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Minor booked in Kishtwar for Derogatory Social Media Post

JAMMU, Jan 23 (Agencies): A minor was booked on Tuesday for allegedly posting derogatory content on social media in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, police said.

Acting promptly against a derogatory social media post, an FIR was registered at Chatroo police station against a minor who posted the content, they said.

The police cyber cell is continuously monitoring all social media activities and strict action will be taken against those found violating cyber laws, officials said.

Jal Shakti department employee found dead under mysterious circumstances in Rajouri

SRINAGAR, Jan 23 (Agencies): A Jal Shakti Department employee was found dead under mysterious circumstances at Darhal in Rajouri district, officials said on Tuesday.

They said that the employee Nissar Ahmad had gone to check the water supply yesterday afternoon, but didn't return ever since. "After looking for him, the family failed to find any trace until it was through social-media informed that the employee's body has been found under mysterious circumstances in the area", the officials said.

Confirming it, a police official said that they have taken cognisance of the incident for further investigations.

Recognised in Mann Ki Baat, Bandipora' Bilal Dar Receives Republic Day Invite

SRINAGAR: Bilal Ahmed Dar, acknowledged by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the Mann Ki Baat radio broadcast in 2017, has received an invitation from the

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"After 5 years, India's criminal justice system will be most modern in World": Amit Shah

GUJARAT, Jan 23 (Agencies): Emphasizing the importance of three new criminal laws, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said that after 5 years, India's criminal justice system will be the most modern in the world.

Amit Shah, while addressing the 5th International and 44th All India Criminology Conference of National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) said that the inauguration is happening at a time when India's criminal justice system is entering a new era.

"IPC, CrPC and Evidence Law



have been scrapped and new laws have been introduced. I have been piloting these laws

and with great courage, we have taken the decision that we have made compulsory the visit

of forensic science officers at every crime scene for cases with punishment of 7 years or more. This will make the investigation easier, work of the judges will also get easier. Along with this, we are also trying to modernize the entire process. Right now it will take 5 years because it has different levels. But after 5 years, India's criminal justice system will be the most modern in the world," he said.

"If a government remains in power for 50 years, it makes 5-6 changes, but in just 10 years we have made more than 50

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Dense fog engulfs parts of North India, 28 Trains running behind schedule

NEW DELHI, Jan 23 (Agencies): With the cold wave condition continuing to grip parts of North India, several trains and flights have been affected in the national capital on Tuesday morning, leaving hundreds of passengers waiting for hours at the airport and railway stations.

According to Indian Railways, as many as 28 Delhi-bound trains from various parts of the country were delayed

due to dense fog condition this morning.

Howrah-New Delhi Rajdhani Express and Bhubaneswar-New Delhi Rajdhani Express are among the trains running at least 4 to 5 hours behind the schedule.

The foggy condition also reduced the visibility resulting in the delay and cancellation of flight operations from Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA).

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Ladakh parties seek Statehood

SRINAGAR, Jan 23 (Agencies): The Apex Body of Leh and the Kargil Democratic Alliance-an amalgamation of political and religious parties-have urged the Union Government to grant full statehood to Ladakh.

The demand was submitted in a detailed draft by the two groups of Ladakh to the Ministry of Home Affairs after a meeting was held on December 4, which was chaired by Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai. Both bodies were asked to submit a comprehensive



draft of demands to the ministry. The draft submitted to the MHA emphasizes

that, keeping in view Ladakh's rich history, strategic importance, environmental signifi-

cance, and similarities with other states in the North East, there are

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Kashmir continues to grapple with cold wave, subzero temperatures

SRINAGAR, Jan 23 (Agencies): There was no respite from the intense cold wave in Kashmir as the Valley recorded extreme sub-zero temperatures on Monday night, officials said.

Srinagar city recorded a minimum temperature of minus 5.0 degrees Celsius on Monday, marginally up from the previous night's minus 5.3 degrees, the officials said on Tuesday.

Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, which serves as one of the base camps

for the annual Amarnath Yatra, recorded a minimum temperature of minus 6.2 degrees Celsius.

Qazigund town in south Kashmir recorded a low of minus 4.8 degrees Celsius and the ski resort town of Gulmarg in north Kashmir reported a low of minus 4.5 degrees, the officials said.

The minimum temperature in Kokernag town settled at minus 1.5 degrees Celsius and in Kupwara at minus 4.9 degrees, they added.

A dry and largely snow-

less winter in Kashmir has resulted in freezing nights and warmer-than-usual days as maximum temperatures in Srinagar have been more than eight degrees above normal for this time of the year, the officials said.

Kashmir has been going through a prolonged dry spell with a 79 per cent rainfall deficit being recorded in December. There has been no precipitation in most parts of the Valley in the first three weeks of January.

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2.31 lakh new voters added as J&K's final electoral rolls published: CEO



JAMMU, Jan 23 (Agencies): The final electoral rolls have been published here today in all Polling Stations, offices of Electoral Registration Officers, District Election Officers and hosted on the website of Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu and Kashmir with addition of 2.31 lakh new voters.

According to a press handout issued by the office of Chief Electoral Officer in this regard, 86,000 names have been deleted because of death, shifting or other reasons besides correction in details of 1.45 lakh electors during the process. As of now, there are 86.93 lakh

electors including 44.35 lakh male and 42.58 lakh female voters. The elector population ratio has improved from 0.59 to 0.60 and gender ratio from 924 to 954.

As per the detailed directions of Election Commission of India (ECI), the process of Special Summary Revision of Electoral Roll with qualifying date as 1st January, 2024 was carried out. The process involved two major stages, the first stage was with regard to training of EROs, AEROs, BLOs etc., house to house visits by BLOs and rationalization of Polling Stations which was carried out from

June to September, 2023. During the process, as per the criteria of the ECI, 259 new Polling Stations were created by following process of consultation with the Political Parties. During the house to house visits, BLOs raised awareness among the population. The second stage activity was started with publication of Draft Electoral Roll on 17th October, 2023.

For involving stakeholders including recognized State and National Parties, the District Election Officers (DEOs) held meetings with them, briefed them about the total

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Security tightened in Kashmir ahead of Republic Day

SRINAGAR, Jan 23 (Agencies): Security has been tightened in Kashmir ahead of Republic Day to ensure smooth and peaceful celebrations in the valley, with police and other security personnel carrying out sanitisation and area domination exercises, officials said on Tuesday.

Police and paramilitary

personnel have been deployed in the city and other district headquarters, they said. Checkpoints have been established at various places in Srinagar, especially at the entry points of the city and other districts, they said.

Security forces were conducting random checking of vehicles and frisking of people

to thwart the movement of subversive elements, they said.

While the main Republic Day function will take place in Jammu which will be presided by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, the biggest function in the valley will be held at Bakshi Stadium here. Similar functions will be held at district headquarters as

well.

The security around the venues of Republic Day functions in the valley, including the stadium here, has been beefed up, and a multi-layer security apparatus has been put in place around the venues, the officials said.

Security agencies have been asked to remain alert and not

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Mehboob Beg concerned over defunct J&K Public Service Commission

SRINAGAR, Jan 23 (Agencies): People's Democratic Party (PDP) General Secretary (Organization) Mehboob Beg expressed grave concern over J&K Public Service Commission lying defunct, saying the matter deserves to be taken on priority basis.

He said due to sheer apathy of current administration hundreds of aspirants await recruitment but nobody cares for them.

"JKPSC is totally defunct due to the sheer apathy of the current

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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

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PRAYER MEETING

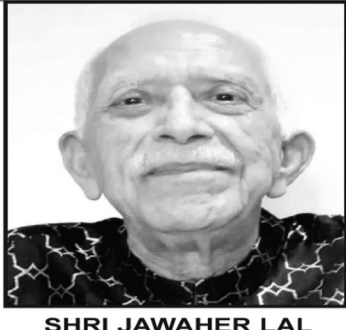
Prayer Meeting to be held on Wednesday January 24, 2024 from 4.30 to 5.30 PM at Chinmaya Mission, Lodhi Road, Delhi.

LOVED AND REMEMBERED BY:-

WANGUS' | SHALIS' | RAINAS' | KAULS' | KHERS' | KAULS' | SINGHS' | JALANS'

JAIDEEP WANGU - 9811162452

ANURADHA WANGU - 9810042384



SHRI JAWAHER LAL WANGU

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother **Smt Jaikishori Bhat (Kishni Ji)** W/o Late Sh. Kashi Nath Bhat R/o Sheerwani Colony Baramulla A/P H. No 6, Shiv Vihar I.M.S Road, Gurah Bhramma Patoli Jammu on 18-01-2024. **TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed at Akhnour Ghat on 27-01-2024 at 9.30 AM and Assembly will be held at our residence at 11.00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

SONS & DAUGHTERS IN LAW
Sh. Ramesh Kumar Bhat & Smt Bimla Ji
Sh. Daleep Kumar Bhat & Smt Jaya Bhat

Grand Children
Mrs & Mr. Sumit Bhat
Mr Rohit Bhat
Mrs & Mr Vishal Bhat
Mrs & Mr Akshay Bhat
& Smast Bhat Parivar
Mobile No: 9469478231, 9419908962, 9596804779



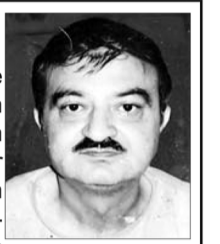
SMT JAIKISHORI BHAT (KISHNI JI)

10TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Ashok Kumar Bakshi** S/o Pran Nath Bakshi R/o H No. 33 Kabir Nagar Poonch House on 16th Jan 2024. The **10th Day** will be performed at Haridwar on 25 Jan 2024.

GRIEF :

BAKSHI, GANJOO, RAINAS



Sh Ashok Kumar Bakshi

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, Ankit, Mahak, Mithu, Shivam, Riya, Mishthi, Mitali

& **Samast Dhar Parivar**

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Karamyogi Smt. Shobawati Dhar

KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Tripta Sharma** W/o Late Sh. Vidya Parkash (Rtd. Manager SBI) who has left us for heavenly abode on 12-01-2024.

KRIYA will be performed on 24-01-2024 (Wednesday) at our residence H No. 221, Sec-4 Pamposh Colony, Janipur Jammu.

UTHALA will be performed from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Shiv Shakti Mandir, Near Govt. Quarters, Housing Colony, Janipur Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Rajeev Kumar Sharma - **Son**- 7006781221/ 9419105121

Monika Sharma - **Daughter-in-law**- 9086005121

Sanjeev Sharma - **Son**- 7006850535/9796483542

Ritu Sharma - **Daughter-in-law** - 9697276026

Niharika Sharma- **Grand Daughter**

Aman Sharma -**Grand Son**



SMT. TRIPTA SHARMA

5TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Vaishno Devi** W/o Late Sh Madan Lal Malgotra who left for heavenly abode on 20 Jan 2024.

5th Day will be performed on Wednesday 24th of January 2024 from 11 AM to 12 Noon at Mahajan Hall Chabutra Bazar Udhampur.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Dr Krishan Lal Gupta -Brother

Sh Mohan Lal Gupta -Brother

Sister & Jija

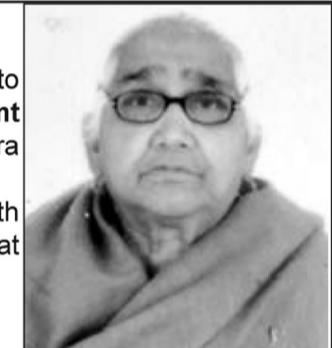
Smt Sheela Gupta & Sh Subash Chander Gupta

Smt Karuna Gupta W/o Late Dr RC Gupta -Bhabhi

Smt Santosh Devi W/o late Dr KK Gupta -Bhabhi

Nephew & Daughter in law

Sh Dharam Vir Gupta & Smt Suman Gupta



Smt Vaishno Devi

10TH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Shri Durga Nath Bhat** S/o Lt. Nath Ram Bhat R/o Fatehpura, Distt. Anantnag, Kashmir. A/p Ward No. 59, Lane 1A, H.No. 04, Mohalla Khajuria, Paloura, Jammu on 18-01-2024. **TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed at Akhnour Ghat on 27-01-2024 at 8:00 AM & Assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat at 11.30 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Smt. Prana Bhat (Wife)

(Son & Daughter-in-Law)

Sh. Amit Ji Bhat & Smt Arti Bhat

Sh. Sumit Ji Bhat (**Son**)

Baby Adhira Bhat (**Grand Child**)

Brothers & Sisters-in-Law

Smt. Ratna Ji Bhat & Lt. Harday Nath Bhat

Sh. Brij Nath Bhat & Smt. Raj Dulari Bhat

Smt. Jaya Ji Bhat & Lt. Avtar Krishan Bhat

Sister & Brother-in-law

Smt. Sheela Ji Bhat & Lt. Prithvi Nath Bhat

& **Smast Bhat Parivar**

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SHRI DURGA NATH BHAT

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound sorrow and grief, we inform the sad demise of our dear and beloved **Pushpa Devi Ji (Pabi)** wife of Late Sub. Sansar Singh who passed away on 14th Jan 24

10th Day Kriya will be performed on 23rd Jan (12:30 pm) **13th Day** will be performed on 26th Jan (10 am onwards) at our residence C-99 Shiv Nagar, Jammu

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Multan Singh - Shushila Kumari

Shamsher Singh - Manisha

Col. S.S.Manhas - Saroj

Smt. Rani Jamwal (W/O Late Sh. Chander Mohan Singh Jamwal)

Grandchildren:

Rajinder and Shweta

Ankush and Deepti

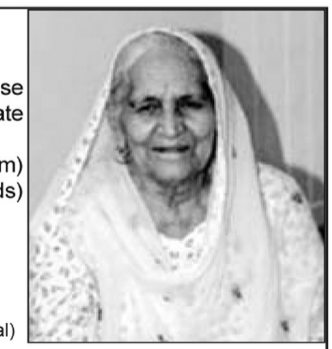
Dr. Sindhu and Dr. Vandana

Er. Shishu and Kirti

Manish and Shilpa

Manu and Prince

Ishaan, Ishita, Artham



Pushpa Devi Ji (Pabi)

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. SHUBASH GUPTA -DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW

MRS SAROJ GUPTA & MR. LITTAM GUPTA -DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW

MRS. RAJNI 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

KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI

With Profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Krishna Jamwal Ji** (Chairperson of Ranjeet Memorial High School) W/o Late Sh. Jagdish Singh Jamwal ji D/o Capt. Diwan Singh ji, Daughter in Law of Late Thakur Haqiqat Singh Jamwal ji R/o Peeli Kothi Ward No. 65 Suramargh Barnai.

Kriya will be performed on (Tuesday) 23-01-2024 at 12.00 noon & **Preeti Bhoj** 1.30 pm, **Rasam Pagri** will be performed on (Friday) 26-01-2024 & **Preeti Bhoj** 1.00 pm at our residence Peeli Kothi Barnai, Jammu.

Grief Stricken

Mr. & Mrs. Bhupinder Singh Jamwal and Family

Mr. & Mrs. Davinder Singh Jamwal and Family

Mr. & Mrs. Narinder Singh Jamwal and Family

Mrs. Sudershan Wazir and Family

Mrs. Usha Wazir and Family

Mrs. Pinky Jamwal and Family

Mrs. Subhagya Singh and Family

Ph Nos **9906274972, 9419200321**



Smt. Krishna Jamwal Ji

(Chairperson of Ranjeet Memorial High School)

OBITUARY/10TH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THAT OUR BELOVED KARAMYOGI **SHRI ROSHAN LAL BHAT** S/O LT. VED LAL BHAT R/O WADIPORA, HANDWARA DISTT KUPWARA A/P H. NO. 1 LANE NO. 9, SURIYA VIHAR; BOHRI JAMMU LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 17-01-2024. **10TH DAY KRIYA** WILL BE PERFORMED AT MATA BHADERKALI ASTHAPAN BHADERA GHAT THALWAL ON 26-01-2024 AT 9 AM AND ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD AT OUR RESIDENCE AT 11:30 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN :

SMT VIJAY KUMARI BHAT (WIFE)

SMT MOHINI PANDITA (SISTER)

DAUGHTERS IN LAW & SONS

SMT RENU & SH SANJAY KUMAR BHAT- 9419709021

SMT ANJANA & SH ONEEL KUMAR BHAT- 7780935261

SMT ANITA & SH RAKESH BHAN- 9560068444 - **DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW**

SMT BIMLA & SH SHIBEN KISHEN BHAT - 6005762228 -**NIECE-IN-LAW & NEPHEW**

SMT CHANDERKANTA & SH ASHOKE BHAT -NIECE-IN-LAW & NEPHEW

SMT SUMAN BHAT (7006060788) -NIECE-IN-LAW

SMT SUDESH & SH KANWAL KISHEN BHAT (9419190997) -NIECE-IN-LAW & NEPHEW

GRAND CHILDREN: VARUNIKA, SAMARTH, MUSKAN, GARIMA, JENITA, VATSAL

SAMAST BHAT, PANDITAS, BHAN, KOUL, RAINA PARIWAR



KARAMYOGI SHRI ROSHAN LAL BHAT

10TH DAY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF **SH. SUBASH CHANDER GUPTA** S/O LATE SH. DES RAJ GUPTA, RESIDENT OF WARD NO 11 R.S PURA ON 15TH OF JANUARY 2024.

