh. Varinder Gupta & Smt. Ranjana Gupta

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Late Smt. Krishna Devi

10TH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Vinod Kumar Badyal (Retd Naib Tehsildar)** S/o Late Sh Des Raj Badyal R/o W No. 17, Shanker Nagar Udhampur, who had left us for heavenly abode on 12-01-2024.

10th Day will be performed on Sunday 21st January 2024 at DN Palace Udhampur at 12.00 Noon.

Kriya shall be performed on Monday, 22nd January 2024 at Devika Ghat at 11.00 AM onwards.

GRIEF STRICKEN :

Smt Dulari Devi (Mother)

Smt Kamla Devi (Wife)

Smt & Sh Vikrant Badyal (Son)

Smt & Sh Aditya Badyal (Son)

Smt & Sh Ashish Badyal (Son)

Miss Manvi Badyal (Daughter)

Brothers

Smt & Sh Dr Ravi Badyal

Smt & Sh Arun Badyal

Smt & Sh Arvind Badyal

Sister & Brother-in-law

Smt Komal & Sh Rajeev Sharma

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Sh Vinod Kumar Badyal (Retd Naib Tehsildar)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother **Smt. Madan Mohini** W/o Late Shri Madhusudan Bhat R/o Wachi Shopian, at present 6/1, Second Floor South Patel Nagar New Delhi on 17th January 2024.

The **Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed at Murad Nagar (U.P) on 26th Jan. 2024. The assembly will be at 12.30 noon at Arya samaj mandir, East Patel Nagar, New Delhi.

GRIEF STRICKEN**Sons & Daughter in Laws**

Ashok Kumar Bhat & Veena Bhat

Ramesh Kumar Bhat & Usha Bhat

Virender Bhat & Sushma Bhat

Daughter & Son in Law : Reeta Raina & R.N Raina

Grand Children : Ashwani, Abhishek, Karpur, Avinash, Amit Simi, Indu, Dipti, Shreya, Ajay, Ashish, Amita, Anju.

Samast Bhat, Raina & Razdan Pariwar

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Smt. Madan Mohini

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform that **Smt. Shobawati Dhar** W/o Lt. Vesh Nath Dhar originally resident of village Hugam, Anantnag presently at Lane No. 21, Community Hall, Near Ration Depot, Jagti Camp left for heavenly abode on 18th Jan., 2024.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at back side of Sainik School Nagrota on 27th Jan., 2024 and Assembly will be held at Community Hall Lane No. 21, Jagti Camp at 11.00 am.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Mohan Rani Dhar (Devrani)

Sons & Daughter-in-laws

Smt. Sheela Ji & Sh. M.K. Dhar

Smt. Phoola Ji & Sh. T.N. Dhar

Sh. Ganpat Ji Dhar

Smt. Arti Ji & Sh. A.K. Dhar

Smt. Rekha Ji & Sh. Pamposh Dhar

Grand Children :

Smt. Naina Ji & Sh. Ashesh Dhar

Smt. Indu Ji & Sh. Bantoo Dhar

Aadesh, Ankil, Mahak, Mithu, Shivam, Riya, Mishthi, Mitali

& Samast Dhar Parivar

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Karamyogi Smt. Shobawati Dhar

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, it is informed that our beloved **Sh. Bhushan Lal Raina** S/o Amar Nath Raina original resident of Akura, Mattan, Anantnag at present H.No. 860, Lane No. 6D, Suryavanshi Nagar, Muthi, Jammu left for heavenly abode on 14/1/2024.

The **Tenth Day Kriya** shall be performed on 23/1/2024 (Tuesday) at Akhnoor Ghat and Assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat Near Director Education Office Muthi at 12.00 Noon.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Samast Raina, Koul, Pandita Parivar

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Sh. Bhushan Lal Raina

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Father **Shree Kashi Nath Raina** S/o Late Sh. Sonu Joo Raina of Shiel Teng Habba Kadal originally from Chowgam, District Kulgam on 13/1/2024 at present H.No. 209-K, Sector-2, Durga Nagar.

The **Tenth Day Kriya** shall be performed on 22/1/2024 (Monday) at Akhnoor Ghat and Assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat near Director Education Office Muthi at 12.30 pm.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Kamla Ji Raina (Sister-in-law)

Mrs. Pushpa & Ramesh Raina (Daughter-in-law & Son)

Mrs. Sushma & Ashok Ji Bhat (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Mrs. Lovely & Surinder Raina (Daughter-in-law & Son)

and **Samast Raina & Koul Parivaar**

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Kashi Nath Raina

TENTH DAY/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Abhimanyu Jamwal** S/o Col Retd Amar Singh Jamwal H. No 265 Sec 6 Channi Himmat Jammu.

TENTH DAY will be observed on Friday 19-01-2024 at 12.00 Noon at our residence.

UTHALA shall be performed on Monday 22-01-2024 4.30 PM to 5.30 PM at Panch Mandir Channi Himmat Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Surita Jamwal- Wife

Adhwan Jamwal- Son

Smt Nirmal Jamwal & Col Amar Singh Jamwal - Mother & Father

Dr Kashish Deep & Dr Darshan- Sister & Brother in Law

Lajwanti Devi & Lt Sh. Waryam Singh (Tai Jee) - Aunty & Uncle

Pushpa Devi & Late Sh. Dewan Singh (Tai Jee)- Aunty & Uncle

Smt Vinay Jamwal & DSP Retd Pritam Singh -Aunty & Uncle

Smt Munisha Jamwal & Sh. Kirpal Singh -Aunty & Uncle

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Prayer Meeting to be held on

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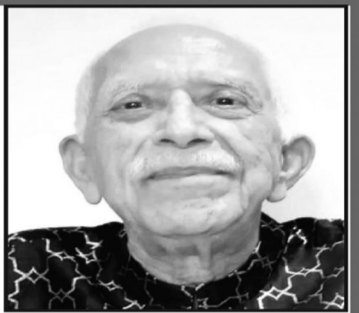
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IN THE LOVING MEMORY

YOU ARE OUR GUIDING LIGHT AND INSPIRATION.

WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF **SMT. LALITA DEVI**, W/O LATE SH. ONKAR NATH GUPTA WHO PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY ON 12TH JAN 2024 AT HER RESIDENCE IN DAYALACHAK.

A GENTLE SOUL! REMEMBERED FOR HER MAGNETIC PERSONALITY, WARM GENEROSITY ENDLESS GRATITUDE UNMATCHABLE FAITH & A LIFE WELL LIVED IN GUIDING HER CHILDREN.

10TH DAY WILL BE HELD ON 21ST JAN 2024 (SUNDAY) & **13TH DAY & RASAM PADGI** WILL BE HELD ON 24TH JAN 2024 (WEDNESDAY) AT 4 PM ,RASAM PADGI AT OUR RESIDENCE, DAYALACHAK.

REGARDS,

MR ROMESH GUPTA & MRS. KUSUM LATA -**SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW**

MR. PAWAN GUPTA & MRS. ROSHI GUPTA -**SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW**

MR SURINDER GUPTA & MRS. MINAKSHI GUPTA -**SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW**

MRS. KAMLESH GUPTA & MR. SHUBHASH GUPTA -**DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW**

MRS SAROJ GUPTA & MR. LITAM GUPTA -**DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW**

MRS. RAJANI GUPTA & MR. RAKESH GUPTA -**DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW**

GRAND CHILDREN: DR CHAHAT MAHAJAN, CHAITANYA MAHAJAN, RAAHAT MAHAJAN, SAUJANYA MAHAJAN, ANANYA MAHAJAN, CHITVAN MAHAJAN & TANJANYA MAHAJAN.

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SMT. LALITA DEVI

TENTH DAY KRIYA

10TH DAY KRIYA of our beloved brother in law **Sh. Ravinder Kumar Warikoo** S/o Sh. Dina Nath Warikoo earst-while resident of 180 Narsingh Garh Karan Nagar Srinagar presently at B-602, Satisar Apartments, Sector 7, Dwarka New Delhi shall be performed on 23rd January 2024 at 10.00AM at Gauri Shanker Temple New Palam vihar, Block -T, Sector 109, Near Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Gurgaon Haryana. There after assembly shall be held at community Hall No-1 Satisar Apartment between 11.30 AM to 1.00 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Rajni & Rajinder Bhat (Sister in Law & Brother in Law)

Usha & Surinder Bhat (Sister in Law & Brother in Law)

Nimi & Ashok Bhat (Sister in Law & Brother in Law)

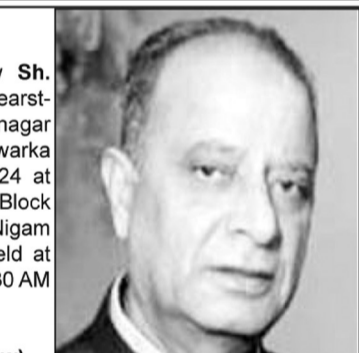
Lily & Ravi Bhat (Sister in Law & Brother in Law)

Sunita & Roop Krishen Bhat (Sister in Law & Brother in Law)

Usha & Vijay Kumar Bhat (Sister in Law & Brother in Law)

Beena & Ramesh Kumar Bhat (Sister in Law & Brother in Law)

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Sh. Ravinder Kumar Warikoo

UTHALA

Sh. Rishi Kumar Gupta (KAS)

Retd. Addl. Distt. Dev. Commissioner

S/o Lt. Sh. Lakhmi Chand Gupta (Kishtwar Wale)

R/o House No. 720, Sarwal Chowk, Jammu (J&K)

"LOVE KNOWS NOT ITS DEPTH UNTIL THE HOUR OF SEPARATION"

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **SH. RISHI KUMAR GUPTA** who left for heavenly abode on 19th JANUARY, 2024.

UTHALA will be performed on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm at Arya Samaj, Rehari colony, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Prem Lata (Wife)

Smt. Sudesh Gupta W/o Lt. Sh. Vijay Gupta (Bhabhi)

(Sons & Daughter in laws)

Dr. Ripan Gupta & Dr. Shivani Gupta

Dr. Sachin Gupta & Dr. Anu Gupta

(Nephews & Daughter in laws)

Sh. Ashwani Gupta & Smt. Sonia Gupta

Sh. Kamal Gupta & Smt. Sonika Gupta

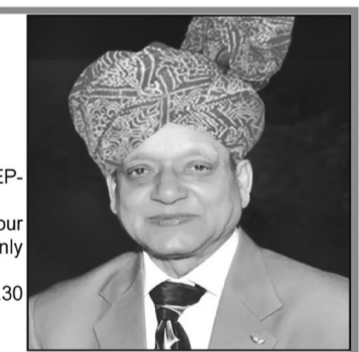
Smt. Seema Gupta & Sh. Anil Gupta (Niece & Son in law)

Grand Children: Akul, Avni, Ayaan, Annantika, Avyukt, Aadvik, Aakash, Aakar,

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY

Gupta & Mehta Family

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Sh. Rishi Kumar Gupta (KAS)

Retd. Addl. Distt. Dev. Commissioner

UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Vishno Chouhan (Rekha Ji)** wife of Late Shri C.D. Anand on 11-01-2024.

UTHALA will be performed on 23-01-2024 at Hari Mandir, Rehari Colony, Jammu from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

KRIYA will be performed at our residence 104/105 Rehari Colony Jammu at 11:30 AM on 23-01-2024.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sister-in-law- Shyama Anand

Brother - Hemant Chouhan

Son & Daughter-in-law

Vishal & Gitanjali

Daughters & Sons-in-law

Pooja & Pardeep

Ninni & Rahul

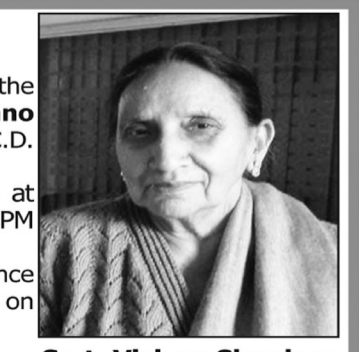
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Smt. Vishno Chouhan (Rekha Ji)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of **Smt. Reeta Raina (Kittyji)** W/o Sh. Omesh Raina originally resident of Ganpatiyar, Srinagar at present Ward No - 67, Ganesh Vihar, Lower Muthi, Jammu. The **10th, 11th & 12th Day Kriya and Asthi Shradh** will be performed in Haridwar on the holy Ghat of Maa Gangajee on 21st, 22nd and 23rd Jan 2024.

IN GRIEF

Sh. Omesh Raina (Husband)

(Daughter and Son in law)

Mr. Avilash Parihar & Mrs. Osheen Raina Parihar

Mr. Ojas Raina (Son)



Smt. Reeta Raina (Kittyji)

UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Asha Rani** W/o Prof. Dalbir Singh (Retd.) R/o Baljaraian, Rajouri, who expired on Monday 8th January 2024.

UTHALA will be performed on Monday 22 January 2024 at Baljaraian, Rajouri from 10 am onwards.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Prof. Dalbir Singh (Husband)

Daughters and Son

Miss. Richa Singhaal

Miss. Aditi Singhaal

Mr. Dheeraj Singh

Brother-in-laws and Sister-in-laws

Sh. Balbir Singh and

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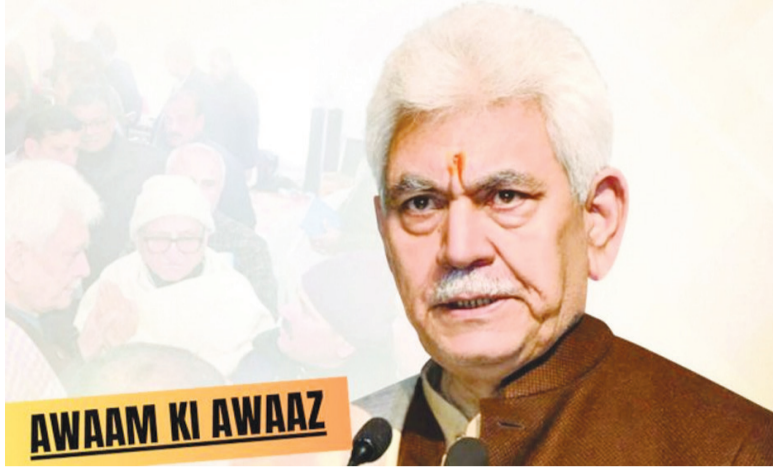
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JAMMU, Jan 21: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha dedicated the 34th edition of 'Awaam Ki Awaaz' programme to the citizens of Jammu Kashmir for their historic participation in 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra'.

"Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, a powerful Jan-Abhiyan initiative to reach out to the vulnerable section of society will create a new future for developed India," the Lt Governor observed.

He said the participation of 40 lakh citizens of Jammu Kashmir so far in this journey has laid a strong foundation for progress in both rural and urban areas of the Union Territory. I am confident that the Janbhagidari and the healthy competition among the districts will continue to take the extraordinary journey of J&K UT forward on the path of prosperity and inclusive development, he added.

Sharing the inspirational success stories of the citizens, the Lt Governor appreciated the effort of Sh Bikram Singh of village Jhankar, Kathua for teaching new methods of farming to the people in his village. He is a living encyclopedia on integrated farming and is always ready to help others who want



AWAAM KI AWAAZ

to secure the benefits of diversification, the Lt Governor said. Ghulam Hassan Sheikh of Village Chamboora, Budgam is full of unyielding determination. The strategic expansion or business diversification in his professional career such as handling the business of 'Carpets to Kashmiri Lal Mirch' is inspiring the other entrepreneurs, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor made a special mention of Sh Ghulam Hussain Wani, a skilled carpet artisan from Srinagar, who has become a household name for his expertise in carpet repairs and is playing an important role in preserving the finesse of this rare art form. Nari Shakti

is capable of creating possibilities from nothing. The story of Ms Kaushalya Devi of Chenani, Udhampur reveals that Self-Help Groups have made a significant impact on the economic empowerment of women in rural areas, the Lt Governor said.

He commended the 'No Helmet No Petrol', a road safety campaign by District Administration Anantnag and Petroleum Dealer Association.

The unique endeavours of Nisar Ahmed, a resident of Mattan; Vishal Roudhan, a youth from Udhampur and Kulgam's Mahmooda Akhtar to connect fellow citizens and youth with social campaigns and promoting the ancient traditional art of

hand embroidery also received appreciation from the Lt Governor.