THE TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED AT DEVI DAWARA MANDIR R.S PURA AT 11 AM TO 12 NOON ON 24TH OF JANUARY 2024.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

SMT. SANTOSH GUPTA (WIFE)

BROTHERS & BHABHIS

SH. RAJ KUMAR & SMT. NEELAM GUPTA

SH. VIJAY GUPTA & SMT. SUNITA GUPTA

SH. ASHOK GUPTA & SMT. SUMAN GUPTA

SH. RAJESH GUPTA & SMT. BINDU GUPTA

SMT. NEELAM GUPTA & LT. SH. RAM LAL GUPTA (SISTER & BROTHER-IN-LAW)

SMT. KIRAN GUPTA & SH. JODH RAJ GUPTA (SISTER & BROTHER-IN-LAW)

MR. AMIT GUPTA & MRS. DEEPA GUPTA (SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW)

MR. SUMIT GUPTA & MRS. PRIYA GUPTA (SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW)

MR. SOURAV GUPTA (SON)

GRAND SON/DAUGHTER: AARAV, PEEHU, YUGANSH, AADHYA AND INAYA

GUPTA FAMILY

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SH. SUBASH CHANDER GUPTA

UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Surinder Kumar** S/o Lt. Sh. Banarsi Lal R/o 1/39 Opp. Congress Office Shahidi Chowk, Jammu who has left for his heavenly abode on 21/01/2024.

UTHALA shall be performed on 24/01/2024 (Wednesday) at Mahajan Hall, Shalamar Road, Jammu from 3-4 pm.

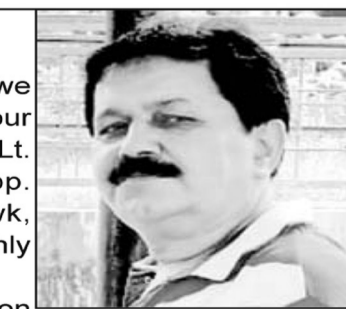
GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Rashima Mahajan (Wife)

Gautam Jandial (Son)

Bannie Mahajan (Daughter)

CONTACT NO:- 7006191980, 8803177257



SH. SURINDER KUMAR

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure, you are loved beyond words and missed beyond measures. With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Narinder Singh Jamwal (Kuku)** S/o Late Sh. B.S. Jamwal of Village Bassi Jamwal (Jandi) Tehsil Hiranagar Distt Kathua. **10TH DAY** will be performed on 22-01-2024 (Monday) Kriya will be performed on 25-01-2024 (Thursday)

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FFMA celebrates 127th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

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JAMMU, Jan 23: Freedom Fighters Memorial Association (FFMA) held a function to celebrate the 127th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, at Maheshpura Chowk, Jammu.

The function was organised by FFMA chairman Rajiv Mahajan under the supervision of Patron Ved Gandotra. Floral tributes were paid to the great Martyr by garlanding his statue. The speakers threw light on the life history of Netaji.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajiv Mahajan said that Subhas Chandra Bose was born a patriot who struggled throughout his life for the free-



dom of the motherland.

He added that in young age Bose left home and visited every corner of the world to garner support to his freedom struggle.

He further said that Neta Ji framed a full-fledged army of the Indian youth under the name of Indian National Army to fight the British forces.

Ved Gandotra recalled the contribution of Subhas Chandra Bose towards nation and described him as a great revolutionary. He said that Netaji

Subhas Chandra Bose's patriotism continues to have an impact in the country.

His slogan 'Jai Hind' is relevant to us even today. He said the life and sacrifice of this great national hero would ever act as a beacon for inspiring the youth to do selfless service for the country.

He also exhorted the youth to come forward for selfless service of the nation, so as to cherish the aspirations of our great freedom fighters.

Among others who participated were Karnail Chand (Working President), Pritam Sharma (Sr. Vice President), Sadar J.J Singh (General Secretary), Parbhat Kapahi and others.



Decoration on eve of Ayudhya Ram Mandir Pran Prathishta in Trikuta Nagar by Devinder Seth President Khatri Sabha through Designer Kaushi Raina

ZNS NIST Academy Jammu organises Bridal Shoot 2024



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JAMMU, Jan 23: ZNS NIST Academy organised Bridal Shoot 2024 (chapter - 1) for their outgoing students who passed their courses of Hairstyling & Makeup.

Bridal Shoot & Certification Day held in Garden estate Trikuta Nagar Jammu in which more than 40 students created different bridal makeup look which they learn from the academy.

In this shoot aspiring models from entire Jammu & Kashmir participated in the event. The motive of this event is give platform to students so they can present their skills of artistry. One of the students,

Ibra said in the event she is from Poonch she completed her three months course of makeup & hairstyle and today she created her first bridal makeup look and she looks very confident & skillful.

She added after this event she is financially independent & going to start her own salon in Poonch.

Centre Head of Academy, Shabir Malik emphasised that we believe in quality of the work.

Makeup partner of the Event - RG Gallery & Event Host by - Irfan Choudhary . Congratulations to all the talented students of the makeup academy.

Government Polytechnic Bikram Chowk Jammu starts training under PM Vishwakarma Yojana

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JAMMU, Jan 23: Government Polytechnic Jammu on Tuesday became the first Polytechnic of J&K UT to implement prestigious PM Vishwakarma Scheme (PMV) with the start of training of 60 trainees (Vishwakarmas) in Tailor (Darzi) Craft to enhance their skills and empower them regarding self-employment.

The training programme for Vishwakarmas was started under the leadership of UT Administration. The training was inaugurated today by Director Skill Development Department (SDD), Sudershan Kumar in presence of Leena Padha, Mission Director, Skill Mission J&K along with Principal Government Polytechnic Jammu, Er Arun Bangotra, and other representative of Directorate of Skill Development Department and NSDC, J&K.

Director said that PMV is an ambitious initiative of the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi and it aims to provide recognition, training, tool kits, certification, marketing support and soft loans to empower the craftsmen and artisans of our country who immen-



ly contribute towards the economy of our nation as a whole. He commended the efforts of Principal Government Polytechnic Jammu and his team for being the first Polytechnic College of J&K UT to implement the PM Vishwakarma Scheme. Leena Padha Mission Director, Skill Mission J&K highlighted the importance of skill development in empowering the youth and contributing to the nation's economic growth.

Principal Government Polytechnic Jammu highlighted the basic objectives of the scheme by recognition of artisans through PM Vishwakarma certificate as well basic training of five to seven days and advanced training of 15 days or more, with a stipend of Rs. 500 per day, providing modern toolkit of Rs 15000 free of

cost to trained Vishwakarmas besides linkage with credit based soft loans and marketing support for expansion of their business.

Trainees expressed gratitude for the opportunity and pledged to dedicate themselves to acquiring skills that would not only benefit their individual careers but also contribute to the overall development of the Jammu region. Other present on the occasion were HOD Civil Engineering Sukhdeep Singh, HOD Mechanical Engineering, Raj Kumar, Jatinder Kesar, OSD, Zia UIHaq and Khalid Sheikh from J&K Skill Mission, Surekha Rani, Sanjogita Mehra and Amit Kapoor Instructors of Government Polytechnic Jammu and various craftsmen were also present on the occasion.

Director Skill Development launches PM Vishwakarma Scheme in District Jammu

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 23: In a significant step by the UT administration, J&K has become the first UT in the country to implement the PM Vishwakarma Yojana (PMVY).

In continuation to its efforts, the Director of skill Development, Sudershan Kumar on Tuesday inaugurated the first batch of 30

trainees in Darzi craft being imparted at Government ITI RS Pura. Subsequently, the DSD virtually launched P.M Vishwakarma Training at ITI Anantnag, ITI Doda, ITI Udhampur and ITI Kulgam for those who work with their hand tools.

During the event, the Director laid emphasis on the commitment of the government to impart quality skill to the youth. "This

scheme will be highly beneficial as it will honour and empower the artisans who immensely contribute towards the economy. This scheme aims to make stronger entrepreneurs who run small enterprises / business units," said the Director. He further highlighted that the Central Government and LG led Administration is committed towards forecasting a culture of skill environment

across the region to create maximum possible avenues for the youth.

The aims and object of the scheme for recognition of artisans and crafts of people through PM Vishwakarma certificate and ID card as well as basic training of 5-7 days with a stipend of Rs 500 per day. The scheme will also provide a modern toolkit of Rs 15000 free of cost to trained Vishwakarma

besides linkage with credit based soft loans and marketing support for expansion of their business will also be provided under the yojna.

G.M Bhatt, Joint Director, Jammu, B. Babu, Joint Director, RDSD Government of India, Ravi Gupta, A.D, DSD, Gurmeet Singh A.D, RDSD Jammu and other senior officers of the Department were present on the occasion.

VBSY: IEC Van Traverses through panchayats of block Dhangri & Manjakote in Rajouri District

Top News Report

RAJOURI, Jan 23: Today, the VBSY IEC vans traversed through the panchayats of Sagote, Dalhori, Dalhori Salyote, Dhangri Upper, Gambir Muglan-A, Gambir Muglan-B, Gambir Muglan-C and Gambir Muglan-D panchayats of block Dhangri and Manjakote of Rajouri district. This strategic journey highlights the Yatra's commitment to reaching every corner of the district and ensuring that the benefits of government initiatives are felt at the grassroots level.

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) has become a reckoning force for the implementation of various government schemes and ushering in comprehensive development throughout



the district. This ambitious initiative is strategically crafted to transform Rajouri by extending its reach to underserved areas and ensuring the effective execution of government programs, ultimately enhancing the quality of life for its residents.

Central to this endeavor is an Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) van, a dynamic mobile platform designed to effectively communicate

and create awareness about the diverse initiatives undertaken as part of the Yatra. The van plays a pivotal role in engaging with local communities, imparting crucial knowledge, and empowering residents to avail themselves of the benefits offered by government schemes.

The VBSY has recorded notable success in the implementation of various government schemes in Rajouri District. These

schemes, crafted to elevate living standards and provide essential services, have been executed with exceptional efficiency on the ground. Consequently, the community has experienced tangible improvements and witnessed positive changes in their daily lives.

The impact of the Yatra is evident in enhanced access to healthcare, education, and basic amenities, contributing to the overall

progress of Rajouri District. Meticulously planned and executed, this initiative aligns with the core objective of holistic development, leaving a lasting and positive impact on the community.

The VBSY symbolizes progress and collaboration, embodying the spirit of Viksit Bharat Sankalp. By bringing government schemes to the grassroots level and ensuring comprehensive coverage, it has created a platform for empowerment and upliftment. This transformative journey in Rajouri District stands as an exemplary model of effective governance, community engagement, and collective determination to build a better and prosperous India.

MVD Jammu holds brainstorming workshop for automobile mechanics and Shree Toyota Staff

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan: As a part of ongoing National Road Safety Month M.V.D Jammu on Tuesday organized a brainstorming workshop for mechanics and other staff members at Shree Toyota here today. The camp was organized under the supervision of R.T.O Jammu Pankaj Bagotra and on the directions of Transport Commissioner J&K Rajinder Singh Tara in collaboration with Shree Toyota Jammu. As many as 200 mechanics and staff members besides owners of Shree Toyota, Devinder Batra & Bhisham Batra participated in the event. Road safety tips were imparted to the participants by MVI Vikas Srivats besides administering pledge on Road Speaking on the occasion.

ARTO Hq. Rehana Tabassam said that such platforms are significant to enhance awareness and understand-

ing of road safety among attendees, contributing to the overarching goal of reducing road accidents and ensuring safer journeys for all road users. Motor Vehicle Inspector Vikas Srivats on the occasion provided safety tips on vehicle maintenance, highlighting the role it plays in preventing breakdowns and accidents.

The event also included interactive sessions, where participants had the opportunity to address specific road safety coagulations," stated Davinder Batra, Managing Director of Batra Group. The collaboration between RTO Jammu and Shree Toyota Jammu showcased the importance of public private partnerships in promoting road safety. The event concluded with a collective pledge to uphold road safety principles and encourage others to do the same.

JAMMU MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PWD(R&B) JMC Division Jammu
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e-NIT No. PWD(R&B)DIV/JMC/73 of 2023-24 Dated:- 20-01-2024

For and on behalf of The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jammu. The Executive Engineer, PWD(R&B) Division JMC Jammu invites Percentage basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K PWD, Railways, MES and other State /Central Govt. for each of following works are as under:-

| Sr. No | Name of work | Advertised Amount (In lacs) | Tender Fee (In Rs.) | EMD 2% | Class of contractor | Time of completion (In Days) |
|--------|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. | Premixing of road in Sec -3 Near back side of Mandir at Ward 50 Jammu | 7.46 | 600/- | 2% of advt. cost | A,B,C, D6, Hot Mix Plant | 90 DAYS |
| 2. | Upgradation of lane b/w of Providing and laying 25mm thick premix carpet OGPC at Lane no.-6-A Adarsh Vihar H/o Mr. MK Sharma and others in ward 55 part -A | 03.94 | 600/- | 2% of advt. cost | A,B,C, D6, Hot Mix Plant | 90 DAYS |
| 3. | Providing and Laying of PVC Pipe 150mm dia with cement concrete main hole from h/o sh. Adil Zargar Upto main road in ward 49 | 01.00 | 600/- | 2% of advt. cost | A,B,C & D | 60 DAYS |

- Position of AAA : Accorded
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- Major Head : GIA 2023-24,
- JMC Division : Ex. Engineer PWD(R&B) JMC DIVISION JAMMU

- The Complete bidding process will be online.
- The bids can be uploaded in electronic format on the departmental website: <http://jktenders.gov.in>
- The Bidding documents consists of :-

- Qualification information;
- Eligibility criteria;
- Specifications;
- Bill of quantities (BoQ);
- Set of terms and conditions of contract; and other details can be seen / downloaded from department web site: <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule.

| S.No | Sequence of Activities | Date and Time |
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| 1 | Date of issue of Tender Notice | 20-01-2024 |
| 2 | Bid submission start date | 20-01-2024 from 16:00Hrs |
| 3 | Bid submission End date | 25-01-2024 upto 16:00 Hrs |
| 4 | Date and time of opening of Technical Bid (Online) | 27-01-2024 at 12:00 Hrs in the Office of Ex. Engineer PWD(R&B) JMC Division Jammu |
| 5 | Date and time of opening of Financial Bid (Online) | To be notified after Technical Evaluation is completed. |

- Documents required to be uploaded online for Technical Bid:
- (Note: Non-Submission of any of the below mentioned required document's Online

shall rendered the bidder as Non-responsive and his financial bid shall be out rightly rejected)

- Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copy of all the necessary document's mentioned in the e-NIT and S.B.D as a part of Technical Bids:-

1. Note: - all the documents Scanned on 100 dpi with black and white options. Cost of bidding document in shape of e-challan/single window challan of JMC pledged to PWD(R&B) Division Jammu Municipal Corporation Jammu /tender fee receipt mentioning the eNIT No. & Serial No. of the work through online payment through the JMC link: <http://www.jmcjammu.org/online-payment.html>. (Note: The date of challan should must be between date of start of bid submission and bid submission end date. The Bid fee of old e.NIT of the same work if not opened shall also be considered)
2. Scanned copy of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in shape CDR/FDR/BG pledged to PWD(R&B) Division JAMMU Municipal Corporation Jammu, @ 2% of Advertised Cost of Work. (Note: The date of issuance of E.M.D (in any of above three forms) should must be between date of start of bid submission and bid submission end date).
3. Scanned Copy of GST Card-Previous QTR And Last Month.
4. Scanned Copy of PAN Card
5. Copy of Renewal Registration certificate of Contractor/ Firm for the current Financial year 2023-24 upto 31st March 2024.
6. Scanned Copy of duly filled Annexure "A", "B" & "C"

No.: PWD(R&B)/JMC/5658-67
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EDITORIAL

NETAJI- A GREAT
FREEDOM FIGHTER

Subhas Chandra Bose is one of the great freedom fighters of India, who dedicated his entire life to achieving independence for the country. There were some people in the freedom struggle who wanted to liberate India with the help of foreign powers. One of them was Subhas Chandra Bose, who created India's first army, Azad Hind Fauj. Subhas Chandra Bose's contribution in the freedom struggle has been written in golden letters in the pages of history.

Subhas Chandra Bose was born on 23 January 1897 in a Bengali family in Cuttack city of Orissa state. Subhas Chandra was the ninth child of his parents, he had seven brothers and 6 sisters. But among them he was very close to his brother Sharat Chandra.

His father's name was Janakinath, who was a famous and successful person of money in Cuttack city. Due to which his father was known as Rai Bahadur. His mother's name was Prabhavati Devi, who was a religious woman.

Subhas Chandra Bose was very interested in studies since childhood. Although he did not have much interest in sports. He listened very carefully to everything his Guru said and followed his orders. He completed his primary education in Cuttack itself.

After that he went to Kolkata for further studies, where he obtained Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Presidency College. During this period, Indians were harassed a lot by the professors in the college, against which Netaji often protested. Here the issue of casteism came to the fore and for the first time the feeling of war against the British arose in Netaji's mind. In 1919, Subhas Chandra Bose obtained BA Honors degree with first class. After that Subhash Chandra Bose wanted to do civil service but at that time due to the British it was very difficult for Indians to go to civil service, due to which his father sent him to England to prepare for civil service, after which Subhash Chandra Bose ji. Worked hard and came fourth in the exam.

He got the highest marks in English. He had a lot of love for his country, due to which he was very concerned about India's independence. For this reason, he left the Indian Civil Service in 1921 and then returned to India.

As soon as he returned to India, Subhas Chandra Bose was so influenced by the thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi that he jumped into the fight for freedom. After that he joined the Indian National Congress and became the leader of the Congress Party in Kolkata. During this time, he worked under the leadership of Chittaranjan Das and later made him his political guru.

But after some time Chittaranjan Das left Congress along with Motilal Nehru and formed his own separate party Swarajya Party and along with his party started making strategy for the independence of the country.

Meanwhile, Subhas Chandra Bose had also become very popular among the youth and students of Kolkata. However, later gradually Subhas Chandra Bose started becoming disillusioned with the Congress, after which he resigned from the post of Congress President on 16 March 1940.

Such great leaders who had the spirit of sacrificing their lives for the freedom of the country will always maintain their important place in the pages of history.