Highlighting the efforts of the UT Administration to facilitate the creation of amenities for tourists in rural and far-off areas, the Lt Governor said the recent surge in the registrations for homestays shows immense potential of offbeat tourist destinations.

He called upon the people living in rural and border areas to take advantage of this opportunity and assured every support from the administration to them.

The Lt Governor voiced the suggestions received from Balwinder Salaria from Billawar, Kathua; Bandipora's Yasir Rashid; Varun Bharti from Kathua and Arjamend from village Nowpachi, Kishtwar regarding waste management in rural areas, clean cooking fuel, renewable energy and provision of telemedicine services in villages and steps to ensure public participation in the extension of telemedicine services.

He directed the concerned departments to take immediate and appropriate action on the valuable inputs received from the citizens.

Sure diagnostic specialized laboratory celebrates 5th foundation day



Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 21: Sure diagnostic specialized laboratory celebrated its 5th foundation day. On the eve of new year. The sure diagnostic specialized lab. Organised a free Mega Health Camp on 21st of January 2024 at Rail Head Complex back side of RBI Near Haj House bahu Plaza Jammu. Under the special Guidance of Expert of Medical Oncologist Dr. Deepak Bharti, Surgical Oncologist and Robotic Surgeon Dr. Ashwani Sharma BKL Max cancer centre, Gynaecologist Dr. Shafiqah Bano, Ophthal-

mologist Dr. Ankur Goel, Orthopaedics Dr. Rajnish Anand, ENT Specialist Dr. Sandeep Lerra, Dental surgeon Dr. Gautam mengi And Dr Arvind mengi his team of Dr. Varinder Singh Gasto and Liver specialist.

During the Camp Nearly 400 peoples availed free diagnostic test Fibroscan, Bone Mineral Density/Blood Sugar Test including free consultation from all the above mentioned speciality.

On the occasion, Divisional commissioner Jammu Mr. Ramesh kumar has the chief guest. While Dr indu

koul Sr. Gynaecologist/ IVF Specialist, Mrs. Ritika Trehan, Senior Spokesperson BJP and Dr. Sunniya Wani KPS DySP Jammu were the Guest of honour.

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Govt fails to address electricity crisis in Jammu plains as weather becomes harsh: Manjit Singh

Demands 24/7 electricity for power consumers

Top News Report

SAMBA, Jan 21: Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh today expressed deep concern over the growing power crises in Jammu plain that has affected the normal life and businesses.

the issue of growing power crises in Jammu plains.

Meanwhile, he also expressed concern over growing unemployment among the youth in Samba.

"The youth are not getting jobs in the industrial units even as they have



The Former Minister was addressing a worker's meeting that was organized by SC Provincial President, Jammu, Lovely Mangol in Samba. The meeting held detailed deliberation regarding the existing political situation and slow pace of development in Samba.

He said that the people in Jammu plains including Jammu, Samba, and Kathua have been facing the harshest winter season that has caused adverse effects on normal life and given rise to diseases.

He said that the people are not getting water supply and the farmers are among the worst sufferers.

"The unscheduled power cuts have become a routine, and the Govt has failed to acquire needed electricity that is required for utilization in Jammu," he said.

He further said that the Govt should immediately intervene and address

assured the Govt that unemployed youth would be provided employment opportunities in the units," he said, while demanding reservation of jobs for the unemployed youth in the industrial sector in Samba, Jammu, and Kathua Districts.

The meeting was attended by District President, Samba, Raman Thappa, SC State President, Both Raj Bhagat, State President, Apni Trade Union, Ajaz Kazmi, Vice President Women Wing, Neelam Gupta, Secretary Women Wing, Sheetal Sharma, District President Legal Cell, Samba, Adv Sahil Bharti, District President Women Wing, Samba, Priyanka, Youth Wing, District President, Samba, Mangat Ram, District President Trade Union, Samba, Sunny Sambyal, SC Wing State General Secretary, ex-Capt Joginder Lal, Brij Mohan Dutta, Bachan Choudhary and others.

4 National Institutes Technically assisted Ram Temple Construction: Jitendra Singh



JAMMU / NEW DELHI, Jan 21 (Agencies): The construction of the magnificent Ram Temple in Ayodhya was technically assisted by at least four leading National Institutes of CSIR (Council of Scientific & Industrial Research) and DST (Department of Science & Technology).

This was disclosed by Union Minister of State PMO Dr Jitendra Singh on Sunday adding that institutions like IITs and ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) have also given some inputs, an official statement said.

The Minister said that CSIR-CBRI Roorkee has majorly contributed towards Ram Temple construction while CSIR-NGRI Hyderabad gave significant inputs on foundation design and seismic safety.

Moreover, DST-IIA Bengaluru had provided technical support on Sun's path for Surya Tilak and CSIR-IHBT Palampur has made tulips bloom for the divine Ram Mandir Pran Pratishtha ceremony in Ayodhya on 22nd January, Jitendra Singh added.

He said, the main temple building, which is 360 ft long, 235 ft wide and 161 ft high, is made of sandstone quarried

from Bansi Pahadpur, Rajasthan. Cement or iron and steel is not used anywhere in its construction.

The structural design of the 3-storey temple is designed earthquake resilient and can withstand strong tremors of magnitude 8 on the Richter scale for as long as 2,500 years, he said. "CSIR-CBRI Roorkee has been involved in the construction of Ram Mandir since early stages. The Institute has contributed towards structural design of the main temple, designing Surya Tilak mechanism, design vetting of temple foundation, and structural health monitoring of main temple," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, besides CBRI, the CSIR-NGRI Hyderabad also gave significant inputs on foundation design and seismic or earthquake safety. Few IITs were also part of expert advisory committee and even Space technologies from ISRO have been used in the construction of the grandiose structure.

A unique feature of the Ram Temple, the Minister said, is the Surya Tilak mechanism, designed in such a way that the sun rays will fall on the forehead of Lord Ram's Idol at 12 noon

on Sriram Navami day every year for about 6 minutes.

The Science & Technology Minister said, Indian Institute of Astrophysics Bengaluru provided technical support on sun's path and optica, Bangalore is involved in manufacturing of the lenses and brass tubes.

"Gear box and reflective mirrors/lenses have been arranged such that sun rays from third floor near Shikara will be brought to Garbha Griha using well known principles of tracking sun's path," he said.

In celebration of faith, unity and the spirit of devotion, CSIR-IHBT Palampur (HP) is sending Tulip Blooms to the divine Ram Mandir Pran Pratishtha ceremony in Ayodhya on 22nd January, he said.


"Tulip does not flower in this season. It grows only in Jammu & Kashmir and few other higher Himalayan regions and that too only in the spring season. The Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology Palampur has recently developed an indigenous technology through which tulip could be made available throughout the year, without waiting for its season," he said.

Similarly, the Minister informed that the National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI) Lucknow has developed a new lotus variety named 'NBRI Namoh 108'.

The Namoh 108 lotus variety flowers from March to December and is rich in nutrients. This is the first lotus variety whose genome is completely sequenced for its characteristics," he added.



Dogri Sanstha and Team Jammu releases Dogri novel 'Putliyan' at writers club Jammu.



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SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 102 of 2023-24 Dated 19-01-2024
(Single Cover System)

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Advertised Cost (in lacs)	Cost of document (in ₹)	Earnest Money (in ₹)	Time Allowed for completion	Class of Contractor
1	CONSTRUCTION OF TOE WALL AND R/WALL AT BABA BALAK NATH TEMPLE AT KALIKA MANDIR REASI PART-2	4.99	600/-	9980/-	1 Month	'D' Class
2	CONSTRUCTION OF TOE WALL AND R/WALL AT BABA BALAK NATH TEMPLE AT KALIKA MANDIR REASI PART-1.	4.98	600/-	9960/-	1 Month	'D' Class

Position of AAA:- **Accorded**
Position of T.S :- **Accorded**
Position of funds :- **Available**

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 Publishing of Tender Notice	19-01-2024
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 19-01-2024 to 27-01-2024, 1600 Hrs
4	Bid submission Start Date	19-01-2024
5	Bid Submission End Date	27-01-2024 up to 1600 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	29-01-2024 on or after 1200 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Reasi .
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	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 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Reasi, uploading a copy of treasury challan and EMD/Bid Security in the shape of CDR/FDR (The date of Treasury Challan/ Bid Security/Affidavits between date of start of bid submission and bid submission end date) duly pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Reasi, as mentioned in the bid documents.**
- The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address.
- The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division, Reasi .
- The earnest money of the unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of Treasury Challan.
- 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 need not 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.
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Police arrests a drug peddler in Kulgam; Contraband substance recovered

KULGAM, Jan 21 (Agencies): Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested a drug peddler in South Kashmir's Kulgam district and recovered contraband

substance from his possession.

A spokesperson said that a police party headed by Incharge PP Mirbazar during patrolling at Wanpoh intercepted a suspicious person who after noticing police

party tried to flee from the spot but was apprehended tactfully. During search, officers were able to recover 8 grams of Heroin like contraband substance, digital weighing machine and a cash

of Rs 700 (pertaining to proceed of narcotics) from his possession. He has identified as Zubair Ahmad Dar son of Nazir Ahmad Dar resident of Batingoo, Anantnag. He has been arrested and shifted to police station

where he remains in custody.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No.19/2024 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Qazigund and investigation has been initiated.

EDITORIAL

INSPIRE CHILDREN

Today, worldwide, educational systems have become 100% informative; there is very little inspiration. Without inspiration, no human being rises beyond the limitations in which he lives. It's only when he's inspired that a human being wants to go beyond the limitations in which we're existing right now, and today education has become totally bereft of inspiration.

Very often, a teacher is not somebody worth looking up to, because when all that is given is information, you can as well get it from an audio, video, internet or wherever. You don't really have to listen to a teacher. A teacher is not the best means of transmission when it comes to pure information. A book is better, the internet is even better. Only if the teacher's role is to inspire people to learn, to create a thirst for knowledge and things like that, only then, a teacher's role has something to give. If the teacher is just trying to transmit information, the other means of transmission are more efficient.

Making the whole education system purely informational has caused enormous damage, and that time of life when you're youthful, when you're capable of many things, that span of life, tends to go waste, simply because the necessary inspiration is not there.

What does creating inspiration mean? Generally, most leaders in the world have always inspired people only by creating an external enemy. If you create an external enemy, you can inspire everybody on the street. Action, isn't it? But when you point out to people that the real enemy is within you — your limitations are your biggest enemies, whatever your limitations, your fear, your anxiety, your anger, your hatred, whatever the limitations from which one suffers — when you say the enemy is within you, then to inspire you, one needs much more commitment and dedication. But, dedication and commitment have become such scarce material. It's a lifelong thing. It's not that today you do something and everything is fixed. There is no such possibility. It's like nurturing a plant; it's like nurturing a tree.

If you want it to bear fruit, you have to nurture it everyday. Everyday you have to water it, everyday you have to take care of it. If this dedication is shown by the adults, the grown-ups, you will see youth will do miraculous things. Only because such dedication is missing in the general population, youth seem to be disoriented, they don't know what to do, they do their own thing — short-term things, because everybody is working on short-term goals, youth also work on short-term goals.

So one big thing that needs to happen with the youth and with everybody, is that their identification with humanity should not be limited to just themselves, and see that it includes a larger society and the larger world around them; this is missing in education today. Modern education is constantly training people only to think about themselves and nothing else but themselves. All the science that you see in the world — there is nothing wrong with the science itself — but the attitude, the way in which science is conducted is like, everything here is here only to be exploited for our well-being, isn't it so?

Now we destroy wantonly and then we talk about protecting the environment, then doing something else; all patch-up jobs, because the whole process of science is only about how to use everything for your comfort, for your benefit. So, initially, you use the planet, then the trees and plants, then the animals, then of course the human beings also. You use everybody for your comfort and well-being. That attitude has been deeply set with the process of modern education.

You can still be lost in era of map apps!

By: Ranjona Banerji

As if someone else's eyes will save you from domestic humdrum. Because if you find yourself after you get lost and then take that act of losing to its logical social conclusion, you will soon know why Bruno Bettelheim wrote that all fairy tales end with "they all lived happily after" because there is no such thing as continued domestic bliss.

That's his thought but not mine. But you can consider the joy of losing you way in days of endless nappy-changes and wonder whether you made the right decision about getting lost in someone's eyes one romantic night...

Getting lost in the countryside, now that is another story.

I live in a sort of countryside. But I also barricade myself from the countryside — doors, windows, wire mesh, gates, walls. There are tales around me of leopard attacks and sightings. Now while I am firmly on the side of leopards in general, little children and dogs being grabbed and eaten are not conscionable side effects to leopards roaming about.

I do not want to lose myself in the countryside. And not just because of hungry predators. Plumbing for instance is a far bigger concern.

But that's another story. This week, I spent a day on a "jungle safari". To get lost in, er, wild life, Nature and such. In the safety of a moving jeep, with a guide and fellow

travellers. The jungle safari is delightful and well-organised. You do not technically get lost because the drivers and guides know where to go. And if you have done it a few times, you pretend that you can recognize that tree and that riverbed and that hill. The guide will nod to keep the paying customer happy and then laugh his head off once you leave. Appearances must be kept up.

Not that I have any desire to get lost so that is not where I got lost anyway. I mean we, because I was the guide on the way and the way out of the jungle. As I got us lost and lost, my fellow passengers very kindly blamed the map app. Now we all know the map app and we all know that it works spectacularly well most of the time. It works even better where the roads are organized, and the user has some vague idea of where they ought to be going.

Anyway, these are my excuses and I'm sticking to them. The first is talking too much, which God alone knows I am often guilty of. Add to this listening, which I can also do (don't laugh, I can and do this often). When you combine other people talking, then you miss that tiny little narrow left turn. Then the map app reroutes. The b%*#& thing doesn't say "You fool you have done the wrong thing" which it should. Instead, it tries to find a way 6,000 km in another direction to get you to your destination three months later. This is especially

frustrating since India is now full of fancy highways and flyovers with no exits just like "foreign".

To make matters worse, the other car which has not made the same mistake keeps calling you just as you try to figure out what's wrong. This is not helpful as counter and cross directions and instructions now abound. However, it is daytime, you are excited about the adventure ahead and what's a little 15-minute detour amongst friends?

The safari is refreshing, soothing, exciting, invigorating. Some animals put on a show. Others are shy. Others still don't make an appearance but provide the thrill of anticipation. The landscape is divine. All is well with the world.

Till it's time to go home. What evil monkey brain takes over at this point? The one that ought to be lost in the crevices, of course. But no, out comes the wicked persona, filled with confidence and stupidity. It suggests another route altogether. It speaks with authority to lull the others into compliance. It proceeds with some success in spite of growing suspicion around it. There are no lights, no landmarks, only murky countryside and a long canal filled with water.

Ultimately, as ever under such circumstances, we are lost. Having spent the night after worrying about it, I know where I went wrong. The map app did not help, but the burden of responsibility cannot lie with technology.

The user, the evil simian circuitry, the over-confidence — me in other words — was the main culprit and the problem.

As it happened, we were not delayed by more than an hour. But circumstances had changed. We were tired. We were a bit worried. We had no clue where we were or how we were going to reach where we had to reach. The jungle was well behind us; now we were ready for civilisation. Worse, we did not have the time and space to savour the "getting lost in the jungle" experience because of this new tension of getting lost in the dark.

One of the requirements of small-town India are tiny wiggly-windy concrete covered lanes where two cars cannot pass each other. Also, it is an unwritten requirement that scooters will be haphazardly parked so that they hinder even one vehicle from passing by. Into this you throw a crazed map app with a secret crush on impossible tiny lanes and a group of people frazzled, tired and so-not-wanting-to-be-lost. And let's not forget the evil ape brain in control.

We got ourselves out. We laughed and apologised. We festered and muttered behind clenched teeth. Later we will reminisce and laugh some more. And remember the beauty of a male tusker emerging out of the gloom of a fast-falling dusk. And the flash of a kingfisher's blue and the startled look in the eyes of a faun...

Career & Job Scope and opportunities in Event Management

By: Vijay GarG

Individuals who work as event managers organise a variety of events, ensuring that the audience is interested and that the event's message is correctly conveyed. We all have been to various events throughout our lives, whether it was a wedding, a birthday celebration, or a large music festival. Event management occupations necessitate careful planning in order to avoid problems on the day of the event. Such as settling on a budget, a decoration scheme, a venue, a guest list, food, and so on.

People realised it was a lot to manage a few years ago, so they began employing specialists like an event manager to handle the entire event. Event Management is a great career path for students who have a creative imagination and solid managerial skills. The effort can be exhausting at times, but the ultimate product is always worthwhile. Events are critical to the success of a brand or organisation.

Why Choose Event Management? Event planners assist their clients in planning big gatherings and events. This career path has several unique advantages as well as some hurdles for specialists to handle. Understanding the benefits and drawbacks of this employment might help you decide whether you want to work as an event manager.

Possibilities for innovation: You can use your creative abilities and talents as an event planner to coordinate the details of events and festivities. Your clientele may choose different party styles, allowing you to be creative with each event.

Work on multiple events: An event planner frequently works on a variety of events. They might organise a business conference, a Christmas party, a music festival, or a product launch, for example. As a result, an event manager frequently has an exciting profession and interesting tasks.

Attractive job growth: Event planners can anticipate rapid job growth in their industry. Meeting, convention, and event planners are expected to expand by 18% between 2020 and 2030, as per the US Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Work environment that enhances productivity: To organise and coordinate

the intricacies of their events, event managers frequently work in groups. This allows them to enhance their learnings and experiment with fresh ways to event management.

Top Careers in Event Management The following are some job titles in the event management field. The event manager job role is offered here, with varied titles depending on the industry and career growth.

1. Event Planner: An event organiser goes to great lengths to avoid mishandling caused by a lack of teamwork. He is responsible for organising events and everything else, such as client meetings and venue cleaning. Preparing budgets, searching, and arranging places are all part of an event coordinator's job. He or she handles press outreach, gets sponsors and celebrity guests, and supervises support workers such as florists, caterers, and DJs. He also provides assistance to event planners and coordinators. 2. Associate Event Supervisor: Students are hired at the associate level after successfully completing the relevant courses. This is the initial level of entrance for students who want to work in event management. The associate event planner works under the supervision of seniors during this period to gain a basic understanding of how things work in the real world.

3. Event Manager: An event manager is in charge of planning, coordinating, and executing a variety of events of all sizes and sorts, such as food festivals, commercial activities, music performances, and conventions. An event manager talks with customers to analyse their needs and decide the event's goal. The event managers then meet with organisers, vendors, and other specialists to plan the event. Event managers are also in charge of financial management.

4. Event Organiser: Event organisers are in charge of arranging and coordinating events. Depending on the firm, the size and style of the event may differ. They are also responsible for creating and managing the client's budget and searching for, booking, and coordinating suitable event venues.

5. Logistics Manager: The prime responsibilities of a Logistics Manager are managing warehouse inventories and keeping inventory records. Managing budgets and selecting transportation companies,

besides negotiating rates and contracts with them. They are also responsible for resolving customer complaints and issues.

Career Scope With an Event Management Degree

Event Management offers a wide range of applications in both India and abroad. Candidates can discover numerous high-profile work opportunities in both the public and private sectors. Students who complete a BBA in Event Management might continue their education in the same sector and go for further specialisations by pursuing MBA or PhD degrees in the same field. Candidates with an Event Management degree can work as a Marketing Executive, Designing Administrator, Teacher, Media Relations Manager, and many other high-profile roles after completing the course. The typical minimum annual income is INR 3,00,000, which increases with hands-on experience in the sector.

Event Management Scope in India

India has witnessed a remarkable rise in demand for live and cultural events over the last few years. The increase in social and cultural events has shifted the taste of the audience and their ways of amusement. People nowadays prefer to watch live shows and performances of their artists rather than viewing them on-screen. Furthermore, the concept of connectivity and common networking has led to similar grounds for people gathering to watch a live entertainment presentation.

This change in ways of enjoyment has resulted in the popularity of event management. More and more youngsters are inclined to pursue study in Event Management, which carries a bright scope for career growth. Young professionals can find employment in the following industries after completing a study in Event Management:

Wedding Planning- The Wedding Management Industry is one of the most thriving businesses in our country. Weddings are an auspicious part of our culture and tradition. According to a study, the Indian Wedding Management Industry earns approximately 1,00,000 crores every year. And this amount increases by 25-30% each year. Thus, event retailers can greatly capitalise on their operations with this large number of weddings enhanced by the opulent functions.

Corporate Gatherings- Company award

celebrations, press conferences, and other organisational events necessitate a high level of sincerity and skill-set execution on the part of event organisers. As a result, anyone wishing to enter this market will be given on-the-job training in various corporate event management strategies. Furthermore, aggregating these strategies with conceptual relevance will have the greatest impact on the growth of event managers in this industry.

Trade Fairs- India has seen significant expansion in this sector of the industry. This is mostly due to increased business networking among established organisations and new start-ups. Surprisingly, this area receives the least attention from applicants seeking to engage with the industry. The prime reason for this is a lack of glamour akin to the wedding management industry.

Promotional Events- This is mostly due to increased business networking among established organisations and new start-ups. Surprisingly, this area receives the least attention from applicants seeking to engage with the industry. The prime reason for this is a lack of glamour akin to the wedding management industry.

Social Events- Social events are a fantastic entry point into the event sector for newcomers. This area in India is growing at a rate of roughly 20% each year, making it a valuable industry in which to test our management talents and aspirations. In a nutshell, social events are an excellent employment option for living up to your enthusiasm while providing amazing managing results.

Average Salaries Based on Job Positions

Event Management is a promising and rewarding alternative. Candidates can locate high-paying employment in a wide range of Job Profiles. They can work as Event Managers, Promotion Managers, Designing Executives, Event Coordinators, Celebrity Managers, Public Relation Officers, among others.

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AJBRCEA delegation calls on Lt Governor

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 21: A delegation of All Jammu Based Reserved Category Employees Association Kashmir led by its Chairman Vipen Kumar met Lt Governor J&K UT at Raj Bhavan JAMMU, delegation includes Anil Radha President, Navneet Kundal Vice President, Yashpal Gen Secretary, and Naveen Kumar Cashier. The Delegation has expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor led UT Administration for taking various steps for



the welfare of Jammu Based Reserved Category Employees working in Kashmir. The members of the

delegation submitted a charter of demands to the Lt Governor including the main demand of Comprehensive

Transfer Policy and also stressed upon the implementation of Reservation in Promotion. They also drew the

attention of the Lt Governor towards the issues of Confirmation of All Incharge Masters Promoted in year 2014, Appointment of Nodal Officer for all Inter Division/Inter District Employees, and Provision of Government Accommodation for all such employees who are appointed on Inter District basis in Kashmir Division.

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

Ajeet Bhagat Challenges Govt Claims on Employment and Welfare of SC/ ST and OBC of Weaker Section in J&K

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 21: Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Senior Leader Ajeet Bhagat refutes Government on Employment and Welfare of S/C, ST and OBC here by refutes the tall claims of present Government in Jammu and Kashmir regarding Employment and Welfare of weaker Section i.e S/C, S/T and OBC Minorities. We have been continuously raising the various issues to ensure Constitutional rights to all sections of society in Jammu and Kashmir but Government is making hollow claims. Nothing has happened on ground.

Bhagat demanded From 8 percent Reservation to 15 percent Reservation for S/C in employment as par

other states and the Reservation in promotion to Reserved categories not reserved even after Supreme Court's direction, Mandal Commission not implemented in Jammu and Kashmir since 1993 for which there has been continuous agitation by Other Backward Class People. It was contested in the parliament in 2019 that formation of Union Territory shall grant Justice to OBC people but even after five years Union Territory, issues is pending as such, Enhancement of Reservation of OBC from 4 percent to 27 percent is pending since 1993 and till date, Government has changed nomenclature only.

How Government can claim Good Governance, Reservation to

OBC in Local Bodies and Panchayat Raj announced but quantum not mentioned. This is only a political game equivalent to playing OBC card to win the elections.

There is yet no amendment in Municipal Act, and tall claims are being flashed every day, Deferment of Panchayati and Urban Local Bodies Elections on the pretext of OBCs Reservation is nothing, There is no OBC member in State Socially and Educationally Backward Class Commission,

What could be the motive behind such an unbalanced Commission, Population of OBCs is 30 percent and there is no representation of such a big chunk of population in the Commission made for their welfare.

Army Organized Health Awareness Drive At Chas, District-Kishtwar



Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 21: Indian Army organised a Health Awareness Drive at village Chas, Kishtwar on 18 Jan 2024, with an aim to spread awareness on importance of Physical Fitness. The residents of remote village of Kishtwar face extreme difficulties in accessing proper and affordable health care facilities and remain unaware of diseases and protective measures. During the campaign, the populace made aware about

importance of health, physical fitness and healthy lifestyle routine. A total of 37 residents of the area attended the event and benefited from the same.

This noble initiative of the Army was appreciated by the populace, who face extreme difficulties and lack of medical care in the remote areas.

The inhabitants expressed their gratitude towards Army for the medical awareness drive and requested to organize such educational camps on a regular basis.

Rajesh Gupta raises concerns over new Ram Lalla Idol placement and unfinished temple construction

Top News Report

JAMMU / NEW DELHI, Jan 21: Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) General Secretary and media head J&K UT Rajesh Gupta expressed two concerns ahead of the January 22 event: the introduction of a new idol of Ram Lalla into the upcoming temple, and that the temple is still under construction.

"The question is, if this new idol will be placed, what happens to Ram Lalla virajman? So far, Ram bhakts thought that the new temple was being built for Lalla virajman. But now, the news of a new idol in the under-construction sanctorum in the temple precincts has raised doubts whether Ram Lalla viraj will be sidelined/ignored."

Rajesh Gupta in a statement on Sunday urged Mahant Nritya Gopal Das the head of Ayodhya's largest temple, the Mani Ram Das Ki Chavani, and the chief of the Ram Janmabhoomi Nyas and Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra to ensure that, in the under-construction temple, complete



precedence is accorded to Ram Lalla virajman in the designated sanctum sanctorum for pratishtha, with only the placement of Ram Lalla virajman.

"Anything done in contravention of this would be in violation of history, public mood, morality, dharmshastra and law, but also a great injustice to Sri Ram Lalla virajman," said Gupta.

Man arrested for illegal extraction and transportation of minerals in Kulgam, vehicle also seized: Police

Top News Report

KULGAM, Jan 21: Kulgam police under the close supervision of SSP Kulgam Sahil Sarangal-IPS has launched a special drive against illegal mining to foil degradation of the river vaishow and other nullahs of the district which makes them vulnerable to flood, even affecting eco balance and endangering the habitation located nearby.

In this regard, a police party of Police Post Mirbazar led by IC PP Mirbazar during Naka checking at Mirbazar Chowk seized a vehicle (dumper) bearing Registration No. JK13G-2650. Involved in transportation of minerals illegally extracted and arrested the driver namely Bilal Ahmad Bhat son of



Ghulam Rasool Bhat resident of Litter, Pulwama.

Accordingly a case with FIR No. 20/2024 under section 431 IPC, 3 PPD act has been registered at police station Qazigund in this regard and investigation has

been initiated.

Kulgam police requests the people not to indulge in any kind of illegal mining activity as it is the violation of Government rules. Persons found indulging in illegal mining activities shall be dealt as per law.

3 days AICTE approved FDP inaugurated in Aryans

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 21: The Universal Human Value cell of Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh is conducting a 3 days All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi approved faculty development program under the supervision of National Coordination committee for induction program (NCCIP), AICTE. The inaugural ceremony



commenced with the symbolic lighting of the lamp. Dr. Rajnish Arora, Chairman, NCCIP, AICTE virtually addressed all. Dr. Parveen Kataria, Director

General, Aryans is the local program coordinator. The regional coordinator of the program is Dr. Charanjeet Madan. During inauguration, Dr. Priya Dar-

shani, Expert, UHV Activities, Dr. Manisha Gupta, Member, Sub Committee, NCCIP, Dr. Garima Joshi, Observer were present. FDP will be conducted in 12 different sessions for 80 participants from various educational institutions including Gulzar Group of Institutions (GGI), Khanna, Swami Vivekanand Institute of Engineering & Technology (SVIET), Banur Quest Group of Institutions, Mohali etc.

Omar's Admission Exposes NC's Ignorance of ST community: Vibodh

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 21: In response to Omar Abdullah's admission of the National Conference's failure to address the grievances of Gujjars and Bakerwals, BJP General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta while conducting a significant meeting of Senior leaders of BJP's ST Morcha stated that this acknowledgement by Omar Abdullah underscores National Conference and opposition's historical neglect of Gujjar and Bakerwal rights and concerns in Jammu and Kashmir. While they now acknowledge their failure, the BJP under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has consistently worked to address the issues faced by STs in Jammu and Kashmir. "The robust and decisive initiatives undertaken by the Modi government have triggered a wave of development and celebration among the Gujjar-Bakerwal



communities. The palpable sense of empowerment among these marginalized sections has compelled opposition parties, including the National Conference (NC), to acknowledge their historical neglect and ignorance towards them. The opposition should publicly apologise for their past misdeeds and using STs as a vote bank", said Vibodh. Vibodh further underscores that BJP's nomination of Gujjar leader Ghulam Ali Khatana to the Rajya Sabha is a testament to our commitment to inclusivity. Political reservation, forest protection rights, eliminating the ban on inter-district recruitment

etc. post-abrogation of Article 370 and 35 A have empowered STs, ensuring their representation and addressing long-standing grievances. Senior leaders of BJP ST Morcha present on the occasion were Roshan Choudhary, President JK UT ST Morcha, Haroon Choudhary Prabhari ST Morcha, Parvaz Choudhary, Vice President Riaz Choudhary, General Secretary and Shazia Choudhary, Secretary. They ensure that the whole of the ST community has developed full faith in the policies of the BJP government and will overwhelmingly support the Modi government.

"SHRI RAM MANDIR CONSECRATION CEREMONY"

Raman Suri, JMC's 'Swachh Teerth Abhiyan' enhances splendour at Tirupati Balaji, Mahamaya temples

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 21: In a remarkable demonstration of dedication to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for nationwide cleanliness of temples under the 'Swachh Teerth Abhiyan', Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K Executive Member Raman Suri, accompanied by Dr Vinod Sharma, the Health Officer at Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), spearheaded a massive cleanliness drive this morning. The focus area of the drive was the newly built Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple, renowned as the Tirupati Balaji Temple at Majeen, Jammu, and the Mahamaya Temple, Jammu, situated on a scenic hillock behind the majestic Bahu Fort with a panoramic view of River Tawi.

Raman Suri, joined by his party colleagues and JMC health department staff, personally engaged in tasks such as mopping floors, sweeping entrances, and maintaining the walkways.

Emphasizing that this initiative is a part of the 'Swachhata Abhiyan,' he highlighted Prime



Minister Modi's exemplary start to the campaign at Maharashtra's Shree Kalaram Temple, inspiring billions of people to embrace cleanliness as a way of life.

The BJP leader, along with temple management officials, JMC team members, team of Project Management Unit (PMU), and enthusiastic devotees, dedicated the efforts to picking up trash, clearing dried leaves, sweeping compounds,

and beautifying entrances. The collective aim was to ensure that the temple premises not only achieve cleanliness but also become aesthetically pleasing for devotees who will be gathering here tomorrow to watch the "Shri Ram Mandir Consecration Ceremony", recite bhajans and offer their obeisance's.

Knowing that it will not be possible for everyone, including the devotees and those interested in seeing the newly-built Shri

Ram Temple at Ayodhya, to reach there tomorrow, it was decided that people will gather for the consecration ceremony of the Shri Ram Mandir on January 22 in local temples and pray while watching the live ceremony.

Later, a Bhandara was also organized at the Mahamaya Temple, fostering a sense of community and celebration after the transformative cleanliness efforts. The enthusiasm of Raman Suri and JMC team members was visible beyond mere cleanliness as they actively engaged in decorating entrances and meticulously mopping floors to create an inviting atmosphere for devotees while chanting slogans and reciting Ram Bhajans. Temple management officials, recognizing the significance of the cleanliness campaign, expressed gratitude for the BJP leader's proactive involvement. The joint efforts of Raman Suri, JMC health officials and the community symbolized a collaborative approach towards making sacred places more accessible, hygienic, and spiritually uplifting.