Charles, Kate to both face surgery; Britain's kids fall behind in stature

By: Kishwar Desai

So, while Parliament struggles against the "small boats", and is trying to stop the tide of refugees and illegals flooding the small island, the real crisis in the country seems to be that the monarchy is human and can fall sick. To be fair, there was always a doubt about the wonderful and ever stoic, ever smiling Catherine, Princess of Wales — as she seemed to weather all storms without a hair out of place. Raising three children, fulfilling Royal duties, and remaining implacable and impeccable (as well as gloriously thin) made her into a superwoman. How could she, then, be unwell, and even be hospitalised? And while no one knows what exactly has happened to her — there is speculation that the abdominal surgery could be "fairly serious" as she requires hospitalisation for two weeks and is expected to be out of the public eye for at least a few months.

Unlike the air of mystery surrounding Catherine — King Charles has been far more open about his troubles — and needs surgery for his enlarged prostate. And he will also be out of commission for a bit. In which case who will preside over important functions or if anything is required? Two of those who could have stood in — Princes

Andrew and Harry cannot be asked as they are disgraced, and so that leaves Queen Camilla, apart from Princess Anne...and of course a few others. The Prince of Wales, William, would have jumped in — but he wants to be by his wife's side as she recovers in hospital.

The news may be bad, but let us note that the work ethic in the monarchy has been very strong. The late Queen worked till her final day as documents show. She managed to see Boris Johnson, the outgoing Prime Minister and greet her new Prime Minister Liz Truss in the afternoon and then took part in a Privy Council meeting on Zoom citing a medical advice for not being there in person, made a list of some honours she was bestowing and put the list in her Red Box before calling it a day and seventy plus years of reign. Phew! That is a lot of things to do before you pass on — and in a single day. She deserves to rest in peace and in the memory of her people.

I remember there was a time when Charles Dickens wrote about the miserable and hungry childhood which awaited those born here — and so it comes as a surprise that our children, while growing up, are falling behind in terms of their stature. In the worldwide list of children's height and weight, British girls are 27 places further

down at 96th and boys 33 down at 102nd. The healthiest ones are in French Polynesia. Being away from modern life the Polynesians lead a healthy life with good diet. Our children eat ultra-processed foods and fail to grow up. Needless to add, politicians are on the job promising redress it soon after the election.

The New Year has also brought to light a most unfortunate scandal from the days when Theresa May was Prime Minister (remember her? we have had so many Tory Prime Ministers I have lost count). And as we all want to go digital and rely on IT — it is a good lesson to be learnt about the dangers of technology.

Back in 2015 in the heady days of Conservative-Liberal Democratic government, there were many instances of financial losses in post offices round the country. Since post offices serve as banks in rural communities where people deposit money and do banking, it was a shocking discovery that funds were missing. Postmasters, honest simple people, were blamed for the missing money. In many cases, they were sacked and some were convicted. It fell to a hard-headed sub-postmaster, Mr Bates, to fight his corner to prove his innocence. Recently an ITV program based on Mr Bates has reawakened the fight and a television programme had

the power to do what politicians had ignored. It has been revealed that the post offices had a computer, Horizon, produced by Fujitsu which had a glitch and miscalculated the numbers in cash registers. The postmasters were not aware but got the blame and lost their jobs and pension.

Some of these were people of Indian origin who had taken on a post office job as they do grocery shops.

As many as 550 sub postmasters suffered from this scandal. Parliament is considering a massive pardon for all the postmasters who suffered injustice. It is not clear whether convictions can be reversed and deleted from record. While people will now know they were innocent, how to compensate them remains to be seen.

And like elsewhere in the world, today, there will be a wide-spread celebration among the UK NRIs due to the opening of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya. It is fast becoming a global festival, going beyond religion.

And on 30th January, in a sombre commemoration, we will gather to lay flowers at the feet of another Ram Bhakt, Mahatma Gandhi, at his statue at Parliament Square, in front of the Houses of Parliament at Westminster. Do join us.

Revolutionising education with plant-based learning

By: Vijay GarG

Educational institutions, including schools and colleges, wield significant influence in shaping the leaders of tomorrow. They serve as powerful catalysts for positive change, fostering an early understanding of the significance of plant-based nutrition and promoting awareness of animal welfare among the younger generation.

The trajectory of veganism and plant-based lifestyles, within India and globally, is without a doubt trending upwards, driven by the pursuit of personal well-being, environmental sustainability, and animal welfare. What was perceived as a niche lifestyle choice a decade ago has evolved into a widespread cultural shift, positively affecting millions of lives, human and animal.

Thanks to the influence of media outreach across the globe, there is growing consumer awareness about the negative impacts of animal agriculture. This has sparked the invention of entrepreneurial business ventures introducing plant-based protein alternatives for meat, eggs, and dairy. Plant-based meals are often healthier and have a lower carbon footprint than their animal-based counterparts.

Educational institutes, schools and colleges, as important institutions helping tomorrow's leaders to develop, are also keen for opportunities to inculcate a healthier and more compassionate lifestyle for future generations. They can do so by sensitising children to relevant issues at a young age, creating awareness through interactive programs and training culinary professionals and experts in the art and culture of plant-based cooking.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AS AGENTS OF SYSTEMIC CHANGE

The word 'sustainability' is associated with a lot of practices in our lives but is not so commonly identi-

fied with the food choices we make. Just like Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a part of the school curriculum, we need to incorporate food-related sustainability issues into our teaching frameworks in this era of dramatic climate change. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) reports a substantial increase in animal consumption with improved standards of living across countries.

To address this challenge, animal protection organisations must prioritise changes in the educational system to ensure that children and youth can become the instruments of advancing systemic changes.

Educational institutions facilitate an environment in which students learn, unlearn and relearn, and can more easily question or interrogate the status quo, be it prevalent practices or customs.

The food for thought in this context presents itself as the current food choice for the present and future generations.

A small, but positive start has been introducing plant-based items in school canteens and messes and encouraging the reduction of animal-based items for some days a week. The key here is to foster a positive shift towards plant-based choices to allow people the space and time to adjust to the change while making an impact. For example, through HSI/India's assistance, Reddy College in Hyderabad has committed to reducing procurement of dairy products by 60 percent and egg products by 45 percent in its canteens.

More recently, Salsabeel Central School in Kerala also committed to reducing procurement of dairy by 80 percent.

As of 2023, to spread the message of a greener future for India through plant-based eating, HSI/India has inspired more than five lakh students in over 500 institutes across India to take a pledge to eat kind.

CULINARY INSTITUTES GEAR UP

FOR GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

To strengthen the practice of kind and more compassionate eating, there must be a sufficient supply of plant-based options in the market, and to achieve that it is essential to have a pool of skilled professionals catering to this need. Collaborating with culinary institutes adds another level of engagement and a deeper intervention for the plant-based ecosystem. Right now, a wave of delicious change is sweeping through 'professional' kitchens across India as part of Veganuary (Vegan + January).

It is not just about developing plant-based menus, but also shaping the next generation of chefs. Active partnerships with culinary schools can empower students and faculty with the skills to thrive in a world where plant-based food isn't just a trend, but the need of the hour. In the last couple of years, we have trained more than 5,000 students and 400 faculty by organising more than 40 plant-based culinary trainings across India with different government and private institutes.

Faculty members are excited about this fresh approach, recognising the growing appetite for plant-based options in the ever-evolving food scene. Students are taking the lead, cooking up plant-based masterpieces that challenge the norms. In addition to innovative recipes, they are becoming conscious of kind eating. The developing mindset sees the plate as a canvas for a more compassionate and sustainable dining experience.

Top culinary institutes like Ajeenkya DY Patil University in Pune, Indian Culinary Academy in Bangalore, and many more have incorporated plant-based lessons into their curriculums. This groundbreaking approach isn't just about swapping animal products for plants; it's a celebration of the rich, plant-based tapestry that Indian cooking represents.

These curriculums dive into sour-

ing plant-based ingredients, crafting mouthwatering recipes, and understanding the nutritional power of a plant-packed diet. We are learning how the food industry thinks about animal welfare and sustainability and, in partnership with culinary schools nationwide, we're showing that plant-based cooking is a leap towards a green and sustainable future.

THE SOLUTION IS SIMPLER THAN WE THINK

Plant-based eating is sustainable and learning more about the alternative gives us a compelling reason to make this change. The number of animals kept and slaughtered for food every year, some 92 billion land animals and trillions of marine animals worldwide, require substantial resources, including water, land, and vegetation. Because of its excessive use of such resources, animal agriculture is also one of the leading causes of global warming.

It is taking its toll on our ecosystems and thereby endangering our very existence. Our work with educational institutions empowers future generations to think green and practice green in their food habits and to reshape the world as one that is better for all, for people, for animals, for our natural areas and our planet's survival.

Let's make it a norm where every plate tells a story of compassion and where chefs with their creative flair inspire change.

The journey to a plant-powered future is just the beginning, and we cannot wait to see the extraordinary and beneficial impacts it will have on how we eat, how we live, and the world

(Vijay GarG Retired
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Manjit Singh seeks end to discrimination with SC Community

Top News Report

SAMBA, Jan 23: Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh has demanded end to the discrimination against the Schedule Castes in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Former Minister was chairing a meeting of the Schedule Caste community in Samba.

The meeting was also attended by State General Secretary, SC Wing, Capt. Joginder, District President SC Wing, Samba, Ex-Sarpanch, Sham Lal Bhagat, and others.

During the meeting, a detailed deliberation was held regarding the Schedule Caste community, development of their localities, job opportunities, discrimination in the society and their



demands.

While speaking on the occasion, the Former Minister expressed his shock over the ground situation in Samba where the SC community has allegedly been discriminated against and ignored regarding their jobs and development.

He said that the residential colonies of the SC community are witness to the underde-

velopment and discriminatory approach of the authorities.

"The selective approach towards their colonies needs the highest level of condemnation. The authorities work as per the wishes of political parties and ignore those who have no political affiliation.

The victim of this biased approach is the Schedule Caste community," he added, while

citing several examples where the colonies were ignored regarding proper road connectivity, underdeveloped lanes and drains.

He however assured the SC community that the Apni Party would not allow any kind of discrimination with them, if it forms the next Govt in Jammu and Kashmir.

He also highlighted the welfare schemes of the Party that would help the neglected class of society for social, economic, educational, and political upliftment.

"We believe in the equal empowerment of all sections of society," he added.

Meanwhile, he also issued certain directions to the Party cadre to work for the welfare of the SC and other marginalized sections of society.

Yasar Ch appeals DC Kathua to constitute committee on PMAY's implementation in Duggan Block

Top News Report

KATHUA, Jan 23: Apni Party Kandi Belt (Bani-Basohli), President, and Spokesperson, Yasar Choudhary has appealed to the Deputy Commissioner, Kathua, Rakesh Minhas to constitute a committee to ascertain about the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) in Duggan Block of District Kathua.

In a statement to the press, he said that the prime motive of

the Govt under PMAY aims to provide financial support to the economically weaker section.

He said that some of the poor families have not been provided any kind of benefits under PMAY in Duggan Block for which the intervention of DC Kathua is important.

"The DC should ascertain the reason as to why the PMAY scheme benefits did not reach some of the deserving families in Duggan Block," he said,

while seeking attention of the authorities.

He demanded immediate intervention of the authorities so that the left-out families should get the benefit of PMAY and accordingly, they shall be provided the affordable housing benefit under PMAY by the Govt.

He further sought intervention of the DC Kathua to unfold the factual situation of not providing the benefit of the PMAY scheme to the needy people.

NSS units of GDC Kathua organises symposium competition

Top News Report

KATHUA, Jan 23: On the 128th birth anniversary of Neta Ji Subas Chandra Bose, Department of History in collaboration with NSS units GDC Kathua on Tuesday organised symposium competition on the theme of life and contribution of Neta Ji Subas Chander Bose.

More than fifteen volunteers took part in the symposium competition.

Zahira Khan, Swati Sharma and Goldi Devi declared first, second and third in the competition respectively. The other participants were acknowledged with participation certificates.

Event was judged by Prof Ram Singh Head Department of Education and Coordinator IGNOU and Prof Heena Saini Department of Mathematics. This programme was organised under National Youth Week.

Netaji Subas Chandra Bose's 128th birth anniversary on 23 January

2024 is observed as Parakram Diwas.

The day is celebrated to honour and remember Netaji's indomitable spirit and selfless service to the nation.

On this occasion Head Department of History Prof Manmohan Singh addressed the gathering.

He apprised the audience that he raised the first Indian National Army (INA), Azad Hind Fauj in 1943 and stated an armed coup and inspired thousands of Indian youths to join the struggle for Independence from the British Colonial rule.

His famous slogans are 'tum Muje Khoon Do, Main Tumhe Azadi Dunga, Jai Hind and Delhi Chalo were popular during the freedom struggle.

The event was organised under the patronage of Principal Prof Seema Mir and supervision of Prof Manmohan Singh Head Department of History and NSS Prog Officer Dr Kulbir Singh, Dr Pinki and Dr Arvind Kumar.

Samsung announces 'grand' Republic Day sale with 'mega' offers

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 23: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, has launched its Grand Republic Day Sale with bumper offers and cashback on a variety of Samsung products such as Galaxy smartphones, laptops, tablets, wearables, Samsung TVs, and other digital appliances.

These offers will be available on Samsung.com, Samsung Shop App, and Samsung Exclusive Stores. Consumers will get up to 22.5% cashback (Up to INR 25000) on HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Axis Bank and other leading Bank Debit and Credit Cards.

During the bonanza sale, consumers buying select models of Galaxy A series, M series, F series, S series and flagship models of Galaxy Z Series can get up to 57% off. Consumers

will also get amazing offers on pre-booking the latest Galaxy S24 series smartphones. Under the Grand Republic Day Sale, consumers can avail Galaxy S23 for just INR 54999. Those purchasing Galaxy laptops such as Galaxy Book Go, Galaxy Book3, and Galaxy Book 3 Pro, can avail up to 46% off and consumers buying select models of Galaxy tablets, wearables and accessories can get up to 50% off.

Consumers purchasing premium and lifestyle models of Samsung televisions can avail up to 48% off with an additional exchange benefit of up to INR 15250. Consumers buying select models of Neo QLED and QLED will also get an assured special gift from either of the following - Galaxy S23 Ultra worth INR 124990 or a 50" Serif TV worth INR 69990, or a Soundbar worth INR

38990 (Q700C / C450).

During the sale, consumers buying Samsung digital appliances such as refrigerators will get up to 52% off, on select models of refrigerators. Consumers can also get exchange benefits up to INR 15125 on select models.

On purchase of microwaves such as 28 litre SlimFry Microwave and 32 litre Wi-Fi enabled Bespoke Microwave, consumers can avail up to 45% off. Consumers purchasing select models of EcobubbleTM range of fully automatic washing machines will get up to 49% off with an extra benefit of INR 3000 as an upgrade bonus.

Successful reconstruction of removed parts now possible in cancer treatment: experts

Top News Report

CHANDIGARH, Jan 23: "Reconstruction of body parts surgically removed during cancer treatment is now possible. Plastic and onco surgeons together can reconstruct the missing organ during cancer surgery."

Dr Ramesh Kumar Sharma, Director Plastic Surgery at Paras Health, Panchkula, said here on Tuesday that although the primary aims in cancer surgery is the complete removal of affected part.

This often leads to large defects which can compromise both function and appearance. This is particularly true for exposed areas such as head neck and face, he maintained.

He further said, "Similarly, breast cancer deals a double blow to the patient. The treatment of cancer in such cases would mean removal of part or whole of the breast. This leads to major mental trauma to the female psyche. When the plastic surgeons join hands with the onco-surgeons, reconstruction of the missing breast can be done at the same time thereby restoring the femininity."

The breast reconstruction can either be done at the same time of breast removal or it can be recon-



structed after a gap of few weeks, Dr Sharma informed.

This can be achieved either by using the patient's own tissue or by placement of biocompatible mammary implants, he said.

In head and neck cancers, it is possible to not only restore the function but also improve the cosmetic appearance of the face to allow better social integration. Here again we use both autogenous tissue and implants, he asserted.

Dr Rajan Sahu, associate director of onco-surgery emphasized that simultaneous reconstruction

in cancer surgery does not compromise with the treatment of the cancer.

In fact, it helps the onco-surgeon to be more radical in extirpation of the disease.

He also noted that restoration of the function and appearance in cancer patients is as important as getting rid of the cancer.

This symphony between the plastic surgeons and onco-surgeons in management of challenging cancer patients is very promising as the patients are not only cured of the disease but also their spirits are buoyed, he asserted.

GDC Udhampur celebrates National Girl Child Day

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UDHAMPUR, Jan 23: The NSS Units of GDC Udhampur in collaboration with Women Development Cell and NCC under the patronage of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta celebrated National Girl Child Day to commemorate the rights of Girl Child.

The motif behind celebrating the day is to raise awareness about the challenges faced by girls and to promote their rights and empowerment.

This Day was established in 2008 by Ministry of Women and Child Development who highlighted the prejudice and injustice that a girl child faces.

The programme started at 10 am in the Conference Hall where Worthy Principal sir along with senior faculty members viz. Prof. B.L.Thakur, Dr. Sonia Khajuria, Dr. Rajni Kumari, Prof. Shobana Sambyal, Dr. Anita Sharma and staff secretary Dr. Jagjeet Singh lighted the lamp and is followed by NSS song.

NSS POs Dr. Gurpreet Kour and Prof. Sanjeet Singh welcomed the guests and briefed about the event.

While addressing almost 50 Girls along with Pos and faculty members the Worthy

Principal Prof.(Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta said we need women who are so strong they can be gentle, so educated they can be humble, so fierce they can be compassionate, they can be rational and so disciplined they can be free.

The celebration continued with three major events viz. Poster Making, Slogan Writing and Symposium conducted parallelly under the Supervision of Symposium and Cultural Committees of the College. Almost 10 Girls participated in symposium, 8 in poster making and 15 in Slogan Writing. Among these Sonali Dogra of sem 4th, Monika of sem 4th and Rupali of sem 6th were adjudged winners in symposium. In poster making Simran Bharti from sem 4th, Manyata from Sem. 6th and Ananya of PG Chemistry sem 1st became winners.

Rimzim from PG sem 1st, Payal and Palaq Rani from sem 4th were adjudged as winner in slogan writing. These students will represent GDC Udhampur in District level Inter College Competition.

The programme concluded with formal vote of thanks by Rishika Sharma a senior NSS Volunteer followed by National Anthem.

ISHTH campaign launched under National AIDS Control Programme

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 23: As part of providing comprehensive in-house health care services to the Jail inmates and populations residing in other closed settings across the UT of J&K a special campaign namely ISHTH (Integrated STI, HIV, TB and Hepatitis) was launched on Tuesday in the premises of the Central Jail Kot Bhalwal, Jammu with collaborative efforts of J&K AIDS Control Society (JKACS), NHM, RNTCP, WCD and the Prisons department J&K.

The launch function was inaugurated by Vikas Gupta (IPS), DIG Prisons & Corrective Services, J&K in presence of Dr. Manu Bhatnagar, Additional Director, JKACS; Dr. Monika Wali, I/c Medical Officer (IEC), JKACS and other officials from the related departments.

In his address DIG Prisons emphasized that the success of the ISHTH campaign depends solely upon the support provided by all the stakeholders involved especially the work of the health functionaries in dealing with such diseases.

He further appreciat-

ed the efforts put in by all the departments in the launch of this campaign and commitment shown by various organizations in dealing with such important issues.

Later Dr. Manu Bhatnagar, Additional Director, JKACS in her key address to the audience explained in detail about the importance of the campaign and the need for interventions in prisons and other closed settings and about the integrated services being provided by the government for the welfare of the masses including the Jail inmates.

She informed that under this drive all the services covered under the ISHTH campaign will be provided at one point so that timely treatment and prevention therapy can be made available to the needy which shall help in containing the further transmission of these diseases in the community.

The address was followed by a short Nukkad performance by the artists of Samooch theatre highlighting the modes of transmission of HIV and its prevention.

The programme ended with the presentation of mementoes to the dignitaries.

Shagun Pandey talks about taking inspiration from real-life cops for Mera Balam Thanedaar

Shagun Pandey from Colors' Mera Balam Thanedaar reveals that he had the opportunity to meet real-life cops. He keenly observed their body language, imbibing the nuances that would make his portrayal authentic in the show.

The result is that he not only looks like a real-cop but also embodies the spirit of those who dedicate their lives



to upholding the law. Shagun shares a personal ritual, answering his phone with a prideful 'Jai Hind, a small but meaningful practice that connects him to the character.

Shagun Pandey, portraying the role of Veer in Colors' Mera Balam Thanedaar, shares, "I'm grateful to my fans for embracing me in the role of Veer Pratap Singh and showering

love on this show. I think all the hard work that went into making my character look authentic paid off. A huge part of my prep was observing the lifestyle of real police officers. It was important for me to perfect the body language of men in khaki to play a cop. I got to witness the effort and sacrifices these heroes put into ensuring the safety of our daily lives."

From Marine Drive to waiting outside restaurants, Triptii Dimri's fan goes the extra mile to meet her



Actress Triptii Dimri's fan went the extra mile and put in everything

that it takes to meet his favourite star! Taking to social media, influ-

encer Prannay Joshi began posting videos expressing his fondness for Triptii Dimri and showcasing his desire to meet her.

From walking on Mumbai's Marine Drive with banners to waiting outside local restaurants and running after the actress's car to get a glimpse of her, the fan left no stone unturned. Watching these videos, thousands of social media users urged the actress to meet her devoted fan.

Finally making her fan's wish come true, Triptii met Prannay and expressed her gratitude for such an outpour of love. The sweet encounter between the two happened after the fan got in touch with the actress's team and requested them to help him. Upon meeting, Prannay, overjoyed with love and happiness, handed some beautiful flowers and a special card to the actress. He learnt that Triptii had seen his videos and decided to meet him.

On the work front, Triptii was recently seen in the Ranbir Kapoor-starrer Animal. She will next be seen in Mere Mehboob Mere Sanam and Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video.

Yashashri Masurkar recalls how she became an actress

The Dabanggii: Mulgii Aayi Re Aayi actress Yashashri Masurkar says that her love for showbiz developed right from her childhood.

She loved to watch TV and soon realised that she wanted to be part of this world.

"I started showing signs way before I could even understand it. In my childhood, we didn't have a TV.

So, I would go to my neighbour's house to watch TV on Sunday. Thank God my neighbours didn't mind. Because I used to be at

their doorstep at 7 am and used to be glued to the screen till 1 pm. I knew it somewhere in my heart but hadn't realised it," she says.

Ask her if she remembers the first film she saw, and she says, "Funnily enough, I remember a film called Rikshawali, which we saw on the VCR my dad hired on my birthday."

She adds, "Hum Aapke Hain Kaun was the film that changed things for me.

This was when I felt like I wanted to be part of this world.



Madhuri has inspired me since then. I always wanted to look like her, be like her.

Unfortunately, I am not trained to dance like her but she has been my first inspiration to become an actress ever since."

Ask her what she wants to do next, and she says, "I have done theatre during college days but I prefer screen acting.

Like every actor, I prefer films and because of the richness of content, I am interested in OTT too."

Sofia Vergara is being sued by drug lord's family over upcoming streaming show

Actress Sofia Vergara is being taken to court by the family of the Colombian drug lord Griselda Blanco over her new upcoming series on Netflix.

Griselda is a fictionalised dramatisation inspired by the life of Griselda Blanco, who allegedly created one of the most powerful cartels in history. The six-episode special, set in the 1970s to 1980s, has reportedly caused uproar with real-life Griselda's family. She was assassinated in 2012 and now her children, acting as representatives of her estate, claim Sofia's portrayal of their mother is "unauthorised".

According to sources the family is suing the actress and Netflix for the use of Griselda's image and likeness in the series. Griselda's son, Michael, says he has been doing interviews for years about a possible show about his mother, according to reports. Michael claims he's been doing interviews since 2009, with the possibility of the story also becoming a book. Reportedly, Michael's story was set to be 'shopped around Hollywood' in 2016, but went nowhere.

He alleged his interviews were pitched to Netflix, but after they showed interest, they reportedly didn't want to use any of his details. Michael "claims he's learnt this new Griselda show does, in fact, lean on a lot of his anecdotes and material but, he says he never saw a dime", resulting in a lawsuit by him and his siblings, alleging Netflix "ripped off their family story".



Britney Spears says food is her weakness

Pop icon Britney Spears considers food to be her 'weakness'.

The 43-year-old singer-songwriter has spoken about her passion for food in a new Instagram post.

Britney wrote, 'Food is my weakness. I will admit it (sic)'.

The blonde beauty also reflected on her food history, admitting that she's always been a 'passionate eater', reports Female First UK.

Britney shared, 'When I was younger and



would go to restaurants with my mom, she would either say 'sit still' or 'you are eating way too fast, please slow down'. I do remember at lunch though everybody's meal was still there when mine was gone in 2 seconds (sic)'.

Despite this, Britney's weight doesn't tend to fluctuate much.

She explained, 'I'm usually 135 on scale... that's my normal weight. Well that's good for me. I want to be 125 - 128 but I'm probably gonna do 140 now that this damn

BLAZE coffee place has opened !!! DAMN (sic).'

As per Female First UK, Britney split from Sam Asghari last year, and she acknowledged that the personal trainer knew the secrets to healthy living.

The award-winning singer, who married Sam in 2022, said, "My ex husband was a trainer so he knew a lot of different ways and easy tricks to stay healthy. With food I think it's weird though !!! Timing is important I think (sic)."

Saif Ali Khan reveals the advice Rani Mukerji gave him on dating Kareena Kapoor Khan

Actor Saif Ali Khan has spoken about one piece of advice that Rani Mukerji gave him when she got to know about him dating Kareena Kapoor Khan.

Saif and Kareena were asked about their love life in the final episode of 'Now Bingeing' by Tata Play Binge.

Saif said, "Rani is really amazing. I enjoy being friends with her now, more than ever before. But she said this thing when we were shooting. I remember, she was away from the love of her life and she was like 'Let's just shoot non-stop and let's not take a day off' and she also told me 'Oh you're going out with Kareena. I'm so happy.'"

"I'll give you some advice. Just think of it as two heroes in the house."

"I got what she meant, but now more than ever I go back to that advice sometimes. Because it is two people who are equal, who



are contributing to the sanity and the sanctity of the home."

He added, "When one is working, the other one is doing that with the children."

Continuing on the same thought, he said, "But I understand, it was a really good advice, it was a brilliant advice and it's a complicated thing what she was saying because she was talking about gender roles and whether you feel— 'is it okay for my wife to be out of the house working so much while I'm doing this'."

"And what she meant was of course it is! Just give her the respect of equality, is what she was talking about."

In the episode, Saif and Kareena got candid and spilled the tea about their relationship, choosing off beat projects, working life as parents, media's interest in their children, advice from co-stars and their bingeing habits.

The episode would be aired on Tata Play Binge on January 24.

Kritika Kamra talks about her upcoming projects 'Gyarah Gyarah' and 'For Your Eyes Only'

Actress Kritika Kamra is all set for her upcoming thriller dramas, Gyarah Gyarah and For Your Eyes Only, which she says are an immersive experience. Last year, the actress pleasantly shocked her fans by portraying the role of a lady gangster in Bambai Meri Jaan. Now, she is ready to push the boundaries once

more. Kritika said: "I find immense fulfillment in choosing projects that deviate from the expected, ventures that take me far beyond the realms of what people anticipate. The projects I'm diving into this year, particularly the thrillers, hold a special place in my heart. These narratives are intense, layered with suspense,



and demand a profound emotional investment. It's precisely this intensity that excites me and propels me to embark on this new journey with enthusiasm."

Kritika added: "The thrillers I'm set to be a part of are immersive experiences that challenge me to explore the nuances of the character.

President, PM Modi lead nation in paying tributes to Subhas Chandra Bose on Parakram Diwas

Bose's birth anniversary is observed as Parakram Diwas

NEW DELHI, Jan 23 (Agencies): President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the nation in paying tributes to freedom fighter Subhas Chandra Bose on his 127th birth anniversary, which is observed as Parakram Diwas.

President Murmu, in a post on her official X handle, said that she pays her tributes to Bose on the occasion of his birth anniversary.

She further added that Bose's extraordinary courage and charismatic personality inspired Indians to fight against imperialist powers.

PM Modi, in his message on the occasion said, "Greetings to the people of India on Parakram Diwas. Today on his Jayanti, we honour the life and courage of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.



His unwavering dedication to our nation's freedom continues to inspire."

Home Minister Amit Shah, in a post on X, said that he bows before the national hero Bose, for whom seeking independence for the nation was the sole aim of his life.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also wished people on the occasion of Parakram Diwas.

Leader of opposition in Rajya Sabha and Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, while paying his tributes to the revolutionary leader, posted a mes-

sage by Bose on his X handle, which said that all those citizens of India - whether they are Hindu, Muslim, Sikh or Christian - who don't have a divisive mindset, have to perform the duty to end communalism.

Congress MP Rahul Gandhi also paid his tributes to Bose on the occasion.

"Our heartfelt tributes to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose on his 127th birth anniversary. Netaji's Indian National Army with brigades named Gandhi, Nehru, Azad, Subhas, and Rani of Jhansi regiment played an integral role in India's freedom struggle.

He was a leading example of Indian values of pluralism, social and economic justice, tolerance, and gender inclusivity. Jai Hind!" Gandhi said in his X post.

It's a shame that even today we do not know what happened to Netaji: Mamata



KOLKATA, Jan 23 (Agencies): West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday said it's a shame for the nation that even after so many years of the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, people don't know what happened to the leader nor do they have the date of his death.

She also hit out at the BJP-ruled central gov-

ernment for not keeping their promise of investigating Netaji's disappearance.

In an apparent reference to the Centre declaring a half-day holiday in central government offices for Ram temple's consecration ceremony on Monday, Banerjee said these days holidays are declared for political advertisements, but nothing is announced

for those who gave up their lives fighting for the country's freedom.

"It's India's bad luck that even after so many years we do not have Netaji's death date. We do not know what happened to him. It's a shame," Banerjee said after garlanding a statue of Bose here.

The country is celebrating Netaji's 127th birth anniversary on Tuesday.

"BJP promised to investigate Netaji's disappearance before coming to power but forgot after that. For 20 years, I tried to make Netaji's birth anniversary a national holiday but failed; please forgive me," she said.

Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra will benefit from what Assam chief minister is doing, it's getting publicity, says Rahul Gandhi

GUWAHATI, Jan 23 (Agencies): Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said the Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra would benefit from what Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma is doing as it is getting publicity.

Addressing a press conference, Gandhi said the Nyay Yatra had become the main issue in Assam.

He said stopping him from visiting a temple and university and preventing the 'padyatra' were intimidation tactics and that they would not get intimidated.



Gandhi said five pillars of justice would give strength to the country -- participation, justice for youth, labourers, women and farmers.

Gandhi said, "We have invited INDIA parties to join the yatra; we will feel good if our partners join us."

When asked about the

consecration ceremony in Ayodhya, he said, "It's the BJP's political programme; we have clarity about our pillars of justice."

Gandhi said, "On the one side, there is Narendra Modi-RSS, on the other there is INDIA bloc, which is an ideology."

8 injured as Myanmar military plane for repatriation of soldiers crashes at Mizoram airport

AIZAWL, Jan 23 (Agencies): A Myanmar military plane crashed at the Lengpui airport on the outskirts of Aizawl on Tuesday, officials said.

The small plane had arrived here to take back the Myanmar soldiers who crossed over to India last week, following gunfights with an ethnic insurgent group, they said.

There were 14 people on the plane and eight of them were injured in the accident, which took place around 10.20 am, officials said.

While landing, it overshot the tabletop runway of the Mizoram government-run airport and crashed. The impact of the accident was such that the plane split into two, they said.

The injured persons were taken to the Lengpui primary health centre, they added.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has ordered an investigation into



the crash, a state government official said.

"All incoming flights have been diverted. When the flight services, incoming and outgoing, will resume is yet to be known. Hopping all passengers would be able to either fly in or fly out as soon as possible, especially people with medical emergency," she said.

A total of 276 Myanmar

soldiers had entered Mizoram last week, and of them, 184 were sent back on Monday, officials said.

The remaining 92 soldiers were to be repatriated on Tuesday, they said.

The plane was supposed to take them to Sittwe in Myanmar's Rakhine state.

The 276 Myanmar soldiers entered Bandukbanga

village, located at the India-Myanmar-Bangladesh trijunction, in southernmost Mizoram's Lawngtlai district with arms and ammunition on January 17 and approached the Assam Rifles.

They fled to Mizoram after their camp was overrun and captured by 'Arakan Army' fighters.

The Myanmar soldiers were taken to the nearby Assam Rifles camp at Parva, and later the majority of them were shifted to Lunglei, the official said.

They have been under the supervision of the Assam Rifles since then, the official said.

These 276 soldiers were brought to Aizawl over Saturday and Sunday, for their transport to Myanmar from the Lengpui airport.

The group, headed by a colonel, has 36 officers and 240 lower-rank personnel, officials said.

Devotees queue up in droves as Ram temple in Ayodhya opens doors to public

They wait for hours in the biting cold before the doors of the grand temple open

AYODHYA, Jan 23 (Agencies): The doors of the Ram temple in Ayodhya opened to the general public on Tuesday, a day after the consecration of the Ram Lalla idol.

A large number of devotees, both locals and visitors from other states, gathered outside the main gates for hours since late on Monday night, waiting to enter the premises.

Carrying flags bearing visages of Lord Ram and chanting "Jai Shri Ram", the devotees waited for hours in the biting cold before the doors of the grand temple opened.

"Felt so delighted, my life's aim has been fulfilled. Our ancestors struggled for this and it has been brought to fruition. The arrangement should continue like this and the name of Lord Ram should reign for ages," said Manish Verma, a devotee from Punjab.

An idol of the Ram Lalla was consecrated at the Ayodhya temple on Monday, a landmark event led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi who also gave a clarion call to go beyond the grand mandir's construction to build the foundation of a "strong, capable and divine" India of the next 1,000 years.

A large number of the invitees, including seers, later had a 'darshan' of the deity soon after the consecration ceremony ended.

For the general public, the doors of the temple opened on Tuesday morning.

Waiting in the serpentine queues outside the temple were people who have been camping in Ayodhya since before the consecration ceremony, having made long and difficult journeys to reach the temple town.

Nitish Kumar, a resident of Bihar's Madhepura district, cycled



more than 600 kilometres to reach Ayodhya.

"There is a massive rush but I am hopeful that I will get a chance to have 'darshan' today. I will start my journey back once my wish is fulfilled. Though I couldn't go to the temple on Monday, what a day it was to be in Ayodhya," he told agency.

Anurag Sharma from Rajasthan's Sikar was seen walking around with a model of the temple on the day of the consecration ceremony.

"I brought this model with me from my hometown. I arrived on the inaugural flight to Ayodhya and have been here since then. I will go back only after having a 'darshan' of Ram Lalla," he told agency.

Groups of people could also be seen marching towards the temple, passing through the decked-up Ram Path.

"Ram Lalla gave us the strength to walk all the way from Chhattisgarh and now He only will get us through this crowd so we can take His blessings," said Sunil Madho, part of an eight-member group that undertook a 'padyatra' to Ayodhya. Maharashtra native Gopal Krish-

na, who arrived in Ayodhya a few days ago, said, "We came here a few days ago as Lord Ram called us. People were telling us not to travel as police would impose restrictions on travel and rooms would not be available in hotels. We are staying at an ashram and this is the day we waited for," he told agency.

He was accompanied by a few friends with whom he travelled in a four-wheeler to Ayodhya from Akola district.

The gates of the temple, decorated with flowers and lights, turned into selfie spots for the devotees as they gathered to join the queues.

The devotees chanted "Jai Shri Ram" as they walked in and out of the temple complex. Inside the main temple, "Jai Shri Ram" chants reverberated in its grand halls.

The temple complex, built in the traditional Nagara style, is 380 feet long from the east to the west, 250 feet wide and will eventually rise to 161 feet at the 'shikhar'. It is supported by 392 pillars and has 44 doors.