Rashmika Mandanna deepfake video: 24-year-old man arrested from Andhra Pradesh

Delhi Police on Saturday arrested a 24-year-old man in connection with the deepfake video of actor Rashmika Mandanna. The video had gone viral on social media in November last sparking widespread outrage.

Police said the accused, identified as Eemani Naveen who is suspected to be the creator of the video, was arrested from Andhra Pradesh and has been brought to Delhi. He is being interrogated.

According to reports, Naveen is a digital marketer. He was nabbed after Delhi Police examined over 500 social media accounts associated with the deepfake video.

In November, soon after the video went viral, Delhi Police's Special Cell had filed an FIR under Indian Penal Code sec-



tions 465 (punishment for forgery) and 469 (forgery for purpose of harming reputation) and sections 66C and 66E of the Information Technology Act.

The cops had also written to Meta to get the URL and other details to identify the accused who made the video and put it on the social media.

The Delhi Police action was based on a complaint received from Delhi Commission for Women (DCW), after the Commission took suo-moto cognisance of the deepfake video row.

Naveen reportedly told police that he was a fan of Rashmika and used to run a fan page of the actor. The accused further said that he had created the video to gain followers on Instagram.

Deepfakes are made when a person in an existing image or video is replaced with someone else's likeness using technology like artificial intelligence, mostly to promote fake news.

In the controversial video, according to reports, the face of a British-Indian celebrity was edited and altered with Mandanna's face.

Yami Gautam's political drama 'Article 370' to release on February 23



Actor Yami Gautam will be next seen in political drama "Article 370", which will be released in theatres on February 23, the makers have announced.

Backed by Jio Studios & B62 Studios, the film will present a "powerful narrative inspired by true events that shaped the fate of Kashmir", a press release said.

"Article 370" is directed by Aditya Suhas Jambhale.

Gautam, known for films such as "Badlapur", "Uri: The Surgical Strike", "Bala", "A Thursday" and "Chor Nikal Ke Bhaga", will essay the role of an intelligence agent in the movie, which revolves around the takedown of terrorism in Kashmir by rendering Article 370 ineffective.

The Central government on August 5, 2019, had revoked Article 370, which gave special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, and bifurcated it into union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

"Article 370" is produced by Jyoti Deshpande, Aditya Dhar and Lokesh Dhar.

'How I Met Your Mother' star Josh Radnor marries girlfriend Jordana Jacobs



'How I Met Your Mother' star Josh Radnor, who is also lovingly known as Ted Mosby because of the hit show, has married his girlfriend, Jordana Jacobs. Fans immediately took to the comments and congratulated the star.

Josh Radnor, popular for his role as Ted Mosby in the series 'How I Met Your Mother', married Jordana Jacobs two

weeks ago. The couple celebrated their union in a 'snowy bliss-filled weekend' at the Cedar Lakes Estate in Hudson Valley. Radnor shared pictures from the event on Instagram, expressing his gratitude to those who made the journey to be with them and his joy at calling Jacobs his wife.

Sharing the pictures, he wrote, "I got married! Two weeks ago.

In a *light* blizzard. It was an incredible overwhelming snowy bliss-filled weekend. So grateful to so many people I love for making the trip to @thesistersofcedarlakes to be with us. To @forgedinthnorth for the extraordinary pictures. But most of all to Jordana. I can't believe my great good fortune that I get to call this extraordinary woman my wife (sic)."

Yogini: A lyrical expression of woman struggle in social patriarchal system

By SHRI RAM SHAW

NEW DELHI, Jan 21: Yogini, an offbeat film about 28 young women from diverse backgrounds in medieval Odisha was premiered Saturday at India International Centre, New Delhi. The women flouted conventional norms and refused to surrender to circumstances - to become Yoginis. It's a "musical manifestation" produced and directed by two women who dare to defy and put in whatever it takes.

The experimental film produced by renowned singer Susmita Das, popularly known as "Lata Mangeshkar of Odisha" and Biyot Prajna Tripathy was screened before a house-full audience under the aegis of Mancha - Odisha Forum. The film is based on conceptualization by Hara Prasad Das that Yoginis are those strong women of marginalized communities who stood-up and resisted exploitation. Although an art-film



prepared by stitching 28 choreographed songs, it could hold attention of the audience for full 90 minutes. Everyone appreciated deft handling of a complex subject by director, Biyot Prajna Tripathy. The music by Omprakash Mohanty and rendition by Susmita Das were captivating. Eminent persons in audience such as Jatin Das, KJ Alphons, DP Bagchi were highly appreciative of the unique endeavour by two ladies on the subject of women's empowerment.

Yogini is a lyrical expression of those

fearless, sharp women's minds, bodies, desires, wishes, circumstances, and their honesty to themselves which even after so many years is relevant today, amidst the social patriarchal system which wants to regulate them in the name of culture and tradition. It is an eye-opening effort that elucidates the struggles of these women since Indian history is not always taught throughout the world.

"Odisha Forum is really happy that it started the New Year celebrations by screening a critically acclaimed film "Yogini" at the C.D.

Deshmukh Auditorium, India International Centre on Saturday (20th January). It is a film about women who were highly influenced by the Vajrayana and Tantric tradition of Buddhism which was prevalent in Odisha and some other eastern states between 8th and 12th Centuries," said Nivedita Pradhan, senior member, organizing committee, Odisha Forum.

"The film is a lyrical expression of the story of 28 women, mostly from the marginalised and suppressed sections of the society and their fearless struggle

to free themselves from the bondage of tradition to fulfil the desires of their mind and body. The story is relevant even today in the patriarchal social system which tries to regulate women in the name of culture and tradition," said Mrs. Tripathi, the screen writer and Director.

The film is jointly produced by Susmita Das and Biyot Prajna Tripathy with lyrics and narration by Hara Prasad Das. Om Prakash Mohanty has composed the music while Susmita Das is the play-back singer. Biyot Prajna Tripathy is credited with the concept, screenplay and direction.

"Yogini" was honoured for the 'Best Female Director' award at the London Independent Film Awards (Feature Film 2021); 'Best Screen Writer', 'Most Original Feature film' and 'Best Experimental Film' at the Lion Film Festival. It is yet to be commercially exhibited in India.

Kangana Ranaut sweeps temple floor in saree and sunglasses during Ayodhya visit, performs yagya

Kangana Ranaut is currently in Ayodhya for the Ram Temple consecration ceremony to be held on January 22. She has shared a glimpse of her activities on Sunday.

Kangana Ranaut has submerged herself in religious activities ahead of the Pran Pratishtha ceremony of Ram Lalla in Ayodhya's newly-built Ram Temple.

On Sunday, she took part in a yagya and also swept the premises of a temple with a broom in the holy town. She was decked up in a golden silk saree with heavy gold jewellery and a big bindi adorning her forehead.

Taking to her Instagram Stories on Sunday, Kangana shared a video from Ayodhya in which she is seen sweeping the floor of a temple while still in her traditional ensemble and sunglasses. It seems she swept a small area as

part of a community service.

She also shared pictures of herself performing the yagya



with a few saints and sages. She is also seen having a light moment with saint Rambhadracharya as she takes his blessings. She wrote in Hindi on Instagram, "Come

my Ram. Today, I met the most revered Shri Rambhadracharya ji and took his blessings. Participated in the Sha-

stravat mass Hanuman Ji Yagya organized by him."

Sharing her excitement for the January 22 event, she added, "Everyone is happy to welcome Shri Ram

in Ayodhya Dham. Tomorrow the king of Ayodhya is coming to his home after a long exile. Come my Ram,

come my Ram." Kangana was earlier spotted at the airport on her way to Ayodhya. Speaking to ANI on Saturday, Kangana had said, "Those visiting Ayodhya Dham not

only find peace of mind but also walk away with divine bliss while becoming better and wiser versions of themselves. It is our biggest and most-avowed dham, like the Vatican is for Christians.

This city holds a lot of significance not just for the country but even beyond its shores. We are fortunate that Lord Ram has given us the wisdom to visit and worship him here."

The actor had earlier praised the sculptor of Ram Lalla's idol which was placed inside the sanctum sanctorum of the temple in Ayodhya.

Kangana was last seen as an Air Force pilot in Tejas.

The film is now available on OTT after a receiving a lukewarm response in theatres. She will next be seen in Emergency, in which she plays late former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. She is yet to announce the release date of the film.

Sadhguru part of Jennifer Lopez's film 'This is Me Now?' Internet reacts



Singer-actor Jennifer Lopez recently unveiled the trailer of her film, This is Me Now: A Love Story. The cast list towards the end of the trailer mentions Sadhguru. While it is most likely the popular Indian spiritual teacher Jagadish Vasudev that the list mentions, India-Today.in reached out to the film's team to confirm the same. However, the team couldn't confirm whether it was true. The internet has been reacting to Sadhguru's possible involve-

ment in the film. One person wrote, "I hope he's riding a motorcycle and doing cool stuff." Another commented, "My guru the movie star? Can't wait to hear what the movie is about! You go Sadhguru!" "Our guru is literally a superhero in life," mentioned another fan.

Earlier, Jennifer Lopez had shared the trailer of the film on her social media and written in its caption: "I have not been this nervous, excited, scared and thrilled to share something with

you in years!! The story of the journey from This Is Me. Then to This Is Me Now is the most personal thing I've ever done. The musical experience continues February 16 when This Is Me Now the album drops.

The film has been co-written by JLo herself, who will be playing the lead role in it. The production and the scale of the film looks massive. The movie also stars Ben Affleck, Sofia Vergara, Jay Shetty and Trevor Noah among others in pivotal roles.

Ram Mandir pran pratishtha: What happens to original tent idol of Ram Lalla? chief priest explains

UP CM Yogi Adityanath had moved the idol from tent to a makeshift temple

LUCKNOW, Jan 21 (Agencies): As the stage is set for the pran pratishtha of Lord Ram Lalla at the newly constructed temple in Ayodhya on Monday, rituals to move the original idol of Ram Lalla Virajman will be done today.

The 51-inch tall Ram Lalla idol sculpted by Arun Yogiraj has been placed inside the sanctum sanctorum of the grand new Ram Mandir and pran pratishtha ceremony will be conducted at 12.30pm on Monday. Chief priest of Ram Janmbhoomi temple Acharya Satyendra Das said the original idol of Ram Lalla, which was being worshipped at the demolished Babri Masjid site will be placed inside the new temple today.

Acharya Das said, "Today, at 8 pm, the tent idol of Ram Lalla will be placed at the grand temple. Today is 'Ekadashi',



which makes it an auspicious day for placing the idol at the temple. The tent idol was carried to the makeshift temple by

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. Now, the idol will be carried to the new temple by dignitaries. I, along with four other priests, will be there as well."

After the Babri Masjid was demolished, Kar Sevaks ceremonially installed an idol of Shri Ram Lalla at the site and pitched a tent there. The idol has come to be worshipped at the demolition site ever since, reported. On the consecration ceremony, Acharya Das said, "The pran pratishtha ceremony will begin tomorrow at 12.30pm. A puja will be performed, following which Shri Ram Lalla will be given a bath in the Sarayu River. The Lord will then be adorned with clothes and trinkets. After this, Ram Lalla will be fed the 'Prasada' and a 'Shringar Aarti' will be performed. The deity will then be established at the temple and the devotees will be allowed 'Darshan'."

Goa hotel manager kills wife over extramarital affair, tries to cover it up as drowning



GOA, Jan 21 (Agencies): A 29-year-old manager of a luxury hotel in South Goa was arrested on Saturday for allegedly drowning his wife at Cabo de Rama beach in Goa a day before, police said.

Gaurav Katiyar allegedly murdered his wife Diksha Gangwar (27) at Cabo de Rama beach and tried to project the death caused due to drowning. However, a video shot by a man exposed his claim.

Forensic officials involved in the case said drowning in the shallow sand waters are cases of homicide and not suicide or accident. The state forensic department official, attached to the South Goa District Hospital, told PTI that the initial investigation has revealed the woman died in the "shallow sand waters".

"Most of the times, deaths due to drowning in the shallow sand waters are cases of murder as no one can die in such low depth waters due to drowning, unless forced to," the official said. The postmortem on the woman's body would be conducted on Monday, the official said.

He said the medical examination of the accused conducted on Saturday showed injury marks due to scratching on his chest. "There are marks on the chest, usually when there is a scuffle.

There is a possibility that the deceased tried to save her and in the process scratched the chest of the accused," he said.

Prima facie, Katiyar killed Gangwar, whom he married a year ago, over his extramarital affair, an official earlier said adding that injury marks were found on the body.

Meanwhile, a Judicial Magistrate First Class at Margao remanded the accused to police custody for five days. Katiyar was working as the manager of a restaurant in a five-star hotel in South Goa. He and his wife hailed from Lucknow.

The Cuncolim police have registered a case on charges of murder and destruction of evidence against Katiyar, a senior police official said. "We want to gather more evidence against the accused," he said. The police said the initial investigation revealed the accused killed his wife over his own extramarital affair. "But we need to get all the information together so that a strong chargesheet can be filed against the accused," the official said.

According to police, the incident took place at around 3.45pm on Friday after the accused took his wife for a stroll on the beach, located not far from his workplace. "He took her to a rocky area of the beach and allegedly drowned her in the sea," police said on Saturday. After committing the crime, Katiyar created commotion and tried to pass it off as an accident, he said.

"However, a video clip shot by a local showed Katiyar coming out of the beach and returning again apparently to ensure whether his wife had really died, before raising alarm to create the entire drama," he added.

'Afraid of son...': Himanta Biswa Sarma mocks Rahul Gandhi

GUWAHATI, Jan 21 (Agencies): The war of words between Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi saw a fresh escalation on Sunday. At a press conference in Guwahati on Sunday, Sarma said Gandhi was afraid of even his son.

"Rahul Gandhi pehle toh mujhse darta tha, ab mere bacche se bhi dama shuru kar diya," (Earlier, Rahul Gandhi was just afraid of me but now he is also afraid of



my son) said Sarma.

Earlier, Gandhi had called Sarma "the most corrupt Chief Minister in the country" while addressing people at a

rally during his Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra in Assam's Lakhimpur.

"...We say that Assam will not be run from Delhi, it will be run from

here. Your (Assam) CM is the most corrupt CM in the country.

He can teach other BJP Chief Ministers to do corruption..." Gandhi said as quoted by news agency.

On Saturday, Sarma hit back with a post on social media X, describing Gandhi family as "the most corrupt. The Assam Chief Minister also alleged Gandhi family's role in a number of scams.

"Anything abusive that comes from the so-

called Gandhi family, I consider it as a blessing.

Because this gives me the energy to fight against a family which considers itself to be the most powerful.

But I want to ask only one thing, can any one be more corrupt than the Gandhi's? - Bofors Scam, National Herald Scam, Bhopal Gas Tragedy, the escape of Anderson, 2G scam, Coal Scam, etc (the list is huge and it goes on & on)," posted Sarma.

Uddhav Thackeray gets Ram Mandir invite, Sanjay Raut's 'Ravan' swipe at BJP

MAHARASHTRA, Jan 21 (Agencies): Shiv Sena (UBT) president and former Maharashtra chief minister Uddhav Thackeray has been sent an invitation by speed post for the Ram temple consecration ceremony to be held in Ayodhya on Monday.

reaches faster and it has been done.

However, Raut reacted sharply to the speed post invite saying, "You worship Lord Ram, and rule like Ravan (demon king). Lord Ram will curse you. All film stars are invited but the Thackeray family that

On Tuesday, he will participate in a day-long convention of his party in Nashik.

The much-awaited Ram temple consecration will be held in Ayodhya city of Uttar Pradesh on Monday in a grand ceremony with Prime Minister Narendra Modi attending the rituals, following which the shrine will be opened for the public a day later.

While more than 7,000 people are in the long list of invitees, the select list features 506 A-listers.

Those attending the "Pran Prathishtha" also include people linked to the agitation for the temple at the Ram Janmbhoomi.

Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan, business tycoons Mukesh Ambani and Gautam Adani, and sporting icon Sachin Tendulkar are among the prominent people to be invited.

Almost all opposition leaders invited to the ceremony have declined to attend the ceremony, with the Congress calling it a BJP-RSS event.

3 arrested in Tripura with heroin concealed in soapbox

AGARTALA, Jan 21 (Agencies): The Tripura police on Friday arrested three suspected drug peddlers from Dharmanagar. Police said the accused were arrested as they entered the state driving a luxury car, based on specific inputs.

Upon checking, heroin concealed in a soapbox were found in their possession, said police.

"Police intercepted the car as they entered the state and searched it to recover 12 grams of heroin," said Dharmanagar police station officer Mumtaz Hasina.

Himachal Pradesh govt declares full holiday tomorrow for Ram Mandir Pran Pratishtha event

HIMACHAL PRADESH, Jan 21 (Agencies): It is the first Congress-led state among the three to declare a holiday on the occasion of Ram Mandir's inauguration.

The Himachal Pradesh government declared a public holiday on Monday (January 22) in view of the consecration ceremony of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya. All schools, colleges, universities and public offices will remain closed in the state to enable employees to participate in the consecration ceremony's festivities.

"It is hereby notified that full day of 22nd January 2024, (Monday) shall be observed as a public holiday in all departments/boards/corporations/schools/



colleges/universities/ etc. of Himachal Pradesh government to enable employees on the occasion of Ram Lalla Pran Pratishtha at Ayodhya. The above holiday will be applicable to the daily wage employees," the notice said.

Notably, it is the first Congress-led state

among the three to declare a holiday on the occasion of Ram Mandir's inauguration. Several states, as well as the central government, have declared a half-day holiday for all schools and offices to mark the event.

The move to announce a full holiday on

Monday could be seen in contrast to the stance the Congress took to reject the invitation to the ceremony by its leadership. War of words between the Congress and the BJP erupted since Malikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi and Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, along with party vet-

eran Manmohan Singh, denied taking part in the ceremony.

Several Opposition parties have turned down the invitation to the event, claiming the BJP has been trying to score political brownie points.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, NDA politicians, actors, businessmen and sports stars will attend the consecration ceremony of the Ayodhya Ram Temple.

In other Congress-ruled states, including Karnataka, the BJP has been demanding a holiday on Monday, saying it "unfortunate" that chief minister Siddaramaiah is "discouraging and disconnecting" the people of the state. The state government has yet to make a decision.

Odisha headmaster arrested for allegedly raping two girls in school premises

ODISHA, Jan 21 (Agencies): The headmaster allegedly raped two girl students of Class 6 and 7 on January 16.

The incident came to light when the girls refused to go to school the day after the incident, prompting their parents to inquire about

the reason for their decision. After being pressured by their parents, both girls confided in them about the sequence of sexual assault inflicted upon them by the accused teacher.

The school functions between 6.30am and 11am. Some of the



students stay behind for studying in private tuition. Police said the accused headmaster raped the two girls after the school hours.

The accused has been booked under sections 376 (f) (Being a relative, guardian or teacher of, or a person in a position of trust

or authority towards the woman, commits rape on such woman), 354 (Assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Section 4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual

Offences (POCSO) Act 2012, said inspector of Rajnagar police station, Ajaya Kumar Jena.

Meanwhile, the medical examination of the accused headmaster has been conducted and he is likely to be produced before the court soon.

Nikki Haley takes on Trump ahead of New Hampshire primary, questions his mental fitness

Her response came as Trump appeared to confuse her with Nancy Pelosi

WASHINGTON, Jan 21 (Agencies): As the GOP primary heads from Iowa to New Hampshire, Republican candidate Nikki Haley, in her bid to stop the Donald Trump juggernaut, hit out at the former President, questioning his mental capacity to serve as President. Haley's volley came as Trump appeared to repeatedly confuse her with former U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Trump, in his speech the night before, had mistakenly asserted that Haley was in charge of Capitol security on January 6, 2021, when a mob of Trump supporters stormed the building seeking to stop the certification of his loss to Democrat Joe Biden. Trump first said that Haley turned down security offered by his administration on Jan. 6 and then again mentioned Haley.

"By the way, they never report the crowd on January 6. You know, Nikki Haley, Nikki Haley, Nikki Haley... did you know they destroyed all of the information, all of the evidence, everything, deleted and destroyed all of



it? All of it, because of lots of things, like Nikki Haley is in charge of security, we offered her 10,000 people, soldiers, national guards, whatever they want. They turned it down."

To this, Haley said: "They're saying he got confused, that he was talking about something else, he's talking about Nancy Pelosi."

"He mentioned me multiple times in that scenario. The concern I have is I'm not saying anything derogatory but when you're dealing with the pressures of the presidency, we

can't have someone else that we question whether they're mentally fit to do this, Haley said.

Trump did not wait to hit back. Adding that he took a cognitive test and aced it, the former President said: "I'll let you know when I go bad. I really think I'll be able to tell you," he added. "I feel my mind is stronger now than it was 25 years ago. Is that possible?"

For Haley, New Hampshire is one of the best chances to notch a victory over Trump, considering that poll figures show her

winning almost 34% of the vote in the state, 13 points behind Trump. This, however, is quite a surge considering how she ended up third in Iowa, behind Trump and Florida Governor Ron DeSantis.

Republican voters in Hampshire too seemed to be considering someone other than Trump.

Trump, on the other hand, has been ramping up personal attacks against Haley, comparing her to Hillary Clinton.

He is also taking New Hampshire by storm conducting mammoth rallies in venues his rivals could only dream of filling. "We need big margins," Trump said at a rally in Manchester, "because we have to send real unity as a message."

"Nikki Haley is using radical Democrat money to run the radical Democratic campaign operation she's running," Trump said, referencing Haley's support base which includes some centrist and anti-Trump political groups and donors.

Afghanistan crash: Moscow-bound air ambulance was registered in Morocco, not India, says govt



AFGHANISTAN, Jan 21 (Agencies): The plane that crashed in Afghanistan was a Moroccan-registered Dassault Falcon 10 aircraft and was flying with two passengers and four crew members from Thailand to Russia's Zhukovsky International Airport in Moscow, said reports. The Union ministry of

civil aviation has clarified that the aircraft was neither an Indian Scheduled Aircraft nor a Non-Scheduled (NSOP)/Charter aircraft. "It is a Moroccan registered small aircraft," the ministry posted.

The plane that crashed in the mountains of Topkhana in Afghanistan's Badakhshan

province had earlier landed in Gaya Airport for refuelling, according to the ministry.

The ministry's clarification comes after an earlier X post by Afghan TV channel Tolo News claimed that an Indian passenger plane crashed in the Topkhana mountains in Badakhshan province.

Fire breaks out at Russia's Novatek Baltic Sea terminal after explosions heard



RUSSIA, Jan 21 (Agencies): A fire broke out at a Baltic Sea terminal belonging to Novatek, Russia's largest liquefied natural gas producer, regional officials said on Sunday, amid reports of explosions and Ukrainian drone sightings in the area.

The Ust-Luga complex, located on the Gulf of Finland about 170 km (110 miles) west of St. Petersburg, processes stable gas condensate into light and heavy naphtha, jet fuel, fuel oil and gasoil, according to Novatek's website. The port is used to ship processed products to international markets.

"There were no casualties as a result of the fire at the Novatek terminal in the port of Ust-Luga. The personnel were evacuated," Alexander Drozdenko, the Leningrad region's governor, said on the Telegram messaging app.

Russian news agencies reported that two storage tanks and a pumping station had

been damaged, but that the fire had now been brought under control. Drozdenko did not say what caused the blaze, but Russian news outlet Shot reported that local residents had heard a drone operating nearby followed by several explosions.

St. Petersburg-based news outlet Fontanka said at least two drones were spotted in the sky flying towards St. Petersburg before the terminal caught fire.

Russia and Ukraine have targeted each other's energy infrastructure in strikes designed to disrupt supply lines and logistics, each side seeking to demoralise the other in a nearly two-year-old war that shows no sign of ending.

On Friday, a drone attack hit an oil depot in Russia's western region of Bryansk, bordering Ukraine, for which Moscow blamed Kyiv.

That came a day after an attack on a Russian Baltic Sea oil terminal that Russian officials

said was unsuccessful. There was no immediate comment on Sunday from Ukraine on the Novatek incident.

Novatek did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Baza, a Russian news outlet known for its security services contacts, posted footage on Telegram of large flames shooting into the sky over what appeared to be an industrial complex.

Three international tanker ships were anchored near the fire, though there were no reports of damage to them, the Fontanka outlet said.

Drozdenko said a "high alert regime" had been introduced and that officials had gathered for an emergency meeting.

Novatek processed 3.4 million tons of stable gas condensate at the complex in the first half of 2023, according to the most recent data available, up 0.6% from the same period a year earlier.

Gaza death toll crosses 25,000 as Israel-Hamas war drags on

ISRAEL, Jan 21 (Agencies): The Palestinian death toll in Gaza from over three months of war between Israel and the territory's Hamas rulers has soared past 25,000, the Gaza Health Ministry said Sunday.

At least 178 bodies were brought to Gaza's hospitals in 24 hours along with nearly 300 wounded people, according to Health Ministry spokesperson Ashraf al-Qidra.

Women and children are the main victims in the Israel-Hamas war, according to the United Nations.

The war began with Hamas' surprise attack into Israel on Oct. 7, in which Palestinian militants killed some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and took around 250 hostages, including men, women and children.

Israel responded with a three-week air campaign and then a ground invasion into northern Gaza that flattened entire neighborhoods. Ground opera-



tions are now focused on the southern city of Khan Younis and built-up refugee camps in central Gaza dating back to the 1948 war surrounding Israel's creation.

Some 85% of Gaza's population have fled their homes, with hundreds of thousands packing into U.N.-run shelters and tent camps in the southern part of the tiny coastal enclave. U.N. officials say a quarter of the pop-

ulation of 2.3 million is starving as only a trickle of humanitarian aid enters because of the fighting and Israeli restrictions.

Gaza's Health Ministry says a total of 25,105 Palestinians have been killed in the territory since Oct. 7, and another 62,681 have been wounded. Al-Qidra said many casualties remain buried under the rubble from Israeli strikes or in areas where medics cannot reach them.

The ministry does not differentiate between civilians and combatants in its death toll but says around two-thirds of those killed were women and minors.

The Israeli military says it has killed around 9,000 militants, without providing evidence, and blames the high civilian death toll on Hamas because it fights in dense, residential neighborhoods.

The military says 195 of its soldiers have been killed since the start of the Gaza offensive.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to keep up the offensive until Hamas is dismantled and all the hostages are returned.

Nearly half of the captives were released during a week-long cease-fire in November in exchange for the release of scores of Palestinians imprisoned by Israel. Israel says some 130 remain in captivity, but only around 100 are believed to still be alive.

Israel-Gaza: Netanyahu defies Biden over Palestinian state

ISRAEL, Jan 21 (Agencies): Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has again rejected the idea of creating a Palestinian state.

His comments came hours after a phone call with US President Joe Biden after which the US leader indicated Mr Netanyahu may still accept the idea.

Netanyahu's remarks appeared to deepen a public divide with the US.

The US believes a Palestinian state alongside Israel - known as a "two-state solution" - is vital for long-term stability.

But the White House acknowledged this week the US and Israeli governments "clearly see things differently".

Speaking to reporters after the two leaders held a call for the first time in almost a month, Mr Biden insisted a two-state



solution was still possible with Netanyahu in office.

"There are a number of types of two-state solutions. There's a number of countries that are members of the UN that... don't have their own militaries," he said.

But on Saturday Netanyahu doubled down on his position,

which he has held for much of his political career and repeated earlier this week.

A statement released by his office read: "In his conversation with President Biden, Prime Minister Netanyahu reiterated his policy that after Hamas is destroyed Israel must retain security control over Gaza

to ensure that Gaza will no longer pose a threat to Israel, a requirement that contradicts the demand for Palestinian sovereignty."

The comments will dampen hopes in some circles that the Gaza crisis could result in Israeli and Palestinian leaders restarting diplomatic negotiations and kickstarting the dormant peace process.

Netanyahu's increasing isolation abroad comes amid continuing support for the war at home, coupled with protests over the fate of the estimated 130 hostages still being held inside Gaza by Hamas.

Hamas killed about 1,300 people - mostly civilians - and took 240 hostages in their surprise attack on southern Israel on 7 October.

Jerusalem: Armenian Christians fight controversial land deal

JERUSALEM, Jan 21 (Agencies): While Christmas may be a distant memory for many, the Armenians of Jerusalem only just held their annual celebration on 19 January.

This year, the holiday was overshadowed by the war in Gaza and the ongoing threat to the survival of the community from a deeply controversial real estate deal.

Many spent the day in an unconventional fashion, joining a sit-in at a tent in their church car park, which is part of a large plot at risk in the Armenian Quarter of the walled Old City.

"This illegal, treacherous land deal actually brought us all together," says Setrag Balian, a ceramicist turned activist.

Armenians date their pres-

ence in the holy city back to the 4th Century. Many of the 2,000-strong community live inside the large, cobble-stoned compound of St James Convent.

In the past, they have often been divided by political differences and family fights and there have been rifts between Jerusalemite Armenians and their Church leaders who act as employ-

ers and landlords for many.

Yet for two months, local Armenians and priests have all been staying in a large, improvised tent here, around-the-clock, to try to block the development going ahead. They eat here and work shifts as guards behind a makeshift barricade decorated with Armenian flags.

Together, they say, they have seen off attacks by

contractors with bulldozers, armed settlers and masked thugs. "Everything was put in danger with this deal," Setrag says. "Whoever wants to take away our rights and endanger our presence and our lives here, we will stand up against them and defend our rights till the end."

Last April, facts began to emerge about a 2021 contract secretly signed between the

Armenian Patriarch and a Jewish Australian-Israeli developer. It gave a newly-created firm, Xana Gardens, a 98-year lease to build and operate a luxury hotel in an area known as the Cow's Garden.

The deal covered a plot of 11,500 sq m, abutting the ramparts of the southwestern corner of the Old City, with an option to take

over an even bigger area. It includes the car park, some church buildings and the homes of five Armenian families, accounting for about 25% of the Armenian Quarter. Located on Mount Zion, it has huge religious significance and is incredibly valuable real estate but an annual fee of just \$300,000 (£237,000) was to be paid by the developer.

Amit Shah releases book "Assam's Braveheart-Lachit Barphukan"

Top News Report

JAMMU / GUWAHATI (Assam), Jan 21: The English book "Assam's Braveheart-Lachit Barphukan" by Arup Kumar Dutta has been released in a grand function in Guwahati by Hon'ble Home Minister Amit Shah. The fact that it has been translated into 24 scheduled Indian languages is a commendable effort to make the story accessible to a wider audience.

Special recognition is due to Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju' for translating the book into Dogri, and Nisar Azam for translating it into Kashmiri. Their contributions in preserving and promoting the cultural heritage of Assam through linguistic diversity are noteworthy.

The event, graced by the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam



Dr. Hemant Biswa Sarma and Hon'ble Education Minister Dr. Ranuj Pegu, along with other dignitaries, adds significance to the occasion.

The translation project, led by Project Manager Aprajita Pujari, is a remarkable achievement that highlights the collaborative efforts to share the life, heroics, and times of the great

Assamese military leader, Lachit Barphukan, with people across the country.

Congratulations to all the translators and contributors, and thanks to the Government of Assam for honoring them. The publication of the book by Assam Prakashan Board is a valuable step in preserving and disseminating the rich cultural history of Assam.

Aircraft crashed in Afghanistan's mountains not Indian, did refuelling at Gaya: Government

NEW DELHI, Jan 21 (Agencies): A small aircraft that crashed in Afghanistan did not belong to any Indian carrier and the plane did refuelling at the Gaya airport while it was flying to Moscow from an airport in Thailand, the government said on Sunday.

Amid reports that it was an Indian plane that was involved in the crash, the Civil Aviation Ministry said the aircraft was registered in Morocco.

"As per available information, the crashed aircraft is a DF-10 (Dassault Falcon) small aircraft registered in Morocco. It is not an aircraft of Indian carriers.

"The aircraft was an air ambulance and was flying from Thailand to Moscow and did refuelling at Gaya airport," the ministry said in a statement.