Madhya Pradesh CM suspends SDM over assault on 2 men for overtaking his vehicle

BHOPAL/UMARIA, Jan 23 (Agencies): Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Tuesday ordered the suspension of the Bandhavgarh Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) after two men were beaten up on a road allegedly in his presence for overtaking his vehicle in Umaria district.

Yadav gave the suspension order and said on social media, "Such behaviour with the common man in the state will not be tolerated."

Police have already registered a case against Bandhavgarh SDM Amit Singh, tehsildar Vinod Kumar, SDM's driver Narendra Das Panika and tehsildar's assistant Sandeep Singh in connection with the incident that took place on the outskirts of Umaria town on Monday evening, officials said.

A video of the incident surfaced on social media, purportedly showing two men being beaten up in the presence of the SDM.

In a post on X, CM Yadav said, "I have directed to suspend the Bandhavgarh SDM following the incident of beating of two youths surfaced. It is an unfortunate inci-



dent."

"There is a government of good governance in the state. Such behaviour with the common man in the state will not be tolerated," he warned the officials.

The SDM earlier denied that the two men were assaulted under his watch, and claimed that one of them was driving the car carelessly and was about to hit his official vehicle.

In the video, the men, surrounded by the SDM and others, could be seen being beaten up with sticks by a group of people.

Civil Lines police post in-charge Amar Singh said the accused were booked under Sections 294 (obscene act in public place), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt),

341 (wrongful restraint) and 34 (common intention) of the IPC.

In the complaint, one of the victims, Prakash Dahiya, who sustained injuries on his head, claimed that people sitting in the vehicle with "SDM" written on it got down and thrashed him and another car occupant Shivam Yadav, both residents of Bharola village, for overtaking.

They also broke the window panes of his car, Dahiya alleged.

SDM Singh earlier said he was visiting areas under his jurisdiction in his vehicle as various programmes were organised on the occasion of the Ram Lalla idol consecration in Ayodhya.

He said the car in which the victims were sitting was coming at a fast speed and his driver somehow avoided a collision.

Singh said he got down from his vehicle after seeing the attack on the duo and tried to calm the situation.

The government official, however, denied that people travelling in his vehicle were involved in the attack.

3 Railway Workers Run Over By Train Near Mumbai During Repair Work



MUMBAI, Jan 23 (Agencies): Three staffers of the Western Railway (WR) died after being run over by a local train near Vasai in Palghar district while they were fixing a signalling issue, police

officials said on Tuesday.

The incident occurred at 8.55 pm on Monday between Vasai Road and Naigaon stations when the local was going towards Churchgate, an official of the Government Railway Police (GRP) said.

The three men were identified as chief signalling inspector (Bhayandar) Vasu Mitra, electrical signalling maintainer (Vasai Road) Somnath Uttam Lambute and helper Sachin Wankhade.

All these staffers were from the signalling department of the WR's Mumbai division, he said.

They had gone to fix some signalling point that failed on Monday evening, the official said.

The Western Railway has ordered an inquiry into the incident, officials said.

The authorities have paid 55,000 each to the family members of the three men as immediate relief, they said.

24 Israeli Soldiers Killed In Gaza Fighting, Most In A Day Since War Began

The attack came as Israeli forces pushed deep into western Khan Younis in Gaza, with an air, sea and land bombardment.

GAZA, Jan 23 (Agencies): Twenty-four Israeli soldiers were killed in Gaza, the military said on Tuesday, the biggest death count in a single day since the war began in October, amid what Palestinians said was the most intense bombardment of southern Gaza in the conflict.

Israeli military spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari told reporters that soldiers were killed in an explosion. He said militants had fired rocket-propelled grenades at a tank, and at the same time an explosion occurred in two buildings where forces had planted explosives in order to destroy them. The buildings collapsed onto the troops.

"We are still studying and investigating the details of the event and the reasons for the explosion," he said. Earlier, the military had said three soldiers were killed in a separate attack in southern Gaza.

The assault came as Israeli forces pushed deep into western Khan Younis in Gaza, with an air, sea and land bombardment that included storming a hospital and arresting medical staff, Gaza health ministry spokesman Ashraf al Qidra told agency.

There was no word from Israel on the situation at the hospital, and the military spokesperson's office had no comment.

Qidra said at least 50 people



were killed on Sunday night in Khan Younis, while the sieges at medical facilities meant dozens of dead and wounded were beyond the reach of rescuers.

The United States called on Israel to protect innocent Palestinians and medical staff.

White House National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said on Monday that Israel had a right to defend itself, but added: "We expect them to do so in accordance with international law and to protect innocent people in hospitals, medical staff and patients as well, as much as possible."

Israel says Hamas fighters operate in and around hospitals, which Hamas and medical staff deny.

Israel launched an offensive last week to capture Khan Younis, which it now says is the

principal headquarters of the Hamas militants responsible for the October 7 attacks on southern Israel that according to Israeli tallies killed 1,200 people.

Israel has vowed to wipe out Hamas, the Palestinian Islamist movement that rules Gaza and is sworn to Israel's destruction.

At least 25,295 Gazans have been killed since October 7, Gaza health authorities said in an update on Monday.

International concern has mounted over the Palestinian death count from Israel's assault on the densely populated enclave and a humanitarian crisis afflicting hundreds of thousands of people.

The United States has urged Israel to reduce civilian harm in Gaza, called on it to stop violence by Israeli settlers against Palestinians in the occupied

West Bank, and has said it still believes a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is possible.

In Brussels on Monday, Israeli Foreign Minister Israel Katz sidestepped discussion of a two-state solution at a meeting with European Union counterparts, opting to show them aspirational videos of future infrastructure projects.

Israel has pushed back against calls for a Palestinian state, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu saying that any Palestinian state would pose "an existential danger" to Israel.

EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell has circulated a discussion paper with a roadmap to peace that calls for a preparatory peace conference organised by the EU and Arab nations. The U.S. and U.N. were invited to be conveners.

Washington on Monday called for an investigation and accountability "as appropriate" following the West Bank death on Friday of a 17-year-old Palestinian American, who Palestinian health officials say was killed by Israeli security forces.

The Israel-occupied West Bank has seen a surge of violence in parallel to the Gaza war that erupted in October.

The uncle of the American-born youth told Reuters he had died during clashes with the Israeli military that included stone throwing by Palestinians.

12 Dead, Dozens Trapped For 24 Hours After Massive Landslide Hits China



BEIJING, Jan 23 (Agencies): Rescuers raced Tuesday to find dozens of people still trapped after a landslide struck a remote and mountainous part of southwestern China, killing 12.

The pre-dawn landslide buried 18 homes and sparked the evacuation of more than 200 people when it struck in Zhenxiang County, Yunnan province early Monday.

More than 24 hours since the disaster, state news agency Xinhua said rescue workers are now in a "race against time" to find those still missing, after a night of sub-zero temperatures.

"Search and rescue efforts persisted through the night," firefighter Li Shenglong told Xinhua.

Twelve people have been confirmed dead, state broadcaster CCTV reported just after midday.

Wu Junyao, director of the natural resources and planning bureau of Zhaotong, told Xinhua that the disaster "resulted from a collapse in the steep cliff area atop the slope".

Two hundred rescue workers have been dispatched to the scene as well as dozens of fire engines and other equipment.

The site is covered in thick snow and rescuers are "using all kinds of tools to search for survivors", Xinhua reported.

Wu told Xinhua the rescuers are digging through collapsed debris of "100

meters in width, 60 meters in height, with an average thickness of around 6 meters".

CCTV showed footage of rescue workers digging through twisted metal and concrete overnight in a bid to find survivors.

Other CCTV footage showed locals huddling for warmth around a fire in a shelter, eating instant noodles.

People from the surrounding area have chipped into to help with relief efforts, state media said.

"Our village is nearby," Hong Jie, 38, told Xinhua.

"Our main focus is on distributing supplies, cooking, and delivering food to those in need."

Chinese President Xi Jinping has ordered "all-out" rescue efforts.

Landslides are common in Yunnan, a far-flung and largely impoverished region of China where steep mountain ranges butt against the Himalayan plateau.

Monday's disaster occurred in a rural area surrounded by towering peaks dusted with snow, state media footage showed.

There was no immediate official explanation for what may have caused the landslide.

Efforts to establish what happened are underway, Xinhua reported.

China has experienced a string of natural disasters in recent months, some following extreme weather events such as sudden, heavy downpours.

Rainstorms last September in the southern region of Guangxi triggered a mountain landslide that killed at least seven people, according to media reports.

In August, heavy rains sparked a similar disaster near the northern city of Xi'an, killing more than 20 people.

7.1 magnitude earthquake rattles part of western China, injuring six people and collapsing 47 homes

BEIJING, Jan 23 (Agencies): A magnitude 7.1 earthquake struck a sparsely populated part of China's western Xinjiang region early Tuesday, injuring six people and damaging or collapsing more than 120 homes in freezing cold weather, authorities said. The quake was the latest in a series of seismic events and natural disasters to hit the vast country's western regions.

The quake rocked Uchturpan county in Aksu prefecture shortly after 2 a.m., the China Earthquake Networks Center said. Around 200 rescuers were dispatched to the epicenter. The county is called Wushi in the Mandarin language spoken by most Chinese.

Of the six people hurt, two had serious injuries and four were minor. In addition, 47 houses collapsed, 78 houses were damaged and some agricultural structures collapsed, the government of the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region posted on its official Weibo social media account.

The quake downed power lines but electricity was quickly restored, Aksu authorities reported. Mountainous Uchturpan county had around 233,000 people in 2022, according to Xinjiang authorities.

Urumqi Railroad Bureau resumed services after 7 a.m. following safety checks that confirmed no problems on the train lines. The suspension had affected 23 trains, the bureau serving the Xinjiang capital said on its official Weibo account.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake measured 7.0 magnitude and occurred in the seismically active Tian Shan mountain range. It said the area's largest quake in the past century was 7.1 magnitude and occurred in 1978 about 200 kilometers (124 miles) to the north of one early Tuesday.

Multiple aftershocks were recorded, the strongest of them at 5.3 magnitude.

The rural area is populated mostly by Uyghurs, a Turkic ethnicity that is predominantly Muslim and has been the target of a state campaign of forced assimilation and mass detention. The region is heavily militarized and state broadcaster CCTV showed paramilitary troops moving in before dawn to clear rubble and set up tents for those displaced.

Uchturpan county is recording temperatures well below freezing, with lows down to negative 18 degrees C (just below zero F) forecast by the China Meteorological Administration this week.

In Yunnan province in China's southwest, rescue workers were still searching for victims buried by a landslide Monday in the village of Liangshui. Eleven bodies have been recovered, and two survivors were rescued from among the 47 people buried in 18 homes in freezing cold and falling snow.

The tremors from Tuesday's earthquake were felt hundreds of kilometers (miles) away. Ma Shengyi, a 30-year-old pet shop owner living in Tacheng, 600 kilometers (373 miles) from the epicenter, said her dogs started barking before she felt her apartment building shudder. The quake was so strong her neighbors ran downstairs. Ma rushed to her bathroom and started to cry.

"There's no point in running away if it's a big earthquake," Ma said. "I was scared to death."

Chandeliers swung, buildings were evacuated and a media office building near the epicenter shook for a full minute, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. A video posted by a Chinese internet user on Weibo showed residents standing outside on the streets bundled in winter jackets, and a photo posted by CCTV showed a cracked wall with chunks fallen off.

Tremors were felt across the Xinjiang region and in the neighboring countries Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan. In the Kazakh capital of Almaty, people left their homes, the Russian news agency Tass reported. In both Xinjiang and Kazakhstan, classes were suspended to allow children to recover from the shock.

Videos posted on the Telegram messaging platform showed people in Almaty running down the stairs of apartment blocks and standing outside in the street after they felt strong tremors. Some people appeared to have left their homes quickly and were pictured standing outside in freezing temperatures in shorts.

Earthquakes are common in western China, including in Gansu, Qinghai, Sichuan and Yunnan provinces, as well as the Xinjiang region and Tibet.

A 6.2 magnitude earthquake that struck Gansu in December killed 151 people and was China's deadliest quake in nine years. An earthquake that hit Sichuan in 2008 killed nearly 90,000 people.

The collapse of schools and other buildings led to a yearslong effort to rebuild using more quake-resistant materials.

Russian missiles target Ukrainian cities of Kyiv and Kharkiv, killing at least six, wounding dozens

KYIV, Jan 23 (Agencies): A complex Russian missile attack targeted Ukrainian cities of Kyiv and Kharkiv on Tuesday morning, killing at least six people, wounding dozens and damaging residential buildings, officials said.

In the capital of Kyiv, city administration chief Roman Popko said at least one person was killed. Mayor Vitalii Klitschko said 18 people were injured, including a 13-year-old boy. Residential infrastructure was damaged in at least four districts.

In Kharkiv, the country's second-largest city, five people were killed and 38 were wounded, mayor Ihor Terekhov said. An entire section of a multi-story residential building was destroyed, trapping an unknown number of people there, Terekhov said.

Recent Russian attacks have tried to find gaps in Ukraine's defenses by using large numbers of missiles and drones in an apparent



effort to saturate air defense systems.

The massive barrages — more than 500 drones and missiles were fired between Dec. 29 and Jan. 2, according to officials in Kyiv — are also using up Ukraine's weapons stockpiles.

Tuesday's missile attack came a day after Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk visited Ukraine, vowing to keep supporting it against Russia's nearly 2-year-old invasion and announcing a new military aid package that includes a loan to buy

larger weapons and a commitment to find ways to manufacture them together.

Meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv, Tusk said they had reached "an understanding" to resolve through talks any differences between their countries over grain shipments and trucking. Those issues recently soured ties between the neighbors.

Ukraine's allies have recently sought to reassure the country that they are committed to its

long-term defense amid concerns that Western support could be flagging. British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and France's new foreign minister also traveled to Kyiv in the new year.

Tusk, who returned to power last month and is keen to show that a change in government won't alter its Ukraine policy, also met with his Ukrainian counterpart, Denys Shmyhal.

Kyiv was the first foreign capital he visited since becoming prime minister again, Tusk said. He returned to Polish politics after serving as president of the European Council — one of the European Union's top jobs.

He framed the war as a wider struggle between Europe and Russia that had repercussions beyond Ukraine, making it a priority for Poland.

"Today Ukraine is shouldering the security matters of the entire European continent, today Ukraine is paying the huge price

of blood for the values that are fundamental to the free world," he said. "Poland's security is also at stake in this struggle."

Zelenskyy described the talks as "very productive" and said Poland's new military aid would include a loan allowing Ukraine to purchase big-ticket weapons. They also assessed opportunities for joint arms production, he said, in line with similar discussions with other allies.

On Sunday, Moscow-installed officials in eastern Ukraine reported that Ukrainian shelling killed 27 people on the outskirts of Russian-occupied Donetsk. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov called it a "monstrous terrorist act," and the Russia-backed local authorities declared a day of mourning.

The Ukrainian military, however, denied it had anything to do with the attack. It was not immediately possible to verify either side's claims.

US Gunman Kills Self After Shooting 7 Dead In 2 Homes Near Chicago

CHICAGO, Jan 23 (Agencies): A man shot seven people to death before killing himself with a handgun in the US, the authorities said on Tuesday.

The shooting took place at two different homes in Joliet, Illinois and the suspect was identified as Romeo Nance, the police said.

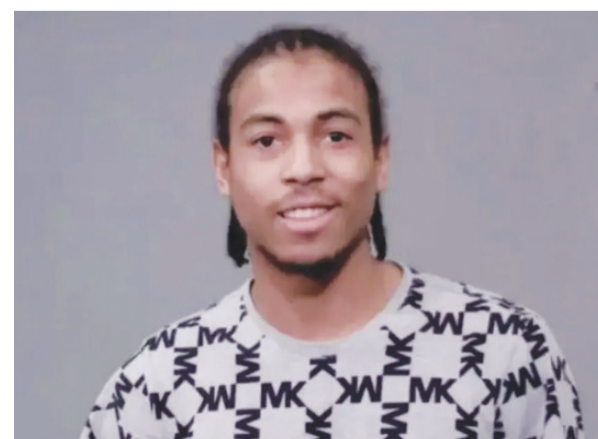
While five people were found dead with gunshot wounds at a residence at 2212 West Acres Road, two other bodies were recovered from a house at 2225 West Acres Road, the Joliet

Police Department said in a press statement.

Both of these shootings took place on January 21, 2024, the police said.

"During this investigation, detectives quickly identified 23-year-old Romeo Nance as a suspect in the homicides on West Acres Road and it was believed that he was also involved in a fatal shooting being investigated by the Will County Sheriff's Office as well as a non-fatal shooting in Joliet," the police said.

"At approximately 8:30



PM this evening (local time), the Joliet Police Department learned that Nance had been located by US Marshals near Natalia, Texas at which

time it is believed that Nance took his own life with a handgun following a confrontation with Texas law enforcement officials," the police

added. They said that the identification of the victims and manner of death will be determined by the Will County Coroner's Office.

The US is struggling with a large number of mass shootings and incidents of gun violence.

According to data collected by the Gun Violence Archive, which reports American gun violence incidents, there have been over 875 gun deaths in the first three weeks of this year.