A source in the know said the plane had started from Utapao airport in Thailand.

In a post on X, the ministry said the "unfortunate plane crash that has just occurred in Afghanistan is neither an Indian Scheduled Aircraft nor a Non-Scheduled (NSOP)/Charter aircraft. It is a Moroccan-registered small aircraft. More details are awaited".

Quoting authorities, news agency AP said a Russian private jet carrying six people is believed to have crashed in a remote area of rural Afghanistan.

The plane had been operating as a charter ambulance flight on a route from Gaya, India, to Tashkent, Uzbekistan, onward to Zhukovsky International Airport in Moscow, as per the report.



Federation of Trade and Industry of India organised a felicitation program

J&K Offset Printers' Association elects office bearers



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JAMMU, Jan 21: J&K Offset Printers' Association (JKOPA) elected its new office bearers for the period of 2024-2026, during its 14th Annual General Body meeting held here today. 14th Annual General Body Meeting / Election Meeting of J&K Offset Printers' Association was today held at Hotel Zone by the Park, Jammu. At the outset Avinish K. Anand, Gen. Secretary presented the minutes of the 13th AGM which were approved by the house and Rajneesh Kaushal, Finance Secretary also presented the annual accounts of the association under the Presidentship of Sudesh Gupta.

In the first session of the meeting many problems related to printing industry were discussed. During the second session the members were elected

unanimously in absence of any nomination for the office bearers. The new team elected unanimously comprises Pankaj Sethi as President, Rahul Mahajan as Senior Vice President, Avinish K. Anand as Vice President, Sanjay Kumar Soni as General Secretary, Rajneesh Koushal as Secretary, Kuku Ji Bhan as Finance Secretary and Nishant Chadha as Joint Secretary. The office bearers were declared elected by the Returning Officer Satish C. Jandiyal of J&K Offset Printers' Association (JKOPA) has announced the appointment of new office bearers for the term 2024-2026. Newly elected team honoured the ex Presidents Ravi Gupta, Arun K. Gupta, Sudesh Gupta and Girish Kapoor. President Pankaj Sethi also honoured Avnish K. Anand of A-Won Printers and

Satish C. Jandiyal of Rohini Printing Industry for winning the awards during National Award for Excellency in Printing organised by All Indian Federation of Master Printers, New Delhi. The newly elected president Pankaj Sethi, said that his team and he will endeavour to work honestly and diligently for the upliftment of the printing industry in the J&K State. He also thanked Sudesh Gupta, outgoing president and his team, for their valuable contribution during the previous years." Calendar for the year 2024 was also released by the Senior Members of the Association. Lastly newly elected Gen. Secy. Sanjay K. Soni on behalf of J&K Offset Printers' Association thanked all the revered members, sponsored from the core of his heart for taking trouble to grace the meeting.

Ayodhya goes under thick security blanket ahead of 'Pran Pratishtha'

NEW DELHI, Jan 21 (Agencies): With only a few hours to go separating Ayodhya from Lord Ram long-awaited return to his birthplace, a heavy security cordon has been thrown around the city, the state police informed on Sunday.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will perform the rituals around the Pran Pratishtha ceremony, which are to be officiated by a select complement of seers on Monday.

Even as the city exuded a festive ambience ahead of the big day, Rapid Action Force (RPF) personnel were deployed at Lata Mangeshkar Chowk ahead of the January 22 ceremony.

The police were conducting patrols by boat on Sarayu River at frequent intervals, officers said.

Anti-bomb squad and dog squad teams were also deployed at Ayodhya's Mahari-shi Valmiki International Airport, as devotees and dignitaries started pouring into the temple town.

Vehicles reaching and leaving the airport were being thor-



oughly checked and no one was being allowed to enter the airport without a pass, the officials said.

According to officials, the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has set up a camp near the shrine in Ayodhya to respond to contingencies, if any.

"Three NDRF teams have been deployed here ahead of the 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony on January 22. The deployment has been done in coordination with the local administration and police," Manoj Kumar Sharma,

the deputy inspector general of police, NDRF told ANI.

"One of our teams has been deployed at the ghats. We are ready to deal with all sorts of contingencies," he added.

Praveen Kumar, IG, Ayodhya, said that necessary preparations in coordination with the agencies concerned have already been made to ensure watertight security in the city.

"The visitors have already started arriving for the 'Pran Pratishtha'. We are ensuring close surveillance through drone cameras and human intelli-

gence. All security loopholes are being identified and addressed on priority. We are confident that the mega event on January 22 will pass off without a hitch," the Ayodhya IG said.

The ceremonial journey leading up to the Pran Pratishtha commenced on January 16, 2024, Tuesday.

Earlier, on Thursday, January 19, the idol of Shri Ram Lalla, carved by renowned Mysuru sculptor Arun Yogiraj, was placed inside the sanctum sanctorum of the temple.

Covered with a veil, the first photo of the idol was revealed during the placement ceremony in the sanctum sanctorum on Thursday.

The grand occasion will witness the participation of dignitaries and people from all walks of life.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to attend the installation of the idol of Ram Lalla at the grand temple on January 22.

Laxmikant Dixit, a priest from Varanasi will lead the team of priests performing the main rituals of the Pran Pratishtha.

ROC J&K participates in high profile meeting of Regulators of Corporate Sector held at Manesar

SRINAGAR, Jan 21 (Agencies): Two day high profile meeting of Regulators of India's Corporate Sector (ROCs and RDs) chaired by Secretary Corporate Affairs took place at Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Manesar on the 19 & 20th of January, 2024.

In the workshop, besides the periodical review of the Inquiry, Inspections & Investigation cases, the review and stocktake of the pending prosecution complaints/chargesheets lying with various Courts was also conducted. Under the chairmanship of the Union Secretary,

Corporate Affairs, the performance of each office and office bearers was evaluated jointly by the Additional Secretary and Director General Corporate Affairs. Emphasis was laid upon to take all the cases of Inquiry, Inspection and Investigation to the logical conclusion in time bound manner.

The pending Investigations are to be completed in time bound manner so as to file the charges sheets in the Courts wherever applicable and for others to go for the in-house adjudication done by the respective Registrar of the Companies



(ROC).

The Northern Region comprises the offices of ROC NCT of Delhi & Haryana, Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh, Chandigarh, Uttarakhand

and Kanpur. ROC J&K was represented by Mr Haamid Bukhari and he apprised the top officials about the status of different cases for which the prosecution has been

filed either in the Courts of CJMs or in the specialised courts of Additional Sessions Judges, Anti Corruption. Particular emphasis was laid upon the Non-compound-

able cases pending before Sessions Court where the punishment is imprisonment for more than two years and upto 10 years.

Bukhari also apprised the higher ups about the status of different Investigations and Inquiries that the office in J&K is being allocated and mandated to complete.

Besides, the showcase studies of different Investigations was displayed to be replicated by other offices, like the Raids of ROC Chennai on certain firms and the search and seizure apparatus that was used to carry forward the proceedings. ROC

Delhi gave a detailed power point presentation where in, he highlighted his crackdown on the companies unlawfully being controlled by the entities without disclosures. Further detailed discussions took place to fine-tune the Search and Seizure operations defined under the Companies Act, 2013. The stocktake exercise concluded with the setting of targets for each office towards the closure of this financial year, in terms of the prosecutions pending in the courts, and completion of the matters where in, Inquiry, Inspection and Investigations are going on.

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Man killed, 17 injured as minibus rolls into gorge in Rajouri

incident for further investigations", the official added.

NIA arrests a juvenile in Dhangri terrorist attack case

Rajouri, Poonch and Reasi districts of J & K in search of actual perpetrators of the offence during the course of investigations. The team examined a large number of suspicious entities and later zeroed in on the above-mentioned accused persons who had provided logistic support to the terrorists.

Investigations in the case are still under process.

As 3 quarters of 'Chillai-Kalan' go dry, MeT predicts wet spell in last phase in Kashmir

gateway town of Kashmir, the MeT official said.

Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 6.5°C against minus 5.5°C on the previous night and it was 1.0°C above normal for the famous resort in south Kashmir.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum of minus 2.3°C against minus 2.0°C on the previous night and the temperature was above normal by 1.3°C for the place, the official said.

Kupwara town in north Kashmir recorded a low of minus 5.7°C against minus 4.7°C on the previous night and it was 2.8°C below normal there, the official said.

Gulmarg, the official said, recorded a low

of minus 5.0°C against minus 4.6°C on the previous night and the temperature was 3.2°C above normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir.

Jammu, he said, recorded a minimum of 5.6°C against 5.9°C on the previous night, and it was below normal by 1.4°C for the winter capital of J&K.

Banihal recorded a low of minus 1.2°C, Batote 1.7°C and Baderwah minus 0.4°C, he said.

Kashmir valley is under 'Chillai-Kalan', the 40-day harsh period of winter, which will end on January 29. However it does not mean an end to the winter. It is followed by a 20-day-long period called 'Chillai-Khurd' that occurs between January 30 and February 19 and a 10-day-long period 'Chillai-Bachha' (baby cold) which is from February 20 to March 1.

Rs 5 Lakh subsidy reserved only for

buses: RTO Kashmir

He assured that efforts will be made to clear the backlog within the next 15 to 30 days.

"Been divorced for a few months now": Sania Mirza's sister confirms her divorce from Shoab Malik

cricketing career during which he also captained the national team across formats, Shoab scored a whopping 7534 runs in 287 ODIs. In T20Is, he featured in 124 matches, aggregating 2435 runs at a strike rate of 125.64.

The 41-year-old also played 35 Test matches, scoring 1898 runs. He played

his last international game for Pakistan against Bangladesh in 2021.

Fire incidents in Ramban, Vaishno Devi Hills

out on Saturday night in Ukhral area of Ramban. They said that some shops were damaged in the fire incident, adding, "police and fire fighters team rushed to the spot and with the help of machinery, timely controlled the fire." However, no injury or loss of life was reported in the inferno.

Meanwhile in a separate incident, a fire broke out atop Trikuta hills near Vaishno Devi shrine.

The flames were doused by shrine board fire fighters, forest department men and police.

"No injury or loss of time is reported in the incident," they said.

Reliance to commission new 5,000-acre energy giga complex in Jamnagar this year

MUMBAI, Jan 22 (Agencies): Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Ltd will commission a new energy giga complex in Gujarat in the second half of 2024, the company said in an earnings statement and investor call.

Reliance is building a giga complex spread over 5,000 acres in Jamnagar in Gujarat. The complex comprises five giga factories for photovoltaic panels, fuel cell system, green hydrogen, energy storage and power electronics.

"On track to commence new energy facilities in phases this year," the company said in a post-third-quarter earnings call with investors.

Post announcement of third-quarter earnings on Friday, Ambani stated that the "New Energy Giga Complex



is all set to be commissioned in the second half of CY24. I am confident that Reliance's New Energy business will play a pivotal role in the global movement for adoption of cleaner fuels."

The Dhirubhai Ambani Green Energy Giga Complex will be among the largest integrated renewable energy manufacturing facilities in the world.

Reliance has signed an MoU with the Gujarat government to set up 100 gigawatt renewable power at Rs 5 lakh crore

capex. It has received in-principle approval for 74,750 hectares (ha.) of land parcels in Kutch for green hydrogen.

The firm has strategically invested in ten global technology innovators with strong expertise across the new energy value chain.

"Reliance is nearing the commissioning of the first tranche of 5GW module manufacturing capacity in mid-CY24," Nuvama said in a January 17 note.

It has via REC Solar signed a supply agreement with China-based

Suzhou Maxwell Technologies to buy a high efficiency production line for HJT cells (4.8GW capacity). It signed a 5.2GW HJT module automation production agreement with China-based SC Solar in January 2023.

It won PLIs under both rounds of solar modules PLI (Round 1: USD 0.3 billion, 4GW; Round 2: USD 0.4 billion, 6GW). Reliance (apart from Greenko) is the only company to win incentives for both green hydrogen and electrolyzers concluded recently.

It won incentives of USD 0.3 per kg for electrolyser capacity of 300MW and USD 0.23 for green hydrogen capacity of 90,000 tonnes.

Besides, it has won PLI under ACC battery storage for 5GW capacity. "These incentives are

likely to assist Reliance achieve a green hydrogen cost of USD 1.715 per kg," Nuvama said.

Given RIL is the largest producer and consumer of grey hydrogen, transition to green hydrogen shall enable it to improve margins ahead, it said.

The current green hydrogen cost hovers USD 3 per kg, which remains 1.5x compared to grey hydrogen produced using natural gas due to the high cost of generating solar/wind energy as well as high electrolyser cost.

Presently, a hybrid of solar and wind remains the cheapest source of generating green hydrogen.

The cost for solar remains the highest due to low PLF of electrolyzers at 30-35 per cent versus wind at 65-70 per cent, and for hybrid 70-75 per cent.

Ahmedabad-Mumbai bullet train project progress satisfactory: JICA

AHMEDABAD, Jan 21 (Agencies): Expressing satisfaction with the ongoing Ahmedabad-Mumbai bullet train project, the Chief Representative of JICA India, Saito Mitsunori, said that the PM Gati Shakti plan has accelerated public works in the country.

In an interview with news agency, Mitsunori also expressed Japan's interest in enhancing India's border road networks and participating in the transnational power transmission project with Bhutan, Nepal and Bangladesh.

"Once the project concept is in the pipeline, meaning the official preparatory route within the government, clarity is there, and everybody is able to assess and monitor progress. So, that has helped a lot in accelerating public works in this country," Mitsunori said.

The JICA India chief mentioned that the situation has improved a bit, as earlier it took years to get clearance from the local authority, causing project delays and cost overruns.

Japanese funding agency JICA has been the funding partner of India's several multi-billion infrastructure projects such as metro projects in Chennai, Ahmedabad and Delhi and several other projects across sectors such as rural development and education.

The government launched the PM Gati Shakti Plan in 2021 to provide multimodal connectivity infrastructure to various economic zones.

Speaking about the progress of the Ahmedabad-Mumbai High-Speed Corridor project, the Chief Representative of JICA said that the agency is excited to see work on all sections started. The Japanese official said that all uncertainties about



the project have been removed.

We are really excited to see the work on all sections, such as Ahmedabad to BKC in Mumbai. The big change was on July 22 when the Maharashtra government decided to start tendering works within the state. The undersea tunnelling work between Mumbai and Thane has started. We are very much satisfied with the rapid and steady progress of the project, he said.

The JICA India chief also mentioned that besides the northeastern region, the agency is keen to partner in building quality and resilient border roads in the Himalayan region.

It was unfortunate that a tunnel accident happened in Uttarakhand (Uttarkashi) because the work started before we finalized our technical guidelines. I really hope that our knowledge transfer will expand to every corner of society so that India has a more resilient road and transport network, including border areas, Mitsunori said.

JICA has also expressed keen interest in funding power transmission projects connecting Nepal and Bhutan with Bangladesh.

"We are quite keen to get engaged with regional countries in developing infrastructure projects. We are very keen to see what we could possibly do for power connectivity networks. A quite intensive discussion is underway with Nepal and Bhutan. They have agreed to

bring Nepal's power to Bangladesh and from Bhutan to Bangladesh. India should be an indispensable partner in these projects, Mitsunori said.

However, the Japanese official expressed a little disappointment over the slow decision-making process in trilateral and multilateral frameworks for power projects.

"When you look at the long perspective in the whole region, it will be much more wonderful if countries get connected and power is shared or utilized in a more efficient manner. So, we are very keen to start discussions with the Government of India for doing this kind of joint initiative, he emphasized.

India and Nepal have officially signed an agreement for the export of 10,000 megawatts of electricity from Nepal to India over a span of 10 years during Minister of External Affairs S. Jaishankar's visit to Kathmandu in the first week of January.

On Saturday, Kul Man Ghising, the Managing Director of the Nepal Electricity Authority, mentioned that Bangladesh has submitted a draft Request for Proposal to Nepal.

Ghising said that the decision on the proposed tariff is anticipated to take 10 to 15 days. Once an agreement is reached on the tariff, Nepal, Bangladesh, and India are poised to sign a tripartite agreement, marking Nepal's inaugural power export to Bangladesh.

CTET 2024 today; admit card link, reporting time, last-minute checklist

NEW DELHI, Jan 21 (Agencies): The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is conducting the January 2024 edition of the Central Teacher Eligibility Test or CTET 2024 examination today, January 21. The exam will take place in two shifts – from 9:30 am to 12 pm and from 2 pm to 4:30 pm.

Candidates can download their admit cards from ctet.nic.in using this link:

CTET admit card January 2024

Here are some important points for candidates:

Carry your admit card along with a valid photo ID (PAN, Aadhar, Passport, Driving Licence or Voter ID). Without these, entry will not be permitted inside the exam hall. The photo and signature on admit cards should be clearly visible.

The reporting time for the exam is 120 minutes ahead of the examination. No candidate will be allowed to enter after the gate closing time.

The Candidates have to carry their own blue/black ballpoint pen for use. Items allowed are: Admit card, one



original photo ID (PAN, Aadhar, Passport, Driving Licence or Voter ID, blue or black ballpoint pen of good quality, 500 ml transparent water bottle.

Banned items are: Metallic items, books, notes, bits of papers, geometry or pencil box, gold and artificial ornaments, plastic pouch, pencil pouch, pencil, scale, log table, writing pad, eraser, cardboard, electronics devices, watch, wrist watch, wallet, goggles, handbag, mobile phone, camera, headphones, pendrive, pager, blue-tooth device, calculator, debit/credit card, electronic pen scanners, food and beverage and/or any other items which could be used for unfair means. Exam-conducting authorities will not guarantee safe keeping of personal belongings.

However, diabetic candidates can carry eatables like sugar tablets/chocolate/candy, fruits (like banana/apple/orange) and snack items like sandwich in transparent polybags.

Candidates will not be allowed to leave the examination hall before the exam is over without signing the attendance sheet.

Candidates have to complete the biometric attendance before entering the exam hall, failing to do which may result in cancellation of the exam result.

Candidature of those using unfair means or impersonating will be cancelled and s/he will be liable to be debarred for taking examination either permanently or for a specified period according to the nature of the offence, CBSE said.

Tata Motors to hike passenger vehicle, EV prices by 0.7% from February 1

NEW DELHI, Jan 21 (Agencies): Automaker Tata Motors on Sunday announced that it will hike the prices of its passenger vehicles including electric vehicles (EVs) by 0.7 per cent. The price rise will be effective from February 1, 2024 in order to partially offset the rise in input costs, according to a company release.

"This increase will be effective February 1,

Tata Motors' global wholesales came in at 1,38,455 units in Q3FY24 at a growth of 5 per cent on-year.

JLR's global wholesales stood at 101,043 units in Q3 FY24, a significant jump of 27 per cent y-o-y. Jaguar and Land Rover wholesales for the quarter were reported at 12,149 and 88,894 units respectively.

Tata Motors clarified



2024 and is being taken to partially offset the rise in input costs," the company release read.

Earlier this month, the automaker said that its overall global wholesales increased by 9 per cent on-year at 3,38,177 units in Q3FY24. The company's commercial vehicles and Tata Daewoo range registered global wholesales of 98,679 units in Q3 FY24, marking a 1 per cent growth year-on-year.

In the passenger vehicles segment,

that these figures do not include the volume of CJLR, a joint venture between JLR and Chery Automobiles and an unconsolidated subsidiary of JLR.

Moreover, Tata Motors is not the only automaker to hike its car prices. Maruti Suzuki India on January 16 announced an increase in the prices of its cars in India. The company attributed the price hike to the rise in costs due to overall inflation and increased commodity prices.

Sensex, Nifty this week: From F&O monthly expiry to Q3 earnings, factors that may drive Dalal Street

NEW DELHI, Jan 21 (Agencies): Last week, Indian markets ended with hefty losses amid tension in the Middle East and weak macro-economic data. Inflation based on WPI surged to a nine-month high of 0.73 per cent in December 2023 as against 0.26 per cent in November 2023. This week, investors will be focusing on the quarterly results of some major companies across the sectors. Besides the F&O expiry, deposit growth and bank loan growth data in India, along with the GDP growth rate, and goods trade balance in the US are major market events that will keep the markets buzzing.

Quarterly results: Axis Bank, Bajaj Auto, Coforge, Colgate-Pal-

molve (India), Havells India, Pidilite Industries, CEAT, DLF, Tata Steel, Tech Mahindra, TVS Motor Company, Cipla, JSW Steel, and SBI Life Insurance Company are among the major names in the Dalal Street to report their numbers in the coming week.

Hitachi Energy India, Tata Elxsi, Balkrishna Industries, Mahanagar Gas, Birlasoft, Cyient, Intellect Design Arena, and Tata Technologies are some other important quarterly numbers to be released during the week. Economic data: Indian markets will remain closed on January 22 and January 26 on account of the Ram temple ceremony and Republic Day respectively. The coming week is expected to be a volatile one for local equity

markets on account of the F&O expiry, which is scheduled to take place on January 25, 2024. Traders would also be looking forward to the Deposit Growth data and Bank Loan Growth data during the week.

On the global front from the US, traders will be eyeing some important macroeconomic data, starting with Redbook on January 23, followed by S&P Global Composite PMI, S&P Global Manufacturing PMI, and S&P Global Services PMI on January 24. GDP growth rate, Goods Trade Balance, Initial Jobless Claims, on January 25, Core PCE Price Index, Personal Income, Personal Spending, Baker Hughes Oil Rig Count on January 26.

Emotional problems in young people rising rapidly

NEW DELHI, Jan 21 (Agencies): It wasn't just the virus that spread during the pandemic anxiety, depression and other mental health concerns saw a worrying rise as well. But new research from my colleagues and I confirms there had already been a substantial increase in emotional problems among young people even before COVID-19.

Adolescence is an age when people are particularly vulnerable to mental health problems, which may then continue into adulthood. Studies have highlighted concerning trends showing a steep rise in mental health issues in recent decades.

However, the reasons most frequently given for this rise, such as changes in family life, school factors and social media, do not fully explain all the issues.

We wanted to know if rates of emotional problems had

increased in young people in Wales between 2013 and 2019 and if any trends varied between groups of young people, such as boys and girls or richer or poorer families. We also wanted to determine whether changes in friendship quality and the prevalence of bullying over time mirrored any increase in adolescent emotional problems, and whether these factors could explain a part of this rise.

Good quality friendships are associated with better self-esteem and mental health, whereas bullying is linked with poorer mental health.

We used data from secondary school children which is collected every two years via the School Health Research Network. This is used to increase our understanding of risk factors for health, and to help schools and other organisations improve the lives of young people in Wales.

Students answered questions about emotional problems, including how often they felt low, irritable, nervous and had sleep difficulties. They also answered questions about friendship quality and bullying, both in person and online. In total, we looked at data from more than 200,000 students aged between 11 and 16 from three surveys of Welsh secondary schools in 2013, 2017 and 2019.

We found a substantial increase in emotional problems among young people in Wales between 2013 and 2019. The proportion of young people with high numbers of emotional problems rose from 23% to 38%. Our findings are in line with increasing rates of emotional disorders, referrals to child and adolescent mental health services, and youth self-harm and suicide during this period.

Our study highlights that exist-

ing mental health inequalities were getting worse even before 2020. This is a particularly concerning trend as it predates COVID, which is known to have exacerbated mental health problems. Girls and those from poorer families experienced steeper increases in emotional problems.

The reasons for this finding are complex. While our study doesn't examine potential reasons, other research suggests that being richer allows families to access better housing, adequate food, better healthcare and less stressors more generally.

There are several possible reasons for worse mental health among girls, including sex hormones, lower self-esteem, more interpersonal stressors, gender-based violence and on a societal level a lack of gender equality and discrimination. But not enough research has been conducted in this field.

IND vs ENG Test series

England batsman Brook to miss series, returns home for personal reasons

LONDON, Jan 21 (Agencies): England's Harry Brook will miss the five-match Test series against India as the middle-order batsman will return home with immediate effect because of personal reasons, the ECB announced on January 21.

The England and Wales Cricket Board said it will announce a replacement for Brook in due course for the series, beginning at Hyderabad from January 25.

Brook had travelled to Abu Dhabi with the team for a preparatory camp ahead of the series.

"Harry Brook is set to return home with immediate effect for personal reasons from the England Men's Test tour of India. He will not be returning to India," the ECB statement read.



"The Brook family respectfully requests privacy during this time. In light of this, the ECB and the family kindly request the media and the public to respect their wish for privacy and refrain from intruding on their private space.

The England selectors will confirm a replacement player for the tour in due course," it further read.

Brook made his Test debut in 2022 against South Africa, while his

last appearance in England whites was against Australia at the Oval in July 2023.

The 24-year-old Yorkshire batsman has so far played 12 Tests making 1181 runs at an average of 61 with four hundreds and seven fifties.

Brook's impressive effort had helped England clean sweep the series against Pakistan in late 2022. He was the Player of the Series after making 468 runs from five innings at an average of 93.60.

Chirag-Satwik duo provides warmth after Prannoy's meltdown

NEW DELHI, Jan 21 (Agencies): Braving severe cold conditions prevailing in the Capital, those who made it to the India Open badminton on Saturday night left the Jadhav Stadium after 11 p.m. following a heart-warming per-

formance from the new poster-boys of Indian badminton — Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy.

The World No. 2 pair produced a fighting performance against fourth-seeded Malaysians Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik to whom it lost eight successive times before the next two. The 21-18, 21-14 victory made it a hat-trick of triumph. This will be a second final in eight days for the Indians after the summit clash of the Malaysia Open.



After H.S. Prannoy's disappointing 21-15, 21-5 defeat to World No. 2 Shi Yuqi, Chirag-Satwik's victory served as a soothing balm for the crowd. They

bounced back from 10-13 in the second game to win the last six points, soon after a tap from Chirag struck Aaron Chia on the eye. Earlier, Prannoy's meltdown in the second game of the 42-minute contest cleared Shi

Yuqi's passage to the final against Hong Kong's unseeded Lee Cheuk Yiu, the conqueror of second-seeded Japanese Kodai Naraoka.

Shi Yuqi, a finalist of the Malaysia Open last Sunday, displayed a better range of strokes. His defence stood firm when it mattered as he looked to finish the point with smashes, drops and flicks.

The first game was fought on an even keel after Prannoy was first off the blocks.

Some deft touches, placements and down-the-line forehand smashes helped Prannoy stay on the heels of the Chinese who led 11-10 at the mid-game interval.

Djokovic reaches quarterfinals matching Federer's Grand Slam record

MELBOURNE, Jan 21 (Agencies): Novak Djokovic was ruthless in a 6-0, 6-0, 6-3 win over Adrian Panarino on January 21, reaching the Australian Open quarterfinals and matching Roger Federer's all-time Grand Slam record.



In a rare daytime appearance on Rod Laver Arena, the 10-time Australian Open champion hit 31 winners and raced to victory in 1 hour and 44 minutes to progress to the last eight for the 58th time at a major, equaling Federer's record.

Djokovic has entered the Australian Open quarterfinals for the 14th time, which is equal second on the all-time list with Rafael Nadal and John Newcombe. The difference is that he's converted most of those quarterfinal runs into titles at Melbourne Park.

He'll next face No. 12 Taylor Fritz, who reached the Australian Open quarterfinals for the first time with a 7-6 (3), 5-7, 6-3, 6-3 win over Stefanos Tsitsipas, the runner-up last year.

"I think I served well, the whole match, it kept me in it," said Fritz, after his first victory over a top 10 player at a major. "And then at the very end when I really needed it, I feel like I just, I turned it up a level and started playing my absolute best tennis to finish it," he said.

Djokovic dominates, who labored in his first two rounds, believes he's starting to hit his stride.

"The first two sets were some of the best sets I've played in a while," said Djokovic, who is bidding for a record-extending 25th Grand Slam singles title. "I played great from the first to the last point."

He added, in jest: "I really wanted to lose that game in the third set because the tension was building in the stadium."

The 35-year-old Panarino had gone to five sets in all three of his previous rounds. After missing a break point in the opening game, he almost never threatened Djokovic.

The Frenchman avoided a so-called triple-bagel — only five Grand Slam matches in the Open era have been won 6-0, 6-0, 6-0 — but he was only postponing the inevitable.

Djokovic has admitted to feeling unwell in recent rounds but said his health is improving. "Last couple of days have been really good," he said. "It's going in

a positive direction, health-wise, tennis-wise."

Defending champion Aryna Sabalenka and U.S. Open winner Coco Gauff cruised into the women's quarterfinals with commanding wins.

No. 2-ranked Sabalenka, who won her first Slam title here last year, beat Amanada Anisimova 6-3, 6-2. Anisimova had won four of their previous five meetings but she didn't have the answers this time to counter the power of the Belarusian, who hit 18 winners.

"I'm super-happy with the level, happy to get this win, she's a tough opponent," Sabalenka said. "I love the atmosphere here, I love playing in front of you guys. I really want to stay as long as possible and hopefully we can get this thing one more time," she said.

A brief rain delay at 4-1 in the first set stopped Sabalenka's momentum but she quickly recovered and pulled away in the second set. She'll meet either 16-year-old Mirra Andrejeva or No. 9 Barbora Krejickova in the last eight.

Sabalenka, Gauff cruise into quarterfinals at Australian Open



MELBOURNE, Jan 21 (Agencies): Defending champion Aryna Sabalenka and 4th-ranked Coco Gauff cruised into the quarterfinals of the Australian Open on January 21 with commanding wins.

No. 2 Sabalenka, who won her first slam title here last year, beat Amanada Anisimova 6-3, 6-2 while Gauff, who picked up her first major at the U.S. Open in September, crushed Magdalena Frech 6-1, 6-2.

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Gauff was the first woman through, needing just 63 minutes to see off Frech in a match played on Rod Laver Arena in front of the man himself.

"Luckily when I saw him come in I was already well up," Gauff said. "I heard clapping and knew it wasn't for us, it was only the first set. But thank you for coming, it's an honor."

Still a teenager, Gauff drew attention to her

shoes, which carry a number of messages, including one that says: 'you can change the world with your racquet,' something her father told her as a little girl.

"Sometimes when my mom thinks I'm negative when I look down, I'm just looking at my shoe, just a reminder that life is much more than tennis, how I do on the court does not define me as a person," she said.

"That goes for everyone. Your workplace, whatever you do, doesn't define you as a person. Just surround yourself with good people. Everything I do on court is a plus to my life. I have everything I need. This is just all extra."

Men's No. 1 Novak Djokovic plays his fourth-round match later Sunday afternoon against Adrian Panarino of France.

Nasser Hussain fires fresh Bazball warning to Rohit and Co. before IND vs ENG Tests: 'India are favourites but...'

NEW DELHI, Jan 21 (Agencies): A stunning batting onslaught and England turned the tie on its head in the longest format. How often we have come across such scripts in Tests lately? Since the arrival of former New Zealand skipper Brendon McCullum, England batters have been expressing themselves freely by playing quick-fire knocks in the longest format of the game. McCullum aka Baz is fondly known for promoting the aggressive brand of playing cricket - Bazball.

With superstar Ben Stokes at the helm, England will utilise their recent Bazball success against India in the upcoming Test series. Bazball-friendly England ended its previous

series against India level-pegging at home. Hosts India are yet to record a series trounce since the 2012-2013 season. Not long ago, former England skipper Nasser Hussain had advised Rohit Sharma's Team India against preparing turning pitches for the five-Test series.

Speaking to news agency in the lead-up to the series, Hussain opined that India will be favourites in its backyard. However, the former cricketer also warned India against writing off England's chances away from home. "India are the favourites, but every single challenge Bazball has faced they've stuck to their guns and Ben Stokes and Brendon McCullum's record is seriously good!

Chahal is being ignored. There's no better, braver spinner than him': Harbhajan baffled at leggie's T20I absence



SHARJAH, Jan 21 (Agencies): In an interaction with Hindustan Times on the sidelines of DP World ILT20, Harbhajan Singh spoke in detail about India's T20 World Cup preparations.