Road Safety Club, NSS volunteers conduct Awareness Campaign at GDC Marheen

Top News Report

MARHEEN, Jan 23: The students of Road Safety Club and NSS volunteers of GDC, Marheen conducted Awareness Campaign on the theme of "Road Safety and its Measures" on Tuesday. The entire campaign was conducted under the patronage of Dr Anupama Gupta, Principal of the College. On this occasion, she addressed the students, emphasized and endeavoured to mobilize the NSS volunteers, youth and the students of the college to carry out the campaign among the people for using helmet while driv-



ing two-wheelers, use Seat belt, zebra crossing, traffic lights and not to give bikes and other vehicles to those who are below eighteen and not have driving license and she motivated them that it is high time to create awareness among the younger gen-

eration who are losing their precious life due to road accidents keeping view the national interest paramount we must avoid the impediments. She also stressed the need to go beyond education and called for alertness for the national interest and

civic sense among the citizens. She suggested the youth of India that they should work to curb this serious problem and try to spread wide awareness among the people to enlightened them regarding traffic rules. Dr Arun Dev Singh,

NSS Programme officer and convener of Road Safety Club also conveyed the youth that the govt of India always provide them the right platforms and guidance related to traffic rules and they should make best use of it. He motivated the students to strive in the right direction and informed the students regarding the various rules regarding traffic measures. The faculty members who were present on the occasion Pardeep, Prof Anoop Sharma, Dr Shallu, Prof Preeti, Prof Surbi, Dr Barneet Kour, Dr Reemi, Dr Haseena and others.

Kulgam residents protest against unscheduled power cuts

Top News Report

KULGAM, Jan 23: The residents of Kilam area of Devsar in south Kashmir's Kulgam district took to the streets and blocked the road on Tuesday to protest against the unannounced power outages in the area. The protesters said they are suffering due to unannounced power outages and are paying a "high rate" in return. "We don't have power for more than an hour at a time. The outages are making our lives hell, and the authorities are unmoved," said a local. He said the government sends out "hefty invoices" every month while the power is playing hide and seek. Locals told top news J&K that despite repeat-



ed requests to PDD officials nothing has been done so far. He added that the apathetic attitude of concerned authorities have compelled the residents to lodge protest. "Studies of students are being affected due to long curtailments", they said, adding that old age people and the children were also suffering due curtailments especially during the night. When contacted Assistant Execu-

tive Engineer (AEE) KPDCL Sub division Qazigund Mohd Yousuf Mir said that "Frequent cuts occur as a result of extreme load shedding. There will be no unscheduled power outages if customers use electricity judiciously." "The load on the Kilam feeder has reached 400 amps, which it has never reached before; we ask that people use electricity wisely so that there are no problems in serving them", he added.

MIER College organizes "Life Skill Training and Academic Skill Development Workshop"

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 23: The School of Education at MIER College organized a comprehensive four-day workshop from January 15 to January 19, 2024, centred on the theme of "Life Skill Training and Academic Skill Development" tailored for B.Ed., B.Ed. Special Education, and M.Ed. students. The workshop featured Sumit Dutta, a distinguished counselling psychologist and health

trainer, as the resource person from Kolkata. The workshop's primary focus was to empower future educators with effective problem-solving strategies, techniques to enhance mental health and well-being, and tools for stress management and coping mechanisms. Dutta employed a participatory, interactive, experiential, and dynamic approach to provide participants with hands-on experiences, offering practi-

cal insights and tools to benefit them both personally and professionally. Sessions were dedicated to identifying and resolving academic challenges, encompassing issues such as time management, study skills, procrastination, anxiety, adapting to new environments, motivation, and technology challenges. Dutta highlighted the demanding nature of the teaching profession and addressed various

stress types, such as academic stress, career stress, financial stress, and health stress. Practical tools and coping mechanisms were provided, focusing on the bio-psycho-social model. Additionally, Dutta discussed different types of needs, desires, and duties essential for fulfilling aspirations. The workshop concluded with an engaging Q&A session where participants clarified doubts and questions.

Prof. Adit Gupta, Director, and Principal of MIER College, commended the workshop's execution. He expressed that the invaluable discussions and insights gained during the workshop would undoubtedly shape ongoing efforts to enhance the educational experience and nurture holistic well-being. The event concluded with a group photograph to commemorate the enriching experience.

37th Convocation of IGNOU to be held on Feb 20

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 23: The 37th Convocation ceremony of IGNOU will be held on 20th February, 2024. The Convocation ceremony is being organised at 39 Regional Centres across the Country including the Regional Centre Jammu. The main function will be held at New Delhi Headquarters of IGNOU. The LIVE coverage of the Convocation ceremony will be broadcast

through YouTube, Facebook, Gyandhara and Gyandarshan channels. The learners who have completed their respective programmes of study in the Term End Examinations held in June 2023 and December 2023 are eligible to apply for receiving the Degree/Diploma in the 37th Convocation. The Online portal for registration and remitting the requisite fee has been thrown open and can be accessed following the link <https://onlineservices.ignou.ac.in/convocation/login.aspx> on IGNOU website www.ignou.ac.in under the Register Online drop down menu. The fee per certificate is Rs.600 which can be paid online following the same link. A total of 12287 learners from Regional Centre Jammu have been declared successful and eligible to receive Diplomas and Degree Certificates under the 37th Convocation said Dr. Jai Prakash Verma, Regional Director, Regional Centre Jammu.

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"After 5 years, India's criminal justice system will be most modern in World": Amit Shah

changes in every field," he added. Union Home Minister asserted that after 5 years, the country will get more than 9,000 scientific officers and forensic science experts every year. "Our government has brought the new education policy after 40 years. I can say that this education policy is completely built based on India but it will make our children prominent in the world stage also. After 5 years, this country will get more than 9,000 scientific officers and forensic science experts every year, we have made such arrangements in advance. In preventing crime, behavioural science plays as much role as strict administration," he asserted. Further, Amit Shah added that the government is finding a technical solution for the police stations of the country which are located on the hills. "We are also finding a technical solution for the police stations of the country which are located on the hills. Except for 7 police stations, every police station in the country has been connected to the computer and linked to the database. More than 15 crore prosecution data has been made online in the e-court and it speaks in all the languages of India. We have been able to record the data of approximately 2 crore prisoners through e-prison. We have made available 19 lakh results of e-forensic for the last 3 years in online data," he added. Amit Shah also said that no matter how many stakeholders there are in the judicial process, there will be no benefit unless we integrate forensic science with them. "At the time of independence, many people had said that how would India be able to survive without the British. This was a big fear in the world. But in 75 years we have become the world's largest democracy and the foundation of our democracy is much deeper. August 15, 2047, when the country will complete 100 years of independence, at that time India will be supreme in every sphere of life. It is the vision of 140 crore Indians and it is guiding the future of the country," he asserted. "I see some challenges in front of these new three laws like becoming a modern police force equipped with technology while maintaining the principles of basic police. Do not let the importance of human presence diminish with the use of technology. Identifying hybrid and multi-dimensional threats and creating a network to protect the system," the Union Home Minister said.

of North India, 28 Trains running behind schedule

According to IMD, the minimum temperature in Delhi was recorded at 6.9 degrees, one degree below normal. Meanwhile, the air quality in the national capital was recorded in the "severe" category on Tuesday with the Air Quality Index (AQI) recorded at 403 in the Anand Vihar area as per Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) at 8 am. The IMD has forecast dense fog over parts of Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh and Uttar Pradesh till January 26 morning. The IMD added that shallow fog affected the Jammu division, Delhi, West Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand, contributing to visibility challenges.

Ladakh parties seek Statehood

compelling reasons for it to be granted statehood. "This move would not only enhance political representation but also empower locals to manifest their aspirations within the democratic framework, fostering a sense of belonging and participation in the nation-building process," the draft read. Ladakh was carved out as a union territory in 2019, when J&K's special status was abrogated and the state was divided into two union territories. Over the last two years, the apex body of Ladakh has been campaigning for constitutional protections for the people and the environment of the region. The other demands submitted to the MHA included safeguards under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of India. "Recognizing Ladakh as a tribal majority area with a fragile environment, the draft proposes bringing Ladakh under the Sixth Schedule. This measure aims to guarantee special protections for the land rights of the Scheduled Tribes in Ladakh, preserving community identity, history, and culture, and allowing for the creation of laws tailored to the region's unique requirements," the draft read. The other demands include two Lok Sabha seats for the union territory and employment opportunities for the youth. The draft called for the formation of a Ladakh Public Service Commission to provide equal opportunities for gazetted posts to the students of Ladakh and ensure robust institutions for the protection of non-gazetted jobs. The draft also proposed two Lok Sabha Members of Parliament and one Rajya Sabha representative for Ladakh. The Apex Body Leh and the Kargil Democratic Alliance expressed optimism for the

next round of meetings, anticipating an early fulfillment of the genuine demands of the people of Ladakh. "This collaborative effort signifies a crucial step towards addressing the political, cultural, and administrative needs of the region within a democratic framework," they said.

Kashmir continues to grapple with cold wave, subzero temperatures

There has also been no snowfall in most plain areas of Kashmir while the upper reaches of the Valley have received lesser-than-usual snow. The weather office, however, has forecast the possibility of light snowfall at places in the Valley from Thursday to January 31. Kashmir is currently under the grip of 'Chilla-i-Kalan', a 40-day harsh winter period when a cold wave sweeps the region and temperatures drop considerably, leading to the freezing of water bodies and water in pipelines. The chances of snowfall are highest during this period and most areas, particularly in the higher reaches, receive heavy snow. 'Chilla-i-Kalan' will end on January 31. However, the cold conditions will continue after that with a 20-day 'Chilla-i-Khurd (small cold)' and a 10-day 'Chilla-i-Bachha (baby cold)'.

2.31 lakh new voters added as J&K's final electoral rolls published: CEO

process to be followed and appealed them to participate in the process by way of appointing Booth Level Agents, so that they can assist the Booth Level Officers in addition/deletion/correction/transposition of eligible voters. The CEO, J&K has also specifically written DO letters to the State Level functionaries of recognized State and National Political Parties, highlighting the major stages of the revision and solicited their active support in the total process. In order to make the general public aware about the Revision of Electoral Rolls, necessary press releases/advertisements were given in the leading news papers through the Information Department. Apart from advertisement/news in print media, awareness was also created through the electronic media, social media, hoardings etc. The general public was made aware with respect to fact that how to apply, where

to apply for addition, deletion, correction, transposition in the Electoral Roll. The toll free number and voter helpline app usage was also prominently highlighted while carrying out public awareness campaign. The period for filing claims and objections was up to 30th November, 2023, during this period 4 special camps were held on 4th, 5th, 18th and 19th November, 2023.

The EROs as per the detailed directions of the Election Commission of India accepted claims and objections and following due process decided on them by 12th January, 2024. They also dealt with Demographically Similar Entries and Photo Similar Entries at the Part and AC level.

In order to supervise and closely monitor the total process, 4 Special Roll Observers were appointed in addition to two Divisional Commissioners. The Roll Observers visited the offices of EROs, Polling Booth and also attended the Special Camps. During their field visit and table top exercise, they conveyed the necessary directions so as to make the process complying with the directions of the Commission.

In order to cover the eligible voters of Kashmir migrants, 4 Special AEROs held camps in their areas and the process was supervised by Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (Migrant). The endeavor was made to cover the specially abled persons, elders above the age of 80 years so as to mark them on Electoral Rolls. The weaker and vulnerable sections such as nomads, women and third gender besides others were given sufficient attention.

The weekly status of disposal of claims and objections was put in public domain. The effort was made to make the Electoral Roll healthy. Despite holding special meeting, writing DO letters, few Booth Level Agents were appointed by the parties. However, pro-active involvement of members of Panchayat Raj Institutions and other Village Level functionaries was received.

Security tightened in Kashmir ahead of Republic Day

allow anyone to disturb law and order, and vitiate peace, the officials added. "The arrangements are in place, the necessary measures have been taken. The security has been beefed up and we will ensure smooth celebrations, be it in Srinagar or elsewhere in the valley," Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, V K Birdi said. "The field formations are in place and they are taking necessary measures," Birdi said when asked if there were any specific inputs on potential militant attacks. Director General of Police (DGP) R R Swain had on Saturday reviewed security

measures across Jammu and Kashmir in a high-level meeting.

"The intentions of the adversary are to be foiled by a proactive approach and by implementing innovative district-level plans," Swain had said.

A full-dress rehearsal is being carried out at Bakshi Stadium and other venues across the valley on Wednesday.

Mehboob Beg concerned over defunct J&K Public Service Commission

administration. Hundreds await recruitment and not a care in the world. I hope this gets the priority it deserves", Beg said on a post on X. It is worthwhile to mention that JKPS is lying defunct for the last two months following expiration of the tenure of its Chairman and the members.

Recognised in Mann Ki Baat, Bandipora' Bilal Dar Receives Republic Day Invite

Government of India as a guest to witness the Republic Day Parade on Kartavya Path on the 75th Republic Day, 26 January 2024.

"You have been recognised by the Honourable Prime Minister in the "Mann Ki Baat" program, and we extend a cordial invitation for you to be our honoured guest at the Republic Day Parade on Kartavya Path during the 75th Republic Day on 26 January 2024. Your presence holds significance for the program, and we will arrange your stay, food, and transportation throughout the event," reads the invitation letter.

Hailing from the Laharwalpora village in Bandipora district of north Kashmir, Bilal garnered headlines at the age of 18 for his efforts in cleaning Wular Lake and received praise from Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his "Mann Ki Baat" radio address.

Dar started earning at the age of 14 by collecting waste from Wular Lake. Following his father's sudden demise, he took on the responsibility of financially supporting his mother and two sisters, engaging in the collection of plastic trash and waste from Wular Lake, earning approximately Rs 150-200 per day as a ragpicker.

Subsequently, he was appointed as the brand ambassador of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation, equipped with a special uniform and a vehicle to facilitate communication with the people of Srinagar and raise awareness about the significance of cleanliness.

Dense fog engulfs parts

Interim Budget 2024: Here's a go-to cheat-sheet for complex budget jargon ahead of February 1

NEW DELHI, Jan 23 (Agencies): Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is presenting the Interim Union Budget 2024 in the Parliament on February 1 and this will be her sixth budget. And it is likely that you may come across some complicated financial terms but we have got you covered.

Here is your go-to guide to complex budget jargon ahead of the Interim Budget 2024 presented by the finance minister:

Interim Budget

Interim Budget is the government budget presented during the transition period. The



Union finance ministry usually presents its budget on February 1. However, since the Lok Sabha polls are on the horizon, the upcoming budget will be an interim one and a full budget will be presented in June or July by the new government after the elections.

Vote-on-account

Vote-on-account is the grant made by the Parliament in advance in order to meet the estimate of expenditures for a part of the upcoming fiscal year until the next budget. The interim budget 2024 will seek a grant for the next five months until the next full Union budget is pre-

sented following the Lok Sabha polls.

Direct tax

Direct taxes are imposed directly on an individual or a corporation.

Indirect tax

Indirect taxes include GST, excise duty, customs duty etc that are collected indirectly by taxpayers while paying for goods and services.

Corporate tax

Corporate tax is a direct tax paid by companies.

Minimum Alternative Tax

Minimum Alternative Tax (MAT) is a minimum tax that a company has to pay, even if it comes under zero tax limits.

Fiscal deficit

Total additional borrowings made by the government every year when the expenditure exceeds the generated revenue.

Revenue deficit

Revenue deficit is the difference between revenue expenditure and revenue receipt.

Primary deficit

Primary deficit is the difference between the fiscal deficit and the previous financial year's interest payments.

Budget estimates

Budget estimates are money allocated for ministries, schemes and projects in the new fiscal year.

Revised estimates

Revised estimates are mid-year reviews of possible expenditure based on actual trends. But no voting is required in Parliament.

Outcome budget

Outcome budget is a progress report on the use of outlays by ministries from the previous budget.

Excess grants

When the total expenditure under a grant exceeds the provision allowed.

Tax revenue

Tax revenue is the primary source of income.

Non-tax revenue

Additional sources of revenue for the government other than taxes.

Sensex, Nifty rise in early trade; Airtel and ICICI Bank among major gainers

MUMBAI, Jan 23 (Agencies) : Equity benchmark indices opened with a positive note on Tuesday led by robust buying in healthcare and IT sector stocks.

The 30-share BSE Sensex rose 561.13 points or 0.79 per cent to 71,984.78 points in early trade. The Nifty climbed 160.45 points or 0.74 per cent to 21,732.25 points.

Among the Sensex firms, Bharti Airtel, Sun Pharma, ICICI Bank, PowerGrid and TCS were the major gainers.

In contrast, Asian Paints, HDFC Bank, Hindustan Unilever, and Maruti were among the losers.

BSE midcap index was down 0.68 per cent while small cap lost 0.83 per cent in the morning hours.

As many as 20 stocks of the 30-share benchmark were trading in green, while 28 constituents of the broader Nifty were trading with gains.

According to V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services, "Now, sentiments are positive globally as well as in India. The sentimental support from the mother market is strong since the S&P 500 is at record high at 4850."

On Friday, the Dow and the S&P 500 set new record closing highs, while the tech-

heavy Nasdaq reached its best closing level in two years.

In Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng were trading in green and China's Shanghai Composite was in the negative.

European markets closed largely higher on Friday with Germany's DAX gaining 0.77 per cent and CAC 40 of France rising 0.56 per cent. London's FTSE 100 also advanced 0.35 per cent.

Vijayakumar said, tensions in West Asia and the Red Sea are areas of serious concern. "If something goes wrong, the market will be impacted since valuations are high. Therefore, even when optimistic, investors should be cautious."

NSE and BSE held normal trading sessions on Saturday, while the domestic equity market was closed on January 22, due to the consecration ceremony in Ayodhya.

On Saturday, the 30-share BSE Sensex fell 259.58 points or 0.36 per cent to settle at 71,423.65. The Nifty declined 50.60 points or 0.23 per cent to close at 21,571.80.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude slipped 0.03 per cent to USD 80.04 a barrel.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 545.58 crore on Saturday,

EMRS Result 2023: ESSE results declared, direct link here

NEW DELHI, Jan 23 (Agencies): Eklavya Model Residential Schools has declared EMRS Result 2023. Candidates who have appeared for the recruitment examination can check the subject wise results through the official website of EMRS at emrs.tribal.gov.in.

The results have been declared for Teaching-TGT and PGT and non teaching- Hostel Warden (Male and Female), Accountant and Lab Attendant. To check the results, candidates can follow the steps given below.

EMRS Result 2023: How to check
Visit the official website of EMRS at emrs.tribal.



gov.in. Click on EMRS Answer Key 2023 link available on the home page.