Team India concluded its final T20I series before the upcoming T20 World Cup with a 3-0 victory against Afghanistan earlier this month. The series marked the return of captain Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli after an absence of over 14 months in the format. Notably, regular T20I players Hardik Pandya and Suryakumar Yadav were absent due to injuries. Among the bowlers, Ravi Bishnoi, Axar Patel, and Washington Sundar spearheaded the spin attack effectively, with Axar being the standout performer. In the first two matches, Axar registered figures of 2/23 and 2/17 before being rested for the final match in Bengaluru, which culminated in a thrilling Double Super Over finish.

Over the past year, one of India's prime spinners, Yuzvendra Chahal, — once a staple in ODIs and T20Is — has witnessed a decline in his presence in the white-ball format. Chahal lost his place in the side before the ODI World Cup last year, and though he made a return to the ODI squad against South Africa in December, he remains absent from the shortest format of the game. And for former India spinner Harbhajan Singh, it is hard to decode why Chahal has been away from the T20I side. Considering Chahal as a vital component in the Indian T20 side, Harbhajan, in an interaction with Hindustan Times, emphasised that the leg-spinner should be the first name among spinners in the Indian T20I team, particularly as they gear up for the T20 World Cup.

"I would keep Yuzvendra Chahal ahead (for the first slot among spinners)," Harbhajan said when asked about his top-three spin picks for the T20 World Cup in the USA and West Indies. "He is being ignored;

I don't know why. I don't think he knows as well. But even today, I don't think there is a better leg-spinner in the country. And I don't think there is a braver spinner than him. He has a very sharp mind. The second spinner for me would be Ravindra Jadeja. You need to have an off-spinner in Washington Sundar as well. Now, what selectors think, what the management thinks, is a different thing," Harbhajan said during a chat on the sidelines of the DP World International League T20 (ILT20) in the UAE.

The former India off-spinner believes that spinners will gain significant assistance from pitches in the USA and the West Indies; thus, Team India needs to put a major emphasis on their spin attack.

"Pitches will be pretty similar, like India. Spinners will play a big role. I've been to the West Indies on many occasions, and I've seen there's always something for the spinners. Hence, it is important to pick the right attack.

'We have Viratball': Gavaskar's perfect Kohli counter to England's Bazball

NEW DELHI, Jan 21 (Agencies): Kohli relishes his battle against the England attack, having amassed 1991 runs in 28 matches, the second-most he scored in Tests against a single opponent.

Since its inception in 2022, Bazball has taken Test cricket by storm. It has brought a fresh outlook to the traditional format of the game. Although there remains no clear definition of Bazball, a term coined by an ESPN journalist, the word 'Baz' was derived from Brendon McCullum's longstanding nickname after he

had joined the England side as their head coach in May 2022. Bazball is merely a mindset of playing an attacking brand of cricket, both while batting and fielding. And the approach has brought rich dividends for England at home. But as Ben Stokes and his men gear up for the five-match Test series in India, billed as their toughest test thus far, India legend Sunil Gavaskar feels India have 'Viratball' as a perfect counter for Bazball.

India will be facing England in a long five-match series starting January 25 in Hyder-

abad. It will be India's third assignment in the ongoing WTC cycle, where they are placed second in the points table after a 1-0 win in West Indies and a 1-1 draw in South Africa. This series will also be their first face-off in the red-ball format since the rescheduled fifth Test in 2022, where England had won to draw the contest 2-2. India had earlier taken a stunning 2-1 lead in 2021 after two historic wins.

Virat Kohli will be a player to watch out for in the match as he heads into the contest after an impressive show against

the Proteas, where he scored 172 runs in four innings, comprising a fifty. Moreover, Kohli relishes his battle against the England attack, having amassed 1991 runs in 28 matches, the second-most he scored in Tests against a single opponent.

Speaking to Star Sports ahead of the series, Gavaskar said that the home team has 'Viratball' to negate England's Bazball as he emphasised on the former India captain's conversion rate in the format.

"Yeah, conversion means having more

hundreds than fifties. With Kohli, he has as a similar amount of hundreds and fifties, that means he has a good conversion rate. The way he's been batting, his movement looks good. With the form that he's in, we have Viratball to counter Bazball," said Gavaskar.

Gavaskar admitted that he is keen on watching how England's brand-new approach to Test cricket fares against Indian spinners, primarily Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja, who have 500 wickets between them in 49 matches together.

Natrang presents heart rendering performance of 'Kharaashein'



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JAMMU, Jan 21: Natrang presented a heart rendering performance of 'Kharaashein', a collage of Gulzar's literary creations on riots was presented under the direction of Rahul Singh here today at Natrang Studio Theatre, Jammu under its weekly theatre series 'Sunday Theatre'. The slick production won appreciation from all for its innovative design, craft, lights, music and professional acting in addition to its powerful content. Three different stories on one common plot written by the celebrated writer Gulzaar were

presented beautifully. The stories included 'Ravi Paar', 'Hilsa' and 'Khuda Hafiz'. 'Ravi Paar' is the story of India at the time of partition. Religious fanatics of both sides showed no mercy on anyone who didn't believe in their religion, after partition Darshan Singh and his family took asylum in a nearby Gurudwara. Amidst all the chaos 'Shahni' gives birth to twins but one of the twins born was very weak and had very bleak chances of survival. Meanwhile Darshan Singh gets the news of arrival of special train from India which has arrived to carry people to safer place. Darshan

Singh reaches the station in a rush only to find out train was extremely over crowded, somehow he finds some space for himself and his family on the top of train. After the night falls and train leaves the Station Darshan Singh notices that one of the kid was no longer moving and was cold realizing that the kid was dead. As the train passed over the river Ravi, someone whispered in Darshan Singh's ear that he should toss the dead kid into the river. Feeling helpless he quietly takes the kid away from 'Shahni' and tosses the kid into the river only to find out that 'Shahni' was still embracing

the dead kid. The second story 'Hilsa' opens at the home of a Bengali couple where 'Kanchan' is cleaning fish which they have to consume in lunch, 'Bhibhuti', her husband returns back from the market empty handed as he could not get the newspaper because of the riots. Somehow newspaper also reaches their home, which was all filled with the news and pictures of gory consequences of riots. There was a very heart rendering story of a girl who was raped then died at the tender stage when she was pregnant. The writer has very subtly and beautifully related the pain of the girl with that of that 'Hilsa' fish who was caught when it was pregnant. In the Third story 'Khuda Hafiz', a near panic situation is created in the story of two men out in the night violating of curfew orders. Each confronts the other, demanding to know which community he belongs to, while shielding his own identity.

Natrang actors who gave splendid performances in the play included Brijesh Avtar Sharma, Sanket Bhagat, Sumit Singh Bandaral and Vandana Thakur. The lights were designed by Rahul Singh and the music was rendered by Kushal Bhat. The presentations were done by Vishal Sharma and the show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.

Blood Donation Camp organised by Sant Nirankari Mission Branch Bishnah



Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 21: With the divine blessings of Her Holiness Satguru Mata Sudhiksha Ji Maharaj, Sant Nirankari Mission branch Bishnah organises a voluntarily Blood Donation Camp at Sant Nirankari Satsang Bhawan Bishnah which is a part of chain of worldwide Blood Donation Camps being Organised by the Sant Nirankari Mission. Donors of all age group from branch Bishnah, Vijaypur, Ramgarh and Pandorian participated with great enthusiasm in this camp.

This camp was inaugurated by Smt. Anu Behl JKAS Special Secretary School Education Dept. While speaking on the occasion she said that the Nirankari Mission is a mission of Spirituality and Humanity the motto of Mission is "Nar Sewa Narayan Pujaa" and "Dharam Jodta Hai" and

together we can stand for betterment and service to the humanity. This is practically experienced by the Saints that we all are part of Supersoul (Almighty) and practically can also be seen that the same blood flows in every Human beings veins irrespective of age, gender or society. The donors here voluntarily comes forward to give blood as part of service to mankind and humanity.

Smt. Ashu Behl JKAS FA/CAO Social Welfare dept. also present on the occasion.

Ajit Singh Zonal Incharge Sant Nirankari Mandal Jammu said that the first Blood Donation Camp was organized in 1986 and since then for last 38 years Blood Donation Camps are being organized by the Mission and nearly 600 blood donation camps organised in India every year. He also said that

Sant Nirankari Mission, under the divine aegis of Satguru Mata Sudhiksha Ji Maharaj, is inspiring and guiding human-kind to attain the state of existence, where in whilst we perform our worldly activities, we are also able to maintain Sukoon, the peace within.

Satpal Mukhi Bishnah welcome all presented in the Camp.

Other Dignitaries presented on the occasion were Dr Rubina, Dr. Mohsina from Blood Bank GMC Jammu, SHO Abid Bukhari, Satpal Chadgal Mukhi Vijaypur, Lekh Raj Mukhi Pandorian, Gian Chand Khetriya Sanchalak Jammu and several senior citizens and social workers of the society.

The camp was held in collaboration with blood & transfusion dept. of Govt. Medical College Jammu and JKASCS.

Lord Ram's life is believed to have unfolded around 7,000 years ago: DF&SS

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 21: The significance of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya lies in its association with Lord Ram, a revered figure in Hinduism. Lord Ram is considered one of the most important deities in the Hindu pantheon, particularly in northern India. The story of Ram, as described in the ancient Indian epic, the Ramayana, holds immense religious and cultural importance for millions of Hindus.

Lord Ram's life is

centuries. The construction of the Ram Temple is seen by many as the realization of a long-standing dream and a symbolic return of Lord Ram to his birthplace.

In the context of the celebration mentioned in your text, it appears that the consecration of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya was a momentous occasion for the DOGRA FRONT & SHIV SENA party, led by Ashok Gupta. The celebration involved applying Chandan (sandalwood paste) and a red Tilak (religious



believed to have unfolded around 7,000 years ago. He is said to have faced various challenges, including exile to the forest due to a conspiracy by his stepmother. During his exile, his wife Sita was kidnapped by the demon-king Ravana. The epic narrates Lord Ram's quest to rescue Sita, his victory over Ravana, and his eventual return to Ayodhya with Sita. The period following his return, known as the Ram Rajya, is considered a time of unprecedented prosperity and righteous governance.

The birthplace of Lord Ram has been particularly venerated by devotees. The construction of a temple at this sacred site in Ayodhya became a matter of great significance and has been a topic of historical and political contention for

mark) with the symbol of RAM on the foreheads of party workers and the public. The festivities also included an oath-taking ceremony, where participants pledged to consume only coconut water and sleep on the floor until the Pran Prathishta (consecration) of the Ram Temple was completed.

Ashok Gupta expressed enthusiasm among the people, highlighting the event as the culmination of a 500-year-long struggle and emphasizing Lord Ram's character as depicted in the Ram Charitra Manas. The celebration underscores the deep emotional and religious significance attached to the construction and consecration of the Ram Temple, not only for the local community but for RAM BHKATS (devotees of Ram) globally.

KPs urge the PM to reverse the exile and it is the right time for Gharvapsi after Lord Ram returns home in Ayodhya



Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 21: Kashmiri Pandits Commemorate Exodus Day 'Nishkasan Diwas' with Resolve and Unity Gurugram, <January 19, 2024> - The Kashmiri Pandits of Gurugram and neighboring areas gathered at Gurugram to observe Exodus Day 'Nishkasan Diwas.' The event marked the solemn 35th year of exile for the community from their ancestral land of Kashyap Bhumi, Kashmir. A seminar was organized under the banner of "Kashmir Peace Lovers" to reflect on the tragic date when the aborigines native community was forced to leave their homes. Over one hundred Kashmiri Pandits and patriots from Gurugram participated in the seminar, dedicating themselves to the pursuit of reclaiming their motherland and working towards the restoration of peace in the land of their ancestors. The seminar aimed to raise awareness about the enduring challenges faced by the community, highlighting their resilience and perseverance in the face of adversity.

Renowned speakers such as Sh. Ashok Bhan, Sr. Advocate Supreme Court of India, Dr. Raj Nehru, Vice Chancellor of Shri Vishwakarma Skill University, Ms. Reena N Singh, a prominent Social Activist and Advocate Supreme Court of India, and Mr. Rajesh Pandit, IT Entrepreneur, shared insights and perspectives. Emphasizing the need for solidarity, understanding, and support, speakers discussed the complex issues confronting the displaced community. The absence of a concrete policy for the return to their homes and hearths ("Ghar Vapsi") after 35 years remains a significant challenge, prompting a call for action from individuals and organizations to contribute actively to justice and peace restoration.

Senior Adv Ashok Bhan gave a detail report on the statements made by Human Right commission who termed the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits akin to Genocide. He highlighted the Supreme Court's opinion to constitute a truth & reconciliation commission. He reminded that PM Modi has promised the repatriation of displaced community back in the valley. He said after Lord Ram's gharvapsi to Ayodhya on 22 nd the PM is morally & constitutionally obliged to plan secured And empowered Gharvapsi for the 7 lakhs of Kashmiri Pan-

dit's back to Valley their roots engraved for 5099 yrs. Dr Raj Nehru said that time has come when community has to have a forward thinking approach and collaborate and influence all stakeholders and through their diplomacy get favourable policies created. A holocaust photographic exhibition documented the tragic events of that day, symbolizing hope, unity, and unwavering determination to overcome the trials of the past. The seminar concluded with a strong call to action, urging collective efforts for justice, peace, and the return of Kashmiri Pandits to their roots. Speakers largely supported the recent proposal by retired Justice Ah Sanjay Krisham Kaul for the establishment of a "Truth and Reconciliation Commission." This commission would address the atrocities and violence that have plagued the valley since the early 1990s. The Holocaust Day served as a touching reminder of the resilience embedded within the Kashmiri Pandit community and their steadfast commitment to rebuilding lives and reclaiming their motherland.

and modern tools, Samvedna Society will continue organize these camps in future also so that maximum people can take advantage of it Keshav further added.

Speaking during the Camp Raj Kumar said that this Vishwakarma Scheme will benefit all sections of the Society, He also thanked Chairman Samvedna Society Keshav Chopra for organizing the Camp so that everyone can register and take benefit of this scheme. Omkar Verma, Anil Rakwal, Operator Vikas Kumar, Tilak Raj, Ratan Lal, Sandhesh Kumar, Sushil Gupta, Priya Sharma, Deepak, Manoj Ganesh Sharma, and others were also present during the Camp.

Vishwakarma scheme empowering Artisans:- Keshav Chopra



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JAMMU, Jan 21: Chairman Samvedna Society Keshav Chopra along with Ex Sarpanch Raj Kumar organized PM Vishwakarma Yojna awareness and Registration Camp at Trilokpur. Registration of a large number of Women's and Youths were done during the Camp. Keshav Chopra while highlighting the benefits of Vishwakarma Scheme said that this scheme has been launched by the Central Government to uplift the Artisans, Craftsman engaged as Goldsmith, Blacksmith, Carpenters, Sculptors, Potters, Hammer and tool kit maker etc. This Scheme offers them support in the form of Better

and modern tools, Samvedna Society will continue organize these camps in future also so that maximum people can take advantage of it Keshav further added. Speaking during the Camp Raj Kumar said that this Vishwakarma Scheme will benefit all sections of the Society, He also thanked Chairman Samvedna Society Keshav Chopra for organizing the Camp so that everyone can register and take benefit of this scheme. Omkar Verma, Anil Rakwal, Operator Vikas Kumar, Tilak Raj, Ratan Lal, Sandhesh Kumar, Sushil Gupta, Priya Sharma, Deepak, Manoj Ganesh Sharma, and others were also present during the Camp.

Quami Ekta meets at Shalimar, Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR, Jan 21: In continuing with its endeavor to promote peace and tranquility and to evolve an environment of brotherhood and harmony amongst the populace a Quami Ekta Meet was organized by Indian Army at Shalimar. The event was graced by an approximate gathering of 41 prominent personalities from the nearby villages. During the course of interaction initiatives being undertaken for development of the region and problems being faced by the populace were discussed and solutions were sought. The aim of this meet was to engage with the local communities in a positive manner

thereby defeating the nefarious design of adversaries. The local leaders themselves brought out the need and importance of harmony which is a clear sign of the bonhomie present at Shalimar. The Indian Army exhorted upon the religious preachers to work towards maintaining peace in the region and promised full support to them towards fulfilling their local requirement. The meet was well received and the local leaders greatly appreciated and applauded the support provided by the Army in all spheres. It is part of an endeavor by Indian Army to win hearts and minds of the populace in the region and promote harmony and integration.