A new page will open where candidates will have to enter the login details.

Click on submit and the answer key will be displayed on the screen.

Check the answer key and download the page. Keep a hard copy of the same for further need. The OMR answer

sheet and answer key was released on January 3, 2024 and the objection window was opened till January 6, 2024.

EMRS will fill 6329 TGT, Hostel Warden posts and 2266 PGT posts. The registration process was held in July- August 2023. For more related details candidates can check the official website of EMRS.

Layoffs Might Get Worse This Year, 98% Surge in US Layoffs Last Year Reports Claim

BANGALORE, Jan 23 (Agencies): As per a report published by professional outplacement firm Challenger, Gray and Christmas revealed that US companies planned 721,677 job cuts last year, a 98% jump from 363,832 layoffs reported in 2022. Companies like Meta and Amazon, high-profile tech companies, slashed jobs last year.

The report said, around 168,032 employees were laid off in 2023 with 73% increase from the last year. Labour market continues to soften in the face of high-interest rates and stubborn inflation and this problem

could worsen in 2024 as experts believe.

Challenger stated that the technology sector will undergo significant changes due to the increasing influence of artificial intelligence (AI), frequent mergers and acquisitions, and the need for companies to reorganize their resources and talent.

As per the report, retail companies cut a significant number of jobs last year, eliminating 78,840 positions.

One year prior during the same period there was a substantial 274% increase from the layoffs as reports revealed. Despite some companies being cautious and

adaptable in their hiring practices, Mr Challenger advised retailers to remain vigilant this year.

The primary reasons cited for job cuts last year were worsening market and economic conditions in the US according to the outlet.

Some companies attributed the layoffs to store closures, bankruptcy, and the impact of artificial intelligence. In 2023, 34% of employers did not provide bonuses, an increase from the 27% that skipped company bonuses in 2022. A different survey by Challenger, Gray & Christmas revealed that.

Who Is GV Nereamparambil? Indian Mechanic-Turned-Businessman Owns 22 Apartments in Burj Khalifa, has Rs 4800 cr Net Worth Today

DUBAI, Jan 23 (Agencies) : For most of the Indians buying an apartment in the Burj Khalifa in Dubai --world's tallest building --is a dream come moment. But Indian businessman George V Nereamparambil not only bought apartments in the Burj Khalifa but also became the largest property owner in the iconic building.

Today's incredible rags-to-riches story is that of Indian entrepreneur Nereamparambil, who worked his way up from being a mechanic to becoming the largest property owner in

Burj Khalifa and owning a whopping 22 luxury apartments.

Owning 22 luxury apartments in the Burj Khalifa was because of a challenge by George's relative who once jokingly told him that he could never enter the Burj Khalifa. This challenge inspired George, and the rest is history for this Indian millionaire businessman.

George V Nereamparambil was born in Kerala into a middle income family. George had to start working at the age of eleven due to financial hardships that characterized his

early years. He used to help his father with cash crop trade and transportation. He started a side business making gum from leftover cotton seeds while assisting his father. He began to make a good living from his waste-selling business with which he continued to provide for his family for several years.

George was in for a treat from Destiny. After moving to Sharjah in 1976, amidst the booming Middle Eastern economy, he realized the enormous potential in the air conditioning sector to combat the intense desert heat.

George started his company, which eventually expanded to become the GEO Group of Companies, helping him establish himself as a well-known Indian businessman in the Gulf. Relative's Insult Was A Catalyst For George V Nereamparambil To Buy Apartments In Burj Khalifa.

Being an optimist, George saw an opportunity when his relative made fun of him. Once his relative told him that he would never be able to enter the Burj Khalifa. This challenge inspired George to pursue a major goal in life.

Layoffs Might Get Worse This Year, 98% Surge in US Layoffs Last Year Reports Claim

CAPE TOWN, Jan 23 (Agencies): Cameroon will be the first country to routinely give children a new malaria vaccine as the shots are rolled out in Africa.

The campaign due to start Monday was described by officials as a milestone in the decades-long effort to curb the mosquito-spread disease on the continent, which accounts for 95% of the world's malaria deaths.

"The vaccination will save lives. It will provide major relief to families and the country's health system," said Aurelia Nguyen, chief program officer at the Gavi vaccines alliance, which is helping Cameroon secure the shots.

The Central Africa nation hopes to vaccinate about 250,000 children this year and next year. Gavi said it is working with 20 other

African countries to help them get the vaccine and that those countries will hopefully immunize more than 6 million children through 2025.

In Africa, there are about 250 million cases of the parasitic disease each year, including 600,000 deaths, mostly in young children.

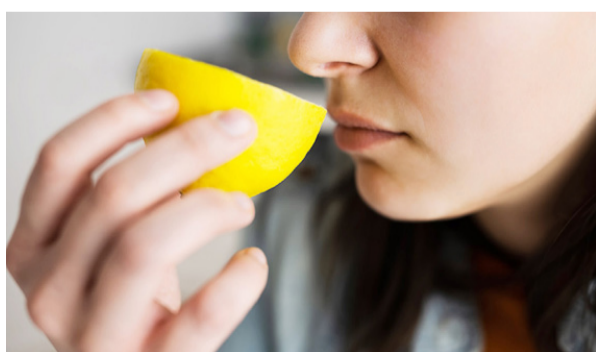
Cameroon will use the first of two recently approved malaria vaccines, known as Mosquirix.

10-minute treatment can restore smell in patients with long Covid

NEW DELHI, Jan 23 (Agencies): A minimally invasive, 10-minute procedure may restore the sense of smell in patients who suffer from long Covid. Up to 60 per cent of Covid-19 patients have parosmia, or the loss of sense of smell.

While the symptoms may clear in most patients, for some, it will last a long time, negatively affecting their appetite and overall quality of life.

For the study presented at the annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America, the researchers treated 54 patients with a stellate ganglion block, which involves a CT-guided injection of anaesthetic directly into the stellate ganglion, the nerves located on



each side of the neck, to stimulate the nervous system.

This quick, 10-minute procedure does not require sedation or intravenous analgesia (pain relievers) and has been used to treat a number of conditions, including cluster headaches, phantom limb pain and certain cardiac issues.

Of the 37 patients followed up on, 22 reported improved symptoms at one week after the

injection on one side of the neck.

There was a 49 per cent average improvement in symptoms at three months. Eighty-six per cent of patients who reported some improvement after the first injection reported additional improvement after a second injection administered to the other side of the neck after six weeks. There were no complications or adverse events reported.

Breast self-examination: How to check for early signs of breast cancer

NEW DELHI, Jan 23 (Agencies): Performing regular breast self-exams (BSE) is a proactive way for individuals to monitor their breast health and potentially detect early signs of breast cancer. It is important to note that while self-exams can be a valuable tool, they are not a substitute for regular mammograms or clinical breast exams conducted by healthcare professionals.

In an interview with HT Lifestyle, Dr Monika Pansari, HOD and Senior Consultant Surgical Oncology (Breast and Gynaec) at Gleneagles Hospitals in Bengaluru, shared a step-by-step guide on how to perform a breast self-exam -

Choose a Regular Time: Perform the self-exam at the same time each month, preferably a few days after your menstrual period ends. For postmenopausal



women, choose a specific day each month.

Visual Inspection: Stand in front of a mirror with your arms at your sides.

Look for changes in the size, shape, and contour of each breast.

Check for dimpling, puckering, or bulging of the skin.

Inspect the nipples for any changes, such as inversion or discharge.

Raise Your Arms: Raise your arms overhead and look for the same changes in size, shape, and contour.

Observe any changes

in the skin or nipple area.

Feel for Changes while Lying Down:

Lie down with a pillow under your right shoulder and your right arm behind your head.

Use your left hand to feel the entire right breast in circular motions, moving from the outside to the centre.

Use light, medium, and firm pressure, checking for lumps, thickening, or other changes.

Feel for Changes while Sitting Up:

Sit or stand with your right arm raised.

Use the same circu-

lar motion with your left hand to examine the right breast.

Repeat for the Left Breast:

Use the right hand to examine the left breast, following the same steps.

Check the Nipples: Gently squeeze each nipple, checking for discharge or any changes.

Note Any Changes:

If you notice any changes, such as lumps, swelling, skin changes, or nipple discharge, consult a healthcare professional promptly.

Tips:

Use the pads of your fingers, not the tips, to ensure you're feeling the entire breast tissue.

Perform the exam in a systematic way to ensure you cover the entire breast.

It's normal for breasts to have some lumps, especially before menstruation. Focus on detecting changes or

anything unusual.

Remember, regular breast self-exams should be part of a comprehensive approach to breast health, which includes regular clinical breast exams and mammograms as recommended by your healthcare provider. If you have any concerns or questions, seek professional medical advice.

According to Dr Monika Pansari, regular self-checks of the breast are important for several reasons:

Early Detection of Abnormalities:

Early detection is crucial in the successful treatment of breast cancer.

If breast cancer is detected at an early stage, before it has spread to other parts of the body, the chances of successful treatment and survival are significantly higher.

Rohit Sharma appointed captain as 6 Indians including Virat Kohli named in ICC Men's ODI Team of the Year

DUBAI, Jan 23 (Agencies): The ICC Men's ODI Team of the Year for 2023 has been dominated by Indian cricketers, with six players from the country earning their spots in this prestigious lineup. Leading the charge as the captain of this elite team is none other than Rohit Sharma, who has continued to dazzle the cricket world with his exceptional leadership and batting skills. Over the year, Rohit amassed an impressive 1255 runs at an average of 52, showcasing his talent during the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup for a standout knock of 131 against Afghanistan in Delhi.

Virat Kohli, another stalwart of Indian cricket, compiled a consistent performance over the 12 months, amassing 1377 runs, including six centuries. His achievements in 2023 also saw him break Sachin Tendulkar's record for most international centuries during India's World Cup campaign, earning him the Player of the Tournament award.

Rohit Sharma (c) (India) The India skipper continued his remarkable record in ODI cricket with yet another sensational year in 2023 with the bat as he amassed a whopping 1255 runs at an average of 52. Rohit was at his brilliant best throughout much of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup, with his magnificent knock of 131 against Afghanistan in Delhi a clear highlight.

Shubman Gill (India) Gill established himself as Rohit Sharma's preferred partner at the top of India's batting order at the start of 2023 when he smashed a wonderful 208 from just 149 deliveries against New Zealand in Hyderabad. It was one of five occasions that Gill managed to reach triple figures in 50-over in 2023 and no player finished with more runs (1584) than the star right-hander compiled during the calendar year.

Travis Head (Australia)



A player of immense class who saves his best performances for the grandest stage of all, Travis Head shone for much of 2023 and peaked when it mattered most during the 50-over World Cup in India as he helped Australia claim a record sixth title.

Head smashed a half-century and claimed two wickets in a Player of the Match performance in the World Cup semi-final victory over South Africa and then exceeded that effort when he scored an unbelievable 137 against India in the decider to help Australia lift the trophy.

Virat Kohli (India) The India stalwart compiled yet another consistent 12 months in 2023 and only teammate Shubman Gill bettered his total of 1377 runs during the calendar year. Kohli reached three figures on six occasions in 2023, breaking Sachin Tendulkar's record for most international centuries during India's World Cup campaign on his way to winning the Player of the Tournament award at the showcase event.

Daryl Mitchell (New Zealand) The experienced right-hander stood out for the Kiwis in 2023 as he scored an impressive five centuries and helped himself to a total of 1204 runs at an imposing average of 52.34 and an even more eye-catching strike rate just north of 100. Two of Mitchell's best efforts with the bat came at the 50-over World Cup and they both came against India, with the 32-year-old scor-

ing knocks of 130 and 134 respectively in his two appearances against Rohit Sharma's side.

Heinrich Klaasen (wk) (South Africa)

The experienced South Africa excelled with the bat for the majority of 2023, with his crowning moment coming against Australia in September at Centurion when he scored a wonderful 174 in a winning side. Klaasen also reached triple figures at the World Cup when he hit a superb 109 in a commanding victory over England in Mumbai and some sound performances behind the stumps during 2023 wins the 32-year-old the spot behind the stumps in the ODI Team of the Year.

Marco Jansen (South Africa) The tall South African won the all-rounder spot in the Team of the Year following superb efforts with both bat and ball during the last 12 months. Jansen scored a quickfire 47 and collected his maiden five-wicket ODI haul against Australia in September and then continued his good form at the World Cup as he helped the Proteas make an eye-catching run to the semi-finals.

Adam Zampa (Australia) The Australia veteran was once again a model of consistency throughout 2023 as he helped himself to a total of 38 wickets at a decent average just north of 26 and an even better economy rate that was less than

a run a ball. Zampa impressively collected a trio of four-wicket hauls in consecutive matches during Australia's successful run at the World Cup at the backend of 2023 to end the tournament as the second-highest wicket-taker behind India's Mohammed Shami.

Mohammed Siraj (India)

The exciting right-arter collected a total of 44 wickets during 2023, with his most impressive performance coming in the final of the Asia Cup as he single-handedly destroyed Sri Lanka's strong batting lineup. Siraj ripped through the Sri Lanka top-order on his way to career-best figures of 6/21 as India clinched the Asia Cup title in style, and entered their home World Cup campaign full of confidence.

Kuldeep Yadav (India)

No player in the world picked up more wickets than Kuldeep last year, with the in-form left-arm spinner finishing 2023 with an imposing total of 49 ODI scalps. Kuldeep's biggest haul came against arch-rivals Pakistan during the Super Four stage of the Asia Cup as the spinner collected the excellent figures of 5/25 to help India on their path to the title.

Mohammed Shami (India)

No one came close to matching Mohammed Shami's haul of four five-wicket hauls in 2023 and the experienced right-arter is a much-deserved member of the ODI Team of the Year honours. While Shami contributed a host of match-winning exploits, it was his magnificent spell of 7/57 - the best figures for an India Men's player in ODI history - in the World Cup semi-final against New Zealand in Mumbai that stood out most.

ICC's ODI Team of the Year: Rohit Sharma (C), Shubman Gill, Travis Head, Virat Kohli, Daryl Mitchell, Heinrich Klaasen (WK), Marco Jansen, Adam Zampa, Mohammed Siraj, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohammed Shami.

"Someone Like Rohit...": Mark Wood Reveals Strategy To Dismiss India Captain



HYDERABAD, Jan 23 (Agencies): England fast bowler Mark Wood on Tuesday said taming Rohit Sharma with judicious use of short-pitched balls will figure highly in his and the team's plans to edge past a dominant-at-home India in the upcoming five-match Test series. The first Test is scheduled to begin here from Thursday, and Wood said the nature of pitches, even if slow, could abet the strategy. "Yeah, the conditions will be assessed once I am out there, and bumps (bouncers) are rarely bought out here. But the pitch sometimes can be two-paced and, if it is slow, it can help (bowlers) because the batters will be through with the shot," Wood said in a press conference.

"Someone like Rohit, I know how good he is on the short ball. That doesn't necessarily mean that I wouldn't bowl a bouncer. It just means that I'll have to be really accurate with it and bowl at the right time," he added. Under their captain Ben Stokes and coach Brendon McCullum, England have been playing an aggressive brand of cricket, but Wood said the team is also willing to adapt to the conditions.

For him, it is all about cashing in on the opportunities to put the pressure back on the home side. "I think we'll still look to take the game on. I think at times it's been smart though, you know, to consolidate it in and then when the chance comes to put the pressure back on (India). The 34-year-old Durham man said handling pressure would also be a key factor in deciding whether England create history on these shores as they had done against Pakistan in late 2022. "I guess it's all about soaking up that pressure when needed, maybe when the Indian batsmen are on top. We have to soak up that pressure and create a bit of a theatre or drama

on the field and then when it's time, attack again. That's the same with bat and ball," said Wood.

In 2022, England had become the first visiting team to inflict a 3-0 series clean sweep on Pakistan. In India, England's last Test series win came in 2012-13 under Alastair Cook.

"We know the challenges here. They (India) very rarely lose at home. I think it's almost like a bit of a free hit for us where we can come in and try something different," Wood said.

"We created history in Pakistan recently, becoming the first team to win every match. So, this is another chance to do something historic and try and beat India in their own conditions," he added.

Wood brushed aside concerns of England being under-prepared for this series and said their camp in Abu Dhabi helped the Three Lions tick several right boxes.

"I think we've prepped really well in Abu Dhabi. We've made pitches, we've scuffed pitches up to make them spin, we've put sand down to make it spin, we've had flat pitches to practice simple and reverse swing. So, we've had all the facilities available in Abu Dhabi.

"It was also good to switch off there as well. We had a good team bonding session. So, we've come here fresh mentally and physically and ready to go," he added.

IND vs ENG: Cheteshwar Pujara is a legitimate option to replace Virat Kohli, says Aakash Chopra

NEW DELHI, Jan 23 (Agencies): Former India batter Aakash Chopra has said that Cheteshwar Pujara is a legitimate replacement for Virat Kohli, who has opted out of the first two Tests against India.

India is set to face England in a five-match Test series at home. The first match of the series will be played at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad on January 25.

In a big development, India superstar batter Virat Kohli pulled out of the first two matches of the series, citing personal reasons. Kohli scored 172 runs in two matches against South Africa as India held the Proteas to a 1-1 draw in the recently-concluded two-match Test series. BCCI has said that

they will announce his replacement soon.

Speaking on his YouTube channel, Chopra said Pujara is in good form and has a proven track record in Test cricket. Pujara recently became just the fourth Indian batter after Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid and Sunil Gavaskar to score over 20,000 runs in first-class cricket.

"Cheteshwar Pujara - only four Indians have scored more than 20000 first-class runs. He scored a double century recently. Form is with him and he has a proven Test record. He works hard by playing county cricket as well. He is your sincere cricketer. In fact, I say he is Indian cricket's monk," said Chopra.

He went on to say that Pujara is a legitimate



option to replace Kohli in the first two Tests against England. Pujara has 7195 runs in 103 Test matches for India at an average of 44.36, while hitting 35 fifties and 19 hundreds.

"So you can pick him. However, I feel India are not looking in that direction. They have already started looking in a different direction. Cheteshwar Pujara is a legit option but are the Indian selectors looking at him as an option

at all? That's the question we need to ask and wonder," Chopra added.

INDIA'S UPDATED SQUAD FOR 1st 2 TESTS vs ENGLAND
Rohit Sharma (C), Shubman Gill, Yas- hasvi Jaiswal, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul (WK), KS Bharat (WK), Dhruv Jurel (WK), Ravichandran Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohd. Siraj, Mukesh Kumar, Jasprit Bumrah (VC), Avesh Khan.

Testing time for the longest format

HYDERABAD, Jan 23 (Agencies): As far as Test cricket is concerned, groundhog day is here. Again. It's when administrators, past and present, and players, past and present, get on to various podcasts and press conferences to say that the longest format of the game is about to die. This time, however, all of them could have a point about the health of the five-day game.

Sure, at some level, it's never been better. In the next 40 months or so, Australia, India and England will face each other in a series of five-match Test series. Including the five Test series against England beginning with the first in the city on Thursday, India are, according to the Future Tours Programme (FTP), set for 20 Tests against the so-called other members of the Big Three. They are slated to play only 14 Tests against the other full-members put together in this period.

England, who play a lot of red-ball cricket compared to the other teams, have 15 games against either India or Australia. They have 22 against the other full members in total. Australia have two full blocks of five Tests against India apart from a home Ashes against England.

Against the other full members, they only have 16 remaining, including one against the West Indies beginning in a few days' time. Tests can be profitable but only when the Big Three face each other.

For the other sides? Not so much. But this isn't even about money.

The threat of the franchise-based T20 leagues means boards are no longer able to field first-choice XIs. A few weeks ago, South Africa named a third-choice squad for their upcoming assignment against New Zealand as they prioritised the domestic SA20. That led to former Australian captain, Steve Waugh, questioning the health of the format. "Is this," he posted on Instagram, "a defining moment in the death of Test cricket?" Around the same time, Usman Khawaja, a Test specialist, said he sympathised with the players who opted to play T20 leagues. "If I was a player from another nation and getting paid ok to play international cricket (and if I'm getting paid a truckload more to play T20 cricket, I'm sorry but I'm going to be playing T20 cricket," the opener had told Fox Cricket. "... it's also a case of looking after your family, doing things right."

Take the case of Jason Holder. The West Indian all-rounder didn't travel with the Test team Down Under. Instead, he turned up for Dubai Capitals in the ILT20 (the recently retired from Tests, David Warner, is the captain). Another player in the same boat is Kyle Mayers. He's playing for Durban's Super Giants in the SA20.

The one to ensure Test cricket's primacy at the top of the cricketing food chain is to sched-

ule it when there are no leagues. The other, simpler way to see that the best players don't turn their back is to pay top dollar to play the longest format. Easier said than done. Not all boards are rich. One way to make this happen is for the International Cricket Council (ICC) to redistribute the revenue in a more equitable manner.

At present, it's anything but fair. For example, India (38.5%), Australia (6.2%) and England (almost 7%) divvy up more than 50% of the revenue ICC generates. They are already the wealthiest boards and they make the most money anyway. Cricket Australia, ECB or the BCCI can afford to pay their players the big bucks because they make a truckload more than, say, New Zealand or South Africa.

One way to rebalance the finances is for the global stakeholders to come together and disband the unwritten oligopoly that has existed since the Big Three came together a decade or so ago. Is there an appetite for CA, BCCI and the ECB to give up some of the money in the next rights cycle between 2027 and 2031?

If CA chair, Mike Baird, is to be believed, they may do just that. "... might mean costs and consequences for the leading countries," he had told the Sydney Morning Herald when discussing the topic. "There's undoubtedly an economic element. But there's also a common-sense element in terms

of the way we schedule and the way we collectively as members prioritise. So there is strong resolve, but we need to move at a much quicker pace. "We need to support, retain and grow Test cricket, and we're going to have to think through our priorities and part of that is how we distribute funding. I don't think we can wait, so we have to look at how that funding is allocated, is it going to the right things..." he added. Baird is also a member of the ICC's Finance and Commercial Affairs Committee (headed by Jay Shah).

In rudimentary terms, India could be doing a lot more. At the basic level, out of a dollar ICC makes, BCCI gets to take home nearly 40 cents. Considering they are the financial centre for the world game, one can understand why they take home the lion's share. But why such a large skew?

That's the view of Sumod Damodar, a member of the ICC's Chief Executives Committee, till last year. "I don't think anybody has a problem with India taking home the biggest pie," he told this daily. "It's understandable, basic economics. But how do we decide how much is fair?"

When the next rights cycle is up for allotment among full and associate members, this question will once do the rounds. If Baird and his counterparts at the BCCI and the ECB are serious about redressing the imbalance, they will act on it.

Davis cup: Preparations to raid neighbours begin

NEW DELHI, Jan 23 (Agencies): Braving cold conditions, the Indian Davis Cup team began its preparatory camp for the upcoming grass-court tie against Pakistan, keen to find a second singles player in the absence of the top-ranked Indian Sumit Nagal.

Country's top singles players — Nagal (ranked 137) and Sasikumar Mukund (ranked 463) — have pulled out of the February 3-4 tie in Islamabad.

Their absence means that Ramkumar Ramanathan is the only singles specialist player in the team.

Captain Rohit Rajpal has to choose between Yuki Bhambri and N Sriram Balaji to play the second singles.

Bhambri, at 61 in the ATP dou-

bles list, is the team's highest-ranked player and will certainly play the doubles rubber as well. Veteran Rohan Bopanna, who is India's best doubles player, has retired from the Davis Cup.

Niki Poonacha is also an option but he is ranked as low as 783 and the team may not field him in singles.

Both Bhambri and Balaji took a day off since they travelled straight from Melbourne after competing in the Australian Open.

Ramkumar, Poonacha and Saketh Myneni had a light session that lasted two-and-a-half hours.

They had two hitting partners — Udit Kamboj and Maan Kesharwani — from the National Tennis Centre (NTC) to help them warm up.

"They are all coming from tournaments. The idea is to get warmed up nicely. Grasscourts require a different type of momentum. Lot of running, short sprints to the net, serve and volley. The tempo will build up as we go along," Rajpal said.

"We will make a decision on our second singles players in a couple of days. I have to see the players, how they play on grass," he added. "Pakistan have beaten good teams on grass so we have to prepare well and not take anything for granted.

They know how to put pressure on grass, how to come in (charge net), we need try to and get used to that. We are planning our preparations accordingly, lot of drills are based on that."

Durga mandir committee Subhash Nagar Jammu honouring Mahant Rohit Shastri

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JAMMU, Jan 23: Durga Mandir Committee Subhash Nagar Jammu, honoured Sanskrit scholar, social reformer and president of Shri Kailash Jyotish Avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, Mahant Rohit Shastri Jyotishacharya for his achievements in the field of Sanskrit language. The program organised at Subhash Nagar Jammu.

On this occasion Durga Mandir Committee Subhash Nagar Jammu President ML Verma said that the discussion of Sanskrit or culture is incomplete without mentioning the name of Mahant Rohit Shastri, who is devoted to Sanskrit language and Indian culture in this



twenty-first century.

J&K, the only state in the whole world where Devvani Sanskrit has been used for the longest time in the past, not only as a language of reading but also as a contact language.

The land of Jammu and Kashmir has been the eternal center of Shaivism, Acharya Abhinavagupta, Mahakavi Kalhana and Mahakavi Bilhan etc.

All the Acharyas who have paved the way for uniting not only in

India, but the whole world with the tenacity of their deeds. But from the second half of the twentieth century, the conditions for Sanskrit in the Jammu and Kashmir became worsen.

However, in such odd conditions and unfavorable environment for the Sanskrit and for the preservation of culture, Mahant Rohit Shastri remains always on forefront. On this occasion Prabhat Singh working President Sanatan Dharam Sabha Jammu

said Mahant Rohit Shastri, whenever there is a conflict in the field of rituals and astrology, he plays an important role as a leading judge. He is known for his specific contributions in the field, and never get distracted in his work in Vedic worship, rituals etc.

Mahant Rohit Shastri is promoting Devvani Sanskrit in his state consistently for so many years He has written many books and many of his articles have been published in magazines. He publishes and edits 'Kailash Sandesh Panchang Calendar' every year and distributes it free of cost. Mahant Rohit Shastri has played a special role in the upliftment of the society by doing an important work of taking Sanskrit

language and Indian culture to people. He has been honored by the Governor, Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha members and eminent public representatives for his unprecedented contributions in various social and cultural works. Whenever we talk about the contribution of youth in the efforts being made for Devvani Sanskrit in Jammu and Kashmir, then one name comes in front of us in the most powerful form and that name is young Sanskritist of Jammu, dedicated to the promotion of Devvani Sanskrit, Jyotishacharya Mahant Rohit Shastri.

On this occasion Prabodh Sharma, Ravi Gupta, Susheel Datta Vannet, Pargun Sharma were also present.

PM Shri KV No 1 Jammu organizes painting competition



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JAMMU, Jan 23: PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) No. 1 Jammu organised an on-the-spot painting competition under 'Pariksh Pe Charcha' in alignment with KVS HQ and Ministry of Education and Literacy directives. Engaging 80 students from classes 9th to 12th across Kendriya Vidyalayas and J&K Board-affiliated schools, the event showcased artistic prowess.

Artists and judges, J S Verman, Jasleen Singh Verman and Simran Dogra, evaluated creations inspired by themes like Netaji Subhas Chander Bose, Aditya L -1, Robotics, Drones, India's Space Mission, Sporting Achievements of India, and Nari Shakti.

Aarul Kumar from KV No. 1, Jammu secured the first position, followed by Arun Kumar from Govt. Boys Higher Secondary School, Gandhi Nagar

in second place, and Sonali Rauta from Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Shastri Nagar secured the third prize. These competitions, fostering visual, tactile, and sensory experiences, offer a unique channel for children to articulate their perceptions of the world. The event not only celebrated creativity but also served as a testament to the commitment of PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya No.1 Jammu in nurturing holistic development among students.

BJP pays tribute to Subhas Chander Bose on birth anniversary

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JAMMU, Jan 23: BJP leaders paid tributes to Neta Ji Subhas Chander Bose on his Birth anniversary at BJP office, Kachi Chawni Jammu.

Braham Jyot Satti (Incharge BJP OBC Morcha Jammu Kashmir), Raman Sharma (Mandal president Ambphalla), Rohit Gupta (Vice President), Ravi Mehra (Vice President JKUT OBC Morcha), Somnath (Office Secretary), Vicky Pandey (OBC Morcha), Kewal Verma (JKUT Secretary OBC) were present on the occasion.

Program was organised by Rakesh Pandey Viky (Mandal President BJP OBC Morcha). They paid floral tribute to Neta ji Subhas Chander Bose. They remembered his works and ideology. They raised slogans in favour of India and Neta ji.

Braham Jyot said Subhas Chander Bose was popularly known as Neta ji and he was a great leader, Freedom Fighter and patriotic person who always worked for the better-



ment of India.

We celebrate the birth anniversary of Neta ji Subhas Chandra Bose as Prakarman Diwas.

He said Subhas Chandra Bose gave the slogan 'tum Mujhe Khoon Do, Main Tumhe Azaadi Dunga' and thousands of youth inspired by him and his patriotism and joined him.

He said Subhas Chandra Bose believed that the Bhagavad Gita was a great source of inspiration for the struggle against the British.

Swami Vivekananda's teachings on universalism, his nationalist thoughts and his emphasis on social service and reform had all

inspired Subhas Chandra Bose from his very young days.

He said Bose first expressed his preference for "a synthesis of what modern Europe calls socialism and fascism" in a 1930 speech in Calcutta. Bose later criticized Nehru's 1933 statement that there is "no middle road" between communism and fascism, describing it as "fundamentally wrong."

Bose believed communism would not gain ground in India due to its rejection of nationalism and religion and suggested a "synthesis between communism and fascism" could take hold instead.

He said Bose had clearly expressed his belief that democracy was the best option for India.

However, during the war (and possibly as early as the 1930s), Bose seems to have decided that no democratic system could be adequate to overcome India's poverty and social inequalities.

Azad Hind Fauj or the India National Army was first established by Mohan Singh in 1942. It was revived by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on October 21, 1943, during the Second World War to secure India's complete independence from British Raj, he added.

GDC R. S. Pura commemorates "Parakram Diwas"

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R S PURA, Jan 23: Parakram Diwas is observed every year on January 23 to celebrate the birth anniversary of Neta ji Subhas chandra Bose, to pay tribute and homage to a great freedom fighter of India, who is always remembered for his sacrifice, revolutionary ideas and extraordinary leadership skills.

To commemorate the day and in continuation to the sequel of events organized under the banner of Viksit Bharat @2047, viksit Bharat Club, NSS and NCC jointly organized a seminar on the life and contribution of Neta ji, with the aim to inspire youth to act with fortitude in the face of adversity as Neta ji did and to infuse in them a spirit of patriotic fervor, indomitable spirit of selfless service and love for the Nation.

Students of the college enthusiastically participated in the event which was presided over by Dr. Sunil



Kumar Mangoch (Nodal Officer Viksit Bharat). The welcome address followed by introductory speech on the life and contribution of Neta ji Subhas chandra Bose were presented by Dr. Chanchal Angral (NSS PO).

In seminar presentation Amit Digra, Ayush Kumar and Suresh Mehra of semester 1st secured First, second and third position respectively. The event was organized under the able guidance of Dr. Rajni Bhagat, esteemed Principal of the college. She apprised that Neta

ji was a daredevil, rebel, Characteristics and had revolutionary ideas.

His selfless contribution to Indian Independence by raising and leading the Indian National Army is indispensable which resulted in the freedom of the country from the clutches of British Empire. Throughout his life Neta ji inspired several and even after his death the teachings that he left behind keeps on motivating the rest.

She further exhorted that Neta ji always said that an individual may die but his ideas will

reincarnate itself into hundred of lives all over again and a man should never hesitate to share his ideas and creativity. The event was coordinated by Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch (Nodal Officer Viksit Bharat) and the formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Rakesh Choudhary, ANO NCC boys.

The faculty members who were present on the occasion were Dr. Rajinder Sharma, Dr. Sudesh Kumar, Dr. Rakesh Kalotra, Dr. Renu Sharma, Prof. Dipika and Dr. Hari Singh.

KDP Wing of DPAP demands permanent rehabilitation in valley

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 23: In a joint statement issued by the Kashmiri Displaced People (KDP) Wing leaders of Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) through Sanjay Dhar President, Piaray Lal Pandita Chairman, Raj Kumar Ticku General Secretary have put forth the demands to the Govt. of India as well to the J&K, UT for immediate consideration.

They asked for working out of earliest concrete resettlement rehabilitation policy back to Valley for Kashmiri Hindu exiled people, providing of special police recruitment two battalions with relax-

ation of norms for Kashmiri Hindu Exiled youth having low education touching overage, providing of special recruitment of highly educated youth of Kashmiri Displaced People with relaxation of norms, age, and on the basis of reservation, providing of stipend to unemployed youth, compensation to traders, loss of thirty four years property with a one-time ex-gratia to settle in valley besides release of balance assessed ex-gratia of gutted houses, orchards and agricultural land, providing benefits of all Central govt. sponsored schemes to displaced people including Pradhan Mantri

Avas Yojna, Lardly Beti Yojna, Daughters Marriage funding scheme etc, providing of Transit Accommodation to PM Package employees in one go with merger of PM Package employees at par with UT Govt employees, as these employees are giving services to the valley people.

They also demanded survey by a Committee to the people still living in Valley to assess their economical, educational, employment position for improvement of their living conditions in valley, reservation of one seat in Panchayet, Municipalities, Local Bodies, Block Development councils in the

Kashmiri Hindu Pre Ninety dominions of Kashmiri Hindu Exiled People enabling them to put forth their representative in each sector of Valley as per Constitutional rights including reservation of Two Assembly and two Parliamentary seats for elections, in valley instead of Nominated reservation which the leaders reject.

The leaders besides above have appealed the Civil Societies of Majority Community to unite for making a pressure on the Govt of India for working out an earliest rehabilitation policy for exiled brethren of Kashmiri Hindus to reunite in Kashmiryat.

Shiv Saniks pledge of patriotism, social service

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 23: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit on Tuesday paid a heartfelt tribute to party founder and Hindu Hridaya Samrat Bala Saheb Thackeray on his birth anniversary and took a pledge of patriotism and social service.

In a program organized today at Indira Chowk, Jammu, the state leaders present including party state chief Manish Sahni paid emotional tribute by offering flowers to Vandannea Bala Saheb.

Sahni said in his address that it would be a coincidence that a day before the birth anniversary of venerable Bala Saheb Thackeray, who played a very important role in the political stage of Maharashtra. Bala Saheb started his career as an influential cartoonist, founded



lished in Ayodhya.

Sahni said that Balasaheb Thackeray outspoken style and the contribution of Shiv Sainiks in the Ram Mandir movement can never be forgotten. Bala Saheb Thackeray, born on 23 January 1926, played a very important role in the political stage of Maharashtra. Bala Saheb started his career as an influential cartoonist, founded

Shiv Sena in 1966. Bala Saheb Thackeray was a symbol of Marathi pride and Hindutva, whose passionate style earned him the title of Hindu Hridaya Samrat. Sahni said that venerable Balasaheb Thackeray is not physically among us today, but his thoughts and outspoken style are still alive in every true Shiv Sainik. Along with this, great revolutionary leader

Subhash Chandra Bose was also remembered and an emotional tribute was paid to him, Halwa Prasad also served.

On this occasion, President Women Wing Meenakshi Chhibber, Chairman Rakesh Gupta, General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Vice President Sanjeev Kohli, President Kamghar Raj Singh, Titu Sehgal and many leaders and workers were present.